

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
21st June 2023

Q1 Councillor Michael Watters

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for Liffey Street South, Dublin 10 to be swept as part of the street sweeping schedule for the area.

Reply

Waste Management Services will ensure that Liffey Street South is always swept when the street sweeping schedule for this area is being carried out.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie

Q2 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the Liffey Vale project, including its current status and updated timelines.

Reply

Detailed design is continuing for the Cois Abhann Biodiversity Education Centre at Liffey Vale. It is intended to complete this in the coming months and issue tender documents for a construction contract in the Autumn. A separate invite for expressions of interest to develop and manage the biodiversity education programme for Cois Abhann will be issued in June.

Contact: Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Senior Executive Officer, CRES
Email: donncha.odulaing@dublincity.ie

Q3 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services about the bin outside Tesco Express on Tyrconnell Road, which was damaged by a driver, and then removed by the council. When will it be replaced?

Reply

Waste Management Services will replace the above mentioned litter bin when the new batch of bins are delivered in June/July 2023.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services
Email: waste.management@dublincity.ie

Q4 Councillor Michael Pidgeon

To ask the Director of Services about the streetlights along Tyrconnell Park, which are old and need to be repainted. Are such works scheduled to take place?

Reply

The public lights on Tyrconnell Park are mounted on ESB Networks poles, and the painting of such poles is a matter for ESB Networks.

Public Lighting Services will ask ESB Networks if they will consider painting their poles on Tyrconnell Park.

Contact: *Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services*
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q5 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the overgrown grass verges on Kylemore Road be cut back? This isn't in disagreement with the wilding initiative but in the pictures below you can see that there's overgrown areas surrounding the tree base where people are throwing poo bags into the grass section.

Reply

The grass has been cut along this section of road.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q6 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the car with registration (details supplied) be removed on Kylemore Road, facing (details supplied). Residents have said that the car is abandoned.

Reply

Following investigation the vehicle is deemed not to be abandoned, is owned and registered on the road. The car has mechanical issues and the owner is in the process of selling it.

Contact: *Ian Boggans, Asst. Staff Officer, Environment & Transportation*
Email: ian.boggans@dublincity.ie

Q7 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can plant boxes be placed on Kylemore Road particularly on the section where the abandoned car is to be removed. Some residents have been in touch and they'd like to be able to plant and maintain the planters.

Reply

The Kylemore road already has an abundance of street trees and a green margin planted with flowering bulbs. Unfortunately the location specified is not suitable and therefore not included in the Public Domain programme for 2023.

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

Q8 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services can the path/boundary around the entry/exit on Kylemore road be restored? You'll see from the images below that it's completely eroded and is now a hazard.

Reply

The concrete carriageway off the Kylemore Road opposite Nos 288 & 290 has been inspected and is in need of repair. Taking account of current workload demands it is anticipated this work will take place in late June or early July.

Contact: Pat O'Halloran, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division

Email: pat.ohalloran@dublincity.ie

Q9 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services are there any plans to improve the facilities in the park Beside Father Browns Church in Cherry Orchard? I know it's to be developed in the LAP and is there any update on the facilities identified for the park in the plan? Is there any plans to provide any services in the interim like flower boxes/beds, wild flowers. Is there a planned cleaning schedule outside of the grass cutting to clean up broken glass on the paths?

Reply

The park is scheduled to receive a weekly litter pick, as part of this paths should be cleared of broken glass etc. If there are incidents outside of this schedule parks staff will attend as necessary.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q10 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin

To ask the Director of Services are there any plans to revamp the tarmac space area on Ballyfermot Parade? It's been used to park cars at the moment.

Reply

There is a significant off road area of bituminous surfacing located between nos 158 – 192 Ballyfermot Drive. It has not been included in this year's annual resurfacing works programme, but it will be inspected by Road Maintenance Services Division and depending on an assessment of its overall condition, it may be considered for inclusion in a future works programme. In the meantime, any identified localised defects will added to our Asset Management Database and will be scheduled for repair depending on other competing defects.

Contact: Pat O'Halloran, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Maintenance Services Division

Email: pat.ohalloran@dublincity.ie

Q11 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the Liberties Greening Strategy include the planting, seating & landscaping at this public space on St Luke's Avenue. Dublin 8, similar to the recent successful and beautifully developed space at Donore Avenue/Cork St.

Reply

It would be desirable to add some sort of greening measure to this area. The Area Office is awaiting the completion of the adjacent Newmarket Yards development,

which proposes some landscaping along this section of St Luke's Avenue, before making any further plans.

There is provision to redesign and widen the steps leading to Newmarket Street under the approved Newmarket & Environs Public Realm Improvement Scheme.

Finally the Public Domain Officer will arrange for 2 no. seasonal planters to be installed at this location in the coming week.

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

Q12 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask if the Director of Services has had a response to its revised application to the Housing Department for a higher – per unit- AHF subsidy that will support the delivery of affordable/cost rental units at Emmet Rd development and if a statement can be provided on this?

Reply

A revised application for increased AHF subvention has been submitted to the Department. This is currently under their review.

Contact: *Sandra McAleer, Senior Executive Engineer*
Email: sandra.mcaleer@dublincity.ie

Q13 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a dog poo bag dispenser and bin be installed at St Catherine's Park, D8?

Reply

The above mentioned park is cleaned on a regular basis (daily) and does not merit the installation of a bin at this time.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec. Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q14 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services if increased power washing and litter picking could be scheduled for weekends along Thomas /James Street?

Reply

Thomas Street and James Street are classed as Category B streets and receive a 7-day street cleaning service. This includes mechanical sweeping of pavements and road side channel, litter bins emptied 2-3 times daily, illegal dumping removed for inspection, engagement with stall holders and business owners to ensure compliance with bye-laws and regular inspections by on-duty local management teams. In addition to this comprehensive street cleaning service, where customers are not satisfied with how clean the streets are, they can register a street cleaning request on our Citizen Hub platform. All request are responded to within 24Hrs.

Waste Management are in the process of introducing a new city-wide wash programme that will help us to deliver an improved street washing programme to all

locations. We are in the process of purchasing new wash equipment and will have a dedicated wash team in operation when this equipment arrives. We have taken on board your concerns for these streets and will include them on our regular wash schedule.

Contact: Seamus Brady, Waste Management Services Co-ordinator,
Email: seamus.brady@dublincity.ie

Q15 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that a survey of household's waste disposal at (details supplied) be conducted?

Reply

Public Domain will write to all householders at (details supplied) requesting them to demonstrate their compliance with Waste Management (Storage Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye Laws 2018.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area.
Email: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Q16 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services for an update on the provision of secure replacement fobs at (details supplied)

Reply

Lansdowne Management Company who are responsible for the fobs/access in the scheme have started introducing the new secure fobs. They have been distributed throughout Block F and all other blocks will follow.

Contact: Laura Kenny Project Estate Officer, SWIC
Email: laura.kenny@dublincity.ie

Q17 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services update on the removal of hoarding at 75-78 Cork Street that continues to hinder pedestrians?

Reply

Dublin City Council received an application on the 11th June 2021 from Blacklough Construction Limited to erect a hoarding at 75-78 Cork Street to facilitate the demolition of the existing building. The application was approved and a licence initially granted for the period 16th August 2021 to 15th August 2022 but later extended to bring it up to the 15th June 2023.

Blacklough Construction Limited subsequently went into liquidation and the client Torca Homes opted to keep the hoarding in place until such time as a new contractor is hired to carry out the construction phase of the contract, which according to Torca Homes is now imminent.

Contact: Conrad Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Roadworks Control Unit
Email: conrad.rennicks@dublincity.ie

Q18 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services again that the yellow box outside McGoverns Apartments at Marrowbone Lane be urgently reinstated as a matter of Road Safety.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group will consider providing a yellow box on the road outside the access/egress to the car-park at the apartments at McGoverns Corner, on Marrowbone Lane, D8.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Office, Transport Advisory Group, Environment & Transportation Department, Dublin City Council.

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q19 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that the agreed DYs be installed at the right hand side of Basin Street Flats. This is necessary to allow residents visibility to exit their complex and mitigates against putting school children at risk of collision.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group will liaise with Dublin City Council Line Marking team to install Double Yellow Lines at this location.

Contact: Máire Nic Réamoinn, South Central Area Engineer, Transport Advisory Group, Dublin City Council.

Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q20 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services that given the widely accepted deteriorating fabric of the Iveagh Market to ask that the works be commenced asap?

Reply

The Council is developing a tender package for the appointment of a conservation architect led integrated design team and it is anticipated that an appointment will be made circa August 2023. This design team will carry out a detailed condition survey of the building and develop tender documentation for a programme of essential repairs. These repairs will include –

- Repairs to the roofs, valleys, internal gutters, parapet and large roof lights of the Wet Market and Dry Market, including repairs to the access ladders and gantries
- Repairs/reinstatement of the rainwater disposal system
- Manage vegetation growth to the site and its structures
- Protect and secure the windows and door
- Provide safe access to structures to facilitate a regular inspection and maintenance.

Contact: Bronagh Corry, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Management

Email: Bronagh.corry@dublincity.ie

Q21 Councillor Máire Devine

To ask the Director of Services when the additional disabled parking bay will be installed at Francis Street?

Reply

A service request for an additional Disabled Parking Bay on Francis Street, D8 does not currently exist on the Dublin City Council TAMS system.

In order for a service request to be generated on the TAMS system, the customer will need to request a Disabled Parking Bay using the [Transport Service Request Form](#) on the Dublin City Council website – see link:

[Transport Service Request Form - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#)

See also the link on the Dublin City Council website on how to apply for a Disabled Parking Bay:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/disabled-parking>

and the criteria required for the provision of a Disabled Parking Bay:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/disabled-parking/disabled-parking-bay-criteria>

The Transport Advisory Group can assess the provision of a Disabled Parking Bay once it has gone through the correct processes.

*Contact: Maire Nic Reamoinn, South Central Area Engineer,
Transport Advisory Group, Environment & Transportation Department,
Dublin City Council*

Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q22 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for the Parks Department to trim back trees at the following locations (details supplied with photographs) which are growing into people's homes, causing a loss of sunlight and damage to people's gutters:

Reply

Parks will arrange for pruning of these trees in the coming tree care programme.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer

Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q23 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to review the traffic light filtering at the following locations:

- Clanbrassil Street/Harold's Cross Bridge – there is no right filter light to go from canal towards Harold's Cross. Right turners here get out one or two cars at a time maximum and it causes back up problems along the canal that could be alleviated by a short filter light. Can this be reviewed and improved?

- Donore Avenue/Sally's Bridge – cars coming from Clogher Road turning right onto the canal have a filter light, but from other directions, there are no filters causing backups. As this junction is being redone to incorporate wraparound pedestrianisation, can the traffic signals and filters be reviewed to optimise traffic flow?

Reply

The junction of Harold's Cross Bridge is a heavily used junction for pedestrians, cyclist public transport and private vehicles in all directions, it has been optimised as much as possible to help keep traffic moving including allowing some time for the right turning movements from Parnell Road towards Harrold's Cross.

At this time there are no plans to install a filter light at this junction as to do would greatly reduce traffic optimisation and cause delays to public transport. We will continue to review the junction and make changes where appropriate.

The junction of Donore Avenue/Sally's bridge is currently being upgraded as part of Active Travel scheme. This involves the installation of a wraparound pedestrian crossing as well as facilities for cyclist. As this is part of this active travel project, there are currently no plans to install an additional filter light at the junction as this would result in delays to all uses and in particular delays to public transport. Once the new operation is installed it will be monitored and reviewed in order to ensure any delays are kept to a minimum

Contact: *Susanne Hickey, Executive ITS Officer, Roads & Traffic Department*
Email: Susanne.hickey@dublincity.ie

Q24 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services for Dublin City Council to re-examine the public lighting provision on Hamilton Street, off Donore Avenue, where public lighting at the moment is limited to one side of the street. Due to tree canopy, on darker winter evenings and at night, it is unevenly dark on one side of the street. Can this be examined and addressed by Public Lighting?

Reply

The public lighting on Hamilton Street is mounted on the ESB Network poles and is installed in a single sided arrangement. This is a standard arrangement for the installation of lighting on a road of this type, which provides sufficient lighting for both pedestrians and road users.

However, as pointed out by the councillor, there are trees along both sides of the whole road here, and some of the trees may be causing a blocking effect on some of the lights.

We will ask the Parks Department to prune the trees along the side of the street opposite to the ESB Network poles. For the trees on the same side of the road as the ESB Network poles, we will request the Parks Department to liaise with ESB Networks around pruning the trees beside the ESB overhead cables.

Please note also that the existing public lighting on Hamilton Street are planned to be upgraded to LED this year under the Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade project. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023. Until the upgrade works are

completed, routine maintenance work on the existing street lighting will continue to be carried out

Contact: *Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services*
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q25 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to arrange for weeding to take place at (details supplied)

Reply

(Details supplied) will be added to list for consideration however resources are limited and not every estate can be included on an annual basis. The allocation for the SCA is 45km with a small discretionary budget for additional treatments.

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

Q26 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to explain DCC's current policy on estate maintenance offices, which used to be a permanent presence in many of our larger housing complexes serving as a vital local point of contact between residents, and DCC staff. It is my understanding that due to resources and health and safety issues requiring a minimum of two staff members to operate such offices that many are closing or have already closed. Can the Director confirm whether or not DCC staff can continue this estate maintenance office presence in other community hubs and buildings in, or close to, our large housing complexes?

Reply

At present we have the following DCC housing clinics in operation in the South West Inner City.

F2 Herberton – Weekly on Thursday's 10.00am - 12.00 noon, drop in or email laura.kenny@dublincity.ie

Dolphin House Community Centre – Once monthly for appointment email: [Debbie @ dolphinsouthcentral@dublincity.ie](mailto:Debbie@dolphinsouthcentral@dublincity.ie)

Clinics are currently on-going for the Basin Street complex regarding the proposed re-development, they are currently being held in Eblana House but we are looking for alternative premises within the community for these to be held.

A unit in Islandbridge is currently being refurbished and this space will be utilised to include a weekly clinic by the Project Estate Officer and also as a new community space for residents and DCC's community section. Residents of Memorial Court & Sarah Place can also avail of this clinic as the two complexes are next to each other. We are also in the process of locating a premises in Tyrone Place and hope to have this secured within the next 8 weeks.

Housing Maintenance can be logged through our customer services section on 01-222 2222 / 01- **6796186 (out of hours)**
Email: housingmaintenancesection@dublincity.ie

Contact: Veronica Hand, Area Housing Officer, SWIC
Email: veronica.hand@dublincity.ie

Q27 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services to provide a written record of all visits by the TAG Area Engineer to Rehoboth Place and Rehoboth Avenue with dates, times and observations.

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group monitored Rehoboth Place and Rehoboth Avenue between the 20th September 2022 and 2nd May 2023 at different times during the day from morning peak to the evening peak. The exits of Rehoboth with the Dolphins Barn / R110 and South Circular were also monitored for rat running traffic and any issue with vehicles exiting the road. Lines markings are in good condition.

20th Sept 2022 15:30- 16:00

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone with Rehoboth Place. No traffic in Rehoboth Avenue cul de sac, no issues observed. Lines markings are in good condition

Observed pedestrian had to share road space at Rehoboth Place / Dolphins Barn / R110 exit with vehicle.

Some parking spaces available in Pay & Display and Permit Parking (5 spaces) on Rehoboth Place.

Some parking spaces available in Pay & Display and Permit Parking (2 spaces) on Rehoboth Avenue.

Double yellow lines in good condition. No blocking of footpaths.

14th Oct 2022 16:00

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No traffic volumes, no queueing at exits.

20th Oct 2022 14:30 – 15:00

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No traffic volumes, no queueing at exits.

17th Jan 2023 15:00 – 15:30

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. Observed delivery vehicle blocking pavement and roadway. This obstructed the roadway. Contacted Delivery Company that residents had complaints about vehicle blocking entrance. Delivery Company acknowledged our query.

18th Jan 2023 08:45 – 09:15

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No issues on the road with some available parking spaces. No traffic volumes, no queueing at exits.

19th Jan 2023 16:15

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No vehicles observed rat running from the Dolphins Barn / R110 through Rehoboth Avenue to South Circular Rd. Observed vehicle parked on corner of Rehoboth Avenue and Rehoboth Place, which could block access / exit of Rehoboth Avenue.

6th Mar 2023 18:40 – 19:00

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume No vehicles observed rat running is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No issue of illegal parking observed.

2nd May 2023 9:00 – 9:30

Monitored traffic flow and traffic volume is very low and no speeding in 30 Kph Slow Zone. No vehicles observed rat running.

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

Q28 Councillor Deirdre Cronin

To ask the Director of Services for the status of the housing application of (details supplied) including what priority is attached.

Reply

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 2/8/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area L	3	37
Area L	4	12
Area N	3	53
Area N	4	19

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

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Contact: *Sandra Barry, A/Allocations Officer, Housing & Community Services*
Email: Sandra.barry@dublincity.ie

Q29 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services to outline when the grass along Kylemore Road will be cut?

Reply

The grass has been cut along this section of road.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.*
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q30 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services when will the weeds at Spiddal Park be removed, and to also outline when weeds in other public areas in Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore and Walkinstown will be removed?.

Reply

The weed treatment programme is progressing in the South Central Area. The first spray (New Way Spray-Acetic Acid) has been completed. It is not possible to treat every road however a number of roads in each location, including Spiddal Park have been treated and the effects should be visible within the next week or two. Successive treatments will follow in due course.

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

Q31 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Services, in light of the ongoing, serious illegal dumping on Cherry Orchard Crescent green will DCC take action to curtail the dumping, action including installing a playground or play equipment, a concrete step around the green and encourage residents to report those involved in this illegal dumping.

Reply

Parks are aware of the issue of ongoing dumping at this location. The area office have identified a number of possible initiatives which may alleviate the issues. These initiatives will be subject to available funding.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parcs@dublincity.ie

Q32 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Service to outline what traffic calming measures have been agreed between Dublin Bus, DCC and unions to reduce serious traffic congestion on Galtymore Road, between the junction of Carrow Road and Galtymore Road and the junction of Galtymore Road and Benbulbin Road?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group have assessed the problem of traffic calming and will implement measures to ensure traffic flow on Galtymore Road, between the junction of Carrow Road and Galtymore Road and the junction of Galtymore Road and Benbulbin Road. Dublin Street Parking Services are patrolling the location and carrying out enforcement.

Contact: *Neil O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Office, Transport Advisory Group, Environment & Transport Department, Dublin City Council*
Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q33 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Service to address the chaotic parking situation in Galtymore Drive Drimnagh, cars are parking everywhere and residents are unable to access their own homes, recently an ambulance was unable to get in until people moved?

Reply

The Transport Advisory Group have assessed the problem of traffic calming and will implement measures to ensure traffic flow on Galtymore Road, between the junction of Carrow Road and Galtymore Road and the junction of Galtymore Road and Benbulbin Road. Dublin Street Parking Services are patrolling the location and carrying out enforcement.

Contact: Neil O'Donoghue, Senior Executive Office, Transport Advisory Group, Environment & Transport Department, Dublin City Council

Email: neil.odonoghue@dublincity.ie

Q34 Councillor Daithí Doolan

To ask the Director of Service to clarify why residents in the Part V properties in The Davitt apartments, Davitt Road cannot access communal facilities, including the childrens playground, without paying a further €81.50 to the management company. Were perspective tenants notified of this and is there any plans to change this?

Reply

The TAG area engineer is reviewing the road layout and will implement measures to ensure traffic flow. Dublin Street Parking Services are patrolling the location and carrying out enforcement.

Contact: Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer

Email: linda.mcdonald@dublincity.ie

Contact: Maire Nic Reamoinn, South Central Area Engineer,

Transport Advisory Group, Environment & Transportation Department,

Email: maire.nicreamoinn@dublincity.ie

Q35 Councillor Darragh Moriarty

To ask the Director of Services to comment on the disgusting and discriminatory practice highlighted in a *Dublin Inquirer* article whereby social housing tenants in Part V units at 'The Davitt' apartment complex in Drimnagh are excluded from basic play amenities such as a playground. Can the Director confirm this practice will be brought to an end, confirm the practice is illegal and in breach of planning, and can he confirm the matter has been referred to planning enforcement?

Reply

The Leasing Section have been in contact with Tuath Housing and the management company at The Davitt apartment complex. I can confirm that all tenants have full access to the playground and that the issue which had recently prevented access has been rectified.

Additional facilities are available where tenants may become members of, and use, an area known as the "Amenity Area". Should tenants wish to avail of the facilities there is a cost of €81.50 per household per month payable to the management company. These amenities include a gym, lounge and conference space.

Contact: *Alana Dunne, Housing Advisor, Long Term Leasing*
Email: alana.dunne@dublincity.ie

Q36 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the small damaged missing plinth at the Peoples Park, Ballyfermot Road next to Ballyfermot Main Road. The section under the railing is approx. 70 metres from the Peace Garden -built to remember all those who gave there life in the various national services Garda, Army, Emergency services etc.

Reply

Parks will arrange for this section of wall be repaired as soon as possible.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q37 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at the very badly worn/ damaged road surface along Martin's Row Chapelizod from Knockmarron Hill down to Chapelizod Village Dublin 20. The surface whilst very narrow will create serious problems for Cyclists etc. who try and avoid the broken road surfaces.

Reply

Road Maintenance Services Division will arrange for an inspection of the road surface to be carried out along Martin's Row. Any defects encountered will be assessed and logged onto our asset management database. The timing of any repairs to these would be dependent on their severity and would need to take account of other competing defects already listed for repair.

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

Q38 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the lamp standard (**no.9**) outside no 48 Drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. This lamp standards which has not been painted in over 20 years has a large hole in the base of the pole I am anxious to know it is still safe.

Reply

Pole 9 Drumfinn Avenue is an ESB Networks pole and the painting of such poles is a matter for ESB Networks. We will pass this to ESB Networks and request they examine this pole for structural safety and painting/replacement whichever they deem necessary.

Contact: *Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services*
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Q39 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to look at the serious problem with poor lighting along Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot, from St Louise's School to Caritas College. Can I ask

again if this will / has been done yet and if we could install a CCTV camera to deter anti-social behaviour in the adjoining Californian Hills Park, Rossmore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

Reply

A lighting assessment is currently being carried out to determine what upgrades to the lighting may be required. If upgrades are required, they will be carried out during summer 2023, subject to the required resources being available.

Contact: Karen Leeson, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting Services
Email: karen.leeson@dublincity.ie

Reply

Parks have no plans to install CCTV at this location. Parks do not have the capability to monitor such a scheme.

Contact: Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q40 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please look at who is responsible for the Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre Car Park and the Tesco Carpark Ballyfermot Road? I am aware that in Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre the rubbish has reached an unbelievable scale with many many bags of rubbish just dumped leaving a very serious fire hazard for locals to contend with. Dublin City Council has cleaned this area up on a couple of previous occasions however the failure of the complex owners is I believe unacceptable and as a group they could contribute to keep the area clean or be levied with additional charges by DCC. The Tesco Car-Park is owned by CDET, TESCO and Dublin City Council. However, the general area leaves a lot to be desired with the poor unkempt state.

Reply

Waste Management Services check and clean the Tesco car park on a daily basis.

Contact: Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services,
Email: waste.management@dublincity.ie

Public Domain and Litter Enforcement are working together on a number of initiatives to mitigate against illegal dumping at Le Fanu Rd Shopping centre. Tenants of commercial units will be visited and audited for compliance with Waste Management Bye Laws. Enforcement action as necessary will be taken under the Litter Pollution Act. Environmental Health Officer has been notified and will inspect storage area of relevant units.

Contact: Anna McDermott, Public Domain Officer, South Central Area
Email: southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

Waste Enforcement Section will inspect the Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre Car Park Ballyfermot Road to see if action can be taken under the Waste Management Act 1996.

Contact: Padraic Lalor, Senior Staff Officer
Email: padraic.lalor@dublincity.ie

Q41 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services to please state when the long-awaited heritage sign trail around the Ballyfermot / Cherry Orchard Area will be commenced? We were to get finger directional signs and a couple of major place-names signs etc. in 2020. However, despite some local meetings we still have not seen any movement on having this project progress.

Reply

The Ballyfermot community development team, Ballyfermot Heritage Group and Dublin City Council's historian-in-residence have completed the design of the heritage walking trail map, with 2,000 copies being printed in the first week of June. Work is continuing in relation to the second part of the project, the installation of a sign version of the heritage trail map on the Ballyfermot Road.

The Area Office and Heritage Officer met with members of the Ballyfermot Heritage Group in January to encourage them to submit an application to the Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme for funding to undertake a comprehensive audit of the historical, archaeological, built and natural heritage of the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard area. These audits have been very successful in other parts of the city, such as Crumlin and Marino, involving both the local community, heritage groups and academic experts. This can then form the basis of heritage interpretation planning for the area and identify the most effective ways to disseminate historical information and engage the community with their heritage.

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

Q42 Councillor Vincent Jackson

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

Reply

Housing Maintenance have called to this tenant on two separate occasions to inspect the large tree at end of said garden. The tenant did not want to engage with the staff. The Area Maintenance Officer is willing to meet with Cllr. Jackson to inspect again at a date convenient to both of them.

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

Q43 Councillor Vincent Jackson

To ask the Director of Services that the following be done (details supplied)

Reply

Housing Maintenance have cleared the blockage at this property. The Choke Car had been out of action for a week and there was a delay with jobs, however this has been attended to now.

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

Q44 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to confirm if any of the work carried out by DCC that has taken place at (details supplied) since the tenants moved in, require planning permission or not?

Reply

These two properties were recently refurbished under the Voids Programme. None of these works required planning permission. These works were all completed prior to the tenants moving in. If tenants wish to carry out works that require planning permission, written permission must be sought from Housing Maintenance. We have not received any request from these tenants for works to said properties.

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

Q45 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to ask the DCC animal welfare Department and AGS to stop horses going on the GAA pitch in Ballyfermot.

Reply

The Animal Welfare Unit is aware of the persistent problem of stray horses at this and other locations in the Ballyfermot Area and there have been a number of attempts to seize animals in accordance with the Control of Horses Act 1996. Some operations are successful and others have had to be abandoned due to logistical factors and hostile situations on site. We will continue to work with relevant parties including Parks Department, An Garda Síochána and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to respond to the issues in planned and co-ordinated way with a view to finding a long term solution.

Contact: *Richard Herlihy, Administrative Officer, Animal Welfare Section*
Email: richard.herlihy@dublincity.ie

Parks will provide assistance to the animal welfare department and AGS in any way they can to prevent horses going onto the above mentioned location.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.*
Email: brid.Brosnan@dublincity.ie

Q46 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services to provide bin bags at the entrance of Brickfield Park on Benbulbin Road like it is done at the entrance of Lansdown Park. That the bags are regularly collected and replaced when needs be. Plastic dog poo bags are constantly left on the ground there, the situation is not improving, and it is time to try something different. That a sign as well be erected encouraging park users to bring their rubbish back home.

Reply

A bin has been arranged to be placed at the above location.

Contact: *Brid Brosnan, A/Snr. Exec Parks and Landscape Officer.*
Email: parks@dublincity.ie

Q47 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services how can we make sure (details supplied) be included in the upgrade for wrap up promptly. It was surveyed in Dec 2020. The resident was told it would be 2 years before the work would be done. I am told it will be 2034 before the work is done.

Reply

Thank you for your query relating to the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. Due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, it is a roll out programme and areas/estates must be targeted in their entirety from both an operational and magnitude/economies of scale perspective. The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion.

Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible, the level and scale of works in each area is determined by our Departmental allocation received for the programme on an annual basis. However (details supplied) is not an area we are currently working in.

We are pleased to confirm that the property in question, (details supplied) is currently on our list for survey and inclusion, if eligible, when works commence in this area in the future. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible.

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

Q48 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when will (details supplied) be reimbursed for the work she had to carry out in her home. When can she expect all the works that need to be done to be done please?

Reply

Housing Maintenance does not reimburse for works carried out by tenants. The other works in relation to mould/dampness will be addressed when the property is insulated/wrap around. The issue with the kitchen sink will be addressed by the Local Area Depot shortly.

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

Q49 Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud

To ask the Director of Services when will work commence to install cycle parking at Benmadigan green in Drimnagh?

Reply

The Environment & Transportation Department has examined the location at Benmadigan Green for its suitability for the installation of cycle parking. Both the carriageway and adjacent footpaths are unsuitable due to the width constraints. Consultation has been carried out with the Parks Department exploring the possibility of installing a concrete pad on the green, permission has not been received to undertake this and therefore stands cannot be installed at this time.

Contact: Chris Adamson, Executive Engineer, Environment. & Transportation
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