

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 13th January, 2009 at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 4015 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 9th December, 2008
(attached) pages 5-11
- 4016 Questions to the Area Manager
(attached) pages 62-66
- 4017 With reference to a presentation by Iona District Resident's Association in relation to event day parking.

Planning and Development Matters

- 4018 With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
- 4019 With reference to Derelict Sites Quarterly Report
(Report attached) pages 38-42

4020 Planning Applications

Application No: 5146/08
Applicant: Maylock Developments.
Location: 12, Ballymun Road, Dublin 9

The development will consist of the construction of 2 residential units- terraced dwellings within the curtilage of a protected structure 12A Ballymun Road. The site extends to the rear property at 12A Ballymun Road. Development to be provided as follows: a) the removal of existing cow byres, b) hard landscaping, private open space, provision of 3 car parking spaces, c) the widening of existing farm entrance to rear of property at 12A. This widening includes the removal and reconstruction of a wall at the front of the protected structure at 12A, d) replacement of existing vehicular gate entrance to the site e) retention consolidation and lowering of the south facing boundary wall f) connection to public utilities and all other associated development works. The proposed building will consist of 2 two storey residential units (ground floor and first floor) with east and west orientation and 3 car parking spaces to the west end of the site. Design proposal to ground floor includes a kitchen, a living room, utility and toilet per each residential unit. Design proposal to first floor includes two bedrooms one which is en-suite, study room, toilet and hot press per each residential unit. Full access to the site is provided through existing vehicular entrance on Ballymun Road.

Registered Date: 25-Nov-2008

Community, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 4021 With reference to Public Library Events for January, 2009 in the Central Area
(Report enclosed)

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 4022 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 12th December, 2008.
(Report attached) pages 43-48

Central Area Matters

- 4023 The reference to HARP Community Gain Funding Proposed withdrawal of two grants awarded to the City Council.
(Report attached) page 49
- 4024 Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit ***pages 50-52***
NEIC IAP ***pages 53-54***
North West Area (including HARP) ***pages 55-57***
Housing Issues-North East Inner City ***pages 58-60***
Housing Issues- North West Inner City ***page 61***

Motions

4025 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

This area committee calls for a report on what community advertising is available on the JC Decaux signs in the Central Area in 2009.

4026 **Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan**

This area committee calls for a report detailing the community childcare facilities in the Cabra area and if the Manager feels that this amount is adequate.

4027 **Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the planning application for a 2 storey detached residence at 20 Seaview Ave, East Wall, Dublin 3.

4028 **Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan**

To ask Area Manager to explain why residents on Ellesmere Road, Dublin 7 are only having bags collected fortnightly; as there is a need for a weekly collection; and to bring to his attention that the majority of residents there do not feel the need for a brown bin.

4029 **Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan**

To ask the Area Manager if broken yellow lines could be provided on the bellied out section of footpaths at 62 and 64 Iona Road, Dublin 9 at the Botanic Road end and the opposite side to deter non residents from parking there.

4030 **Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan**

To ask the Area Manager to respond to the requests from the residents of Rutland Cottages, Dublin 1 regarding re-surfacing of the square.

4031 **Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan**

To ask the Area Manager to explain why the road surface on Spencer St, Dublin 3 is still being patched, instead of complete re-surfacing, for the past 2 years. (previous answer was about the footpaths)

4032 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

That the manager assure the residents of Ellesmere Avenue that their black bag collection will continue to take place on a weekly basis

4033 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

That the manager report on the status of proposed precinct improvement works for Temple House, Dublin 1

4034 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

That the manager outlines the schedule with details of dates and proposed areas for the roll out of the Brown Bin in the Central Area

4035 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

That the manager takes action to prevent the illegal parking on Dominick Lane at the back of the flats, and that a yellow box be installed at the junction of Dominick Lane/Dominick Street (see attached photos)

4036 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the manager put in place a “Plan B” immediately for the remaining residents of Croke Villas and that he ensures that the 30 tenants wishing to remain in the area are accommodated

4037 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the manager ensure that action is taken to prevent illegal dumping in Blessington Court Square, to ensure that bags dumped there are not left for weeks (as is currently the case), and that the covert cctv be used to detect those responsible.

4038 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the manager report on the current status of the Methodist Church at Jones’s Road, if the premises has been handed back to the site owner, if enforcement notices have been served and if the conservation section will make a recommendation to place the building on the record of protected structures.

4039 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the manager to have the lights in Avondale House and Mary’s Mansion repaired urgently and to report on the proposed Precinct Improvement Plans for Avondale House

4040 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager undertake to clean the windows at Wolfe Tone Close facing out onto the Jervis Street and that he ensures that the rubbish chutes are properly maintained and the areas around them cleaned on a regular basis

4041 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to report on future plans for Matt Talbot Court

4042 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the manager report on the number of social and affordable housing due to become available in 2009 including the Docklands and the estimated date of completion of each complex

4043 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to clean the shores at Thompson's Cottages and to remove the graffiti in the area

4044 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to have a notice erected in Phibsborough Post Office collection office- notifying people not to discard their packaging outside the post office, to have the potholes on Phibsborough Avenue repaired (this was promised two years ago and road markings were put down but no work was carried out).

4045 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

- 1) That the manager report on whether the Gardai and DCC have met in relation to the recent spate of car crime in Ashford Street/Ross Street area,
- 2) if the CCTV cameras could be pointed in the direction of Ashford Street to detect those responsible,
- 3) if the grass verges at Ashford Street/Ross Street can be cleaned up and mowed,
- 4) if the gap in the railings at Ashford Cottages can be closed

4046 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the manager to confirm that planning for the new apartments on the Ready mix site, East Wall Road, will not have windows looking into the homes on Leinster Avenue, and to ask what the plans are for the disposal of asbestos.

4047 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this committee agrees to remove the no left hand turn sign on Johnny Cullen's Hill at the request of local residents.

4048 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

This committee receives a report as to what plans Dublin City Council have for the future of Croke Villis, Dublin 3.

4049 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this committee agrees to place a camera at the rear of Sean O Casey Ave to identify people who are dumping rubbish in this area.

Next Meeting Tuesday 10th February, 2009
CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS
12 noon Thursday 29th January, 2009

**CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR**

Tuesday 9th December, 2008 at 2.30 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2

MINUTES

Standing Orders were suspended in order to facilitate the following emergency motions;

- (a) Tabled in the name of Cllr Christy Burke;
That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Housing to agree to meet a delegation of the Central Area Committee to discuss the finance of the proposals of the Dublin City Council taskforce in relation to Dominick Street, St Michaels Estate and O'Devaney Gardens.
ORDER: Motion agreed. It was also agreed that proposals for Liberty House should be included in the motion and submission to the minister.

- (b) Tabled in the name of Cllr. Seamas McGrattan
That this Area Committee agrees to the request from Croke Park Forum funding so that a pump can be installed in order to prevent further flooding and sewage problems at a small number of houses on Clonliffe Road and if the Manager would get a costing from the Engineering Department of Dublin City Council
ORDER: Agreed

- (c) Tabled in the name of Cllr. Emer Costello
That this committee calls on Dublin City Council
- a) to review its decision to allow petrol generators in Henry Street/Cole's Lane
 - b) make provision for Henry Street Traders bring their stock to and from the stalls in early morning and evening time
 - c) to review the decision not to allow family members of traders stand in for them at certain times
 - d) install white lights on Cole's Lane to light up the lane
 - e) Arrange a meeting early in the New Year with the i)the traders from Coles Lane in relation to a number of their issues and ii)a debriefing meeting with the Henry Street Traders to review the problems encountered this year
- ORDER: Report noted. Members agreed that the Manager would clarify the position on using petrol generators and that a meeting to discuss the other issues would be held in January with the CRA Department.**

- (d) Tabled in the name of Cllr. Emer Costello
That this committee calls for an emergency meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Committee in view of the recent tragic shooting in East Wall where a resident was shot dead
- ORDER: Members agreed that there should not be an emergency meeting of the JPC at this time as there was an ongoing criminal investigation into this case.**

3971 Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 11th November, 2008
ORDER: Agreed

3972 Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted

3973 With reference to Green and Brown bin recycling service.
ORDER: Presentation noted. The member's comments can be summarised as follows;

- (a) Clarification was sought on the possibility of getting communal green bins
- (b) Members pointed out that bins were not being emptied properly.
- (c) Queries on whether the black bin service would still be continued on weekly basis
- (d) Members wanted to know why there was a charge for the brown bin service if DCC was selling the contents for composting
- (e) Query on the likelihood of brown bins being introduced into areas where there is only a black bag collection
- (f) Members queried the hours that private collection would be working and would they be doing night collections

Planning and Development Matters

- 3974** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
ORDER: Report noted.
- 3975** With reference to the proposed grant of further licences to the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation Limited for Macro Senior Citizens, Macro Community Development Project and Macro Community Newsletter at Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street / North King Street, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 3976** With reference to the Proposed Draft Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 - Initiation of variation procedure - Phibsborough / Mountjoy Local Area Plan.
ORDER: Agreed to initiate. Councillors requested a report on the timeline for the full variation procedure to be sent to them
- 3977** With reference to Planning Enforcement Report for Q3 of 2008 for the Central Area
ORDER: Noted.
- 3978** The further reference to Addition of 49 Arbour Hill, Dublin 7 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 3979** With further reference to Addition of 17-22 Parkgate Street, Dublin 7 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.

3980 **Planning Applications**

Application No: 5117/08

Applicant: Declan Brassil & Company Ltd.

Location: Junction of Grangegorman Road Lower, & Fitzwilliam Place North, Including Nos 13,14,15,16,17 & 18 Grangegorman Road Lower, Dublin 7

Proposal: Planning permission for the redevelopment of a site of 0.63ha, approximately 1,151sqm, located at the junction of Grangegorman Road Lower and Fitzwilliam Place North. The site includes nos. 13,14,15,16,17 & 18 Grangegorman Road Lower and is bounded to the south by a significant planning permission recently granted under DCC reg. ref. 4876/06. The proposed development includes the demolition of all existing structures on site, including nos. 13,14,15,16,17,18 Grangegorman Road Lower; and the construction of a mixed use residential/commercial development (with an overall gross floor area of 3,966sqm) comprising of 587sqm gfa of commercial space provided at ground floor level and 30 no. apartments (6no. 1-bed, 17no. 2-bed, 7no. 3-bed units) distributed from upper ground floor level to fifth floor level. The maximum building height is 7 storeys in the southern part of the building which accommodates residential use at upper ground floor level (2 no. apartments) above parking entrance, while the major part of the building is 6 storeys high including a commercial/retail ground floor level. A single basement level will accommodate 29no. car parking spaces, 30no. cycle spaces, and ancillary facilities (refuse stores, plants/stores, etc.). The ground floor level will accommodate the parking entrance/access ramp in the southern part of the site and will provide, respectively in the central and northern parts of the site, 312sqm gfa of retail/commercial use and 275sqm gfa of enterprise/education/commercial use, with main and secondary entrances located on both Grangegorman Road Lower and Fitzwilliam Place North, along with 6no. dedicated cycle spaces at street level. Separate access to the apartments is provided on Grangegorman Road Lower with a secondary entrance on Fitzwilliam Place North. All apartments are distributed from upper ground floor level to fifth floor level and have direct access to private terraces/balconies fronting either

onto Grangegorman Road Lower, Fitzwilliam Place North or the internal south-east facing communal courtyards located at upper ground floor (91sqm) and at first floor (268sqm) levels. The development will also provide a roof terrace (70sqm) at fifth floor level. The application also includes all associated ancillary works and site development works above and below ground, including hard and soft landscaping and enhancements to the site boundaries.

Registered Date: 21-Nov-2008

ORDER: Presentation noted.

Community, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

3981 With reference to Public Library Events for December, 2008 in the Central Area
ORDER: Noted.

3982 With reference to grant towards the running costs of private swimming pools for year 2007.
ORDER: Noted.

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

3983 With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 20th November, 2008.
ORDER: Report noted.

3984 With reference to report on the Traffic Advisory Group and the procedures for implementing Traffic Management Measures.
ORDER: Report noted.

3984(a) With reference to request for a pedestrian crossing - Phibsborough Road @Connaught Street, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Report noted. Report to be emailed to Councillors

Central Area Matters

3985 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
Sport and Leisure Services Report
ORDER: Reports noted

Motions

3986 **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**
That this Committee agrees that Dublin City Council will examine all faulty doors, windows, power points and blocked up shores in the Drumalee estate on the North Circular Road in light of numerous complaints from local residents and to ask the City Manager when will the repair work be completed and when will proper replacements be provided.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3987 **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**
That the Manager commences the process of declaring that the portion of ground between Block B Cross Guns Quay and the Bakery Site at Cross Guns Bridge is a Derelict Site.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3988 **Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea**
That the Manager issues a report on when the Public Consultation process to vary the Development Plan in respect of Reilly's Bridge will commence.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3989 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Area Manager replace the existing place name signs at the following locations,
Prospect Way
Cherrymount Park
Library View
Villa Park Phibsborough
Villa Bank
Blacquiere Terrace
Ammamoe Parade

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3990 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Manager arrange for the cleaning of the laneway which separates Shandon Crescent from Mount Bernard Park

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3991 Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager reports on an update on the progress (or lack of) in relation to the recruitment of staff for the Ballybough Centre.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3992 Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report the current state of the proposals for the development of the sports facility at Alfie Byrne Road.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3993 Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report on the delay in building dressing rooms in Fairview Park; has this gone out to tender and if so the time scale for them to be built. And to ask if compensation was paid for the Tunnel going through the park and if so will it be used on improvements for the park.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3994 Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report on the number occasions that Litter Wardens have been in the East Wall area during October/November 2008; and if they can establish a specific schedule of visits on a regular basis in the East Wall Area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3995 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

That this Area Committee calls for a detailed report on the improvements on the road on Blackhorse Avenue and a timescale on the work.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3996 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

This Area Committee calls for a report on the procedure carried out to extinguish the public right of way on the New Cabra Road behind the shops and to how the keys were distributed

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3997 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

This Area Committee calls on Dublin Bus to increase the number of 120 buses from Royal Canal on weekday mornings as the bus is regularly full when it reaches Cabra.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3998 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager reports on what works are proposed to take place on Smithfield space given the suspension of Phase Two from the Capital Works Programme, that the front Square have planters/flowers installed to "green" the Square that he agrees to establish a system of

consultation with local residents in relation to events on Smithfield Square and that where possible local people are included in the organisation of the event

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

3999 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager work with the Cross Cultural Club to help them find a suitable premises for their after-schools project.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4000 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager report on the delay in the handover to Dublin City Council of the social housing at Castleforbes and Abercorn and gives a definite date as to when these units will be allocated.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4001 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager outline what works are scheduled to take place in the PIPs for Alfie Byrne House and Avondale House and if he will give a commitment that these works will definitely start in 2009 given that they were included in the 2009 works programme and if there are any plans for Drumalee in 2009

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4002 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That parking enforcement strictly enforce the pay & display parking at Glengariff Parade & District, Berkeley Road and District and Manor Street and the double yellow lines on Montpelier Hill/Drive where workers from the new Courts development are continuing to park and obstruct the roads

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4003 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

To ask the manager if a designated cycle lane, separated from the road and footpath, can be put on North Strand road, at least from the Strand apartments going into town, as far as the Five Lamps. The cycle lane vanishes at the Strand apartments so cyclists enter the bus lane. The cycle lane re-appears after the junction with Ossory Road -but in the middle of the footpath so cyclists have to mount the kerb to get to safety - but if they slip in doing so they will fall into the bus lane. The cycle path is then broken three times in the space of approx150m by two side roads and a bus stop where peoples and in the middle of the cycle lane as they get on and off the bus.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4004 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

To ask the Manager to examine placing speed ramps on Sarsfield Street, and if the alleyway down the side of 1 Sarsfield Street can be cleaned.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4005 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

To ask the Manager to take steps improve the water pressure at Russell Avenue, East Wall, as residents complain of poor water pressure there on a regular basis.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4006 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

To ask the Manager for an update on the Area Committee question from June 2008 on status of the derelict houses at the junctions of Seaview Ave and Church Road and Shelmalier Road and Church Road East

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4007 Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

That the Manager states the extent of graffiti in the North Inner City; and the annual cost to Dublin City Council of having it removed

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

- 4008 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**
That the Area Committee invite the Iona and District Residents' Association to give a presentation to the next meeting of the Area Committee to outline their views on residents only parking on match days at Croke Park
ORDER: Agreed. Invitation to issue.
- 4009 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**
That the Manager agrees that no further drainage work takes place on the playing fields at Martin Savage Park until the flooding issue at Glendhu has been resolved.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.
- 4010 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**
That the taxi rank outside Penneys in Parnell Street be extended to facilitate more taxis and not to reinstate the DYL at the rear of the rank
ORDER: Report to Councillor.
- 4011 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**
That the Area Manager meet with representatives from the Chinese community to discuss their concerns in relation to public domain matters on Capel Street and Parnell Street
ORDER: Report to Councillor.
- 4012 Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr**
To ask the manager if he will ensure that laundry facilities are provided for tenants of St Finbarrs Court Cabra
ORDER: Report to Councillor.
- 4013 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick**
Glasnevin Educate Together has continuously operated since 2002 and provides quality education to over 200 children of more than 25 different countries. The children, parents and teachers of the school have earned and deserve permanent recognition from the dept of Education. The elected members of the area committee call on the Minister for Education to give permanent recognition to Glasnevin Educate Together and to work with the school and parents provide them with a permanent and appropriate school building.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.
- 4014 Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**
That this Area Committee agrees that the Methodist church on Jones Road Dublin 3 will be listed to Dublin City Council protected structures.
ORDER: Report to Councillor.

ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Mary O'Shea (Chairperson)
Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr. Emer Costello
Cllr. Maurice Ahern
Cllr. Tom Stafford
Cllr. Maureen O'Sullivan

Apologies - Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Seamas McGrattan
Cllr. Aodhán Ó'Riordáin
Cllr. Brendan Carr

Officials

Charlie Lowe, Area Manager, Central Area
Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer, Cabra Area
John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area

Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Brian Hanney, Senior Executive Officer, Waste Management Services
Sandra Smith, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer
Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Officer, Engineering Department
Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Engineer, Central Area
Myles Farrell, Senior Executive Planner, Planning Department
Rosemary Gibbons, Acting Senior Planner, Planning Department
Michael Rossiter, Executive Planner, Planning Department
Nicci Nolan, Executive Planner, Conservation Section
Alec Dundon, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Division
Dervla Cotter, Senior Executive Architect, City Architect's Section
Coilin O'Reilly, Culture, Recreation and Amenity
Cathy Cassidy, A/Senior Staff Officer, Central Area Office

Councillor Mary O'Shea
Chairperson
9th December, 2008

Questions to the City Manager
Central Area Committee
December 2008

Q1 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if DCC will have the apartment at **details supplied** put into house stock ASAP, as DCC have a person to move in if Dublin City Council would have this unit is complete before Christmas.

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance Section advises that they are currently working on this apartment and that the work will be completed within the next 6 – 8 weeks.

Q2 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager to carry out door to door at details supplied regarding park improvement as some residents are not in favour of seating being put in place and upgrade of the park also that DCC parks do not remove the tree at no 20 Linen hall Street Dublin 7.

Reply:

On 13th October 2008 the City Council met representatives of the Residents to discuss the proposed upgrading of the open space in question. The Residents present at the meeting brought up the shading caused by the cherry trees currently in place and proposed that they be removed and replaced with a different species of tree. The City Council stated that the cherry trees were of an age and species that would not tolerate pruning and proposed that they be replaced with semi mature tree which would allow light in and still provide a visual amenity. This was acceptable to the residents present at the meeting and they undertook to survey the residents of both Linen hall St and Lisburn St in this regard. The results of the survey which were received in late October showed that the majority of the residents favoured removing the trees and it is now proposed to go ahead with the work.

The Residents at the meeting were in favour of seating and it should be noted that there will be a lockable gate to the space and keys provided to Residents.

Q3 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will remove at all times leaves on the paths and roads at details supplied

Reply:

Waste Management Services operate a leaf removal programme during the Autumn and Winter months until all the leaves are gone. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and are prone to flooding. Details supplied are included regularly in this programme. We had a crew working on leaves removal in these streets on the 2nd December 2008

Q4 **Councillor Christy Burke**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council will report when will CCTV be installed at details supplied as the area has been victim to anti-social behaviour

Reply:

The CCTV System installed at details supplied has not been vandalised. However an upgraded system will be installed in March 2009. It is currently out for tender.

Q5 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council have received any decision from the Dept of Environment regarding funding for redevelopment of details supplied. If Dublin City Council have not received any decision from the Department could the Manager outline when it is likely the Council will receive a decision.

Reply:

No decision has been received from the Department to date.

A meeting is being held on the 8th December with the Department to advance this project.

Q6 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the City Manager that an update report regarding details supplied

Reply:

The implementation of traffic signals at details supplied has been deferred pending the allocation of additional funding necessary to link the proposed signals to the existing network.

The Area Traffic inspector will be asked to inspect the details supplied and replace if necessary.

Q7 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager in view of the ongoing vandalism to the stairwell lights (details supplied) by anti-social elements if a solution could be found to provide lasting stairway lighting for the tenants most of whom are decent people and are in fear of the vandals.

Reply:

Electrical Services Division will replace the lighting affected with a more vandal resistant type of light fitting. However, no fitting is completely vandal proof. Determined vandals can make the lighting inoperative by attacking the fittings or other elements of the system such as the conduit carrying the wiring or electrical equipment located in the switch room.

Q8 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager the timescale for the repair of the main entrance to details supplied.

Reply:

This gate was repaired on the 1st December 2008.

Q9 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager if a full resurfacing could be carried out on the footpaths at details supplied rather than the patchwork job currently under way in this long established area which will benefit greatly from comprehensive resurfacing.

Reply:

The above streets will not be resurfaced completely due to financial constraints.

Q10 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager when the entrance door of details supplied will be replaced since it was damaged by Dublin City Council Officials approximately six months ago as reported by the tenant.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Foreman will inspect the door of this dwelling, and all necessary repairs will be carried out.

Q11 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager if arrangements could be made to monitor landlord owned properties and others on details supplied to establish the number of properties in breach of the litter laws on an ongoing basis so that appropriate action might be taken against the main offenders.

Reply:

Waste Management Division's Litter Prevention Officer will arrange to carry out a blitz on this area with the Litter Warden service. The Litter Prevention Officer has asked the Litter Wardens to patrol and inspect all properties on details m and has been in contact with the PRTB in order to get details of landlords of properties on the road.

Q12 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Area Manager to provide a Report on (Details Supplied)

Reply:

Under current parking regulations it is not possible to restrict parking on a particular public road solely to residents of that road.

Details supplied can, at the request of the residents, be examined for a pay and display and permit parking scheme which could potentially offer the residents protection from the effects of commuter parking, but will still not grant them exclusive rights to park on their road as anyone with a valid permit will be entitled to park on the road.

Q13 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Area Manager to provide a Report on (Details Supplied)

Reply:

This area is regularly monitored by the Litter Warden Service. Any Illegally dumped bags are investigated and fines issued where possible. Litter Wardens will continue to monitor the area.

Q14 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have a “No Through Road/Cul De Sac sign erected at (Details Supplied)

Reply:

The area traffic team will investigate this matter and a report will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q15 Councillor Mary O’Shea

To ask the Area Manager to provide details of any proposals received by the City Council from the Department of Education in relation to a site for details supplied.

Reply:

By way of letter dated 30th September 2008, the Department of Education and Science advised Dublin City Council that they were unable to identify any other suitable sites for the provision of a permanent school for details supplied and were proposing instead to build a permanent school on the site currently occupied by them.

The Department asked Dublin City Council to contact the Trustees of details supplied to seek a surrender of a portion of their leases so that the Department could enter into negotiations with Dublin City Council for the disposal of a portion of land at details supplied to the Department for the provision of a permanent supplied.

A letter was issued to the Trustees of details supplied on 6th October 2008 and Dublin City Council has as of yet received no response.

Q16 Councillor Mary O’Shea

To ask the Area Manager to report on actions being taken by the City Council to deal with anti-social behaviour by (details supplied)

Reply:

The property is a RAS dwelling that is managed by Cluid Housing Association on our behalf. The first complaint was received by Cluid on 27th November and the matter is being investigated. Appropriate action will be taken if the situation continues.

Q17 Councillor Mary O’Shea

To ask the Area Manager to have the public toilets on the North Circular Road entrance to the Phoenix Park cleaned.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Office of Public Works and a report will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q18 Councillor Maureen O’Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager if he can arrange to have the missing slates replaced on the roof of details supplied and the repairs to the hotpress promised some time ago expedited.

Reply:

This is privately owned property, so therefore Dublin City Council is not responsible for carrying out repairs.

Q19 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the potholes repaired at details supplied

Reply:

These potholes are small, however they will be repaired within 4/6 weeks

Q20 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the leaves removed on details supplied

Reply:

The Waste Management Division have removed the leaves from (details supplied)

Q21 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to install a barrier at the shops at details supplied to prevent cars from mounting the footpath in order to avoid reversing onto the road.

Reply:

The area traffic team will investigate this matter and a report will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q22 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager if a waste management waiver has been granted to details supplied

Reply:

A full waiver was granted to this customer on 19th November 2008 and the account is now clear.

Q23 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to install a litter bin on details supplied at the entry to the school lane

Reply:

Waste Management Services had a litter bin installed on details supplied at the entry to the school lane on the 2nd December 2008.

Q24 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the crossbar repaired at details supplied as it was damaged by vandals

Reply:

The parks section will examine this matter with a view to undertaking any repairs that are considered necessary.

Q25 Councillor Seamus McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the tree removed outside details supplied as it very unstable.

Reply:

The parks section will examine this matter with a view to undertaking necessary remedial action.

Q26 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the following maintenance issues addressed at details supplied, the railings outside are collapsing, the toilet cistern needs to be repaired she is using a hanger to flush the toilet, the light in the bathroom does not work and the trees in the back are completely overgrown in the back garden and she cannot get out her back.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer has checked out the repair requests in relation to this dwelling and reports the following:

1. The toilet and cistern have been repaired.
2. Maintenance and cleaning of gardens is the tenant's own responsibility, however given the circumstances arrangements will be made to have the trees pruned and the rubbish removed from the garden.
3. Arrangements will be made to carry out the repairs to the railings.

Q27. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager when the showers promised for **details supplied** will be installed.

Reply:

There is no programme to install new showers in this complex. Showers are installed for tenants based on medical need under our scheme for adaptations for persons with disabilities, and in instances where vacancies arise and the particular flat is in need of refurbishment.

Q28. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager if he will liaise with the Gardai to ensure that the environmental noise pollution emanating from *(details supplied) is controlled

Reply:

The matter has been referred to the Environmental Health Section for investigation.

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor in this regard.

Q29. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager if a new gate can be put in front of existing gate which is set back on laneway at details supplied as the set back is resulting in a lot of anti-social behaviour there.

Reply:

This matter is currently being investigated by the Central Area Office, the outcome of which will be communicated directly to the Councillor.

Q30. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager in relation to road markings:

To reinstate the road markings on details supplied following the resurfacing.
to repaint the disabled parking space sign outside details supplied:

Reply:

This matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Officer for inspection and re-painting as required.

Q31. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager to agree to make the flat requested at details supplied available for Community use.

Reply:

The Area Housing Manager reports that there is a bed-sit dwelling, details supplied currently allocated to the Tenants Association. This dwelling is not being used to its full potential at the moment. The above request can be reviewed at a time when the current accommodation is deemed to be inadequate for the use of the Tenants Association.

Q32. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager to ensure that the tenants from details supplied are moved in to their new homes by Christmas and if not to offer them alternative accommodation for the Christmas season as was done last year.

Reply:

It had been hoped that all 25 units in the details supplied development would be completed and ready for letting in order that tenants from details supplied could move before Christmas. It is the experience of Dublin City Council that taking possession of units that have not been fully snagged can cause major problems for residents and these potential problems are exacerbated during the Christmas period. In order to overcome any potential problems a deadline of 5th December for handover of fully snagged units was imposed on the contractor and he has failed to meet this deadline. Accordingly, tenants will not now be moving into the new units until January. Tenants have been informed of the delay and, while they are naturally disappointed, they fully understand and support Dublin City Council in this matter.

Dublin City Council have no plans to provide alternative accommodation to tenants from details supplied and did not do so last Christmas.

Q33. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager to provide an update on progress with talks on improving the bus service in details supplied. This has been raised previously - years later the bus service is still wholly inadequate.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to Dublin Bus and a report will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q34. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager to provide better lighting on details supplied and to request Dublin Bus to provide a shelter at the bus stop going into town near the junction of details supplied

Reply:

This matter has been referred to Dublin Bus and a report will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

The Public Lighting Section have investigated the existing lighting here and consider the lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard. They have no plans at present for any further improvements.

Q35. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager to improve the surface of the road at details supplied, and to deal with the abandoned cars (details supplied there).

Reply:

Roads Maintenance Section proposes to carry out repairs to two small patches of the road at this location.

Q36. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager to provide lights on the playing pitch at details supplied so that young people can play on it in winter months as well as summer.

Reply:

Matter is being examined by the Parks Section to determine the feasibility and potential effects of this proposal.

Q37. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if the front garden at details supplied can be cleaned out and perhaps the garden 'half-paved' as the resident is elderly and cannot manage the garden.

Reply:

Maintenance of gardens is the tenant’s own responsibility. Dublin City Council does not carry out cleaning and paving of gardens. However, given the fact that the tenant in this case is elderly I will arrange to have the garden cleaned out. It should be noted that the tenant is at an age that would qualify her for a transfer to sheltered housing accommodation. Should she be unable to maintain the house, and as she is the sole occupant, this option may be the best long term solution for her needs.

Q38. Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if double yellow lines can be put on (details supplied).

Reply:

A recommendation for double yellow lines on details supplied has been forwarded to the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group on 11th of December 2008.
A report will be forwarded to the next Central Area Committee meeting in January 2009.

Q39. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to put in a door and replace windows (where necessary) at the detail supplied.

Reply:

Details supplied is the property of the Health Service Executive, therefore Dublin City Council are not involved in the maintenance of this building.

Q40. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to state what contacts Dublin City Council has had with the Department of Education regarding the acquisition of a site for a permanent school for details supplied and if he will convene a meeting between DCC, details supplied and the Department of Education and Science to progress the proposal

Reply:

By way of letter dated 30th September 2008, the Department of Education and Science advised Dublin City Council that they were unable to identify any other suitable sites for the provision of a permanent school for details supplied and were proposing instead to build a permanent school on the site currently occupied by them.

The Department asked Dublin City Council to contact the details supplied to seek a surrender of a portion of their leases so that the Department could enter into negotiations with Dublin City Council for the disposal of a portion of land at details supplied to the Department for the provision of a permanent details supplied.

A letter was issued to the Trustees of details supplied on 6th October 2008 and Dublin City Council has as of yet received no response.

Q41. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to remove the DYL outside details supplied as residents want to be able to park outside their house

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Committee has refused this request on two previous occasions.

The residence in question has a driveway allowing for off street parking of two vehicles. Furthermore there is a break in the double yellow lines immediately outside the driveway permitting the parking of a further vehicle.

The double yellow lines were put in at the request of the local residents association due to parking in the area that was restricting access. It is not recommended to adjust these double yellow lines in any way.

Q42. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to put in planters to green the area at the tarmacadamed lands at Details supplied, as the manager has stated that there is no funding to do any further work with these spaces.

Reply:

There is no funding available in 2008 for this work to be carried out, but this matter will be re-examined in 2009 in the context of available funding. In this regard it should be noted that planters require ongoing maintenance, which can be funding dependant.

Q43. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to clarify if the long-promised footpath from detail supplied is included in the 2008 or 2009 works programme and if he will give a time-scale to the work to commence and be completed.

Reply:

It is still proposed to construct a footpath in details supplied
The delay has been due to the lengthy consultation process between park users, local football clubs and residents that are ongoing Work has recently started on construction of the new boundary and section of footpath at details supplied Housing Estate and it is proposed to start work on the section of footpath through the park as soon as ground conditions improve.

Q44. Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager if it is possible for (details supplied) to agree terms with the Traffic Department for the use of a parking space at (details supplied) in order to display electric bikes as her shop is obscured.

Reply:

The availability of on street parking is very important to all businesses particularly those situated in the city centre. It is in the interest of all businesses and retailers that long stay parking is discouraged so that there is a greater availability of parking spaces for those wishing to access the city centre. There is a high demand for on street parking on details supplied and therefore the Traffic Department would not favour the renting of a space to a particular business as it would have a detrimental impact on other business in the area by reducing the availability of parking. The Traffic Department do on occasions suspend parking to facilitate construction work or road works and on these occasions those involved are charged a daily rate varying from €12.70 to €38 per parking space depending on which parking zone the space is located in.

Q45. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Will the Manager please release copies of any correspondence, reports, meetings or discussions in relation to details supplied. Specifically will they advise of any communications that would relate to the establishment of a permanent school building and/or the lands. Is there a current planning application for a school? Have there been any pre-planning discussions? Please provide details

Reply:

(i) Dublin City Council has received enquiries from the OPW, Department of Education and Science and elected representatives enquiring if Dublin City Council would consider the sale of a portion of the grounds currently leased by the Trustees of St. details supplied to the Department of Education and Science in the event that the details supplied were to surrender their lease on same.

Up to recently these have always been just enquiries and Dublin City Council's response has always been in the affirmative, but have always reiterated the position that this could only be considered if the Trustees of details supplied were willing to surrender their interest in the portion of the site in question.

Following a meeting between representatives of Dublin City Council and the Department of Education and Science, the Department issued Dublin City Council with a letter dated 30th September 2008 confirming that there were no other suitable sites for the provision of a permanent school for details supplied and were proposing instead to build a permanent school on the site currently occupied by them.

As a result of this letter Dublin City Council wrote to the Trustees of details supplied on the 6th October 2008 to see if they were willing to consider this proposal but as of yet Dublin City Council has received no response.

(ii) The Central Area Planning Team is unaware of any recent discussions regarding the future of this site. There is no record of any pre-planning discussions.

Q46. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Is the Manager aware of the burn-out property on the corner of details supplied and the details supplied? Will the manager please advise what action DCC has taken to ensure that property is secured and made safe?

Reply:

The above site was inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and it is in a neglected and untidy condition. A reference of ownership has been requested from the Title and Research Section of the Law Department. When received, a letter in accordance with Section 9 of the Derelict Sites Act will be written to the owners requesting them to carry out works to prevent the site from becoming Derelict.

Q47. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Will the Manager please provide a report that details all affordable units that have been released for sale to Dublin City Council in the five areas? The report should identify the number and location of affordable units that have not been sold and have been available for sale for more than six months? Will the manager advise if such units could be made available for Social Housing purposes and if so how and when that is likely to occur?

Reply:

The table set out below outlines the details of the affordable housing units offered for sale, sold, deposits received and contracts signed and also the number of units that are unsold for more than six months broken down by the five committee areas. It has become increasingly difficult in the current property market to speedily sell affordable housing units. There have been significant reductions in market house prices and in many instances the affordable housing price is now close to the market price and is making the sale of affordable units more difficult

The Housing & Residential Services Department is examining ways to improve the sale of affordable housing units. We are reviewing the existing sales process to identify ways to streamline and quicken the process. A new web selection system (A-HOME) is being introduced that will significantly improve the time required to bring affordable housing units to the market. A new marketing strategy will be in place by the end of 2008 which will target affordable housing applicants who are genuinely interested in taking up an offer of affordable housing, reduce refusal rates and provide assistance to applicants to receive prompt loan approvals from lenders.

However it is not sustainable to have dwellings vacant for long periods of time and the Housing & Residential Services Department is looking at the possibility of making these

vacant dwellings available for both social housing and the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS). It will be necessary to receive the approval of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to the use of vacant affordable dwellings for social housing and RAS.

DEVELOPMENT	ELECTORAL BOUNDARY	NO. OF UNITS	CLOSED	SOLD/ DEPOSIT PAID	LEFT TO SELL (OVER 6 MONTHS)
BAKERS YARD, NCR, DUBLIN 1	CENTRAL	23	1	14	8
BEHAN SQUARE, RUSSELL STREET, DUBLIN 1	CENTRAL	10	0	6	4
LABURNUM COURT, ASHTOWN, DUBLIN 15	CENTRAL	18	4	1	3
GLOUCESTER SQUARE, DUBLIN 1	CENTRAL	6	0	1	5
MOUNTJOY STREET, DUBLIN 1	CENTRAL	11	6	2	3
ROYAL CANAL PARK, ASHTOWN, D15	CENTRAL	46	5	13	28
THE STRAND, DUBLIN 3	CENTRAL	12	0	6	6
THE VILLAGE, ASHTOWN, DUBLIN 15	CENTRAL	20	6	1	2
CENTRAL TOTAL		146	2	4	47
BELMAYNE (PH 1&2), DUBLIN 13	NORTH CENTRAL	51	0	12	39
CLARE VILLAGE, DUBLIN 13	NORTH CENTRAL	27	0	3	24
FAIRVIEW CLOSE, DUBLIN 3	NORTH CENTRAL	14	0	8	6
NORTHERN CROSS, MALAHIDE ROAD, D17	NORTH CENTRAL	78	3	6	5
PRIORY HALL, DONAGHMEDE, D13	NORTH CENTRAL	13	0	1	12
NORTH CENTRAL TOTAL		183	3	6	29
CLEARSTREAM, FINGLAS, 11	NORTH WEST	5	0	0	5
HAMPTON WOOD (ALL PHASES), D11	NORTH WEST	154	7	8	20
PROSPECT HILL, FINGLAS, D11	NORTH WEST	82	1	7	2
NORTH WEST TOTAL		241	58	1	22

BARLEY HOUSE, CORK STREET, DUBLIN 8	SOUTH CENTRAL	3	0	0	3
BRABAZON HALL, CORK STREET, DUBLIN 8	SOUTH CENTRAL	10	4	3	3
CLIFDEN ROAD, BALLYFERMOT, D10	SOUTH CENTRAL	37	0	24	13
EARLSCOURT, CORK STREET, DUBLIN 8	SOUTH CENTRAL	13	1	1	0
HYDE SQUARE, DUBLIN 8	SOUTH CENTRAL	6	3	1	2
KILLEEN HALL, BALLYFERMOT, DUBLIN 10	SOUTH CENTRAL	3	0	0	3
MELLOWES QUAY, USHER QUAY, D8	SOUTH CENTRAL	16	0	11	5
OLD CHOCOLATE FACTORY, KILMAINHAM, D8	SOUTH CENTRAL	11	6	4	1
SEVEN OAKS, SARSFIELD ROAD, D 10	SOUTH CENTRAL	197	93	1	3
THE ORCHARD - CLOVERHILL, D10	SOUTH CENTRAL	2	0	1	1
THE ORCHARD - SCR, D8	SOUTH CENTRAL	2	0	0	2
THE TANNERY, CORK STREET, DUBLIN 8	SOUTH CENTRAL	14	0	3	11
SOUTH CENTRAL TOTAL		314	17	2	50
BOTTLEWORKS, RINGSEND, DUBLIN 4	SOUTH EAST	12	0	1	1
SOUTH EAST TOTAL		12	0	1	1
OVERALL TOTAL		896	90	4	149

Q48. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Is the Manager aware of the on-going problems with commuter parking on the residential roads bordered by details supplied? Will the manager please identify which of these roads have Pay & Display Parking, have been balloted for Pay & Display and the outcome of the ballot and which roads are not suitable for Pay & Display? Because some of the roads would only be able to accommodate Pay & Display parking on one-side is it possible for parking plan to be developed and implemented for that area that would allow permits to be used by residents on adjoining roads?

Reply

Only four of the streets within the area described have requested Pay and Display and Permit Parking schemes in recent years, namely;

- Details supplied

The request by details supplied was rejected by the TAG as parking occupancies were low. The proposed schemes for details supplied were both rejected at ballot even though the proposed schemes provided parking on both sides of the roads.

The proposed scheme for details supplied was also rejected. This scheme proposed parking on both sides of the majority of detail supplied though at both ends where it narrowed there were sections of double yellow lines. About 25 houses would have had DYL outside them.

When designing schemes for roads of limited width the traffic department does try to combine the scheme with other areas of existing pay and display or other areas where pay and display have also been requested. In this area there are no existing pay and display schemes and it would appear from the most recent ballots the majority of residents are not in favour of their introduction at this time.

At present it would not be possible to implement parking scheme as the councillor suggests as there would appear to be little support for permit parking schemes from the residents

Q49 Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Will the Manager please supply a report on details supplied

Reply

1) Details supplied: Given that the Metro North is likely to place increased pressure on existing pitches in the North West Area, the Parks Department have examined an area of details supplied which with some minor relocation of trees would be suitable for a gaelic games juvenile practice pitch. Given that transplanting of trees and some reinstatement is necessary it will be early next summer 2009 before the area is suitable for ball games. The matter can be further considered.

2) Details supplied: The open space at details supplied is not of adequate size given its configuration and contouring to accommodate a full size soccer pitch. Accordingly we have plans to provide one

Q50. Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Will the Manager please arrange to have a directional sign erected on the Navan Road to indicate the presence of the National Schools behind the church?

Reply:

In Dublin City Council, only signs indicating tourist attractions and amenities are acceptable on a limited basis. A sign for the National School is not recommended, as it would lead to unacceptable street clutter and intrusion should other schools/ businesses also request such signs.

Motions to the City Manager
Central Area Committee
December 2008

Item 3986

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this Committee agrees that Dublin city council will examine all faulty doors, windows, power points and blocked up shores in the Drumalee estate on the North Circular Road in light of numerous complaints from local residents and to ask the city manager when will the repair work be completed and when will proper replacements be provided.

Report

All repair requests received from tenants in the Drumalee Estate are responded to within prescribed timelines and in accordance with the priority assigned. If the Councillor is in a position to identify particular instances of ongoing issues, which have not received an adequate response, every such case will be investigated and a report on each will be issued to the Councillor.

Item 3987

Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Manager commences the process of declaring that the portion of ground between Block B Cross Guns Quay and the Bakery Site at Cross Guns Bridge is a Derelict Site.

Report

A reference of ownership has been requested for this site with a view to requesting that the owner(s) tidy up its appearance. Should the owner(s) fail to do so, formal action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, including possible entry of the site on the Derelict Sites Register, will be taken.

Item 3988

Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Manager issues a Report on when the Public Consultation process to vary the Development Plan in respect of Reilly's Bridge will commence.

Report

The proposed variation concerns adding an objective to the Development Plan to allow the construction of O'Reilly Bridge at Ratoath Road across both the Royal Canal and mainline train tracks.

Before the public consultation process can commence, the Planning Authority is required to consider whether the proposed variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment by screening for and / or preparing a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under section 13K of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004.

The screening report is currently being prepared in conjunction with the Roads Design Services of the Roads and Traffic Department for submission to the prescribed

environmental bodies in order to inform the SEA process. These bodies have 3 weeks in which to assess the screening report. Following this the public consultation process will commence.

Item 3989

Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Area Manager replace the existing place name signs at the following locations,

- Prospect Way
- Cherrymount Park
- Library View
- Villa Park Phibsborough
- Villa Bank
- Blacquiere Terrace
- Ammamoe Parade

Report

The roads maintenance section has examined this matter.

The following streets have had replacement nameplates ordered

- 1) Prospect Way
- 2) Cherrymount Park
- 3) Library View
- 4) Villa Park
- 5) Villa Bank

The Nameplate on Anamoe Parade will be repainted. There are no proposals to replace the sign on Blacquiere Terrace.

Item 3990

Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That the Manager arrange for the cleaning of the laneway, which separates Shandon Crescent from Mount Bernard Park

Report

This laneway will be cleaned within the next week

Item 3991

Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager reports an update on the progress (or lack of) in relation to the recruitment of staff for the Ballybough Centre.

Report

The Ballybough Centre was formally handed over to Dublin City Council on 9th October, 2008 following practical completion certification by Mitchell & Associates Architects.

The facility once handed over is the subject to the standard pre-opening procedures used in all new community building projects i.e. Health & Safety, Fit out, IT and Building Management Systems/ Procedures etc.

A budget to cover the costs associated with the recruitment of staff, operational costs and maintenance of the facility has been included in the Culture, Recreation and Amenities Department estimate for 2009.

It is envisaged that the facility will be fully operational in early 2009 following the introduction of all building operational systems and recruitment of staff. In the interim though the Centre Manager is working with local groups to offer structured programmes from the centre thus phasing the opening of the facility in a safe and secure manner.

The recruitment of all staff for the Ballybough Centre will be done in accordance with Dublin City Council's Human Resource Departments procedures vis a vis employment of staff by the Local Authority.

Item 3992

Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report the current state of the proposals for the development of the sports facility at Alfie Byrne Road.

Report

This project is located in the North Central Area Committee Administrative Area. Tenders have been invited for this project and are currently being examined. The funding package to deliver this project is also being worked on to ensure its viability.

Item 3993

Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report on the delay in building dressing rooms in Fairview Park; has this gone out to tender and if so the time scale for them to be built. And to ask if compensation was paid for the Tunnel going through the park and if so will it be used on improvements for the park.

Report

The Government in order to obtain price certainty in building contracts has for this purpose altered the contract conditions and procedures for tendering of buildings. The tender documents for this building and associated site works has been compiled under the new form of contract which requires every part of the building to be specified, drawn and measured, which has greatly added to the time required for the preparation of these documents by the contract team. These additional procedures combined with poor existing ground conditions and contaminated soil has further extended the projected timescale for the completion of these documents.

These tender documents are now complete, and are being issued to contractors on the 4th December 2008. The tenders will be returned by the end of January 2009 and their evaluation and selection of contractor will be completed by the end of February. Allowing for the selected contractor to mobilise work force and plant, together with obtaining the necessary sureties work should commence in April. The contract period is 42 working weeks and allowing for the intervening statutory holidays, work should be completed in April 2010.

Item 3994

Motion in the name of Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

That the Area Manager report on the number occasions have litter wardens been in the East Wall area during October/November 2008; and if they can establish a specific schedule of visits on a regular basis in the East Wall Area.

Report

Litter wardens regularly patrol this area and respond to complaints of illegal dumping that have been reported to waste management, the Litter Hotline and The Customer Services Centre.

Item 3995

Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

This Area Committee calls for a detailed report on the improvements on the road on Blackhorse Avenue and a timescale on the work.

Report

The Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011 includes provision for undertaking a Road Improvement Scheme on Blackhorse Ave. Implementation of Road Improvement projects on this road is being carried out on a phased basis and is subject to necessary approvals, land acquisition and finance being in place.

Works on the section from Darling Estate to the Padock have been completed.

The next section to be improved is from Villa Park Road to Baggot Road. Proposed improvement works on this section consists of:

1. The realignment, widening and reconstruction of the road from Cabra Gate to Baggot Road. This necessitates the acquisition of a strip of ground at 375 Blackhorse Avenue, the relocation of the access to this site and the construction of a new masonry boundary wall to the property.
2. The construction of a footpath along the Phoenix Park wall from Cabra Gate to Baggot Road.
3. The construction of new footpaths on the northern side from Villa Park Road to Baggot Road.
4. Upgrading of traffic calming ramps at existing locations.
5. Alterations and reconstruction of the hard surfaced area between the road and footpath at Martin Grove, to include a lay-by and new footpath.
6. The placement of the existing ESB network underground.
7. Alterations to existing Public Lighting, Water and Drainage services.

The Part 8, Planning and Development approval process has been completed and the necessary strip of land has recently been purchased. Improvements along this section is estimated to cost €3.85 million. **Undertaking the works is dependant on central government funding for the project.** An application has been made to the Department of Transport for funding. It is hoped that a Departmental Grant Allocation for the project will be made in early 2009. Following its receipt it is proposed to seek tenders for the works and make the necessary arrangements for the commencement of works. Initial works will comprise the relocation of some services, and the temporary fencing of the acquired lands. This would be followed by the road realignments and road reconstruction works. These works would take approximately 12 months to complete.

Improvement works are also planned for the section of roadway from Baggot Road to St. Vincent's Cottages. This includes the section of road adjoining the Hole in the Wall pub. When design work for this section is available a report will be brought before the Central Area Committee. The Part 8 approval process will follow this.

Item 3996

Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

This Area Committee calls for a report on the procedure carried out to extinguish the public right of way on the New Cabra Road behind the shops and to how the keys were distributed

Report

The laneway in question is privately owned with one access/exit point. No public right of way existed over it and consequently the extinguishment procedure did not arise. The proposal to close the laneway was initiated by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee and facilitated by Dublin City Council.

The Traders including DCC selected the gates and paid the full cost of the manufacturing and installation. A committee of traders will manage the gate, and this committee has already been formed. All traders who paid towards the cost of manufacturing and installing the gates were given fobs.

Residents of Leix Road with houses directly adjacent to the lane were offered fobs on condition that they used the laneway for access only.

Item 3997

Motion in the name of Councillor Seamus Mc Grattan

This Area Committee calls on Dublin Bus to increase the number of 120 buses from Royal Canal on weekday mornings as the bus is regularly full when it reaches Cabra.

Report

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

Item 3998

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the manager reports on what works are proposed to take place on Smithfield space given the suspension of Phase Two from the Capital Works Programme, that the front Square have planters/flowers installed to "green" the Square that he agrees to establish a system of consultation with local residents in relation to events on Smithfield Square and that where possible local people are included in the organisation of the event

Report

Deferral of expenditure on Phase Two of Smithfield does mean that construction works on the area of Smithfield south of the LUAS Line and Arran Street will not be completed in the short term. However there are other minor works being planned to enhance the space. This summer improvement works were carried out on the existing green area behind the facility building. The existing trees were pruned, new paving, walkways and seating installed and a new Friday market commenced in this area. The Parks Department have also provided a number of planted tubs to green the North King Street end of the plaza. The City Council is currently identifying possible interventions on the main space including lighting, planting and

events infrastructure. Some of these works will go ahead in later in 2009 and 2010 as there is available funding for this

There is an existing system of local consultation in relation to events. Where possible information meetings are held regarding events and representatives of the various communities and interested parties are invited to these meetings where presentations are made or appropriate documentation circulated. It is expected that the various representatives feed back information to their relevant group/community or area. Where meetings are not possible or considered necessary, a summary document is circulated giving details of the event and contact details for the organisers of the relevant events. Where possible meetings are held in preference to circulation of information only. Organisers themselves would, depending on the nature of the event have a certain responsibility to liaise with residents or businesses in the direct vicinity of the event in order to ensure that any potentially negative impact would be identified and minimised as far as possible. All organisers are supplied with names and contact details of business, residents and group representatives in the area to consult with in relation to the event and the benefit it may achieve for the area.

Most events on the space are not organised directly by Dublin City Council and they may or may not be supported by us financially. In such instances it is often not appropriate to ask event organisers to involve the local community in the organisation of the events given the requirement of event planning, safety, scheduling, budgetary issues, content and perhaps concurrent events elsewhere in the city. In our current Call for Proposals process for the running of events there is a

Requirement for community benefit in the local and civic context for all events supported by Dublin City Council and through this process the local communities can get involved in participation and possibly other aspects of the event. This has been the practice since the introduction of the process 3 years ago. It should be noted however that feedback from many event organisers is that the process of consultation in relation to this can be difficult and protracted in the Smithfield area.

We are examining ways of formalising a consultation group representative of all the stakeholders to enable a structural approach to the issues of community consultation

Item 3999

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the manager work with the Cross Cultural Club to help them find a suitable premises for their after-schools project.

Report

Community Development staff have arranged to meet with this group next week with a view to assisting them in finding a suitable location for their club. They are currently working with local students each Monday and Tuesday evening from the MACRO Centre and have linked in with the Office for Integration, Community & Enterprise, Civic Offices.

Item 4000

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager report on the delay in the handover to DCC of the social housing at Castleforbes and Abercorn and gives a definite date as to when these units will be allocated.

Report

Agreement has been reached between Dublin City Council and the developer of the scheme known as Canon Hall, located at East Rd/Church St East/Sheriff St, for the provision of social and affordable housing under Part V of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2002. Budget approval is being sought from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the social units. When approval is received the units will be acquired and allocated without delay.

Item 4001

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That the Manager outline what works are scheduled to take place in the PIPs for Alfie Byrne House and Avondale House and if he will give a commitment that these works will definitely start in 2009 given that they were included in the 2009 works programme and if there are any plans for Drumalee in 2009

Report

- **Avondale House:** it is intended to invite tenders this month and to commence work on this site in April 2009 approx.
- **Alfie Byrne House:** Subject to the availability of the requisite finance it is proposed to go to tender in June 2009 and to commence work on this site in October 2009 approx.
- **Drumalee:** No plans have as yet been finalised in respect of the Drumalee Estate however outline proposals are under consideration.

Alfie Byrne House: GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKS

The proposed work consists of the Precinct Improvements and the roof replacement of 60 flats in 2 no. Blocks, [Hill Street (nos. 1-40) built in 1965 and Alfie Byrne House (nos. 12A – 18H), which face each other at an approximate right angle across a courtyard and which are now physically linked to form one big 'L' shaped block.

The works will also include the erection of a new pump house including break-tanks, the installation of new water mains [2no] laid in parallel, new hydrants and new water tanks. The existing lead pipe connections from the existing water main into each of the flats at ground level are to be replaced.

The works will include the replacement of electrical services including staircase and balcony lighting in all areas, the upgrading of the switch rooms and the installation of a new metering room, which is to be located in the ground floor link room (between hill street and Alfie Byrne blocks). Works are to include the redirecting of the bottom flight of stairs of at the base of each existing staircase of Alfie Byrne House Flats.

The works will also include, concrete repairs, including the structural concrete frame of the building, brickwork cleaning and repairs, metalwork repairs and external render repairs. The covering of the flat roofs over the access staircases are to be replaced. The contract will include renewal of site works including hard and soft landscaping (including planting and trees), a new play area, a cycle parking rack, an enclosed sports surface which can be used as a basket-ball and football practice area, washing lines, bin-stores as well as garden and courtyard lighting. The works will also include partial demolition and rebuilding of damaged

piers and railings and retaining walls and the erection of new gates at front boundary railings on Hill Street and on Grenville Street. New boundary walls on the Bath lane side of the building are to be erected. Concrete repairs are to be carried out, to plinth walls of perimeter railings, both in courtyard and to external boundary railings.

Erect dwarf retaining walled planters, and associated seating, adjacent to new play areas and play safety surfaces. New courtyard and garden seating is to be provided. New bin enclosures, seating washing lines, cycle parking is to be provided.

The works will entail partial renewal of drainage and rainwater goods, upgrading of services including telephones, cable TV and the installation of a security C.C.T.V. system including a monitoring room, adjacent to the pump room.

Existing brickwork is to be entirely cleaned, repaired and re-pointed where specified.

- The contract duration is to be 70 weeks

An outline schedule of proposed works for Avondale House will be sent to the Councillor as soon as possible.

Item 4002

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That parking enforcement strictly enforce the pay & display parking at Glengariff Parade & District, Berkeley Road and District and Manor Street and the DYL on Montpelier Hill/Drive where workers from the new Courts development are continuing to park and obstruct the roads

Report:

The Council's parking enforcement contractor has been requested to patrol these areas and carry out any necessary enforcement action.

Item 4003

Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O'Riordain

To ask the manager if a designated cycle lane, separated from the road and footpath, can be put on North Strand road, at least from the Strand apartments going into town, as far as the Five Lamps. The cycle lane vanishes at the Strand apartments so cyclists enter the bus lane. The cycle lane re-appears after the junction with Ossory Road -but in the middle of the footpath so cyclists have to mount the kerb to get to safety - but if they slip in doing so they will fall into the bus lane. The cycle path is then broken three times in the space of approx 150m by two side roads and a bus stop where peoples and in the middle of the cycle lane as they get on and off the bus.

Report

There is insufficient road width to have a dedicated cycle track along this section of carriageway.

The inbound Bus Lane has recently been converted to a Bus and Cycle Lane from Newcomen Bridge inbound to offer cyclists the choice of staying on the carriageway. The Traffic Department no longer marks cycle tracks within Bus Lanes in line with recommendations from the DTO.

Item 4004

Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the manager to examine placing speed ramps on Sarsfield Street, and if the alleyway down the side of 1 Sarsfield Street can be cleaned.

Report

- (i) The request for speed ramps on Sarsfield Street will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and a report will be prepared for a future Area Committee Meeting.
- (ii) Waste management staff cleaned the laneway to the side of number 1 Sarsfield Road within the last few days.

Item 4005

Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the manager to take steps improve the water pressure at Russell Avenue, East Wall, as residents complain of poor water pressure there on a regular basis.

Report

Pressure loggers are in place on hydrants in Russell Avenue East and the results will be forwarded directly to Cllr. O’Riordain

Any individual pressure problems at dwellings in this area generally relates to old lead supplies, which have corroded due to age. If this supply is renewed, by ourselves on the public path and the householder **within** their private property, it will provide good working pressure to the house.

If there are of any specific problems at addresses in this area I can make arrangements for our inspectors to call to the addresses and arrange for a Pressure and Flow Test to be carried out.

The procedure for such a test is that the householder would complete the form given to them by our Inspectors along with a lodgement of 127 euro. This money is refunded to the householder if the supply does not meet our requirements with regard to pressure and flow (which is generally the case with old lead supplies) and we would renew the supply. If the householder renews the supply on their property this results in good pressure to the house.

Item 4006

Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the manager for an update on the area committee question from June 2008 on status of the derelict houses at the junctions of Seaview Ave and Church Road and Shelmalier Road and Church Road East

Report

130 Church Road (house at junction of Seaview Avenue and Church Road)

Following the service of a Notice of Intention to enter this site on the Derelict Sites Register and a subsequent on-site meeting, the owner has given an undertaking to carry out certain works to fulfil his obligation under Section 9 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The owner has advised that these works will be completed week ending 5th December. A follow up inspection has been arranged for week beginning 8th December and the Derelict Sites section will revert directly to Councillor O’Riordain with findings.

118 Church Road (house at junction of Shelmalier Road and Church Road East)

Following the completion of improvement works at the above site, the site was removed from the Derelict Sites Register on 14th August 2008. The site will be re-inspected and action taken if appropriate.

Item 4007

Motion in the name of Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

That the manager states the extent of graffiti in the North Inner City; and the annual cost to DCC of having it removed

Report

In 2007 Dublin City Council identified 275 graffiti locations in the North East Inner City and graffiti was removed from most of these locations where waivers were signed with the costs being partly borne by the Waste Management Department and the Pobail Scheme as appropriate.

Dublin City Council’s internal painting department spent €90,000 removing graffiti from traffic and ESB boxes etc. in the Central Area in 2007. Figures for 2008 are being collated currently and will be forwarded directly to the councillor.

Item 4008

Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the Area Committee invite the Iona and District Residents’ Association to give a presentation to the next meeting of the Area Committee to outline their views on Residents Only Parking on Match Days at Croke Park

Report

This will be a matter for the committee to decide on the day

Item 4009

Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the manager agrees that no further drainage work takes place on the playing fields at Martin Savage Park until the flooding issue at Glendhu has been resolved.

Report

The Parks Section agrees that no more work should be carried out at Martin Savage Park until the flooding issue has been resolved.

Item 4010

Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the taxi rank outside Penneys in Parnell Street be extended to facilitate more taxis and not to reinstate the DYL at the rear of the rank

Report

Dublin City Council is currently undertaking a review of the taxi rank Bye-Laws, in Consultation with the Taxi unions and the Gardai.

The taxi rank outside Pennys in Parnell Street will be re-examined as part of the General review.

Both the number of taxi ranks and the capacity of ranks will be extended wherever Possible.

Item 4011

Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

That the Area Manager meet with representatives from the Chinese Community to discuss their concerns in relation to public domain matters on Capel Street and Parnell Street

Report

A meeting has been arranged with Frank Suo, Sun Emerald Group News and Media and business people in Capel Street and Parnell Street to address their issues relating to Public Domain Matters

Item 4012

Motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager if he will ensure that laundry facilities are provided are provided for tenants of St Finbarrs Court Cabra

Report

St Finbar's court is not equipped with laundry facilities at the present time. However the Older Persons Unit is actively looking for a suitably convenient location that will facilitate laundry services for all three older persons complexes in the immediate area.

Item 4013

Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

Glasnevin Educate Together has continuously operated since 2002 and provides quality education to over 200 children of more than 25 different countries. The children, parents and teachers of the school have earned and deserve permanent recognition from the dept of Education. The elected members of the area committee call on the Minister for Education to give permanent recognition to Glasnevin Educate Together and to work with the school and parents provide them with a permanent and appropriate school building.

Report

This matter will be pursued if the motion is passed by the members.

Item 4014

Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke

That this area committee agrees that the Methodist church on Jones Road Dublin 3 will be listed to Dublin City Council protected structures.

Report

The building has recently been made safe by the Dangerous Buildings Section. The Conservation Officer is currently compiling a report on its suitability for addition to the Record of Protected Structures and this report will be available to the next meeting of the Central Area Committee Meeting.

**Development Department,
Derelict Sites Section,
Block 3, Floor 3,
Civic Offices.**

19/12/2008

**To the Chairman and Members of
The Central Area Committee.**

Derelict Sites Quarterly Report

I attach details of Derelict Sites in the Central Area, which are currently under review. Formal action is being taken in relation to the sites listed on Appendix 1 while the sites listed on Appendix 2 are currently under investigation with a view to formal action, if necessary. Also attached is Appendix 3, which is a list of sites in the Central Area which are currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

**D. Wallace
Executive Manager**

APPENDIX 1

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT

CENTRAL AREA

SITES WHERE FORMAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER THE DERELICT SITES ACT 1990

<i>Location</i>	<i>Current Position</i>
DS662 re-opened - no further <u>Marlborough Street, D.1.</u>	<u>Abbey Street Lower, 28 & 109</u> Property has been refurbished and action required
DS002 <u>Aughrim Street, 55 & rere 55-56 Dublin 7.</u>	owner written to and asked to repair or board up broken window and remove weeds from gutter – for re-inspection in mid January.
DS623 <u>Ballybough Road, 22b, D.3.</u>	owner written to and asked to carry out improvements - being kept under review.
DS690 <u>Benburb Street, 6, Dublin 7</u>	Site entered on Derelict Sites Register on 4th November 2008 - owner: Charles Bell (Holdings) Limited
DS656 <u>Blessington Street, rere 41 & 41A, D.7.</u>	Work is well advanced at this site - no further action required
DS696 <u>Brunswick Street North / Church Street, junction of, D.7.</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register served.
DS658 <u>Church Road, 118, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Works listed in Notice under Section 11 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 have been carried out - site removed from Derelict Sites Register on 14/8/2008 – no further action required.
DS693 <u>Church Road, 130, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Following service of Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register overgrowth has been cut back - being kept under review.
DS632 <u>Coke Ovens Cottages, 2, Liffey Junction, Royal Canal Way, D.11.</u>	Notice of Intention to acquire site under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 served on owner. Objection received from owner. Papers lodged with An Bord Pleanala. Decision expected in April 2009.

Location

Current Position

DS694	<u>East Road, 30, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register served.
DS697	<u>Mountjoy Square North, 1 & 2, D.1.</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register served.
DS576	<u>Phibsborough Road, 113 & 113a (Flynn's Cottages), D.7</u>	Some improvement works have been carried out since the service of a Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register - being kept under review.
DS515	<u>Phibsborough Road, 223, D.7.</u>	owner has been written to and asked to re-secure basement against entry - being kept under review.
DS479	<u>Prussia Street, 24-25, D.7</u>	Some improvement works have been carried out since the service of a Notice of Intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register - being kept under review.
DS633	<u>Ravensdale Road, 31-51, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Site has been repainted as requested – no further action required.
DS514A	<u>Terrace Place (6), rear of 23 Rutland Street Lower, Dublin 1.</u>	Site entered on Derelict Sites Register on 20/10/2008 - owners: Bryan Reilly & Philomena Kennedy, LPRs of Sheila Kenny (deceased)
DS639	<u>Waterloo Avenue, 11, North Strand, Dublin 3</u>	owner written to on and requested to carry out improvement works - being kept under review.

APPENDIX 2

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT

CENTRAL AREA

SITES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH A VIEW TO FORMAL ACTION IF NECESSARY

Location

Brunswick St. Nth., 99, D.7.

Current position

owners have been written to and asked to outline plans for site – for re-inspection in late January 2009.

Chancery Street, 21-25 (River House), Dublin 7.

rubbish removed from site as requested – no further action required.

Church Road, 130, East Wall, D.3

owner written to and asked to carry out improvements - being kept under review.

Clonliffe Road, 202, Dublin 3.
(PROTECTED STRUCTURE)

Owner written to asked to carry out works to site - tidy garden, remove rubbish, paint window and door coverings, remove graffiti – for re-inspection in mid to late January 2009.

Cross Guns, site between apartments and bakery, Phibsborough, D.7

reference of ownership requested with a view to writing to owner asking for clean up of site – for re-inspection in mid to late January 2009.

Dollymount Park - Open Space,
D.3. (incl site adj 19 Dollymount.

Following inspection, this site is not considered derelict and therefore no action is required under Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Dorset Street Upper 104A -115,
Dublin 1.

Overgrowth has been cutback and rubbish removed from site - being kept under review.

Grangegorman Villas, 1-4,
Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 4.

Letter written to owner regarding dumping and broken windows - for re-inspection in mid January 2009.

Hammond Lane/Church Street -
O.P.W. site, D.7.

rubbish removed from site as requested – no further action required.

Innisfallen Parade, 3, Drumcondra,
Dublin 9.

Owner written to and asked to have door/window painted and overgrowth removed from garden – for re-inspection in mid January 2009.

Location

Current position

*Kirwan Street Cottages, site adj.
No.35, D.7.*

owner written to and asked to cutback overgrowth - being kept under review – for re-inspection in early January 2009.

*Parnell Street, former 218-220 and
14 -15 Ryders Row, D.1.*

owners written to and asked to tidy up appearance of site – for re-inspection in mid January 2009.

Roosevelt Cottages, 15, D.7.

Owner written to and asked to tidy site – for re-inspection in mid January 2009.

*Saint Alphonsus Road, 14,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9.*

overgrowth cutback as requested – no further action required.

*Saint Alphonsus Road, 18,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9.*

scaffolding removed from front of house as requested – no action required.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2008

*e Pedestrian
Facilities*

1 Ferguson Road, Dublin 9.

Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Ferguson Road, Drumcondra.

Public Rep

DocID:199330

Not Recommended

The pedestrian volume is low and does not meet the warrant for provision of a pedestrian crossing.

*c Parking
Prohibitions*

2 Clonliffe Avenue, Dublin 3.

Reps for Permit Parking on Clonliffe Avenue.

Public Rep

DocID:213186

Not Recommended

The occupancy of available parking space on the road as a whole was observed to be less than 80%, the required warrant for consideration of permit parking.

3 Iona Villas, Dublin 9.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Iona Villas.

Public Rep

DocID:210501

Recommended

East side, from Iona Crescent, north to the southern gable of No. 71 Iona Villas.

4 Blessington Court, Dublin 7.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Blessington Court.

Dublin City Council

DocID:212686

Recommended

West along the northern side of the laneway for 26m and south along the eastern side of the laneway for 9m.

5 Kempton Way, Dublin 7.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Kempton Way.

Public Rep

DocID:207776

Not Recommended

No parking was observed on the left hand side of Kempton Way during an on-site inspection.

6 Priory East, Dublin 7.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Priory East, Navan Road.

Public Rep

DocID:207779

Recommended

North side of Priory East from junction of Priory East/Priory West northeast for 7m. East side of Priory West, from the junction of Priory East/Priory West, north for 7m.

7 Riverston Abbey, Dublin 7.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on the corners in Riverston Abbey.

Public Rep

DocID:205284

Not Recommended

No parking was observed that was causing an obstruction or hazard during an on-site inspection.

8 Murtagh Road, Dublin 7.

Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Murtagh Road.

Resident

DocID:200316

Recommended

Accepted at survey, hours Mon-Fri 07.00-19.00. 71 on register, 35 votes returned, 21 for (+ 2 n.o.r) and 11 against (+ 2 n.o.r).

9 Ashtown Grove, Dublin 7.

Reps for Double Yellow Lines at the entrance to Ashtown Grove.

Public Rep

DocID:202434

Not Recommended

No parking causing a hazard/obstruction was observed during an on-site inspection. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to An Gardaí/DSPS.

10 Orchard Terrace, Dublin 7.

Reps for Pay and Display and Permit Parking on Orchard Terrace, Grangegorman.

Resident

DocID:198087

Recommended

Accepted at survey, hours Mon-Sat 07.00-19.00. 55 on register, 22 votes returned, 19 for, 2 against + 1 late against.

11 **Berkeley Place, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Berkeley Place, at the entrance to the laneway at the rear of Geraldine Street.

Resident

DocID:209881

Recommended

At the most westerly corner of Berkeley Place: from a point north of the pedestrian laneway northeast for 15m, south for 3m and southeast for 8m.

12 **Glendalough Road, Dublin 9.**

Reps for Loading Bay on Glendalough Road, outside Botanic Building Supplies.

Business

DocID:206051

Recommended

West side, from a point 3m south of Botanic Avenue, south for 10m (operating hours Mon-Sat 07.00-19.00).

***b Traffic
Conditions***

13 **Linenhall Parade, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Ramps on Linenhall Parade.

Public Rep

DocID:210508

Not Recommended

Traffic volumes are low and do not meet the warrant for installation of ramps.

14 **Ratoath Road, Dublin 7.**

Reps for Yellow Box on Ratoath Road, at the entrance to Casa Katherina/Marian School.

Public Rep

DocID:208334

Not Recommended

No blocking of the entrance was observed during an on-site inspection.

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

1) Wellpark Avenue, Dublin 9.

- Northeast side, from a point 12 metres northwest of Drumcondra Road, northwest for 165 metres.
- Northeast side from a point 181 metres northwest of Drumcondra Road, northwest for 17 metres.

2) Empress Place, Dublin 9.

- Northside, from a point 5 metres west of Portland Row, west for 27 metres.
- Northside, from a point 36 metres west of Portland Row, west for 6 metres.
- Northside, from a point 46 metres west of Portland Row, west for 6 metres.
- Northside, from a point 56 metres west of Portland Row, west for 6 metres.
- Northside, from a point 66 metres west of Portland Row, west for 6 metres.
- Northside, from a point 76 metres west of Portland Row, west for 6 metres.
- Northside, from a point 100 metres west of Portland Row, west for 45 metres.
- Southside, from a point 5 metres west of Portland Row, west for 11 metres.
- Southside, from a point 21 meters west of Portland Row, west for 128 metres.

Double Yellow Lines are also recommended as part of the Scheme as follows:

- Northside, from a point 5 metres west of Portland Row, west for 11 metres.
- 5 metres on each side of the roads forming the junction of Empress Street/Buckingham Street/Portland Row.

3) Shamrock Place, Dublin 1:

- Southeast side from a point 7m northeast of Shamrock Terrace, northeast for 22m

Double Yellow Lines:

- Extend the double yellow lines on the Northwest side of Shamrock Place from Shamrock Terrace to a point 27m northeast of Shamrock Terrace.

Rescind the double yellow lines:

- Southeast side from a point 5m southwest of Shamrock Cottages to a point 12 m southwest of Shamrock Cottages.

Rescind the single yellow line:

- Northwest side of Shamrock Place from a point 18m northeast of Shamrock Terrace, northeast for 9m.

Central Area, North West Inner City Area Office &
H.A.R.P. Integrated Area Plan,

Cabra Office, 97 Cabra Road, Dublin 7.

18th December 2008

The Chairman and Members of the
Central Area Committee

HARP Community Gain Funding
Proposed withdrawal of two grants awarded to the City Council

At its meeting on the 22nd June 2007, the HARP Monitoring Committee approved two grants to Dublin City Council as follows:

1. Grant of €10,000 towards the installation a new surface on the pitch and erect new fittings on the multi purpose pitch at St Pauls Sports Facility at Blackhall Place/Marion Court. The estimated cost of the project was €50,000 and the Housing and Residential Services Department, Dublin City Council agreed to fund the balance. Due to the current financial constraints the City Council is no longer in a position to fund the balance.

2. Grant of €10,000 towards the installation of security doors at Kevin Barry House. In early 2007, the indicative cost of the job was €96,000. At that time the Housing Maintenance Section had indicated that they would fund the balance of €86,000. This arrangement no longer applies because of funding constraints.

Therefore it is proposed that both grants be withdrawn.

Mary McInerney
Senior Staff Officer

To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee

6th January 2009

Environmental Services Unit

Graffiti Removal

Using DCC funding the environmental services unit is currently actively identifying instances of graffiti in the area and arranging for removal.

Removal has been carried out on or scheduled for the following locations recently: Liffey Street / Abbey Street Upper / Loftus Lane / Ryders Row / Blackhorse Grove / Great Western Avenue / Botanic Avenue / Richmond Cottages / Henry Street / Abercorn Road / Chancery Street / Ulster Street / Kempton View

Under the Community Graffiti Reduction Programme administered by Pobal 88 incidences of graffiti have been removed from the following streets:

Amiens Street / Foley Street / Frenchmans Lane / James Joyce Street / Lower Gardiner Street / Mabbot Lane / Moland Place / Store Street / Talbot Place / Northbrook Terrace.

Litter Hotline

In the period December 2008 to January 2009 193 incidents were reported to the Litter Hotline:

Dumping - 81
Litter – 10
Cleansing – 14
Non tagged bags – 4
Other – 6
Graffiti - 19

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

E-mail – 27
Phone – 36
DCC staff – 19
CRM – 51
Counter - 1

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

Drumcondra – 13	Phibsborough – 24
Cabra – 26	Ballybough – 4
East Wall – 0	North Wall – 3
NEIC – 22	Stoneybatter – 7
NCR - 4	Other – 31

Public Domain Defects

In the period December 2008 to January 2009 Public Domain Operatives have reported 41 defects to the following departments:

Roads Maintenance – 18
Cleansing - 12
Traffic - 1
Drainage - 5
Waterworks - 0
Parks - 2
Other - 1
Public Lighting - 2

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.

Hugh McKenna

Assistant Area Manager

January 2009

The Chairman and Members of
Central Area Committee

NORTH EAST INNER CITY INTEGRATED AREA PLAN

The final meeting of the North East Inner City Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee took place on 3rd July 2008. Dublin City Council would like to acknowledge the contribution and the hard work of the committee members past and present over the last decade.

New Primary School and Pre-School at Gloucester Place

On 5th 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 Mac Dermott 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. Works commenced on site on 22nd January 2007. The Primary School commenced operation on the 22nd December 2008 and it is proposed that the Pre-School will commence operation this month.

Civic Centre

The Development Agreement was executed on 22nd November 2007. The developer lodged a planning application on 22nd January 2008, planning reference 1174/08. A decision to request Additional Information was made on 13th March 2008. The applicant submitted the additional information requested on 12th September 2008. Planning Permission was granted on the 9th October 2008, subject to conditions.

2 appeals were lodged to An Bord Pleanala. One appeal was deemed invalid by An Bord Pleanala as it was lodged after the final cut-off date for receipt of appeals. A decision from An Bord Pleanala is expected in early / mid 2009.

Dublin City Council and Bernard McNamara and Associate Company have undergone mediation with regard to the following 3 regeneration projects: O'Devaney Gardens, Infirmary Road and Convent Lands.

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. Dublin City Council is subventing the cost of childcare places for local parents. The facility caters for approximately 31 children. The National Childcare Investment Programme gave funding approval for the fit out costs on 15th December 2007. The crèche was fitted out and opened for business on 21st May 2007.

A new-tiered fee structure was introduced in July 2008 in order to comply with requirements for National Funding for the crèche. There are 7 staff members including a Manager employed to work in the crèche. There are currently 23 children attending the crèche on a full time basis.

Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units

The Retail Units are on the market for sale, 5 units have been disposed of, the remaining 4 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 18th September 2007.

Killarney Court

Citizens Information Centre and HOPE secured a unit each and their design requirements for their respective units have been finalised. The Contractor that was awarded the contract to carry out the refurbishment works to the two units at Killarney Court was unable to provide a bond/personal surety from the bank, therefore the contract had to be retendered. The contract was sent out to tender on 20th August and the deadline for return of submissions was Friday 12th September 2008. Tenders were examined and the Council will give approval to award the contract when the Contractor provides a bond/personal surety from the bank. Timelines for the commencement and duration of works will be determined shortly.

1-4 Portland Square

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 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. Licence agreements for the disposal of the facility, to both CASPr and the Cavan Centre, have been signed and sealed. Refurbishment works are continuing on the building and it is anticipated that both groups will take up occupancy in April 2009.

Foley Street Improvement Works

Consultants Mott McDonald have been appointed to prepare a preliminary and detailed design for the street. A meeting was held with local businesses last month and some amendments were made to the design. The design has now been finalised. The contract will go out to tender shortly. It is proposed that works will commence on site in late February / early March 2009.

Denise Foley
Senior Staff Officer

January 2008

The Chairman and Members of the
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North West Inner City Area Office

North West Inner City Policing Forum

Reports were delivered by Gardai from Bridewell and from DCC Central Area. Questions and comments were offered by community representatives from the floor.

Crime Report

There have been a number of successful arrests recently in connection with robberies in the area.

There have been 2 groups involved in house burglaries in the area recently and there are currently 3 people in custody in relation to these burglaries.

There have been a number of car break-ins in the Manor Street area and Sgt Daly advised the Forum to be vigilant about removing valuables from cars. He stated that An Garda Síochána have produced a number of leaflets for residents in relation to personal safety and securing property.

Sgt Daly stated that the Gardai were on hand to give advice to any businesses in the area regarding security.

He also informed the Forum that a major initiative is underway to establish the locations of CCTV throughout the city, as it has become a huge resource to the Gardai.

Review of Forum: The review of the workings of the Forum is almost complete and the independent chair will produce her report following interviews with all of the participating parties.

The review aims to establish how well the forum is working; whether the composition of the Forum is sufficiently representative of local interest groups and; what improvements can be made to the workings of the Forum in order to ensure that it continues to be to current and prospective members.

Smithfield Business Forum

The inaugural meeting of the Smithfield Business Forum took place in November. The Forum includes representatives from the local business community, DCC Event management and Central Area and the Gardai. The aims are to address issues of concern to local business traders and to bring forward ideas to make Smithfield a more dynamic business area, which will be attractive to locals and tourists alike. The Forum will meet monthly initially and will then review progress after a period.

Development works

Mary Street: Work has commenced to bring standard of street up to that of Henry Street. The northern footpath and the roadway between Jervis St and Wolfe Tone St have been reconstructed. The footpath on the south side had already been reconstructed. The footpath on the southern side between Wolfe Tone St and Capel St is also complete.

Capel St

Phase 2 works are substantially complete. The road has been resurfaced and both footpaths reconstructed, except at Strand St and Ormond Quay. New amenity light standards have been erected. Remaining works are currently on hold until after Operation Freeflow.

Chancery Street Park

Following the recent meeting with local residents to discuss upgrading the park further options will be considered.

Fr Matthew Square open space

Further meeting held with representatives of the residents to finalise details of the proposed upgrade.

McKee Park

This scheme went to tender in early September and the closing date for receipt of tenders was 15th November 2008. Tender report is being completed.

Dunmanus

Earlier this year, the City Council's proposal was referred to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Department raised queries which are currently being addressed, and initially Housing Development and City Architects Division had hoped to respond and meet with the Department before the end of the Year, this has been deferred to early 2009.

Community

Dublin on Ice. Due to demand extra concessionary tickets were made available to community groups and 45 children from the Ventry Park After schools Club were able to avail of the opportunity to visit the ice-rink.

The Community and Neighbourhood Development Strategy 2008-2012 was launched by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Eibhlin Byrne on the 11th December in the Mansion House. Many community support groups' representatives attended and representatives for Cabra Area office and local community groups attended.

Royal Canal Park Christmas -Tree Lighting Ceremony: Mon 8th December at 7.30 at the roundabout outside Centra.

The residents group with the support of the local pastoral worker and DCC organised the event. 50-60 residents attended. Carol Singers from St Brigids Parish, Blanchardstown performed and mulled wine and other festive refreshments were provided.

Cabra Tree Lighting Ceremony: Cllr. Maurice Ahern, Deputy Lord Mayor, performed the official turning on of the lights of the Christmas Tree at the "The Bogie's" roundabout. Children from Gael Scoil Barra sang and the ceremony was attended by public representatives for the area. A reception followed in naomh Fionn Barra GAA with music and dance activities.

Cabra Community Christmas Festival will take place over the Christmas period and until 10th January 09. The festival is aimed at older people, combating isolation and encouraging greater social inclusion and will consist of concerts, art workshops, historical walks and social gatherings in local community venues. Events are advertised widely. The festival is being organised by Cabra CDP and part funded by DCC through the community development small grant scheme.

Community Groups: Many community groups from pre-school playgroups to senior citizens groups have been planning Christmas Celebrations with the assistance and support of the local community development staff. It is also the time of the year when groups take the time to celebrate their achievements and thank the volunteers for giving their time so freely to their communities and to look forward to planning activities for the New Year.

Fergus Synnott
Administrative Officer

January, 2009

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. Residents to consult with the CTA architect to see what further improvements are possible. Hanging baskets have been supplied free of charge to residents who requested them. Front railings painted. Ongoing problem with dumping in the laneways.

Liberty House

Plans for redevelopment has been rejected by D.O.E. City Architects department consulting with Senior Architect in DOE on revising plans so they will address DOE concerns while meeting residents requirements. Meeting held with DOE on 8th December and means of resolving issues discussed. Residents are adamant they want the agreed plan to go ahead. Ongoing internal reviews and meetings with residents reps to progress this project. Vacant site now causing anti-social problems. Engineer to look at means of securing site.

St. Mary’s Mansions

Serious anti-social problems. One tenant served with Notice to Quit. 2 Exclusion Orders granted and will come into force in October. A number of meetings have taken place with residents, through CPF, which DCC and Gardai have participated in. Remedial maintenance works being considered to address some of the issues.

Kiln/Forge

Following a request from tenants, security fencing installed on walls of rear gardens of the Forge. Quotes being sought for replacement of problematic windows in complex. Partial funding for these works has been secured and it is likely that this work will be undertaken early next year.

Sean Treacy House

Complex fully detenanted. Demolition completed. Planning process completed. Tenders for project have been submitted and tender report has been sent to DOE for approval. Final approval from DOE. has now been secured. Contractor to be on site early 2009.

Lourdes House

First phase of redevelopment will not now to be completed before January 2009, following snagging issues. This will provide 25 units and it hoped that all remaining residents in Lourdes House can be accommodated in these units, allowing the project to become a two phase, rather than three phase programme. It is not expected that any units in the first phase will be available to housing or transfer applicants from outside the Lourdes House complex.

Matt Talbot Court

Feasibility Study and costings for redevelopment submitted to the DOE for appraisal. Response from DOE indicated that they favoured PPP route for this project and this is not a viable option in the current economic climate. Project to be examined under new scheme for prioritisation of redevelopment projects. Installation of new railings at ground floor units completed. Quotes for of installation of Security doors being sought.

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 early 2009.

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 completed on access control system for new doors. Installation of doors completed. Final electrical works completed.

Area Housing Manager – Brian Kavanagh

Poplar Row

The 12- month defect liability for the builder has now passed and final snagging has been completed on the 33 units. These units are now the responsibility of Housing Maintenance Division. There are ongoing meetings with the Residents Association.

Works has commenced on the installation of the external lighting on the 28 duplexes. It was agreed with the Resident Association on what type of lighting will be installed.

Roads Maintenance Division carried out road resurfacing works on Taaffe Place and Annesley Avenue, as part of the 2008 Works Programme.

Ballybough House

A meeting was held in An Post Offices on Wednesday 26th November 2008 between representatives from An Post, Dublin City Council and residents of Ballybough House. The outcome of this meeting was that the normal post service would return to Ballybough House from Monday, 1st December 2008.

The Estate Manager meets with the Resident Association monthly to discuss issues of concern.

Ballybough Community Centre

The building has been handed over to Dublin City Council. The commissioning of the building and a plan for a phased opening is being prepared.

Croke Villas

Negotiations have been concluded with the preferred bidder. The preferred bidder could not get the financial backing in current economic climate. A press release was issued on Wednesday 10th December 2008. Staff from the NEIC Housing Office and Housing Projects Unit held two information sessions with the residents of the Croke Villas complex on 10th and 11th of December 2008, to inform them of the current situation with the proposed development and to advised them on their future housing options available.

St. Andrews House, senior citizens complex is now fully detenanted and the vacant flats have been secured by Housing Maintenance. The 2.4m-palisade fencing has been erected around the complex. Senior Engineers have recently carried out a survey as part of the process of the proposed demolition of the building.

North Clarence Street/Dunne Street

There have been works carried out on the CCTV in the complex. This work involved securing the cameras and realigning them following liaison with the Community Gardai. The Estate Manager meets with the Residents Association and the CPF on a regular basis to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

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 proposal being finalised.

Brendan Behan Court

Funding has been secured for the installation of cameras in the complex and in is proposed to have them installed in the near future. Monthly meetings take place with the Resident Association and Dublin City Council to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

Blackhall/Marmion Court

Water and maintenance issues within the complex are being investigated and resolved at present by Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance Department and Pierse Contracting Limited. The new PTZ CCTV cameras have been installed and are fully operational in the complex. The Estate Manager and Community Development staff are currently investigating the feasibility of introducing a Residents Committee into the complex.

Charlie Lowe
Executive Manager

1st January 2009

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

North West Inner City Housing Report – January 2009

Ormond Square

The light fittings have been installed in Ormond Square playground, civil works have been put on hold over the Christmas period as parking would be disrupted but will recommence in January. Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department.

Chancery House

The Precinct Improvement Programme is complete in the complex. The contractor is finishing up on site and completing a general tidy-up of the complex. Painting programme ongoing at the moment, due for completion early January 2009. Ongoing consultation with residents in relation to Chancery Park.

Constitution Hill

The proposed Precinct Improvement Programme remains on schedule to commence mid 2009. Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

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

The new fob/security system has been installed, all blocks are running effectively with the exception of block 3 as replacements parts are on order. Quotes are currently being sought for new netting and seating covers for the football pitch. A new CCTV system is to be installed in the complex; work shall commence January 2009. A revised "residents only" parking scheme will come into effect in early 2009. Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management.

Georges Place

The electronic vehicular access gates have been activated and are running effectively. Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management.

Sheridan Court/Place

The paving of the vacant site on Dorset Street will commence January 2009. New bollards shall also be installed to prevent illegal parking on the site. Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management.

Kevin Barry House

Painting programme is on the agenda for 2009. Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana.

Saint Michans House

Kitchen replacement scheme and double glazed window replacement scheme currently in operation at present. Funding has been secured to upgrade existing playground, which shall be installed early 2009.

Joe Farrell

Area Housing Manager/ Housing Projects Manager

**QUESTIONS TO CITY MANAGER
CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
JANUARY, 2009**

Q1 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the wall facing the houses on details supplied upgraded and the graffiti removed.

Q2 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the damaged roadway repaired on details supplied at the junction with details supplied and to have the missing road sign replaced at this junction.

Q3 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to outline where details supplied are planned in the Central Area in 2009.

Q4 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have details supplied swept regularly.

Q5 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the area around the shops at details supplied cleaned.

Q6 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the yellow lines extended at the junction of details supplied

Q7 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the railings upgraded at details supplied

Q8 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the weeds removed from the pathways on details supplied

Q9 Councillor Seamas McGrattan

To ask the Manager to have the gullies cleared on details supplied and to check if the amount of gullies is adequate on these roads.

Q10 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Manager to introduce traffic calming measures by prohibiting turning right at details supplied.

Q11 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Manager to provide additional street lighting on details supplied.

Q12 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Manager to inspect the speed ramps on details supplied as their effectiveness would appear to have been impaired due to subsidence.

Q13 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Manager to provide lighting on the laneway at details supplied.

Q14 Councillor Mary O'Shea

To ask the Manager to address the serious problem with graffiti which is being experienced by the residents of details supplied.

Q15 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager why the details supplied was allowed open without proper parking facilities having been put in place; resulting in local roads in the area being used for parking thus causing major inconvenience to local residents; And what steps or measures are in place to ensure this will not recur.

Q16 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager why the RPA had not made the relevant authorities aware that there were designated parking spots on details supplied

Q17 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager why when the green bin collection was finally made in the detail supplied area residents were not notified before hand.

Q18 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager could Dublin City Council secure the playcentre details supplied so it is not easily accessible for people looking for a venue for anti-social behaviour; the gates are not locked at an appropriate time each evening.

Q19 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have a radiator installed at details supplied for the elderly tenant.

Q20 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Area Manager if he will arrange to have insulation installed in the attic of details supplied as was done with other houses on this Avenue.

Q21 Councillor Maureen O'Sullivan

To ask the Manager for an update on the future plans for details supplied.

Q22 Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager

- A) To report on complaints from details supplied residents in relation to the operation of the details supplied depot and on the following matters
1. Trucks operating throughout the night, revving engines, reversing into depot, loading and unloading trucks on the road outside throughout the night
 2. The smell of diesel emanating from the trucks and which lingers outside the homes of people in the vicinity and is causing distress to a number of residents
 3. The rubbish spillage from trucks in the area which litters the street

B)If he will consider moving the night time operations to another depot in the City

C)To state when the details supplied depot will move from this residential area to the premises in the details supplied

D)What the planning procedure was followed for the new treatments to the wall and gate and if the wall is a protected structure

Q23 Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the manager to have runners at on the overhead wires at details supplied removed

Q24 Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the manager to review the decision not to put the pedestrian crossing at the junction of details supplied as there is a lot of pedestrian traffic at the junction (particularly during the school term) and it is quite dangerous

Q25 Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager to relocate the pole for the pay & display at details supplied as it is causing a major visual obstruction to the resident

Q26 Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager if they have had talks with the Gardai in relation to anti-social behaviour in details supplied and if there is an action plan being prepared to deal with the matter.

Q27 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to hold meetings in relation to flooding for the details supplied who were flooded but were not invited to the previous round meetings

Q28 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to report on what action he proposes to take in relation to the antisocial issues at details supplied (see enclosed emails)

Q29 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the Manager to report on the status of the proposal for a fly-over at details supplied, and if he will meet with residents prior to putting any proposal to amend the Development Plan out to public consultation

Q30 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to arrange a roundtable discussion with the Department of Education, the GAA Club, the Board of Management and Parents' Association to plan the future of the school and whether they are prepared to sell or lease the existing site to the details supplied

Q31 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager if he will replace the windows at details supplied and if there are any plans for a window replacement programme for the Dublin City Council houses in the estate

Q32 Councillor Brendan Carr

To ask the manager to ensure that the fencing on the wall at details supplied is secured

Q33 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if the drains from details leading on to the rear of houses on details supplied can be cleared regularly of leaves and rainwater as blocks have caused flooding in these houses in the past.

Q34 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if there is any provision for noise reduction or compensation for noise caused by the new docklands train now running at the back of houses on details supplied

Q35 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if there is any plan for the derelict space on details supplied to be used as allotments, or any plans for allotments in the details supplied area.

Q36 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager if a sign can be put on details supplied at the junction with details supplied to highlight the presence of double yellow lines which are disregarded by motorists thus obstructing the view of motorists driving from details supplied.

Q37 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager what the provisions are for waste collection and monitoring of illegal dumping at details supplied.

Q38 Councillor Aodhan O’Riordain

To ask the Manager to replace the missing street sign on details supplied with the same style street sign, and to put up a stop sign at the junction of details supplied.

Q39. Councillor Emer Costello

To ask the Manager to report on the timescale for the agreement with details supplied and to report on outstanding issues to be resolved in that agreement in order to ensure that the social and affordable Block M can be built as quickly as possible.

Q40 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council will arrange to clean all the shores at detail supplied.

Q41 Councillor Christy Burke

Could the Manager please give an update on the future plans of details supplied

Q42 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager what is the future of the former Senior Citizen Complex at North William’s Street, Dublin 1.

Q43 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the Waste Management Department clean details supplied

Q44 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the shores cleaned at details supplied

Q45 Councillor Christy Burke

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the paths and roads cleaned at details supplied.