



Dublin City Council

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE TO
BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON MONDAY 11th JULY AT
3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 11th July at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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AREA MANAGER

Dated this 6th July 2011

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Agenda South East Area Committee Meeting - 11th July 2011

714. Election of Chair
715. Election of Vice Chair
716. Minutes of Meeting held 13th June 2011 (Pages 7 - 11)
717. Questions to Dublin City Manager (Pages 48 - 51)
718. Roads & Traffic Matters
- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 16th June 2011 (Pages 26 - 32)
719. Environment and Engineering Matters
- i. Part 8 update on the final section of coastal protection – River Dodder
720. Planning Matters
- i. **Application No: 2769/11**
Location: Lands at Wilton Place, Lad Lane and Pembroke Row (Former OPW Site), Dublin 2.
Proposal: The proposed development will provide office use and 3 no. enterprise units in a single building of six storey (over basement) with a combined overall floor area including basement of approx. 17,658 sq.m all of the existing buildings on the site (with a combined area of approx 2,322 sq.m) will be demolished. At its highest level the proposed new building will have an overall height to atrium level of 39.3m (OD). The building will comprise part six storey with an overall parapet height of 37.8m (OD), part 5 storey with an overall parapet height of approx. 33.35m (OD) and part 4 storey with an overall parapet height of approx. 29.4m (OD). Office accommodation will be provided from ground floor to fifth floor levels, comprising approx. 10,985 sq.m associated facilities (store rooms, male/female toilets) will also be provided at these levels, 38 no. car parking spaces 152 no. bicycle parking spaces, male/female toilets shower, locker facilities, refuse storage, 3 no. plant rooms, 3 no. enterprise units (approx. 194sq.m, 146sq.m and 244sq.m) will be provided at lower ground floor level. Vehicular access to the lower ground floor is via Pembroke Row. An automated barrier will be erected in front of the vehicular access. Pedestrian access to the proposed building will be via a double height main entrance area which addresses Wilton Place and a second entrance addressing Lad Lane will provide access to the lower ground floor and the 3 no. enterprise units. The proposal includes two external courtyard areas addressing Lad Lane and Pembroke Row. Landscaped terraces will be provided at the third, fourth and fifth floors of the proposed building. Sedum roofing will be utilised within the external terraces at fifth floor level and on the roof of the proposed building. Plant rooms will be located at lower ground floor level, ground floor level and roof level. An ESB sub station and 2 no. switchrooms will be provided at ground floor level. This application includes all associated site development works and ancillary works. All of the above is proposed on this site of approx 3,915 sq.m.
Registered Date: 30th May 2011
- ii. Update on George's Quay Local Area Plan
721. Development Matters
- i. Architectural study of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (Pages 33 - 38)

- ii. Architectural study of Temple Place, Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (**Pages 39 - 44**)

722. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report (**Pages 45 - 46**)
- ii. With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the Public Right of Way to Orrs Terrace, Dublin 8 (**Page 47**)

Motions

723. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That DYL be urgently placed on the corner of Northbrook Rd and Northbrook Avenue because this is a blind intersection it is extremely dangerous. Double yellow lines have to be placed here to avoid a serious accident on this point.

724. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne

That this Council calls for a review of parking on bus lanes on Saturdays. There is little commuter traffic on Saturdays and the ban on parking in bus lanes and clearways on Saturdays is doing untold damage to already struggling urban village businesses.

725. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee agrees that Dublin City Council commences the process of agreeing to the erection of gates on laneways at the rear of Beechwood Avenue Lower, Ashfield Road and Elmwood Avenue which is deemed necessary because of a considerable amount of antisocial behaviour in these laneways.

726. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

For the past six months I have been asking that the loading bay outside Murphy's pub be removed but without success. This committee therefore agrees that it be immediately removed.

727. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this local area committee seriously objects to the over zealous operations of the Clampers in disc parking areas where they have clamped residents whose car disc notice became a bit crumpled. In these instances the address was clearly visible but Clampers made the case that it must be absolutely flat. It has to be acknowledged that in the current economic climate the fine for some people actually impacts on the family budget. This committee insists that such insidious behaviour must be stopped.

728. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

This committee rejects the operations of the Traffic Department that has decided without any consultation that residents of Chelmsford Rd can no longer park on Chelmsford Ave and Sallymount Avenue. The residents can only park on Chelmsford Rd which has a clearway am and pm and Leeson Park a considerable walk away for senior citizens. The Transport Department must work to create a fairer system for people living on main arteries and who give up their road parking space for bus ways and cycle-ways.

729. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will present to this Committee a street cleaning programme as advocated in the submission made with this motion.

730. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if Dublin City Council has the authority to remove rubbish and rubble that has accumulated in the garden of a vacant house on Merlyn Road Ballsbridge, (details supplied this is no 30 Merlyn Road). This house has been unoccupied for three years and there is uncertainty about who owns it. Foxes and other vermin have been seen there and also the back garden is overgrown. If this constitutes a health hazard, what action will Dublin City Council take?

731. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to confirm that road sweeping in the South East Area is now being cut back to once every twelve weeks as residents of Sydney Parade Avenue Sandymount have been informed.

- 732. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
 To ask the Manager if DCC would liaise with Waterways Ireland and clarify the rules and regulations pertaining to casual trading on the banks of the Grand Canal at Mespil Road and Percy Place. In particular the following issues:
- (1) Hygiene - there is no water supply, they bring their own
 (2) Vat returns, and the absence of cash registers
- The detrimental effect this is having on legitimately run businesses who pay their utility charges plus the installation of a grease trap which costs €4,000 approx is very obvious and they are put at a hugely competitive disadvantage to survive.
- 733. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
 To ask the Manager that given the success of the allotment scheme in Ringsend Park, to give an update on the number of individual allotments allocated for Herbert Park and to identify other potential open spaces or areas that might be suitable for this purpose in the South East Area.
- 734. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne**
 To open discussions with Railway Union FC, Park Ave with a view to securing a playing pitch that would facilitate soccer players from under 7 to under 14, senior and an academy for juniors, totalling in all about 230 members – and growing.
- 735. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne**
 To request an Garda Siochana, through the South East Area JPC, to increase their visible presence on the streets outside Trinity Hall, especially from 16 September to the end of September, in order to work with the Hall authorities and local residents when the new term begins as this is a settling in time for new students.
- 736. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne**
 To request a review of traffic management in Rathgar Village in the interest of safety and in interest of 'shop local'.
- 737. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
 This Committee calls upon the City Manager to include Camden Row, Dublin 8 in the Waste Management Department's cleaning schedule on a regular basis and/or to request public houses/restaurants and other businesses in the vicinity to remove bottles/cans/litter from outside and around their premises.
- 738. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
 This Area Committee agrees that the City Council Officials for the South East Area should meet in July 2011 with representatives from the Donnybrook Village Business Initiative (DVBI) to discuss proposals that the DVBI have in order to reinvigorate and refurbish the village of Donnybrook.
- 739. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 In light of the close proximity to Dublin South East Area to the Irish Sea and shoreline, that this committee expresses grave concerns of the intention of the British Government to build more nuclear energy stations on the Sellafield site which will have a detrimental impact on the Irish Sea and people. Further that we write to the British Government and relevant ministers to express our concern and the concerns of our people of the possibility of the Irish Sea being further contaminated by nuclear waste emissions from the Sellafield Nuclear plant facilities.
- 740. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 With the recent success of the Gay Pride Parade and Festival and the large numbers attending that this committee call on the City Manager to designate the steps at the façade and portico of City Hall as an official viewing stand for Councillors and the Lord Mayor and that this area be reserved solely for officials and attending dignitaries. This year, a lot of the members of the public climbed onto the ballustrade and the various roof areas and monuments, the security staff were inundated and had to call in the guards to remove

individuals who were drinking and causing an annoyance on the steps. Further, that this entrance to City Hall remain closed to the public until the parade has passed and only the side door remain open for public access and to provide on this particular occasion a mechanism of liaison between Dublin City Council staff, staff at City Hall and the organising stewards of the Gay pride festival.

741. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee call on the city manager ascertain what legal ground securicor vans have to drive their vehicles onto the footpaths in the South East Area. Do they have an exemption are they in breach of the law? And what measures can be taken to either halt this practice or regularise this practice with a protocol procedure. These vans and their drivers are visually restricted when driving onto the footpaths in order to deliver/collect their goods because of the nature of the goods in transit nobody is directing these quite large vans on and off the footpaths. Furthermore there is no direct provision on the footpaths for these vans and trucks which places again pedestrians and other road users in grave danger.

742. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee call on the City Manager to order a full independent audit of Temple Bar Cultural Trust and all its operations in light of the findings and recommendations by the Latitude report which was commissioned by Dublin City Council.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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13th JUNE 2011
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The Committee observed a minutes silence in honour of the late Declan Costello, TD, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald former Taoiseach and Minister Brian Lenihan. May they rest in peace.

- 681. Presentation on 3-8 Hume Street**
Order: Noted. The Committee requested that letters be sent to the Office of Public Works and the current owners of the property. The Committee also asked that this item be forwarded to the next Economic Development, Planning and International Affairs SPC.
- 682. Minutes of Meeting held 9th May 2011**
Order: Agreed.
- 683. Questions to Dublin City Manager**
Order: Agreed and circulated.
- 684. Roads & Traffic Matters**
- ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 19th May 2011
Order: Noted.
- 685. Development Matters**
- i. With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of a premises and adjoining site at Peter's Place, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
- 686. Planning Matters**
- i. Planning Enforcement report on the use of LCD Screens
Order: Noted. The Committee requested a letter be sent to the Planning Department asking if legal proceedings had been initiated.
- 687. Culture, Recreation and Amenity Matters**
- i. South East Area Sports Report – March to May 2011
Order: Noted. The Committee congratulated Ronan O'Donnell on the success of the Walk and Talk programme and the Waste Management section on the clean up after the Women's Mini Marathon. The Chairperson to arrange a letter of congratulations to be sent to Ronan O'Donnell.
- 688. South East Area Matters**
- iii. Area Manager's Report
Order: Noted. Cllr. Parodi asked to be kept up to date on the progress on the quay wall at Fitzwilliam Quay and that a meeting be arranged between the Councillors and the Environmental Health office to discuss the issue of noise at Dublin Port. Cllr. Lacey wished to congratulate Bobby Neill on his work with the allotments and requested a copy of the

programme for the Herbert Park Centenary. Cllr Lacey asked for confirmation on who makes the decisions on the times for the quality bus corridors. It was agreed to send a letter to the Rates Department enquiring about the constant and regular use of Fitzwilliam Square as a trading venue.

Motions

689. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to contact the owner and explore the possibility of developing interim proposals for the temporary use of the former Sunday World site at Terenure.

Order: Agreed.

690. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne

That Dublin City Council calls on Dublin Bus to review and increase its provision for bus services in Milltown whose residents say they have been left with one bus serving Milltown Road - the 44- with service every 45 mins at peak and 60 mins off peak – which is inadequate particularly for elderly residents. Residents seek increased frequency of the service with a min frequency of every 30 minutes and also Real Time Passenger Information (RTP) at the 2 bus stops on Milltown Road at Ramleh Villas; this RTP is particularly valuable where a bus service is infrequent.

Order: Agreed. The South East Area office is to write to Dublin Bus.

691. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the request from St. Louis Infant School in Rathmines as detailed in the letter submitted with this Motion to be implemented.

Order: Report to Councillor.

692. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a drive carefully School sign be erected to all entrances to St Louis Primary School in Rathmines.

Order: Report to Councillor

693. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

To mark the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature and to reinforce the individual identity of our urban villages, this committee agrees to acknowledge the many writers who lived there, especially in Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar and this could also be a pilot scheme for many other villages around the city. It is therefore proposed to display a list at the Leisure centre Rathmines, The Angle in Ranelagh and around Christchurch in Rathgar. This list will include both living and deceased writers which could be backed up with more detailed and perhaps animated exhibition or any other appropriate format in the newly refurbished Rathmines Library, it could also be considered as a medium such as Dublin Tourism's APP.

Order: Agreed. A copy of this motion is to be forwarded to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs SPC.

694. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Bearing in mind the appalling condition of the footpath along Brookvale Road, Donnybrook between Eglinton Road and the Convent, this Committee requests the Manager to undertake a major upgrade there or provide resources to have same included in the next Works Programme.

Order: Report to Councillor. Councillor Ashe asked that this item be referred to Waste Management in relation to constant dog fouling on these roads.

695. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That bollards be erected on the footpath beside "Stratford Haven" on Orwell Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

696. **Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That a name place is erected at the entrance of Church Gardens, Rathmines.
Order: Report to Councillor.
697. **Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**
That a "Stop Sign" be erected on Harrison Row at the corner of Rathgar Avenue, currently there is no sign and pedestrians are in danger of being knocked down by cars exiting from Harrison Row.
Order: Report to Councillor
698. **Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if, given its appalling condition, he will arrange for the car park at The Crescent, opposite Kielys in Donnybrook to be cleared of weeds, cleaned of litter and potholes repaired and that a similar exercise be carried out on the rest of the The Crescent from the entrance to the car park to Roy Fox's Fruit and Vegetable Shop.
Order: Report to Councillor.
699. **Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to contact Dublin Bus and express concern about the proposed reduction in bus service along Milltown Road where the 44 Bus will only run every 45 minutes at peak and every 60 mins off-peak and to call on Dublin Bus to review this proposal and to provide a service with a minimum frequency of every 30 minutes and also to provide Real Time Passenger Information at the 2 bus stops on Milltown Road at Ramleh Villas (RTPI is vital especially with infrequent services).
Order: Agreed. The South East Area office is to write to Dublin Bus.
700. **Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to contact Dublin Bus to ask them to reinstate the No. 18 Bus service which connected Rathmines/ Ranelagh and St Vincent's Hospital on the Merrion Road and which was an important public service.
Order: Agreed. The South East Area office is to write to Dublin Bus
701. **Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to contact An Post to ask them to re-open the post office in Kenilworth, Rathgar.
Order: Agreed. The South East Area office is to write to An Post.
702. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager if action can be taken to resolve a situation that has arisen in Pearse Square, Dublin 2 where residents are putting out parking cones to reserve parking spaces for themselves because of the pay and display system in the area. This practice is dangerous to pedestrians and is causing bad feeling among the residents.
Order: Report to Councillor.
703. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To confirm, in relation to Sandymount Strand that dogs are only allowed off their leash at the following times; 8.30 am to 11am and 8.30pm to 9.30pm. (Effectively the last hour of daylight for the months May to August).
Order: Report to Councillor.
704. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To arrange to have the old baths on Sandymount Strand repainted and graffiti removed.
Order: Report to Councillor.
705. **Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To specify the areas covered by Irishtown Health Centre and explain why residents from Sandymount area cannot be treated there and must travel to Baggot St hospital.
Order: Report to Councillor. The South East Area office is to write to the HSE.

706. **Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 Could this committee debate and examine the issue around the sale of alcohol in public parks. Recently alcohol was sold in Merrion Square Gardens at the Mindfestival and since then permission was given for Dublins Gay Pride Festival to provide a public bar at the park. The sale and the consumption of alcohol in a public place needs to be examined in light of this recent development and a policy around such events created.
Order: Noted. A meeting is to be arranged between the Parks Department and the South East Area.
707. **Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 That Dublin City Council investigate the damage caused to street furniture ornate lampposts, granite curb-stones and the general fabric and built environment of the South East Area in relation to the security markings and sealing along the routes that were used by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd and President Barack Obama. Also to ascertain what budget provision has been provided and by whom its being provided regarding the cleanup and the restoration to its original state. Also that in future, materials used for such markings would be environmentally friendly and easier to remove and that a policy be now set regarding future State visits with high security concerns.
Order: Noted.
708. **Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 That this committee call on the planning department to give a full presentation of the applications regarding the UPC telecommunications cabinets that are now being installed in the South East Area as well as the wider area of the Dublin City Area. These cabinets are clustering the already congested pavements in the South East Area. Some cabinets are being placed against the gable walls of buildings, others at the edge of footpaths. Dublin City Council in their development plan has regard to the free movement and declustering of the public domain. In the interest of conservation and heritage concern must be expressed regarding this practice it is important to note that these cabinets and their planning application are permanent. It is my belief that this whole venture which involves many applications not unlike JC Decaux must be discussed and must be brought before this committee.
Order: Report to Councillor.
709. **Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
 That this committee reserves the sole right of the use of the word Mansion House with regard to the properties of Dawson Street known as the Mansion House and that the Lord Mayor and the City Council do not allow the use of the word Mansion House Restaurant to be displayed on the restaurant now operating from the Round Room and Fire Restaurant. The Lord Mayors notepaper gives the official address as Mansion House, Dawson Street Dublin 2. It is my belief that this address can only be used to describe the Lord Mayor of Dublin's official residence and should not be confused with the enterprise of a restaurant. With the now impending upgrade of the formal gardens and façade and entrance gives an opportunity for clarity and separation in order to distinguish the official title and address of the first citizen of our city.
Order: Report to Councillor.
710. **Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi**
 That this committee urges the Manager to increase the number of adapted housing units for people with disabilities across the Southeast area and the rest of the city.
Order: Report to Councillor. Cllr Parodi asked for a report from Housing Maintenance on how many voids have been adapted for people with disabilities.
711. **Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi**
 That this committee calls on CIE to stop parking their intercity trains beside Conway Court as the noise is causing a significant disturbance for residents.
Order: Agreed. The South East Area office is to write to CIE.
712. **Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi**
 That this committee requests that the trees on Long Lane are severely pruned urgently as they are blocking both natural and artificial light.

Order: Report to Councillor.

713. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne

That:

- in view of the unhappiness of the residents of Geraldine Terrace with the decision taken regarding the entrance/exit at Milltown car park
- in view of the Engineer's finding that the 'exit to Milltown Road is not ideal' and
- in view of the fact that traffic volumes will have increased markedly at this location since 2008, which is the period for which accident statistics were supplied

This Committee requests the Engineer review her decision with a view to improving safety at the entrance/exit at Milltown car park.

Order: Report to Councillor. The Area Traffic Engineer to meet on site with Councillors and residents.

Cllr. Edie Wynne

Chairperson

Dated 13th June 2011

Attendance

Members

Councillor E. Wynne (in the chair)

Councillors: D. Lacey, O. Quinn, M. Parodi, M. Flynn, J. O'Callaghan, M. Freehill, P. McCartan, G. Ashe

Officials

M. O'Neill, Area Manager, South East Area

E. Martin, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

G. Geoghegan, Area Housing Manager, South East Area

S. Moran, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Department

S. Reddington, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic

D. McLean, Senior Staff Officer, Development Department

M. Moriarty, Staff Officer, South East Area

J. Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area

Non Officials

Maeve McCarthy

Peter McCarthy

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 13th JUNE 2011**

Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will examine the appropriateness of putting this site (details supplied) on the list of Derelict Properties.

Reply

An inspection of this site will be carried out within two weeks to establish if any action is warranted under the Derelict Sites Act and a report will issue to the Councillor.

Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to have the serious porthole on Bushy Park Road (close to the St Peter Claver Convent) repaired as it forces cars to almost cross the road to avoid it, thereby endangering other road users.

Reply

This pothole has already been made safe and put on the works list for the area. Permanent repairs will be carried out within 8 weeks.

Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to begin the process of having Pay & Display introduced on the roads affected by the Pay & Display car parks on Strand Road, these to include Strand Road and Gilford Road

Reply

This matter is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the councillor will be advised of the outcome as soon as is possible.

Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to provide appropriate signage in the vicinity of St Louis Infant and St Louis Senior primary Schools in Rathmines schools which cater for over 600 pupils between the ages of four and twelve years of age. These signs are urgently required at Williams Park, Ardee Road and Leinster Road as both traffic wardens and teachers believe their lives and those of the children are endangered by speeding traffic.

Reply

Improved signage is being erected in the area of St Louis School in Ardee St./ Williams Park. Additional signage is also to be erected at Leinster Road and Rathmines Road. The Traffic Engineer and the school Warden Co-Ordinator will make themselves available to meet with the Principal of the school to explain proposed improvements as soon as a suitable date can be agreed.

Q5. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to install speed deterrent/reminder signs at the entrance to Laurelton and Meadowbank Estate. Happily there are families with young children living in this area now who can play in the lovely green area but parents are very concerned about speeding cars and the dangers they pose.

Reply

The Traffic Engineer will examine the matter and report directly to the Councillor on the issue.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could:

- a) Clarify how a drainage inspection carried out by representatives of Dublin City Council to deal with a drainage block in relation to numbers 28/29/30/32 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook within the last two weeks could find no objects blocking the drain - despite the fact that they were clearly not working- and yet two hours later a Private Company pulled out

numerous objects, including the branch of a tree and facial wipes that were blocking drainage up at the far end of the street i.e. towards the main road. Prior to the removal of the offending objects, on examination of the manhole on the road it was visible to the owner/occupant and the Private Company that the drain was dry therefore indication a blockage at the top of the road. A similar incident had occurred just 6 weeks earlier.

b) Arrange for an immediate re inspection of the drains in the public space to ensure that in so far as it is Dublin City Council responsibility that these are fully cleared and pose no threat to residents

c) make a general statement on any aspect of this issue that he considers relevant.

Reply

a) Dublin City Council maintain the public network of Foul, Surface and Combined Sewers. The sewer mentioned is a private sewer. The maintenance responsibility of a private sewer is to all householders that are connected to the line. When asked a few weeks back to deal with a blockage this Division went out and checked the public sewer which is in good working order. As previously said the blockage was in the private line.

b) The Public sewers in and around Pembroke Cottage's are in good working order. From past experience and from dealing with the householders, the private sewers are not in good condition. A number of extensions have been built over the existing private drains which are causing blockages.

c) As previously stated the public sewer is owned and maintained by the Sanitary Authority (DCC) for the area.

Q7. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to have the pavement at (Details Supplied) re-instated as there is a dip where there used to be a garage entrance that is now a Mews and it fills with water when it rains; also to have the excess cement removed from around the base of the trees at the same location as it is harming the trees.

Reply

The cobblestones at this location are a protected structure and cannot be replaced with a concrete pavement. The area will be inspected during rain for ponding and remedial work will be carried out on the area of cobblestones to alleviate this ponding.

The tree (details supplied) has been checked and no damage is being caused by the cement at the moment.

Q8. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Victorian railings are kept intact in front of the houses at (Details Supplied) as some residents have removed them to create parking spaces. The railings have both decorative and historical value and should be protected.

Reply

Planning permission is required for the removal of railings and creation of off-street car parking (irrespective of the status of the property – protected or otherwise). In the case of non-protected structures outside conservation areas each application is treated on its merits.

Please note Policy 17.10.7 Non-Residential and Commuter Off Street Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas, which states

"In parts of the city centre, the large scale provision of commercial and commuter off street car parking in the curtilage of protected structures and conservation areas significantly detracts from the special interest and visual character of protected structures and sensitive areas. In many cases, planning permission has not been granted for such off street parking or the associated hard surfacing of the former rear garden area. In assessing development schemes where off street parking is proposed, or where such parking exists and is proposed to be retained as part of the overall scheme, its impact on the

integrity, setting, character and amenities of the protected structure and/or conservation area will be critically assessed. In all cases, the objective to eliminate unauthorised and excessive off street car parking will be sought. This objective is consistent with the policies of Dublin City Council to protect the special interest and character of protected structures and conservation areas”.

Q9. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager has the extension to the (Details Supplied) been approved; and if so when is likely that the work will be carried out.

Reply

An application was received from this tenant in October 2010. Each applicant must meet with certain conditions of the scheme before we can proceed with their application. This applicant did not meet with these conditions and a letter was sent to them advising them of this fact. The issues have as yet not yet been resolved and the application will not be processed until such time as they are.

Q10. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to ensure that the extension planned for (Details Supplied) is commenced as a matter of urgency due to the medical needs of the residents at the address and to state when work will commence.

Reply

Dublin City Council is aware of the urgency of this case. Plans to build this extension are at the tender stage of the process and we envisage that these works will commence before the end of the summer.

Q11. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager when the proposed Kilmainham to Temple Bar Pedestrian Route will be going ahead and if funding has been agreed

Reply

This matter has been referred to the Roads and Traffic Department for direct reply to the Councillor.

Q12. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the action required arising from the information supplied with this question to be taken as soon as possible.

Reply

Road Maintenance will serve a notice on the property owner to cut back this hedge.

Q13. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager state what service agency when working in Victoria Villas off Rathgar Avenue left the footpaths patched with bitumen without completion and also what steps has the manager taken to have them reinstated.

Reply

This opening was made by Waterworks and temporarily dressed in asphalt prior to its being returned to Road Maintenance for permanent reinstatement. The opening is currently on the works list for the area and will be done within 8 weeks.

Q14. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to provide a yellow traffic box at *(Details Supplied) as the residents are currently unable to enter or leave the Square since changes were made to the flow of traffic in the area; and there was a commitment given by senior engineer ** (Details Supplied) that they would address any negative effects to traffic in the area following the realignment of the Pearse Street, Macken Street junction.

Reply

A yellow box was approved by the Traffic Advisory Group for the Eastern exit of (details supplied) within the last year.

Q15. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to respond to the correspondence (Details Supplied) that I received from a local resident.

Reply

It is the responsibility of owners / occupiers to maintain their own property free from graffiti. Dublin City Council arrange for a contractor to remove graffiti from our own property and other public areas and also sometimes from private buildings, with the consent of the owner, if the graffiti is racist, sexist or offensive. The area above mentioned will be inspected to see what action can be taken to tackle graffiti.

Enforcement is a matter for the Gardai and a copy of this question has been forwarded to them for their attention.

Q16. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a speedy response to the issues raised in the correspondence supplied with this question to a fall on Donnybrook Road.

Reply

The Claims Department have written to the complainant on 1st June asking her to point out the location of the accident.

Q17. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to consider narrowing the footpath to create space for pay and display and residential permit parking at *(Details Supplied)

Reply

This matter was considered at length some time ago. There are no monies available within the near future for narrowing of the footpaths on (details supplied). This is therefore not a realistic option at present for the provision of pay and display and permit parking.

Q18. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please explain the hold up in making two free parking spaces available outside Eastwell Nursing Home 12 Palmerston Park. This was agreed quite sometime ago. This is to facilitate the various care and medical staff who call on a very regular basis. It really only requires taking out the arrow on the east side of the parking notice.

Reply

This work will be carried out as a matter of urgency. The work was agreed to some time ago and the Area Engineer apologies for the delay

Q19. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to investigate the sequencing of the traffic lights at the junction of (Details Supplied).

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Signals staff in Dublin City Council and the Councillor will be advised directly.

Q20. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager address the concerns about trees on the public footpath in Sandymount (details supplied)?

Reply

There is no street tree planted outside No 74 (details supplied) however the tree on the opposite side of the road outside No 77/79 (details supplied) is scheduled for removal over the coming weeks.

Other trees on this road which are also scheduled for removal are opposite No 69 (Details supplied) (London Plane); opposite the medical centre on (details supplied) (mature Sycamore tree); 28A (details supplied) (Carpinus sp.); Opposite Kikwood apartment, (details supplied) (Mature Acer sp.); Brittany House, (details supplied) (Acer sp.).

A full list of all trees to be removed and pruned in the South East Area can be found at www.dublincity.ie/recreationandCulture/DublinCityParks/Pages/parks.aspx

Q21. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager address the problem with the incorrect address for the house in Rathgar (details supplied).

Reply

(Details supplied) is at the junction of Orwell Road / Zion Road. As stated the road was realigned some 50 years ago to allow for a junction improvement.

As is known, premises are generally numbered by wherever the 'front door' opens onto. In this case the 'front door' opens onto 'Orwell Road' (and numbered accordingly 68, 66, 62, 60 etc). It would be difficult to renumber this address. 'No 1' Zion Road already exists as Stratford College. '2A' Zion Road should not be used as there is a possibility of this being needed in future if no 2 Zion Road decide to develop their side /rear garden.

Based on this it would appear that the correct address of (details supplied) is (details supplied).

Q22. Councillor Oisín Quinn

Can the Manager contact Dublin Bus to ask them to install the long-promised bus shelter at Palmerston Park alongside Brookfield Tennis Club?

Reply

The South East Area Office will forward this query to Dublin Bus and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q23. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have graffiti removed from the road sign at Strand Mews off St John's Road, Sandymount.

Reply

The Graffiti removal contractor has reported that this graffiti has been removed.

Q24. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have potholes outside Bethany House at Park Avenue, Sandymount repaired and a more permanent surface applied.

Reply

Park Avenue and that part of Gilford Road outside Bethany House are to be resurfaced by contractor working for Road Maintenance later this year.

Q25. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if a slow "Children --Playing" sign could be erected in Claremont Park, off Claremont Road, Sandymount to improve the safety of children in the area.

Reply

The Traffic Engineer will examine the matter and a report will issue to the Councillor.

Q26. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if the Lime trees on Stillorgan Road will be replanted in the near future.

Reply

During the planting of the trees on Stillorgan Road damage was caused to an underground fibre optic cable which had been installed by Dublin City Council's Road Traffic Department.

At the request of the Road's & Traffic department this Division removed all the newly planted trees on Stillorgan Road due to the risk that further damage may be caused to this important infrastructure.

Q27. Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager arrange for Cleansing to clean up the lanes at the rear of Whitton Rd, Terenure and also to try and identify the perpetrators to try and prevent it re-happening.

Reply

Waste Management Services have commenced cleaning the lanes at the rear of Whitton Road on the 9th June 2011. We will certainly issue a litter fine to anyone found to be dumping at this location.

Q28. Councillor Paddy McCartan

Can the Manager give assurance to the residents of Milltown that the rumours about the discontinuance of the 48a bus are unfounded.

Reply

The South East Area Office will forward this query to Dublin Bus and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q29. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if he could investigate the dumping of rubble which has been taking place on the beach side of the Causeway from Marine Drive, Sandymount to the Nature Park.

Reply

The area in question is a walkway which runs along the shoreline from Strand Road, via Sean Moore Park to Irishtown Nature Park. During periods of high tide and inclement weather this area occasionally gets flooded and in places the path, if not protected, could be damaged by erosion.

Therefore over the years when suitable material became available it is used to create a rock barrier to protect the walkway from potential future problems. In recent months concrete beams, which were removed from the pergola in Herbert Park, were used to reinforce this area and the area then covered with locally derived material and shaped by machine.

The Parks Division considers this to be essential work in order to protect the walkway at this location.

Q30. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager remove some of the unnecessary poles in Grantham Street, Dublin 8 which have no signs attached in order to de-clutter this street on the northern side. Also this area is suffering as a result of unacceptable social behaviour. It is being used as a lavatory most nights of the week and particularly at weekends. It is also experiencing regular vandalism in the form of spraying of graffiti in the laneways in and around the vicinity of Grantham Street. Also there are complaints of littering and of shabby upkeep of shop fronts within this area could the public domains officer call to the area and have the area sprayed

regularly with disinfectant and swept. Also in Grantham Lane there is a wooden telegraph pole which is of grave concern to residents as it gives cover to those engaged in criminal activity and also is a security risk to the nearby premises and shops as it is easy to climb up this pole and gain access to the shops and residences on Grantham Street.

Reply

Traffic Management and Control section will arrange for removal of redundant traffic poles.

Waste Management Services will ensure that Grantham Street and surrounding area receives a good cleaning during week beginning 20th June 2011.

Q31. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager issue an update regarding Crampton Buildings and the redevelopment project, also can the City Manager have the trees in Crampton Building pruned and the Garden area tended to. Also given the unacceptable condition of these dwellings would it be possible that these tenants be either given rent credits or have their rent reduced or in the case of arrears have their arrears reduced in order to alleviate the hardship incurred by the residents of Crampton Buildings and in the interest of fairness.

Reply

A project appraisal on the redevelopment of Crampton Buildings was sent to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 27th August 2010. The Department replied on the 19th January 2011 and raised a number of issues. These issues were addressed in our response on the 10th May 2011.

The garden and trees at Crampton Buildings are situated on property which does not belong to Dublin City Council.

Q32. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Call on City Manager to issue clear guidance to Dublin City Council Parks Department with regards to the felling of trees or the pruning of trees. That adequate notice to given to all residents and residents groups and representatives in and around the areas where trees are to be felled or pruned. Residents in the Rathmines area were gravely concerned recently in relation to works being carried out on their streetscape, notwithstanding the issues that arose on Synge Street regarding a similar operation it is now time that ample notice be given to residents regarding this most sensitive of issues.

Reply

As per the report to the March meeting of the South East Area Committee this Division proposes to fell 44 trees and prune 61 trees as part of the tree management programme for the South East Area in 2011.

The majority of the trees being felled fall into the 'dead, diseased, dying' category and in many cases the request for work on the trees, whether it be pruning or felling has come from local residents.

Where possible, residents have been informed by this Division approximately two weeks before the trees are scheduled for felling (see attached). An additional letter is distributed to local residents, closer to the time of the works, requesting that residents facilitate the work. This letter is also distributed for all tree pruning work (see attached).

In some instances it is not possible to distribute letters due to the location of the tree not being close to residences and/or the lack of the address of the local residents association.

Information regarding the work has also been placed on the parks web site together with a contact address and telephone numbers.

To date almost half of the scheduled work has been completed and in general there has been a positive response from local communities.

Parks & Landscape Services Division,
Culture, Recreation & Amenity Department,
Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Ireland

Rannóg na bPáirceanna agus Seirbhísí Tírdhreacha,
An Roinn Cultúir, Áineasa agus Conláistí,
Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, Éire
T. 01 222 3305 F. 01 222 2668

REF: MN/ML-L- 2011/

RE: Tree Felling and Pruning Programme in the South East Area

Dear Resident,

As part of the tree removal programme for the South East Area, Dublin City Council it has been considered necessary to remove the tree at the above mentioned location. Please find a full breakdown of the tree removal & pruning works programme for the South East Area, including reasons for undertaking the works and locations where trees will be replanted at www.dublincity.ie/RecreationalandCulture/DublinCityParks/Pages/parks.aspx

I would request that you facilitate this work by not parking vehicles in the vicinity of the tree/s to enable the work to be undertaken in a safe and professional manner. This Division apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dublin City Council regrets having to remove any tree in the city and has a policy of replacing trees wherever possible.

If you require any further information please contact the under signed on Tel: 2223434.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Noonan,
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Q33. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager give an update regarding the redevelopment of Charlemont Street, Tom Kelly Road and the setting up of Rejuvenation Board. Also can the City Manager ascertain how many residents groups are in existence in relation to Charlemont Street and how many are registered companies in order to gain a clear picture of the stakeholders going forward on this most important of social housing/public private partnership developments.

Reply

Alcove Properties were granted planning permission on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on the 9th May 2011; there were a number of amendments including a reduction in the number of residential units including a reduction in the number of social/affordable from 155 to 148 units, there was also a reduction in commercial space.

There are two residents groups in Charlemont Street; the Charlemont Street Redevelopment Group and the Charlemont Community Resource Centre Ltd. The Charlemont Resource Centre Ltd is a registered company

A number of vacancies on the Charlemont Street Redevelopment Group were recently filled following community elections.

There are ongoing discussions with and within the local community on the issue of forming a Regeneration Board. The format and structure of the board must be in keeping with the terms of reference agreed with the Housing and Community Services SPC at its meeting 27th September 2010.

It is anticipated that the board will be in place by September 2011.

Q34. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager place an actual sign in Cope Street to indicate the entrance to the Dublin Graphic Studio. This studio, is a very important cultural institute it's in a courtyard off Cope Street and is very difficult to find. Signage would be greatly appreciated and would result in greater visitor access.

Reply

A sign for the Graphic Studio Gallery has been included in the city's new way finding system at a prime location outside the Central Bank on Dame Street. It will also be marked on the new map panels which will be erected over the next 6 weeks across the inner city including significant locations in the south city at Temple Bar, College Green, Merrion Square and St. Stephen's Green.

Q35. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager request from Telecom Eireann the removal of the double telephone kiosk at the corner of Georges Street and Exchequer Street outside the Rustic Stone Café/Restaurant. Also can DCC reduce the number of bike parking spaces on this particular corner and perhaps relocate the granite seating on this corner to another location. This particular corner has been highly clustered in recent months with various street furniture etc and as a result pedestrians with buggies and prams, elderly, wheelchair users and visually impaired are being corralled and their access greatly obstructed and reduced. At this particular location between the Georges Street market and Exchequer Street taxis are parking illegally which makes it difficult for people to get off the footpath when congestion takes place also there are two large seats at either end of this section of the footpath, two double phone boxes, and a series of cycle parking bars not to mention outdoor restaurant seating from the various restaurants. Any alleviation at the Exchequer Street end would be greatly appreciated by all. It is also important to note that on occasion the Exchequer Street seating area can be a gathering point for those engaged in unacceptable social behaviour i.e. drinking and drunkenness which results in diners and passer-bys being intimidated and accosted for money etc.

Reply

Eircom have signalled their intention to keep this telephone box in its current position.

The items of street furniture mentioned in this question are well used by the public, who would be at a loss if they were removed. Moreover, the public footpath at this location is some 6 metres wide and there should be enough clear area to allow for large volumes of pedestrian traffic.

Q36. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there has been any progress on an idea for the % for art scheme arising from the Beech Hill Villas Precinct Improvement Scheme

Reply

As proposed in the Policies and Strategies for Managing Public Art passed by the City Council in April 2009, Dublin City Council has launched its first Public Art Programme. Under this programme funding from the Per Cent for Art Scheme is being pooled. This policy was undertaken to create a more coherent citywide public art commissioning programme. The Dublin City Public Art Programme includes four commissioning strands. Strand 2 relates to communities and localities in the city. A call for proposals has been issued for Strand 2 – Interaction with the City. The Closing Date for proposals is the 27th June, 2011.

Q37. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will examine the appropriateness and legality of the situation as outlined in the email submitted with this question.

Reply

This complaint cannot be assessed as;

- no details of location
- insufficient details of unauthorised development.

The Planning Enforcement section have to notify property owners/developers of what it is they are investigating before they can take any action. Without sufficient information they cannot start the process of a warning letter.

If the Councillor can provide further, more specific details on the nature and location of the matter, a report on any planning issues arising will be provided.

Q38. Councillor Edie Wynne

In response to a recent resident adjacent to the Town Hall, Rathmines to request a review of whether the clock needs to ring all through the night every hour on the hour

Reply

The South East Area Office has forwarded this query to the Vocational Educational Committee and the Councillor will be notified when a reply is available.

Q39. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager if a disabled parking space can be installed for this person (details supplied).

Reply

The matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration. Requests for disability spaces will be treated as urgent.

Q40. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could respond to the issue raised in the email submitted with this question.

Reply

The Public Domain Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the company carrying out the advertising and they have been instructed to remove the advertising immediately. Direct prosecutions without notice will be initiated in relation to further breaches. Dublin City Council has engaged a Heritage Contractor to remove these stencils and that cost will be sought from the advertising company.

Q41. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager address the issues outlined in (details supplied).

Reply

A. Housing Maintenance Executive Engineer is making arrangements to carry out an inspection of this wall.

B. The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the gullies will be cleaned out within the next few weeks.

Q42. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager provide a response to the issue listed in (details supplied).

Reply

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that this gate is currently required to be left unlocked for access for a private contractor carrying out work. When the contractor has completed his work the Area Maintenance Officer will make arrangements to have a lock fitted.

Q43. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager investigate the issues outlined in (details supplied).

Reply

Any such alterations made to a Dublin City Council property must be applied for by way of application form under the Scheme for Persons with Disabilities. An application was sent to this tenant on the 2nd June 2011. On receipt of the completed form, the case will be assessed on medical grounds and if approved, will be awarded a medical priority. At present, due to ongoing budgetary constraints only those cases meriting a high (Level 1) medical priority will be dealt with. The tenant will be notified of the outcome of his application by letter.

Q44. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager inspect the tree outside (details supplied); due to the recent strong winds, several branches have fallen and the tree is leaning over houses in the area.

Reply

The trees on (details supplied) have been inspected following the recent storms and all dead and broken branches have been removed off site. The tree directly outside No. 3A (details supplied) and also outside No. 7A (details supplied) have been added to our tree works programme for the area and will be removed, subject to available funds and sufficient priority during the implementation of the 2012 Tree Works Programme.

Q45. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager as a matter of urgency repair the front doors of tenants living in (details supplied).

Reply

- a. The Area Maintenance Officer will make arrangements to have this door inspected and any necessary repairs or replacement carried out.
- b. The Area Maintenance Officer will make arrangements to have this door inspected and any necessary repairs or replacement carried out.

- c. Arrangements will be made to inspect the windows of this dwelling and any necessary repairs or replacements fitted.

Q46. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager address the following issues in (details supplied).

Reply

Improved pedestrian facility across (details supplied) is planned as part of the MID works planned for 2011. A copy of the proposed works drawing will be given to Councillors at the Area Committee meeting.

Q47. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to investigate either installing a pedestrian crossing or introducing a pedestrian light sequence from Harold's Cross Bridge to Clanbrassil Street so that pedestrians can cross safely at this busy junction.

Reply

This matter will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be informed in due course

Q48. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager address the following issues in relation to Sandymount Green:

- a. Can the manager provide a response to the issues raised in the email in (details supplied).
- b. What is the cleaning schedule for Sandymount Green at present?
- c. Can the Manager ensure that when the bins are being emptied that the rubbish on the ground is also cleaned so that the Green is maintained regularly.
- d. Can the Manager arrange for the benches in the Green to be repaired as soon as possible as there are slats missing and rusty nails sticking out?

Reply

- b) The 'Green' is litter picked and the bins emptied on a Monday & a Friday during the week and at the weekends during the summer months.
- c) This Division will ensure that the area surrounding the litter bins is cleaned when the bins are being emptied.
- d) The repair of the park benches is on a schedule of works to be completed and will be undertaken as soon as practicable.

Q49. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the removal of weeds growing opposite LA Fitness, 31 Palmerston Gardens, Dartry, Dublin 6 and along that road.

Reply

The contractor appointed by Dublin City Council for treating weeds has just finished spraying in the South East Area including along Palmerston Gardens. The weeds normally take approximately 2 weeks to die off and Palmerston Gardens will be inspected during week commencing 27th June to ensure that the area has been properly treated.

Q50. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the road surface in the gully opposite mews houses including No. 54 Palmerston Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6, can be repaired.

Reply

Road Maintenance Personnel will carry out permanent repairs at this location within 8 weeks.

Q51. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the Roads Services Department would consider erecting bollards on the footpath of Palmerston Gardens, at the corner between LA Fitness and the

Mews House and the Mews at No. 58, along the double lines at a blind corner as an alternative measure to the introduction of pay and display parking.

Reply

The issue pay and display and permit parking in this area is now the subject of a ballot. When the results are received next week the issue will be reviewed to take account of a number of concerns expressed by the residents mainly the extent of double yellow lines on the scheme.

The Traffic Engineer will consider the issue of the bollards only after the main issue of the ballot has been reviewed. The Councillor will be advised of any decision reached.

Q52. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether Nos. 84 and 86 Ranelagh which are derelict and being used by homeless people can be closed securely to prevent someone from being seriously injured.

Reply

While the front garden of 84 was untidy when last inspected by the Derelict Sites Section, all openings to the front of both buildings were secure and neither could be declared derelict within the meaning of the Derelict Sites Act. They are due for a routine re-inspection shortly.

Q53. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager when the person whose details are provided below may expect to be offered accommodation by Dublin City Council.

Reply

I can confirm that the applicant (details supplied) is currently on the City Council's Housing List but his application is postponed as the applicant failed to respond to our Executive Housing Officer when he called to inspect the applicant's accommodation (details supplied). Arrangements have been made again for an Executive Housing Officer to inspect the accommodation (details supplied) When the EHO Report is available the applicant (details supplied) will be notified of his points on the Housing List accordingly.

Q54. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether any steps can be taken to facilitate the elderly resident whose details are provided below and who does not have the capacity to bring his bin to the bottom of his road as is required by the Waste Management Department.

Reply

Waste Management Services are unable to gain access to Rugby Road with our bin lorry. As a consequence, the residents there have been bringing their bins to the top of the road for collection. Normally in cases like this, a neighbour brings down a bin for someone who is unable to do so. Unfortunately we are not in a position to send staff around to collect bins for individual cases such as this.

Q55. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether any steps can be taken to renovate or improve the appearance of the building that occupied the former Aungier House, Public House, on the corner of Digges Street and Aungier Street.

Reply

Arrangements are in hand to have this listed property inspected with a view to identifying what works are required to improve its appearance.

Q56. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager when the cycle way along the Grand Canal will be open for public use.

Reply

It is hoped that major sections of this cycle way will be open for public use by September 2011.

Q57. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a parking permit can be issued to the lady whose details are attached.

Reply

The Council will consider an application for a resident's parking permit from this resident when accompanied by the appropriate documentation. All applications are considered under Part 3 of the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2010.

Q58. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a heating system can be installed into the home of the elderly unwell gentleman whose details are attached.

Reply

The Environmental Health Officers Section will arrange an inspection of the accommodation in question and take the necessary enforcement actions.

Q59. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the hall door of the elderly gentleman's flat can be fixed. (Details attached).

Reply

The Environmental Health Officers Section will arrange an inspection of the accommodation in question and take the necessary enforcement actions.

Q60. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to investigate illegal dumping along Beechwood Road.

Reply

Waste Management Services had Beechwood Road inspected on Tuesday 7th June 2011 and it was found to be in a clean condition with no evidence of any dumping there. We will ensure that this road is monitored on a regular basis.

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The following items for the South East Area were considered by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting on the 16th June 2011

***Pedestrian
Facilities***

- 1 **Shelbourne Road/Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.**
Reps for Pedestrian Crossing at the junction of Shelbourne Road/Lansdowne Road.
Resident **Do** 1031834
Recommended
On Lansdowne Road east of the junction with Shelbourne Road.

- 2 **Orwell Road, Dublin 6.**
Reps for additional Pedestrian Crossing on Orwell Road, at Stratford College.
Resident **Do** 1037792
Not Recommended
The location is already adequately served with a pedestrian island, nearby pedestrian crossings and speed ramps.

- 3 **Rathgar Road/Highfield Road/Orwell Road, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Pedestrian Crossing at the junction of Rathgar Road/Highfield Road/Orwell Road, crossing from 'The Rathgar' Pub to the Deli Boutique.
Resident **Do** 1037792
Not Recommended
The junction is adequately served with pedestrian crossings on 3 arms (Rathgar Avenue, Terenure Road East and Orwell Road). A wrap-around pedestrian crossing would considerably reduce the efficiency of the junction.

***Parking
Prohibitions***

- 4 **Grosvenor Place, Dublin 2.**
Reps to extend Double Yellow Lines on Grosvenor Place.
Resident **Do** 1036337
Recommended
Northeast side, from the southern junction with Kenilworth Road, to the roundabout at the junction with Grosvenor Road.

- 5 **Mount Street Upper, Dublin 2.**
Reps to change Pay and Display Parking on Mount Street Upper to Pay and Display and Permit Parking.
Resident **Do** 1038023
Recommended

- 6 Gilford Drive, Dublin 4.**
 Rescind previously recommended Double Yellow Lines on Gilford Drive.
 Recommended
 North side, from the common boundary of property Nos. 6/4, to 12m west of the common boundary of property Nos. 2/4.
 Do 1043925
- 7 Garville Road, Dublin 6.**
 Reps for Extension of Pay and Display and Permit Parking hours on Garville Road, Rathgar.
 Resident
 Recommended
 Accepted at survey, hours Mon-Sat 07.00-24.00. 59 on reg, 29 votes returned, 19 for (+ 1 n.o.r.), 8 against (+ 1 n.o.r.).
 Do 1027665
- 8 Dunville Avenue, Dublin 6.**
 Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Dunville Avenue outside the shops at property Nos. 32-42.
 Public Rep
 Recommended
 North side, in the indent parking section, from the east gable wall of property No.32 for 2m westwards.
 Do 1031537
- 9 Church Lane South, Dublin 8.**
 Double Yellow Lines on Church Lane South, off Kevin Street Lower.
 Dublin City Council
 Recommended
 On both Southwest and southeast sides, from the junction with Kevin Street Lower, for entire length of the laneway.
 Do 1045968
- 10 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2.**
 Reps for Set Down Area/Disabled Parking Bay on D'Olier Street, outside the Irish Aviation Authority.
 Business
 Not Recommended
 There are currently 2 disabled parking bays on D'Olier Street close to the Irish Aviation Authority, 2 sections of loading bays and 6 pay and display spaces.
 Do 1030465
- 11 Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2.**
 Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Cardiff
 Resident
 Not Recommended
 Renewals only, referred to Traffic Inspector.
 Do 1039056

- 12 **Barrow Street, Dublin 4**
 Repls for Disabled Parking Bay on Barrow Street.
 Public Rep **Do** 1031556
 Recommended
 East side, from 1m north of the southern gable wall of property No. 8, Network House, for 6m northwards.
- 13 **Grosvenor Place, Dublin 6**
 Repls to rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking at the roundabout on Grosvenor Place.
 Resident **Do** 1036337
 Recommended
 North east side, from 1m northwest of the common boundary of property Nos. 1/3, to 7.5m southeast of the common boundary between property Nos. 1/3.
- 14 **Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6.**
 Repls to Rescind Permit Parking on Kenilworth Road.
 Public Rep **Do** 1037997
 Recommended
 North side, from the common boundary of property Nos. 1/2, to the common boundary of property Nos. 3/4. South side, from the common boundary of property Nos. 28/29, for 4m westwards.
- 15 **Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6**
 Repls for Double Yellow Lines on Kenilworth Road, at the approach to Bus Stops.
 Public Rep **Do** 1037997
 Recommended
 North side, from the common boundary of property Nos. 1/2, to the common boundary of property Nos. 3/4 (excluding the bus cage). South side, from the boundary between property Nos. 29/28, to the junction with Kenilworth Square East (excluding the bus cage).
- 16 **Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6**
 Repls to rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking and provide Double Yellow Lines on Kenilworth Square North, at the approach to Bus Stops.
 Public Rep **Do** 1037997
 Recommended
 South side, from 7m east of the junction with Kenilworth Square West, to 30m east of the junction with Kenilworth Square West.

- 17 **Essex Street East, Dublin 2.**
 Repts for 2 Disabled Parking Bays on Essex Street East, Temple Bar.
 Business **Do** 1018195
 Recommended
 North side, in the indented area, from a point opposite the eastern building line at Crane Lane, east for 13.2m (measuring 6m x 2.4m each and separated by 1.2m hatched space).
- 18 **St. John's Road, Dublin 4.**
 Repts for Double Yellow Lines on St. John's Road, Sandymount, on either side of St. John the Evangelist Church.
 Resident **Do** 1039262
 Recommended
 Both sides of the road, from the common boundary of property Nos. 30/32, westwards for 15m.
- 19 **Moyne Road, Dublin 6.**
 Repts to rescind the Pay and Display and Permit Parking bay outside No. 34, Moyne Road, Ranelagh, and replace with a Disabled Parking Bay.
 Resident **Do** 1043012
 Recommended
 West side, from the common boundary of property Nos. 34/36, northwards for 6m.
- 20 **Ashfield Avenue, Dublin 6.**
 Repts to rescind the Disabled Parking Bay outside No. 4, Ashfield Avenue, Ranelagh, and replace with Pay and Display and Permit Parking.
 Resident **Do** 1045501
 Recommended
- 21 **Brighton Gardens, Dublin 6.**
 Repts to rescind the Disabled Parking Bay outside No. 12, Brighton Gardens, Terenure.
 Resident **Do** 1043755
 Recommended
- 22 **Garville Mews, Dublin 6.**
 Repts for Double Yellow Lines on Garville Mews, Rathgar, adjacent to No.3.
 Resident **Do** 1042768
 Recommended
 North side, from the front gable wall of property No. 3, westwards for 7m.

- 23 **Eaton Square, Dublin 6w.**
Reps to rescind the Disabled Parking Bay outside No. 39, Eaton Square, Terenure, and replace with Pay and Display and Permit Parking.
Resident **Do** 1045399
Recommended

**Traffic
Conditions**

- 24 **Donnybrook Road/Rampart Lane, Dublin 2.**
Further to reps for a Yellow Box at the junction of Donnybrook Road and Rampart Lane.
Resident **Do** 1039272
Not Recommended
Does not meet the criteria for installation of a yellow box.

- 25 **Northbrook Avenue, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Ramps on Northbrook Avenue, Ranelagh.
Public Rep **Do** 1041298
Not Recommended
Speed survey results show that traffic volumes and speeds are low and do not meet the warrant for installation of ramps.

- 26 **Kenilworth Square, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Speed Cushions on Kenilworth
Public Rep **Do** 1038006
Not Recommended
The existing ramps are effective at reducing speeds.

- 27 **Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Speed Cushions on Kenilworth Road.
Public Rep **Do** 1038006
Not Recommended
The existing ramps are effective at reducing speeds.

- 28 **Grosvenor Road, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Speed Cushions on Grosvenor Road.
Public Rep **Do** 1038006
Not Recommended
The existing ramps are effective at reducing speeds.

- 29 **Sandford Terrace, Sandford Road, Dublin 6.**
Reps for Yellow Box at the entrance to Sandford Terrace, Sandford Road, Ranelagh.
Resident **Do** 1041259
Not Recommended
Does not meet the criteria for installation of a yellow box.

- 30 **Richmond Avenue South, Dublin 6.**
 Reprs for Traffic Calming Measures on
 Richmond Avenue South.
 Resident **Do** 1040676
 Not Recommended
 Speed survey results show that traffic volumes and
 speeds are low and do not meet the warrant for
 installtion of ramps.

Traffic Signs

- 31 **Bow Lane East, Dublin 2.**
 Reprs for 'Left Turn Only' on the cul-de-sac
 section of Bow Lane East at the exit point
 adjacent to property No. 12.
 Dublin City Council **Do** 1038860
 Recommended

- 32 **Bow Lane East, Dublin 2.**
 Reprs for 'No Entry' sign on Bow Lane East,
 eastern side, at junction with Digges Lane.
 Dublin City Council **Do** 1038860
 Recommended

- 33 **Digges Lane, Dublin 2.**
 Reprs for 'No Entry' sign on Digges Lane at
 junction with Noel Purcell Walk.
 Dublin City Council **Do** 1038860
 Recommended

- 34 **Bow Lane East, Dublin 2.**
 Reprs for One-way System on Bow Lane
 Dublin City Council **Do** 1038860
 Recommended
 One-way from Mercer Street Lower to Digges Lane.

- 35 **Digges Lane, Dublin 2.**
 Reprs for One-Way System on Digges Lane.
 Dublin City Council **Do** 1038860
 Recommended
 One-way from Bow Lane East to Noel Purcell Walk.

- 36 **Havelock Square, Dublin 4**
 Reprs for 'Caution Children' sign at the
 entrance to Havelock Square.
 Public Rep **Do** 1038005
 Not Recommended
 This is a cul-de-sac and therefore does not meet the
 criteria for Caution Children signs.

11th July 2011

To the Chairperson and Members
of the South East Area Committee

Architectural Study of Colliers Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

Location: Colliers Avenue is located at the north western end of Ranelagh Village close to the junction with Sandford Road. It is a short laneway situated parallel to Anna Villa to the north west. Colliers Avenue adjoins Sandford Park Secondary School to the south east.

Map and photos attached

4.1 Historic Development

Collier's Avenue is situated to the south and parallel to Anna Villa, where Ranelagh ends and Sandford Road begins. About twenty yards up the lane, a lovely row of white-washed cottages is revealed – a remnant of the rural village. At one time in the 19th Century, this was called Major's Lane but earlier Ordnance Survey maps give the title of Collier's Avenue and it is described as such in the survey books for the 1837 maps. The reference to the Major originates in the fact that the notorious Major Sirr is said to have lived in Sandford Park which had a rear entrance in this lane. However, the Avenue may originally have been an approach to another house owned by Major Sirr at No. 18 Anna Villa and the 1837 Ordnance Survey map shows a clear passage from the lane to the grounds of this house. The first cottage in the lane shown as a smithy in the 1876 Ordnance Survey map and may have been attached to the large coachworks, Magrath's, near the entrance to the lane.

4.2 General Character

Colliers Avenue is a narrow cul de sac occupied by a number of single storey 19th Century cottages on the northern side of the street. There are two sets of cottages separated by a modern infill development of apartments. There is one two-storey property adjoining the cottages which is also a protected structure.

Little remains of the individual historic fabric of the cottages as there have been a number of interventions in recent years including new windows, doors and roofs. The original chimneys of a small number of the cottages however appear to remain intact. The character of the street is informed by the low level nature of the cottages and their setting within a confined street.

5.0 Existing Designations

5.1 Zoning

Colliers Avenue is zoned Z2 *"To protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas"*.

5.2 Record of Protected Structures

The Architectural Conservation Area is composed of 16 houses, all are currently protected structures. The entry in the Record of Protected Structures for Colliers Avenue is for 4-20 Colliers Avenue (RPS Reference: 2026 - 2041, Volume 3 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011).

Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011	
RPS Ref.	Address
2026	4 Colliers Avenue
2027	5 Colliers Avenue
2028	6 Colliers Avenue
2029	7 Colliers Avenue
2030	8 Colliers Avenue
2031	9 Colliers Avenue
2032	10 Colliers Avenue
2033	11 Colliers Avenue
2034	12 Colliers Avenue
2035	14 Colliers Avenue
2036	15 Colliers Avenue
2037	16 Colliers Avenue
2038	17 Colliers Avenue
2039	18 Colliers Avenue
2040	19 Colliers Avenue
2041	20 Colliers Avenue

6.0 Overall Policy

To seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

To remove structures Nos. 4 to 12 and 14 to 20 inclusive from the RPS and replace with an Architectural Conservation Area.

7.0 General Objectives

7.1 To encourage the retention of original windows, doors, renders, roof coverings and other significant features of historic buildings and landscape features within the ACA.

7.2 To ensure that any development, modifications, alterations, or extensions affecting a structure within an ACA are sited and designed appropriately, comply with development standards and are not detrimental to the general character of the ACA.

7.3 To encourage the reinstatement of original features (see section 8.2 for details).

7.4 To prepare Statements providing advice on maintenance, repair and enhancement.

8.0 Guidelines to Homeowners in Architectural Conservation Areas

8.1 All Applications

All applications for development within the ACA area will be consistent with the following:

- Development will be sympathetic in design and/or materials to the original building and/or ACA area as a whole.
- Development will not adversely affect the setting or views to and from the ACA.
- Development allows for the reinstatement of features where the original and historic features have been lost or replaced.
- Demolition of historic buildings within ACAs to be avoided as the removal of a historic building either in whole or in part, may seriously detract from the character of the area.

8.2 General Alterations and Domestic Extensions

Alterations that would be considered to materially affect the character of the ACA would require permission. The works set out in Classes 5, 6 (b ii), and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 are not exempted development.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2010	
Class 5	The construction, erection or alteration, within or bounding the curtilage of a house, gate, gateway, railing or wooden fence or a wall of brick, stone, blocks with decorative finish, other concrete blocks or mass concrete.
Class 6 (b) (ii)	The provision to the front or side of the house of a hard surface for the parking of not more than 2 motor vehicles used for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such.
Class 7	The construction or erection of a porch outside any external door of a house.

Rear domestic extensions (Class 1) in accordance with the conditions and limitations set out in Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 are exempted development and do not require planning permission.

8.3 Guidance for Works to Particular Elements of Buildings

Note: Before starting any work, homeowners are advised to contact the Conservation Section of Dublin City Council.

Roofs

The roof is often an important feature of a historic building that can make a significant contribution to the character of an area. Historic roof materials and features such as chimneystacks, chimneypots, natural slates, dormers, roof lights, as well as details such as decorative ridge tiles and finials all form an integral part of the character of the building and should be retained.

The loss or inappropriate alteration of historic materials and features is likely to be harmful to the appearance and character of historic buildings. Dublin City Council encourages the retention and reinstatement of traditional roofing materials. When roofing materials are replaced, it is important that as much as possible of the original material is re-used. Replacement materials should respect the design and material of the original and the age and character of the building and/or the area.

Chimneystacks are both decorative and functional features of the roofscape and can be important indicators of the age of a building and its internal planning.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional roofing materials	Alteration of historic materials and features that alter the character and appearance of the roofscape.
The replacement of later inappropriate roof coverings with natural slate	Addition of modern features e.g. roof lights, or change of roof pitch
	Removal or inappropriate alteration of chimneystacks and chimneypots

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010) provides useful advice and guidance on works to roofs and should be consulted.

Walls

Walls are the main structural fabric of any building. Every effort should be made to retain or re-use original facing brickwork, stonework or render styles. Alterations or repairs to external walls should respect the original material and endeavour to match it in appearance.

Particular care should be paid to re-pointing brick or stonework. Methods should be employed to minimise damage to historic building material: an appropriate lime mix mortar should be used and should match the appearance of the original pointing. Brick or stonework should not normally be rendered unless the surface was rendered originally. It may be necessary to remove more recently applied render if this is damaging the surface beneath.

Particular care is required in relation to the painting or repainting and cleaning of historic buildings. In particular, cleaning can have a marked effect on the character of historic buildings. All cleaning methods can cause damage if carelessly handled. Guidance on what works require permission are provided in the table below.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional materials	Removal of original render (such as rough-dash lime render)
Painting of previously painted elements in a colour appropriate to the context.	Painting or re-painting involving a change of colour or painting over previously unpainted surfaces
	Cleaning of historic buildings
Localised repointing	Wholesale repointing

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publications Brick: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Brickwork (2009) and Maintenance: A Guide to the Care of Older Buildings (2007) provides useful guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Windows and Doors

Door and window openings establish the character of an elevation; they should not generally be altered in their proportions or details. The depth to which window frames are recessed within a wall is a varying historical feature of importance and greatly affects the character of the building. The size and shape of window openings, window frame details, arrangement and detail of glazing bars, and the method of opening are important characteristics of a historic building. Wherever possible original windows should be retained and repaired. Improved heat and sound insulation can be achieved in unobtrusive ways by draft-proofing and soundproofing measures, rather than replacement of the original window.

Doorways form an important element of historic buildings and can add to the character of conservation areas. Together with the door surround, fanlight, steps and original door furniture, doors can provide a significant and prominent feature.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair or replacement of windows that accurately replicate the size, shape or original timber frames and glazing bars	Replacing original timber windows with new materials such as uPVC
Replacement of later inappropriate windows with timber sash windows where appropriate and timber casement windows where appropriate, to match the original samples which survive in each terrace all to have a painted finish.	Installation of double glazing to historic buildings.
Replacement or repaired doors that accurately replicate the original design	Replacement of historic front doors with modern doors of inappropriate materials and design
The replacement of later inappropriate doors with painted timber panelled doors or timber battened doors to match original samples which survive in each terrace	

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication **Windows: A Guide to a Repair of Historic Windows (2007)** provides useful guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Fascias

Features such as timber bargeboards and fascias should be preserved and, if replacement becomes necessary, it should replicate the design and material of those original to the building.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional materials	Addition of bargeboards and fascias to buildings that did not previously have such features
Replacement that replicates the design and material of the original	

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on **Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010)** provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Rainwater goods

Original rainwater goods are an integral part of the design and character of an historic building. They will normally be cast iron, which if properly maintained should last many years longer than replacement plastic goods. Cast iron gutters, down pipes and hopper heads etc should be retained wherever possible. Plastic rainwater goods are not considered appropriate on buildings where cast iron has been previously used.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Replacement of defective rainwater goods that are of cast-iron and match the original profile and design. Suitably profiled cast aluminium may be an acceptable alternative to cast iron.	Additional rainwater goods that disturb or break through any decorative architectural features.
The replacement of later plastic rainwater goods with cast-iron to match original profile	

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on **Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010)** provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Boundary walls and railings

Boundary walls and railings are important architectural and streetscape features. The loss or alteration of these features over time will be detrimental to the overall character of the area. Distinctive boundary elements include brick and stone walls, gates, cast iron railings, and stone and brick plinth piers. Historic boundaries should be retained, repaired or reinstated as necessary using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original. Particular care should be taken to repair or reinstate existing walls using appropriate techniques and materials. Stonework if appropriate should be locally sourced. Special care should be taken to use the correct lime mortar mix and method of pointing in brick or stone walls.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair of boundary elements using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original.	Erection, construction or alteration of any gate, fence, wall, or other means of enclosure.

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publications on **Maintenance: A Guide to the Care of Older Buildings (2007)** and **Iron: The Repair of**

Wrought and Cast Ironwork (2009) provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Historic Kerbing and Paving

Existing stone kerbstones and traditional paving such as flagstones and terracotta and encaustic tiles are important streetscape features to be retained.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair of historic kerbing and paving using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original.	Removal of historic kerbing and paving.

8.4 Other general works to public realm: landscaping, parking, additions and signage

All works to the public domain including environmental and utilities improvements and public lighting should not detract from, nor add clutter to the character of the area. The retention of historic public lighting will be encouraged where possible. Any new public lighting, whether reproduction or contemporary design, should be designed to complement and enhance the architectural character of the area.

Natural features such as trees, hedges or landscaping that contribute to the character of the ACA should be retained and protected in new developments.

The ACA should not be adversely affected because of additional traffic generation, servicing or parking.

Addition of features to the front elevation of buildings is not permitted and the optimum solution would be the attachment of such additions to rear elevations. In terms of wiring, new electrical and other wiring should be underground. Redundant and unused wiring should be carefully removed.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Addition of features such as solar panels, aerials, satellite dishes, burglar alarms, CCTV cameras, heating system flues and vents to the REAR of buildings	Addition of features such as solar panels, aerials, satellite dishes, burglar alarms, CCTV cameras, heating system flues and vents to the FRONT of buildings
	All signs regardless of size and location

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings (2010) provides useful advice and guidance on energy efficiency upgrades to the home and should be consulted in respect of any such installations.

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11th July 2011

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

Architectural Study of Temple Place, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

Location: Temple Place, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

Temple Place is a terrace of houses located on a laneway between Ranelagh Village and Ranelagh Gardens Park. It is accessed through a modern archway and forms the north-western boundary to Superquinn carpark. The front of the houses is paved with concrete and a modern boundary wall surmounted with railings is located between much of the terrace and the carpark itself. A pedestrian gateway at the north-western end of the terrace gives access to the park.

Maps and photos attached

1.0 Description of Character

1.1 Historical Background

Ranelagh village is not shown on Rocque's 1760 of Dublin. The village developed from the late 18th century onwards. Taylor's map of 1816 and William Duncan's 1821 map of Dublin shows the further development of Ranelagh in the early 19th century.

Numbers 2 to 10 Temple Place is a terrace of nine houses which according to Deirdre Kelly were built in back gardens of Number 26 to 28 Ranelagh (Kelly 2001, 65). Eight of the nine houses are protected structures. This road used to be known as Bennet's Lane until the building of the houses, and is mentioned in the valuation records as being behind No. 40 Ranelagh Road. The buildings on the lane were constructed in 1867, when their first valuation appears. Numbers 2-10 are clearly shown on the 1882 and 1907 Ordnance Survey maps.

4.2 General Character

Numbers 2 to 10 Temple Place is a modest terrace of nine houses located immediately adjacent the car park to Superquinn. Numbers 11 and 12 are modern houses and the northeastern end of the terrace is terminated by an attractive granite gate-way which gives access to Ranelagh Gardens Park. Despite the modern car-park located immediately to the front of the houses and the loss of original features the terrace still retains a sense of place and provides an attractive terrace.

The houses mostly comprise two-bay and three-bay, two-storey houses. The houses were originally roofed with Blue Bangor slate, however only one such roof remains. The roofs have brick and cement rendered chimneystacks with terracotta chimneypots. Some cast-iron rainwater down-pipes and hoppers survive to the front elevation. Originally the facades were composed of yellow dolphin barn brick. Only one façade is visible today, the remainder are rendered or painted. The window openings have painted granite sills, however unfortunately no original windows survive. A photograph shown in Deirdre Kelly's book *'Four Roads to Dublin'* shows both six-over-six timber sash windows and two-over-two timber sash windows. The door openings originally comprised timber panelled doors with a narrow glazed overlight, however apart from number 7 (where an original door appears to be intact), no original doors survive.

2.0 Existing Designations

2.1 Zoning – Numbers 3 to 10 Temple Place is zoned Zone 1: ‘To protect, provide and improve residential amenities’ and number 2 Temple Place is zoned Zone 4: ‘To provide for and improve mixed services facilities’.

2.2 Record of Protected Structures: The Architectural Conservation Area is composed of nine houses; eight of the nine houses are currently protected structures. The entry in the Record of Protected Structures for Temple Place is for 1-9 Temple Place (RPS Reference: 8206-8214, Volume 3 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011). This appears to be an error as while there are nine houses, there is no number one in the terrace.

<i>Dublin City Development Plan 2005-2011</i>	
<i>RPS Ref.</i>	<i>Address</i>
8206	1 Temple Place
8207	2 Temple Place
8208	3 Temple Place
8209	4 Temple Place
8210	5 Temple Place
8211	6 Temple Place
8212	7 Temple Place
8213	8 Temple Place
8214	9 Temple Place

3.0 Overall Policy

3.1 To seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

3.2 It is proposed to remove Protected Structure status from numbers two to nine Temple Place and replace it with an Architectural Conservation Area. Despite the entry in the Record of Protected Structures, there is no number 1 Temple Place. It is also proposed to include number 10 Temple Place in the proposed Architectural Conservation Area. Number 10 is currently not a protected structure but part of the original terrace.

4.0 General Objectives

4.1 To encourage the retention of original features and finishes such as doors (note: only one original door remains), brick facades, roof coverings, rainwater goods and other significant features of historic buildings and landscape features within the ACA.

4.2 To encourage the reinstatement of original features (see section 8.2 for details).

4.3 To ensure that any development, modifications, alterations, or extensions affecting a structure within an ACA are sited and designed appropriately, comply with development standards and are not detrimental to the general character of the ACA.

4.4 To prepare statements providing advice on maintenance, repair and enhancement.

8.0 Guidelines to Homeowners in Architectural Conservation Areas

8.1 All Applications

All applications for development within the ACA area will be consistent with the following:

- Development will be sympathetic in design and/or materials to the original building and/or ACA area as a whole.
- Development will not adversely affect the setting or views to and from the ACA.
- Development allows for the reinstatement of features where the original and historic features have been lost or replaced.
- Demolition of historic buildings within ACAs to be avoided as the removal of a historic building either in whole or in part, may seriously detract from the character of the area.
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8.2 General Alterations and Domestic Extensions

Alterations that would be considered to materially affect the character of the ACA would require permission. The works set out in Classes 5, 6 (b ii), and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 are not exempted development.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2010	
Class 5	The construction, erection or alteration, within or bounding the curtilage of a house, gate, gateway, railing or wooden fence or a wall of brick, stone, blocks with decorative finish, other concrete blocks or mass concrete.
Class 6 (b) (ii)	The provision to the front or side of the house of a hard surface for the parking of not more than 2 motor vehicles used for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such.
Class 7	The construction or erection of a porch outside any external door of a house.

Rear domestic extensions (Class 1) in accordance with the conditions and limitations set out in Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 are exempted development and do not require planning permission.

8.3 Guidance for Works to Particular Elements of Buildings

Note: Before starting any work, homeowners are advised to contact the Conservation Section of Dublin City Council.

Roofs

The roof is often an important feature of a historic building that can make a significant contribution to the character of an area. Historic roof materials and features such as chimneystacks, chimneypots, natural slates, dormers, roof lights, as well as details such as decorative ridge tiles and finials all form an integral part of the character of the building and should be retained.

The loss or inappropriate alteration of historic materials and features is likely to be harmful to the appearance and character of historic buildings. Dublin City Council encourages the retention and reinstatement of traditional roofing materials. When roofing materials are replaced, it is important that as much as possible of the original material is re-used. Replacement materials should respect the design and material of the original and the age and character of the building and/or the area.

Chimneystacks are both decorative and functional features of the roofscape and can be important indicators of the age of a building and its internal planning.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional roofing materials	Alteration of historic materials and features that alter the character and appearance of the roofscape.
The replacement of later inappropriate roof coverings with natural slate	Addition of modern features e.g. roof lights, or change of roof pitch
	Removal or inappropriate alteration of chimneystacks and chimneypots

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010) provides useful advice and guidance on works to roofs and should be consulted.

Walls

Walls are the main structural fabric of any building. Every effort should be made to retain or re-use original facing brickwork, stonework or render styles. Alterations or repairs to external walls should respect the original material and endeavour to match it in appearance.

Particular care should be paid to re-pointing brick or stonework. Methods should be employed to minimise damage to historic building material: an appropriate lime mix mortar should be used and should match the appearance of the original pointing. Brick or stonework should not normally be rendered unless the surface was rendered originally. It may be necessary to remove more recently applied render if this is damaging the surface beneath.

Particular care is required in relation to the painting or repainting and cleaning of historic buildings. In particular, cleaning can have a marked effect on the character of historic buildings. All cleaning methods can cause damage if carelessly handled. Guidance on what works require permission are provided in the table below.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional materials	Removal of original render (such as rough-dash lime render)
Painting of previously painted elements in a colour appropriate to the context.	Painting or re-painting involving a change of colour or painting over previously unpainted surfaces
	Cleaning of historic buildings
Localised repointing	Wholesale repointing

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publications *Brick: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Brickwork* (2009) and *Maintenance: A Guide to the Care of Older Buildings* (2007) provides useful guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Windows and Doors

Door and window openings establish the character of an elevation; they should not generally be altered in their proportions or details. The depth to which window frames are recessed within a wall is a varying historical feature of importance and greatly affects the character of the building. The size and shape of window openings, window frame details, arrangement and detail of glazing bars, and the method of opening are important characteristics of a historic building. Wherever possible original windows should be retained and repaired. Improved heat and sound insulation can be achieved in unobtrusive ways by draft-proofing and soundproofing measures, rather than replacement of the original window.

Doorways form an important element of historic buildings and can add to the character of conservation areas. Together with the door surround, fanlight, steps and original door furniture, doors can provide a significant and prominent feature.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair or replacement of windows that accurately replicate the size, shape or original timber frames and glazing bars	Replacing original timber windows with new materials such as uPVC
Replacement of later inappropriate windows with timber sash windows where appropriate and timber casement windows where appropriate, to match the original samples which survive in each terrace all to have a painted finish.	Installation of double glazing to historic buildings.
Replacement or repaired doors that accurately replicate the original design	Replacement of historic front doors with modern doors of inappropriate materials and design
The replacement of later inappropriate doors	

with painted timber panelled doors or timber battened doors to match original samples which survive in each terrace	
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The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication **Windows: A Guide to a Repair of Historic Windows (2007)** provides useful guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Fascias

Features such as timber bargeboards and fascias should be preserved and, if replacement becomes necessary, it should replicate the design and material of those original to the building.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Retention and reinstatement of traditional materials	Addition of bargeboards and fascias to buildings that did not previously have such features
Replacement that replicates the design and material of the original	

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on **Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010)** provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Rainwater goods

Original rainwater goods are an integral part of the design and character of an historic building. They will normally be cast iron, which if properly maintained should last many years longer than replacement plastic goods. Cast iron gutters, down pipes and hopper heads etc should be retained wherever possible. Plastic rainwater goods are not considered appropriate on buildings where cast iron has been previously used.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Replacement of defective rainwater goods that are of cast-iron and match the original profile and design. Suitably profiled cast aluminium may be an acceptable alternative to cast iron.	Additional rainwater goods that disturb or break through any decorative architectural features.
The replacement of later plastic rainwater goods with cast-iron to match original profile	

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on **Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs (2010)** provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Boundary walls and railings

Boundary walls and railings are important architectural and streetscape features. The loss or alteration of these features over time will be detrimental to the overall character of the area. Distinctive boundary elements include brick and stone walls, gates, cast iron railings, and stone and brick plinth piers. Historic boundaries should be retained, repaired or reinstated as necessary using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original. Particular care should be taken to repair or reinstate existing walls using appropriate techniques and materials. Stonework if appropriate should be locally sourced. Special care should be taken to use the correct lime mortar mix and method of pointing in brick or stone walls.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair of boundary elements using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original.	Erection, construction or alteration of any gate, fence, wall, or other means of enclosure.

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publications on Maintenance: A Guide to the Care of Older Buildings (2007) and Iron: The Repair of Wrought and Cast Ironwork (2009) provides useful advice and guidance on such works and should be consulted.

Historic Kerbing and Paving

Existing stone kerbstones and traditional paving such as flagstones and terracotta and encaustic tiles are important streetscape features to be retained.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Repair of historic kerbing and paving using appropriate techniques and detailed to match the original.	Removal of historic kerbing and paving.

8.4 Other general works to public realm: landscaping, parking, additions and signage

All works to the public domain including environmental and utilities improvements and public lighting should not detract from, nor add clutter to the character of the area. The retention of historic public lighting will be encouraged where possible. Any new public lighting, whether reproduction or contemporary design, should be designed to complement and enhance the architectural character of the area.

Natural features such as trees, hedges or landscaping that contribute to the character of the ACA should be retained and protected in new developments.

The ACA should not be adversely affected because of additional traffic generation, servicing or parking.

Addition of features to the front elevation of buildings is not permitted and the optimum solution would be the attachment of such additions to rear elevations. In terms of wiring, new electrical and other wiring should be underground. Redundant and unused wiring should be carefully removed.

Exempted Works	Works that require permission
Addition of features such as solar panels, aerials, satellite dishes, burglar alarms, CCTV cameras, heating system flues and vents to the REAR of buildings	Addition of features such as solar panels, aerials, satellite dishes, burglar alarms, CCTV cameras, heating system flues and vents to the FRONT of buildings
	All signs regardless of size and location

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Advice Series publication on Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings (2010) provides useful advice and guidance on energy efficiency upgrades to the home and should be consulted in respect of any such installations.

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

11th July 2011

Area Manager's Report

Dodder Flood Alleviation Works

A Part 8 planning application was lodged on 14th December in respect of the proposed flood alleviation works from Lansdowne Road Bridge (Newbridge) to Lansdowne Railway Bridge, Dublin 4. An information meeting was held on 27th January which was well attended. However a submission was made by An Taisce to An Bord Pleanala with regard to the Part 8 process. An Taisce raised the issue as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement was required. An Bord Pleanala asked Dublin City Council to comment on the submission and the part 8 scheme has been postponed pending the outcome of this issue. A decision from An Bord Pleanala is scheduled to be received after the boards meeting of the 12th July.

Herbert Park Centenary

Work is ongoing and a draft programme is in place for the 21st August.

Allotments

The project is moving along satisfactorily and gardening classes have now been arranged. The group is very proactive in establishing contact with other gardening projects and also the wider community.

South East Area Strings Project

Following the success of the Whitefriar Street Strings Project, work began to replicate this Project in Ringsend. As a result it has been agreed to formally combine the two Projects into the South East Area String Project. An instrument appeal is being organised to support the Project. It is planned that "The Corona's" will officially launch the project in St Patrick's School in Ringsend and we are awaiting a suitable date for the launch from them.

Portobello Plaza

We are still having some difficulty with the contractor in relation to the snagging list but it is hoped to have this rectified over the next few weeks.

Sandymount Village Design Statement

The Sandymount Village Design Statement Steering Committee is still awaiting confirmation of a date to formally launch the Sandymount VDS by Jimmy Deenihan, Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. It is expected to be launched in September 2011.

Grafton Street Quarter

Work on the preparation of a vision statement for the Grafton Street Quarter is continuing. As part of the public engagement process, on street surveys were held recently in various locations around the Grafton Street area and in Dundrum and Blanchardstown and over 450 contributions were received. A series of 4 workshops were also held for businesses and residents in the Grafton Street area. It is planned to have a draft vision statement document for presentation to Councillors in the coming months. Tenders for Fade Street have gone out and a Contractor will be chosen in the next 4 weeks. It is proposed to make a presentation to Councillors in late September.

Weed Spraying

Weed spraying throughout the South East Area has been completed and inspections are ongoing to ensure that all areas have been covered. It is planned to carry out a 2nd spray around late August / early September.

Traffic Issues

At the November 2010 City Council meeting the City Manager agreed that a review of the role of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) be undertaken. Subsequent to this, certain proposals were agreed by the Transport and Traffic Policy Committee at its April meeting. The proposed changes were then brought to the attention of the Party Leaders and noted at the City Council meeting of May 2011. I have enclosed in your folders the revised reporting and operating of TAG as issued to Area Manager's by Michael Phillips.

Library – Rathmines

We are currently working towards reopening on the 29th/30th July. We are receiving our first furniture delivery on Monday the 11th and will start moving stock back the week of the 18th.

Local Policing Forum Ringsend

The forum is now up and running and at our next meeting in September we hope to develop plans for a public meeting to discuss problems that might arise in the local community.

Pearse Street Local Policing Forum

The Pearse Street LPF has been active since its establishment. Community participation is varied and the forum membership is representative of this. A number of community concerns have been discussed at the forum and addressed through a partnership approach.

Charlemont/Whitefriar Street Local Policing Forum

The first meeting of the Charlemont/Whitefriar Local Policing Forum has been arranged for Wednesday 20th July in the Civic Offices. Chief Superintendent Michael O'Sullivan and Michael O'Neill, Area Manager will address the initial meeting.

Michael O'Neill
Area Manager

To The Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

11th July 2011

**With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment
of the Public Right of Way to Orrs Terrace, Dublin 8**

Proposal

An application has been received from Seamus Maguire & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of his client Ken Lawford, to extinguish the public right of way at the above-mentioned location. This laneway is in charge by Dublin City Council and therefore a public right of way exists along the laneway. The laneway is not owned by the City Council. The applicant's client owns the properties to the North and South of the laneway (the proposed extinguishment is shown on Drawing No. R.M. 25480 - see folders).

The applicant states that the lane has not been used by the public in recent years and is part of his client's plans to complete the assembly of the area from number 39 to 41 Clanbrassil Street Upper.

The approval of the Area Committee is requested to the initiate the process to consider the extinguishment of the public right of way over this laneway.

Service Check

A service check has been carried out. To date the ESB and Dublin City Council's Water Services Division would have requirements before this application could proceed.

Statutory Requirement

The statutory procedure requires that public notice of the proposal is placed in one or more newspapers circulating in the City and that a notice is placed at each end of the right of way for a period of not less than 14 days. Members of the public are given a month in which to view the plans of the proposed extinguishment and objections or representations in relation to the proposal can then be made within 14 days of the end of that period. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the City Council who shall consider any objections or representations made and not withdrawn.

Recommendation

I recommend that procedures be initiated under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to extinguish the public right of way over the area indicated on Drawing No. R.M. 25480.

Michael O'Neill
Area Manager

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 11th JULY 2011**

- Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager if the over grown hedge which is prohibiting pedestrians from using pavement along Palmerston Park can be cut back as it is dangerous.
- Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to install bollards along the double yellow lines at the corner outside LA Fitness, opposite No. 58 mews.
- Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to clear any overgrown weeds along the footpath along Palmerston Gardens, outside LA Fitness in particular.
- Q4. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager to arrange for the cleaning of the lanes to the rear of Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook and to arrange for the tree which is threatening to block the lane in the back of number 23 to be removed.
- Q5. Councillor Mary Freehill**
To ask the Manager to issue a reply on the enforcement of the Planning Laws in respect of matters relating to various addresses in Rathgar (details supplied).
- Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if he could supply this Councillor with a response to the following issues relating to Donnybrook Graveyard.
- 1) What progress has been made in erecting the long promised information board on the railings to the cemetery.
 - 2) What progress has been made in supplying information to be included on the notice board inside the cemetery.
 - 3) To repair the Boundary wall along The Crescent that has been recently breached.
 - 4) To complete a grass cutting and general clean up and to remove the extensive amount of green waste currently stored there.
- Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the manager if he will:
- a. Arrange for an actual response to the issues raised in the letter submitted with this Question and
 - b. Supply this Councillor with a detailed written response to same.
- Q8. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager what action if any can be taken to deal with a noisy neighbour in Heskin Court Complex, details of tenant making complaint supplied. This problem has been brought to the attention of Dublin City Council on several occasions by this lady.
- Q9. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to have a tree which is growing off Bath Avenue Sandymount examined. The resident, whose house is affected by this tree, wants Dublin City Council to take immediate action as she believes it is causing damage to her house.
- Q10. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager if any road repairs, building works or utilities i.e. Electric Ireland, Dublin Gas, Eircom etc are planned for the Merrion Row Dublin 2 area during September and October 2011.

- Q11. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to have the ESB poles outside the Catholic Church in Milltown repainted as they have become very unsightly.
- Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager when will the redundant bus stop on Park Avenue, Sandymount, be finally removed by Dublin Bus. This issue was last raised over two years ago.
- Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to have the "Loading Bay" designation removed from the space outside Redmond's Wine shop, Ranelagh on Saturdays. There are no deliveries on that day, so the space sits empty all day instead of being available for shoppers along the main street.
- Q14. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to have the four potholes on Eden Road at the Belmont Ave end repaired as they are causing damage to cars.
- Q15. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To request the Manager to have the sizeable pothole at Annavilla beside McSorleys Pub repaired.
- Q16. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to put a half yellow box on the road closest to the gate of the Brazilian Embassy off Temple Road.
- Q17. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the Manager to pursue, as a matter of urgency, an environmental health problem in Pembroke Cottages (Details in letter to Environmental Health Section, Housing and Residential Services, DCC dated 22/6/2011).
- Q18. Councillor Edie Wynne**
To ask the City Manager for a review of the number of poles and the necessity for those poles on the roads/streets between Rathmines and Terenure as it has been said to this Councillor by some constituents that the numbers are excessive and unsightly.
- Q19. Councillor Gerry Ashe**
To ask the City Manager is there a record book within the Housing Department to log all calls of complaint re anti social behaviour from residents for action by the housing estate managers and/or what system is in place to pass such complaints on to the relevant estate manager.
- Q20. Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to examine a road safety issue that has been ongoing since the opening of the Heskin Court Complex. Cars turning right from the Merrion Road into Heskin have their view obscured by the railings, the top of which are at eye level for motorists. There have been many incidents and near misses but fortunately no fatalities. This issue has been raised over two years ago and to date no action has been taken.
- Q21. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether the noise nuisance service operated by Dublin City Council can be extended to operate during the weekend.
- Q22. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether damp which is prevalent in the home of the person whose details are attached can be treated at the earliest opportunity.
- Q23. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether a tree located at 3 Lennox Street, Dublin 8, which is scheduled for removal, can be replaced in the future.

- Q24. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether a large area of waste ground at 21 Luke Street, Dublin 2, is in Dublin City Council's charge, and if it is whether the area which has acquired a large volume of debris can be cleaned up.
- Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether the (now closed) Bad Ass Café, 9-11 Crown Alley, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 (a protected structure) has applied for and been granted planning permission for considerable internal work which has commenced on this premises and whether an application has been made for it to be turned into a traditional Irish public house.
- Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether a process of appeal is available to the person whose details are attached in relation to late payment of NPPR charges.
- Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether overgrown trees which are overshadowing the home of an elderly resident at 22 Clanbrassil Close, Dublin 8, and which are attracting vermin, can be cut back.
- Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether a sign which was erected by the Council at the entrance to Meadowbank, Dublin 6 can be altered so as to stand out to all corners on approach to the entrance of Meadowbank, as the name of the estate.
- Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether railings outside 31 Townsend Street, Dublin 2, which are chipped and unsightly, can be repainted.
- Q30. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager for an update on the promised extension to the Disc Parking on Arranmore Road, Donnybrook, as detailed in the letter submitted with this question.
- Q31. Councillor Oisín Quinn**
Can the Manager arrange to contact the ESB in relation to the equipment & pole that is located in Beaver Row in Donnybrook directly adjacent to the windows of a residential property in a manner which significantly undermines the amenity of the home (details supplied)?
- Q32. Councillor Oisín Quinn**
Can the Manager raise the issue of the clamping that took place in Donnybrook Village on the 27th June, 2011 when a car with a Parking Tag sticker displayed was clamped both as the lawfulness of the clamping and as to the manner in which the resident was treated (details supplied)?
- Q33. Councillor Oisín Quinn**
Can the Manager request the Council's Environmental Health Officers to urgently address the issues of sewage seeping through the manhole cover at the rear of 59 Pembroke Cottages (see residents letter of 22nd June)?
- Q34. Councillor Oisín Quinn**
Can the Manager request the Traffic Department to consider allowing traffic to turn left onto North Wall Quay before crossing Beckett Bridge when travelling from the Northside?
- Q35. Councillor Oisín Quinn**
Can the Manager request the Environmental Health Section to investigate No. 20 Palmerston Park, Dartry where there is a growing infestation of rats. Number 20 backs onto Palmerston Lane where there are a number of families with young children who play on the Lane and their significant concerns about the rats inhabiting the vacant premises at No. 20?

Q36. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the city manager obtain the scientific report (and distribute it to the South East Area Councillors) from the noise monitoring equipment owned by the Dublin Port Company this will assist the local residents in establishing a possible bone-fide case regarding the noise nuisance that is emanating from this site on a regular basis.

Q37. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Call on the City Manager to address the urgent issue of illegal taxi ranks which is now becoming an enormous traffic nuisance throughout the city and is blocking up many of the cycle ways and cycle paths. This illegal parking is placing in grave danger cyclists, pedestrians and other road users.

Q38. Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee call on the homeless agency to relocate the night time services provided at Focus on Eustace Street to another more suitable location this area in recent time is becoming more and more congested with those using the homeless services of Focus Point. The result of this has been many incidences of unacceptable social behaviour. This is having a detrimental impact for business, workers, visitors and pedestrians in the area. Further that this committee calls on the homeless agency and other service providers to develop programmes and methodologies and skills to deal with this very potent issue. Positive interventions and the necessary skills to deal with the clients that use homeless services on this most contentious issue is urgently needed. Programmes like Street-step and positive personal responsibility as used by the garda community units need to be made available and taught to workers in this sector in order to alleviate and defuse this situation.