



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023

- 1 **Presentation on Nine Arches Town Centre Plan**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Dublin City Sports Plan 2023 - 2028**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme**
Order: Noted
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 8th May 2023**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 30th May 2023.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department Matters**
 - i. Pre-Part 8 Report on proposed restoration and reuse of Newcomen Bank
Order: Noted.
- 7 **Housing and Community Services Department Matters**
 - i. Housing Allocations Quarterly Report April 2023
Order: Noted.
- 8 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Report of the Director of Services.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on proposal to name a development at 189-190 Rathgar Road as 2 Chimney Rathgar.
Order: Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Mannix Flynn (carried forward from May SEAC meeting)

That this committee of Dublin City Council call 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 rubbish 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: Report to Councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this committee to request Council management to resist two of the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) proposed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) as part of the Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor. The two CPOs in question relate to (a) Bushy Park - large swathe of land with mature trees adjacent to Templeogue Road and (b) a large green median on Rathdown Drive, also with mature trees and adjacent to Templeogue Road. The CPOs will undoubtedly result in the felling of mature trees.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 3 from Councillor Anne Feeney

To call on this committee to support the allocation of appropriate resources to complete by end of Q3 2023, the long overdue car park and park boundary works at Herzog Park, Rathgar. This is an outstanding phase of an approved and funded initiative as part of the Rathgar Village Improvement Plan.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 4 from Councillor Carolyn Moore

This area committee agrees that consideration should be given to a proposal by the Rathmines Initiative to make Wynnefield Road traffic-free, or introduce a filtered permeability scheme that would allow people to reclaim the space from vehicular traffic. The proposal has the support of local businesses and traffic engineers should assess the road for suitability, progress their report to consultation, and trial this intervention over the summer months with a view to making it a permanently traffic-free outdoor space in the heart of Rathmines village.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillors Claire Byrne, Carolyn Moore and Hazel Chu

That this area committee:

- Welcomes the recent progress on the Dodder Greenway and the two new proposed routes recently published for public consultation.

- Calls on Dublin City Council to actively progress the remaining sections, prioritising the Donnybrook to Milltown section.
- Agrees with the draft proposals to make Beaver Row one way to facilitate the Donnybrook to Milltown route.
- Calls on Dublin City Council to pursue the Milltown route alongside the south side of the river, through a small section of Milltown Golf Club practice green, to avoid the unnecessarily steep gradients that the on road option offers.
- Requests Dublin City Council to actively engage with Milltown Golf Club on this preferred route, and in the event of a failure to reach agreement, agrees to initiate a Compulsory Purchase Order of the lands to develop this route.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of Dublin City Council calls on the Planning Department and CEO to include all planning applications for street furniture licenses on the Planning List; this gives transparency and the opportunity for the public residents and other concerned citizens to make observations in relation to such planning. There is no reason whatsoever that this planning process should not be included on the Planning List that I send out to customers on a weekly basis and they're published on Dublin City Council's planning website.

Order: Refer to Planning and Urban Form SPC.

Motion 7 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full report that will include a report from Dublin Fire Brigade regarding the setting of a fire as an act of intimidation towards homeless, asylum seekers in and around the Mount Street area? This report also to include the recent break-ins in Saint Andrew's Court, empty flat complex and how Dublin City Council are dealing with those that are sleeping rough in tents and homeless in this particular area of the city.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager of the Street Furniture License Enforcement Section remove the dozens of tables and chairs that are constantly placed in Palace Street? This amount of tables and chairs is causing great hindrance to the many pedestrians that use this area, including those who use it as a cycle way. There are far too many tables and chairs here, also can the Manager supply the Street Furniture License document that the restaurant here presently holds.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

This committee requests that a full safety audit of the Harold's Cross Road be undertaken as a matter of urgency. This is with particular regard to the two new schools at the greyhound stadium and the existing school St. Clare's so that families are safe in the commute to and from school and that active and safe travel is possible.

The current school population at Harold's Cross Educate Together primary and secondary will be over 415 pupils by September this year. Reducing the speed limit and placing school pencils / signage would alleviate some of the challenges facing the school population and be in keeping with signage provided for other schools in the area.

Given the staff shortages are possibly presenting as a barrier to this issue I request that there are monthly updates until new signage is in place

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

I would like to propose a motion that the Traffic Department examine and monitor the impact of the new crossings on Sundrive Road on adjacent roads being used as rat runs with particular regard to Ferns Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

I would like to propose that the council fully support the work being done on installing a community garden in Eaton Square. Could the council clarify ownership of the Eaton Square and facilitate discussion with owners to help progress the community garden.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Fiona Connelly

That the Human Resources Department set out the process for permanent appointment of personnel to replace the two retired Community Officers in the South East Area. This committee agrees that the appointments are urgently needed in order to maintain continuity of service in the community. We therefore urge that they are expedited and agree that this area committee receives a monthly progress report until the personnel are appointed.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Hazel Chu

To request of the Manager that any areas where rights of way are closed off as a result of Bus Connects that the Manager examine as places for public seating and tree planting. Example, Corrigan's on Mountpleasant Avenue could be a small plaza.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Hazel Chu

To request that the Manager update the lighting in the park at Ramleh Milltown especially from Ramleh Close from the park. This area is very open with green overgrown bushes and has proven an issue for residents.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 15 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to come up with a strategy to deal with the following ongoing issues in the playground in Sean Moore Park:

- Damage to the fencing.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Pathways in disrepair.
- Graffiti.
- Vandalism.
- Litter.
- Broken glass.
- Delays to the installation of promised toilets.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to increase the waste collection / cleansing schedule for Irishtown Nature Reserve on weekends and bank holiday weekends.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillors Daniel Ceitinn and Claire Byrne

That Dublin City Council:

- Expresses deep concern with the proposed agreement issued by the Department of Housing to Lioncor on 27th April 2003 regarding the delivery of affordable homes in the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone; and
- Considers that the terms of this proposed agreement does not guarantee the 15% additional social and affordable homes called for by the Irish Glass Bottle Housing Action Group and unanimously supported by Councillors and inserted into the SDZ masterplan in 2018, and as such is not in compliance with Modification 3 of the SDZ Masterplan as ordered by An Bord Pleanála in 2019; and
- Calls on Council management to:
 - reject the proposed deal; and
 - call on the Government to transfer the 20% interest held in the SDZ by NAMA to Dublin City Council in order to guarantee the delivery of genuinely affordable homes within the scheme.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillors Daniel Ceitinn and Claire Byrne

That Dublin City Council shall install yellow boxes along the remainder of the R111 road from its junctions with the R131 and R815 at junctions with local roads and examine the feasibility of other traffic calming measures in the wider area to reduce congestion in the short term, and further to put in place a traffic management plan for the wider area with a view to reducing through-traffic in the medium to long term.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That the South East Area Committee:

- Expresses concern that tenants are being moved into Glover's Court flats despite the fact that these flats are not fit for habitation and are scheduled for regeneration.
- Considers that the rehousing of additional tenants in Glover's Court will further delay regeneration and create difficulty in de-tenanting the flats in the coming years.
- Condemns the failure of the Minister for Housing to expedite the regeneration of Glover's Court and Pearse House and the redevelopment of St. Andrew's Court, and
- Resolves to write to the Minister for Housing to request that he intervenes to expedite the delivery of these key housing projects in inner city Dublin.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 20 from Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

That the South East Area Committee considers that the stretch of Accommodation Walk from and including Fitzwilliam Quay to, but no further than, Londonbridge shall be named Margaret Keogh Walk to give additional prominence to her name and memory at this location, and that the area committee resolves to request that the Commemorations and Naming Committee proceed with this recommendation.

Order: Agreed.

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Questions to the Chief Executive 12-06-2023

Q.1 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to housing at Saint Andrew's Court.

Reply:

The regeneration of St Andrews Court has Stage 1 initial project and budget approval.

The proposal is for the demolition of the existing housing block and for the construction of a new social housing scheme. The 33 new homes will be a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes.

An integrated design team have been progressing with design development. A revised Stage 2 application is due for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage by the end of June 2023 and upon receipt of approval, it is intended to proceed with the planning process.

Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will request the TAG to examine the following suggestions from the Milltown Residents' Association in relation to the Ramleh area:

Driving in & out / speeding: continues to be a concern.

One suggestion is for road markings & stop signs at exit of Ramleh Close & coming onto the junction at No. 13 before one turns left for Ramleh Close. Also at 61 coming up from keyhole. The 30km signs with children playing at eye level would help - this sign at the entrance is high up & goes unnoticed.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will visit the site to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter and determine whether there is a speeding issue on the road. It is worth noting that all necessary measures have already been implemented. For instance, there is a 30kph slow zone signage at the entrance to Ramleh Road from Milltown Road, where the speed limit transitions from 50kph to 30kph in accordance with standard procedures. Furthermore, there are two SLOW road markings as you enter Ramleh Park. The Transport Advisory Group will look at the junction at No. 13 before one turns left for Ramleh Close and at No. 61 coming up from keyhole.

A report will be issued to the elected representative.

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can respond to the report detailed below about an EV (electric vehicle) charging point being located in the middle of a clearway on Chelmsford Road, Ranelagh.

This applies to the other item I mentioned to you last night, the two EV charging points on Chelmsford Road are slap bang in the middle of a clearway. I'm assuming that this is not very clear because I have lost count of the number of electric cars I have seen clamped there in recent times.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with Parking Enforcement regarding the signage on the clearway and the signage on the EV charging point. A report will be issued to the public representative of our findings.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will respond to the issues contained in the email submitted below:

On St. John's Road there was footpath and road flooding yesterday after the heavy rain (this was very bad near where recent works were done to the footpath and which remained long after the rains receded). I noticed this along Park Avenue and Strand Road also. I wonder whether this is related to the many works on these roads lately including redoing of footpaths etc. where perhaps building materials are clogging the drains. I would ask that this be looked into.

Reply:

On inspection, ponding was noted at a double gully on St. John's Road at junction St. John's Court behind Saint John's Church. DCC Surface Water Drainage cleaned out this double gully and Road Maintenance Services carried out same road repairs at this location to eliminate this ponding.

No ponding was noted on Park Avenue or Strand Road.

Q.5 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to arrange for the bike bunker on Emor Street to be cleaned.

Reply:

Cleansing of this unit is being organised.

Q.6 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager to contact ESB to arrange for painting of ESB poles on Emor Street.

Reply:

The painting of ESB poles is not a matter for Dublin City Council. However our Public Domain Team has emailed your request to the ESB for their attention.

Q.7 Councillor Kevin Donoghue

To ask the Manager if better lighting could be installed in the City Quay area. Residents have reported some break-ins recently and requested this.

Reply:

The existing public lighting on City Quay will be upgraded to LED under the Public Lighting Infrastructure 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 City Quay are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can arrange for this commitment issued last year to be implemented.

"Just following up on benches on Morehampton Road... About a year ago you raised this issue and Council were to raise the height of the benches - I think they accepted they were too low for elderly people. Could you see what the position is and if they still intend to raise the height?"

Reply:

The benches listed are maintained to a high standard by Donnybrook Tidy Towns. This office will look at the options available with regard to the either replacing or supplementing the seating (in consultation with the Tidy Towns group).

Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests a report from the Manager of when Wellington Road is going to have a proper resurfacing job completed.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services has carried out an inspection of Wellington Road. The carriageway surface has a large amount of failed patching. Our budget for 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme has already been allocated. Wellington Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey and Fiona Connelly

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a response to these issues in relation to Palmerston Park and if he will also arrange a meeting with the Residents' Association to progress matters.

Re Palmerston Park – DCC Works Programme

We trust you are familiar with the Howley Hayes Conservation & Management Plan of 2013 which was prepared for Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department and which should be the reference point for all works to this important historic designed landscape by William Sheppard.

We would query whether Lisa Edden Engineer who examined the Pond and Waterfall in 2013 in preparation of the Conservation Management Plan has been contacted?

We would also query whether DCC could apply for Funding from the following and many other sources of grant funding for conservation projects.

1. National Parks and Wildlife Service who have been allocated 52.6 M in the Budget 2023.
2. Community grants scheme offers 15,000 to 50,000 for essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.
3. Dublin City Council administers Conservation Grant Funding for Historic Structures from 15,000 to 50,000.

We refer to your email points as follows:

Pond



Photograph 2023 of stagnant pond with waterfall not operational



Photograph from the Lawrence Collection showing waterfall in operation.

Please note that the railing installed in the last few years is only the lower level section. The original railing was approximately twice that height as shown in this photograph.

There has been a loss of trees since the Lawrence Collection photograph which should be reinstated.

The Pond was restored a few years ago. We would query what are the structural issues involved in making it operational again and the estimated costs involved?

Pavilion



Pavilion pointing to brickwork where extension was removed needs attention.

Specialist required to blend brick colours to match.

Rubbish to be cleaned off roof. Any proposal to install security gates should be done in consultation with Howley Hayes Conservation Architects.

Tea Room Depot Conversion

We would request the estimated budget for these works. We were given to understand that works would commence in August 2023. It is pity the timeframe is now delayed.

Railing to Pond Perimeter

Please see Fig 12 Lawrence Collection image of original railings as above on page 2.

We would request drawings of those proposed in due course.

Laurel Waste



Damage to base of existing tree on the South side of the Park recently incurred when removing cut Laurel hedging with grab truck.

While the staff did not find the bicycle it was there as shown in the photograph in the letter of 15th April 2023.

Greening

It would be very regrettable if this were not done now.



Photograph **2013** of maintained grass



Photograph **2023** of current condition of grass as we approach summer.



Loss of Kerbing between planted bed and footpath.

The planted beds should be at a higher level than the footpaths but re-tarmacking has raised the level of the footpaths and loss of earth in the beds has lowered them. This loses definition leading to pedestrians not respecting the beds.

See also FIG 65 Howley Hayes Conservation Management Plan re tarmac level.

Replanting

As previously requested what research has been carried out regarding historically appropriate species? We look forward to further information.

Bark Mulch

It is regrettable that the bark mulch was not located in a less trafficked area and not near the playground.



Howley Hayes Conservation Architects photograph from **2013**
There were 7 planted flower beds and now only 1 remains. This constant attrition of the historic features of the Park is lamentable.



Howley Hayes Conservation Architects photograph from 2013



Sign referring to CCTV pole at North entrance. The pole appears to have been removed. Perhaps Sign could also be removed.



One of the perimeter granite Bollards from the South East side of the Park, an original feature knocked out of position and removed to Herbert Park for safe keeping is still to be reinstated. We have made numerous requests over the last few years to have this done.

Reply:

Parks are fully aware of the importance of Palmerston Park as with all other historic parks in the South East Area and take commitment to maintaining them seriously. Conservation and Management Plan was prepared and produced under the Parks management and instruction. All repairs done to date have been financed through Parks Improvement Works Programmes, however, mentioned funding streams will be explored.

RAILINGS

Railings are in the process of being fabricated but due to the additional work involved in repairing and restoring the pond, fabrication and installation of the railing is on hold until the pond works are complete and the pond is again fully operational. DCC blacksmith works from templates, original images, and any available samples of the original railings and technical drawings. When a sample piece is available it will be assessed for visual accuracy.

POND

The pond pumps were completely replaced in the last round of pond repair works carried out. Since the water is again circulating, it has become apparent that the lining of the pond has also failed over time and needs to be redone. Please be advised that Lisa Edden is employed in CORA Consulting Engineers who supervised work to the pond last year and Parks are currently in discussion with CORA to provide supervisory services for this next stage of repairs.

PAVILION

Colour of brickwork at the Pavilion is of cosmetic nature and currently not urgent for the upkeep and conservation of the building. Concerning the cleaning of historic roof structure, several specialist contractors have been approached and method statements/estimates for the work are being sought.

TREES

A tree survey was carried out in 2021 and Parks are following the management plan outlined. While it does advise the necessity to diversify the tree species and the age structure within the park, the pond structure is inappropriate for replanting very large trees, such as Poplar trees.

TEA ROOMS

Works to the Tea Rooms in Palmerston Park have gone out to tender. Subject to costings & approvals it is hoped to commence construction in Q4 2023.

PATHS

Although, it is regrettable that long term repairs to the paths have caused the loss of edging definition at some parts, digging out and rebuilding all the paths within Palmerston Park is a huge undertaking beyond the finances available and outside the current capabilities of the Parks Department. Furthermore, it would do great damage to the parks remaining original trees.

LAUREL

Any work to the base of trees is not ideal but laurel was necessary to be removed, which was carried out in a professional manner and supervised by experienced staff. DCC Tree Officer concluded that no long term damage has been caused during laurel clearing.

LANDSCAPE

The areas under mature large trees are no longer suitable for being maintained as lawns, as the grass cannot get established in shaded and dry ground. Parks will try to plant more seed but in the long term these areas will have to be considered for alternative options. There has been an increase in footfall in parks in general since the Covid pandemic and this is visible in wear across lawn areas in particular.

The management of parks is adapting to the current demands placed on it and historically appropriate species might not be always best suited. This is due to a huge variety of reasons from changing function, global biodiversity concerns, and changes in preferences, as well as, advances in scientific understanding. All these contribute to altered usage of our open spaces which forces changes in operational and maintenance requirements, including former bedding plants.

BARK MULCH

The bark mulch will be spread around the large Beech tree and fenced off to protect its root zone from compaction.

CCTV SIGN

The CCTV Signage will be removed if no longer needed.

BOLLARD

This bollard was collected from Herbert Park Depot Christmas 2022 by the Roads Department, who removed it originally. Please refer to Roads for further updates.

Parks Service will be happy to meet with the residents association at a mutually agreeable time.

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the fencing at the rear of Beech Hill Villas at Beech Hill Avenue could be repaired and if the dense shrubbery and high trees (causing problems for the residents of the Villas and adjoining residents from anti-social behaviour facilitated by this) could be seriously pruned back.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Southside Mobile Crew will call to the complex, assess the shrubbery and trees and add to their worklist.

The Area Maintenance Officer will arrange for the fencing to be assessed and the necessary repair works completed.

Q.12 Councillor Tara Deacy

Residents living close to the laneways around Villiers Road and Upper Rathmines and Villiers Road / Neville Road have raised concerns about the increasing litter issues and the number of fires that have been set in recent weeks. They regularly clean up the litter but asked if DCC could pay it some attention and perhaps look at Putting solar / sensor lighting as a deterrent. The anti-social issues are worrying residents and the amount of fires being lit are dangerous. Could we look at this as a solution?

Reply:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels in the above mentioned laneways to see what improvements can be made to their cleaning.

The laneways around Villiers Road and Neville road serve as rear access to houses only. It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as rear access only.

There are a number of factors influencing the decision on lighting laneways as detailed below:

Factors around the availability of services, access, maintenance and cost are taken into account. Many of these lanes are poorly constructed with no footpaths, poor road surfaces and a lack of available electrical supplies. The siting of columns is also a problem, many of which have to be placed at the boundary of rear gardens of adjacent properties. Raising and lowering columns are required in most instances for ease of future maintenance, these columns can only be supplied via an underground cabling network, which involves significant trenching, ducting and cabling.

The exception is where we are notified that mews houses are being built in a lane and then we try to facilitate getting lighting into a lane.

In line with this policy, there are no plans to install lighting in the laneways around Villiers Road and Neville Road.

Q.13 Councillor Tara Deacy

Could we please erect some signage at the Neagh Road playground, the one opposite Mount Tallant boxing club to deter people from bringing their dogs into the playground? A number of respondents have brought this to my attention, and it causes discomfort for both the children playing and their parents. Dogs should not be allowed to roam around freely in playgrounds with children present. The dogs in some cases are fouling the space and children are then stepping on it touching it etc. A simple sign might assist in this case.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place signage in relation to dog fouling at Neagh Road children's playground.

Signage that sets out the rules of the playground has been removed without Parks involvement. New signs will be ordered and installed at its former place.

Q.14 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can double yellow lines at the junction of Aideen avenue and Derravaragh Road <https://goo.gl/maps/q1FquYBVk2J2KvXz5> be put in place due to parked cars on the corner and in the junction opposite Aideen Avenue, it's a blind corner and residents have been involved in several near misses.

Ideally there would be buildouts to reduce the very wide junction mouth (25m) and reduce speeds, but residents are happy for parking restriction via double yellow lines to increase visibility for the moment.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the junction of Aideen Avenue / Derravaragh Road and report back their findings to the elected official.

Q.15 Councillor Tara Deacy

A signalised pedestrian crossing on Terenure Road West near the junction of Hazelbrook Road - this is a very high-speed heavy trafficking road and the main route for people coming from Terenure A electoral district to Terenure and the local schools (Presentation, St. Joseph's, Terenure Rugby club and Terenure College). There is only one pedestrian crossing

on the road which is 1km in length. Most people walking from Hazelbrook and Larkfield areas use that junction and there is nowhere to cross. Again residents have witnessed several near misses as children run across the road to get to the wider footpath on the northern side.
<https://goo.gl/maps/KFXEUK4azNS9CHpi7>

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will assess the junction of Hazelbrook Road / Terenure Road West to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings.

This assessment will be carried out in September 2023 when the school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought.

This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Q.16 Councillor Tara Deacy

Can we get an update in terms of the Bike Bunker schemes in the Southeast area in terms of their progression?

Reply:

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 SPC, as per normal procedure, prior to being published.

Q.17 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group if they consider measures, including those supplied with this question, to improve traffic flow in the vicinity of Church Avenue and Londonbridge Road.

"There are several, connected micro components to the problem but the primary reason for the chronic afternoon and evening traffic jams on Londonbridge Road is because the traffic light sequence at the Strand Road / Sean Moore Road junction affords approximately forty seconds of a green light to the much less-busy, one-way Pembroke Street / Bayview route, from The Irishtown House public house; whereas the dozens of vehicles trapped on the two-way, very busy Londonbridge Road and, ultimately, Church Avenue, only get ten seconds of a green light at the Strand Road / Sean Moore Road junction.

Please request that the Traffic Control Unit reverse this traffic light sequencing i.e. to instead give forty seconds of green light time to those vehicles on Church Avenue wishing to access Sean Moore Road or Strand Road and thereafter lessening the amount of green light time to the less-busy Pembroke Street / Bayview traffic to approximately ten seconds.

Reply:

A review of this junction was undertaken. This junction operates under our Traffic Management System (SCATS). SCATS is an adaptive traffic management system responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds at this junction. This time is divided out depending on demand. With this in mind and the delays to the Londonbridge Road movement, I have adjusted the timings and allocated more time to this movement. This will ease delays on this approach but will be kept under review since it does reduce time to other movements and we need to ensure that it does not negatively on public transport movements in adjacent junctions. We will continue to monitor the junction and make changes where appropriate.

Q.18 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there is any update on this question and response from February 2023.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can respond positively to the requests previously submitted for improvements to road signage at the following locations:

1. Street sign for Mornington Road at entry from Ashfield -No sign at all at the moment.
2. Street sign for Mornington at the upper end-junction. Current sign unreadable as lettering removed.
3. Street sign for Chelmsford Lane at junction with Sallymount Avenue, current sign unreadable as above.
4. Two street signs on Triangle (over Quillsenens estate agent).
5. Saying Cullenswood Road -the official name for that short section and ii) Saying Charleston Road with arrow as Charleston Road starts after Luas bridge.
6. There are no signs on Edenvale and Mountain View Rd at the junctions with Albany RD. This means that if on Albany Rd, there is no indication of what roads are being entered.
7. There is no sign on Albany Rd for it when entering from Edenvale or Mountainview.
8. Replace disintegrated sign for Winton Rd at junction with Appian Way.
9. Ranelagh Rd goes from the Luas Bridge to Charlemont Bridge. There is no sign for it at either end.

Reply 13/02/2023:

The current Road Maintenance South City Nameplate Contract is substantially complete. A new contract will need to be arranged and the initial phase will involve an audit of our Asset Management Database to compile a list of missing signs and signs in need of refurbishment in the South Central and South East Areas. The above requests will be included in this list. At the moment we are prioritising completion of the 2023 Annual Works Programmes for Roads Resurfacing and Footpaths Reconstruction to be followed by preparation of tender documents. Thereafter, similar work can proceed for nameplates, subject to availability of resources.

Reply 12/06/2023:

We are currently prioritising the completion of tender documents for our 2023 South East Area Annual Works Programmes for Roads Resurfacing and Footpaths Reconstruction. Thereafter, similar work will proceed for nameplates, subject to availability of resources.

Q.19 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if, in relation to Ranelagh Gardens Park he will respond to the following issues:

- 1) Planting at entrance to Ranelagh Park at Chelmsford Av entrance – This is massively overgrown at present and is a shame given the significant improvement beside it that is looked after by residents.
- 2) Drainage clearance at entrance gate to be done regularly – the shores at the entrance are presently chock full of muck/debris.
- 3) Flooding relief at Richard Crosbie statue-occurs after even a shower of rain – this could be dealt with via one additional shore and a short pipe to lake.
- 4) Status /condition of narrow road from Ranelagh Park to Supervalu – can this be cleaned – it is presently strewn with litter and debris
- 5) More regular cutting of Park grass.

Reply:

- 1) This area is on this year's programme of works to replant and upgrade, planting plan will be undertaken over the summer months & planted over the autumn.
- 2) This has been brought to the attention of the DPO (District Parks Officer) who will keep an eye on it and make sure it is kept clear of muck / debris etc.
- 3) Parks are aware of this patch of flooding & are considering what solutions are available, both short & long term. When a feasible solution is agreed upon & costings sought, funding will be requested to enable these works to be carried out.
- 4) The walkway to Ranelagh Park which is accessed from Supervalu car park is private and doesn't come under our cleaning remit.
- 5) To promote and permit biodiversity to thrive within parks it is preferable and Parks policy to lengthen the intervals between grass cuts. This allows flowers within the grass sward to bloom and provide food for pollinators. Reducing cuts is the best and most cost effective way to increase biodiversity within our opens spaces while contributing to reducing DCC Parks CO2 footprint.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

I am writing to you in relation to residents' parking in Leahy's Terrace, Sandymount and what appears to be a change of policy by DSPS with regards to residents parking in front of Star of the Sea Church.

Attached is a letter to the Independent Appeals Officer for DSPS which outlines;

- Issuing of Fixed Charge Offence to (two) residents of Leahy's Terrace who were parked in front of Star of the Sea church. Both cars were displaying residents' parking permits for Leahy's Terrace.
- Residents of Leahy's Terrace have always parked at the end of Leahy's Terrace in front of Star of the Sea Church and have never

been issued with parking fines and the current situation appears to represent a change of enforcement policy by DSPS and coincides with the arrival of a new DSPS staff member covering this area.

- The necessity to use the Star of the Sea spaces arises from
 - The high usage of the Leahy's Terrace spaces by attendees at mass, funerals and events in Star of the Sea Church.
 - The high usage of Leahy's Terrace space by parents dropping off and collecting at Star of the Sea school.
 - The practice by DSPS of depositing cars on Leahy's Terrace which have been clamped elsewhere (see photo).
 - The reduction of parking spaces following the introduction of a safe crossing area in front of 3 Leahy's Terrace.

I would ask that this matter be raised in the appropriate forum.

"I have lived in Leahy's Terrace for over 20 years and the residents co-exist in a neighbourly way with the church, school and Aviva Stadium patrons despite the significant inconvenience that this can cause from time to time.

Perhaps this could be addressed by one of the following

- Changing the residents' parking permits to include Sandymount Road.
- Returning to the previous approach to enforcement in respect of residents with parking permits
- Increasing the number of protected spaces on Leahy's Terrace."

Reply:

This matter has been resolved by the Parking Enforcement Officer. There has been a return to the previous arrangement in respect of residents with permits.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

He writes:

"I previously made an inquiry about a dangerous junction for pedestrians at Elgin road Ballsbridge and the R118 beside the main entrance to 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 on 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:

The junction is very clearly marked that there is no left turn at this junction. There are two no left turn traffic signs, there is also a straight ahead arrow signal to make it clear that you can only go straight ahead at this junction. There is also markings on the road which make it clear you cannot turn left at this junction. If cars are breaking the law and taking the left turn, it is an enforcement issue. After the last correspondence, we contacted the Gardaí and they responded that they would look into it.

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to clarify how many apartments are unoccupied in details supplied?

In March 2018 there was a report on renewal and redevelopment proposals for Dublin City Council's apartment complexes; currently there are 49 apartments in details supplied; how many of these remain unoccupied as of March 2023?

Reply:

As at 28/03/23 there were four void units in details supplied.

Housing Maintenance Section has no units for refurbishment within details supplied. There are 4 units which have been recently refurbished and are awaiting re-tenanting.

Q.23 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Roads Department, for appropriate double yellow lines at the junction of Aideen Avenue and Derravaragh Road due to parked cars on the corner and in the junction opposite Aideen Avenue.

I am notified it is a “blind corner” and the enquirer notifies that neighbours have been involved in several near misses.

The enquirer states that “Ideally there would be buildouts to reduce the very wide junction mouth (25m) and reduce speeds, but would settle for parking restriction via double yellow lines to increase visibility.”



Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the junction of Aideen Avenue and Derravaragh Road and will report back their findings to the elected official.

Q.24 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the local Area Manager and Roads Department, for a signalised pedestrian crossing on Terenure Road West near the junction of Hazelbrook Road.

Enquirer notifies that this is a very high speed heavy trafficking road and the main route for people coming from Terenure A electoral district to Terenure and the local schools (Presentation, St. Joseph’s, Terenure Rugby club and Terenure College). There is only one pedestrian crossing on the road which is 1km in length. Most people walking from Hazelbrook and Larkfield areas use that junction and there is nowhere to cross.

The enquirer notifies that she has witnessed several near misses as children run across the road to get to the wider footpath on the northern side.

As a councillor, I have made this request several times in the last two years, and brought it to NTA as well due to NTA BusConnects system. NTA has said that Dublin City Council can take it on for actual pedestrian crossing. It is notified that the traffic lights at the junction are for pedestrians, but it is required nearer the schools.



Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will assess the junction of Hazelbrook Road / Terenure Road West to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings.

This assessment will be carried out in September 2023 when the school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought.

This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Q.25 Councillor Deirdre Conroy

To ask the Local Area Manager and Roads Department in regard to John Fagan's business for parking on Cambridge Road. As a mechanic in the area for over 50 years, the local neighbours have forwarded several enquiries about the new residential parking spaces outside the mechanic business, for restoring people's cars.

Reply:

Dublin City Council recognises the need to further control and manage on-street parking across the city to safeguard and enhance city living for people of all ages and abilities and for families.

Dublin City Council is committed to reviewing the residential and non-residential car parking provision across the city and urban villages and evaluating the implementation of parking demand management strategies in areas where deemed appropriate and practicable.

As part of Dublin City Council's Development Plan which was ratified by the public representatives, it is an objective SMT023 elimination of 'Free' On-Street Parking.

The aim is to progressively eliminate all 'free' on-street parking, both within the canals and in adjacent areas where there is evidence of 'all day' commuter parking, through the imposition of appropriate parking controls, including resident permit parking, pay and display parking.

The Transport Advisory Group implemented extra Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Cambridge Road by getting rid of free parking near the village of Ranelagh and Rathmines. This has increased the ability to have more sustainable parking allowing frequent use by the public to use this space.

Q.26 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Area Manager, if the laneway between Windmill Park and Crumlin Village be cleaned as soon as possible, and if it could it be cleaned more frequently moving forward, could DCC arranged for a public bin to be installed along the footpath in the green area on Windmill Park (i.e. away from being directly outside the houses)?

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean this lane when necessary and also currently illegally dumped bags are removed three days per week from this lane.

In relation to the request for the installation of a litter bin on the footpath or close to the green area on Windmill Park, we would not be in favour of installing a litter bin in this residential area with no significant litter generators.

Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following email from a constituent concerning the state of the playground at Sean Moore Park Dublin 4.

He writes:

"I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and parent residing in Irishtown, expressing my deep disdain and disgust at the current state of the local playground. The appalling conditions and lack of maintenance have reached an alarming level, raising serious concerns for the safety and well-being of our children.

I have observed several issues that demand immediate attention and remedial action. First and foremost, the boundary fence surrounding the playground has sustained severe damage, leaving it in a precarious state. This poses a significant safety risk, as it allows unrestricted access to the playground, potentially endangering the children who use it.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the increasing incidents of antisocial behaviour displayed by some adolescents in the playground. This behaviour not only intimidates and frightens the younger children but also undermines the sense of security and community in our neighbourhood. We urgently need measures in place to address this issue and ensure the playground remains a safe space for all.

The issue of constant littering within the playground is not only unsightly but also poses health hazards to our children. It is disheartening to witness the lack of rubbish bins in the vicinity, which only exacerbates the problem. I kindly request that you address this issue promptly by installing adequate bins to encourage responsible disposal of waste.

Additionally, the pathways within the playground are in a state of disrepair. Although some attempts have been made to repair them with hard-core, it has resulted in loose stones scattered throughout the area, creating a tripping hazard for children at play. This is an accident waiting to happen, and urgent measures must be taken to rectify the situation.

Another distressing aspect is the presence of graffiti and vandalism in the playground. Not only does it deface the property, but it also sends a negative message to the children who utilize the space. I urge you to take decisive action to remove the graffiti promptly and implement appropriate measures to deter further instances of vandalism.

Lastly, I was appalled to discover broken glass scattered around the playground. This is an extremely dangerous situation, as broken glass poses a severe risk of injury to innocent children who come to play. It is imperative that a thorough clean-up is conducted immediately to eliminate this hazardous material from the area.

As a concerned parent, I implore you to prioritize the restoration and maintenance of the Sandymount playground. Our children deserve a safe and inviting space to enjoy their playtime. I kindly request that you undertake a comprehensive assessment of the situation, allocate the necessary

resources, and work diligently to address each of the mentioned issues without further delay.”

Reply:

All DCC playgrounds are routinely inspected by internal staff and an annual independent inspection is also conducted to ensure they are kept to the highest standards of safety. Sean Moore playground is maintained to the highest safety standards, has passed inspections and received a high overall quality score in the most recent external inspections carried out. DCC are confident that it is a safe playground for users.

However, this playground had recently experienced a spike in levels of antisocial behavior and had a piece of equipment destroyed by a serious fire incident. This has been reported to An Garda Síochána who are investigating the matter. The Gardaí have carried out some enquiries and spoken to members of the public in the park but unfortunately at the moment there has been no suspects identified.

Sean Moore playground is checked for vandalism, broken glass, cleaned & bins emptied daily & on Saturday morning for weekend use. Graffiti is removed as quickly as it is discovered but regrettably, depending on the surface it is applied to it can be difficult & in some cases impossible to completely remove leaving replacing otherwise perfectly good play equipment the only available solution, which would incur huge costs.

The pot holes which have developed in the bound gravel within the playground will be filled in with replacement gravel. The gap in the surrounding fence is due to be repaired. These works are anticipated to be completed in the next two weeks.

Q.28 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the planned tea rooms and public toilets for Bushy Park, Terenure.

Reply:

A draft tender package for the tearoom and public toilets in Bushy Park was completed over a year ago. The project will progress to procurement of a contractor once funding is confirmed. I understand that it is programmed to commence in 2024.

Q.29 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for solar / sensor lights for the laneways adjacent to Neville Road, Villiers Road and Upper Rathmines Road to deter dumping and anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

The laneways around Villiers Road and Neville road serve as rear access to houses only. It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as rear access only.

There are a number of factors influencing the decision on lighting laneways as detailed below:

Factors around the availability of services, access, maintenance and cost are taken into account. Many of these lanes are poorly constructed with no footpaths, poor road surfaces and a lack of available electrical supplies. The siting of columns is also a problem, many of which have to be placed at the boundary of rear gardens of adjacent properties. Raising and lowering

columns are required in most instances for ease of future maintenance, and these columns can only be supplied via an underground cabling network, which involves significant trenching, ducting and cabling.

The exception is where we are notified that mews houses are being built in a lane and then we try to facilitate getting lighting into a lane.

In line with this policy, there are no plans to install lighting in the laneways around Villiers Road and Neville Road.

Q.30 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for an update in relation to the removal of waste bins from Terenure and when and where the replacement bins will be installed.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have 160 bins awaiting replacement throughout the whole city which will be replaced as the new bins are delivered to us over the coming months. If the Councillor has specific locations in Terenure in mind such as the bus stop 1337 on Terenure Road North, she can email them to me to ensure they are on the replacement list.

Q.31 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for a schedule and process for removal of weeds on public streets in the Kimmage Rathmines Local Electoral Area.

Reply:

The weed contractor commenced the weed control programme on the north side of the city in early May 2023. They are due to commence the programme in the South East Area in mid-June 2023. There is a limit to the number of kilometres that can be treated in each area every year, and every effort is made to identify and treat the roads and streets that would be most in need of attention.

If a resident requires a specific location to be treated it is possible to log this request through the customer helpdesk on 01 222 2222 or contact the area office directly on 01 222 2243. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

The Public Domain Unit can also provide materials (hoes / bags etc.) to community / environmental groups should they wish to remove the weeds themselves. Please contact the Public Domain Officer for assistance.

The primary method being used to deal with the on street weeds is "New Way Spray" This is a commercial grade vinegar that is effective against most kind of common weeds. The "New Way Spray" is spread using spray lances from backpacks on foot and from quad bikes where appropriate. The treatment is usually carried out from 10pm to 6am.

Q.32 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for details on how the Council will assist residents to have graffiti removed from walls facing onto streets.

Reply:

Under Section 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is the responsibility of the occupier of a private property to remove graffiti. .

For additional information and advice on how to deal with graffiti, concerned parties should contact the South East Area Public Domain team on 01 222 2243.

Q.33 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the Manager for the schedule of street cleaning in the Kimmage Rathmines local electoral area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services clean the main thoroughfares and shop fronts in the Kimmage Rathmines Local Electoral Area on a daily basis. Side turns and residential areas are assessed on an ongoing basis and cleaning is carried out as required, at a minimum of every twelve weeks.

Q.34 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess the junction at Aideen Avenue and Derravaragh Road and propose a suitable intervention to discourage or prevent parking on the wide bend at this location. A stop sign and yield markings are in place for exiting Aideen Avenue left onto Derravaragh Road, however the left turn off Derravaragh Road onto Aideen Avenue is extremely wide, making the corner indistinct. This facilitates parking on the bend and vehicles taking the corner at speed. Residents report difficulty and near misses exiting Aideen Avenue due to reduced visibility and an appropriate intervention to slow the traffic and improve visibility is needed.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the junction of Aideen Avenue and Derravaragh Road and will report back their findings to the elected official.

Q.35 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if a signalised pedestrian crossing can be installed on Terenure Road West at the junction with Hazelbrook Road. This is a fast and busy road and the nearest pedestrian crossing is at the junction of Greenlea Road. This is the main route for several local schools and a second crossing point is needed on this road.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group will assess the junction of Hazelbrook Road / Terenure Road West to see if the junction meets the warrant for a pedestrian crossings. This assessment will be carried out in September 2023 when the school traffic and the children are walking and commuting to schools.

If the junction meets the warrant, the pedestrian crossing at this location will be put on a list of junctions for the South East Area so that funding can be sought. This may be either incorporated into an Active Travel Scheme or funded by Bus Connects or directly by the National Transport Authority via the pedestrian improvement project which again next year Dublin City Council expect to receive funding.

Q.36 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if signage can be installed at Neagh Road playground to indicate that dogs should not be allowed off leash inside the playground. This follows reports of dogs being let into the playground specifically to go to the toilet.

Reply:

Signage that sets out the rules of the playground has been removed without Parks involvement. New signs will be ordered and installed at its former place.

Q.37 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if low level solar / sensor lighting could be installed in the laneway off and behind Villiers Road to act as a deterrent against littering, dumping and anti-social behaviour, including the deliberate starting of fires. Could the laneway be assessed for appropriate interventions, including lighting, and the fencing off of a small area of wasteland at the rear of (details supplied), which would have the support of residents and community Gardaí?

Reply:

The laneways around Villiers Road and Neville road serve as rear access to houses only. It is the policy of Public Lighting Services Section not to provide lighting in laneways which serve as rear access only.

There are a number of factors influencing the decision on lighting laneways as detailed below:

Factors around the availability of services, access, maintenance and cost are taken into account. Many of these lanes are poorly constructed with no footpaths, poor road surfaces and a lack of available electrical supplies. The siting of columns is also a problem, many of which have to be placed at the boundary of rear gardens of adjacent properties. Raising and lowering columns are required in most instances for ease of future maintenance, and these columns can only be supplied via an underground cabling network, which involves significant trenching, ducting and cabling.

The exception is where we are notified that mews houses are being built in a lane and then we try to facilitate getting lighting into a lane.

In line with this policy, there are no plans to install lighting in the laneways around Villiers Road and Neville Road.

The small area of wasteland at the rear of (details supplied) is not "in charge" of Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council has no title in the piece of land and it is not registered with the Property Registration Authority. The erection of a fence at this small area is a private matter.

Q.38 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the fallen bollard on the pavement at the green on Cashel Avenue can please be repaired or replaced?

Reply:

On inspection we found 3 missing bollards on the green at Cashel Avenue - opposite numbers 30, 70 & 130. These have been recorded on our Works List and will be repaired as soon as a crew is available in this area.

Q.39 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if the footpath outside (details supplied) can be dished to allow wheelchair access. This is a council property which has been significantly modified with ramps for wheelchair access, however the temporary modification to the footpath outside the house has never been

revisited. The resident requires dished access and a wheelchair space outside the house.

Reply:

The dishing of the footpath out in the public path is not the responsibility of Housing Maintenance. This requires Planning Permission and needs to be applied directly into DCC Planning.

Q.40 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if traffic engineers can assess and alter the signal timing at the signalised pedestrian crossing on Terenure Road West and the junction of Greenlea Road. This is a fast, busy road and drivers are frequently speeding up on amber and / or breaking the red light, endangering pedestrians - particularly children - who start to cross when they get the green man. As there is no enforcement of this bad driver behaviour, pedestrians require a delay between the red light and the green man to ensure all vehicles have passed through the crossing by the time the green man displays.

Reply:

We have increased the all reds to provide additional safety/clearance time before the pedestrian runs for all phase transitions.

Q.41 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Area Manager if Traffic Engineers can assess the four way intersection at the centre of Cashel Avenue and propose an appropriate intervention to prevent speeding. This is a four arm junction with wide bends and residents report drivers speeding through and around the junction with huge risk to children playing.

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the junction of Cashel Avenue and report back their findings to the elected official.

Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the Manager to review the trees in Brookfield Estate with a view to trimming them, if appropriate, after the nesting season.

Reply:

Parks will arrange for an inspection of the above mentioned estate and organise for any resulting tree care in the next season.

Q.43 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if this issue outlined in the email could be examined and addressed:

To make you aware the little walkway between Holyrood Park and Oakland's Park is being used by cyclists when there is no room and a barrier at the latter address needs to be replicated on the DART side.

Reply:

The lane / path is not in charge of DCC Environment and Transportation Department.

So we have no jurisdiction to recommend any measures.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the triptych that is on the wall of the rotunda of the City Hall removed to a much more appropriate location This work was never suitable for this particular location it is the only such work in the rotunda there is simply no rationale for this particular artwork to remain at this location as it has permanently for the last number of years.

Reply:

Winged Figure by Anne Madden was donated to the City of Dublin by George Wien in 2007 on the condition that the work remain in situ in City Hall. The donation was approved by the Hugh Lane Gallery Board in November 2007 and any changes to this agreement should be approved by the Board.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding how Dublin City Council waste management intend to manage the canal ways and the seafront and other such sensitive locations, where there are large crowds of drinkers et cetera? The canal at Charlemont Street was left an absolute disgrace recently with rubbish and waste thrown all over the streets, the canal bank and into the water. Most of this rubbish was beer cans and alcohol associated from takeaways and other side premises. This rubbish was left there overnight and was not cleared until the following day. Apparently there are only 10 staff members on duty to clean the whole of the city. Perhaps you could clarify this also, and what rosters are being rolled out to deal with summer in the city and waste management, particularly bearing in mind the emphasis on outdoor drinking et cetera.

Reply:

Waste Management Services are aware that public realm areas such as Charlemont, Grand Canal and Portobello are subject to large crowds congregating during periods of good weather. Currently the Waste Management Service at this location includes providing 10 No. litter receptacles (barrels) and servicing the area each evening with the Suburban 7/7 crews, and up to 8.00p.m on a Friday evening and up to 6.00p.m on a Saturday and Sunday evening.

Staff resources are assigned to this area at 5.45 a.m. each morning and Waste Management Services can confirm that the area is cleaned to a very high standard by 8.00 a.m. each day.

In addition to the above, Waste Management Services propose to add a further 6 litter receptacles (barrels), and will assign additional staff and vehicle resources on a Friday evening to the Portobello / Charlemont area.

In addition, we have also contacted the Community Policing Team at Pearse Street Garda Station and asked their team to monitor the Portobello / Charlemont area and bring enforcement proceedings against person / persons creating an offence under alcohol related legislation, as these public spaces are not “designated areas” or connected to licensed premises. It has been confirmed that the community policing team will visit this area, and it is hoped that in tandem with our own litter enforcement teams this action should significantly reduce the litter pollution at this location.

Waste Management Services have over **500** operational staff servicing the city’s administrative area. The department provides a robust street cleaning

service to the city, particularly to the city centre commercial district area where over **100** staff are rotated between 3 shifts that service this area 24 hours a day 6 days a week (Sunday to Friday) and from 5.00 am to 9pm on Saturday.

All litter bins are serviced several times each day, all pavements are mechanically serviced by mechanical sweepers and manual sweeping also takes place by staff on hand carts.

Street washing is provided by the night shift 5 nights per week (Sunday to Thursday) where priority pedestrianised streets such as Grafton Street, O'Connell Street and Henry Street are deep-cleaned with a buffer machine.

Additional resources have been added to the Saturday and Sunday morning crews and staff are commencing their shifts 1 hour earlier to cater for the extra footfall and risk of increased litter that may occur in the city during Friday and Saturday night, and to ensure that the city's streets are brought back to Grade A standard in as short of time as possible. Every effort is made by the waste management operational teams to keep the city centre's cleanliness to as high a standard as possible.

Waste Management Services are aware that as we enter into the summer months, visitor and tourist numbers are increasing in the city, which adds extra pressure and challenges to the delivery of the waste management service. As stated earlier, steps have been taken to allocate extra resources to areas of high footfall in the city centre commercial district, to combat and manage the extra litter that is being generated during this time. Further, we are continually monitoring the effectiveness of our service, and should we need to assign extra resources to target a specific area we will do so, in order to maintain a clean and litter free city.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the reopening of vacant housing units in Glovers Court? The residents at Glovers Court were promised rejuvenation, told by Dublin City Council that there'd be no allocations of these dilapidated units, and that a process of de-tenanting was underway. However, recently work has begun on these units with the intention of reoccupation - all this would appear to be happening without a proper consultation with the residents groups in these flats, who are constantly inundated with major trouble. In terms of the infrastructure and the dilapidation and horrendous conditions of living for children and adults in these two blocks, can the Manager issue a full comprehensive plan, as to the future of Glovers Court regarding its rejuvenation, retrofitting and ongoing repair?

Reply:

Dublin City Council's Housing Maintenance Division is undertaking the refurbishment of eight vacant housing units in the Glovers Court complex. These units are on the ground, first and second floors and include one and two bed units. These units are expected to be completed within the next 16 weeks.

Once these voids are completed, they will be given to the Housing Allocations Section.

Dublin City Council will also arrange to have a condition survey of all housing units within Glovers Court completed in the coming weeks and we will

contact tenants directly to arrange these inspections. This condition survey will be used to determine the additional works required to bring the housing units up to the relevant standard.

The refurbishment of these eight vacant units and the condition survey and associated works mentioned above will not affect the timeline for the regeneration scheme planned for Glovers Court.

Plans for the regeneration of Glovers Court continue as before and Dublin City Council will meet residents and public representatives in the coming weeks to give an update on timeframe and discuss options.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have Planning Enforcement Section and the Noise Pollution Unit of Dublin City Council enforce the planning conditions regarding noise emanating from the Russell Court Hotel that is laid down in the planning consent for this hotel? Residents in this area are constantly bombarded with outrageous noise levels from the music emanating from this hotel; also can the Manager ensure that Dublin City Council Planning Department and Noise Monitoring Unit engage with each other on such complaints. And also whether this premises is actually operating as a hotel.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit, Dublin City Council are liaising with the Planning Department about the enforcement of noise conditions relating to the permission for the Russell Court Hotel.

The investigation is ongoing.

The website for the Russell Court hotel (link below) indicates they are taking bookings and operating as a hotel.

<https://www.russellcourthotel.ie/>

Q.48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

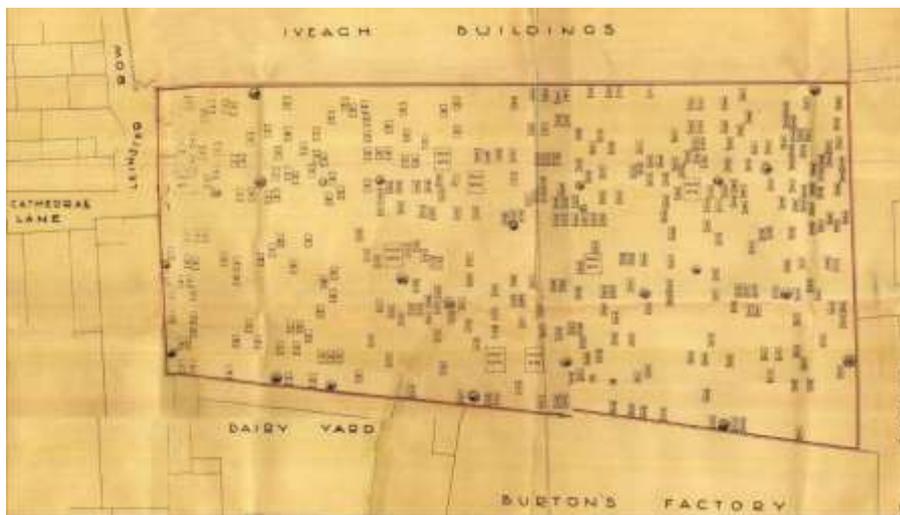
Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the recent development and plans for the Cabbage Patch? This report also to include documentation and information regarding the surveys on the burial ground and the reasons not to use these particular grounds in the refurbishment and regeneration of this amenity? Also a full breakdown of course and of the amount of truckloads of soil et cetera that would be used in the first stage of the rejuvenation of this public park. This report also to include how the City Council intends to address the issues of gross anti-social and criminal behaviour in the neighbourhood that in and around the Cabbage Patch Park.

Reply:

Cabbage Garden was a cemetery from approximately 1669 until the graveyard was closed early in the 20th century. The site was surveyed by the then Dublin Corporation in 1938 and the drawing below shows the extent of the burials at that time. Towards the end of the 20th century, part of the ground was converted into a public park (1979-80) while the rest was covered by public housing constructed by Dublin Corporation at the junction of Cathedral Lane and Upper Kevin Street. Any work in the Cabbage Garden has to be undertaken under archaeological supervision and a monitoring licence has to be issued by the Dept. of Environment, Climate

and Communications and the National Museum of Ireland. This is why any development for the Cabbage Garden has to be carefully considered.

Councillors who were present at the public consultation on May 16th were made aware that no drawings were available at this time. The purpose of the public meeting was to facilitate comments / feedback from the community to inform the design drawings. The anti-social and criminal behaviour is a Garda issue as discussed at the meeting and the closing of a gate where the gangs meet in the park was also discussed.



Q.49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager give a full and comprehensive report as to how Dublin City Council Traffic Department intends to deal with the issues in and around Bath Avenue? Also can Dublin City Council set up a comprehensive meeting with the local residents so they can explain exactly the concerns and offer solutions to this problem?

Reply:

Could the Councillor ask the residents to send in their queries on the online form provided on Dublin City Council website so that the individual issues can be investigated by the Transport Advisory Group.

Please fill out the online Transport Service Request form and the uploaded relevant documents

[Traffic Request - Self \(dublincity.ie\)](http://dublincity.ie)

If further information is required, the Transport Advisory Group will contact relevant members of the public.

Q.50 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate the process for an area improvement plan or a precinct improvement scheme for the entire Sir John Rogerson's Quay, with particular reference to the Benson Street area where the streetscape is simply deplorable and bland, with very little greenery and no place to sit in a simply awash with pavement slabs that many places are cracked and broken. It is not a very welcoming area in terms of its landscape, the chocolate park is still a wasteland and needs to be completed urgently. Many of the businesses in this particular area would make a financial contribution towards the works that will improve this location; perhaps we

could initiate the process, not only Barrow Street which was recently approved for improvement works.

Reply:

A review is intended to be carried out of the Benson Street area in conjunction with the Chocolate Park redevelopment. The Docklands Office is currently engaging with the Parks and Roads Departments to carry out some interim works in the short term while the Park plans are being progressed. The Council note the conditions of the street which will form part of interim works to improve the area. The Docklands Office will also review options to improve street greening along the route.

Q.51 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Road Maintenance section to inspect the footpath around the tree pit adjacent to (details supplied)? The resident reports that the kerb is loose and dangerous and could present a trip hazard.

Reply:

We will carry out an inspection of the footpath at details supplied and any defects found will be recorded on our Works List for repair.

Q.52 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to insulate the extension to the rear of (details supplied)? The house is on the schedule for retrofitting, but she may be waiting a long time. In the meantime, she reports that the extension is cold and damp. Can the extension be insulated while she is awaiting for the main retrofit?

Reply:

The Depot Foreman called to details supplied to look at the extension, this is a fully furnished kitchen and would not be practical to insulate on inside. This is for the retrofit team.

Q.53 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to give priority to this tenant (details supplied) with a walk-in shower? Our Tenant has had falls and her OT recommended the walk-in shower. When can this work be done?

Reply:

The tenant (details supplied) has been approved for a walk-in shower. These works have been issued to a contractor, the contractor will be in contact with the tenant within the next week to agree a date for these works to commence.

Q.54 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Housing Maintenance Section to finish the repairs to the exterior of the roof eaves by painting or rendering? Can the guttering of these roof eaves also be repaired (details supplied)?

Reply:

The Depot Foreman will ask the Painting Section to paint the front of the house (this was recently repaired by contractor). The roofer spoke to the tenant this morning and she said she has no issues with gutters front or back.

Q.55 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the Area Manager ask our Traffic Advisory Group to survey the traffic coming out onto Dolphin Road from both sides of the park? This is quite often traffic coming down Mourne Road and Galtymore Road. Residents in this area report that since the installation of the new traffic lights at Herberton / Dolphin Canal Bridge that it's now very difficult to cross out onto the east bound lane. Can yellow boxes be put in at these sections to allow vehicles to enter out onto this lane?

Reply:

The South Grand Canal Cycle and Pedestrian Improvement scheme of which this junction is a part of, is currently on hold due to issues with the appointed contractor SIAC Construction Ltd. There are still a number of phases of works to be completed, including the resurfacing and line marking of the roadway at this location. Carrying out traffic surveys etc. at this time would not provide a true reflection of the traffic situation at the finalised junction.

Active Travel are actively seeking to have any remaining works completed as part of this project as soon as possible. In the interim, traffic levels are continuing to be monitored.

Q.56 Councillor Pat Dunne

Crumlin Village was designated an Architectural Conservation area in 2014. It seems that some of the features of note (such as the Shamrock motif lampposts, village pump etc.) in the report are being removed over time and not replaced. Could the Conservation or Planning Section do an audit of the village compared with the document produced in 2014 to see what steps can be taken to address this? Could the village pump be reinstated (functioning or not). It had been taken away for maintenance in the last 10 years and not replaced. Finola Wathchorns' "Crumlin and the way it was" illustrates the historical significance of the village pump.

Reply:

Section 5.4 of the Crumlin Village Architectural Conservation Area (2014) provides that where works are proposed in the public realm, including works to historic features such as water pumps and public lighting, the relevant Council Department should consult with the Conservation Section prior to undertaking any such works. Where subcontractors are used, the DCC tender documents should inform bidding companies of the constraints imposed by working within an ACA. Subcontractors should be carefully overseen or should be required to engage professional conservation advice in any interventions within a historic context.

The records of the Conservation Section do not appear to include consultation regarding the removal of an historic water pump / village pump.

The removal, repair and/or replacement of historic features is a matter for the relevant City Council Department, subject to the provisions of the ACA referred to above.

Regarding an audit of historic features in the public realm, this should be undertaken by the relevant Council Department(s) in each case. The Conservation Section would be glad to provide advice and assistance where possible.

Q.57 Councillor Pat Dunne

A no-left turn sign from Stannaway Road to Ferns Road (and vice versa) was added last year but it is not enforced and the problem of rat-running traffic still exists and in fact has got worse. Could the DCC Traffic Department do an audit of this issue and either look for it to be enforced or another solution to be implemented?

Reply:

There is a left turn ban 07:00 -10:00 Monday to Saturday on Stannaway Road to Ferns Road. The Transport Advisory Group will monitor during the morning peak.

This is an enforcement issue and is a matter for the Garda Síochána. The Transport Advisory Group will ask them to enforce.

Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne

With the path resurfacing on Lismore Road due to take place in the year, could we work with residents to look for opportunities to introduce tree pits? There is only 1 tree on the whole length of path currently on the road.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services is liaising with the Parks Dept. on this request to examine if additional trees can be planted on Lismore Road.

Parks will liaise with our colleagues in Roads to establish if there is sufficient depth for tree planting given the likelihood of services running through these footpaths. Another problem with creating tree pits is the use of the footpaths along here for parking, most of the boundary walls have been removed to facilitate parking and despite this there are still a large number of cars parking on the footpaths. If the Councillor is aware of any residents who would welcome the planting of a tree outside their premises please contact the below signed directly.

Q.59 Councillor Pat Dunne

Could the council support the initiatives of the Crumlin & Walkinstown History Group? The group has recently published a large report with recommendation for projects and are eager to hold exhibitions, events and talks later in the year.

Reply:

The Community Development Team will continue to support the Crumlin / Walkinstown History Group. The group should arrange to meet the Community Development Team at their earliest convenience to discuss their ongoing plan.

Q.60 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can the traffic light sequencing at the Sundrive Road, Crumlin Road junction be readjusted to allow sufficient time for pedestrians crossing to and from Loretto Schools? The sequence here gives preference to motorists and consequently makes it dangerous for pedestrians.

Reply:

We have reviewed the operation of the junction. Due to the current layout and geometry is it not possible to run the pedestrian crossings here as straight through crossings. We have checked all of the safety timings and they are at / above standard on all of the staggered crossings.

Q.61 Councillor Pat Dunne

There have been some accidents with children crossing the Crumlin Road when using the pedestrian traffic lights crossing to and from Loretto School. Teachers and parents are concerned for the safety of the children and are asking for a School Traffic Warden to be placed on duty here at school starting and finishing times.

Reply:

The request for a School Warden on Crumlin Road between Sundrive Road and the Grand Canal has been approved. We are in the process of recruiting. We would hope to have this position filled in September 2023

Q.62 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager the number of street bins removed in the last year broken down by local electoral area (LEA), the number of new street bins added in the last year broken down by LEA.

Reply:

Waste Management Services do not have details of bins in each local electoral area.

Below are the number of bins in each administrative area in 2022 and 2023.

2022		2023	
North West	660	North West	668
North Central	716	North Central	730
Central	478	Central	481
City Centre	614	City Centre	617
South Central	477	South Central	477
South East	417	South East	424
Total	3,362		3,397

There are 160 bins awaiting replacement throughout all areas. 50 new bins will be delivered at the end of June 2023 and 50 each month thereafter until the end of the year. These new bins will replace the 160 bins and cater for new requests and replace existing bins near end of life usage.

Q.63 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager what plans have been made to support streets adjacent to bus connects corridors in the South East Area to prevent "rat running".

Reply:

The proposals for the Core Bus Corridors have been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for their decision. As per all the schemes, once a decision has been announced by An Bord Pleanála and pending on the details of that decision, the NTA and Dublin City Council will work closely in monitoring the surrounding areas and develop the necessary plans.

Q.64 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager for an update on the arch at Ranelagh Road and Price's Place.

Reply:

The South East Area Office is working with the Law Agent and Conservation Unit to progress the matter. The primary focus at the moment is to establish responsibility for the reinstatement of this structure. This structure was not a Dublin City Council asset and would be considered to be privately owned.

An Architectural Heritage Assessment Report (May 2023) was prepared by Sinéad Hughes, AACO, Conservation Section.

Q.65 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Area Manager how many bike bunkers have been installed in the South East Area in 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date.

Reply:

12 bike bunkers in total were installed as part of the bike bunker pilot project.

The following table indicates the year of installation in the South East Area Only:

Year	No. of Bike Bunkers Installed
2019	2
2020	3
2021	1
2022	0
2023	0
Total	6

Q.66 Councillor Hazel Chu

To ask the Manager to audit the broken footpaths on Ranelagh Road and Mountpleasant Square Park and Chelmsford Road especially between number 1 and 2.

Reply:

The footpaths on Ranelagh Road, Mountpleasant Square Park and Chelmsford Road will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2024 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

A repair to the footpath at number 1 and 2 Chelmsford Road is scheduled to be carried out 10.06.23. If other addresses of specific concern are pinpointed, these will be inspected and logged for local repair also.

Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to actively progress the Local Environmental Improvement Plan for the Camden St/Wexford St/Redmond's Hill / Aungier Street and George's Street area.

Reply:

The Camden Street / Wexford Street / Redmond's Hill / Aungier Street and George's Street area is not listed for a Proposed Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) in the current Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, although it did appear on the previous City Development Plan. At present, as the Library Square Project moves from Preliminary design towards Part 8, the South East Area Office does not currently have sufficient resources to commence a new Local Environment Improvement Plan at this time. Perhaps, if resources allow, a meeting could be arranged with Councillors towards the end of 2023 to draw up a draft brief for a proposed Local Environment Improvement Plan for this area.

We have completed a small greening intervention at the Triangle in Aungier Street which has been well received and if there are any other locations in the general Camden Street area that may benefit from a similar initiative, please let me know?

Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please engage with the residents of (details supplied) about a possible greening strategy for their street.

Reply:

The Community Team in partnership with Portobello Tidy Towns will make contact with local residents shortly to identify their needs and try progress any plans they may have.

The location at details supplied will be added to areas to be examined for suitability for a greening project. If found to be suitable a greening project may be initiated subject to the identification of funding.

Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please work with the Ringsend and Irishtown Tidy Towns Committee to find a suitable location in the area for their composting project? One suggested location could be the Ringsend Park cleansing yard on Cambridge Road.

Reply:

We will refer the suggested location of a composting project in the Cleansing Yard in Ringsend Park to Parks Dept. for their consideration. We will also ask if they are aware of any other suitable location in the area.

Parks are currently not in a position to offer composting areas for tidy towns committees. The available areas in depots are currently allocated and are used for cuttings generated within our parks and open spaces. There is insufficient capacity to operate on a larger scale.

Q.70 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface Shelbourne Road from Ballsbridge to Avoca as this surface is very uneven, narrow and dangerous for cyclists.

Reply:

This section of Shelbourne Road is due to be resurfaced as part of our 2023 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

Q.71 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please fix the following on Lennox Terrace?

- Drainage issues - previously requested back in 2021.
- Public lighting.

Reply:

Road Gullies are designed to intercept rainfall and each gully can take up to 400m² of carriageway run-off. Lennox Terrace is served by 2 road gullies located at its Lennox Street end. The road area of the Terrace is c.300m² but a number of downpipes from rooves would increase this runoff area somewhat. However, overall the level of drainage provision on the terrace is satisfactory and no road flooding issues have been reported to Drainage at this location.

Slotted drains (e.g. AcoDrains) are not installed by Dublin City Council Drainage as they give rise to a number of significant maintenance problems

– the most important being the tendency of their grills to lift/become displaced (leading to trips and accident claims) and the problem of sourcing spare parts over the extended service life required by municipal use.

The 'drainage' issue raised previously in 2021 is not best addressed by accommodating the practice. This type of anti-social activity is best deterred/prevented by other measures, e.g. higher levels of public lighting, installation of CCTV cameras, increased Garda patrols, etc.

If Councillor Byrne can indicate what the public lighting issue is in Lennox Street; the South East Area Office will then address the matter.

Q.72 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if public bins could be reinstated in Old County Glen, as some people are leaving rubbish on the ground instead of taking waste home or placing in a public bin. Furthermore, the grass on the small green opposite 83 / 84 Old County Glen (& next door to 12 Old County Glen) is regularly cut, but the grass / weeds along the side of the green at the back wall is allowed to grow to a big height and looks out of place with the rest of the grass cutting in the estate. Could DCC ensure the weeding is done here while they are cutting the rest of the grass?

Reply:

Waste Management Services have no record of having litter bins in Old County Glen. There are no plans at this time to install litter bins in this residential area.

The area along the boundary wall would traditionally have been treated with herbicide. As Dublin City Council no longer treat weeds with glyphosate / other toxic chemicals, the treatment of weeds is now done mechanically. This area will be strimmed in the next couple of weeks.

Q.73 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if a review of traffic measures could be put in place for Old County Road, as the road and footpath particularly around the shops (approx. 120 - 140 Old County Road) can be quite congested and also dangerous for people crossing the road at rush hour. Could this review include the possibility of installing a zebra crossing, maintaining existing and / or adding additional speed bumps, and installing planters at certain areas of the footpath?

Reply:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the area on Old County Road between the junctions of Clonard Road and Bangor Road and report back their findings to the elected official.

Q.74 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Area Manager if extra wood-chips could be laid down on the ground at the Neagh Road Park playground, as the vast majority of it is now exposed concrete and parents have reported children picking up cuts and bruises. There were also previously signs reminding people to pick up dog poo at the entrance to the playground that seem to have faded / broken - could these be reinstated? Could a review of the number of gaps in the iron railings around the park be there, with a view of placing replacement iron bars in any gaps? And finally, if the grass in the park could be cut as soon as possible?

Reply:

This playground is inspected daily and the wood chip is regularly moved back around play equipment where it has spilled out over time. Parks will look into the option of replacing the existing surface with more suitable type, e.g. tiger mulch or wet pour as the issue of wood chip being scattered everywhere is reoccurring. Signage that sets out the rules of the playground has been removed without Parks involvement. New signs will be ordered and installed at its former place. The railing will be inspected for gaps and repairs will be scheduled if deemed necessary and funding available. The grass in the park is cut.

Q.75 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the overgrown grass and bushes to be cut, in the communal areas of Bishop Street Flats, Dublin 8, as the overgrown bushes are being used to hide drugs.

Reply:

The Southside Mobile Crew will call to the complex, assess and add to their work schedule for completion in accordance with the Wildlife Act.

Q.76 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the ground floor and communal gardens at O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street, Dublin 2 be cut back and put on a regular cutting schedule, as they are currently overgrown and attracting rats.

Reply:

The Southside Mobile Crew will call to the complex, assess and add to their work schedule for completion in accordance with the Wildlife Act. They will also call to the complex and if required treat for pest control issues.

Q.77 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the bollards that were removed from the car park at the rear of O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe Street, Dublin 2 to be reinstated?

Reply:

This matter will be investigated and a reply issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.78 Councillor Daniel Ceitinn

To ask the Manager to outline plans for electric vehicle charging points in the areas covered by the Pembroke East A and Pembroke West A electoral divisions.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is aware of the challenges EV drivers have finding local charging facilities. The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy commissioned by DCC, DLRCC, FCC, SDCC, Smart Dublin and CARO established an overview of the anticipated demand for public EV charging equipment up to 2030.

To coincide with the launch of the DLA EV charging strategy, DCC offered members of the public an opportunity to suggest locations where public EV charging could be beneficial through an online application form. Locations submitted would be considered in the context of existing EV charging provisions, available space, local area and mobility plans.

DCC is currently working with Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI), ESB Networks and other key industry stakeholders to enable and facilitate an increase in the number of public EV charge points across the whole City.

The DLAs and our energy agency CoDEMA are in the process of procuring commercial partners for the supply, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of Public Destination Electric Vehicle Charge Points at locations across the County. Locations considered for the pilot scheme will be prioritised to optimise the benefit to all EV drivers in the County and to support a just transition to a low carbon national fleet. DCC is reviewing a list of potential locations for inclusion in the pilot project.

Locations under consideration for the pilot project will include facilities with public car parking under the control of DCC such as libraries, leisure centres, offices and parks.

A separate project is under review to establish the current and future requirements for EV charging and alternative fuel options at DCC depots to support the transition of the municipal fleet to zero emissions vehicles.

Q.79 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager If details supplied can be deep cleaned. Furthermore if the refuse collections companies could be written to ask them to take more care in collections as residents report debris left behind after collections.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had details supplied cleaned as requested on the 2nd June 2023. Waste companies operating in the city will be written to requesting that they carry out their work in a clean efficient manner.

Q.80 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager for a list of properties compulsory acquired under the Derelict sites act since 2019.

Reply:

Section14 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 empowers a Local Authority to acquire by agreement or compulsorily any derelict site situated within their functional area.

The following derelict sites were acquired compulsorily since 2019:

2019	25A Barnamore Park, Finglas, D11
	19 Connaught Street, D7
	21 Connaught Street, D7
	8 Ferguson Road, D9
	10 Ferguson Road, D9
	414 North Circular Road, D7
2020	37 Thomas Court, D8
2021	21 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3
	27-29 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3
	Lands at the rear of 21-29 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3
2022	11 Annamoe Terrace, Cabra, D7

	1 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	2 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	5 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	6 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	7 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	10 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	11 Mulberry Cottages, Chapelizod, D20
	6 St. Brendan's Park, Coolock, D5
	6 Terrace Place, D1
	7 & 8 Terrace Place, D1

Q.81 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the clothing banks by the Aviva Stadium could be looked out, in terms of relocating them if necessary or putting cameras to stop dumping at them.

Reply:

Dublin City Council is committed to providing the best recycling infrastructure possible in a busy, urban environment to encourage responsible recycling, a move towards a circular economy and positive climate action. As such, Waste Management Services is not in a position to remove these clothes banks at this time.

The clothes banks at Aviva Stadium are serviced regularly, however due to some people's incorrect use of the facilities, e.g. attempting to stuff full bags of clothes into the receptacle resulting in its blockage and illegally dumping bags of clothes and other household waste beside the banks makes it appear as though the banks are full when they are not. In addition, all bank sites are attended to on a daily basis, Monday to Saturday by Dublin City Council Cleansing personnel. However, should the illegal dumping or scavenging of materials from the clothes banks take place after the site is cleared by DCC personnel or the banks emptied by the service provider the materials will remain in situ until the next day providing opportunities for the scavenging and discarding of clothes items to take place, unless the dumping is reported.

Waste Management Services are not in a position to install CCTV cameras at present due to GDPR issues in the newly introduced Circular Economy Bill. The Local Government Management Agency are developing statutory codes of practice for the use of CCTV cameras for the purposes of waste enforcement which need Government approval before we can reintroduce their use. This is expected to be at a later time this year.

Q.82 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the area around Trinity College could be deep cleaned as it is in a poor state of cleanliness.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have the paths around Trinity College cleaned daily by a hand vac machine operator at least twice a day, morning and afternoon. We will monitor this cleaning to see if improvements can be made. Arrangements have been made to have these paths power washed in early June 2023.

Q.83 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager how we can progress the roll out of better quality refuse bags, both residential and commercial to avoid them being opened and interfered with by vermin. I understand one of the refuse companies is using GSM 200 industrial grade refuse bags with tie strings which are very effective.

Reply:

The quality of refuse bags used for the storage of waste from both residential properties and commercial premises is a matter for the private refuse collector and is governed by the licenses and legislative regulatory regime that governs this process.

Q.84 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if the following 2 Locations can be painted with small murals / Dublin Canvas.

Reply:

Councillor Byrne is requested to forward details of the exact address and photographs of the exact locations for the proposed murals and the request will be considered.

Q.85 Councillor Danny Byrne

To ask the Manager if we can arrange alternate parking on a given day to arrange cleaning of the below streets in Ringsend and Irishtown.

- Pembroke Street - lots of cars we can't get access to them to clean.
- Irishtown Road - houses side cars parked all the time.
- Cambridge Road - priest side cars parked all the time.
- Pembroke Cottages back lane - absolutely the worst in area regarding illegal dumping
- York Road Port View House - cars all parked can't get access to clean road.
- Ringsend bridge dodder footpath to Londonbridge all full of weeds dead leaves.

Reply:

Waste Management Services trialled the idea of "cleanways" some years back with very limited success. Residents were reluctant to give up their parking spaces and found that their space was immediately taken by someone else. It would need strict enforcement, tow trucks etc. to be successful and ensure our staff got clear access to clean the kerbsides.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section will arrange for permit holders to have permission to park on alternative streets when arrangements have been made for street cleaning or maintenance. The area manager and the waste management section should liaise with this section directly when a date has been arranged.

The Public Domain Unit will liaise with the local Community groups, Waste Management & Parking Enforcement to coordinate a deep clean in the areas listed.

Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson
Monday 12 June 2023

Attendance:

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