

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

### AGENDA

- 3682** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008  
*(attached) pages 7-12*
- 3683** Questions to the Area Manager  
*(attached) pages 76-81*
- 3684** With reference to the Disability Act 2005 – implementation plan.

### Planning and Development Matters

- 3685** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
- 3686** With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the City Estate Premises at No. 1 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7 to Deborah Cope c/o Fitzpatrick Gallagher McEvoy Solicitors, Orby Chambers, 7 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7  
*(report attached) pages 31-32*
- 3686(a)** With reference to the procedure for making an addition/deletion to/from the Record of protected structures  
*(Report enclosed)*
- 3687** With reference to the proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of 49 Arbour Hill, Dublin 7.  
*(report attached) pages 33-35*

**3688** Planning Applications

**Application No:** 2479/08

**Applicant:** Stephen Little & Associates, Latin Hall, Golden Lane, Dublin 8

**Location:** Former Carlton Cinema Site, the site consists of the majority of a city block bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, Henry Street, Henry Place and O'Connell Street Upper

**Proposal** 7 year permission for development at an overall site of c 2.17 hectares, at nos 40-41, 42 (a protected structure), 43 (a protected structure), 44 (a protected structure), 45-51, 52-54 (protected structures), 55-56, 57 (a protected structure), 58 (a protected structure), 59, 60 (a protected structure) and 61 (a protected structure) and 60a (otherwise 5 Henry Place) O'Connell Street Upper, Nos 37-41a Henry Street, nos 1-13, 14-17 (protected structures and a national monument) and 18-25 Moore Street, nos 71 and 71a Parnell Street, nos 1-8 O'Rahilly Parade, nos 1-15 Moore Lane, Nos 4-13 (including 3 Moore Lane) and 15-18 Henry Place, nos 6-8 at the junction of Henry Place and Moore Lane and including Clarkes Court off Moore Street, Moore Place off Henry Place, Murphys Court off Moore Lane, part of Moore Lane from the junction of Henry Place and Moore Lane to the junction of Moore Lane and O'Rahilly Parade and part of Henry Place from the junction of Moore Street and Henry Place to the rear of no. 61 O'Connell Street Upper (a protected structure), Dublin 1. The site consists of the majority of a city block bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, Henry Street, Henry Place and O'Connell Street Upper, but for the avoidance of doubt excludes nos 70 & 72-75 Parnell St, Nos 37-39 & 62-69

O'Connell St Upper, Nos 31-36 Henry St & Nos 1-3 Henry Place,  
Dublin 1. and all ancillary structural services and development works.

**Registered Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

### **Community, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

- 3689** With reference to Public Library Events for May, 2008 in the Central Area and Citywide  
**(Report enclosed)**

### **Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

- 3690** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.  
**(Report attached) pages 36-40**
- 3691** With reference to North Wall Quay – Environmental improvement and Bus Priority Scheme.  
**(Report attached) pages 41-45**
- 3692** With reference to Draft Parking Control for Major Events (Croke Park) Bye Laws 2008  
**(Report attached & map enclosed) pages 46-53**
- 3693** With reference to Reilly's Bridge, Ratoath Road.

### **Central Area Matters**

- 3694** With reference to the Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of Chapel Lane, Dublin 1.  
**(Report attached) pages 54-55**
- 3695** With reference to the Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over to a walkway adjoining Bargy Road and Shelmailer Road, East Wall, Dublin 3  
**(Report attached) pages 56-57**
- 3696** With reference to HARP IAP Community Gain – minor grants  
**(Report attached) pages 58-59**
- 3897** With reference to Liberty Park Crèche – fee increase  
**(Report attached) page 60**
- 3698** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit **pages 61-64**  
NEIC IAP **pages 65-66**  
North West Area (including HARP) **pages 67-68**  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City **pages 69-73**  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City **pages 74-75**

### **Motions**

- 3699** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
  
That this Area Committee call on Senior Garda management to address the serious anti-social problems at Church Square, East Wall Dublin 3.
- 3700** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

That a report be made on the issues raised in the correspondence from the Infirmary Road District Environmental Group to Mr. Dick Gleeson, Planning Department, Dublin City Council dated 8<sup>th</sup> April re consensus in relation to p.a. 5302/07, Black Street, Dublin 7.

**3701 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

Last year the City Council extinguished the “right of way” of concrete steps connecting East Road and Irvine Terrace. This closure was a result of complaints from locals regarding anti-social behaviour. The steps are still there and so is the anti-social behaviour. As it is no longer a right of way would the manager remove the concrete steps and thus make this path inaccessible.

**3702 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Area Committee receive a report in relation to anti-social behaviour at Charleville Mall, Dublin 3.

**3703 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for a report on the future of the FAS training centre on Bannow Road.

**3704 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for the introduction of pay and display parking at Charleville Road and issue permits to residents.

**3705 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for improved safety measures at the junction of the Navan Road and Nephin Road as a result of the recent tragedy at this location.

**3706 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls on The Minister of Education to directly intervene and provide Gael Scoil Barra with improved facilities, and a permanent building.

**3707 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Area Committee receive a report in relation to the closing of the steps on Johnny Cullens Hill as locals on Abbercorn Road and Irvine Terrace request the steps to be closed due to anti-social problems.

**3708 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Area Committee receive an update on progress of development at Liberty House, Railway Street, Dublin 1.

**3709 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

That the Area Manager outline the time scale for the relocation of the North Strand fire station and indicate if there will be a Local Area Plan (with full consultation with the residents of the North Strand and East Wall) for the whole site including the site owned by the Dublin Docklands Authority.

**3710 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

With so many apartments built without adequate parking facilities, in the already dense populated Distillery Road area would the Manager indicate how the issue of parking, (there is serious tension between the new occupants and the old residents) on the road will be resolved.

**3711 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

That a clear statement be made in relation to the ongoing delay in the re-development of D Block, Liberty House, Dublin 1 in view of the statement of the Minister for the Environment that his Department is still waiting for a response from Dublin City Council to a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and a meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**3712 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to outline his plans for the regeneration of Friary Court/Friary Grove.

**3713 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager report on the traffic markings on Oxmantown and Murtagh Road and review the single white line which has caused recent problems.

**3714 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That Dublin City Council contact the RPA in relation to water shutdowns at Sheriff Street/Abercorn/Mayor Street, that all shutdowns are properly notified in advance to residents. The Committee further agrees that in the event of an accidental cut off in water supply that emergency supplies are made available to the community within two hours of the water being cut off, and the company responsible is made liable for the cost of this.

**3715 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager when a report will be brought before the Area Committee in relation to the delisting of Ballybough House, to report on his future proposals for the refurbishment or demolition of the complex, to examine the possibility of installing a prefab indoor activity centre for children from the complex, to increase the number of official car-parking spaces and then to install double yellow lines along the footpath.

**3716 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to review the traffic signals on Dorset Street/Synott Place and to install a filter light as residents have been penalised for making right turns.

**3717 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

To ask the Manager to draw up a leaflet in relation to the obligations of dog-owners and outlining the noise regulations in relation to barking dogs and to have leaflets available for distribution in areas where problems have been reported.

**3718 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

To ask the Manager to report on summer projects and summer camps available for young people in the East Wall Area.

**3719 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

That the Manager report if he has any proposals to refurbish the interiors of Chancery House, to upgrade the bathrooms and deal with persistent damp problems in a number of the flats there.

**3720 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That the Manager arrange to resurface the pavement on Wellington Street Upper which is completely broken up and that stop signs are put in place at the exit of the car park of the new apartments.

**3721 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That the Manager examine the wall at Blessington Street Basin and take measures to raise it to prevent people accessing rear gardens at Primrose Street from “stepping stones” at the wall in the basin.

**3722 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the Manager arrange to repair the road at Ashtown Grove, opposite the post office, and on Park Road where the road was repaired and has now broken up again.

**3723 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the Manager outline the cleaning schedule at Annamoe/New Cabra Road/Cabra Drive as there are constant complaints from residents in relation to litter and lack of street cleaning in the area.

**3724 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That this Committee agrees to maintain the HGV Ban on the Navan Road, particularly in the light of the recent tragic accident where a cyclist was killed by a truck, and that there were four fatalities in the area in recent years.

**3725 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That Dublin City Council request the management company for the Maples Centre to ensure that the precincts are cleansed on a regular basis, that no litter is allowed to accumulate in the area outside, and that report of a smell coming from drains there are investigated and remedied.

**3726 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the Manager report on the funding for George’s Hill Playgroup, and if Dublin City Council can intervene to ensure that they do not lose their subvention and what additional funding Dublin City Council could make available to them.

**3727 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**

That the Manager provide a report on the mains water supply servicing residents in the Kinvara Area of the Navan Road where residents are experiencing difficulties due to poor water pressure.

**3728 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**

The Central Area Committee calls on the Manager to ensure that Dublin City Council take immediate action to secure the boundary between River Road/Ratoath Road and the Tolka Valley Area pending the commencement of the proposed River Road alignment.

**3729 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Manager outlines Dublin City Council plans in respect of the allotments in De Courcy Square.

**3730 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Manager calls on Dublin City Council to have Dunsink Lane reopened to traffic pending the commencement of the proposed River Road alignment.

**3731 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to have the original cast iron lampposts on the Homefarm Road/Achill Road area repainted.

**3732 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Following the collapse of a tree on Iona Road, the Central Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to undertake a review of all large trees in the Iona area with a view to identifying any dead or diseased trees that might cause danger by falling.

**3733 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

This Area Committee is gravely concerned about the safety of cyclists in the Central Area and calls on Dublin City Council to provide a report detailing the provision of cycle facilities/paths in the Cabra, Glasnevin area with a specific focus of identifying safe cycle paths through and around the area and making recommendations for additional safe cycle lanes.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2008**

**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

**12 noon Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2008**

## CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at 2.30 p.m.

### MINUTES

- 3634** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2008  
**ORDER: Agreed.**
- 3635** Questions to the Area Manager  
**ORDER: Noted.**
- 3636** With reference to Ballybough House  
**ORDER: Presentation noted. Regeneration needs to be prioritised – regular updates to be given to the Central Area Committee.**
- 3637** With reference to nominations for the Mater Campus Hospital Development Forum  
**ORDER: Deferred to May meeting pending confirmation that all the members will be invited to the Forum. Letter to be sent to the Mater Hospital Campus Development Ltd.**

### Planning and Development Matters

- 3638** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper  
**ORDER: Report Noted.**
- 3639** With reference to the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report  
**ORDER: Report Noted. Requested that a full list of sites in the Central Area be included in the quarterly report.**
- 3640** With reference to the procedure for making an addition/deletion to/from the Record of protected structures  
**ORDER: Members requested that generally final reports from planning should be referred back to the Area Committee before being considered by the City Council. Further report from Planning for the next meeting.**
- 3641** With reference to Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of 37 Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9.  
**ORDER: Agreed to initiate procedure.**
- 3642** With reference to Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Rose Cottage, Ordnance Survey Road, Phoenix Park.  
**ORDER: Agreed to initiate procedure.**
- 3643** With reference to Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Deerkeeper's Lodge, Venison House & Stables, Phoenix Park, Dublin 7  
**ORDER: Agreed to initiate procedure.**
- 3644** With reference to Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of Kavanagh's Public House, 1 Prospect Square, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.  
**ORDER: Agreed to initiate procedure.**
- 3645** With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Licence of the building at Dorset Street Flat Complex to St Mary's Club.  
**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**3646**                    **Planning Applications**

**Application No:** 1779/08

**Applicant:** Patrick Rooney & Associates Architects, The Mill, Greenmount Ind. Estate,  
Harold's Cross, Dublin 12.

**Location:** 17-19, Moore Lane, Fronting Onto Parnell Street, Dublin 1

**Proposal:** The development will consist of a 16 storey over basement development totalling 6657.1m<sup>2</sup>. Comprising 542.6m<sup>2</sup> nett of retail use within ground and basement level ESB substation and associated bin stores and service areas, 4413.0m<sup>2</sup> nett floor area of office space on first to fifteenth floor, with associated rooftop plant.

**Registered Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

**ORDER: Application invalid. Presentation cancelled.**

**Community, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**

**3647** With reference to Public Library Events for April, 2008 in the Central Area and Citywide

**ORDER: Report noted.**

**Housing, Social and Residential Services Matters**

**3648** With reference to a Housing Maintenance Voids report in the Central Area

**ORDER: Report noted. The members requested that future reports do not include voids pending demolition, to enable a more accurate picture to be given. They also requested that a timescale be given with each void as to when it will be returned to stock.**

**Roads & Traffic Department Matters**

**3649** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

**ORDER: Report noted.**

**The following items were also raised under this heading**

**3649(a) Report on Reilly's Bridge circulated – to be discussed at next meeting**

**3649(b) Provision of Double yellow lines at Montpelier Drive to be expedited.**

**3650(c) DeBurgh Road to be re-examined for Pay and Display.**

**3649(d) Arbour Hill Traffic Scheme to be examined.**

**Central Area Matters**

**3650** With reference to a proposal for the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the side of No.s 34 and 35 Fairfield Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3

**ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.**

**3651** With reference to Naming of new road and commercial developments at 13-16 Foley Street & 38, 38A, 39B, 40-45 Talbot Street, Dublin 1

**ORDER: Agreed.**

**3652** With reference to taking in charge of Lagan Road, Barrow Road and Bann Road, Dublin Industrial Estate, Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

**ORDER: Report noted.**

- 3653** Updates on the following:  
Environmental Services Unit  
NEIC IAP  
North West Area (including HARP)  
Housing Issues-North East Inner City  
Housing Issues- North West Inner City  
**ORDER: Reports noted.**

**A.O.B**

- 3653(a)** With reference to 51 Middle Abbey Street – proposed premises for the Anna Livia Project  
**ORDER: Members requested that a member of the Health Service Executive be invited to the next meeting of the Central Area Committee to discuss the funding of the project.**
- 3653(b)** With reference to Irish Rail  
**ORDER: Members requested that Irish Rail to be invited to the next meeting to discuss level of service to Central Area**
- 3653(c)** With reference to the variation proposal for site of North Strand Fire Station  
**ORDER: To be examined and brought back to the Central Area Committee for update.**

**Motions**

- 3654** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**  
That the Area Manager provide a report on the status of plans to upgrade Reilly’s Bridge.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3655** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**  
That the Area Manager provide a report to have trees pruned outside 10 Claremont Lawns, Glasnevin.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3656** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**  
That the Area Manager provide a report on the status of the laneway behind Connaught Street, Dublin 7.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3657** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**  
That the Area Manager provide a report on planning enforcement measures taken in the Central Area in relation to the widening of driveways without the benefit of planning permission.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3658** **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O’Shea**  
To ask the Area Manager to provide a report on the practice of providing signage at certain pedestrian crossings indicating that the crossing is also a designated crossing area for cyclists. In particular to ask the Manager to indicate the number of such dual crossing areas in existence and the criteria used to determine when to allow such dual usage of the crossing.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3659** **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees that it receives a report on a regular basis from the HSE regarding any development in the Mater Hospital site.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

- 3660 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees to call on the Gaelic Athletic Association to give advance warning to the community in relation to any additional concerts or events at Croke Park.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3661 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**  
That this Committee agrees where possible that Dublin City Council personnel respond to all representations made by public reps.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3662 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Area Committee calls for the park benches to be reinstalled in John Paul Park.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3663 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Area Committee calls for cycle lanes to be installed on Fassaugh Avenue.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3664 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Area Committee agrees that Dublin Bus be asked to allow passengers board the 120/121/122 buses at the stop on Middle O'Connell Street. This is currently a set-down only stop.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3665 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
That this Area Committee calls for railings to be installed at the traffic lights outside Gael Scoil Barra to stop cars parking at this location and to provide extra safety for people crossing the road.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3666 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**  
To ask the Manager to report what the redevelopment plans are for Precious Blood Church and what date building will commence.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3667 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**  
To ask the Area Manager if the derelict house at 38/40 Merchants Road, East Wall which was the scene of a fire earlier in the year has been secured front and rear; if the owner can be held accountable for this work as the house with open rear access from a closed off laneway is the source of anti-social activities.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3668 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**  
To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange to have applications for exempted developments which are not publicly advertised with site notice etc – particularly where they involve a significant change of use from a long standing family home in a terrace of houses mainly occupied by elderly residents – be brought to the attention of local representatives other than through the weekly planning list where they can be easily missed and if the Planning Officer will be asked to make a report on any such current application for change of use under exempted development in the Central Area.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

- 3669 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**  
That a further report be made on the impasse between residents and City Council officials on the commitment given by Dublin City Council to allow the residents to employ their own contractor to improve the façade of their homes and that this commitment be acted on.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3670 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**  
That appropriated outdoor lighting be acquired and installed to light up the statue of Our Lady at Fassaugh Avenue, Dublin 7 in view of the inadequate and unsuitable lighting that has been installed to date but never worked.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3671 Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**  
To state if the long standing commitment to re-position the new public lights and add 1 additional light standard on the stretch of the Royal Canal at the rear of Richmond Crescent, Dublin 1 at Summerhill Parade, Dublin 1 has yet been acted on; and if not; can a timescale be given for its completion.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3672 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**  
That the Manager agrees to undertake a programme for the renewal of the Manor Street/Stoneybatter/Oxmantown area which would include a comprehensive street cleaning programme, and a planting programme for the planters and trees in the area, repair to the footpaths/surfaces, initiate and anti-dog litter campaign and a graffiti removal programme.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3673 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**  
That the Manager report on what money the OPW has made or will make available to replace the wall at Tolka Road as part of flood protection measures.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3674 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**  
That the Manager report on the proposed hostel at Clonliffe Road, if the applicant has applied for the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government capital assistance scheme and if a grant has been awarded and if so how much, and what consultation has taken place with the local community, and if planning permission will be required.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3675 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**  
That the City Council pays tribute and gives appropriate recognition to the brave actions of the Romanian man who rescued a person from drowning in the Liffey recently.  
**ORDER: Councillor Costello to provide name of individual to enable contact to be made with Romanian Embassy. Motion Agreed.**
- 3676 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**  
That the Manager makes provision for the boardwalk on the Liffey to be used for the exhibition and sale of paintings by local artists.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3677 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**  
That the Manager clarify postering arrangements in the city for the forthcoming referendum in June.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

- 3678 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**  
That the City Council liaise with the HSE to ensure that all homeless people receive medical cards they are entitled to.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3679 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**  
That steps be taken to ensure that the homeless facility at Abbey Street be funded so that it can provide much needed facilities for the many homeless people in the Central Area.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3680 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**  
That the Manager report on the number of times the Port Tunnel has been closed for safety/maintenance and what plans he has to ensure that it operates efficiently for the future.  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**
- 3681 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**  
That the Manager liaise with the Gardai to ensure that when cars are burnt out in the Sheriff Street area that they are lifted immediately and not left lying for the weekend  
**ORDER: Report to Councillor.**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr. Christy Burke (Chairperson)**  
**Cllr. Emer Costello**  
**Cllr. Aodhán Ó’ Ríordáin**  
**Cllr. Maurice Ahern**  
**Cllr. Tom Stafford**  
**Cllr. Mary O’Shea**  
**Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick**  
**Cllr. Seamas McGrattan**  
**Cllr. Mick Rafferty**

**Apologies: Cllr. Brendan Carr**

#### **Officials**

**Charlie Lowe, Area Manager, Central Area**  
**Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**  
**Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area**  
**Nicci Nolan, Executive Planner, Conservation Section**  
**John Murphy, Deputy City Senior Planner, Planning Department**  
**Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, NEIC**  
**Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, NEIC**  
**John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area**  
**Bernard Lester, Executive Engineer, Traffic Division**  
**Alec Dundon, Executive Engineer, Traffic Division**  
**Cathy Cassidy, A/Senior Staff Officer, Central Area Office**

**Councillor Christy Burke**  
**Chairperson**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008**

**Question to Area Manager**  
**Central Area Committee**  
**Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2008**

**Q1 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if CCTV would be installed at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

The Area Housing Manager reports that at the last meeting with the residents of **details supplied** on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 a request was made to have CCTV installed in the complex. This request is currently under being examined.

**Q2 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager when will the security door be replaced at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

A number of the access control systems were vandalised in the **details supplied** complexes some time ago. There were some difficulty in securing parts to carry out repairs but the parts did arrive last month and a number of the doors were repaired. However, not all of the materials arrived together and the contractor is currently awaiting a further delivery of parts before repairs can be carried out to the remaining doors. It should also be noted that further door control systems were vandalised while the contractor was awaiting the original order and this has resulted in some of the delays. We have been assured that as soon as these parts arrive the repairs will be undertaken.

**Q3 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager to assure this Councillor that any gates at **details supplied** be made to secure the future.

**Reply:**

The Area Housing Manager reports that a new lock was fitted to the entrance gate of the above complex. The gate was also fitted with a new spring mechanism to ensure that the gate automatically closes when anyone has left the complex. This new system has being well received by the residents in the complex.

**Q4 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager that every effort be made by Dublin City Council to investigate the minority who are setting fire to cars and carry anti-social behaviour at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

All efforts will be made to identify the individuals involved in this behaviour and, if they are Dublin City Council tenants, appropriate action, up to and including eviction proceedings will be undertaken. However, it should be noted that no Dublin City Council tenants, or members of their household, have been identified as being involved in this behaviour so far. It is disappointing that limited information is received from local residents as to who the perpetrators may be.

**Q5 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager to review the car parking of unauthorised personnel at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

The Area Housing Manager reports that the car parking in the above complex is monitored and enforced by Nationwide Control Parking Systems (NCPS) on behalf of Dublin City Council. Should any resident be aware of a car being illegally parked in the complex they can contact Gareth Rowan, Estate Manager on Tel. 2222989 or NCPS directly on 01-6349805.

**Q6 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager what progress is being made regarding **details supplied**

**Reply:**

Circle Housing Association applied for and was granted planning permission for the re-development of details supplied. An appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and its decision is expected in May 2008.

**Q7 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to provide dog litter signs at **details supplied**

**Reply:**

As part of the Litter Management Plan it is proposed to increase the amount of dog bins in the city. Dog bins are erected at entrances to Parks and it is not proposed to erect dog bins in suburban housing estates. At present Dublin City Council are considering the possibility of erecting dog bins at green areas and walkways in the city that have a high footfall.

**Q8 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a new green bin to be supplied to **details supplied** to replace the bin that was stolen and burnt out some time ago.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have a new green bin to be supplied at the above address. This will be delivered in two weeks time.

**Q9 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to have the wall at **details supplied** repaired and the boundary made secure by increasing the height of the wall.

**Reply:**

The section of wall in question has been in situ for many years and while it is in a satisfactory condition and serves as an adequate boundary between the public laneway and the park, its present construction will not accommodate any addition in height. The existing wall would have to be demolished, removed from the site and a new wall constructed to allow for an increase in height as a cost exceeding €100,000. This Division is of the opinion that an increase in the wall at this location is not necessary and that the development of the wall is cost prohibitive in that the existing wall is serving as an adequate boundary. This Division is aware that there are concerns regarding alleged anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the laneway/park, however past inspections have failed to identify these occurrences to date.

In an effort to control access to the Park via the public laneway this Division has offered to make a contribution towards the installation of gates at the entrance to the laneway off **details supplied**. To date this Division has had no firm response to the proposal.

**Q10 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to have the trees outside **details supplied** removed to help counteract anti-social behaviour.

**Reply:**

The shrubs at the rear wall of **details supplied** provide a noise barrier from the nearby Finglas Dual Carriageway and conceal a tall grey wall. When the site was examined there was no great evidence of anti-social behaviour however an unacceptable amount of litter was encountered which will be removed. Accordingly this Division is not in favour of removing the shrubs at this location.

The District Parks Officer for the Central Area, Mr. Ed Bowden (Ph: 01-8300833) will meet with the residents to discuss concerns on this if required.

**Q11 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to issue a report on conducting a ballot of residents on **details supplied** in relation to the proposed introduction of a permit parking scheme.

**Reply:**

Provision of a permit parking scheme will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee meeting.

**Q12 Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to have the pavement on **details supplied** resurfaced.

**Reply:**

The footpath on (details supplied) is generally in good condition. Localised repairs will be made outside No's 7 and 15 within the next 6-8 weeks.

Repairs to the failed utility trench on the footpath on (details supplied), outside No.120, will be made within the next 6-8 weeks. The remainder of the footpath is in reasonable condition, and Roads Maintenance do not propose to carry out further work at this location.

**Q13 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager when windows will be installed at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

New timber double glazed windows will be installed in this dwelling within the next four weeks.

**Q14 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager to have the carriageway on **details supplied** repaired beside the junction with the (details supplied).

**Reply:**

The carriageway of (details supplied) will be repaired within the next 6-8 weeks.

**Q15 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager to have the trees at the back of **details supplied** pruned before they start to bloom as they are blocking the light for residents.

**Reply:**

The trees in question have been scheduled for pruning over the coming weeks.

**Q16 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager to start proceedings to have the laneway blocked off at **details supplied** as it is a source of anti-social behaviour.

**Reply:**

The laneway referred to is not a public laneway but forms part of the adjoining house, it is the side entrance to this house which gives access to the rear of the dwelling.

**Q17 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager to contact Irish Rail in relation to the **details supplied** to see if the site could be used to benefit the community in some way.

**Reply:**

The Central Area has referred this matter to Irish Rail and a letter will issue to the Councillor on receipt of a reply from Irish Rail.

**Q18 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the Manager to have the public lighting examined at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

Upgrading of the lighting on the Road and Drive will be considered, in the context of finances available, for inclusion in our 2009 Programme of Improvement Works.

We consider the current lighting levels on the Avenue, Court, Park and Walk to be to an acceptable standard and have no plans at present for any further improvements.

**Q19 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager why **details supplied** has been deferred and changed; to review this matter given the relatively small amount of work and finance involved and to implement the Residents request in full.

**Reply:**

A number of issues which have to be addressed prior to any refurbishment (some of which are outside the direct control of DCC), are as follows:

**The Road Closure**

The section of carriageway which makes up the square has to be closed off - a road closure procedure will have to be initiated. Previously a road closure request had

been made to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) however their engineers recommended that prior to making this step (full road closure) a no entry system should be initiated to determine the effect of reduced access on local residents and commuters rat-running through the area. The Traffic Department have now been requested a review the efficacy of the no entry system, and to investigate the impact of the possible road closure which would allow us to proceed with the design and consultation phase of any programme of this nature.

### **The Consultation Phase**

If the TAG recommends a road closure then a plebiscite will be carried out in the locality. A number of premises face directly out onto the square. The owners of these premises, along with others affected, will have to be included in the consultation phase. It is important, at this stage to recognise that the closure will effectively cut off direct vehicular access to a number of properties, which may or may not have other implications for the owners. If, as a result of the consultation phase, the closure can be finalised we would then be into the design phase

### **The Design Phase**

The design phase is a detailed mechanical and engineering design to include levels, detailed measurements, any drainage issues and other services which may be affected (electricity, water, etc). It also determines the materials to be used. After design comes procurement and works.

### **The Procurement and Works Stage**

This is the phase which determines the cost which is dependant on the quotes we get back from interested contractors (DCC does not have a direct labour option for these sort of works). If the costs are within the budget available we will proceed with the works programme.

#### **Q20 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if the bannisters have / will be replaced at **details supplied** similar to work that has been carried out in adjoining flats.

#### **Reply:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has inspected the bannisters at this dwelling. One of the metal bannisters requires repair, which can be carried out immediately. However the tenant wishes to have the current metal bannisters replaced with new timber bannisters. This work will be carried out within the next eight to ten weeks.

#### **Q21 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Manager if the survey work requested in Question 2 of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 has yet commenced and if not when the work will start.

#### **Reply:**

This matter is currently being investigated by the Housing Maintenance Section and the Roads Maintenance Division with a view to determining the cause of the subsidence as no useful purpose would be served in renewing the cobblelock without dealing with the underlying problem. When the problem is identified and rectified the cobblelock will be renewed.

#### **Q22 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange to have the press under the wash hand basin at **details supplied** repaired as soon as possible.

**Reply:**

The kitchen press in this dwelling will be repaired within the next two weeks.

**Q23 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if the draft designs for the **details supplied** is available to be viewed and if so if he will make a photocopy available.

**Reply:**

The QBNPO is currently developing options for Bus Priority Enhancement Measures for the **details supplied**. As part of the design process the existing and future land use and transportation patterns along the corridor are being analysed. Scheme option drawings are currently being developed the proposed schemes will then go through the normal consultation and approval processes.

**Q24 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the surveyor calls to **details supplied** and that the work is expedited for the provision of a shower for long standing tenant who is suffering from serious cancer.

**Reply:**

This dwelling has been forwarded for survey for the installation of a level access shower. If feasible this work will be issued to a private contractor for completion.

**Q25 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the area at **details supplied** is cleaned on a regular basis and to state the cleaning schedule for this area.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the Pedestrian access to Estate beside details supplied, cleaned on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. This area is cleaned once a week and Waste Management Services will monitor the cleaning of this area.

**Q26 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager to survey speeds at **details supplied** and to come up with traffic calming proposals for this area.

**Reply:**

**Details supplied** is a main strategic east - west road linking Finglas Road and Ratoath Road with high traffic volumes including good vehicles. In recent years a number of traffic management measures were introduced on the road to improve safety for all road users including the provision of footpaths and inbound and outbound bus lanes

Any provision of traffic calming on the road is likely to generate noise in the area and is not recommended at this time. Also, as it is a bus route, only speed cushions could be provided and these will not reduce speeds on the road considerably.

**Q27 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager to raise the fence at **details supplied** as children are trespassing into gardens.

**Reply:**

**Details supplied** is not Dublin City Council property. It is private property and therefore Dublin City Council are unable to carry out the work requested.

**Q28 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager to have the laneways at **details supplied (1)** resurfaced and to inspect the condition of the lane which was recently resurfaced **details supplied (2)**.

**Reply:**

- 1) Road Maintenance personnel will inspect the condition of this laneway and any works that are deemed necessary will be carried out. (due to budget constraints laneways are not prioritised for resurfacing works)
- 2) Isolated "potholes" were filled in with Asphalt. Some of these repairs are "unravelling" at the edges but these repairs will last as there is very little vehicular traffic in this laneway

**Q29 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager if he will install CCTV at **details supplied** to deal with increasing reports of anti-social behaviour and to state when the building will commence there.

**Reply:**

A limited number of incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported at this location and are being monitored by the local Area Office. There are no plans presently to install CCTV cameras at this location or any other older persons schemes. It is anticipated that the works will be tendered in May 2008 and commence on site in September 2008 for the new development.

**Q30 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Area Manager to alter the traffic light sequence at **details supplied**

**Reply:**

This matter will be referred to the ITS Section for examination and a direct reply to the councillor.

**Q31 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to state if he will replace the windows at **details supplied** and report if the developer can be made responsible for their replacement.

**Reply:**

The flat complexes in this area were refurbished in recent years and are not in need of window replacement. If the Councillor wishes to identify a specific address or addresses the Area Maintenance Officer will carry out an inspection of these windows and make a recommendation in relation to replacement.

**Q32 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to survey **details supplied (1)** for pay and display parking and to state if controls can be put on the nearby **details supplied (2)** who are parking cars on the neighbouring road.

**Reply:**

Provision of a permit parking scheme on **details supplied (1)** will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee meeting.

During a number of site visits in 2007, no problems were noted with cars blocking the entrance to **details supplied (1)** or causing an obstruction. During the visit the Traffic Engineer outlined the concerns to **details supplied (2)** and also mentioned the issue to a local Community Garda. As double yellow lines already exist outside the footway, no further traffic measures are recommended

**Q33 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager:-

- a) when the resurfacing of **details supplied** promised in 2007 and included in the Works Programme will take place
- b) What the outcome of the permit parking ballot was and when it will be introduced
- c) If there are plans to plant trees
- d) If the Manager will state if plans have been drawn up in relation to the open space at **details supplied**

**Reply:**

a) Both of these schemes will be overlaid within 8 weeks.

b) Residents on **details supplied (b)** voted in favour of introduction of a permit parking / pay and display parking scheme with hours of operation Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm. This will be introduced in May approximately following the works to the road.

c) & d) The Parks Division had a look at this area and are of the opinion that it is in poor condition and requires a total revamp with a view to drafting up a precinct renewal proposal, of which landscaping could form one element.

This would be entirely dependent on funding and availability of resources to draw up a viable proposal.

There are no plans to plant trees on details supplied (A, B, C).

**Q34 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to state his plans for **details supplied**, to state when the works will be carried out and if the finance for the resurfacing of the road could be found in this years budget.

**Reply:**

The surface of this street has been inspected and it is considered that the surface is a) "safe" b) the existing carriageway was constructed with concrete and at a later date it was overlaid with a "thin bituminous material". It is not envisaged that any resurfacing works will be carried out on this street within the foreseeable future having regard to the current level of funding for Roads Maintenance.

**Q35 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the laneway at **details supplied** is lit as it is used regularly as a pedestrian thoroughfare and is dangerously dark.

**Reply:**

Installation of an additional light at **details supplied** will be considered for inclusion in our 2009 Programme of Improvement Works subject to finances made available.

**Q36 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to resurface **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

This road will be resurfaced within 8/10 weeks as part of the 2008 works programme.

**Q37 Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain.**

To ask the Manager to remove the graffiti from **details supplied**

**Reply:**

The Graffiti Removal Section has listed this graffiti to be cleaned. This work will be carried out within the next fortnight.

**Q38 Councillor Aodhain O'Riordain.**

To ask the Manager when the extended double yellow lines will be put down at **details supplied**.

**Reply:**

This will be introduced in the summer following the required statutory process including consulting with the Garda Commissioner.

**Q39 Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

That the Manager provide an update on **details supplied** as the problems of anti-social behaviour are recurring as the site is no longer secure, and if the site has been entered on the list of derelict sites, and if in the absence of the site being developed Dublin City Council could CPO the land.

**Reply:**

It is assumed that the Councillor is referring to **details supplied**. Both sites are derelict and are entered on the Derelict Sites Register.  
It is understood that these properties are being sold and that there are court proceedings pending to resolve a legal issue that has arisen.  
I have contacted the Superintendent at Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station with regard to anti-social social behaviour.  
It is not intended to acquire the property by Compulsory Purchase Order at this stage.

**Q40 Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain.**

That the Manager ensure that the houses at **details supplied** are placed on the list of derelict sites as they have been derelict for over a decade.

**Reply:**

These sites were entered on the Derelict Sites Register in 2004 and subsequent to

their entry sufficient work was done to render them non derelict and they were removed from the Register in November, 2004.

The sites were re- inspected on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 and they have deteriorated. The owners will be written to again under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 and unless their appearance is significantly improved formal action will be taken under the Act.

**Q41 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain.**

That the Manager put down bus markings at **details supplied**

**Reply:**

Introduction of bus stops including signage and road markings is a matter for Dublin Bus and the matter has now been referred to them.

**Motions to the City Manager**  
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**Item 3654**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Area Manager provide a report on the status of plans to upgrade Reilly's Bridge.

**Report**

A report on this matter will be circulated at today's meeting. It is intended that the Senior Engineer, Traffic Division will attend the May meeting of the Committee to hear the views of the members following their consideration of the report over the coming weeks.

**Item 3655**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Area Manager provide a report to have trees pruned outside 10 Claremont Lawns, Glasnevin.

**Report**

The trees on this road are small mountain ash. The tree outside No. 10 is no more than 25 foot tall with a narrow crown and contains a number of bird feeders. Given the size of this tree and the off road large garden frontage it is not considered that the tree requires pruning at present.

**Item 3656**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Area Manager provide a report on the status of the laneway behind Connaught Street, Dublin 7.

**Report**

The laneway in question and associated entrances are not in charge of the City Council.

**Item 3657**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

That the Area Manager provide a report on planning enforcement measures taken in the Central Area in relation to the widening of driveways without the benefit of planning permission.

**Report**

Where a complaint is received by the Planning Department alleging that an access to the front of a property has been recently widened enforcement action is taken to secure the reinstatement of the front boundary. The procedure is to issue a warning letter under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 followed by an Enforcement Notice under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. If the Councillor has any concerns with regard to a specific address she would like us to investigate she can contact John Downey directly in the Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council at 2225170.

**Item 3658**

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to provide a report on the practice of providing signage at certain pedestrian crossings indicating that the crossing is also a designated crossing area for cyclists. In particular to ask the Manager to indicate the number of such dual crossing areas in existence and the criteria used to determine when to allow such dual usage of the crossing.

### **Report**

The sign referred to is part of a 'toucan crossing' which allows pedestrians and pedal cyclists to cross a road at the same time though the provision of a green pedal cycle as well as a 'green man'. These are used at a number of locations around the city where it is considered that cyclists are particularly vulnerable. They are provided to assist cyclist crossing at a particular location and to improve safety for young cyclists. Where they are used a wider crossing width is provided.

### **Item 3659**

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees that it receives a report on a regular basis from the HSE regarding any development in the Mater Hospital site.

### **Report**

This matter will be taken up with the HSE if the members agree the terms of the motion.

### **Item 3660**

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees to call on the Gaelic Athletic Association to give advance warning to the community in relation to any additional concerts or events at Croke Park.

### **Report**

This matter will be taken up with the Gaelic Athletic Association if the members agree the terms of the motion.

### **Item 3661**

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee agrees where possible that Dublin City Council personnel respond to all representations made by public reps.

### **Report**

It is the policy of the Central Area that responses to representations from Councillors be made within two working days after receipt of the initial request, or failing that (due to time needed to collate a fully informed response), to respond to the representation explaining the delay and outlining a practical response time.

### **Item 3662**

### **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for the park benches to be reinstalled in John Paul Park.

### **Report**

The park benches are to be installed within the next two weeks.

### **Item 3663**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for cycle lanes to be installed on Fassaugh Avenue.

### **Report**

Dublin City Council has developed a Strategic Cycle network across the whole city, which outlines the key routes for cyclists in the city. In recent years this has provided focus for the introduction of cycling facilities in the city. As Fassaugh Avenue is not on the cycle network and as the volume of pedal cycles on the road is low, a cycle track is not recommended at this time.

### **Item 3664**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee agrees that Dublin Bus be asked to allow passengers board the 120/121/122 buses at the stop on Middle O'Connell Street. This is currently a set-down only stop.

### **Report**

This matter will be taken up with Dublin Bus if the members agree to the terms of the motion.

### **Item 3665**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

That this Area Committee calls for railings to be installed at the traffic lights outside Gael Scoil Barra to stop cars parking at this location and to provide extra safety for people crossing the road.

### **Report**

This will be examined by the Area Traffic Team and a reply issued directly to the councillor.

### **Item 3666**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Manager to report what the redevelopment plans are for Precious Blood Church and what date building will commence.

### **Report**

The proposal for the redevelopment at the Precious Blood Church which includes 40 new older person's units and a Community facility was submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in December 2007 and a response has not been received to date. Therefore it is not possible to give an indicative timeframe for the commencement of works on site.

### **Item 3667**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if the derelict house at 38/40 Merchants Road, East Wall which was the scene of a fire earlier in the year has been secured front and rear; if the owner can be held accountable for this work as the house with open rear access from a closed off laneway is the source of anti-social activities.

### **Report**

An inspection carried out to the front of this site by the Derelict Sites Section on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 revealed that these sites are in a row of terraced houses. The front of these sites are not considered to be derelict within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. There is an access laneway to the rear of this terrace of houses and the gateway is locked. A meeting took place on site with a key holder on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 but the key holder was unable to open the lock on that date. An arrangement has been made with the key holder to change the locks as soon as possible and when this is done an inspection will be carried out at the rear of these sites and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor directly.

### **Item 3668**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange to have applications for exempted developments which are not publicly advertised with site notice etc – particularly where they involve a significant change of use from a long standing family home in a terrace of houses mainly occupied by elderly residents – be brought to the attention of local representatives other than through the weekly planning list where they can be easily missed and if the Planning Officer will be asked to make a report on any such current application for change of use under exempted development in the Central Area.

### **Report**

The layout of the weekly planning list is being reviewed to ensure that all '*Section 5 – applications for declarations on exempted development*' are clearly set out in consecutive order to ensure ease of reference for information purposes.  
Current applications for Declaration of exempted development under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 are;  
0066/08 81 Clonliffe Road.

### **Item 3669**

#### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

That a further report be made on the impasse between residents and City Council officials on the commitment given by Dublin City Council to allow the residents to employ their own contractor to improve the façade of their homes and that this commitment be acted on.

### **Report**

In June 2004, Dublin City Council agreed to upgrade the front of nos. 31 to 43 Annesley Avenue, to blend in with the new housing development on the opposite side of the street.

Work commenced in April 2006 when a sub-contractor specialising in conservation work was appointed to clean the brickwork. The cleaning operation involved the removal of one hundred years of grime and paint. It brought to light several defects including sand and cement pointing, damaged brickwork and water staining from leaking gutters. After consultation, it was agreed that the front elevation should be re-pointed and that the defective gutters should be replaced and a sealer applied later when the brickwork has dried out.

After repointing, in May 2006, some residents complained about the quality of the work but the specialist contractor advised that "flush pointing" with lime-mortar was appropriate for conservation reasons. In November 2006 new gutters were installed on half the terrace and in

March 2007 the installation was completed. In June 2007, the contractor carried out snagging work on nos 35 & 36 Annesley Avenue.

Some of the residents made a request that “tuck-pointing” be used on the properties. However, the advice that has been given to the Council is that “flush pointing” is more appropriate.

The Council now wishes to proceed with the rest of the snagging work and sealing of the brickwork.

Dublin City Council has not entered into any commitment regarding the employment of a contractor by the residents of Annesley Avenue. The Council is satisfied that the outstanding snagging work and sealing of the brickwork can be completed by the Contractor engaged for that purpose.

#### **Item 3670**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

That appropriate outdoor lighting be acquired and installed to light up the statue of Our Lady at Fassagh Avenue, Dublin 7 in view of the inadequate and unsuitable lighting that has been installed to date but never worked.

##### **Report**

The light fitting on Our Lady’s Statue, Fassagh Avenue, Cabra, Dublin 7 is an interior fitting and is not suitable for the outdoor location it is in. As a result any time the lamp has been replaced it has only lasted till the first shower of rain. We will source a suitable outdoor fitting and have it installed.

#### **Item 3671**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To state if the long standing commitment to re-position the new public lights and add 1 additional light standard on the stretch of the Royal Canal at the rear of Richmond Crescent, Dublin 1 at Summerhill Parade, Dublin 1 has yet been acted on; and if not; can a timescale be given for its completion.

##### **Report**

Public Lighting services had made a commitment in the past to reposition the lighting located between Russell Street Bridge and Dorset Street Bridge. While this commitment has since been fulfilled, we are unaware of any other commitment made regarding repositioning of lights between Russell Street Bridge and Summerhill Parade.

#### **Item 3672**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager agrees to undertake a programme for the renewal of the Manor Street/Stoneybatter/Oxmantown area which would include a comprehensive street cleaning programme, and a planting programme for the planters and trees in the area, repair to the footpaths/surfaces, initiate and anti-dog litter campaign and a graffiti removal programme.

##### **Report**

The Manager will contact the various departments to identify where improvements can be made and will revert to the Councillor in due course.

#### **Item 3673**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager report on what money the OPW has made or will make available to replace the wall at Tolka Road as part of flood protection measures.

##### **Report**

The OPW has provided funding to complete the works required for the River Tolka flood protection scheme. These works are nearing completion and a post construction assessment will be carried out this summer on the entire scheme. The scheme provides for the execution of infrastructure improvements as set out in various reports to the City Council in accordance with standards set by OPW the National Flood Management Agency. The OPW and DCC and their Consultants have examined the walls in the Tolka Road area and they are to the required height. They will be examined again in the summer as part of the post project review but it is not envisaged that their height should be increased as they currently meet the national standards for flood protection.

#### **Item 3674**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager report on the proposed hostel at Clonliffe Road, if the applicant has applied for the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government capital assistance scheme and if a grant has been awarded and if so how much, and what consultation has taken place with the local community, and if planning permission will be required.

##### **Report**

Stepping Stone Residential Care Limited who work with children between the ages of 12 and 18 are interested in accommodating children at this property according to their spokesperson. The funding for their proposal would be provided through the Health Services Executive.

This organisation should not be confused with Stepping Stone Voluntary Housing Association who provide accommodation for adults. Capital funding through the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is only provided for people over eighteen years of age and are in need of housing.

An application to use the premises to provide care for persons with an intellectual or physical disability or mental illness under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 has been lodged with the Planning Department by D and M Wright. A decision on this application is imminent.

Other than the role of the Planning and Development Department, Dublin City Council has no involvement in this matter.

#### **Item 3675**

##### **Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the City Council pays tribute and gives appropriate recognition to the brave actions of the Romanian man who rescued a person from drowning in the Liffey recently.

##### **Report**

It is a matter for the Committee to determine how this matter is progressed, but it may be appropriate to simply pass a motion paying tribute and notify the Romanian Embassy accordingly.

**Item 3676**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello**

That the Manager make provision for the boardwalk on the Liffey to be used for the exhibition and sale of paintings by local artists.

**Report**

Dublin City Council supports the provision for more space for public artists. However, it should be noted that there are issues to be taken into consideration, inter alia, health and safety issues (circulation space/crowd control), capacity of the boardwalk, casual trading/event trading licensing processes, etc.

An initial scoping meeting with the North Dublin Students & Artists League has already taken place to discuss the general concept of the proposal. The group has been advised that they should also consider other locations throughout the city that may be more suitable for this type of event.

Council officials are currently examining the proposal and a further meeting will be arranged with the group on completion of this examination.

A drawing of the proposed location, which was submitted by the group, is tabled at this meeting.

**Item 3677**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That the Manager clarify poster arrangement in the city for the forthcoming referendum in June.

**Report**

Posters should not be erected prior to the announcement of the referendum date and they must be removed (along with all ties) within 7 days after the referendum date. In keeping with the spirit of the posters protocol Dublin City Council would seek a commitment from all those concerned with the referendum to voluntarily agree not to place posters in Grafton Street, Henry Street and O’Connell Street.

**Item 3678**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That the City Council liaise with the HSE to ensure that all homeless people receive medical cards they are entitled to.

**Report**

This matter will be taken up with the HSE if the motion is passed.

**Item 3679**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That steps be taken to ensure that the homeless facility at Abbey Street be funded so that it can provide much needed facilities for the many homeless people in the Central Area.

**Report**

Work is ongoing in relation to the final preparation of this building for use as a drop-in service. The matter of the provision of funding by the Health Service Executive is ongoing.

**Item 3680**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**

That the Manager report on the number of times the Port Tunnel has been closed for safety/maintenance and what plans he has to ensure that it operates efficiently for the future.

**Report**

The operation and maintenance of the Dublin Port Tunnel was formally handed over from Dublin City Council to the National Roads Authority, on its opening to the public on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Accordingly Dublin City Council have no control or authority as to when or for what purpose the tunnel may be closed, by the National Roads Authority or their appointed Operator Contractor. The Dublin City Council DPT Project Office has received the following information from the tunnel operator. Since it opened and until the end of February 2008 the tunnel closed 97 times for unforeseen reasons, and 128 times as planned closures. These are closures of one or two bores and does not include lane closures.

**Item 3681**

**Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

That the Manager liaise with the Gardai to ensure that when cars are burnt out in the Sheriff Street area that they are lifted immediately and not left lying for the weekend.

**Report**

We have been in contact with Inspector Con O’ Halloran of Store Street Garda Station in relation to this matter. Details of our contractor’s number were forwarded to him in the event of him requiring to have a burnt out car removed from the Sheriff Street area over the weekend.

Development Department,  
Civic Offices.

May, 2008

**To: The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

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**With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the City Estate Premises at No. 1 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7 to Deborah Cope c/o Fitzpatrick Gallagher McEvoy Solicitors, Orby Chambers, 7 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7**

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Under Indenture of Lease dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1900, No. 7 Queen Street was demised to Mr. Thomas O'Rourke for a term of 150 years from 25<sup>th</sup> March 1899 subject to the yearly rent of €25.40, subsequently adjusted to €24.30.

Under Indenture of assignment dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 1979, a portion of No. 7 Queen Street that included the premises now known as No. 1 Coke Lane was assigned by Kathleen Wilson to Ellen Brady for the residue of the term of the lease dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 1900. Ellen Brady and her successors in title were indemnified against the payment of rent.

By way of further Indenture of Assignment dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 1979 Ellen Brady assigned her interest in No.1 Coke Lane to the applicant, Deborah Cope.

Deborah Cope has applied to Dublin City Council to purchase the fee simple in the above premises.

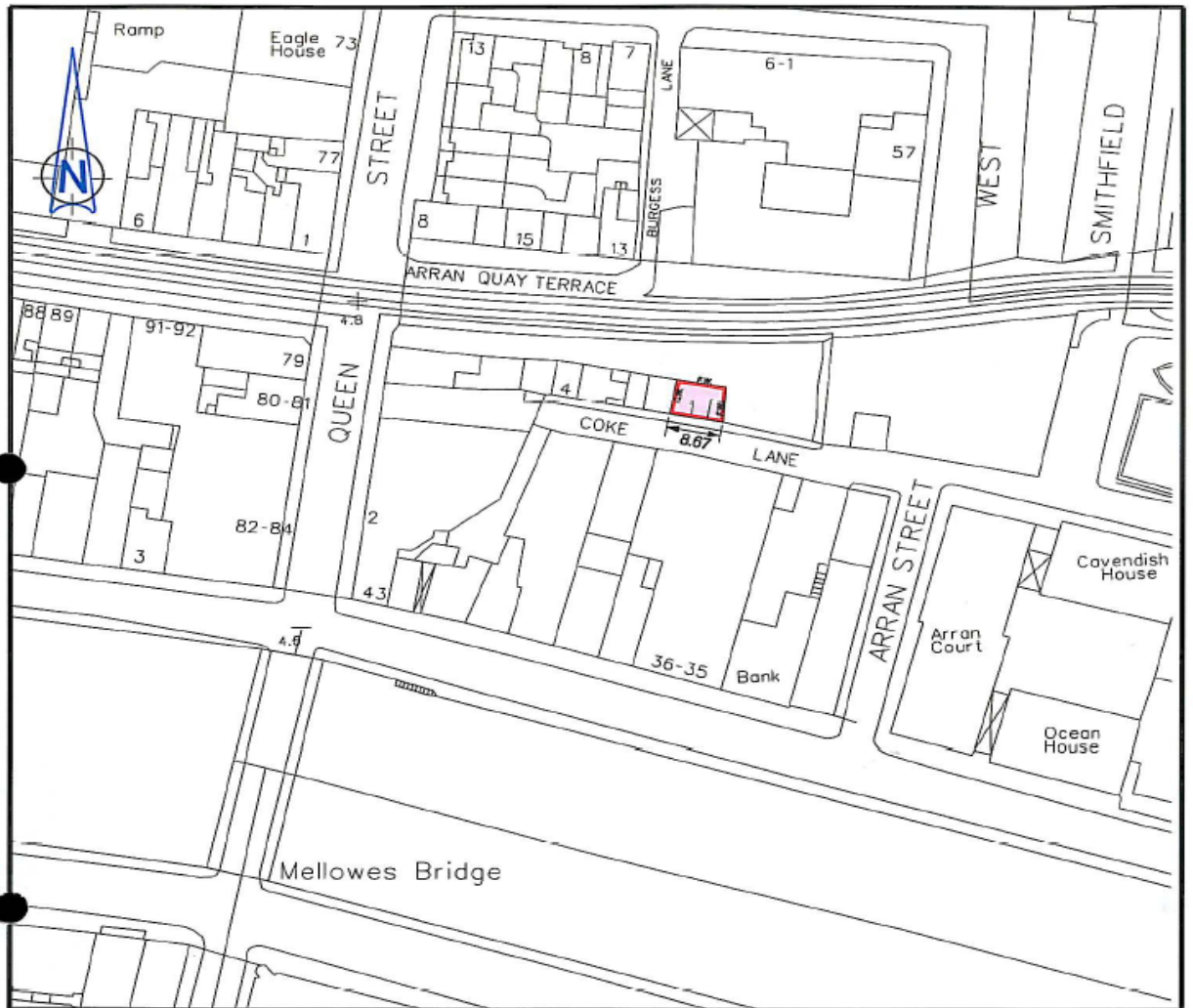
The Law Agent has advised that there is a statutory entitlement to purchase the fee simple.

It is proposed to dispose of Dublin City Council's interest in the premises known as No. 1 Coke Lane to Deborah Cope for the consideration of €1,250 and subject to terms and conditions.

**Declan Wallace**

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**Executive Manager.**



### Coke Lane – Premises No.1

Dublin City Council to Debbie Cope

Disposal of Fee Simple

Area: 53 sq m



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May, 2008

To the Chairman and Members of the Central Area Committee

**Re. Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of 49 Arbour Hill, Dublin 7.**



### **Introduction**

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to add 49 Arbour Hill, Dublin 7 to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

### **Request for Addition**

One submission was received from Nicki Matthews, Dublin City Council Conservation Officer requesting that this structure be considered for addition to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

### **Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition**

The applicant, who was then Dublin City Council's Conservation Officer, wrote an internal letter on 18 June 2002, recommending that 49 Arbour Hill be added to the RPS. She notes that she had inspected the property earlier that year and considered it worth of protection based on the architectural and historical interest identified in her report, attached to the request letter. She expressed concern that the owner of the building had removed the roof covering and the interior was at considerable risk at

that time. She noted that the owner was receptive to the building becoming a protected structure.

### **Dublin City Development Plan 2005 – 2011**

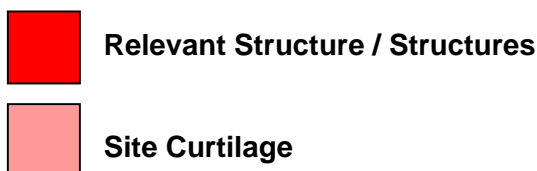
The area is Zone Z2, to protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas.

### **Planning History**

Ref No. 1273/04. Mr P Walsh makes a planning application for PLANNING PERMISSION for the following -Demolition of existing industrial Storage Building at 49F Arbour Hill. -Removal of the bay window in the gable of No. 49 and building up the opening. -The erection of 8 number1 bedroom, and 5 number 2 bedroom Apartments all with balconies, in a three and four storey building over a basement carpark, with vehicle access from Arbour Hill and pedestrian access from Arbour Terrace at 49-49F Arbour Hill and Arbour Terrace, Dublin 7 Decision: Granted Permission 23-Mar-2004. Appeal granted permission 23-Aug-2004

### **Site Location**

The building is located on a prominent site on the corner of Arbour Hill and Arbour Terrace, facing the rear part of the former Collins' Barracks.



### **Summary Description of Structure**

49 Arbour Hill is an end-of-terrace, two-bay, three-storey over basement, red brick building, with a single-bay, two-storey extension to the north. Both the main building and extension appear to have been built c.1820.

*Roof:* Hipped roof over main building with ridge running parallel to street; pitched roof to extension to north. Roof appears to have been recently raised above return to west. Pair of brick chimneystacks: one to main block and other to gable end of two-storey extension.

*Walls:* Red brick laid in Flemish bond to front façade. Modern render to rear façade.  
*Windows:* Brick flat-arched openings, rendered reveals and granite cills. Timber two-pane timber sash windows with some surviving early glazing. Modern timber casement windows to rear, with large round-headed timber stair window to return.  
*Doors:* Round-headed door opening with brick surround. Timber door architrave with scrolled brackets and plain glazed fanlight. Panelled solid timber front door.  
*Returns:* Three-storey return to rear containing staircase.  
*Extensions:* n/a

*Site:* The front site is bounded to the road by a low wall with painted metal railings. The entrance door is accessed from street level by a single flight of granite steps. The rear site is bounded by a high dark brick wall with a timber door set into it. A new apartment building is presently under construction immediately to the south and rear.  
*Floor plan:* Only first floor entrance hall visible during inspection: central entrance hall with staircase in return to rear and front and rear rooms off entrance hall to each side.

*Curtilage structures:* See 'site', above.

*Interior:* Only first floor entrance hall visible during inspection, but timber dog-leg staircase rising from ground to second floor was visible, as were a number of late eighteenth/early nineteenth century panelled timber doors. Nicki Matthews' report also refers to simple plaster cornices and decorative ceiling roses, a single flight of timber stairs to a basement, and sandstone tiles and early timber features in the basement. Some or all of these features may still survive.

### **Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000**

The structure is considered to be of special interest under the following heading:

1. *Architectural:* Streetscape: Number 49 closes the vista west along the northern part of Arbour Hill, and adds significantly to the surrounding streetscape by means of its scale and historic form.  
Interior: The building retains a number of early interior features such as a timber dogleg staircase and timber panelled doors and architraves. It may also retain plaster ceiling decoration and stone flooring to the basement.
2. *Historical:* The building is of historical interest for its survival as a large nineteenth century house which was detached when built, of which there are few, if any, other examples in the area, and for the fact that it was apparently once a large dairy, one of many within the area, which was close to the Dublin Cattle Market and many other agricultural industries.

### **Recommendation**

No. 49 Arbour Hill is considered to be of Architectural and Historical value within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. We therefore recommend that it be proposed for inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures.

**Patricia Hyde**  
**Senior Planner**

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2008**

***h ITS (Filter)***

**1 Dorset Street/Eccles Street, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Right Turn Filter from Dorset Street to Eccles Street.

Public Rep

**DocID:196240**

Not Recommended

A right turn filter would cause unacceptable delays to the operation of the QBC at this location.

***c Parking Prohibitions***

**2 Guildford Place, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Guildford Place northeast-side from North Strand Road southeast for 50m.

Business

**DocID:197109**

Recommended

**3 Shamrock Place, Dublin 1.**

Reps for Parking Restrictions on Shamrock Place.

Business

**DocID:197109**

Recommended

Double Yellow Lines: Southeast side from the north-eastern corner of Shamrock Place southwest to Shamrock Cottages (53m). From the south-western kerb of the northern entrance to James Larkin House, northeast for 20m and then northwest for 10m along Guildford Place. Northwestern side from a point 6m northeast of Shamrock Terrace, northeast for 12m. Single Yellow Line: Mon-Sat 10.30am to 4pm northwestern side from a point 18m northeast of Shamrock Terrace, northeast for 53m.

**4 Villa Park Gardens, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines/Clearway on Villa Park Gardens in vicinity of pedestrian laneway.

Public Rep

**DocID:194282**

Not Recommended

Double yellow lines at this location would inconvenience residents due to loss of available parking space.

**5 Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7.**

Extend Pay & Display/Permit Parking on Mountjoy Street.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:184058**

Recommended

Westside, from a point 5m north of Fontenoy Street, north for 12m. Westside from a point 7m north of Wellington Place north for 7m.

**6 Wigan Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Permit Parking on Wigan Road, Drumcondra.

Public Rep

**DocID:194295**

Not Recommended

During an on-site visit less than 80% occupancy of available parking space was observed.

**7 Iona Park, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Disabled Parking Bay on Iona Park.

Public Rep

**DocID:193935**

Recommended

Eastside from the common boundary of no.s 14/16 Iona Park south for 6m.

**8 Palmerston Place/Dominick Street Upper, Dublin 7.**

Reps for extension of Pay and Display and Permit Parking area on Palmerston Place.

Dublin City Council

**DocID:194626**

Recommended

Northwest side, from a point 5m northeast of Dominic Street northeast for 10m.

***b Traffic Conditions***

**9 Botanic Road/ Iona Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Yellow Box on Botanic Road at junction with Iona Road.

Public Rep

**DocID:194284**

Not Recommended

Extending the box to cover 3 lanes including the bus lane would interfere with the operation of the bus lane at this location.

Pay & Display/Permit Parking has been recommended at the following locations subject to the agreement of residents:

**1) Avondale Road, Dublin 7:**

- Eastside, from a point 13m south of the NCR, south for 21m.
- Eastside, from a point 4m south of Avondale Avenue, south for 67m.
- Westside, from a point 6m north of the northern entrance to Great Western Square, north for 25m.
- Westside, from a point 37m north of the northern entrance to Great Western Square, north for 19m.
- Westside, from a point 6m south of the northern entrance to Great Western Square, south for 46m.

Double Yellow Lines are recommended on Avondale Road as follows:

- Eastside, from the NCR south for 13m.
- Eastside, from Avondale Avenue north for 6m.
- Eastside, from Avondale Road, south for 4m.
- Eastside, from Leslie's Buildings west and then north to the shared boundary of Nos. 18/19 Avondale Road.
- Westside, from the northern entrance to Great Western Square, north for 6m.
- Westside, from a point 31m north of the northern entrance to Great Western Square, north for 6m.
- Westside from the NCR south for 5m (existing).
- Westside, from Great Western Square, south for 6m.
- Westside, from a point opposite the common boundary of Nos17/18 Avondale Road, south and then east to the southern entrance of Great Western Square (approx. 44m).

**2) Clonmore Road, Dublin 3:**

- Northeast side, from a point 6m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 28m.
- Northeast side, from a point 39m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 83m.
- Southwest side, from a point 6m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 27m.
- Southwest side, from a point 38m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 84m.

Double Yellow Lines :

- At the Junction of Ballybough Road and Clonmore Road 6m each side of road.
- Northeast side, from a point 34m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 5m.
- Southwest side, from a point 33m southeast of Ballybough Road, southeast for 5m.
- At the junction of Clonmore Road and Charlemount Parade, 6m each side of junction.

### **3) Leslie's Buildings, Dublin 7:**

- Westside, from a point 9m north of Avondale Road, north for 47m.
- Eastside, from a point 6m north of Avondale Road, north for 18m.
- Eastside, from a point 30m north of Avondale Road, north for 5m.
- Eastside, from a point 41m north of Avondale Road, north for 10m.

Double Yellow Lines are recommended on Leslie's Buildings as follows:

- Westside, from Avondale Road north for 9m.
- Eastside, from Avondale Road north for 6m.
- Eastside, from a point 24m north of Avondale Road, north for 6m.
- Eastside, from a point 35m north of Avondale Road, north for 6m.
- Eastside, from a point 51m north of Avondale Road, north for 5m.

**QUALITYBUSNETWORK  
PROJECT OFFICE**

**Report to  
Central Area Committee  
13th May 2008**

North Wall Quay  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT  
AND BUS PRIORITY SCHEME**



April 2008

## **1. Introduction**

The Quality Bus Network Project Office in conjunction with Dublin City Council has prepared the following report recommending the provision of bus priority and environmental improvement measures in the North Wall Quay area.

The North Wall Quay Environmental Improvement and Bus Priority Scheme includes:

Traffic Management Measures in the area around Busaras;  
Southbound Extension of the existing Bus Lane along Amiens Street;  
Environmental Improvement and Bus Priority Measures along Custom House Quay and North Wall Quay.

The area of Docklands around Custom House Dock, the IFSC and the Point is identified as an extension of the City Centre in the Docklands Masterplan and North Lotts Area Planning Scheme. The Transport Strategy (DTO Platform for Change) and Dublin Docklands Area Masterplan 2003 identify the need to achieve a high public transport mode share target for trips to/from the City Centre. This will relieve traffic congestion and ensure further sustainable growth of the region.

This scheme will create a more efficient link for regional and local buses, which operate between the City Centre and areas north of Dublin *via* the Dublin Port Tunnel (DPT). All public and private bus operators envisage further use of the DPT.

In addition to facilitate the access to Busaras, the proposed measures will enhance the recreational use of the northern Docklands campshires along the Liffey for the general public and provide better facilities for cyclists.

## **2. Existing Conditions**

The corridor North Wall Quay/ Custom House Quay is a major artery serving Dublin City Centre. It is a route to Dublin Port, the East Link Toll Bridge, the DPT and the Docklands area. Since the opening of the DPT, heavy commercial vehicle traffic volumes have reduced but congestion during the peak periods has still a significant detrimental effect on the environment in the area.

The area around Busaras (Amiens Street, Talbot Street, Talbot Place, Store Street, Beresford Place and Memorial Road) is strategic for vehicular transit and the Luas Red Line (Connolly to Tallaght).

### **2.1 Existing Traffic Conditions**

Amiens Street south of Talbot Street, southbound for approx. 95 m, has five traffic lanes: two general traffic lanes northbound; two general traffic lanes and a bus lane southbound.

Amiens Street, from approx. 95m south of Talbot Street to Memorial Road, has five traffic lanes: two general traffic lanes northbound and three general traffic lanes southbound.

Custom House Quay, between Memorial Road and Georges Docks, has four general traffic lanes (two eastbound, two westbound). East of Georges Docks and west of Commons Street, it has two traffic lanes eastbound and generally only one traffic lane westbound. East of Commons Street and west of Guild Street, it has two wide general traffic lanes one eastbound and one westbound.

North Wall Quay, east of Guild Street, has two general traffic lanes, one eastbound and one westbound, with pay & display parking along the north side and uncontrolled free parking

spaces on the south side, which is used mainly from people working in the construction sites of the north Docklands.

Traffic congestion is evident during both peak periods with significant queuing along the route. Westbound queuing in the AM peak on Custom House Quay is particularly severe.

## **2.2 Public Transport**

Dublin Bus route numbers 53, 53A, 90 and 151 operate along the Custom House Quay -North Wall Quay route, with approximately 15 services in the AM peak, 10 services in the PM peak, and an hourly average of 8 services throughout the day.

Bus Éireann extensively uses this route for express services to the Airport and for destinations north of Dublin. In addition, many Bus Éireann coaches use the section Custom House Quay, Commons Street to get to their temporary termini, which are located at Sheriff Street Lower.

Swords Express, which provides a regular service between Swords and the city centre via the DPT, and other private bus operators use this route as an access to the city centre from surrounding areas.

Services will increase along this route when the bus priority measures are in place.

## **2.3 Cycling and Pedestrian Facilities**

At present there are exclusive on-street cycling facilities along Amiens Street, Memorial Road and dedicated off-street cycling facilities on part of the northern Docklands campshires along the Liffey.

Footpaths run along both sides of the road for the entire length of the scheme. Pedestrian numbers are increasing in this area as many DDDA new development sites have now been constructed or are under final stages of construction.

There are four existing pedestrian crossings on Custom House Quay while there are no pedestrian crossings on North Wall Quay, between Guild Street and East Wall Road.

## **3. Description of the Proposed Works**

The following sections outline the proposed works for North Wall Quay/ Custom House Quay corridor and the area around Busaras. See attached drawings.

### **3.1 Busaras Area**

It is proposed to provide a coach access to Busaras via Talbot Place. Currently, Bus Éireann coaches leaving their temporary termini, which are located at Sheriff Street Lower, have to travel through Amiens Street, Memorial Road, George's Quay, Tara Street and Beresford Place in order to enter Busaras.

Furthermore, Bus Éireann has a proposal for a new exit from Busaras to Amiens Street as shown in the preliminary design drawings provided. Planning Permission will be required by Bus Éireann for this exit.

### **3.2 Amiens Street**

It is proposed to extend the existing Bus Lane along Amiens Street from Connolly Station to the stop line with the pedestrian crossing linking the IFSC to the large triangular traffic island fronting the IFSC and Busaras.

### **3.3 Custom House Quay**

It is proposed to provide a westbound bus lane along Custom House Quay, between Georges Docks and Memorial Road; while east of Georges Docks and west of Commons Street, it is proposed to provide westbound and eastbound bus lanes.

Furthermore, It is proposed to provide a westbound bus lane along Custom House Quay between Commons Street and Guild Street.

An eastbound on-street cycle lane is proposed along Custom House Quay, between Memorial Road and Georges Docks. Furthermore off-street cycle lanes eastbound and westbound are proposed along the northern Docklands campshires between Talbot Memorial Bridge and Sean O'Casey Bridge.

The existing pedestrian crossing at Sean O'Casey Bridge will be upgraded to a Toucan Crossing to allow cyclists travelling eastbound to use the shared bus/cycle lane.

An eastbound on-street cycle lane is proposed along Custom House Quay, between Commons Street and Guild Street. In addition the existing off-street cycle lanes along the campshires will be upgraded.

The existing bus stops, 3 on the north side and one on the south side of Custom House Quay will be upgraded with shelters and kassel kerbs. Two additional bus stop will be provided on the south side of Custom House Quay.

### **3.4 North Wall Quay**

It is proposed to provide a westbound bus lane along North Wall Quay between Guild Street and New Wapping Street and an additional 70m of eastbound bus lane approaching New Wapping Street junction. An eastbound bus lane is proposed between New Wapping Street and East Wall Road.

An eastbound on-street cycle lane is proposed along North Wall Quay, between Guild Street and a new toucan crossing, which will be located approx. 150m east of Guild Street. In addition the existing off-street cycle lanes along the campshires will be upgraded.

It is proposed to signalise New Wapping Street junction and provide two new pedestrian crossings one across New Wapping Street and one, west of the junction, across North Wall Quay.

Two existing bus stops on the north side of along North Wall Quay will be upgraded with shelters and kassel kerbs, while three new bus stops will be provided on the south side of North Wall Quay.

## **4. Conclusions**

The traffic management measures proposed in this scheme will foster sustainable development of the Dockland area because they will improve accessibility and help reduce congestion. This project comprises bus and cycle priority measures combined with physical accessibility improvements of the transport network.

Cycling and walking facilities will be effectively improved to promote a modal shift towards healthy means of transport.

The creation of Macken Street Bridge with further bus priority measures development in South Docklands will enable improved bus penetration and create the opportunity to develop orbital services through the Docklands areas.

To conclude, this scheme will facilitate public transport access to the City Centre, Busaras, Dublin Port, Dublin Airport and will improve transport safety in the Docklands area.

## 5. Project Appraisal Summary

The summary of the facilities being provided in the scheme is set out in the following table.

<b>Project Name</b>		<b>North Wall Quay QBC</b>	
<b><u>Project Number</u></b>		<b><u>T-QBN-177</u></b>	
<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b>Length (m) Westbound</b>	<b>Length (m) Eastbound</b>	<b>No.</b>
Bus Lanes Only	470	336	
Shared Bus & Cycle Lanes	95	484	
New Cycle Lanes on-street	-	771	
New Cycle Lanes off-street	200	200	
Cycle Lanes off-street upgraded	957	768	
New Pedestrian Crossings			3
New pedestrian phases provided			1
Pedestrian Crossings upgraded			2
New Bus Stops			5
Bus Stops upgraded			6

The overall cost of the scheme is estimated to be in the range of €0.5 Million.

This report is submitted to the members for noting.

**Ciaran de Burca**  
Project Engineer

**Dublin City Council**  
**Draft Parking Control for Major Events (Croke Park) Bye Laws 2008**

**Long Title**                    The Lord Mayor and members of Dublin City Council (hereafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of the powers vested in them by Section 36 (A) Road Traffic Act 1994 (No. 7 of 1994) (as inserted by Section 12 of the Roads Act 2007 (No. 34 of 2007)) and having consulted with the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, hereby make the following Bye Laws.

**Part (i) Preliminary**

**Short Title** 1.                    These Bye Laws may be cited as the Dublin City Council Parking Control for Major Events (Croke Park) Bye Laws 2008.

**Commencement**                2.    These Bye Laws will come into operation on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Revocations**                    3.    None.

**Interpretation**                 4.

(i) **“Restricted Area”** shall mean all public roads in the area bounded by, but not including, the following roads: North Strand Road, Amiens Street, Talbot Street, Gardiner Street Lower, Parnell Street, Parnell Square East, Frederick Street North, Berkley Street, Berkley Road, North Circular Road, Phibsborough Road, Prospect Road, Botanic Road, St. Mobhi Road, Griffith Avenue, Malahide Road, Fairview, Annesley Bridge Road.

(ii) **“Major Event”** shall mean the following events:

All Ireland Senior Football Finals, Semi Finals, and Quarter Finals.

All Ireland Senior Hurling Finals, Semi Finals and Quarter Finals.

All International professional Rugby matches played at Croke Park.

All International Soccer matches played at Croke Park.

All concerts at Croke Park for which an event licence has been granted by Dublin City Council.

(iii) **“Restricted Period”** shall mean a period from one hour before the scheduled start of a major event until one hour after the scheduled finish time of that event.

(iv)

(a) **“The Council”** shall mean Dublin City Council.

(b) **“Major Event Parking Permit”** shall mean a permit issued under Section 36 (A) of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issue.

(c) **“A Resident’s Parking Permit”** shall mean a parking permit issued by Dublin City Council in accordance with the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws, 2007 or any revised Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Law made in accordance with Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 in respect of a street located within the Restricted Area.

(d) **“A Visitor’s Parking Permit”** shall mean a Visitor’s Parking Permit issued by Dublin City Council in accordance with the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws, 2007 or any revised Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws made in accordance with Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 in respect of a street located within the restricted area.

(e) **“Displayed”** shall mean so far as it relates to Parking Permits that the Parking Permit shall be displayed on the front dashboard or in a dedicated permit holder attached to the front windscreen of the vehicle in respect of which it was issued so that it can be read by a person looking at/ through the front windscreen of the vehicle.

**Part (ii) Major Event Parking Permits**

<b>Definitions for Part (ii)</b>	5.	<p>In this part of these Bye Laws "Acceptable Evidence" means the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(a)</b> A current insurance certificate indicating that the vehicle is normally kept by the resident at the residents address in the restricted area or</li> <li><b>(b)</b> Where the applicant is the owner of the vehicle in respect of which an application for a major event parking permit is being made and the vehicle is insured by his/her employer, the employers insurance certificate and satisfactory documentary evidence from the employer that the applicant is in the employment of the company and that the vehicle is insured by the company or</li> <li><b>(c)</b> Where the applicant is not the registered owner of the vehicle in respect of which an application for a Major Event Parking Permit is being made but has the use of the vehicle in the course of his/her employment documentary evidence from the employer that the applicant is an employee of the company and that the vehicle is normally kept at the residents address in the restricted area and</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Except in the case of paragraph 1(c) of this Bye Law a vehicle-licensing certificate or a registration book confirming that the applicant is the registered owner of the vehicle and that the vehicle is normally kept at the applicant's residence in the restricted area and</li> <li>3. A driving licence or provisional driving licence in the name of the person applying for the major event parking permit and</li> <li>4. Current utility bill, bank statement or other documentation acceptable to the Council addressed to the applicant at his/her address in the restricted area.</li> </ol>
<b>Issue of Permit</b>	6.	<p>A Major Event Parking Permit may be issued by the Council to an applicant who wishes to park his/her vehicle in the Restricted Area on production by the applicant of Acceptable Evidence as defined in Bye Law 5 that the applicant, the owner or user of the vehicle in the course of his/her employment is entitled to a Major Event Parking Permit provided always that an applicant shall only be entitled to one such permit.</p>
<b>Display of Permit</b>	7.	<p>The holder of a Major Event Parking Permit shall display it on the vehicle to which it relates in the manner provided for at Bye Law 4 (e).</p>
<b>Particulars of Permit</b>	8.	<p>A Major Event Parking Permit shall contain the following information:</p>

- (1.) The words “Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath” and “Dublin City Council” and
- (2.) The registration number of the vehicle in respect of which the permit was issued and
- (3.) The date of expiry of the permit and
- (4.) The words “Croke Park Restricted Area” and “Páirc an Chrócaigh Limistéar Sriantha”.

### Part (iii) Prohibition on Parking

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| <b>Restriction 9.<br/>on Parking</b>                                    | <p>A mechanically propelled vehicle shall not be parked within the Restricted Area during the Restricted Period unless a Major Event Parking Permit or a Resident’s Parking Permit or a Visitor’s Parking Permit for the vehicle is displayed upon the vehicle.</p> <p>10. A mechanically propelled vehicle which is parked in the Restricted Area shall, prior to the commencement of the Restricted Period, be moved out of the Restricted Area until such time as the Restricted Period ends unless a Major Event Parking Permit or a Resident’s Parking Permit or a Visitor’s Parking Permit for the vehicle is displayed upon the vehicle.</p> |
| <b>Change of<br/>Vehicle</b>  | <p>11. If the holder of a Major Event Parking Permit sells or otherwise disposes of the vehicle in respect of which the permit was issued, the Council shall, on surrender of the old permit, issue a new 3 year permit.</p>  |
| <b>Issue of<br/>Replacement<br/>Permit</b>                              | <p>12. Where the Council is satisfied that a permit has been lost or destroyed a replacement permit shall be issued.</p>  |
| <b>Change of<br/>Address within<br/>Restricted Area</b>                 | <p>13. Where a holder of a Major Event Parking Permit changes address within the restricted area the Council will, on surrender of the original permit, issue a new permit in respect of the new address.</p>   |
| <b>Change of<br/>Address to<br/>Address outside<br/>Restricted Area</b> | <p>14. Where a holder of a Major Event Parking Permit changes address to an address outside the restricted area, he/she shall surrender the permit.</p>   |

### Part (iv) Miscellaneous

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| <b>Exemptions</b> | <p>15. The provisions of these Bye Laws do not apply to the following vehicles: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A Fire Brigade vehicle, an ambulance or a Garda vehicle.</li> <li>(ii) A vehicle in which is displayed a valid disabled driver’s permit.</li> <li>(iii) A vehicle being used in connection with the removal of an</li> </ol> |
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obstruction to traffic, the removal of a vehicle pursuant to section 97 of the 1961 Road Traffic Act (as amended) or the immobilisation and release of vehicles.

- (iv) A vehicle being used in connection with the maintenance, improvement or repair of a road, the cleaning of the road, the provision, alteration or repair of a main drain, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, oil, water other utilities or telephone services.

**Offences**

- 16. (a) Any person who contravenes any of these Bye Laws shall be guilty of an offence.
- (b) Where, in relation to a mechanically propelled vehicle, there is a contravention of a Bye Law each of the following persons is guilty of an offence:
  - (i) The registered owner of the vehicle,
  - (ii) If the vehicle is the subject of a hire drive agreement on the occasion in question, the person to whom the vehicle is hired under the agreement, and
  - (iii) If the person who parked the vehicle is not its registered owner or the person to whom it is hired under a hire drive agreement, the first-mentioned person.

**Report on the Making of Bye-Laws for the Restriction of Parking for Specified Events – Croke Park Area**

**Brian Riddick  
Parking Enforcement Officer**

**May 2008**

## Introduction

Section 36(A) of the Road Traffic Act 1994 as inserted by Section 12 of the Roads Act 2007 provides that “a road authority may, in respect of a specified event or events (such as a sporting or entertainment event) at a specified venue or venues, in the interests of safety of road users and preventing traffic congestion, make bye-laws in accordance with this section for the purpose of prohibiting or restricting the parking of mechanically propelled vehicles on all public roads in specified areas or on a specified public road in its functional area.”

Bye-laws made under this section must specify –

- (a) the event and venue to which the bye-laws apply,
- (b) the nature and description of the event,
- (c) the public road or area to which the prohibition or restriction applies,
- (d) whether a prohibition or restriction on parking applies,
- (e) the period of the prohibition or restriction on parking, and
- (f) the mechanically propelled vehicles, or classes of such vehicles, to which an exemption from the prohibition or restriction is to apply.

Different bye-laws may be made in respect of different areas, different classes of vehicles, for different circumstances and in respect of different periods of time.

Bye-laws made under this section may be enforced by the Council’s parking enforcement contractor and An Garda Síochána.

The Traffic and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee considered this matter last year and requested that draft bye-laws be prepared in respect of events taking place in Croke Park. The attached draft bye-laws have now been compiled, following advice from the Law Agent, and were submitted to the SPC for consideration at its April 2008 meeting.

## Main Provisions

The draft bye-laws provide *inter alia* for the following:

- Bye-Law 4 (i) Defines the area of application, the “Restricted Area”.
- Bye-Law 4 (ii) Defines a “Major Event”
- Bye-Law 4 (iii) Defines the “Restricted Period”
- Bye-Law 4 (iv) (b) Provides that a Major Event Parking Permit shall be valid for three years
- Bye-Law 9 Prohibits the parking of any vehicle in the Restricted Area during the Restricted Period **unless the vehicle displays a Major Event Parking Permit, a Resident’s Parking Permit or a Visitor’s Parking Permit.**
- Bye-Law 10 Provides for the removal of a vehicle from the Restricted Area prior to the commencement of the Restricted Period.
- Bye-Law 15 Provides for exemptions to the bye-laws

The net effect of these bye-laws would be that only vehicles displaying a Major Event Parking Permit, a resident’s parking permit or a visitor’s permit would be permitted to park within the Restricted Area during the Restricted Period, with the exception of limited categories of exempted vehicles.

It is not proposed to impose a fee for the issue of Major Event Parking Permits.

### **Next Steps**

Section 36(A) (8) provides that before making bye-laws under this section a road authority shall:

consult with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána and publish a notice in one or more newspapers circulating in the area to which the bye-laws relate and, where the road authority considers the event to which the bye-laws relate is of national importance, in one or more newspapers published in and are circulating in the State—

- (i) indicating that it is proposed to make bye-laws under this section,
- (ii) indicating the times at which, the period (being not less than one month) during which and the place (being a place within their functional area) where a copy of the draft bye-laws may be inspected,
- (iii) stating that representations may be made in writing to the road authority in relation to the draft byelaws before a specified date (which shall be not less than 2 weeks after the end of the period for inspection), and
- (iv) stating that a copy of the draft byelaws may be purchased on payment of a fee, if any, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copies, and before deciding whether to make the bye-laws and determining their content, consider any observations made to them by the Commissioner or any representations made to them under paragraph (iii) above.

The Traffic & Transportation SPC agreed at its April 2008 meeting that the consultation processes with the Garda Commissioner and the public be initiated. A further report will be submitted to the SPC following the conclusion of these processes. The public consultation commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and the Council will accept representations in writing from members of the public until 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

It is proposed that the question of whether Visitors' Major Event Parking Permits could be issued (and if so, under what conditions) should be examined in the course of consideration of the response to the public consultation.

Bye-Laws made under Section 36(A) could not be brought into effect until regulations regarding signage are made by the Minister for Transport.

The making of bye-laws under the Road Traffic Act 1994 is a reserved function.

This report is presented for the information of the Central Area Committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008

The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee

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**With reference to the Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a  
section of Chapel Lane, Dublin 1**

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**Proposal**

A request to have the public right of way extinguished over the above has been received. The reason for this proposed extinguishment is to eliminate anti-social behaviour in the area. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown on the attached Drawing RM 24942.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008, agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Statutory**

By public advertisement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008, representations or objections were invited by the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008. The site notice at this location was erected on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.

- No objections were received.

**Service Check**

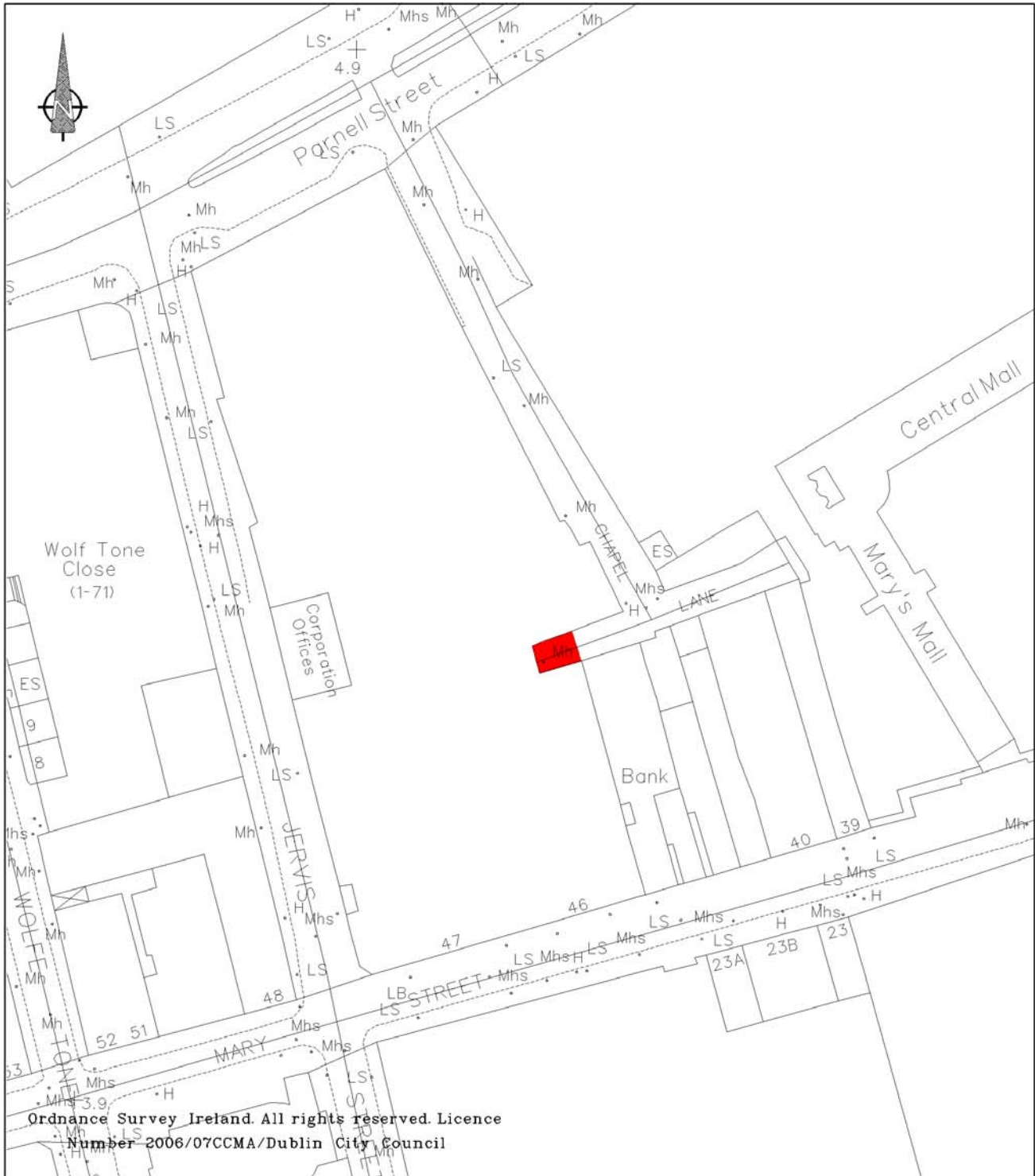
Main Drainage will require a key to the gate.


**Recommendation**

I recommend that this Committee approve the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area shown on Drawing No. RM 24942, for consideration later by the City Council.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the City Council.

**Charlie Lowe**  
Executive Manager




**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
 Comhairle Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath  
**ROADS & TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.**  
**CIVIC OFFICES**  
**WOOD QUAY, DUBLIN 8.**

**Roads Act 1993 Section 73 (1).**  
**Proposed extinguishment of public r.o.w.**  
**over (part of) Chapel Lane, Parnell St.**

**ROADS MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

**R.M. 24942**

**J. McDAID**  
 DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER (ROADS & TRAFFIC)

DRAWN	DATE	REVISED	SCALE
r.j.h.	22/01/2008	/ /20	1:1000

1<sup>st</sup> May 2008

The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee

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**With reference to the Proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over to a  
walkway adjoining Bargy Road and Shelmaier Road, East Wall, Dublin 3**

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**Proposal**

A request to have the public right of way extinguished over the above was received from An Garda Siochana. The reason for this proposed extinguishment is to eliminate anti-social behaviour in the area. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown on the attached Drawing RM 23575.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008, agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Statutory**

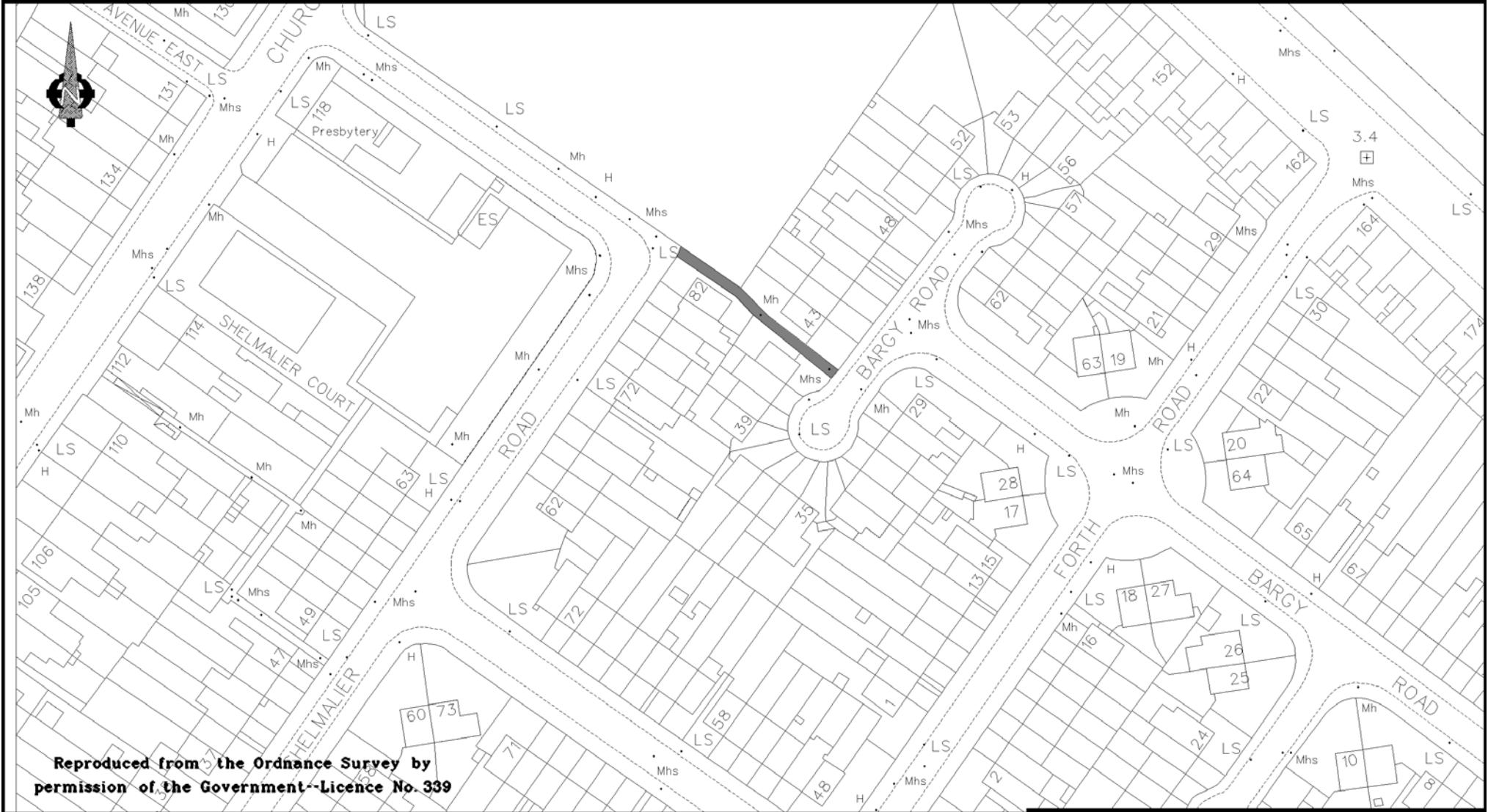
By public advertisement on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008, representations or objections were invited by the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008. The site notice at this location was erected on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

A petition signed by a large number of residents was received objecting to the proposed extinguishment

**Recommendation**

As a result of the volume of local opposition I would not recommend proceeding with the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area, shown on Drawing No. RM.23575, at this juncture.

**Charlie Lowe**  
Executive Manager



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**M. PHILLIPS**  
**CHARTERED ENGINEER, CITY ENGINEER**

**B. CALLEGY**  
**DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER (ROADS & STREETS)**

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**ROADS MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

**ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 73(1).**  
 Proposed extinguishment of public r.o.w.  
 over laneway adjoining Bargy Road  
 & Shelmalier Road

SCALE 1:1000

DATE 16/10/2002

DRAWING No.  
**R.M. 23575**

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**HARP Integrated Plan  
Community Gain – Minor Grants 2008**

A special meeting of the HARP Monitoring Committee was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to assess the sixty one (61) minor grant applications received for HARP community gain funding, one (1) withdrawn. Having considered all the applications eighteen (18) were deemed ineligible. The remaining forty two (42) applications were evaluated and grants totalling €329,389 were approved as follows:

<b>HARP Reference</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Address of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
93	Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People	29 Bow Street, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
94	Tiny Toes Crèche	42 Manor Street, Dublin 7	€3,500.00
96	Open Heart House	2 St. Mary's Place, Dublin 7	€2,500.00
98	St. Paul's CBS Primary School	North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7	€6,500.00
100	Markets United Football Club	MACRO Centre, North King Green St, Dublin 7.	€7,740.00
101	The Joinery,	6 Rosemount Terrace, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7.	€10,000.00
103	Dublin City Council	Dublin City Council, Block 3, Floor 3 Civic Office	€9,160.00
105	The Corner Ladies Club	MACRO Community Resource Centre, 1 Green St, Dublin	€7,900.00
106	Phibsboro Amateur Boxing Club	17B Royal Canal Bank, Broadstone, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
107	School Completion Programme	c/o Mount Carmel Secondary School, Kings Inn St.,	€3,000.00
108	Community ICT Project	MACRO, 1 Green Street, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
109	The Snug Counselling Service	1 Green Street	€10,000.00
111	Dublin Christian Mission	5/6 Chancery Place, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
112	Step by Step	7 Coke Lane, Smithfield	€7,792.00
113	DTE Inc	16 Ballymount In. Est. Dublin 12	€5,000.00
115	Fingal Market Mgmt Co.	Unit 30 Chonshaugh Ind. Est, Dublin 17.	€9,800.00
116	Smashing Times Theatre Co. Ltd.	Coleraine House, Coleraine St, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
117	Stoneybatter Senior Citizens Outreach Project	19 Manor Street, Dublin 7	€7,100.00
118	Friends of the Elderly	25 Bolton Street, Dublin 1	€6,000.00
119	Cairde	19 Belvedere Place, Dublin 7	€3,000.00
120	Greek St/Michans House	12B Greek Street, Dublin 7	€10,000.00

<b>HARP Reference</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Address of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
	Residents Group		
121	Blackhall Afterschools Project	7 Marmion Court, Dublin 7	€4,500.00
122	Challenge Horizon	Macro Resource Centre 1 Green Street, Dublin 7	€4,800.00
125	Aosog	62-63 Prussia Street, Dublin 7.	€7,500.00
126	Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups	Carmichael House, Nth Brunswick St. Dublin 7	€10,000.00
129	MACRO	MACRO, 1 Green Street, Dublin 7	€7,150.00
130	NWIC Community Forum	c/o MACRO CDP, 1 Green St. Dublin 7	€10,000.00
131	Pitter Patter Community Crèche	MACRO CDP 1 Green Street.	€8,000.00
132	MACRO - Senior Citizens Project	MACRO, 1 Green Street, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
133	Arc Cancer Support Centre	65 Eccles Street, Dublin 7	€9,500.00
135	Stanhope Street Gospel Choir	St. Josephs Secondary School, Dublin 7.	€9,500.00
136	Hercules Amateur Wrestling and Weightlifting Club.	9 Lurgan Street, Dublin 7.	€9,989.00
137	MACRO Bldg Management Ltd.	MACRO 1 green Street, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
139	Henrietta Adult and Community Education,	9 Henrietta Street, Dublin 1.	€5,800.00
140	Bradog Regional Youth Service.	MACRO, 1 Green Street, Dublin 7.	€5,200.00
141	Aontas Youth Arts Initiative	89 O'Devaney Gdns, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7	€10,000.00
142	Halla Dubh	c/o 51C Queen Street, Dublin 7.	€4,000.00
143	Grangegorman Community Forum	c/o NWICN Spade Centre, Nth King Street. Dublin 7.	€10,000.00
144	Chrysalis Community Drug Project Ltd.	27 Benburb St, Dublin 7	€9,458.00
147	Opera Ireland	West Wing 3, Adelaide Chambers, Peter Street, Dub	€10,000.00
149	Markets Group Summer Project.	1 Green Street, Dublin 7.	€10,000.00
150	Georgettes Majorettes	Dublin Christian Missions, Charles St.W. Dublin	€5,000.00

The grants approved are subject to any conditions being met and where appropriate will be paid on vouched expenditure.

This report is submitted for noting.

**Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh**  
**HARP Project Manager**

6th May 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**Liberty Park Crèche Fee Increase**

Liberty Park Crèche opened in May 2007 with a capacity for 31 children between 3 months and 5 years. The Crèche currently has 23 children in fulltime day care and would expect to reach capacity later this year. The crèche provides nine baby spaces. All the children currently attending are residing in the NEIC RAPID Area. Kids Inc an experienced childcare operator operates the Crèche - on behalf of Dublin City Council. All members of staff are FETAC trained. The current weekly fee is €125 per child.

The Crèche is currently solely subsidised by Dublin City Council for €160,000 per annum. The City Manager made a three-year funding commitment to the Crèche, which will expire at the end of 2010. While the Crèche received capital funding of €325,552 through National Childcare Improvement Programme it has, not to date, received any national staffing funding. When the crèche opened the new round of funding National Childcare Improvement Programme (NCIP) was not yet available from the Office of Minister for Children. Dublin City Council has applied for this funding but the decision has been deferred by the Dublin City Childcare Committee due to their concern on the sustainability of the Crèche after Dublin City Council's subvention ends for 2011 and following years.

Dublin City Council needs to address the identified shortfall of €64,000 in annual funding. To obtain NCIP funding it also needs to introduce a tiered fee structure, which largely depends on the parents' entitlement to Social Welfare or Family Income Supplement payments. Therefore it is proposed to increase the fees for childcare places from Monday 7th of July 2008 as follows:

Children	Entitlements	New Rate
Band A	Those in receipt of social welfare related payments	€140 per week
Band B	Those in receipt of Family Income Supplement (FIS) or certain childcare subsidies e.g. under FAS/VEC schemes	€160 per week
Band C	Other low income families who are marginally above the Family Income Supplement (FIS)	€170 per week

These fees are still competitive with fees charged by other community crèches in the area for full time childcare spaces. Dublin City Council acknowledges that this will cause families some financial hardship but we are left with no alternative to ensure the crèche remains viable.

**Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh**  
**Senior Executive Officer**

1<sup>st</sup> May, 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**Environmental Services Unit**

**Graffiti Removal Scheme**

Details of the new Community graffiti Removal Scheme have been announced by POBAL – the matter is currently under examination.

**Covert CCTV**

In the period March 2008 to April 2008 the camera units have been in place in the following locations.

- Dorset St
- Ballyboggan Road
- Sean Mac Dermott Street Upper

Several cases have been forwarded to Waste Enforcement for investigation/prosecution relating to Ballyboggan Road, Dublin 11.

Litter wardens working out of the Area Office are also following up on footage recorded on Sean Mc Dermott St upper, Dublin 1.

Individual addresses have also been identified and Litter Wardens are monitoring these locations.

**Litter Hotline**

In the period March 2008 to April 2008 188 incidents were reported to the Litter Hotline:

Dumping – 165
Litter – 9
Cleansing – 9
Non tagged bags – 0
Other – 5

The breakdown of how incidents were reported to the hotline is as follows:

E-mail – 82
Phone – 56
DCC staff – 49
Fax - 1

The breakdown of the areas that the complaints relate to is as follows:

Drumcondra – 25	Phibsboro – 19
Cabra – 24	Ballybough – 16
East Wall – 17	North Wall – 11
NEIC – 23	Stoneybatter – 14
NCR – 26	Other – 13

**Litter Wardens**

The following are statistics for the Central Area Litter Wardens for February 2008.

Number of convictions - 2
Number of on the spot fines issued - 257

### **Environmental Response Unit**

In the period March 2007 to April 2008 the Environmental Response Unit has removed **48.32 Tonnes** of dumped material from the Central Area.

This includes removal of fly tipping in laneways and also dumping of heavy household goods/rubbish on roadsides and green spaces.

### **Public Domain Defects**

In the period February 2007 to March 2008 65 defects have been reported by Public Domain Operatives to the following departments:

Roads Maintenance - 38
Cleansing - 11
Traffic - 5
Drainage - 5
Waterworks - 4
Parks - 2

### **New Area Staff**

Deployment of new area based staff has increased the levels of cleaning on arterial routes into the city and also the streets surrounding the major hospitals in the area. Staff are also carrying out weeding, overgrowth removal, leaf clearing and incident response duties as necessary.

### **Street Vacuum**

A new street vacuum has been purchased to combat cigarette related in the city centre. The Public Domain Unit has begun using this equipment in the North City Centre

### **Chewing Gum Removal**

Chewing gum removal continues in the Central Business District on **O'Connell Street, Henry Street, Mary Street** and **North Earl Street**. The following streets have been added to the removal programme under the terms of the new contract for removal:

- Talbot Street, Capel Street.
- Parnell Street (from junction of Jervis Street to junction of O'Connell Street)
- Ormond Quay Lower, Bachelors Walk, Eden Quay (building side only and also pedestrian entrance to Ha'penny Bridge and Millennium Bridge)
- Grattan Bridge
- Coles Lane
- Dorset Street Upper and Lower
- Drumcondra Road Lower (new granite)
- Abbey Street Lower and Middle
- Wolfe Tone Park and surrounding footpath
- Amiens Street From Junction of Sheriff Street to Junction of Store Street (Connolly Station side only)

### **Communications**

The following groups and meetings are attended by representatives of the Environmental Services Unit.

- NEIC Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- North Wall Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- Mountjoy and District Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- East Wall Community Forum – Meetings every 6 weeks
- Drumcondra Community Forum – Monthly Meetings
- North West City Community Forum – Meetings held every three months
- Healy St & Area Community Policing Forum Meeting – Meetings held every six weeks (not convened by DCC)

- Central Area Business Forum – Meetings held every two months
- Henry Street Mary Street Partnership – Monthly Meeting
- Capel Street Business Watch – Meetings Quarterly
- Croke Park Community Liaison Committee – Monthly Meetings
- Area JPC – Meetings held every three months

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community forums attended by DCC representatives.

**North Wall Community Forum**

1. Abandoned trailers in the area.
2. Anti-social behaviour, especially on St. Laurence's Place East.
3. Breaches of Planning conditions at development sites in the area
4. Traffic issues - Seville Place.

**North East Inner City Community Forum**

1. Cumberland Street Market.
2. Cleansing issues and dumping in the area.
3. Anti-social behaviour at local clinics.
4. Begging and harassment of residents in the area.

**Healy St & Area Community Policing Forum**

1. Dumping of rubbish and cleansing issues at:  
Rutland Place North, Thompson Cottages, Summerhill Parade, Summer St Nth  
and North Circular Road – (Summerhill Parade to Dorset St)

**Mountjoy and District Community Forum**

1. Cleansing issues
2. Security
3. Blessington Street Basin and surrounding parks
4. Local Area Plan

**Drumcondra Community Forum**

1. Cleansing Issues
2. Traffic Issues
3. Anti Social Behaviour

**Ballybough Community Forum**

1. New Community Centre
2. Traffic
3. Cleansing

**East Wall Community Forum**

1. Anti-social behaviour in the playground
2. Completion of Environmental Traffic Cell
3. Cleansing

**Other issues that are raised for discussion/attention include the following:**

**Parks**

Playgrounds, Tree pruning, tree planting, weed spraying, green waste disposal, sports pitches, small open spaces, flower/shrub containers.

**Public Lighting**

Requests for heritage style replacement columns, maintenance, increased wattage, new installations.

**Road maintenance**

Footpath repairs/replacement, carriageway, repairs/replacement signage.

**Traffic Management**

Traffic calming, traffic signals, road marking renewal, street parking, cycle ways, environmental traffic cells.

**Housing**

Maintenance, allocations, security (CCTV), anti social behaviour, precinct improvements, parking.

**Waste Management**

Charges, road sweeping, fines, fly dumping, dog fouling.

**Planning**

Enforcement, objections, derelict sites, community gain.

**Misc.**

Flooding, disruption from construction sites, institutions, funding, environmental health.

**BIDS**

Discussions continuing with BID CEO to finalise details of the additional service to be provided by Dublin City Council – it is anticipated that the additional service will be in place by July 2008.

**Hugh McKenna**

**Assistant Area Manager**

May 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

## **NORTH EAST INNER CITY INTEGRATED AREA PLAN**

### **New Primary School and Pre-School at Gloucester Place**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 a decision to grant planning permission was made in respect of a development consisting of a 9-classroom Primary School and 7-classroom Pre-School. The structure is four storeys to Sean MacDermott Street and Gloucester Park, part three storeys with roof top covered play area enclosed with canopy to Gloucester Diamond and Gloucester Place, and part four-storey to Gloucester Place. The development has a total floor area of 3114 sq. m. The Department of Education commenced on site on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 and construction works are continuing. Collen Construction, the contractors have advised that it is expected that the development will be completed in the 3rd week of June 2008. It is proposed to open in September 2008.

### **Civic Centre**

No. 77 Sean MacDermott Street was acquired in December 2006 for the Convent Lands Civic Centre and Mixed Use Redevelopment. The extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over Gloucester Lane was resolved by the City Council. The Development Agreement was executed on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007. The developer lodged a planning application on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, planning reference 1174/08. A request for Additional Information was made on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### **Liberty Park Crèche**

Kids Inc operate the Liberty Corner facility, on behalf of Dublin City Council, as a traditional crèche and Montessori facility. It caters for children from 3 months to 5 years. Priority is given to residents from the NEIC RAPID area. Currently a full time place costs €125 per child per week for parents residing in the NEIC RAPID area. Dublin City Council is subventing the cost of childcare places for local parents. The facility caters for approximately 31 children. The crèche has been fitted out; the National Childcare Investment Programme gave funding approval for the fit out costs on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The crèche opened for business on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007. There are now 7 fulltime staff members, including a Manager and one part-time staff member. There are 23 children attending the crèche on a full time basis. To draw down National Funding the crèche will need to introduce a tiered fee structure.

### **Buckingham Street Family Resource Centre**

Dublin City Council and the HSE have negotiated with Barnardos who plan to run a family resource centre from this facility. The exact mix of services was determined following local consultation. This service will focus on children in need from 0-12 years and their families. The Health Services Executive, Dublin City Council and Barnardos will jointly fund the facility. Minor refurbishment works have been carried out on the building. The Lord Mayor Councillor Paddy Bourke and an Taoiseach Mr Bertie Ahern, TD officially opened the facility on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

### **Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units**

The Retail Units are currently on the market for sale, one unit has been disposed of, and the disposal of a further 5 units is almost complete. The remaining 3 units are still on the market and Lisneys are continuing to market them.

### **Retail Units at Killarney Court/1-4 Portland Square (off North Circular Road)**

Expressions of interest from community groups, operating in the North East Inner City area, were invited and 14 submissions were received. A report and recommendation was made to the North East Inner City Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

Citizens Information Centre and HOPE secured a unit each and their design requirements for their respective units have been finalised. A tender report was submitted to Dublin City Council and clarifications were sought on tenders received. Revised tenders were received on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April and an amended tender report is being prepared.

A facility at 1-4 Portland Square (off North Circular Road) has also become available. The Cavan Centre and CASPr were recommended for these premises and the groups accepted an offer to use the premises. They have examined the premises to establish the works required to be carried out, in order that the premises can be adapted to meet their needs. Reports recommending that both groups be granted a licence to occupy the building were approved at the November Area Committee meeting and were agreed at the February City Council meeting.

There is also a reserve list of two groups, AkiDwa and Family Support Network. It is recommended that these two groups are offered facilities should any become available in the area.

**Veronica Plunkett**  
**Administrative Officer**

May 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

**Martin Savage Park/Ashington Open space**

A meeting took place in the Cabra Office on 10<sup>th</sup> April with the Public Representatives, Representatives of Residents Associations and Football Clubs and the Parks Division in relation to the proposed upgrading works in both areas. It is intended to install the new footpath from Martin Savage Estate to Glendhu and erect a new boundary at the Martin Savage Park end during the summer. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the car park and boundary at the Glendhu estate. The newly drained football pitches should, weather permitting, be ready for playing this autumn.

The proposed facilities for the open space at Ashington were discussed and the Parks Division is in the process of amending the drawing. The revised drawing will be available later this month.

**Laneways**

The entrance to the laneway at the rear of Nos 10 to 24 St Fintan Rd., Cabra has been closed off with a gate.

**Markets area**

Discussions are ongoing with the preferred bidder, MRC Consortium, in regard to the detailed terms and conditions.

**Capel Street Improvement Scheme**

Phase 2 works have commenced and are due to be completed by next December.

**Community**

A number of Dance Workshops were held in conjunction with the Arts Office and Sínead Connolly. The Dance Group CoisCéim run the classes through the Too Young To Be Old outreach initiative. The idea behind the initiative is to introduce or rekindle dancing to older people. The classes were held in Cabra Sports Centre and in Santa Maria Day Care Centre. Around 80 people took part and the group were invited back to Cabra Sports Centre for a second session.

Following on from the local classes participants have been invited to take part in CoisCéim's programme of dance in the National Concert Hall that is being held May 12-24 in the Concert Hall. Those who participate in these classes will have the opportunity to present a Dance Performance that will be open to the public on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in the Concert Hall. This performance will be a professional performance and will be accompanied by Musicians from the Concert Hall. Bookings will have to be made by those wishing to attend through the NCH.

Along with the above, two workers from the Santa Maria Day Care Centre have been trained up as tutors and these tutors will now deliver the class to the Centres Clients on a weekly basis.

## **HARP IAP**

### **Community Gain**

A further round of funding for minor grants was advertised in March and sixty applications were received. The HARP Monitoring Committee will assess the applications at a special meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May and a report will be submitted to this Area Committee meeting.

### **Review**

A workshop, attended by the members of both the Monitoring Committee and the project team, took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April to discuss and identify the issues learned from implementing the project.

**Mary McInerney**  
**Acting Administrative Officer**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

## **North East Inner City Housing Report**

### **Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler**

#### **Sean O’Casey Avenue**

An in-depth examination has now been completed on the proposed mini PIP for Sean O’Casey Avenue. Unfortunately it will not be possible to carry out the requested works to the front of Summerhill as there is no way of achieving disabled access to the houses from the pavement level in Summerhill to comply with Part M of the Building Regulations. All of the other improvement works requested by residents have been completed or will be completed shortly. Any further works requested will be considered. Gutters have been cleaned, potted plants have been installed. The back lanes are cleaned on a regular basis.

#### **Liberty House**

At the request of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, possible revisions are currently being examined to the redevelopment proposals for Block D, Liberty House. When these are finalised by the City Architect’s Division they will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval in principle following which discussions will be held with local residents. This approach is being taken because previous proposals agreed with the residents were rejected by the Department.

#### **Kiln/Forge**

Following a request from tenants, security fencing installed on walls of rear gardens of the Forge. Quotes being sought for replacement problematic windows in complex.

#### **Sean Treacy House**

Complex fully detenanted. Demolition completed. Planning process completed. Pre – qualification questionnaire sent out to contractors December. Invitation to tender now scheduled to go out shortly.

#### **Lourdes House**

First phase of redevelopment to be completed late Summer 2008. Installation of heating has now been completed. All remaining occupied flats have been fitted with uPVC windows, unless otherwise requested by tenants.

#### **Matt Talbot Court**

Consultations with residents on redevelopment of complex underway. Needs Analysis completed. Feasibility Study and costings submitted to the DOE for appraisal. Problems with anti-social behaviour on stairwells. A number of individuals have been identified and appropriate action will be taken. New railings to be installed at ground floor units to give defensive space to residents.

### **James Larkin House**

Following requests from residents permit parking introduced. Plans for improvement works to courtyard currently being examined.

### **Avondale House**

Plans for PIP have now received approval from DOE. Contract to go to tender shortly. It is hoped to have contractor on site by end Summer 2008.

### **Fitzgibbon Court**

Installation of new water tanks is almost completed. Painting of complex now completed.

### **O'Brien Hall**

Funding for new security doors has been secured through the Estate Enhancement Scheme of RAPID. Contractors have now been engaged to carry out works and doors are currently being manufactured. Electrical upgrade works being carried out on access control system for new doors. 98% of the new intercoms have been installed. The doors are currently being fabricated and it is hoped that they will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

### **The Community Section Update May 2008**

<b><u>Group Name</u></b>	<b><u>Issues</u></b>	<b><u>Actions</u></b>
Learning Bus-Libraries	IT	Learning Bus to re-visit projects from the NEIC Area
Activities for Senior Citizens	Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Social Inclusion Measures Committee for Older Persons –Drafted proposal document for the group with Pilot area and suggestions.</li><li>o Supported NEIC Older Peoples Group Summer Outing 24<sup>th</sup> May Waterside House Hotel, Donabate</li></ul>
Environmental	Plant Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Contacted groups in the area with regard to holding plant sales in May. Ballybough Court, Lourdes Day Care and St Agatha's Court Plant Sales 13<sup>th</sup> May.</li><li>o Preparing for Pride of Place- North Great Georges Street</li><li>o Promoting Dublin City Neighbourhoods Compete ion 2008</li></ul>
Neighbours Day	Event	Promoting Neighbours Day – liaising with groups to hold small events throughout their neighbourhoods
Mental Health	Gardening	Gardening Group set up for North Strand Mental Health Clinic on Friday mornings
Friendly Call service	Service for elderly/ isolated	Promoting friendly call service their service to elderly within our community with the HSE, Nascadh and St Agatha's
Small Grants	Achieving funding for projects	Processed applications for various group hosting activities groups ranging from Senior Citizens to Youth Groups.
Multi-cultural	Promote	Lets Walk and Talk –New Shores Ancient Footprints- Historical talking tour led by Pat Liddy followed by discussions around “ the Jewish Community in Dublin” 8.45pm in Tailors Hall, near Christchurch

Merchant Road/Square	Activities for Children	Merchant Square and Road are having a Play Day at St Joseph's Co-Ed School on 7 <sup>th</sup> May from 12.30-3.30pm. Local young persons services are invited to promote their youth activities and clubs in the area.
Liberty House	Club and After schools	Sr Elizabeth has received funding to employ a co-ordinator who is also co-ordinating summer projects for the children of the Club during the summer months.
Residents Groups		Are in contact with the Community Development Team in the hope of arranging day trips throughout May
Youth Groups		Continuing to contact and meet various groups and offering ongoing support. Linking residents to groups established in their area.
ABCD	Course	Staff from Community Development Section are attending an Asset Based Community Development Course in the NCI
Community Networking	Meetings	Met on the 28 <sup>th</sup> April and agreed a format venue and dates for future meeting. The group feel the networking meetings have already made a positive impact on their work within the community. New members joined in April.
Summer Projects	Liaise with Volunteers and Residents Groups CYC & FAI	Meeting with groups and signing them up for Child Protection and Garda Check. Working on programmes of activities with various groups.
Recreation, Sport and Community Development	Activities	Arranging various activities and sports such as fitness classes, Pilates, Soccer, Chair Aerobics, Swimming Lessons, Aqua Aerobics, Art Classes, Cois Ceim, Gardening with various groups throughout the NEIC
Computers	IT	Working with DIT to install computers in various community rooms with a view of teaching residents basic IT- Working with Croke Villas and Courtney Place preparing the rooms for installation with Housing Maintenance

### **Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager**

#### **Poplar Row**

The 33 units are nearing the end of the 12- month defect liability for the builder and final snagging has commenced on the units.

RAPID have funded the installation of two playgrounds on Annesley Close and Poplar Row in consultation with the residents' association.

Contractors are currently carrying out additional works to the houses and duplexes. This work entails paving back gardens, increasing the height of the separations on the balconies and installing additional lighting to all the duplexes.

### **Ballybough Community Centre**

The project is continuing on schedule and is due to be opened in late summer 2008. Monthly site meetings are continuing between DCC, builder and community representatives. An advisory group made up of local residents, youth workers and DCC meet regularly regarding the community centre. The total cost of the project is approximately €6 million

### **Croke Villas**

The complex is being detenanted at present to allow for the redevelopment. Consultation meetings with Tenants reps are ongoing. Community Charter now agreed with residents committee and presented to Area Committee.

The painting programme for the complex is now complete. No. 22, Croke Villas has been refurbished by Housing Maintenance and has been allocated as a community letting for the duration of the project. Housing Maintenance cleared out the vacant site on Sackville Avenue. Housing Maintenance secured the 3 houses that were bought under compulsory purchase order on Ballybough Road numbers 2,4 and 5 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

A meeting has taken place with some members of the neighbouring communities to keep them informed of progress on this development. Meetings have also taken place between the Area Housing Manager, Regeneration Worker and Residents Redevelopment Group. DCC staff will be present in the Community room/Regeneration Office once a week from the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2008 to assist the residents with their housing and maintenance issues. A preferred bidder has been selected for the redevelopment and negotiations will commence shortly with a view to finalising a development agreement.

### **Ballybough House**

Roof netting will be installed on the football pitch in the coming weeks, as requested by the residents of the complexes. Bin storage facilities have been installed in the complex. We have removed some washing lines in the complex on request from the Residents Association.

Community Development staff have carried out a door-to-door survey in the complex and as result of this survey a number of new activities are currently being planned and run by DCC and other organisations for the children/young people of the complex.

The Residents Association of the above complex made a presentation at the April Central Area Committee outlining their concerns about their living conditions in the complex and the level of anti-social behaviour. The said complex is a listed building, thus limiting the type of redevelopment that could be carried out. A proposal is being drafted for submission to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis.

### **North Clarence Street/Dunne Street**

Works have been completed on the three football pitches in the complex, replacing the damaged fencing with a stronger galvanised fence. This work was funded through RAPID. Housing Maintenance carried out painting works on the football pitch and the bin chambers in the complex.

An upgrade of the existing lighting in the complex has been completed.

### **Tom Clarke House/Orchard Road Depot**

A new feasibility study was commissioned on this site and a number of options are being examined. This project will be included in the submission to the DOE along with Ballybough House and Poplar Row.

### **Newcomen Court**

The expression of interest form has gone into Dublin City Childcare Committee and the approximate cost of the childcare facility is €3.5 million, this includes the following, construction/renovation costs, professional fees, fixture & fittings and equipment costs. The balance of the site is proposed to be used for Affordable Housing provision.

### **St. Agatha's Court**

Revised proposals being finalised.

### **Brendan Behan Court**

There was new lock and spring system fitted to the pedestrian gate as requested by the residents of the complex. Keys were distributed to all residents, Gardai, doctors, and other relevant bodies.

1<sup>st</sup> May 2008

**The Chairman and Members of  
Central Area Committee**

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**Ormond Square**

Work is now complete on the refurbishment of 1-7 Ormond Square and all units have been allocated. Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association and the Estate Manager. Works commenced on the playground in April 2008 and it is hoped that it will be completed by July 2008.

**Chancery House**

The P.I.P. commenced in December 2007. It is hoped that these works will be completed by June 2008. Fortnightly meetings are in place with DCC and Contractors on site. A working group consisting of residents is in place for the duration of the P.I.P. to discuss and resolve any issues that may arise.

**Constitution Hill**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management to discuss any issues that may arise. It is hoped that the P.I.P. will commence in late 2008.

**Blackhall/Marmion Court**

Maintenance issues within the complex are being investigated and resolved at present. It is hoped that new PTZ CCTV cameras will be installed in the complex shortly.

**Wolfe Tone Close**

A working group has been set up between Residents, Dublin City Council and the Community Policing Forum to work together to resolve issues of concern to residents within the complex. The Estate Manager is currently investigating the possibility of re instating the Residents Association.

**Hardwicke Street: (Dermot O'Dwyer & Rory O'Connor House)**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. Ongoing maintenance problems with the electronic doors are currently being investigated and resolved.

**Georges Place**

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. It is hoped that the electronic gates will be operational by the end of May.

**Henrietta House**

Painting programme commenced in February 2008 and is hoped to be completed by May 2008. Once finished, the overall upgrade of the area will be complete.

**Sheridan Court/Place**

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management. The snagging of the 28 units in Sheridan Place has taken place. The contractor has been notified of all snags and is carrying out remedial works presently. It is hoped that the complex will be handed over to Housing Maintenance by the end of May.

**Drumalee Estate**

Continuing to work with new Residents Association and landscape architect's report being finalised and costings prepared. CCTV is being installed in the estate presently. Major clean-up done pre Christmas.

**Saint Bricin's Park**

Planning permission granted to Circle Housing Association – on appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

**Charlie Lowe**  
**Area Manager**

**Questions to the Area Manager**  
**Central Area Committee**  
**May, 2008**

**Q1 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Manager to arrange to put double yellow lines at the stair wells at Ballybough House.

**Q2 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the Manager when the new community centre on Ballybough Road will open and if a management group is in place.

**Q3 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will put double yellow lines on the corner of Clonliffe Avenue and Ballybough Road to stop parking at this corner due to the opening of a new restaurant there.

**Q4 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if the Council have any plans to put a new garden centre in at Aughrim Court.

**Q5 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council would empty litter bins on a daily basis at Manor Street, Prussia Street and Aughrim Street.

**Q6 Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council Waste Management Section would clean on a regular basis at St. Joseph's Place and Nelson Street.

**Q7 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if there is a definite time-scale yet for the promised work at Blessington Court, Dublin 7, as requested by the residents of the Blend Residents Association.

**Q8 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager to report on the outcome of the efforts to restrict access to Mountjoy Parade, North Circular Road, Dublin 1 on non-match days.

**Q9 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager arising from the collapse of a section of the buildings at the corner of Russell Street/North Circular Road, Dublin 1, if there are plans to restore/redevelop/CPO

**Q10 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if the issues surrounding the recent clamping of residents cars at Murtagh Road, Dublin 7 has been examined as promised by a Traffic Engineer and if he will report on the outcome.

**Q11 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager if any action has been taken against the landlord of **details supplied** for litter offences and if a Litter Officer will monitor the property involved.

**Q12 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the Area Manager re. progress on the commitment given in 2 previous replies that the CCTV camera at the rear of Richmond Crescent, Dublin 1, be repositioned away from the tree that surrounds it and that an additional camera be installed near the boardwalk at Clarkes Bridge where gangs congregate and public drinking etc. occurs.

**Q13 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the City Manager what measures will be taken to alleviate the problems for residents on St. Mobhi Road regarding illegal parking on this road.

**Q14 Councillor Mick Rafferty**

To ask the City Manager when will the new lamp standard be installed at the Bogies Roundabout on Ratoath Road.

**Q15 Councillor Seamus McGrattan**

To ask the City Manager to have the footpaths repaired around Christ the King National School in Cabra.

**Q16 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the City Manager to have the land at the back of Cannon Burke complex cleaned and upgraded.

**Q17 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the City Manager to look at the possibility at putting pedestrian lights on the Ballyboggan Road at the junction with Broombridge Road.

**Q18 Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

To ask the City Manager to restock the Tolka River with fish as the summer months approach.

**Q19 Councillor Mary O Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to detail any plans in existence to resurface the pavements at Glenbeigh Road, and surrounding area.

**Q20 Councillor Mary O Shea**

To ask the Area Manager when brown bins will be introduced for the use of residents in the Glasnevin/Drumcondra area in particular in Homefarm Road and adjoining roads and on Griffith Avenue and the roads off Griffith Avenue

**Q21 Councillor Mary O Shea**

To ask the Area Manager if traffic calming measures will be introduced on Rathoath Road ,Cabra in particular in the area approaching the roundabout at the junction of Rathoath Road and Drumcliffe Road.

**Q22 Councillor Mary O Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to ensure that the following areas are cleaned on a regular basis and to provide the cleaning schedule for the these areas:-

- Cabra Park

- St Philomena Road and the area from St Philomena road to the Spar shop on Finglas Road.

**Q23 Councillor Mary O Shea**

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a ballot of residents of the following areas to be carried out with a view to introducing Pay and Display parking.

- Carlingford Road Drumcondra.
- Addison Place Glasnevin

**Q24 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to report on the planning status of **(details supplied)**, to state under what authority Dublin City Council is carrying out these works, to state why Dublin City Council did not notify the residents in the surrounding houses of their proposal to carry out the works or no site notice was posted, to state if they consulted with the planning department before starting this construction, if they are aware that similar developments on the same street were refused permission, and if the concerns of residents on the street will be taken into consideration, and if he will state how he intends to resolve the matter

**Q25 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to install CCTV at Church Square East Wall, and to report on how DCC will work with Gardai to combat anti-social behaviour in the area.

**Q26 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Area Manager to report on the delays in starting regeneration projects in O'Devaney Gardens and Dominick Street. To state when a planning application will be lodged for O'Devaney Gardens and when the contract for Dominick Street will be signed.

**Q27 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager to review the decision not to take enforcement action at **details supplied**

**Q28 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the manager to consult with resident at **details supplied** to take security measures to prevent their flat from being burgled

**Q29 Councillor Emer Costello**

To ask the Manager if he will ensure that all essential maintenance continues to be carried out at St Bricin's Park in advance of the redevelopment there, to ensure that the area is cleaned and swept regularly and to consult with the Greek Orthodox Church and the Gardai to put a plan in place to deal with traffic and public order issues for major events in the Church

**Q30 Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

To ask the Manager to report on when work will commence on Fr Scully Flats and when the residents who moved out will be able to return.

**Q31 Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain**

To ask the Manager to examine parking at Store Street to ensure that deliveries can be made to shops

**Q32 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

To ask the Manager to put a yellow box at the junction of Store St, James Joyce Street

**Q33 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

To ask the manager to consider putting seating in Talbot Street to facilitate elderly people shopping in the area

**Q34 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

To ask the Manager to install additional lighting at the laneway at Bargy Road/Shelmalier Road, to ensure that the laneway is cleaned out regularly and to put in the covert CCTV to identify people involved in illegal dumping.

**Q35 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain**

To ask the Manager to report if Dublin City Council has been in consultation with the HSE in relation to the establishment of a drug treatment clinic at Lucky Lane and if he will report on the matter

**Q36 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the Manager to ensure to reinstate the surface at Hardiman Road following drainage works that have been carried out there.

**Q37 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the City Manager to respond to the issues in the enclosed correspondence

12<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

**RE: Lack of Control of Horses and Motorbikes in and around Tolka Valley and Nearby Estates.**

Dear All,

We wish to highlight concerns in relation to disturbances from horses and unlicensed motorbikes spilling over from Tolka Valley into the Rathborne and nearby Royal Canal and Pelletstown estates.

This is a result of large areas of the Tolka Valley boundaries being damaged.

We are aware of medium to long-term plans for enhancements to River Road and planned improvements of the Tolka Valley area in the form of “Cardiffsbridge Park”. We have also had confirmation from Charlie Lowe of a relevant CPO. After investigating the CPO process, we believe that Dublin City Council now has effective responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the boundary, particularly along River Road / Ratoath Road at least on the road side.

However the boundaries of this land are severely damaged in a number of places. This results in unlicensed motorbikes and horses being ridden around Rathborne and nearby estates, which is a danger to pedestrians and motorists in the area.

We have had some contact recently with the Parks Department (Bernard Brady) at Dublin City Council which advised that improvements to the “Cardiffsbridge Park” area were dependent upon boundary determination in relation River Road. So it seems improvements to Tolka Valley itself are dependent on improvements to River Road but improvements to River Road (according to Gordon Rowland of the Roads Department) do not look set to commence until 2009 at the earliest.

It would seem critical in the meantime that some remedial improvements should be made where there is no boundary or very ineffective temporary boundary onto River Road and Ratoath Road.

Currently it seems there is no coordination between the Roads Department, the Development Department or the Parks Department to establish any remedial plans for improving the boundaries around River Road and Ratoath Road. The net effect seems to be that nothing has been done or seems likely to be done in the near-term for residents in the area.

There are regular referrals to the Gardai but much of the Tolka Valley area is not accessible and it is therefore unreasonable to keep referring the anti-social problems to them. This is a costly method of treating the symptoms rather than the cause of the problem.

In summary, we feel that this highlights:

1) A need for immediate action with regards to unlicensed motorbikes and horses dangerously being ridden around Rathborne estate, Royal Canal Park and Pelletstown, posing safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists. Presumably there are serious insurance implications for Dublin City Council.

2) A need for improved co-ordination between various Departments (Roads, Parks and Development) and County Councils (Dublin and Fingal), for an improved boundary within the area, prior to any longer term plans for River Road and Cardiffsbridge Park.

We hope this helps you to appreciate the urgency of this issue and need for greater co-ordination. Attached are some very recent photos that are still relevant which we hope highlight the issues further.

We welcome your response on this matter and would be glad to convey it to the local Residents' Committee.

Yours sincerely,

**Rathborne Residents Committee  
Royal Canal Park Residents Committee  
Pelletstown Residents Committee**

**Q38 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the City Manager not to make any changes to the layout of the pitches at Martin Savage/Glendhu Park until a further meeting is held with both clubs and Dublin City Council to agree a new set of proposals to include the No 1 pitches of both clubs being situated their respective dressing-rooms.

**Q39 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the City Manager to take the laneway in charge at the rear of Shandon Crescent.

**Q40 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the City Manager to implement without further delay the No Left Turn from Ashington/Kinvara Avenue to Kinvara Park as agreed by the TAG.

**Q41 Councillor Brendan Carr**

To ask the City Manager to put a cleaning programme in place for the River Road to ensure that it is kept clear from litter, and to consider putting in covert cameras to prevent fly-tipping on the road

**Q42 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Is the Manager aware of the serious parking congestions problems in the Iona Area caused by the introduction of increased parking restrictions and the closure of the Mater Hospital Car Park. Will the manager provide a report which details what road space is available for regulated and unregulated parking, what outstanding requests are in process for the possible introduction of pay & display parking? And make a recommendation for the harmonising of parking in the area to increase road safety and maximise parking for residents.

**Q43 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please arrange to have waste management undertake the following:-

- a. Remove graffiti from the walls of the pedestrian laneway from Lindsay Road to Claude Road pedestrian bridge. Remove the significant accumulation of rubbish and dirt from under the pedestrian bridge
- b. the walls of the pedestrian laneways from Villa Park to the Navan Road, clean the laneways and remove any weeds
- c. Clean the laneway that runs from St Columba's road to Lindsay Road

**Q44 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please provide an update on the following - When construction of new senior citizen accommodation will commence in McKee Park and at Precious Blood Church? Will the manager undertake to clean the areas on a regular basis and replace the existing railing on the Precious Blood site with railing that matches the rest of the site as soon as possible?

**Q45 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please undertake a review of the pedestrian crossings at:-

- a. Clonliffe Road and Drumcondra Road. It appears that pedestrians are permitted only six seconds of green man to cross from oneside of the Drumcondra road e.g. in front of quinn's to the Clonliffe Road side. This is a four-six lane road and six seconds is considered inadequate time to make a safe crossing. This is made more dangerous by the fact that there are many visually impaired pedestrians in the area.
- b. The pedestrian crossings from Prospect Way at Botanic Road. There are two crossings and they are not synchronised so although the crossing from Prospect way to the Island will sound indicating it is safe to cross pedestrians standing on the island waiting to cross to Botanic road when hearing the sounds are mistaken to think that it is safe to cross – it is dangerous and should be reviewed.

**Q46 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**

Will the Manager please advise if there are any plans to provide pedestrian access to the Spencer Dock train station directly from the East Wall area? If so how and when?

**Q47 Councillor Maurice Ahearn**

To ask the Manager to supply at least 1 extra bin outside the Botanic Gardens and to arrange for clearance of same on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer.