

## SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008

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- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (copy attached) **(Pages 18-26)**.
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- 1044. Environment & Culture Matters**
- i. Update on South East Area Arts Works Plan 2007 / 2008.
- 1045. Planning Matters**
- i. Planning Applications
- 1. Application Number:** 6583/07  
**Application Type:** Permission  
**Applicant:** Padholme  
**Location:** Nos 1-11 at the Donnybrook Mall, Donnybrook Road, Dublin 4  
**Proposal:** The development will consist of: The demolition of existing 2 storey mixed-use building of approx. 1,629sqm (units nos. 1-11), and redevelopment of site to provide a 4 storey over basement mixed-use development of approx. 4,492sqm GFA (overall height 15.85m, 27.625m OD) comprising of 6no. retail units (approx. 1,220sqm), 3no. office units (approx. 1,107sqm), 1no. medical centre unit (approx. 524sqm), 1no. restaurant/takeaway unit (approx. 173sqm), 1no. bank unit (approx. 221sqm), and 4no. 2 bedroom apartments ranging in size from 95sqm to 122sqm (set back at fourth storey level) with terraces at third floor level facing east onto Donnybrook Road (facing east and north for apartment no. 1; east and south for apartment no. 4) and screened and sheltered deck access at third floor level facing rear of Belmont Park. The units comprise the following areas: Unit 1 at 80sqm (ground floor); Unit 2 at 150sqm (ground floor 79sqm; basement 71sqm); Unit 3 (restaurant/takeaway) at 173sqm (ground floor 104sqm; basement 69sqm); Unit 4 at 67sqm (ground floor 32sqm; basement

35sqm); Unit 5 at 220sqm (ground floor); Unit 6 at 122sqm (ground floor); Unit 7 (bank unit) at 221sqm (ground floor 112sqm; first floor 109sqm) and anchor convenience retail unit of 581sqm (ground floor 270sqm and basement 311sqm); at first floor level, 1no. medical centre of 524sqm, independent office unit of 238sqm, and 109sqm first floor element of Unit 7; at second floor level, 2no. independent office units of 489sqm and 380sqm respectively; this application provides for landscaped area on first floor roof level facing rear of Belmont Park; and ESB substation at ground floor level; 15no. car parking spaces and 15no. bicycle parking spaces, plant and attenuation, refuse storage all at basement level; ancillary site development works; use of existing reconfigured and repositioned vehicular access/egress (by approx. 3m to south west), on Belmont Avenue, all on overall site of approx. 0.14hectares.

**Registered Date:** 14-Dec-2007

## **2. Application Number 6805/07**

**Location:** Former Gas Company Site, Barrow Street, Dublin 4

PROTECTED STRUCTURE - Permission for extension to Gordon House (Block C). This extension consists of the following alterations to Block C: construction of additional office area (896M2) on second floor, 546m2 on third floor, 1051m2 on fourth floor, 1540m2 on fifth floor and 1583m2 on sixth floor - with a partial recess terrace on sixth floor, and louvre screening to plant area on roof) on northern side of the block. The inclusion of internal fire escape stairs from ground to sixth floor level resulting in the omission of 3 no car parking spaces at ground floor level. The extension will result in an overall increase of gross floor area of Block C of 5617m2 (office use) from 14,977.6m2 to 20,614.6m2. The overall application site incorporates the frame of the alliance gasholder (a protected structure)

**Registered Date:** 21-Dec-2007

## **3. Application Number 6815/07**

**Location:** The Alliance Block A, The Gasworks at the Former gas Co. site, Off Barrow Street and South Lotts Road, Dublin 4

PROTECTED STRUCTURE - The development comprises the change of use of the existing 9-storey 210-unit apartment block to a nine storey 520 bedroom hotel with all ancillary services. Works comprise sundry modifications to external fenestration at ground, first and second floor level, demolition of existing switch room, the construction of a four storey high sculptural glazed roof springing from first floor level over the internal courtyard allowing for the incorporation of the enclosed space within the hotel, provision of ancillary services at basement levels -1 to -4 the infilling of 2 no fire escapes at ground floor level and glazing the internal and external elevations of the existing 3 storey entrance to form the main entrance to the hotel, the enclosure of the existing internal deck access to apartments with glazing at first to eight floor level to provide winter garden corridor access to hotel bedrooms, provision of plant rooms (5 no.) at first floor level. Modifications to the existing car park layout to provide for 335 car parking spaces, a reduction from existing parking provision of 37 spaces.

**Registered Date:** 21-Dec-2007

- ii. With reference to Planning Application reference 0703/06, Grattan Court East for 11 units (report attached) (**Page 35**).

- iii. Proposed addition to Record of Protected Structures (R.P.S.), Gate Lodge & Gates, St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar, Dublin 6 (**Pages 36-38**).

**1046. South East Area Matters**

- i. Area Manager's Report (copy attached) (**Pages 39-40**).
- ii. Naming of a laneway to the rear of 35-47 Dunville Avenue, Ranelagh (report attached) (**Page 41**).

**Motions**

**1047. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests a report as to the response to the issues submitted with this Motion from the Nutley Residents Association.

**1048. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests a report from the Manager and the Law Agent on the issues contained in the letter submitted with this motion in relation to access to the Luas Station in Milltown.

**1049. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests that a full examination be conducted at the junction of Simonscourt Road, Sandymount Avenue and Merrion Road with a view to implementing measures to improve the opportunities for safe pedestrian crossings.

**1050. Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**

That this Committee convenes a meeting with HSE, Gardaí, Estate Management & Councillors with the view to establishing a pilot scheme in the South East Inner City aimed at supporting vulnerable Council tenants.

**1051. Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**

This Committee will mark, in March of this year, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of The Irish Republican Brotherhood with the unveiling of a plaque at 16, Lombard Street, the address of their formation.

**1052. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to take appropriate action to deal with the pothole and general poor maintenance issues of Mount Eden Road as detailed in the photographs supplied with this motion.

**1053. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Following a meeting between the community Garda, the caretaker and residents of Beggars Bush to discuss recent robberies, that the Manager would consider it appropriate to now install C.C.T.V.

**1054. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

That the Manager reviews the pedestrian crossing light at the junction of Sandymount Green and Gilford Road as the amount of time for pedestrians to cross is insufficient and perhaps the orange flashing signal could be removed.

**1055. Motion from Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

That the Manager outlines the steps that council are going to take to prevent further incidence of anti-social behaviour at Coastguard Cottages at Pigeonhouse Road.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007  
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**1017.** Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November.  
**Order: Agreed.**

**1018.** Questions to Dublin City Manager.  
**Order: Noted. Replies circulated.**

**1019. Roads & Traffic Matters**

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Draft Roads Maintenance Division's Works Programme 2008.  
**Order: Noted.**

**1020. Engineering Matters**

- i. Report on the cleaning of gullies for November 200.  
**Order: Noted.**

**1021. Planning Matters**

- i. Planning Applications

**1. Application No.:** 6097/07

**Applicant:** Talebury Properties Limited, Kitty Hall, Edward Square, Galway

**Location:** Site Known As The Former Maxwell Service Station, Rathmines Road Upper, Dublin 6

**Proposal:** The proposed development will consist of the construction of a three storey building containing 3 no single storey apartments at ground floor level and 6 no duplex apartments at first and second floor giving nine no. two bedroom apartments in total (gross area 785sqm). The three ground floor apartments will have terraces to the North, West and South elevations and will have pedestrian access from Rathmines Road Upper, the six duplex apartments at first and second floor will have terraces to the North, West & South elevations and will be accessed off a courtyard within the site, the construction of a pedestrian entrance to the site From Maxwell Road and the construction of a pedestrian entrance to the site from Rathmines Road together with associated site works.

Registered Date: 13-Nov-2007

**Validated:** 16-Nov-2007

**Order: Planner's report noted.**

- ii. Llandaff House and Llandaff Terrace – Proposed Addition to Record of Protected Structures – Item 996 (iii) deferred from November meeting.  
**The following Emergency Motion was proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Freehill:**

**“That the South East Area Committee calls on the Manager to commence the process of adding Llandaff Terrace and Llandaff House to the Record of Protected Structures.”**

**Order: Refer to City Council.**

#### **1022. South East Area Matters**

- i. Area Manager’s Report.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Amendment to approved Part 8 for Rathmines Swimming Pool Redevelopment.  
**Order: Noted.**

#### **Motions**

##### **1023. Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn**

That this Committee calls on the Manager to remove the old Dublin City Council bench outside 40 Palmerston Road in view of its use by individuals for drinking and gathering. At the same time this Committee calls on the Manager to request Dublin Bus to install a modern seat within the bus shelter nearby.

**Order: Agreed.**

##### **1024. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That DCC write to the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources and the CEO of An Post to protest very strongly at the removal of the post boxes from corner of Winton Rd and Rathgar Ave and also from Brighton Sq. Rathgar has lost its Post Office and now its post boxes, therefore it is imperative that the boxes be reinstated immediately.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Committee requested that an urgent meeting be scheduled with the CEO of An Post.**

##### **1025. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That DCC report on what progress it has made in relation to my previous motion relating to opening up discussions with VEC, DIT and Grangegorman Procurement Agency to start the process of the acquiring DIT College in Rathmines as a first step taking back Rathmines Town Hall into full DCC ownership.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

##### **1026. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Dublin South East / Local Area Committee renew its commitment to have Rathmines Library which is a flagship building in Rathmines and a listed building refurbished. This has already been committed to in the Conservation plan. This committee therefore calls yet again on the Council to commit funds as a matter of urgency to upgrade this historical building, make the building accessible for its customers and revamp and restock the library.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

1027. **Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
That the Manager report to the Committee on what steps can be taken by Waste Management to address the concerns in the letter (copy supplied) of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to Waste Management.  
**Order: Further report requested.**
1028. **Motion from Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
That the Manager bring forward immediate plan to deal with the severe traffic problems, which are being experienced by residents on Pigeonhouse Road.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1029. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
That the Manager clarify whether the management of Ringsend Recycling Centre have the right to refuse the use of their centre to a local resident who states that the waste he is bringing is purely domestic.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1030. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
That the Manager address the parking issues on Gilford Park given the differing solutions offered by individual residents.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1031. **Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**  
In view of the current framework study currently being carried out for Rathmines and also because of the future development of area as a PUC, in preparation for these future developments, this committee agrees to carry out a study focussing on the arts and cultural needs of the Rathmines area.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1032. **Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
This Committee requests report and full details of the agreement between Dublin City Council and Conleths College in relation to Herbert Park and in particular to confirm what hours the new Astro Turf Pitch will be available to local groups between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday – Friday. This Committee further expresses its view that no such agreement should have the effect of reducing the amount of time that the facilities in Herbert Park are available to the local community.  
**Order: Moved by Councillor Quinn. Report to Councillor.**
1033. **Motion from Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Would the Manager outline the long term plans for Powerscourt & Verschoyle Court.  
**Order: Withdrawn.**
1034. **Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
This Committee will employ more maintenance contractors to ensure empty flats are brought up to standard and allocated within 6 weeks.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1035. **Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
That sufficient funds are allocated to ensure Albert Place, Dublin 2 is resurfaced in 2008.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1036. **Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
That this Committee will repair public lighting in the stairs of Conway Court, Dublin 2.  
**Order: Report to Councillor.**
1037. **Motion from Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
That this Committee will host an event to mark International Women's Day 2008.  
**Order: Agreed.**

## **Councillor Mary Freehill**

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**Chairperson**  
**Dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

### **Attendance**

### **Members**

Councillor Mary Freehill (in the chair)  
Councillors: D. Keane, P. McCartan, D. Lacey, K. Humphreys, M. Donnelly, D. Doolan, O. Quinn, E. Wynne

### **Officials:**

E. Brady, Area Manager, South East Area  
F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area  
G. Lalor, Senior Engineer/Assistant Area Manager, South East Area  
S. Moran, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area  
K. O'Sullivan, Public Domain Enforcement Officer, South East Area  
T. Gallagher, Area Housing Manager, South East Area  
P. Curran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent  
M. McNamara, Executive Engineer, Roads Maintenance Services  
R. Boland, Senior Engineer, Roads & Traffic Department  
J. Murphy, Deputy City Senior Planner  
N. McDonnell, Senior Executive Planner, Planning Department  
P. Riordan, Executive Planner, Planning Department  
R. Treacy, Senior Staff Officer, South East Area  
J. Nugent, A/Staff Officer, South East Area  
L. Nolan, Technician, Planning Department

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER  
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

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**Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager what action it is proposed to take and when to deal with the very poor water pressure in Beech Hill Villas.

**Reply**

The Area Maintenance Officer has checked the water pressure in this complex, but found no fault with the pressure.

**Q2. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the tree at 35 Beech Hill Avenue to be pruned significantly as it seriously interferes with the natural lighting of the house (as promised) and a review as to its suitability at all given the impact it is having on the footpath at this location.

**Reply**

The Parks Division does not consider it appropriate to remove the tree in question. However it will be pruned as part of the Division's tree pruning works programme, scheduled for completion by end of March 2008.

The footpath has a crack in it at the kerb. This happens in the vicinity of trees due to tree root movement and is considered safe for the moment.

**Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne**

Could the Manager please carry out an examination of the health and litter problem at this address (details supplied), which is affecting the wider area?

**Reply**

This premises and its environs has been inspected by a number of sections in Dublin City Council. The private rented lettings in this property were inspected by an environmental health officer under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 1993. At the time of the inspection several contraventions of the regulation were noted.

The current position is that the Environmental Health section of the City Council are instituting proceedings against the landlord for contraventions of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 1993 that were observed on the inspection.

The matter is with the Councils Law Agent to issue the summonses and a court date is awaited.

Arrangements were made on a previous occasion to remove the waste from these premises. Litter fines have been issued to the owner on a number of occasions. The possibility of further proceedings under Waste Management legislation is being investigated and the Councillor will be kept informed of further progress in this issue.

**Q4. Councillor Oisín Quinn**

Can the Manager arrange for the roads and public footpaths around Belgrave Square to be thoroughly inspected, cleared and cleaned particularly of leaves?

**Reply**

Waste Management Services operate a programme for the removal of leaves during the Autumn and Winter months. Priority is given to the tree lined streets and areas which are particularly prone to flooding. Belgrave Square was cleaned and the leaves removed on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Waste Management Services will continue to monitor the area.

- Q5. Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
Can the Manager clarify whether the three parking spaces at the end of Castlewood Terrace which abut the bollards between Castlewood Terrace and Gulistan Cottages are either part of the pay & display scheme (requiring someone therefore to have a residents permit or to display a ticket) or whether they are 'free' spaces open to all?

**Reply**

The area in question is part of the 'Pay & Display and Permit' parking scheme on Castlewood Terrace. The Area Engineer will examine and arrange to have the permit markings renewed and signs erected if required.

- Q6. Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
Can the Manager arrange for (details supplied) to be supplied with green bags as they did not get them this year?

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had a supply of green bags delivered to (details supplied) on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

- Q7. Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
Can the Manager arrange for (details supplied) to be treated as a family unit for the purposes of the Council's housing list?

**Reply**

It is Dublin City Council's policy that in order to be accepted on the Housing List all applicants must be residing together as a family unit.

If the applicants (details supplied) wish to be considered jointly for housing they may wish to consider the following options.

- a. The applicant (details supplied) may wish to apply for permission to reside at her partners address at (details supplied 2).
- b. The applicants may wish to consider seeking private rented accommodation and applying to Dublin City Council once the accommodation has been sourced to have their rent allowance form stamped by the Housing Allocations Section.

Any change in the applicants' current accommodation should be notified immediately to the City Council and their housing application will be re-assessed.

- Q8. Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
Can the Manager arrange for a Cul de Sac road sign to be erected at a visible height at the entrance to the narrow portion of Castlewood Terrace as there is still a regular problem of cars and sometimes trucks driving down to the end of Castlewood Terrace and getting stuck?

**Reply**

The Traffic Division will arrange the erection of a cul-de-sac sign as soon as possible.

- Q9. Councillor Oisín Quinn**  
Can the Manager arrange for the granite edging to the pavements at Summerville Park to be re-instated as same have over the years been removed and/or fallen off?

**Reply**

The repairs to the existing granite kerbs and footpath near the portion of the street nearest Rathmines Road Upper will be carried out during the 1st quarter of 2008.

**Q10. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager if consideration has been given to the upgrading of Fitzwilliam Lane (as requested 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007)

- i) to incorporate the extension of the footpaths the entire length of the laneway
- ii) the provision of enhanced street lighting in the interest of security
- iii) the provision of two-way traffic on Baggotrath Place to relieve traffic pressure on Merrion Street, where all traffic currently must go in order to travel south
- iv) the removal of bollards at the Fitzwilliam Street end under the archway and their replacement with a more suitable form of protection for the buildings which does not involve causing damage to cars entering the lane.

**Reply**

Road Maintenance Services has no plans to upgrade Fitzwilliam Lane.

- (i) Arrangements will be made to carry out routine maintenance to the carriageway in Fitzwilliam Lane during the 1st half of 2008.
- (ii) Upgrading of the lighting in Fitzwilliam Lane will be considered, in the context of finances available, for inclusion in the 2009 programme of improvements.
- (iii) The Area Engineer will examine the possibility of making Baggotrath Place two-way.
- (iv) The Area Engineer will examine the possibility of replacing the bollards with a more suitable form of protection.

**Q11. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager if there is a response to the letter from Nutley Residents' Association dated October 15<sup>th</sup> outlining various issues, which are of concern to them.

**Reply**

Issues of concern to the Nutley Residents' Association have been the subject of on-going correspondence and discussion with the South East Area Office during the past year or so. While many of these have been resolved, the outstanding issues as outlined in letter of 15th October, which primarily relate to traffic/parking difficulties, are currently being examined. Staff from the South East Area office have met with the Chairman of the Residents' Association and it is hoped to issue a detailed reply to these and additional issues raised in the New Year.

**Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager if action can be taken to make safe No. 11 Pembroke Road which is a derelict building. As slates are falling from this house into adjoining premises, including an apartment block, the house is now open to the elements.

**Reply**

This site was inspected by both the Derelict Sites and Dangerous Buildings Sections and it is not considered to be either a derelict site or a dangerous building within the meaning of the relevant legislation.

No. 11 Pembroke Rd. is a protected structure. The Enforcement section is aware of the problems of endangerment to this structure and they are currently engaged in identifying the owner with a view to issuing enforcement procedures to prevent any further deterioration of the structure.

**Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to draw attention to the fact that there is a noticeable increase in the number of rats along the promenade at Sandymount strand.

**Reply**

The South East Area Office made arrangements with the Pest Control Section of the Health Service Executive to have the area from Beach Road to the Nature Park baited on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

If the problem is being experienced in a wider area of the promenade arrangements can be made to address the problem in other locations if the Councillor contacts the South East Area Office.

**Q14. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager to ensure that the bins are collected on Pleasant Place on a regular basis and that Pleasant Place is cleaned more frequently as rubbish is dumped there especially at weekends.

**Reply**

Waste Management Services have the bins collected on Pleasant Place every Tuesday night. Pleasant Place is cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday and dumped bags are removed. This area will be monitored and any action required will be taken.

**Q15. Councillor Edie Wynne**

Could the Manager please review traffic volumes and other traffic safety issues in Wasdale Park in response to residents concerns (details supplied)?

**Reply**

1. This vehicle is legally parked and accordingly there is no action which the Enforcement Contractor can take in this matter. However the Abandoned Vehicles Section will investigate the matter to ascertain if the vehicle is considered to be abandoned. If this is the case, they will make the necessary arrangements to have it removed.
2. The yield sign will be realigned as soon as possible
3. & 4. The request for the introduction of a pay and display and permit-parking scheme on Wasdale Park has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. If a scheme is recommended, the residents of Wasdale Park will be balloted by the Council on the proposal.
5. This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.
6. Speed checks will be carried out with a view to determining whether or not traffic-calming measures are warranted.
7. The Area Traffic Engineer will investigate this and report directly to the Councillor.
8. Trees cannot be planted at this location due to the presence of underground services. This was attempted in the past without success and the openings had to be reinstated.

**Q16. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager for double yellow lines on the laneway at 6 Stella Gardens, which will cut down on the amount of parking and ensure that an Ambulance and Fire Engine have full access to the road in the vicinity of her home.

**Reply**

This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is available.

**Q17. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager for an update on the proposed development in Smock Alley and will the Manager incorporate the residents concerns in any planning application.

**Reply**

The design of the building on Fishamble Street is at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that Part 8 proceedings will commence in early 2008. Entrance to the apartments will be through the Smock Alley complex but with a separate lift and stairs for the new residents. A community facility is being designed for the ground floor, which can be utilised by the Smock Alley residents.

**Q18. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager to take action against C.I.E. over the noise and pollution from the diesel trains engines, which are left idle for long periods on the approach to Westland Row Station.

**Reply**

The Air Monitoring and Noise Control Unit initially received representations on this matter in August 2007. Upon receipt of this complaint, correspondence was sent to the Company Secretary of Iarnród Eireann on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007.

When no response was received from the company a further letter was sent on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Following further contact with Iarnród Eireann it is anticipated that a response will be received this week. If this is not received a statutory notice will be issued.

**Q19. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Will the Manager arrange to have the lights on the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Strand Road and Gilford Road repaired? These lights are out of order very frequently.

**Reply**

The Traffic Signals Section is aware of the problem with the lights at Strand Road and Gilford Road. It is an ESB problem, which they are currently in the process of resolving.

**Q20. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

Will the Manager arrange to have the rampart at the rear of Ashton's Public House cleaned up and to have the trees trimmed back?

**Reply**

Waste Management Services had the rampart at the rear of Ashton's Public House cleaned up on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007.

This work will be included in the Parks Division's tree pruning works programme, scheduled for completion by the end of March 2008.

**Q21. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she can report on progress in relation to the flood protection works along the Dodder from Ringsend to Ballsbridge indicating the precise stage we are at for each section.

**Reply**

Currently the Office of Public Works working for Dublin City Council are building a below ground mass concrete support wall and a surface flood wall in Shelbourne Park Greyhound Track. Using the latest international flood protection standards, this wall is designed to give flood protection for a one in 200 year tidal event, including global warming, up to the end of the century. The mass concrete wall, which supports the existing masonry wall, is 45% complete while the upper flood wall is 25% substantially complete.

In the sea scouts den area beside Shelbourne Park site clearance has started. Sheet piling works are scheduled to start in March 2008.

On the walkway beside Lansdowne Tennis Club and Lansdowne Village two trial holes will be excavated next week starting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This walkway will be closed for the week and pedestrian traffic will be diverted to the walkway on the far side of the Dodder adjacent to Lansdowne Rugby Football Stadium. It is anticipated that work will commence in the third quarter of 2008 on this section.

High tides are being continuously monitored during these works and current flood defence levels of protection are being maintained.

**Q22. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the issue of the proposed change of name of The Liberties in the Irish Language as detailed in the letter submitted with this question to be addressed appropriately.

**Reply**

The South East Area Office has contacted An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail regarding the Councillor's request and the Councillor will be contacted when a response has been received.

**Q23. Councillor Edie Wynne**

Could the Manager please arrange for a review of safety due to poor lighting in Oakland's Drive (details supplied)?

**Reply**

Public Lighting Services will investigate the lighting here and consider any necessary improvements for inclusion in a future programme of improvement works.

**Q24. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager to request C.I.E. to keep the overhead height restriction warning signs on the Railway Bridge on Bath Ave & South Lotts Road operational.

**Reply**

Arrangements are being made to contact C.I.E. regarding the Councillor's request. The Councillor will be contacted when a response is received.

**Q25. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

Ask the Manager to ensure that parking enforcement pays special attention to Kingsland Lane and for parking regulations to be enforced, the lane to be cleaned on a regular basis and the Manager requests the Gardaí to patrol the lane at night as it is used for on street drinking causing annoyance & disturbance to local residents.

**Reply**

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

Waste Management Services had Kingsland Lane cleaned on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and the South East Area rapid response crew monitor and clean this area at least once a week.

This Office has written to Kevin Street Garda Station about the issues raised and the Councillor will be contacted when a response is received.

**Q26. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

When will the precinct improvements commence in Markievicz House?

**Reply**

A report commissioned to consider the refurbishment options for Markievicz House has been completed. The report is being evaluated and a decision will be made shortly. In the interim the report in relation to the Precinct Improvement and new build as required by Part 8 of the Planning Regulations was agreed at the December City Council meeting.

**Q27. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

When will the proposed development of a HSE health centre in Marks Lane commence?

**Reply**

Construction of the Health Centre is due to commence in January 2008. The contract period is 12 months.

**Q28. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Manager clarify why the recycling in plant in Pigeon House road is refusing to accept certain plastics and would the Manager not agree that this undermines the City Council's recycling programme?

**Reply**

The types of plastic being accepted at Ringsend have not changed. The following types of plastic are accepted - PET (e.g. drinks bottles, type 1 plastic), HDPE (e.g. shampoo bottles, type 2 bottles) and LDPE (e.g. plastic sheeting, type 4). Other material such as butter/yogurt cartons will contaminate this material. It should be noted that other types of plastic such as butter cartons were never acceptable but that individuals continued to mix the plastics, despite clear signage. This is being enforced by staff more rigorously throughout the recycling centres to ensure good quality plastic for recycling.

**Q29. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Manager please ensure that the required work (details enclosed) is carried out as soon as possible?

**Reply**

The private contractor who carried out the refurbishment to this flat has been instructed to contact the tenant and make arrangements to carry out any necessary repairs outstanding.

**Q30. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Manager update the Committee on progress made on motion 966 in September's meeting?

**Reply**

A recommendation in relation to the installation of this sculpture will be made to the January meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee for Arts Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs and the Councillor will be informed of progress subsequent to this meeting.

**Q31. Councillor Daithí Doolan**

Can the Manager update the Committee on progress made on the redevelopment of the football pitch at Digges Street?

**Reply**

Tenders were sought for the refurbishment of the pitch at Digges Street and these are currently being examined.

If a suitable tender is accepted it is hoped to commence work in February with an approximate completion date of May 2008.

**Q32. Councillor Edie Wynne**

Could the Manager please clarify the criteria for removing abandoned cars and also arrange for the removal of four apparently abandoned cars (details supplied)?

**Reply**

Dublin City Council removes vehicles which are clearly abandoned e.g. no identification and no means of contacting the registered owner. We also remove end of life vehicles with owner's consent for a fee of €30.

The Abandoned Vehicles Officer will investigate the vehicles referred to in the question and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

**To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

Electoral law requires that registration authorities undertake house-to-house inquiries or other sufficient inquiry in the preparation of the Register of Electors.

The Franchise Section of the City Manager's Department is solely responsible for the preparation and publication of the Register of Electors for Dublin City each year.

The Section has a full-time staff of 15 enumerators employed to carry out the door-to-door inquiries and distribute the registration forms to every household. Appropriate targeted training and support is provided to these fieldworkers. An indoor administrative staff of 8 are involved in keying in of the data, updating the postal lists, issuing 'unable to establish' letters, identifying citizenship, processing death lists, claims, checking and distribution of the Register.

For the purposes of compiling the Register, house-to-house inquiries are the key means of data collection as they yield the most accurate and comprehensive results.

The task of getting people to register is difficult as there is no legal obligation to do so. Therefore every effort is made in conveying to the public the importance of registration and media advertising campaigns are launched by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to assist in the registration process. All registration forms and information leaflets are produced by the Department and issued to the Registration authorities each year.

The Register comprises four categories of electors: Presidential, Dáil, European and Local. A person's citizenship determines their category and the type of elections at which they may vote. The letters D, E, L are used to distinguish the different types of elector and these appear opposite the person's name in the Register of Electors (See attached table in folders). The letter S is placed against those electorate with a postal vote. There are 6 categories of Postal Voter – Army, Garda, Diplomats and their Spouses, Disability, Terms of Occupation and Prisoners. Electors on the special voters' list vote at their hospital, nursing home etc.

Elections and Referenda are organised on the basis of polling districts, which are set out in arrangements made by registration authorities and known as polling schemes. A polling scheme divides a county or city into polling districts and appoints a polling place for each district - the polling place must be an area and not a building. Polling stations, which may be located in a single building or number of buildings, are provided at a polling place. The adoption of a polling scheme is a reserved function of the Council and the provision of polling stations are the responsibility of the Returning Officer at election time.

Dublin City has 183 polling districts at present and they make up the 13 Local Electoral Areas. The current 1999 Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places will be due for review prior to the Local Elections in 2009. The taking of a poll for all Referenda and Elections (excluding Dáil) are conducted in accordance with this Scheme in Local Electoral Area format. Dáil elections are conducted under this scheme also, but in Constituencies format. Dublin City is made up of 6 constituencies – North East pt., North West pt., South Central pt., North Central, Central and South East. The other parts of North East and North West are in the Fingal Co. Council area and the other part of South Central is in South Dublin Co. Council.

The main statute applicable to registration and elections is the Electoral Act, 1992 and two of the key milestones are statute deadlines: Publication of the Draft Register on the 1st., November and the publication of the Final Register on the 1<sup>st.</sup>, February. The register comes into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> February and remains in force for 1 year to the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Should someone become eligible in the lifetime of it being in force – they can apply to have their name entered in the Supplement to that Register.

**Sean de Brún**  
**Administrative Officer**

**OFFICE OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC**

**OIFIG AN BHAINISTEOIR TRÁCHTA**

**The following items for the South East Area were considered by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

***School  
Wardens***

**1 Williams Park/Ardee Road, Dublin 6.**

Reps for School Warden at the junction of Williams Park and Ardee Road, Rathmines, for St. Louis Primary Schools.

Dublin City Council

Do18685

Recommended

***Pedestrian  
Facilities***

**2 Ranelagh Road, Dublin 6**

Reps for pedestrian lights on Ranelagh Road at the Luas Station.

Public Rep

Do13747

Recommended

**3 Merrion Road, Dublin 4.**

Reps for Pedestrian Crossing on Merrion Road at the junction of Merlyn Road.

Gardai

Do18376

Recommended

***Parking  
Prohibitions***

**4 Warner's Lane, Dublin 4.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Warner's Lane to the rear of 37 Dartmouth Square.

Do18536

Recommended

**5 Victoria Villas, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Permit Parking on Victoria Villas, off Rathgar Avenue.

Resident

Do

Recommended

Accepted at survey. 7 on register, 5 votes returned, 4 for, 1 spoiled. Hours Mon-Sun 07.00-24.00.

**6 Garville Avenue, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Garville Avenue at the garage entrance to no. 72.

Resident

Do18536

Recommended

On the northern side of the laneway from a point opposite the common boundary of nos. 70/72 to a point opposite the common boundary of nos. 72/74.

**7 Clanwilliam Square, Dublin 2.**

Reps for Disabled Parking Bay on the western side of Grand Canal Quay outside No.1 Clanwilliam Square (rescind Pay & Display/ Permit Parking).

Business

Do18402

Recommended

**8 O' Connell Gardens, Dublin 4.**

Reps for removal of Disabled Parking Bay opposite no.59 O'Connell Gardens.

Resident

Do17353

Recommended

**9 Cambridge Road, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on the east side of Cambridge Road, Rathmines, outside

Business

Do18372

Recommended

From the southern boundary of the pay & display parking to the north of the driveway to the northern boundary of the pay & display parking to the south of the driveway.

**10 Lower Beechwood Avenue, Dublin 6.**

Reps for parking restrictions at the laneway entrance to 79A on Lower Beechwood

Resident

Do18135

Recommended

Rescind pay and display and permit parking on the western side of Beechwood Avenue Lower by 1m on both sides of the laneway providing access to 79A Beechwood Avenue Lower. Provide double yellow lines across the laneway from the new pay and display and permit parking boundary to the north to the new pay and display and permit parking boundary to the south.

**11 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.**

Reps for extension of Pay and Display area on Adelaide Road, outside the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, 29/31, Adelaide Road.

Dublin City Council

Do17907

Recommended

On the southern side of Adelaide Road between the western end of the existing pay & display and permit parking outside nos. 29/31 Adelaide Road and the existing disabled parking bay.

**12 Dartmouth Place, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on east side of Dartmouth Place, Ranelagh, opposite Nos. 15-18.

Business

Do18364

Recommended

**13 Sandford Road, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on the laneway at the rear of No. 65, Sandford Road,

Public Rep

Do18354

Recommended

Both sides of the laneway to the rear of nos. 65, 67 and 69 Sandford Road.

**14 Beechwood Avenue Lower, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines in the laneway at the rear of No. 62, Lower

Resident

Do18376

Recommended

**15 Rostrevor Terrace/Rostrevor Road, Dublin 6.**

Reps for Double Yellow Lines at the junction of Rostrevor Terrace and Rostrevor

Business

Do17282

Recommended

On the west side of Rostrevor Terrace/ Rostrevor Road from the common boundary of 14/15 Rostrevor Terrace south to the common boundary of nos 1 and 2 Rostrevor Road. On the east and north side of Rostrevor Road at the northern side of no.30 Rostrevor Road opposite the eastern kerb of Rostrevor Terrace around the south east corner of Rostrevor Road south to a point opposite the common boundary of nos. 1 and 2 Rostrevor Road.

***Traffic  
Conditions***

**16 Bath Avenue, Dublin 4.**

Reps for Half Yellow Box on the south side  
of Bath Avenue at the junction of Shaw's

Resident

Do18269

Recommended

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

**1) Alma Court, Dublin 6 (Request from Area Office):**

- on the eastern side of Alma Court from a point 10 metres south of the south east corner of the junction of Mountpleasant Place and Alma Court to a point to the rear of 19 Swan Grove where the kerblines of Alma Court kinks.
- On the southern side of Mountpleasant Place from a point 5 metres east of the corner of Alma Court to a point 5 metres west of the corner of Swan Grove.
- On the southern side of Mountpleasant Place outside the Oxford Grove flats between the existing double yellow lines on the corner with Oxford Road and the double yellow lines across the access to Oxford Grove flats.

***Double Yellow Lines***

Double yellow lines are recommended in the following locations (see attached drawing):

- On the western side of Alma Court from a point opposite the southern kerblines of Mountpleasant Place to the south west corner of number 1 Alma Court.
- On the east corner of the junction of Mountpleasant Avenue and Alma Court for a distance of 10 metres to the south and 5 metres to the west.
- On the east corner of Mountpleasant Avenue and Swan Grove from a point 5 metres west of the corner to the common boundary of 32/33 Swan Grove.
- On the west corner of Mountpleasant Avenue and Swan Grove for 5 metres to the south and east.
- On the eastern side of Alma Court at the southern end adjacent to the green area across the drop kerb and on 1 metre to either side.
- On the southern side of Rugby Villas across the pedestrian laneway between No. 4 and No. 5 Rugby Villas.

***Single Yellow Line***

It is recommended to provide a single yellow on Swan Grove with operating hours of Monday – Saturday 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. The single yellow line should be provided on Swan Grove from a point 2 metres north of number 5 Swan Grove to a point 5 metres east of the southeast corner of the junction of Mountpleasant Place and Swan Grove.

**2) Rathgar Avenue, Dublin 6 (Request by Resident):**

Recommended at TAG 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Revised proposed layout below.

- Western side from the southern boundary of the driveway of No. 9 Rathgar Avenue to the existing double yellow line just north of Harrisons Row.
- Eastern side from the southern boundary of the driveway access of no.63/63A Rathgar Avenue to the northern boundary of the loading bay outside No. 66/67 Rathgar Avenue.
- Eastern side from the southern boundary of the loading bay outside No. 66/67 Rathgar Avenue to the southern boundary of 68B Rathgar Avenue.

***Double Yellow Lines are recommended on Rathgar Avenue as follows:***

- Western side from the southern boundary of the existing yellow lines at the junction with Airfield Road to the southern boundary of the driveway access to No. 9 Rathgar Avenue.
- Eastern side from the southern boundary of the driveway access of no.63/63A Rathgar Avenue to a point 5m north of the northern kerblines of Airfield Road.

**3) Le Vere Terrace, Dublin 6 W:**

(Previously recommended TAG 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Details included here).

- On the north side of Le Vere Terrace from the eastern end to a point 10 meters east of the junction with Harold's Cross Road, excluding existing entrances/driveways.

***Double Yellow Lines***

- On the south side of Le Vere Terrace from the eastern end to the junction with Harold's Cross Road.
- On southeast corner of the junction of Harold's Cross Road/Le Vere Terrace for a distance of 5 metres to the south on Harold's Cross Road

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

**To the Chairperson and Members of  
The South East Area Committee**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Derelict Sites Quarterly Report**

I attach details of Derelict Sites in the South East 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.

**D. Wallace  
Executive Manager**

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT SOUTH EAST AREA**

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

*Location*

*Current Position*

**Grand Canal Street Upper, 29, D.4.**

Work has commenced at this site - being kept under review

**Lennons Cottages, 1 to 5, Merrion Road**

Derelict cottages demolished - site removed from Derelict Sites Register on 22/10/2007.

**Macken Street, 32D (a.k.a. 32C), D.2**

Building works now complete at this site - no further action required

**Pearse Street, 133-135, D.2**

Work is well advanced at this site - being kept under review.

APPENDIX 2

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT

SOUTH EAST AREA

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

*Location*

*Current position*

**Adelaide Road, 7, Dublin 2.**

reference of ownership requested with a view to writing to owner about condition of site

**Arnott Street 46.D.8**

site has been re-secured as requested - being kept under review

**Grand Canal Street Lower, 11, D.2**

work has been carried out as requested - no further action required

**Portobello Road, 3, D. 8**

Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register to be served

**Rathmines Road Lr., 207 (former Stella Cinema), Rathmines, D.6.**

Not considered derelict at present - to be kept under review

To the Chairperson and Members of  
The South East Area Committee

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Gully Cleaning Programme**

Gullies at the attached locations were inspected and found to be working satisfactorily or cleaned during the month of December 2007.

Some individual gullies were not cleared due to access problems associated with parked cars but these will be re-visited in due course.

There are ongoing works i.e. repairs to and jetting of existing gullies, in addition to the installation of new gullies, where required.

**Martin Ryan**  
Divisional Engineer

**December 2007**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>STREET</b>	<b>INSPECTED</b>	<b>CLEANED</b>
01/12/07	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER	5	5
01/12/07	CLARENDON ST FT PATH GRIDS	1	1
01/12/07	CLARENDON STREET	9	7
01/12/07	DAME STREET	9	9
01/12/07	HAROLDS CROSS RD canal-Terenure Rd. North	32	32
01/12/07	HOLLYBANK AVENUE LOWER	6	6
01/12/07	LARCH GROVE	5	5
01/12/07	LONDONBRIDGE DRIVE	1	1
01/12/07	LORD EDWARD STREET	7	7
01/12/07	MACKEN ST Cardiff Lane-Pearse St.	2	2
01/12/07	NORWOOD PARK	8	7
01/12/07	RATHMINES RD LWR canal rd - Rathgar Rd.	42	42
01/12/07	TARA STREET	16	16
01/12/07	WICKLOW ST FT PATH GRIDS	3	2
01/12/07	WICKLOW STREET	5	5
01/12/07	WILLIAM ST STH FT PATH GRIDS	2	2
01/12/07	WILLIAM STREET SOUTH	16	15
02/12/07	ADELAIDE ROAD	2	2
02/12/07	ANGLESEA ROAD	1	1
02/12/07	BAGGOT STREET LOWER	1	1
02/12/07	COLLEGE GREEN	2	2
02/12/07	DAME STREET	12	12
02/12/07	ESSEX STREET EAST	1	1
02/12/07	ESSEX STREET WEST	1	1
02/12/07	FITZWILLIAM SQUARE EAST	1	1
02/12/07	FITZWILLIAM SQUARE SOUTH	1	1
02/12/07	GROVE ROAD	8	7
02/12/07	LOMBARD STREET EAST	1	1
02/12/07	MACKEN ST Cardiff lane-Pearse St.	9	5
02/12/07	MERRION SQUARE NORTH	1	1
02/12/07	MERRION SQUARE WEST	1	1
02/12/07	PARLIAMENT STREET	1	1
02/12/07	RATHMINES RD UPR Rathgar Rd. - Highfield Rd.	32	26
02/12/07	SEAN O'MOORE ROAD	6	1
02/12/07	SIMMONSCOURT ROAD	2	1
02/12/07	STRAND ROAD	2	1

DATE	STREET	INSPECTED	CLEANED
02/12/07	TOWNSEND STREET	4	4
03/12/07	DROMARD AVENUE	3	3
03/12/07	DROMARD TERRACE	5	5
03/12/07	LEAHY'S TERRACE	1	1
03/12/07	MARINE DRIVE	9	9
03/12/07	SEAFORT AVENUE	7	6
03/12/07	SEAFORT GARDENS	9	9
03/12/07	SEAFORT TERRACE	1	1
03/12/07	SEAFORT VILLAS	3	3
03/12/07	SERPENTINE ROAD	8	8
04/12/07	SEAFORT AVENUE	1	1
04/12/07	SERPENTINE PARK	10	10
04/12/07	SERPENTINE TERRACE	9	5
05/12/07	GEORGES QUAY FT PATH GRID	2	2
05/12/07	GRAFTON STREET	2	2
05/12/07	HARCOURT ROAD	15	15
05/12/07	HARCOURT STREET	2	2
05/12/07	HAROLDS CROSS RD canal-Terenure Rd. Nth.	12	12
05/12/07	HERBERT GREEN	2	1
05/12/07	LANSDOWNE HALL	1	1
05/12/07	LANSDOWNE ROAD	6	4
05/12/07	OAKLANDS DRIVE	3	2
05/12/07	OAKLANDS PARK	10	5
05/12/07	RAILWAY COTTAGES WALKWAY	6	6
05/12/07	TOWNSEND STREET	1	1
05/12/07	TOWNSEND STREET	1	1
05/12/07	WINETAVERN STREET	6	6
06/12/07	BEACH DRIVE	6	5
06/12/07	DAME STREET	3	2
06/12/07	DURHAM ROAD	15	8
06/12/07	GILFORD ROAD	2	2
06/12/07	JOHNFIELD ROAD	6	6
06/12/07	NICHOLAS ST @ MEDIAN	1	1
06/12/07	SANDYMOUNT COURT	6	5
06/12/07	STRAND ROAD	1	1

DATE	STREET	INSPECTED	CLEANED
07/12/07	DURHAM ROAD	7	1
07/12/07	GILFORD PARK	1	1
07/12/07	HERBERT PARK	19	16
07/12/07	MAGEOUGH HOME	1	1
07/12/07	PARK AVENUE	35	35
07/12/07	RICHELIEU PARK	8	8
07/12/07	SAINT ALBAN'S PARK	22	19
07/12/07	WILFIELD ROAD	2	1
10/12/07	BEACH AVENUE	6	5
10/12/07	BEACH DRIVE	1	1
10/12/07	DURHAM ROAD	4	4
10/12/07	GILFORD AVENUE	9	7
10/12/07	GILFORD AVENUE LANEWAY	1	1
10/12/07	LEA ROAD	14	13
10/12/07	OAKLANDS DRIVE	1	1
10/12/07	OAKLANDS PARK	4	4
10/12/07	SANDYMOUNT AVENUE	6	6
10/12/07	SANDYMOUNT CASTLE PARK	1	1
10/12/07	SANDYMOUNT COURT	1	1
10/12/07	THE GROVE	5	5
11/12/07	AILESBUURY MEWS	15	15
11/12/07	CHURCHILL TERRACE	7	7
11/12/07	HOLYROOD PARK	5	5
11/12/07	PRINCE WALES TERRACE	7	6
11/12/07	SPAFIELD TERRACE	2	2
11/12/07	WILLOW MEWS	4	4
12/12/07	AILESBUURY GARDENS	3	3
12/12/07	AILESBUURY PARK	9	7
12/12/07	CRAMPTON COURT	2	2
12/12/07	LONDONBRIDGE ROAD	10	7
12/12/07	MERLYN PARK	15	12
12/12/07	NICHOLAS ST @ MEDIAN	3	3
12/12/07	SANDYMOUNT AVENUE	15	14
13/12/07	CLAREMOUNT ROAD	15	14
13/12/07	HERBERT GREEN	1	1
13/12/07	NEWBRIDGE AVENUE	6	6

DATE	STREET	INSPECTED	CLEANED
13/12/07	NEWBRIDGE DRIVE	2	1
13/12/07	NEWGROVE AVENUE	10	9
14/12/07	LANSDOWNE VILLAGE	21	19
14/12/07	NEWBRIDGE DRIVE	1	1
14/12/07	SHREWSBURY PARK	11	10
14/12/07	SYDENHAM ROAD	4	2
18/12/07	AILESBUURY RD Merrion Rd. - Ailesbury Gdns.	8	8
18/12/07	IRISHTOWN ROAD	24	17
18/12/07	LONDONBRIDGE ROAD	3	2
18/12/07	MERLYN DRIVE	4	4
18/12/07	MERLYN ROAD	11	11
19/12/07	BEATTY'S AVENUE	2	2
19/12/07	DODDER VIEW COTTAGES	9	6
19/12/07	GRAND PARADE	9	9
19/12/07	IRISHTOWN ROAD	6	3
19/12/07	LEMON STREET	4	3
19/12/07	RATHMINES RD UPR Rathgar Rd. - Highfield Rd.	1	1
19/12/07	SERPENTINE AVENUE	18	17
19/12/07	TRITONVILLE COURT	9	6
19/12/07	TRITONVILLE ROAD	26	21
20/12/07	BALLSBRIDGE AVENUE	17	10
20/12/07	CHURCH AVE Irishtown Rd. - Bath St.	5	4
20/12/07	IRISHTOWN ROAD	1	1
20/12/07	SANDYMOUNT GREEN	11	11
20/12/07	SYDNEY PARADE AVENUE	5	5
20/12/07	TOWNSEND STREET	3	2

**Planning Department  
Block 4, Floor 3  
Civic Offices**

**To The Chairperson & Members of the  
South East Area Committee**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Grattan Court**

Application 0703/06 Grattan Court was granted Exemption under Section 97 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 as the site area of the development falls below the threshold of 0.1 hectare. The site area of Grattan Court is stated to be 610m<sup>2</sup> (i.e. 0.061 hectare)

**Jim Keogan  
A/Executive Manager**

To The Chairperson & Members of the  
South East Area Committee

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

RE: **Proposed Addition to Record of Protected Structures**  
**Gate Lodge & Gates, St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar, Dublin 6**

**See folder for photos**

#### **Introduction**

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to add Gate Lodge and Gates, of St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar, Dublin 6 to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

#### **Request for Addition**

A submission was received from local resident, requesting that Gate Lodge and Gates of St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar, Dublin 6 be considered for addition to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures. The main reasons for the request are that (a) they are important piece of social history of an interesting Dublin family of the late nineteenth century, (b) both structures are beautiful structures in their own right, (c) its rare to find surviving Gates and Gate Lodge from the late nineteenth century with the owners initials and Arms/Crest still intact.

#### **5-Year Planning History**

Plan Reg. 1001/07 – Planning Permission granted, subject to conditions, for single storey, part double height radiotherapy treatment building, maximum height of 8 metres above ground level, and external mechanical and electrical plant compound, and a single storey link to the existing building at the hospital site.

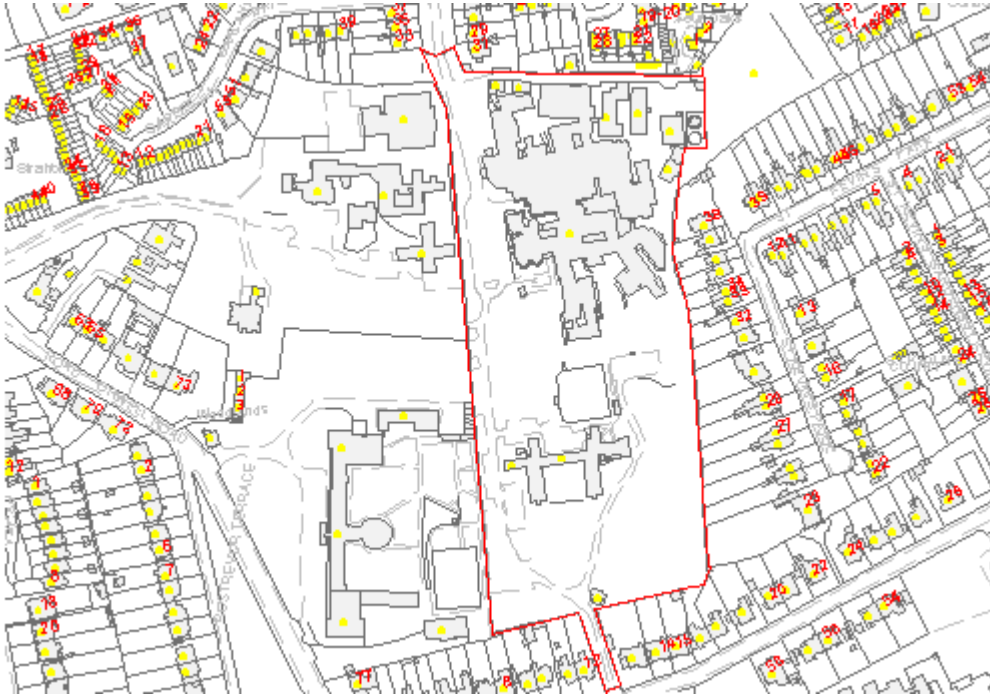
Plan Reg. 6649/06 – Planning permission granted, subject to conditions, for the construction of a single storey electrical substation building with a floor area of 25m<sup>2</sup>.

Plan Reg. 1519/06 – Planning permission granted, subject to conditions, for the construction of a single storey laboratory building approx 345sqm for a period of 10 years.

Plan Reg. 3722/04 – Planning permission granted, subject to conditions, for the construction of a two-storey trolley bed lift extension to front of "the Lodge" existing building, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Plan Reg. 5985/03 – Permission granted for the construction of prefabricated roankabin dayroom and link corridors at rear of 'The Lodge', St. Luke's Hospital.

## Site Location



St. Luke's Hospital is outlined in red in the above map and St. Luke's Gate Lodge and Gates are located at the southern end of the St. Luke's Hospital campus.



St. Luke's Gate Lodge and Gates are located at the southern end of the St. Luke's Hospital campus. The Gate Lodge is situated to the rear no. 13 Orwell Road and the Gates face onto Orwell Road.

### Dublin City Development Plan 2005 – 2011

The Gate Lodge is zoned Z15 'To provide for institutional and community uses' and the Gates are located on the access road off Orwell Road'.

### **Historical Summary of the Site**

The present St. Luke's Hospital, which dates from the 1950's, is built around the site of Oakland house, which itself was originally named Rathgar House, and apparently built in around 1780 for a Miss Wilson. The house was bought by Charles Wisdom Hely, who built the present gate lodge and gates in 1893.

### **Summary Description of Structure**

The Gate Lodge is a single storey freestanding red brick structure built c. 1893 with a projecting bay window and porch to the front. On the southern side of the structure there is an original wooden frame window with the date of "1893" inscribed on the wooden frame. There is a terracotta plaque bearing 'CWH' (Charles Wisdom Hely) crest to north gable and terracotta plaque bearing coat of arms to west gable. The structure has a hipped-roof with terracotta-tiled roof and a central red-brick chimneystack with terracotta pots. There are original cast-iron down-pipes to the fronts and sides of the building. The doors and windows are covered up and in need of repair. The interior of the structure contains no remarkable features of architectural interest as it was damaged by fire and water ingress.

The Gates consist of a pair of limestone gateposts with projecting plinth, rusticated bands, and projecting cornice. There is a pair of large central decorative painted cast iron gates bearing 'CWH' lettering, with smaller sides gates and curved render plinth wall with iron railing.

### **Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2006**

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

1. *Architectural:* The Lodge and gates, constructed in 1893, are of high architectural quality in their form and quality of materials. Both retain interesting features in the form of the initials and family crest of Charles Wisdom Hely, who had them built when he bought Oakland House. Although the interior of the lodge has lost most of its features through fire and water damage, the external appearance is where the significance of the building lies.
2. *Historical:* The Lodge and Gates were built in 1893, as evidenced by the plaque on the gate. The Lodge and Gates were built as part of the site of Oakland House, which itself was originally named Rathgar House, and apparently built in around 1780 for a Miss Wilson.

### **Recommendation**

The Gate Lodge and Gates at St. Luke's Hospital is considered to be of architectural and historical significance within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning & Development Act 2000. It is therefore recommended that it be proposed for inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures.

**John Murphy**  
**Dublin Deputy Planning Officer**



To the Chairperson and Members of  
The South East Area Committee

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

### Area Manager's Report

#### Urban and Village Renewal Programme

**Lower Rathmines Road / Cheltenham Place** –The works are complete with the exception of some minor works and the extension of the new public lighting scheme into Rathmines Village. The new light standards have been installed but, due to difficulties with electrical connections, the new public lighting will not become fully operational for several weeks.

#### Housing Projects

The following is an update on housing projects under construction in the area:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<b>Londonbridge Road</b>	24	February 2008
<b>Andrews Court / Denzille Lane social housing</b>	11 apartments 9 new units in Denzille Lane	May 2008
<b>Ranelagh Close</b>	18 (residential units) and 1 commercial unit	May 2008
<b>York Street</b>	66	May 2008

#### Ringsend Village Improvement Scheme

The erection of the new lighting columns is to recommence in Irishtown Road in January 2008. Arrangements are being made with Roads Maintenance to have the damaged bollards at the library replaced.

#### Ringsend Park

The project is still on schedule to be completed by Spring 2008.

#### Cabbage Patch Park

Arrangements are being made with the schools and local youth groups with a view to letting the children in the area have an input into the plans for the refurbishment of the Cabbage Patch. On completion of the survey we will incorporate the various suggestions as far as possible into the overall plan.

#### Marks Lane Depot.

The construction of the Health Centre on Marks Lane has commenced since early January. The contract period is twelve months.

### **Ranelagh Triangle**

The improvement works at Ranelagh Triangle are well advanced and all works, with the exception of the proposed memorial to the late Deirdre Kelly, are complete. The base and ground works for the memorial have been completed but some technical aspects of the cover for the memorial are being reviewed at present.

### **Ranelagh Close**

There is no final solution to this issue at present. However Housing & Residential Services have identified a building which contains lifts that might be suitable for this development and these are being viewed this week.

### **Dartmouth Square**

The proposed Tree Preservation Order for Dartmouth Square was advertised on 21st December 2007 and the closing date for public submissions is 14th February 2008.

The proposal to vary the Dublin City Development Plan by designating Dartmouth Square as an Architectural Conservation Area was advertised on 12th December 2007 and public submissions were invited during the period to 8th January 2008.

Further reports will issue to the Councillors in due course.

### **Ranelagh Gardens**

Design work is continuing in relation to new signage for Ranelagh Gardens. As soon as wording is confirmed arrangements will be made to have the signs manufactured and erected.

### **Cowper Luas Stop**

Re-landscaping works are complete. The South East Area are liaising with the Railway Procurement Agency in relation to snagging and further management and maintenance.

### **Rathmines Action Plan**

Details of issues raised were circulated and were placed on the City Council website. Submissions thereon were invited with a nominal closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> December. A draft brief has now been prepared and will be circulated for further comment. The final draft will be presented to the February Area Committee.

### **Rathgar Plan**

A meeting with the Rathgar Residents Association and their Consultant in relation to the proposed Rathgar Plan was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme – Phase 1**

Dublin City Council gave approval to the commencement of this scheme at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and the OPW moved on to the site on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Currently the Office of Public Works working for Dublin City Council are building a below ground mass concrete support wall and a surface flood wall in Shelbourne Park Greyhound Track.

In the sea scouts den area beside Shelbourne Park site clearance has started. Sheet piling works are scheduled to start in March 2008.

On the walkway beside Lansdowne Tennis Club and Lansdowne Village two trial holes were excavated on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. It is anticipated that work will commence in the third quarter of 2008 on this section.

High tides are being continuously monitored during these works and current flood defence levels of protection are being maintained.

**Eileen Brady**  
**Area Manager**

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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**Naming of a laneway at the rear of Dunville Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.**

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Representation was received from a property owner on the unnamed laneway (indicated on the attached drawing R.M. 24768) regarding difficulties associated with postal deliveries. The name "Dunville Close" was submitted for consideration by a number of the residents.

All premises adjoining the laneway were contacted to ascertain their views in relation to the proposed new naming. A total of 20 premises were contacted. 14 responded to the survey and all were in favour of the proposal.

The laneway is indicated on the drawing R.M. 24768 (see folders).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The name proposed is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

**E. Brady**  
Area Manager

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER  
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

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- Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager if she will have examined the need for additional Public Lighting on the North Side of Sydenham Road, Ballsbridge and report as to when any additional lights could be provided.
- Q2. Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
Can the Manager indicate at what addition to the tender cost will the cable be removed from the Traveller halting site on Pigeon House Road?
- Q3. Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
Will the Manger ensure that an electric shower is installed in the following flat? (details enclosed)?
- Q4. Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
Can the Manager please update the Councillor on the precinct improvements planned for Bishop Street?
- Q5. Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
To ask the Manager to outline what progress has been made in the planned precinct improvements for Glovers Court, Mercer House, O'Carroll Villas, Cuffe St. & Digges Street flats?
- Q6. Councillor Daithí Doolan**  
To ask the Manager what progress has been made on the plans for Whelan/O'Rahilly House?
- Q7. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the signage at (details supplied) repaired or replaced as necessary.
- Q8. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the broken litterbin at Anglesea Road opposite Donnybrook Church repaired or replaced as necessary.
- Q9. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
Will the Manager confirm the legal position with regard to hoarding in a garden at the junction of Beach Road and Beach Drive being used as an advertising billboard?
- Q10. Councillor John Kenny**  
Could the manager please explain why the recycling depot on the Pigeon House Road in Ringsend no longer accepts plastic waste?
- Q11. Councillor John Kenny**  
In relation to the Bottleworks development in Irishtown, is there any special arrangements with the builder in relation to the time they can start work in relation to the noise levels?
- Q12. Councillor John Kenny**  
What, if any, are the rules governing start times for building work in the City in relation to the noise levels affecting people?
- Q13. Councillor John Kenny**  
Could you please look into the lighting on Sydenham Road? One light is not working?
- Q14. Councillor John Kenny**  
The three-tonne limit sign on Macken Street has disappeared in the last few months. Is there a reason for this?

- Q15. Councillor John Kenny**  
Could the area manager please examine the possibility of creating a pedestrian crossing across Leeson Street at the Appian Way junction?
- Q16. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to consider erecting Traffic Lights at Belmont Ave Junction with Sandyford Road
- Q17. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To Ask the Manager to carry out a review of the traffic situation in Newbridge Ave, where as a result of pay and display parking on one side some motorists are driving partly on the pathway on the opposite side of the road
- Q18. Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
To ask the Manager to have the rubble removed from the Car Park opposite the Catholic Church in Milltown.
- Q19. Councillor Edie Wynne**  
Could the Manager please conduct an urgent review of road safety on Rathgar Avenue (details attached)?
- Q20. Councillor Edie Wynne**  
Could the Manager please confirm that adequate safety provisions have been put in place for the pupils of the St Louis Schools, Rathmines, with particular reference to the major project for the Development of the Rathmines Swimming Pool?
- Q21. Councillor Edie Wynne**  
Could the Manager please provide an update on progress of traffic issues (details supplied)?
- Q22. Councillor Edie Wynne**  
To ask the Manager to please set out the responsibilities of Dublin City Council where trees and hedges extend out over pavements to such an extent that people are forced to walk on the road?
- Q23. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Ask the Manager for an update on the provision of a playground in the Bride Street/Ross Road and Nicholas Street area.
- Q24. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Ask the Manager to organise a consultation meeting with the residents of Smock Alley to up date them on the changes in the proposed development beside their homes.
- Q25. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Ask the Manager to give full details as to the agreement with Fabrizio developments on the Part V provision of social & affordable units and how the new planning application to convert 220 apartments into a hotel. Will the Council still receive the 20%? (Location: Gasometer South Lotts Road (Gasworks)).
- Q26. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Ask the Manager when will the playground in Vincent Street flats be ready as this Councillor has been campaigning for the provision of this playground for over 4 years and has been given several undertakings that this would be delivered shortly.
- Q28. Councillor Kevin Humphreys**  
Ask the Manager has agreement being reached for a provision of a new roof for the small block in St Andrew's Court due to ongoing leaks and poor insulation.