

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11th January, 2011 at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 4997** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 14th December, 2010
(Attached) pages 3-7
- 4998** Questions to the Area Manager
(Attached) pages 46-47
- 4999** With further reference to parking issues in the vicinity of the Criminal Courts of Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8
- 5000** With reference to collection difficulties in respect of dry recyclable materials during recent bad weather.
- 5001** With reference to progress on "Pathways to Home" strategy by Homeless Agency

Planning and Development Matters

- 5002** With reference to Derelict Sites Quarterly report.
(Report Attached) pages 12-17
- 5003** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper

Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 5004** With reference to Public Library Events for January, 2011 in the Central Area
(Reports enclosed)

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 5005** With reference to a review of the current traffic management plans associated with the Samuel Beckett Bridge.
(Report Attached) pages 18-24
- 5006** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 16th December, 2010
(Report Attached) pages 25-28

Central Area Matters

- 5007** Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2009.
(Report Attached) page 29
- 5008** Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit **pages 30-32**
NEIC IAP **page 33**
North West Area (including HARP) **pages 34-37**
Housing Issues-North East Inner City **pages 38-42**
Housing Issues- North West Inner City **pages 43-45**

Motions

5009 Motion in the name of Councillor Marie Metcalfe

To call on the Area Manager that in view of the increasing inclement weather that a plan is drawn up for communities on how best to cope, individual responsibility, information on areas of responsibility for the local authority, effective emergency numbers and this is communicated through the central area, especially in relation to footpaths, housing estates, flat complexes.

5010 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary O'Shea

That this Committee calls on Dublin City Council to withdraw the current Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the purpose of making an application to An Bord Pleanala for the construction of a new overbridge to replace the existing Reillys Bridge along a realigned section of the R103 Ratoath Road, Cabra, from public display and to recommence the statutory process for making the application to An Bord Pleanala by placing fresh adverts in the press and recommencing the display and allowing time for public observations and submissions within the timeframes laid down in Section 51(3)(a) of the Roads Act 1993 as amended.

5011 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

That this Committee calls on Dublin City Council to prioritise Fassaugh Avenue for road gritting in the event of any further bad weather.

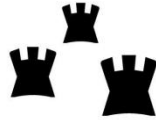
5012 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

That this Committee calls on Dublin City Council to welcome the recent promotion drive by the Parkside Centre in John Paul Park and encourages this practise to continue in 2011.

Next Meeting Tuesday 8th February, 2011

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

12 noon on Friday 28th January, 2011.



Dublin City Council

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE COISTE AN LÁRCHEANTAR

Tuesday 14th December, 2010 at 2.30 p.m.

MINUTES

- 4970** Minutes of the Central Area Committee meeting held on 9th November, 2010
ORDER: Agreed. Position re FAS building in Bannow Road noted.
- 4971** Questions to the Area Manager
ORDER: Noted.
- 4972** With reference to a presentation by the Housing and Residential Services Department on a number of housing matters
ORDER: Noted.
- (a) Report on Affordable Housing noted.
 - (b) Report on Social Housing Programmes noted. Dublin City Council officials commended on work done by them regarding Spencer Dock, Phase II.
 - (c) Report on Precinct Improvement Schemes process noted.
 - (d) Presentation on Dominick Street & O'Devaney Gardens Redevelopments noted. Proposed submission to An Bord Pleanala endorsed by Councillors.
 - (e) Report on Father Scully House to be forwarded to Councillors.

Planning and Development Matters

- 4973** With further reference to the proposed disposal of 558 North Circular Road, Dublin 7 to Line Projects Housing Association.
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council. Councillors requested a list of Capital Assistance Projects applied for and expressed a wish to be consulted regularly regarding such facilities/institutions. Eileen Gleeson to forward 3 month progress reports to Councillors which includes details of applications received.
- 4974** With further reference to the proposed grant of a twenty year lease in the premises known as 18/18a Little Britain Street, Dublin 7
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 4975** With reference to Enforcement Report for July - September 2010 for the Central Area
ORDER: Report noted. Cllr. Perry requested more information on some items and a further report will be issued to him from Planning Enforcement.
- 4976** With reference to 7-10 Gardiner Street Upper
ORDER: Report noted. Councillors requested that this item be prioritised by the Planning Department as soon as staffing issues are resolved.

Cultural Recreation and Amenity Department Matters

- 4977** With reference to Public Library Events for December, 2010 in the Central Area

ORDER: Report noted.

Roads & Traffic Department Matters

- 4978** With reference to a report on parking associated with the Criminal Courts of Justice on Infirmary Road/Parkgate Street, Dublin 7.
ORDER: Report noted. Councillors requested a copy of the observations that Dublin City Council had been invited to submit at time of lodgement. Report on observations to be forwarded to them by Traffic Division. Councillors expressed their disappointment that a reply from the Assistant Garda Commissioner has yet to be received regarding the matter. Agreed to invite Assistant Commissioner to the next Central Area Committee meeting. A report regarding the site identified as a potential car park to be made available for next meeting by the Housing & Residential Services Department.
- 4979** With reference to the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 18th November, 2010
ORDER: Report noted.

Central Area Matters

- 4980** With reference to taking in charge of footbridge adjacent to Longford Bridge, Pelletstown, Dublin 15
ORDER: Agreed. Recommend to City Council.
- 4981** Updates on the following:
Environmental Services Unit
NEIC IAP
North West Area (including HARP)
Housing Issues-North East Inner City
Housing Issues- North West Inner City
ORDER: Reports noted. Councillors thanked Dublin City Council staff for work carried out during the recent bad weather.

AOB

- 4981(a)** Councillors requested that representatives from the Environment & Engineering Department and Greyhound Recycling attend the next Central Area Committee meeting.
- 4981(b)** Homeless Agency and Homeless Services Section to be asked to attend the next Central Area Committee meeting to give update on "Pathways to Home" Strategy.
- 4981(c)** Cllr. McAdam requested the examination of two trees at the junction of North Circular Road with Oxmantown Road with a view to removal/pruning as they are hazardous to traffic. This matter to be referred to the Parks Division.
- 4981(d)** Housing issues regarding property at Inver Road to be examined.

Motions

4982 **Motion in the name of Councillor Christy Burke**

That this Committee calls on the Department of Justice to provide funding for CCTV to Senior Citizen Complexes at Aughrim Court and St. Bricins Park, Dublin 7 due to the increase in break-ins at Senior Citizens Complexes in the area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4983 Motion in the name of Councillor Seamas McGrattan

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to make available advertising slots on rubbish bins in the Central Area, to local drugs task forces to display their messages.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4984 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to instruct the Manager to arrange for the erection of an information sign at the location of the National Monument site at 14/17 Moore Street, giving information to the public as to who to contact (including phone numbers) if they see works/activities etc. being carried out on the site which may be a cause of concern to them as to, inter alia, its timing, extent or legality.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4985 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to request that all Sport and Leisure Centres in the area include the provision of Irish (spoken) lessons/classes.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4986 Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to congratulate Dublin City Council workers, Gardai and Dublin Bus drivers, in particular, for their work, professionalism and dedication to duty shown during the recent cold spell and requests the Manager to write to the City Manager, the Garda Commissioner and the Chief Executive of Dublin Bus to pass on our appreciation.

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ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4988 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to call on NAMA to provide us with a detailed list of all properties in the Central Area that are now subject to their interest and management and to provide us with a summary of NAMA's plans for management of these lands.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4989 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to review the operational plans for the Central Area during severe weather events. Plans should be put in place to ensure that all main routes in the Central Area are kept clear and passable to vehicle traffic. A map should be put on the Dublin City Council website showing which routes are prioritised for clearing, gritting and salting. The situation where main routes e.g. the North Circular Road, Fassaugh Avenue and Blackhorse Avenue are impassable needs to be resolved.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4990 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to congratulate Waterways Ireland on the re-opening of the Royal Canal for navigation and we call on Dublin City Council to bring forward

a plan to attract more footfall along the Royal Canal by upgrading the tow paths from Ashtown to Phibsborough.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

4991 Motion in the name of Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to contact the Roads and Traffic Department to provide an update on the proposed premium cycle route and to advise if the premium cycle route can be routed through the new linear park at the Dublin Convention Centre and along the Royal Canal to the North Strand and out to Fairview.

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4993 Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to provide a full report on Dublin City Council's submission to the Dart Interconnector in relation to the Bridge at West Road/Ossory Road, to ask the Manager to confirm if it is accurate that Dublin City Council requested that provision for the cycle lane be included in the width of the bridge despite the fact that the proposal for the cycle lane was withdrawn by the City Manager at the November City Council meeting.

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ORDER: Report to Councillor.

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That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to report on the progress for the provision of new sites for taxi ranks in the Central Area.

ORDER: Report to Councillor.

ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Aine Clancy (Chairperson)

Cllr. Ray McAdam (Vice Chairperson)

Cllr. Christy Burke

Cllr. Emer Costello

Cllr. Seamas McGrattan

Cllr. Mary O'Shea

Cllr. Cieran Perry

Cllr. Marie Metcalfe
Cllr. Claire O'Regan

Apologies

Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick

Officials

Charlie Lowe, Executive Manager, Central Area
Hugh McKenna, Senior Executive Officer, Central Area
Fergus Synnott, Administrative Officer, Cabra Area
Brian Kavanagh, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Central Area
John McPartlan, Public Domain Officer, Central Area
Peter Ayton, Executive Manager, Housing & Residential Services
Tony Flynn, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services
Eileen Gleeson, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Residential Services
Brian Swan, Deputy City Architect, City Architects
Brendan Sullivan, Senior Architect, City Architects
John Flynn, Senior Executive Architect, City Architects
Alec Dundon, Executive Engineer, Traffic Division
Fiacra Worrall, Assistant Enforcement Manager, Planning
Sandra Walley, Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area
Ciaran Kavanagh, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area

Motions with replies
Central Area Committee meeting
December 2010

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Report

CCTV has now been provided at both locations.

Item 4983

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That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to make available advertising slots on rubbish bins in the Central Area, to local drugs task forces to display their messages.

Report

The City Council has no objection in principle to the idea of making advertising space on bins available for agencies that provide valuable support services in the community. The prior approval of the City Council's Environment and Engineering Department is required and applications should be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Item 4984

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Report

There would be a difficulty with this proposal as the site is privately owned. The buildings are also protected structures and any such sign would require the owner to seek planning permission.

The site is being monitored regularly by Dublin City Council and the DoEHLG.

The normal arrangement for any alleged unauthorised development is for a written complaint to be made to Dublin City Council's Planning Enforcement Section. An inspection will then be carried out as quickly as possible.

Item 4985

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That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to request that all Sport and Leisure Centres in the area include the provision of Irish (spoken) lessons/classes.

Report

Dublin City Council's Sports and Leisure Services will not be providing Irish classes in the Sports and Leisure facilities. The booking of room space or studio space in Dublin City Council Sports and Leisure facilities by a group or organisation to provide such classes would depend on the availability of non booked space in each facility.

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Report

This matter will be taken up with the City Manager, the Garda Commissioner and the Chief Executive of Dublin Bus if the members agree to the terms of the motion.

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Report

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

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Report

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

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Report

Dublin City Council has a map on the dublincity.ie website showing what routes are prioritised.

The routes prioritised include:

National Primary & secondary roads

Most of the Dublin Bus routes

Gritting occurs between 3am & 7am, when required.

North Circular Road, Faussagh Avenue & Blackhorse Avenue are all included on the Gritting Route & are gritted every time the gritting lorries are sent out.

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Report

The Roads and Traffic Department will investigate the feasibility of the suggested route when resources become available. However it should be noted that we have been advised by the Department of Transport that funding for the Premium Cycle Route, and the link from the Premium Cycle Route to the S2S, north of the Liffey are no longer available. In addition it is considered that the suggested route can not be described as a Premium Cycle Route.

The Roads and Traffic Department are proposing to apply to the National Transport Authority for funding for consultancy services to investigate options including those outlined above.

Item 4992

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to outline the timescale for the planning process for O'Devaney Gardens and Dominick Street and states if there is capital funding to proceed with the project.

Report

Planning applications for O'Devaney Gardens and Dominick Street will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by the end of December 2010. Until planning permission is in place the detailed design work cannot be completed and this detailed design work which takes approximately 9 months to prepare must be completed prior to going to tender and agreeing a cost plan with the DOEHLG. Accordingly while the DOEHLG are aware of the proposals and have seen the designs they have not yet been asked to commit to a specific amount of money for either of these projects. The Council have been advised that capital funding allocations for the next few years will be reduced and until planning permission has been achieved it is considered premature to explore the matter further at this stage.

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Report

Dublin City Council have met a number of times with representatives of the DART Underground project to discuss traffic management issues. These meetings took place mainly in 2009. The potential for accommodation of a cycle route was discussed relating to the provision of a new bridge. The proposed bridge width was amended to accommodate the potential cycle route. Design work has been undertaken for the bridge with the wider span. For major infrastructure Dublin City Council has to plan for a 30-50 year time horizon, to minimise any need to incur additional expenditure to accommodate future proposals. The additional width under the bridge will not widen the carriageway, but will be incorporated into the footpaths.

Item 4994

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to establish a hotline and special taskforce to provide a plan for the Central Area to deal with the adverse weather conditions.

Report

The City Council will be carrying out a review of its services and the management of the recent prolonged cold spell over the coming weeks. A revised protocol may emerge from this exercise.

Item 4995

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to indicate the timescale for commencing consultation on the ACA for Mountjoy Square and for removal of the coaches from the Square in accordance with the policies outlined in the new City Development Plan 2011 – 2017.

Report

The timescale for the informal public consultation with outside interested parties will be mid February to mid March 2011 approximately. At that stage the internal consultations within Dublin City Council and the Area Councillors, should be completed.

Dublin City Council would need to consult with Dublin Bus and whoever operates private coaches that park up there at present. This would require intensive consultation and negotiation with all parties. While it may be an aspiration of the ACA to improve the current bus parking arrangement it is difficult at this stage to comment further on the issue.

Item 4996

Motion in the name of Councillor Emer Costello

That this Committee calls for Dublin City Council to report on the progress for the provision of new sites for taxi ranks in the Central Area.

Report

The Dublin City Council Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws 2009 are currently under review and initial public consultation has taken place. New draft Bye-Laws are being prepared and these, along with an accompanying report, will be submitted to the February meeting of the Transport and Traffic SPC for approval.

The draft Bye-Laws will then be brought before the five Area Committees before commencement of the public consultation process.

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

15th December, 2010

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

Derelict Sites Quarterly Report

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

**Declan Wallace
Executive Manager**

APPENDIX 1

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT CENTRAL AREA

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

<i>Location</i>	<i>Current Position</i>
DS535 <u>Bella Street 1, D1</u>	Valuation appealed to Valuation Tribunal.
DS693 <u>Church Road, 130, East Wall, D.3.</u>	Owners requested to remove litter and cut back overgrowth.
DS743 <u>Frederick Street North, 30, Dublin 1.</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register to be served.
DS738 <u>North Great Charles Street, 32, D.1. (Protected Structure)</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register served.
DS740 <u>Oxmantown Lane, site at rear of 6-11 Hendrick Street, D.7.</u>	Notice of Intention to enter site on Derelict Sites Register served.
DS576 <u>Phibsborough Road 113 & 113a, D7</u>	Owners asked to cut back overgrowth.
DS479 <u>Prussia Street, 24-25, D.7</u>	Work carried out but more work required to the rear roof.

APPENDIX 2

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT

CENTRAL AREA

SITES UNDER INVESTIGATION

Location

Abbey Street Upper 31-34 & Strand
Street Great 47-51, D1

Current position

C.I.E. requested to tidy up site.

Arklow Street 25, D7

Updated reference of ownership requested.

Arran Quay Terrace / Queen St. -
linear site adj. LUAS line.

Owners written to and asked to improve appearance of site.

Blessington Court 2, 2a & 3, D7

Owner asked to remove rubbish, reglaze or board up broken windows, secure properties against entry.

Capel Street, 32, D.1.

Owner requested to carry out refurbishment works.

Carnlough Road, 2 & 4, Cabra,
D.7.

Owners asked to carry out remedial works i.e. remove graffiti, repair hoarding, remove overgrowth.

Church Road 119-122 (Cahill's
Printers), East Wall, D3

Some works carried out. Further works requested.

Coke Lane (formerly No.4)
Smithfield, D.7.

Receiver asked to carry out improvements.

Connaught Street 76, D7

Improvement works underway.

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Location

Connaught Street 83, D7

Current position

Work carried out at this site as requested.

East Wall Road 5-23 (Readymix),
D3

Dublin Docklands Development Authority have carried out some works - have been asked for a timescale for further works.

Enaville Road 3, Ballybough, D.3.

Owner asked to board up broken windows.

Hawthorn Avenue 7, D3

Owner requested to carry out improvement works.

Joyce Road 33, D9

Owner requested to carry out further works.

Manor Street 72, D7

Improvement works requested.

Navan Road 171, D7

Warning letter issued.

Cabra Road 241, D7

Owner asked to re-glaze or board up windows and door.

Old Cabra Road 52, D7

Owner requested to remove overgrowth and graffiti.

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Location

Current position

*Reilly's Bridge - Lock House,
Ratoath Road, D.11.*

Reference of ownership requested.

*Reilly's Bridge - Railway Cottage,
Ratoath Road, D.11.*

Reference of ownership requested.

*Rutland Place North 23-24 (rear of
Thompson's Cottages), D1.*

Planning applicants requested to carry out improvement works.
Ownership details awaited.

*Spring Garden Street, site opp.
24-30, D.3.*

Owner requested to clean up site.

APPENDIX 3

Sites on Derelict Sites Register in Central Area

Address:	Entered:	Outstanding Levies:
Ballybough Road, 22b, D.3.	25/06/2009	€15.00
Bella Street, 1, Dublin 1.	02/02/2005	€14,900.00
Clonliffe Road, 202, Clontarf, D.3.	18/02/2010	Nil
Connaught Street, 7, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	€9,112.50
Connaught Street, 19, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	€10,631.25
Connaught Street, 21, Phibsborough, D.7.	19/03/2009	€10,631.25
Hawthorn Avenue, 1, East Wall, D.3	12/11/2003	€36,573.75
Terrace Place (6), rear 23 Rutland St., D. 1.	20/10/2008	€2,160.00
Terrace Place (7), rear 24 Rutland St., D. 1.	18/04/2008	Nil
Terrace Place (8), rear 25 Rutland S., D. 1.	18/04/2008	€5,220.00

**Report to the Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee**

**Review of the current Traffic Management
Plans associated with the Samuel Beckett Bridge**

**Alec Dundon
Executive Engineer**

December 2010

Introduction

The Samuel Beckett Bridge was officially opened to pedestrians on 10th of December 2009 and to traffic the following day. There were a number of turning restrictions proposed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), produced in 2000 and these were introduced prior to the opening of the bridge. The purpose of this report is to review the performance of the bridge since its opening and report of the effectiveness of the current turning bans.

The four bans being considered as part of this report are:

1. The Left Turn Ban preventing westbound traffic on Sheriff Street turning onto Guild Street
2. The Left Turn Ban preventing westbound traffic on North Wall Quay from turning onto the Samuel Beckett Bridge
3. The Right Turn Ban preventing northbound traffic on the Samuel Beckett Bridge from turning onto North Wall Quay
4. The Right Turn Ban preventing northbound traffic on Guild Street from turning right on Sheriff Street

Performance of the Samuel Beckett Bridge

In the ten months since its opening the Samuel Beckett Bridge has provided an increasing attractive alternative to motorists wishing to travel north/south across the Liffey. Recent figures for the trips made during a five day period in October 2010 compared to a similar period in February 2010, indicate that on average 14,721 trips were made daily in October compared to 12,874 trips made in February, an increase of 14.5%.

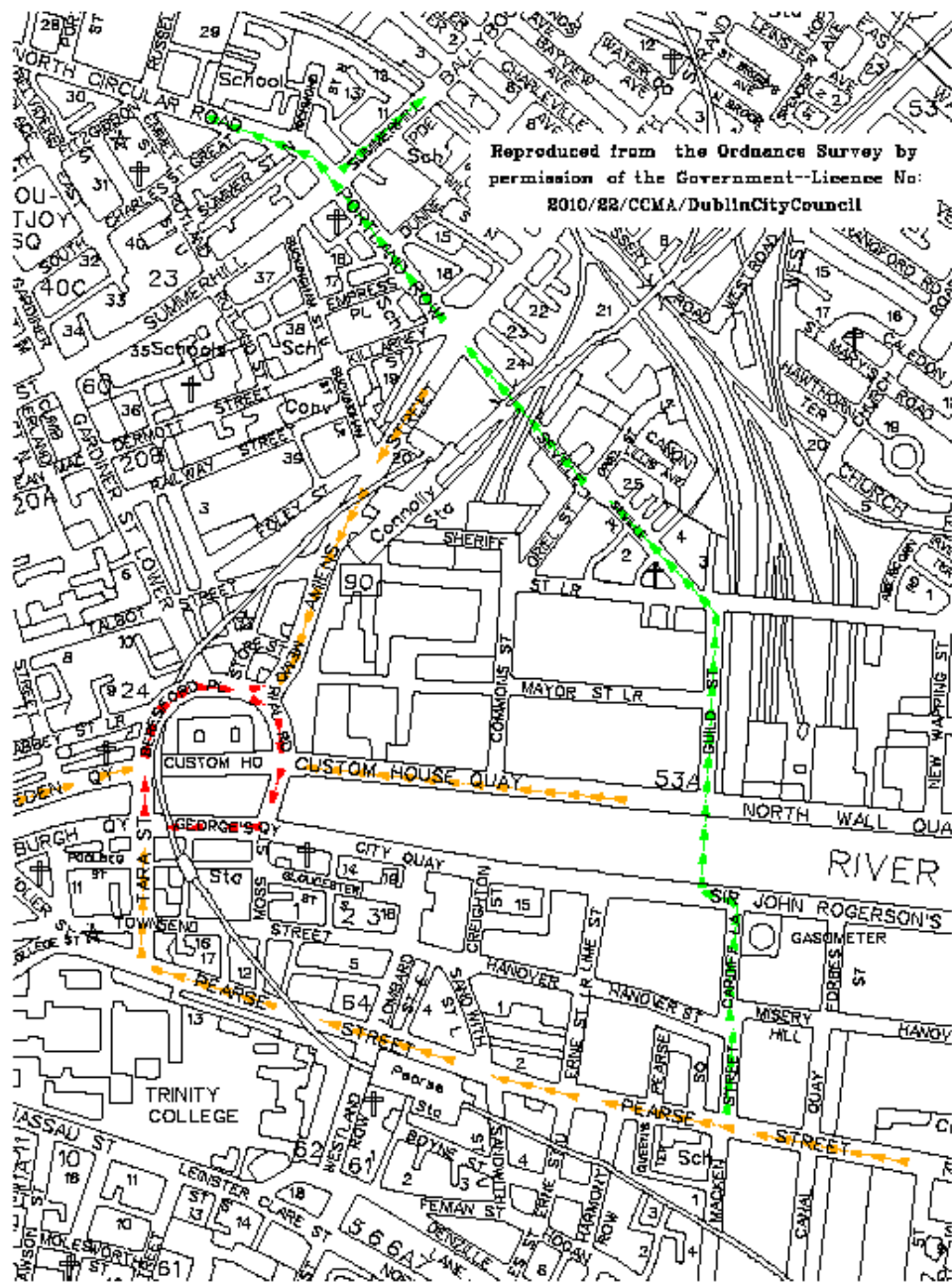
The Samuel Beckett Bridge has had a noticeable effect on the reduction of congestion in the area. The road network in the immediate vicinity of the Custom House, including Beresford Place, Memorial Road, Memorial Bridge, and George's Quay has been termed the Custom House Gyratory (indicated in red in Drawing 1). This is a critical part of the local network and congestion on any part of the gyratory quickly leads to delays on the routes leading into it, namely along Eden Quay to the west, Amiens Street to the north, Tara Street and Pearse Street to the south and the North Wall Quay to the west (indicated in orange in Drawing 1).




The opening of the Samuel Beckett Bridge has provided an alternate route for north/south bound traffic wishing to cross the Liffey (indicated in green in Drawing 1). This has resulted in significantly less traffic using Butt Bridge to cross from South to North and less traffic using Memorial Bridge to cross from North to South. Recent traffic counts indicate that traffic volumes entering the gyratory from the south across Butt Bridge are down by 20%.

With less traffic on Pearse Street and Tara Street approaching Butt Bridge, and less traffic on Amiens Street approaching Memorial Bridge, congestion on the Custom House gyratory has been significantly reduced. This in turn has resulted in a reduction in journey times on all routes feeding into the gyratory including Eden Quay, Amiens Street and the North Wall Quay. The reduced journey times have been beneficial not only to those motorists passing through the area but also to local businesses and residents using the local road network.

Drawing 1 : Custom House Gyratory

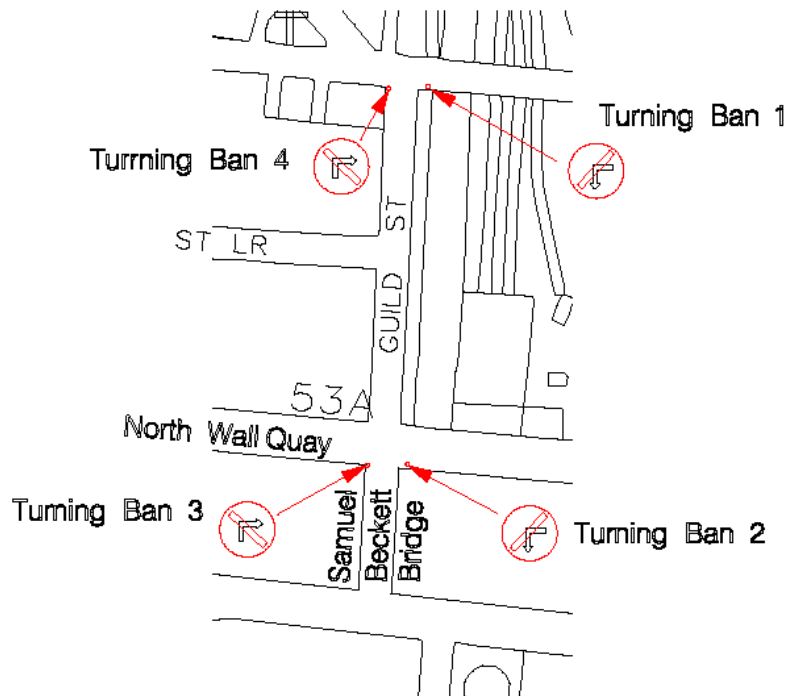
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-  Custom House Gyratory
-  Principle Routes feeding into Gyratory
-  Alternative route since opening of Samuel Beckett Bridge

Turning Restrictions

The four bans being considered as part of this report are:



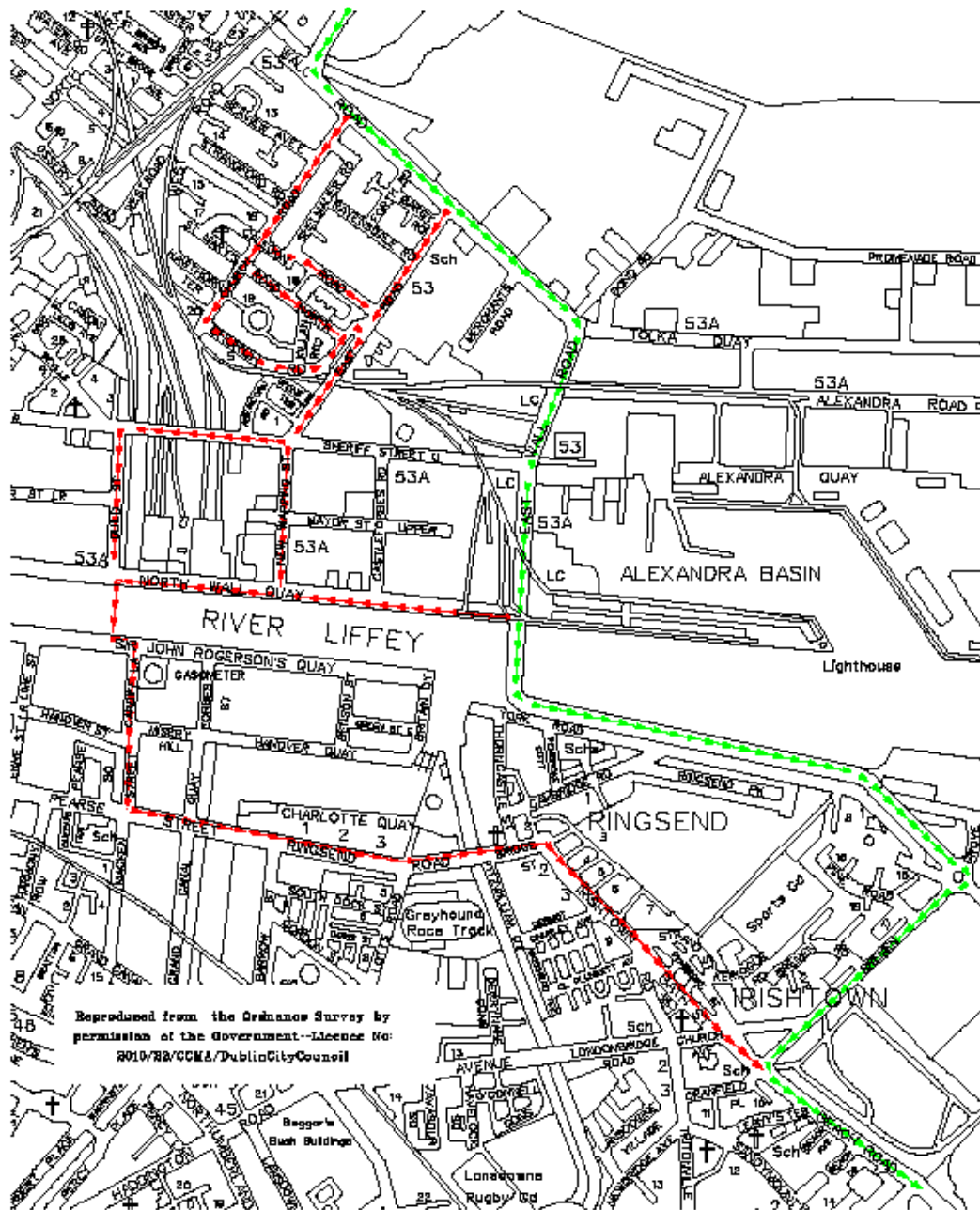
Turning Bans 1 and 2



It was identified in the EIS that the presence of the Samuel Beckett Bridge would attract some motorists that would normally have used the East Link Bridge to change their routes in order to use the Samuel Beckett Bridge.

Drawing 2 indicates (in red) some of the possible routes that cross city southbound traffic could have adopted. It was considered that these routes would be highly undesirable for three main reasons:

- They would have resulted in increased traffic through the residential streets of the East Wall Road area
- They would have resulted in increased traffic along Pearse Street, Ringsend Road and through Irishtown
- They would have resulted in increased overall traffic levels on the Samuel Beckett Bridge thereby reducing its overall effectiveness

In order to prevent these movements the EIS proposed turning bans 1 and 2 which were implemented prior to the opening of the bridge.



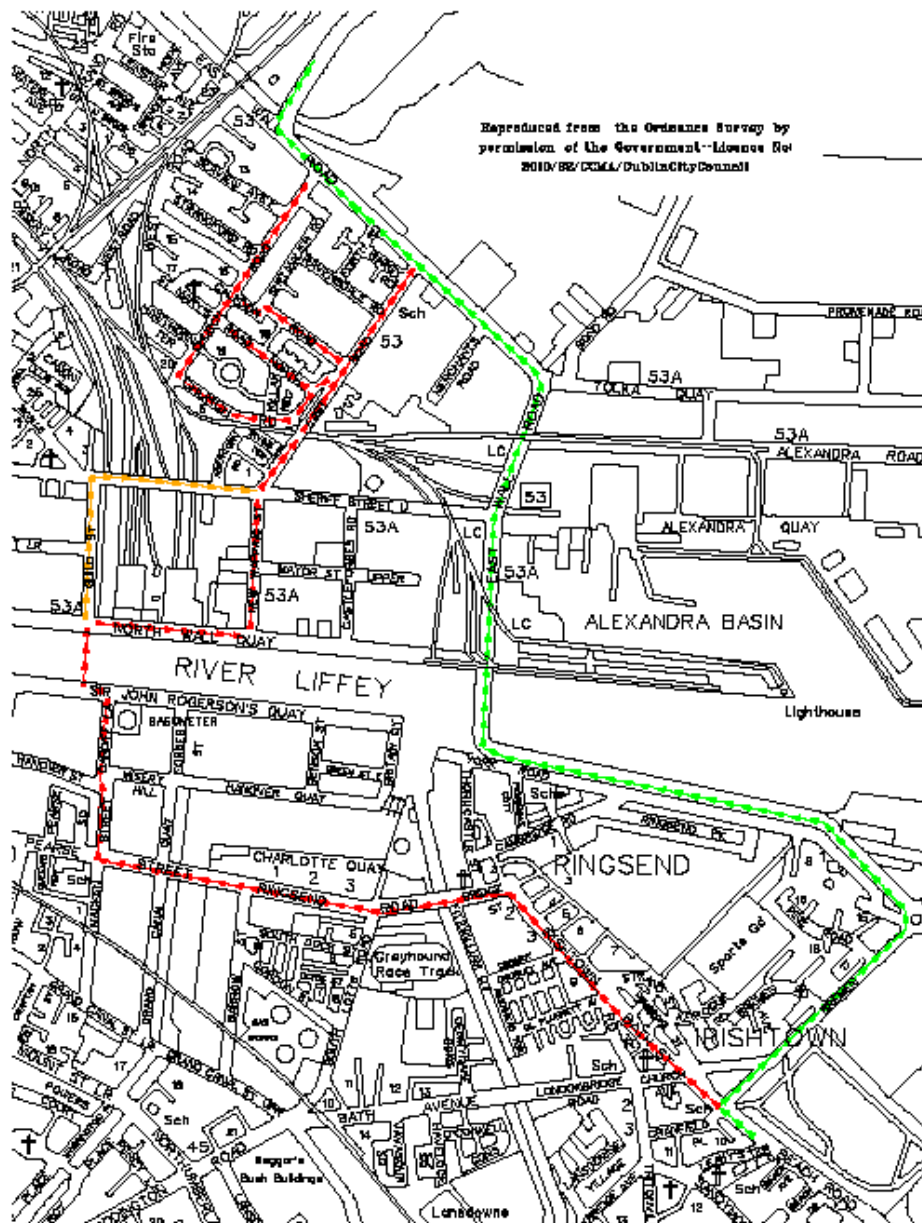
-  North/South route prior to opening of bridge
-  Route turning bans 1 and 2 seek to deter

Turning Ban 3 and 4

Turning bans 3 and 4 were introduced to deter northbound traffic from detouring away from the East Link Bridge in order to use the Samuel Beckett Bridge. Drawing 3 indicates some of the routes traffic may have adopted in the absence of the turning bans. These potential routes were also considered undesirable by the EIS as they would have given rise to similar drawbacks to those listed above.

Drawing 3 : Samuel Beckett Bridge Northbound Routes

Drawing 3978(3)



- - - - - Northbound Preferred Route
- - - - - Northbound potential routes if turning bans on Samuel Beckett Bridge are removed
- - - - - Potential Route following decision to rescind Right Turn Ban from Guild Street onto Sheriff Street August 2010

Summary

It is considered that all four turning bans have been effective in achieving their primary aims of preventing large volumes of traffic detouring through residential areas in order to access the Samuel Beckett Bridge. Without these turning bans in place the volume of traffic on Pearse Street may well have increased as large volumes of traffic, which had traditionally bye-passed the city using the East Link Bridge, choose instead to use the Samuel Beckett Bridge. The turning bans have ensured that one of the principle benefits of the new bridge, namely a reduction in the congestion on the Custom House gyratory has been achieved. The reduction of congestion in the general area has reduced journey times for not only people travelling through the area but also local residents and businesses.

The traffic department has received a number of complaints regarding the difficulty experienced by local traffic in the East Wall Area gaining access to and from the bridge. Turning Bans 1 and 2 make it difficult for residents in the East Wall Area to access the bridge, while turning bans 3 and 4 make it difficult for motorists travelling north across the Samuel Beckett Bridge to access the East Wall Area.

These difficulties are unfortunately an unavoidable consequence of the turning bans and the Traffic Department has been reluctant to rescind the turning bans as they have been introduced with the purposes of both protecting the benefits and efficient operation of the bridge while also providing local residents protection from increased commuter traffic in the area.

However it was recently decided to **rescind** the Right Turn Ban preventing northbound traffic on Guild Street from turning right on Sheriff Street (Ban 4) as it was felt that removal of this ban would have the positive result of reducing the traffic travelling up Seville Place. This arrangement will be monitored carefully as it may lead to some or all of the drawbacks that the initial ban was seeking to avoid.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2011

c Parking

Prohibitions

1 Sherrard Street Upper, Dublin 1.

Double Yellow Lines on Sherrard Street Upper
(as part of Dublin Bikes Station).

Dublin City Council

1034131DocID:

Recommended

South side, from a point 47m east of the junction with
Gardiner Street Upper, for 12m northeastwards.

2 Sherrard Street Upper, Dublin 1.

Rescind Pay and Display and Permit Parking
on Sherrard Street Upper (to facilitate Dublin
Bikes Station).

Dublin City Council

1034131DocID:

Recommended

South side, from a point 17m east of the junction with
Gardiner Street Upper, for 42m northeastwards.

3 Eccles Street East, Dublin 7.

Re-instate Pay and Display and Permit Parking
on Eccles Street East (location not suitable for
Dublin Bikes Scheme) operating Mon-Sat
07.00-19.00.

Dublin City Council

1034129DocID:

Recommended

Southside, from a point in front of the entrance of No.
79, for a distance of 29m westwards.

4 Abbey Street Upper (Abbey Cottages), Dublin 1

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on Abbey Cottages, off Abbey Street Upper (for the full length of the road)

Dublin City Council

1032345DocID:

Recommended

East side, from Abbey Street Upper, to the southeast corner of Abbey Cottages. West side, from Abbey Street Upper, to the southwest corner of Abbey Cottages.

5 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1

Reps for Double Yellow Lines on North Wall Quay, just east of the Bus Stop outside the National Convention Centre

Business

1032007DocID:

Not Recommended

However, bus cage markings will be considered.

6 O' Sullivan Avenue, Dublin 3.

Reps for extension of Double Yellow Lines outside No. 11, O' Sullivan Avenue, (when standing facing No. 11, extension is requested on the left hand side).

Resident

1031721DocID:

Not Recommended

***b Traffic
Conditions***

7 Coburg Place/Seville Place, Dublin 1.

Reps for Yellow Box on Seville Place at junction with Coburg Place.

Public Rep

1032847DocID:

Not Recommended

Does not meet the criteria for the installation of a yellow box.

8 Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 7.

Reps to re-examine request for Ramps on Grangegorman Lower.

Public Rep

1032863DocID:

Not Recommended

The recent decision of the TAG not to recommend ramps on Grangegorman Lower close to the entrance of the Educate Together School has been re-examined, in particular the timing and validity of the speed surveys.

The speed surveys were conducted on Grangegorman Lower between Fitzwilliam Place North and Kirwin Street. The surveys were conducted between 9.20am and 9:50am on Tuesday the 5th of October 2010. The results of the survey indicated that the traffic was travelling at an appropriate speed for the road type with the average 85th percentile speed of 32.5 kph recorded.

It has been suggested that it would have been more appropriate to have conducted the speed survey in the period immediately before the school started or after the school had finished. While it is accepted that pupils are at their most vulnerable at these times, it is also the case that speeds are considerably reduced during this period due to congestion caused by parents dropping off or collecting their children by car.

It is considered that the speed survey results gave a valid indication of the speeds on the road and it is therefore recommended that the original decision of the TAG not to recommend ramps is upheld.

9 Navan Road/Kempton Estate, Dublin 7.

Reps for Yellow Box on Navan Road at exit from Kempton Estate.

Public Rep

1031547DocID:

Not Recommended

Yellow Boxes are not provided across bus lanes and the volume of traffic entering the estate would not warrant the provision of a yellow box.

10 Liscannor Road/Killala Road, Dublin 7.

Reps for Traffic Calming at the junction of Liscannor Road and Killala Road.

Public Rep

218294DocID:

Recommended

Traffic calming, in the form of a junction build-out, is recommended subject to inclusion on a future years works programme and subject to funding becoming available.

a Traffic Signs

11 North William Street, Dublin 1.

Reps for One-way System on William Street North from Summerhill Parade and Dunne Street.

Public Rep

1034136DocID:

Recommended

Partial One-Way System recommended subject to consultation with emergency services and residents.

16th December, 2010

**Report to the Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee**

Re: Grant towards the running costs of private swimming pool for year 2009.

An application has been received for financial assistance towards the running costs of the private swimming pool listed below for the year 2009. The Pool Administrator has submitted accounts showing the operating costs. The pool provided swimming facilities for schools, clubs, groups and the general public in its catchment area.

The pool is closed since October 2009 as the building was unsafe for continued use. Major refurbishment works are to be carried out in 2011 with the aid of government grant and contribution from the Daughters of Charity. The grant for 2009 will be paid subject to confirmation that the refurbishment works have commenced and a date for reopening the pool is indicated.

I recommend that approval be given to the grant as listed below.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Swimming Pool</u>	<u>Grant paid Year 2008</u>	<u>Grant Recommended For 2009</u>
Daughters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul, St Vincents Centre, Navan Road, Dublin 7.	De Paul Swimming Pool	€16,000	€20,000

P Maguire
Assistant City Manager

Environmental Services/Public Domain update

Environmental Response Unit

The Environmental Response Vehicle was severely restricted in its activities during December due to the extreme weather conditions. 64 incidents were reported and 50% of these were responded to. Incidents of a total figure for tonnage removed were not available for this period and will be reported in the Environmental Services Unit report to this committee in February 2011

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti removal was largely unavailable over the period December 1st – December 31st due to the extreme weather conditions. Painting, chemical treatment and power washing techniques are not suitable for freezing and very wet conditions. Any graffiti reported during this period will be scheduled for removal during January. This will include the Markets area that was originally scheduled for removal during December.

Litter Hotline

<i>Category of incident reported to Litter Hotline (01/12/10 – 31/12/10)</i>	
Dumping	64
Litter	2
Cleansing	4
Non-tagged bags	0
Graffiti	2
Other	0
Total	72

<i>Breakdown of complaint locations (01/12/10 – 31/12/10)</i>	
Ballybough	3
Cabra	7
Drumcondra	4
East Wall	0
North Circular Road	5
North East Inner City	23
North Wall	0
Phibsborough	3
Stoneybatter	5
Other	12
Total	72

Litter Warden Statistics

There were a total of 51 fines issued in the Central Area for littering offences between 1st December 2010 and 31st December 2010.

Area	No of Fines
Cabra	17
City Centre 8 – 4 shift	0
Phibsboro / Glasnevin	0
North East Inner City	22
City Centre 5 over 7 shift	9
City Centre 5 over 7 shift	3

Community Forums

The Environmental Services Unit currently facilitates the meetings of five existing Community Forums (which are sub-groups of the Joint Policing Sub-Committee) and the re-established North Strand/Ballybough Forum will now also meet on a regular basis.

The main issues being raised at the Forum meetings are as follows:

- i. North Wall*
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Traffic Management
 - The O2
 - Development sites

- ii. East Wall*
 - Anti-social behaviour
 - Public domain issues
 - Iarnród Éireann related issues
 - Dart underground
 - The O2

- iii. Ballybough*
 - New Community Centre
 - Re-development related issues
 - Anti-social behaviour

- iv. North East Inner City*
 - The City Clinic
 - Cumberland Street Market
 - Waste Management
 - Bus parking
 - Street begging

- v. Mountjoy and District*
 - Public Domain issues

- Anti-social behaviour/Landlords
- Local parks
- Metro North
- Institutions

vi. *Drumcondra/Glasnevin*

- Traffic Management
- Metro North
- Road Maintenance

Hugh McKenna
Senior Executive Officer

January 2011

**The Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee**

PROJECTS UNIT, NORTH EAST INNER CITY

Liberty Park Crèche

Kids Inc operate the Liberty Corner facility, on behalf of Dublin City Council, as a traditional crèche and Montessori facility. It caters for children from 3 months to 5 years. During the 3 year pilot scheme, Dublin City Council subvented the cost of childcare places for local parents. The facility caters for approximately 31 children. The National Childcare Investment Programme gave funding approval for the fit out costs on 15th December 2007. The crèche was fitted out and opened for business on 21st May 2007. All of the fit-out costs have been drawn down from Pobal. A new-tiered fee structure was introduced in July 2008 in order to comply with requirements for National Funding for the crèche. Approval for funding was received for the NCIP Community Childcare Subvention Scheme.

The contract between both Dublin City Council and Davencrest Limited, t/a Kids Inc and V3 Marketing came to an end on 31st May 2010 and both parties agreed to proceed with the option, outlined in the original contract, to extend the agreement for a further two years based on some revised terms/conditions.

Liberty Corner - Disposal of Nine Retail Units

The Retail Units are on the market for sale, 5 units have been disposed of, the remaining 4 units are still on the market and Lisneys are continuing to market them.

Foley Street Improvement Works

Phase 1 of the Foley Street improvement works is complete – this included the upgrading of the park and carrying out work on the Liberty Park boundary along Foley Street.

Phase 2 of the improvement works are complete – this included 80m of road improvements, 355m of footpath improvements including new pavement, new kerbs, new parking bays, public lighting, drainage and ducts.

Phase 3 of the improvement works includes the upgrading of 120m of carriageway between Beaver Street and Buckingham Street. Phase 3 of the project will proceed at a future date if there is sufficient funding for the phase.

Former Dorset Street Fire Station Refurbishment Project

The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism (who are part funding the refurbishment project) approved the appointment of the Contractor and on the 5th July 2010, approval was given by the Assistant City Manager to accept a tender. Works commenced on site in September 2010. Several site meeting have been held. The refurbishment project is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete.

Phibsborough Boxing Club Refurbishment Project

The refurbishment works are complete. Final handover from the Contractor took place on the 7th December 2010 and the Boxing Club has commenced using the facility.

**Edel Whelan
A/Staff Officer**

January 2011

**The Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee**

North West Inner City Cabra Area Office

The following lists the issues that are regularly raised for attention at the various community / business forums attended by DCC:

NWIC Community Policing Forum

1. Street drinking
2. Prostitution
3. Event management e.g. Smithfield on Ice
4. Horse Fair
5. Parks management
6. Planning issues
7. Traffic

Smithfield Business Forum (New)

1. Footfall promotion
2. Plaza design completion / utilization
3. Plaza visibility / accessibility / management
4. Event activities e.g. Farmers' Market
5. Parking / Traffic management
6. Anti-social behaviour e.g. street drinking
6. Litter

Cabra Community Policing forum

1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Local drugs situation
3. Precinct upgrades –Faussagh Ave
4. DCC Housing / property estate management issues
5. Event management e.g. Halloween

Cabra Rd / Pk Residents Assoc

1. Waste management – impact of intro of Brown bins
2. Level of rented properties in area
3. Impact of hostels / half way houses in the area
4. Planning issues
5. Railway line – dumping / drainage

NCR Res Assoc

1. Trees on NCR – impact on pathways on driveways
2. Anti-social behaviour at Altona Tce.
3. Litter / waste management
4. Roads issues
5. Planning issues

Finglas / Cabra Local Drugs Task Force (LDTF)

1. Supply reduction tactics
2. Communication with DCC and Gardai re drug supply matters
2. Monitoring of impact of local drug treatment services
3. Education and prevention

4. Growth in intimidation of drug users' families over debts
5. Updates from participating agencies on activities

Severe Weather

The recent severe weather resulted in a breakdown of water supply in the Broombridge area due to 2 pump failures but these were repaired and replaced and water restored. Unfortunately residents were without water for periods for which Dublin City council apologises.

Some black bin collections were missed due to the weather in December and Dublin City Council urged householders to take bins back in until the next collection. To compensate householders were allowed to place up to 2 additional bags alongside their bins.

Royal Canal Works

Waterways Ireland (WI) met with residents reps from Shandon Gardens and Coke Oven cottages on 16th Nov at Cabra Area Office to discuss the proposed re-lining contract for the Royal Canal between Cross Guns Bridge and Broombridge. Residents had previously written to WI through their solicitor and WI have responded that all future written communications will be via legal representatives.

That said, the meeting was positive with both sides recognizing that the work would be beneficial to all though disruptive to residents. Access to the towpath will be severely restricted for the duration of the works from Jan to March and residents' approval may hinge on agreement to provide a temporary road bridge across to Shandon Gardens. Both sides have to consult on this matter.

Mount Bernard Park

The contracted warden service has now ceased but Parks staff will continue to lock the gates of the tennis courts in the evening. Following the successful play day in the park in the summer when local children were asked to come forward with ideas the Parks Dept are working with Anne O'Brien, the Play Officer to implement some of these.

River Road

Dublin City Council have been meeting with residents of Pelletstown with regard to the development of the park on River Road (Tolka Valley area).

Following these discussions, a number of measures are now being put in place to address the issue of anti-social behaviour including motor bikes being driven across the park lands and horses being allowed stray in the area and into the Pelletstown development grounds. The park will be more clearly delineated as a park and the Gardai will enforce the associated bye laws. Other measures are also being considered which will progress the development of the park and make it accessible to residents in the Pelletstown area. However, budgetary limitations and the land acquisition difficulties have delayed its full development.

Community Gardens

The interest in developing community gardens is rising and Cabra Office has received a number of applications to develop gardens on Dublin City Council property. Dublin City Council are very supportive of these initiatives but residents need to be aware that there is a licensing process to be followed, which includes the provision of adequate insurance, in order to protect the public and the interests of all parties. However, the issue of insurance is problematic for some groups.

Community Policing Fora

Navan Rd & Pelletstown Area Community Policing Forum

The inaugural meeting took place on 14th October in Navan Road Parish Hall chaired by Cllr Mary Fitzpatrick. Issues arising included the swales at Glendhu and Park Rd and a presentation on the proposed QBC on the Navan Rd was given by the QBN team. Issues were also raised in relation to Halloween, the resurfacing of Blackhorse Avenue, the delay in replacing a Community Garda and allocation of sites for allotments.

Cabra Community Policing Forum

There has been a rise in vandalism in John Paul Park but a reduction on public order offences overall. Ongoing problems with bogus callers presenting themselves as utility workers. A decrease in burglaries in Shandon area possibly due to arrest of a particular group. Meeting notified of proposed swales for Killala and Drumcliffe.

NWIC Community Policing Forum

Cllr Christy Burke chaired the 1st meeting of the reinstated forum on Oct 20th. As with the Navan Rd Forum the chair will be rotated amongst local councillors.

A wide range of issues were discussed including public order issues, lack of Garda response to problems faced by Hardwicke Apartment residents, Smithfield enhancement, protocol for reporting children at risk, concerns over Sitric Composting Group street parties, speeding by Dublin City Council trucks on Rathdown Road

Development works

Glendhu and Park Road Swales

A meeting took place between Dublin City Council and public representatives at Cabra Area Office to provide an update on the development of the swales and to answer questions in relation to these.

Drainage engineers will now distribute a Q & A leaflet to all households in the area addressing all of the issues that have arisen in relation to the swales..

Killala Swale

The design for this swale is currently being completed after which Drainage Division will apply for part 8 planning permission. Residents will be notified and invited to view plans locally and in Civic Offices. If permission is granted it is hoped to commence construction in summer 2011, subject to funding being made available.

McKee Court: Work on site is proceeding satisfactorily. Contract completion is likely in April 2011. City Council are monitoring building operations, in order to ensure nuisance to neighbours from site traffic, dirt and noise is kept to a minimum.

Dunmanus

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government granted approval in June 2008 to proceed to detailed design stage of this project for the construction of 40 Senior Citizen's units and a Community Centre at this site. However, this approval was subject to a number of concerns which the DoEHLG want addressed i.e. tenure mix, design considerations, costs and fees.

In the current economic climate it is now considered appropriate to look at various other housing development options for this site. Dublin City Council are currently in discussions with an Approved Housing Body with a view to the Approved Housing Body raising private finance under the 'Leasing Initiative' to fund development at this site.

Smithfield Enhancement Scheme

The works at the northern end are substantially completed; however they were delayed due to the adverse weather conditions in early December. It is now expected that the car park will be open before Christmas. The new pedestrian crossing was also been affected by the bad weather and operation free flow. It will now be completed in the new year. The tenders received for Phase 2 has been assessed and a preferred tender selected. It is expected works will commence in mid January. Any queries regarding the scheme should be directed to the Cabra Office at 2227400

The Scheme is funded by the Irish Government, the ERDF Gateways Fund and Dublin City Council

HARP Community Gain

The Members of the Monitoring Committee met on 9th December regarding the criteria for distributing the remaining funding. Following a discussion on the criteria for applying for community gain grants it was agreed to amend the existing conditions and to present the revised application forms to the next meeting of the Committee which is scheduled for 18th January.

Community Development Update January 2011

Cabra Christmas tree Lighting Event 3rd December

Due to the bad weather conditions over the December period unfortunately the events that were planned for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony had to be cancelled. It was planned to hold an evening of Christmas entertainment on Friday 3rd December in St. Finbarrs GAA Club after the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Tree was still put up and the lights lit at a later date in December however there was no planned event because of the bad conditions.

Comhairle na nÓg

The first meeting of the newly elected Comhairle was held on Thursday 9th December in City Hall. The day was used for introductions and to allow the new members to familiarise themselves with the procedures of Comhairle na nÓg. The first meeting was also used by the new members to agree on the main topic that will be covered over the next two years. It was agreed that Youth Facilities will be the main topic covered.

Ashtown Parent & Toddler Group

This group meet every Thursday 10.30-12.30 to allow parents in the area meet other parents along with their young children. On Thursday 16th December Santa Claus visited the children to give them their Christmas presents. Community Staff from the Cabra Office helped personally at this event.

Sheltered Hosing Liaison Officers

Sheltered Housing Staff "Liaison Officers" who call on the Sheltered Housing Schemes in the Cabra Area and surrounds are now working from The Cabra Area Office. The Liaison Officers will be working closely with The Community Team to enhance the services available to the residents of the various Schemes in the area. During the bad weather in December both Liaison Officer and Community Staff helped with clearing snow and ice from the footpaths in the Schemes. Liaison Officers during this bad weather period also helped with shopping etc for residents as they do continuously throughout the year for the more vulnerable residents.

Small Grants Scheme For Community Based Projects 2011

The small grants scheme for Community Based Projects has been launched for 2011. Any group/project wishing to avail of a grant in 2011 in the North West Inner City Area should contact the Community Team in The Cabra Office to receive an application form. The date for receipt of completed applications is 31st January 2011. This cut off date will be final so it is vital that groups/projects contact us asap. The Community Staff are in the process of contacting groups directly to inform them of this and to help with applications. However there may be some groups who are new or have not required grants over the past few years who this year might want to avail of the scheme and this scheme should be brought to their attention where possible.

Fergus Synnott
Administrative Officer

January 2011

The Chairperson and Members of the
Central Area Committee

North East Inner City Housing Report

Area Housing Manager – Chris Butler

Sean O’Casey Avenue

Ongoing problem with dumping in the laneways to be addressed by re-issuing keys and trying to get residents to keep gates closed. Residents have requested that the appearance of the fence is improved. DCC have requested residents to make suggestions in this regard and some discussions took place. There has been no recent meetings with residents so this issue has not progressed..

Sean Treacy House

Contractor on site since Feb. 2009. Approx. 18 month build period. Short delay has been encountered but project should be completed Feb/Mar 2011. There are very few former residents of Sean Treacy House who are due to move back to the completed development. Therefore the majority of the 53 units will be available to applicants on the Housing and Transfer lists. The breakdown of units is as follows:

12 x 1 bed units
25 x 2 bed units
14 x 3 bed units
2 x 4 bed units

Due to the large volume of applicants looking for these units a preliminary allocations list has now been drawn up and no new cases will be considered for inclusion on this list. Final decisions on allocation of the units will be made nearer the completion date once estate management checks have been completed. It should be noted that a decision has been made that Circle Housing Association will manage this complex and nominations will be agreed between the NEIC allocations section and the Allocations section in Civic Offices.

Matt Talbot Court

Feasibility Study and costings for redevelopment submitted to the DOE for appraisal in 2008. Response from DOE indicated that they favoured PPP route for this project and this is not a viable option in the current economic climate. Project to be examined under new scheme for prioritisation of redevelopment projects. Security doors installed following the securing of funding by area office. Re-surfacing/Repair of roof has been carried out on a pilot basis in one block to try and resolve the longstanding problems of leaks from the roofs. If this proves successful similar work will be undertaken on the remaining roofs.

James Larkin House

Following requests from residents permit parking introduced. There is no funding at present for improvement works to the courtyard. Any maintenance issues regarding the courtyard are being dealt with on a case by case basis by maintenance. Netting for above football pitch is now installed.

Liberty House

Revised plans for redevelopment has been conditionally approved by D.O.E. Meeting with residents took place on 19th March. Residents happy with proposals and the project will now proceed to detailed design stage. Follow up meeting with residents took place in August. Residents requested some changes to plan presented. Further meetings took place in October and November and tenants representatives have now signed off on plans. Pre part 8 internal consultation completed with other departments. D.O.E. have now issued permission for the project to proceed to the planning stage. Site notices erected 14th October and plans available for inspection until 26th November. Part 8 report on the City Council Agenda for 10th January, 2011.

St. Mary's Mansions

Anti-social problems continue to be encountered. Limited information coming from residents but DCC continue to work with Gardai and other agencies to address the issues.

Patrick Heeney House and Crescent

All units have now been completed and tenanted. Permission has been sought from ESB to re-surface footpath in front of the sub-station as part of the project but they have not responded as of yet.

Temple House

Improved lighting installed February 2009. Resurfacing of Courtyard completed June 2009. Painting of complex completed. Issue in relation to repair of boundary wall being investigated. All other works completed to satisfaction of residents.

St. Laurence Place East

This area continues to attract anti-social behaviour. A sub group of the JPC has now been set up to try and address the issue. The CPF are also involved in this group. Suggestions have been made that this area is given over to the local school to take in as part of their grounds. Service checks are now being carried out to see if there would be any difficulty if this was agreed. Further suggestions were made that bollards should be installed at a section of the road but this was rejected. It is proposed to examine the possibility of a wall or fence being erected at the junction of St. Laurence Place East and Sheriff Street as a short term solution. Any such works will be dependant on the availability of funding and planning considerations.

40- 49 Summerhill

Agreement has been reached between Housing Maintenance and NEIC housing office on replacement of windows at rear of units. These windows are in a poor condition and are inaccessible for painting or cleaning. 6 of the units require new windows but one of the tenants in these units has refused to have the windows replaced. The other 4 units have already had uPVC windows installed previously. New windows will only be installed in units where the tenant has a clear rent account or is in an agreement with the Rents Section to clear arrears.

Area Housing Manager – Brian Kavanagh

Poplar Row

Housing Maintenance Division has carried out testing in the duplexes. These tests showed traces of pyrite in the dwellings. Further investigations are being carried out at present to determine the severity of this issue. When these investigations are complete a report will be given to this committee and a meeting will be held with residents affected.

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared the vacant site on Poplar Row of all domestic rubbish/bonfire material. Rock armour has been installed to eliminate illegal parking on the site during Croke Park events.

The electronic entrance doors to Poplar Row have been recently vandalised for the third time this year. Dublin City Council did engage a contractor to carry out the necessary repairs.

Courtney Place

The Estate Manager in conjunction with Housing Maintenance had the two stairwells painted, as they were covered in graffiti.

There are ongoing estate management issues in this complex that are being investigated by the Estate Manager. A circular was issued to all residents reminding them of their responsibilities under the terms of the tenancy agreement.

Ballybough House

A proposal has been submitted to the Department of Environment to get their observations and hopefully their initial approval to proposals to redevelop the vacant site at Poplar Row, the site at Orchard Road/ Tom Clarke House and Ballybough House on an incremental phased basis.

A joint meeting was held with staff from the North Central & Central Area with the residents of Cadogan Road on 24th November 2010. The Area Housing Manager, Central Area informed residents that in order to assist the Gardai in tackling the youths who are involved in the stone throwing the CCTV in the complex will be repositioned in the new year. The new locations will be along the boundary wall of the Ballybough House complex and we would hope that this will deter the youths from targeting the houses on Cadogan Road.

The Area Housing Manager, North Central Area agreed to get quotations for the installation of mesh netting on the properties affected on Cadogan Road. This work is dependent on funding being made available. However, a stipulation to this was that the residents on Cadogan Road would also have to contribute funding towards this work should funding become available. The residents of Cadogan Road stated that they would contact An Garda Síochána, Fitzgibbon Street Station with a view to arranging to meet with the Gardai to outline their issues and concerns.

Drainage Division was in the complex during the week of 26th-29th October to clear rubbish from the River Tolka.

The week beginning 18th October, all stairwell lights and spot lights in the complex were vandalised by youths congregating in the complex. Public Lighting and Electrical Service Division have been on site repairing these lights.

Housing Maintenance has increased the height of the railings to the ground floor dwellings that are located beside the stairwells. This work was done on the request of the residents.

There are ongoing estate management issues in the complex. We are presently looking to initiate exclusion orders against two individuals causing anti-social behaviour.

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Resident Association monthly to discuss issues of concern.

Croke Villas

Negotiations have been terminated with the preferred bidder. There are now 22 dwellings out of a total of 79 occupied in the complex. The Estate Manager is liaising with the remaining individuals/families in trying to identify suitable accommodation in the areas they have requested.

A total of nine offers of accommodation were made to families/individuals of the above complex in the areas they requested during 2009. Seven of these offers were accepted and the remaining two were refused.

Housing Maintenance Division has cleared out the vacant sites/properties on Sackville Avenue and Ballybough Road. They have also erected fencing at the rear of 8 Ballybough Road.

St. Andrews House, senior citizen complex has been cleared of all rubbish that was dumped on the site and secured.

Having regard to the current economic climate it is extremely unlikely that Croke Villas will be redeveloped in the foreseeable future. A meeting was held with the residents group and they were informed of the above. A detouring priority has been granted for the remaining residents in the complex by Housing and Residential Services.

North Clarence Street/Dunne Street

The laneway at the entrance to North Clarence Street Flats has had all the graffiti painted over that was on the boundary walls.

The Estate Manager noticed an increase in dumping of domestic rubbish to the rear of the above blocks. A circular was issued to all residents reminding them to dispose of their rubbish in the bins provided.

The Area Housing Manager and the Estate Manager meet with the Residents Association, CPF and Gardai on a regular basis to discuss ongoing issues in the complex.

North William Street/ Charleville Mall Flats

The electronic car park gate was repaired on 20th October 2010. There are no estate management issues outstanding.

Tom Clarke House/Orchard Road Depot

NCPS have carried out line marking in the complex to regulate the parking on request from the residents. Housing Maintenance has dishd the pavements to make access to the blocks easier for the elderly residents as many of them have mobility problems.

The Community Development Section has converted one of the vacant flats, No. 20, into a laundry facility for the residents of complex.

Newcomen Court

Dublin City Council issued a licence in July to the Larkin Unemployment Centre for signing. This was returned signed in August and a licence is now in place for a community garden managed by the Larkin Unemployment Centre at this site.

Work has commenced on this garden by the Larkin Unemployment Centre.

Housing Maintenance Division continue to clear the site of all domestic rubbish/debris and cut back the shrubbery/weeds.

Shelmalier House

There are no outstanding estate management issues in the complex.

St. Agatha's Court

A proposal has been submitted to Department of Environment to get their observations and their initial approval for this project.

Housing Maintenance and Parks Division had the overgrown shrubbery cut and the site cleaned out.

Brendan Behan Court

A contractor has removed the trees on Wellesley Place on behalf of the Parks Department. The boundary wall on Wellesley Place was knocked down and rebuilt by a contractor on behalf of Housing Maintenance. The wall was in a state of disrepair. The Estate Manager liaised with the residents of Brendan Behan Court and Wellesley Place prior to the trees being removed and the wall being built. There is ongoing liaison between the Residents Association and the Estate Manager.

The Older Persons Unit sourced a pool table and television for the Community Room. This has been well received by the residents in the complex.

Ballybough Court

There is regular communication between Estate Management Staff, Liaison Officer and the residents of the complex.

St. Mary's Court

Housing Maintenance Division has cut back the overgrown trees from the properties adjoining the complex, as they were blocking the natural light to the residents in the complex.

Killane Court

There is regular communication between Estate Management Staff, Liaison Officer and the residents of the complex.

Botanic Avenue (Senior Citizen complex)

There is regular communication between Estate Management Staff, Liaison Officer and the residents of the complex.

Richmond Road (Senior Citizen complex)

There is regular communication between Estate Management Staff, Liaison Officer and the residents of the complex.

Blackhall/Marmion Court

Extensive works have been carried out throughout the complex since the start of the year and are ongoing. A steam washer has been sourced and stair-cleaning programme will be put in place shortly. The Parks Department are currently working on plans to improve the garden areas throughout the complex. Estate Management are meeting with the newly formed Residents Group on a regular basis.

An Internal Working Group was convened and an architect was commissioned to draw up plans for replacement roofing on all blocks. These plans also include the insulation of all pipes and tanks in place on the roofs. The project has gone out to tender. Whether works proceeds is entirely dependent on the availability of funding.

Due to the severity of the weather in recent weeks, several issues regarding water supply, burst and frozen pipes and flooding have come to the forefront within the Estate. Housing Maintenance have rectified all issues where possible and all outstanding issues are due to the current water restrictions put in place by Dublin City Council. Issues regarding airlocks in the Estate will persist until the water pressure returns to normal in the area. Housing Maintenance will then begin working to ensure that all air locking problems are resolved. Estate Management are liaising with residents on a daily basis to keep them informed of all updates.

Bad Weather

Housing Maintenance staff have been working in all the complexes, specifically the senior citizen complexes listed above removing the snow/ice to ensure access is maintained. This work proved extremely difficult due to the severity of the weather but all the complexes were gritted and are being continually monitored.

Charlie Lowe
Executive Manager

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

North West Inner City Housing Report

Blessington Street

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.
Meetings are ongoing between residents and Estate Management.

Chancery House

There are no outstanding estate management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between the residents and Estate Management.

Constitution Hill

Regular meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.
The Painting Programme which commenced in November 2010 has faced delays due to bad weather conditions. It is envisioned to complete the programme in the first quarter of 2011 weather permitting.

Dominick Court

No estate management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management, the residents and the warden.

Dominick House/Palmerston Place

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex.
Consultation between the Residents Association and Estate Management to discuss any issues, which may arise, is ongoing.

Dominick Street Lower

There are no outstanding Estate Management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between estate management and the residents.
The Regeneration Project continues to progress steadily and communication remains strong between the Project Office, the Design Team and the residents.
The design team continue to work on the plans for the development and a planning application was lodged on December 24th 2010.

The public can view the file at either An Bord Pleanala or in DCC from the 10th of January for seven weeks and make observations directly to the Board during that time. Details of the applications are to go up on DCC's web site also from the 10th January 2011.

Detenancing of the remaining Granby Blocks on the east side of the street is still ongoing and will be completed by January 2011. A part 8 application to demolish these blocks has been lodged separately from the planning and EIS applications, this is to stop any anti social behaviour developing within the empty blocks.

Both the Children's and Senior Citizens Christmas parties were a great success and residents of all ages had a great time.

Dominick Street Upper Apartments

There are no Estate Management issues within this complex.
Constant contact is maintained between Estate Management and the residents.

Dorset Street Flats

Anti social behaviour continues to be an issue within this complex and the situation continues to be closely monitored on an ongoing basis and estate management is working closely with An Garda Siochana.
Funding has now been sourced for the installation of an upgraded CCTV system. Installation shall commence in the near future.

Eccles Court

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise.
There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

Friary Court

There are no outstanding issues within this complex.

Georges Place

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association and Estate Management. No outstanding issues within this complex.

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

There are no estate management issues within this complex.
Regular meetings are held with the elected residents committee.
A very successful Children's Christmas party was held in December in the community centre.

Henrietta House

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

Kevin Barry House

Meetings are taking place between the Residents of Kevin Barry House, regarding any issues that may arise.

Funding has now been secured for the installation of a CCTV security system within this complex and the contract is currently out to tender.

North King Street

Estate Management discuss any issues with residents that may arise. No outstanding issues at this time.

Ormond Square

Ongoing liaising is taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and the Parks Department.

Saint Michans House

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise.
Any issues that may arise are dealt with expediently.

Saint Peters Court

Monthly meetings are taking place between the Residents Association, Estate Management and An Garda Siochana to discuss any issues that may arise. No outstanding issues.

Sheridan Court/Place

Monthly meetings are being held with the Residents Committee and Estate Management. There are no outstanding issues in this complex.

Wolfe Tone Close

There are no outstanding estate management or maintenance issues within this complex. Contact is maintained on an ongoing basis between Estate Management and the newly elected Residents Association.

Throughout the month of December during the periods of snowfall the caretaking staff carried out a full gritting service, concentrating on all our flat complexes with particular emphasis on the Senior Citizens Complexes in the area.

Joe Farrell

Housing Projects Manager

Question to City Manager
Central Area Committee
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