

Question to Chief Executive

South East Area Committee
Meeting 08th July 2024

Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a clean-up of the site at the Gullistan Depot as referred to in the email submitted with this question:

“DCC now owns the ESB yard and it's very overgrown and probably harbouring vermin. Maybe its rewilding policy but I think it shows how the DCC Officials don't really care about the residents of Gullistan.”



Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the Roads maintenance and Footpath Maintenance team will examine the road and footpaths on Merton Drive and area with a view to including them on the upgrade programme for the coming year.

Some details are submitted with this Question for information:

‘My elderly mother and myself are residents here for over 55 years, and have never seen the pavements and roads in such disrepair. They are hazardous for us, and for many of the older people/people with mobility issues in the area who would like to get out for even a short walk daily, but are in fear of falling. If only the paths and pavements got the same attention as the cycle lanes, for which there seems to be a bottomless budget!!!

I contacted Dublin City Council regarding this issue in 2022 and again last year, when I also uploaded photos.

Since then, work was carried out on both Park Drive and Tudor Road, and we were hopeful that it would be continued down to Merton Drive, but no!’

Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to investigate the possibility of introducing a dog run to Herbert Park. A suggested location would be to fence/rail off the area running along the pathway from the Dodder side pedestrian gate at the Ballsbridge end of the walkway all the way to the back wall at the Ballsbridge entrance.

Q.4 Councillor Pat Dunne

Can our Traffic engineers introduce traffic calming measures to Clonmacnoise/Bangor circle. Residents report speeding cars at this location

- Q.5 Councillor Pat Dunne**
Can the wall between the entrance to Crumlin Park and (Details Supplied) Crumlin Road be repainted. It is very shabby looking and repainting would enhance the look to the entrance to the estate.
- Q.6 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could a stop sign be installed at the junction where Melvin Road meeting Mount Tallant Avenue? There is one where Corrib Road meets Mount Tallant Avenue. Traffic regularly speeds around the corner not heeding to oncoming traffic. It is particularly dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Q.7 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could the trees on Mount Tallant Avenue be checked for health following the recent footpath upgrade? Some trees were unduly stressed by the works. These trees are also in need of pruning as they block the street lighting leaving dark spots for pedestrians which impact on people's safety.
- Q.8 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could an update be provided on the works that were scheduled for Eaton Square. Grass seeding the bald spots on the grass, addressing the drainage issues that present in the winter time, matting under the worn surfaces that were identified and upgrading the path around the park.
- Q.9 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could safety measures be installed to curb rat running in Mount Drummond estate? A yield sign was approved for Darley Street that still needs to be installed.
- Q.10 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Pedestrian safety needs to be addressed on the Kimmage Road Lower. Could a pedestrian crossing be installed at the junction of the Kimmage Road Lower and Ravensdale? This would enable pedestrians to safely walk in a north south direction as currently this is a difficult junction to navigate.
- Q.11 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Is there any constructive way of addressing residential parking on Brighton Avenue that would be able to create a better way of using the space for both on street parking and to slow through traffic on this road? The current design proposal of pay and display on one side only leaves residents short of parking spaces. If a creative solution was used perhaps dual sided parking could serve as a slow down as well as providing increased parking spaces for residents.
- Q.12 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could the hedges that overhang the footpath on Rathdown Avenue at Bushy Park be cut back so that the footpaths can accommodate buggies and wheelchairs. Currently the use of the footpaths are impeded by the bushes overhanging from the park.
- Q.13 Councillor Fiona Connolly**
Could Rathdown Avenue be assessed for safety so that the parking of visiting vehicles does not impact on the ability for emergency services to access homes on Rathdown Avenue? In particular could the parking adjacent to (Details Supplied) Rathdown be prioritised as this home faces the entrance to the park and is disproportionately impacted by visitors parking.

Q.14 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the chief executive if consideration has been given to introduce preventative measures to deter graffiti in this Local Electoral Area, through timely removal of graffiti and consultation with residents and experts to prevent further occurrences.

Q.15 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the Chief Executive if solar compactor bins could be installed in Dublin 6 as part of pilot launch (similar to the ones installed by Fingal County Council).

Q.16 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of applications that were received and evaluated under the terms of the Festival and Events Funding scheme and how many events met the criteria and were deemed to be eligible for funding. As a result how much funding was allocated in 2023? Also, how many applications have been approved for so far 2024 and the fund that has now been fully allocated?

Q.17 Councillor Punam Rane

To ask the chief executive to conduct a synopsis of the light sequences and traffic congestion in the areas of Rathgar / Rathmines / Terenure and if traffic congestion easing measures could be implemented in these areas?

Q.18 Councillor Emma Blain

To ask the manager to repair the footpaths and road surface on Merton Drive, Ranelagh as a matter of urgency, due to their extreme state of disrepair?

Q.19 Councillor Emma Blain

To ask the manager to take immediate proactive and preventative measures at Sean Moore playground in light of recent vandal attacks on the playground- including; Allocating sufficient resources to ensure that future clean-up and repair efforts are carried out promptly and efficiently, with thorough cleaning to remove any soot residue and other health hazards; Implementing comprehensive fire prevention and security measures, such as installing fire-resistant materials; Investigating the source of the fires and taking necessary action to prevent future incidents including installing CCTV and requesting nightly Garda patrol in the area to deter the individuals starting the fires.

Q.20 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager to consider a disability parking space outside the residence of;

(Details Supplied)

Q.21 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager when the roads and footpaths in (details supplied) will be resurfaced and improved.

Details Supplied: Bushfield Terrace, Donnybrook; Bushfield Place, Donnybrook; Bushfield Avenue, Donnybrook; and Sandford Avenue, Donnybrook.

Q.22 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the Manager when the road and footpaths in (details supplied) will be resurfaced and improved.

Details Supplied: Merton Drive, Ranelagh.

Q.23 Councillor Rory Hogan

To ask the manager if there are plans in place or currently being drafted to deal with the additional overnight traffic in the car parks along the Strand Road.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager reinstate the barrier beside Glovers Court lane way in order hinder the antisocial behaviour that is taking place in and around that area.

Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to how Dublin City Council estate management are going to address the unknown antisocial behaviour and criminality that is constantly taken place in and around Glovers Court flat complex and York Street. This situation has gotten out of control over the past couple of months, people living in the area afraid for their lives as a result of the ongoing violence and criminality and attacks on individual's drugs selling and drug consuming that is taking place openly here in front of children who are trying to play in the area.

Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issues of dangerous traffic congestion and driving that is now taking place on Grafton St most mornings. These incidents have a major impact on the street traders particularly the street trader beside Brown Thomas. Large trucks find it very difficult to make turns here as there is a poll right outside of Weirs at the entrance to Wicklow Street that needs to be removed. However a robust traffic plan is needed for this street and surrounding streets which are becoming more and more dangerous to pedestrians from early morning to mid-morning.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager address the issue of Ryan's public house on Camden St. and Camden Row who constantly commandeer the footpath and the roadway blocking cars and pedestrians who use these streets to get to their homes and businesses.

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can manager issue a full report regarding the future of the George Bernard Shaw House Museum which has been left empty and derelict for many years. Local residence are very concerned that this cultural and historical gem will be lost to the city and its citizens if something is not done in order to bring this house of culture back into use as an artist in residence or as the Shaw Museum as it once was and keep it open to visitors and the general public. It is simply outrageous that such a house would be left to waste and rot.

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give me an update regards my request to have a count of all the cars that are parked in the South East area Housing estates and flats complexes. I have been asking for this information for almost 15 years now.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give me a report as to who maintains the plants and waters the plants that are placed on the roadways on the streets in the south east area (Werburch street etc) Many of these plants are left dying and look absolutely dreadful who is responsible for the maintenance and how often are the plants watered and looked after this report? Also to include the overall cost of these plants and their supposed maintenance.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report regarding the barriers that have now been placed along the canal and Mount Street this report to include who is responsible for the

fencing? How long the fencing is going to be in place also what are waterways Ireland planning to do with regards to the tent encampments that are taking place along the canal. Many people are concerned that waterways Ireland tend to put permanent barriers and boulders along the canal in order of the stop the encampments. This approach if true is entirely wrong and results in the public being excluded because of the implementation of what's known as hostile architecture.

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inform me as to whether all of those in social housing complex and flats in the South East area have been informed directly about Dublin City Council and the NTA City Centre Traffic that is scheduled to come to action this August? Dublin City Council has a care of duty to the tenants who they must inform personally regarding any changes that may affect the way they drive to and from the workplace et cetera.

Q.33 Councillor Kourtney Kenny

To ask the manager can he arrange for the flat complexes, primarily on the top floor, to be fitted with the fire approved PVC doors. When it rains tenants door's swell. This can lead to the inability to open or close the doors. The top floor is the one most exposed to the elements as there is no balcony over them or cover from the rain.

Details: Markievicz House, Townsend Street. Pearse House, Pearse Street. Dublin 2

Q.34 Councillor Kourtney Kenny

To ask the manager can he arrange for (details supplied) to not be leased but used as a community space. The Youth groups within the community rely on the availability of rooms for clubs, which are cancelled if they are not. We are proposing this space remain in the community and used as a co-opt space.

Q.35 Councillor Kourtney Kenny

To ask the manager can he arrange for compost bins for the Dublin 2, 4 & 8 area with large concentrations of apartments.

Details: Grand Canal Dock, Iveagh Trust & Ringsend & Irish Town.

Q.36 Councillor Kourtney Kenny

To ask the manager if he can arrange for the area within (details supplied) to be cleaned, weeded and turned into a socialising space for residents whom live there to improve their quality of life.

Details: The area of the shared back garden area in Dowling's Court, City Quay Dublin 2.

Q.37 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please install planters on the wide footpath on the corner in New Street Gardens. Non-residents keep parking here on the footpath causing dangerous obstruction for both pedestrians and motorists.

Q.38 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please resurface the road at the junction of Northumberland Road and Haddington Road which is in disrepair? Can you please also update the cycle way markings at this?

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please provide a timeline on when the new drinking water fountain will be installed Ringsend Park.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when can we expect to see the new plans for the public space at the junction of Georges Street and Dame Lane which is currently being used as a compound for the Mercantile redevelopment.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please move the new parking signage pole that was recently installed on Synge Street 3 or 4 metres away. Its current location is making it difficult to clean the streets effectively and for deliveries to the IPAS centre.

Q.42 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager what can be done to manage the ongoing issue of dangerous breeds being off the lead in Stannaway Park? The park is now considered a no go area for many local residents, some of whom have lost pets to attacks by these dogs, and sporadic visits from the dog warden have not helped the situation which has been ongoing for several years.

Q.43 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if there are any plans to replace the grass in the playground in Stannaway Park with a more durable, weather-proof alternative? Local residents report the playground is unusable in wet weather and for several days after heavy rain because the grass areas get slippery and muddy. Could a standard playground surface be applied here instead?

Q.44 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the two trees that died and were removed from the junction of Frankfort Avenue and Maxwell Road can be replanted? The trees were removed but never replaced, leaving the planting pits in the pavement empty at the points marked on the attached map.



Q.45 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to address the issue of dereliction and dumping on Kildare Road which is leading to a rat problem affecting the resident at (Details Supplied). There are a number of vacant properties on the road, along with properties hoarding rubbish in front and back gardens and residents feel both issues are contributing to the rat problem.

Q.46 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager to please arrange a clean-up of the green area at the top of Parnell Court, to include a littler pick, tidy and cutting back of vegetation at an appropriate time and not interfering with nesting season. Residents have been requesting this for a number of years.

Q.47 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if there are any plans to refurbish, reopen or repurpose the derelict changing room next to the playground in Bushy Park, and if not could we examine the potential to do so?

Q.48 Councillor Carolyn Moore

To ask the area manager if the council can assist with making safe a manhole outside of (Details Supplied). Can this be examined urgently for repair/replacement - the resident at address supplied reports the manhole cover is rotting and breaking away and presents an immediate danger that it could give way and someone could fall through to the sewer below.

Q.49 Councillor Eoin Hayes

Garville Lane is experiencing some pooling of water on the road as well as major parking congestion and speeding on the road. Can I request that traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, are evaluated for this road, as well as any alteration to the drainage pattern on the road to prevent flooding?

Q.50 Councillor Eoin Hayes

There was a severe accident at the corner of Aideen Avenue and Kimmage Road Lower involving a cyclist. Motorists are ignoring the no-right-hand-turn sign on Kimmage Road Lower. What re-design works of the intersection might be considered to prevent right-turning and ensuring safety of cyclists and pedestrians?

Q.51 Councillor Eoin Hayes

There is no pedestrian lights at the pedestrian crossing markings on the eastern crossing of Terenure Village cross, across Terenure Road East. Can those be installed as a matter of urgency?

Q.52 Councillor Eoin Hayes

Can we install a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road?

Q.53 Councillor Eoin Hayes

The residents of Templemore Avenue would like the footpath reduced to make space for their cars, similar to the works conducted several years ago on Villiers Road. There is also significant parking from non-residents, and would like options to be considered to reduce this, including pay and display. Can these measures be considered for implementation?

Q.54 Councillor Eoin Hayes

Residents have requested a bin outside Tesco on corner of Frankfort Avenue and Rathmines Road Upper.

Q.55 Councillor Eoin Hayes

I'd like some clarity on the ownership of trees for maintenance outside (Details Supplied) Cowper Downs - resident reported they had not been taken into ownership by the Council and were not in their jurisdiction for maintenance, but that seems incorrect. If we do have ownership, can we maintain, please?

Q.56 Councillor Eoin Hayes

Neagh Road by the playground is getting quite unsafe in speeds from cars. I'd like to ask for traffic calming measure to be considered by the Council, at the very least signs, installed to reduce car speeds near children playing.

Q.57 Councillor Eoin Hayes

Please address deep pothole at corner of Wilfrid Road and Wilfrid Terrace - badly needs fixing.