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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 13th JULY 2015
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 13th July 2015 at 3.00pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 8th July 2015

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- 334.** Election of South East Area Committee Chairperson.
- 335.** Election of South East Area Committee Vice Chairperson.
- 336.** Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2015 (pages 6 - 41).
- 337.** Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 57 - 67).
- 338. Environment & Transportation Matters**
- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group Meeting held 23 June 2015 (enclosed).
 - ii. Select a representative for the Waste to Energy Community Liaison Committee to replace Cllr. Claire Byrne.
- 339. Housing & Residential Services Matters**
- i. Report on Part VIII. Proposed amalgamation of 80 no. bedsits, into 40 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, Verschoyle Court, (Blocks 1-6), Verschoyle Place, Dublin 2 (pages 42 – 43 and enclosed).
 - ii. Report on Housing Allocations (page 44 and enclosed).
- 340. Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report (pages 45 - 47).
 - ii. Proposed disposal of the council's fee simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 to Merit Holdings Ltd. (pages 48 – 49 and enclosed).
 - iii. Proposed grant of a lease of 1 – 12 Hogan Court, Wilson's Place, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust (page 50).
- 341. South East Area Matters**
- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 51 - 53).
 - ii. Proposal to name and number a development at Mount Argus, Harold's Cross Dublin 6W (page 54 and enclosed).
 - iii. Proposal to name and number a development at 17 - 19 Hatch Street Lower and 15 - 18 Earlsfort Terrace (page 55 and enclosed).
 - iv. Proposal to name a laneway and number a development to the rear of 74 Eglinton Road (page 56 and enclosed).

Motions

342. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to erect one of the new Dublin City Council Commemorative Plaques in the vicinity of O'Carroll Villas to mark the association with former Councillor Richard O'Carroll – the only elected representative to have been killed during the Easter Rising.

343. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees that an integrated plan be presented to members outlining the combined proposals for the Dodder Flood Relief Works and the Dodder Greenway Cycle route to enable a coherent debate on the impact of the combined works and to, if necessary, then arrange a more detailed separate meeting on same.

344. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee asks the Area Manager to in general respond to recent concerns concerning lead in water and to ask in particular if the Area Manager is satisfied that the lead pipes in the Pembroke Cottages area of Donnybrook are safe and the water supply is similarly so. If necessary to ask the Manager if she will arrange for a representative of Irish Water to attend this meeting and address the issues.

345. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee requests that the Traffic Department, the Events Team and Beta Projects team assess the feasibility of introducing a Ciclovía event (prohibiting traffic from certain streets in a defined area) in the South East area to allow cyclist, walkers, joggers and those in wheelchairs to use the traffic-free streets on the morning of a Sunday or Bank Holiday next summer.

This type of event has being a huge success in Bogota since its introduction in the 1970's and has being adopted in numerous cities around the world.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciclov%C3%ADa>

A potential route, which is accessible via existing cycle infrastructure would be Grand Canal Dock-Sir John Rogerson's Quay-Lombard Street East-Westland Row-Merrion Square-Mount Street Upper-Grand Canal Greenway.

To limit disruption, such an event might be held the morning of next June's Bank Holiday Monday prior to the Women's Mini-Marathon that afternoon, as many of the street surrounding Merrion Square will be closed off to traffic anyway.

346. Motion from Councillor Ruairi McGinley

That this committee agrees that the proposed children's playground in Ranelagh Gardens be relocated away from senior citizen's complex towards the far side of Ranelagh Gardens away from current central mound proposed location. Current proposed location will interfere with senior citizen's residential amenity.

347. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager initiates the installation of a playground in Conway Court flats and meets with residents to start this process.

348. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the grass and footpaths be cleared of the weeds and dirt on the footpaths at City Quay and Dowlings Court.

349. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager has the tree close to 1 Leukos Road in Ringsend (pictures attached) removed and replaced with a tree where the roots will not damage the pavement and boundary wall as this one has clearly done and then fix the pavement so that no one else will fall over the cracks in the pavement again.

350. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council arranges to erect metal "No Dog Litter" signs (the same as exists in Donnybrook) in the areas of Moyne Road, Dunville Avenue, Oakley Road and Annesley Park, Ranelagh. Also if the Council would focus on any other action to encourage dog walkers to pick up dog faeces.

351. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This Committee thanks the South East Area Office for its correspondence with various agencies in respect of the proposals from the Leeson Bridge Residents' Association (LBRA) for the relocation of the bus stops at Leeson Street Upper and to prevent the location of a BRT bus stop at this site. This Committee also reiterates its support for the proposal by the Leeson Bridge Residents' Association (LBRA) for the relocation of the bus stops at Leeson Street Upper and its opposition to the location of any BRT / Swiftway bus stop at this site, and requests that the Area Manager write again to Dublin Bus, CIE, Wexford Bus and the NTA calling on these entities to move the bus stops and containing all material assembled to date on both issues including:

- i. The original submission from the LBRA on the relocation of bus stops;
- ii. The letter from An Garda Síochána in response to a letter from the Area Office on the proposed relocation; and
- iii. The recent safety footage recorded by the LBRA.

352. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Given the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult for some residents in the south east area to find parking on their own streets, the practice of giving out multiple parking permits per household be abolished; i.e. there should be a maximum of two permits per household.

353. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if a "Welcome to Ringsend / Irishtown" sign could be placed at some point on Bridge Street, Ringsend (South Lotts Road side of the bridge), and another similar sign saying "Welcome to Irishtown / Ringsend" could be placed near Irishtown Garda Station?

354. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if directional signage could be arranged for the Great South Wall and Poolbeg Lighthouse at the following locations:

- At the junction of Sean Moore Road and Beach Road.
- At the Sean Moore Roundabout.
- At the turn from South Bank Road onto Whitebank Road.

Signage, which is poor / non-existent at present would encourage people to visit this gem of an area on the city's doorstep.

- 355. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this area committee requests the Area Manager to arrange a briefing meeting with the residents of the Nutley estates, Donnybrook, regarding the plans for the relocation of the National Maternity Hospital in the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital.
- 356. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager to address the issue of an infestation of rats in St. Vincent Street flats as a matter of urgency.
- 357. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**
That the Area Manager provides a detailed report on the decision to cut down street trees on Arnott Street and Curzon Street, Portobello, including details of what consultation took place with residents and councillors, and including details on what replacement street trees will be planted. The report provided at the May meeting was completely unsatisfactory, and no further report has been received despite the reply promising same.
- 358. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
That this Area Committee asks the Area Manager if she will consider installing a dedicated cycle lane across Grand Canal Square from Pearse Street as a measure to allow a safe mix use of the square for both pedestrians and cyclists.
- 359. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager to request that Greyhound review their system of requiring a prepaid Greyhound card for purchasing refuse bags and to ask them to make the purchasing of their bags more flexible, in particular for elderly people and those who may not have the facilities to purchase a prepaid card and use the online system for top ups.
- 360. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**
That this Area Committee supports the installation of a flagpole in Donnybrook by Donnybrook Tidy Towns Group at the same site where the Christmas tree is sited and recognises the commitment of the group to adhere to protocol in strict accordance with "The Guidance for use of the National Flag" as per issue by the Protocol Section, Department of the Taoiseach.
- 361. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
This Committee calls on the Chief Executive to clarify the basis upon which locations are chosen for the installation of electronic vehicle points and, in particular, believes that the electronic vehicle point on Eaton Road, Terenure, Dublin 6, is inappropriate because of its residential location and the pressure of parking on that particular road.
- 362. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
This Committee calls upon the City Council to invest funds in maintaining and up-keeping the old fire station in Rathmines which, notwithstanding the excellent work of MART, needs further investment and protection.
- 363. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
This Committee calls upon the City Council to ensure that the bins in Mercer House, Dublin 2 are properly hidden away from view and cordoned off if possible.
- 364. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**
This Committee agrees to invite Mr. Harry Crosbie and Mr. Gay Byrne to meet with it to discuss their ideas in relation to the Great South Wall of Dublin Port.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th JUNE 2015
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- 306.** Presentation on Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan – Public Consultation.
Order: Noted.
- 307.** Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015.
Order: Agreed.
- 308.** Questions to the Chief Executive.
Order: Noted.
- 309. Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
- i. TAG Report Meeting Date 26th May 2015.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on the processing of TAG items / traffic service requests.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Further report on the establishment of a Community Gain Liaison Committee and Community Gain Fund in association with the Waste to Energy Project, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
Order: Noted.
- 310. Culture Recreation and Amenity Department Matters**
- i. Part 8 Report: Ranelagh Gardens Park.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. In relation to Ranelagh Gardens that the operation of the playground be reviewed six months following completion of construction.
- 311. Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures: City Wall, Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Proposed amendment to the Record of Protected Structures: Bride Street New / Long Lane, Dublin 8, Former School (proposed deletion) and 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, House to now read 17a Bride Street New, Dublin 8, Former School (amendment)..
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Proposed grant of 20 year lease in the Ground Floor and Basement, No. 17 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 to Leafwell Limited.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

- iv. Update regarding the request for the addition of the two ESB chimneys at Poolbeg to the Record of Protected Structures.
Order: Noted.

312. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report.
Order: Noted.
- ii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 11A Grantham Place.
Order: Agreed.
- iii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 122 Terenure Road North.
Order: Agreed.
- iv. Report on proposal to initiate procedure to have the development known as No. 9 to 13 Purser Gardens, Rathmines, Dublin 6 taken in charge by Dublin City Council.
Order: Agreed to initiate the procedure.

Motions

313. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Area Manager would outline when it is intended to paint the balconies and ceilings of same in Beech Hill Villas given their poor condition.

Order: Report to Councillor.

314. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

That the Area Manager would respond to the report submitted by residents of Sandymount in relation to a children's playground.

Order: Report to Councillor.

315. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Traffic Manager to undertake a feasibility study on widening the 'pinch-point' on the Grand Canal Cycle Way at Leeson Street Bridge, including the potential compulsory purchase of part of the rear gardens and front garden which may be required for same.

Order: Report to Councillor.

316. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will report on the next phase of flood protection measures – post 2015 – along the River Dodder.

Order: Report to Councillor.

317. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please deal with the following list received from Ranelagh Tidy Towns Environment Group?

Bus Stops: Over a number of years, bus services in the area have been changed / reduced but the original metal posts have been left in place. As well as serving no useful purpose, these are a blot on the streetscape, are rusting and flaking and are a general eyesore. It is not clear who is responsible for their removal but action is required, initially by the City Council. Streets affected include: Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ashfield Avenue and Dunville Avenue – opposite Mortons.

Bicycle Locks: Abandoned locks (and even parts of bicycles) are to be seen all over the area. These are not just unsightly but can occasionally trip-up pedestrians.

Street Cleaning: Given that on-street parking is the norm in much of the area, the occasional automated cleaning carried out is almost totally useless in terms of clearing litter and other debris. While local residents can make a contribution, a formal 'professional' system is required, perhaps involving a number of 'no parking' days during the year.

Drain Clearing: This needs to be carried out on a regular / rota basis and not just in emergency / 'totally-blocked' circumstances. Along with a lack of street cleaning, this current situation encourages the growth of weeds and the collection of other debris in street gutters.

Lamp Posts: In the short term there is a problem with painting / maintenance. Longer-term there is a need to see these as an element of street furniture – with a consistency of design reflecting the Victorian and Edwardian heritage of the area.

Street Furniture: Other street furnishing, benches etc. is almost totally absent and where present doesn't follow any consistent design approach.

Pavements: These are in a sorry state after much laying and relaying, as well as inconsistent use of materials, such as granite sets. A long-term approach is required.”

Order: Report to Councillor.

318. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a cul de sac sign and children playing sign be erected at the entrance to Glenavy Park.

Order: Report to Councillor.

319. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

This committee calls on the Parks Department to erect "Dogs must be on leash at all times" signs (and see that same is enforced) on Dartmouth Square.

The square has recently become a de facto "dog park", a purpose for which it is wholly unsuitable.

Order: Report to Councillor.

320. Motion from Councillor Paddy Smyth

Further to the, both informative and inspiring, presentation at last month's SEAC meeting, this committee requests that the Beta Projects team design a trial for a "Bicycle Boulevard" or small section of same, on a residential street in the area which they deem suitable.

A description of the concept may be seen at the following web address: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_boulevard.

Order: Report to Councillor.

321. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Parks Department provides a report on the planned felling of trees and leaving a two year period for replacement; Greenlea Road in Terenure is a case in point. This committee agrees that no more trees will be felled in the South East area prior to discussion at the area committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

322. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That double yellow lines (DYLs) be placed on both sides of the lane which runs to the east side of St. Enda's Road and rear of 65 to 68 Brighton Road. This lane has always been "in charge of the City Council". Currently some residents are being blocked from accessing and egressing the rear of their homes. The lane will also require a name sign and I propose St. Enda's Lane”.

Order: Deferred.

323. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The dangerous practise of cyclists cycling on footpaths continues to go unchecked. In the absence of legislation which was promised by Minister for Transport, the Gardaí refuse to take action.

Cycling on footpaths, drivers entering cycle ways and drivers not keeping to their driving lane all add to a considerable amount of lawlessness on our roads. Most of all these practises are endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

In the absence of legislation from Department of Transport, Dublin City Council agrees to implement a pilot scheme in the Dublin South East area which has the highest number of cyclists and will:

1. Use Information Boards and all other media available to highlight dangers of cycling on footpaths, motorists in cycle ways and poor positioning of cars in road lanes.
2. Examine all the right turns, especially on to the canal from the main arteries to improve safety for cyclists turning right.
3. To highlight these problems and to raise awareness encourage citizens to take photos of such misdemeanours and that the council provide a display area for these photos.

As a first step that we receive a report to the September meeting setting out an implementation plan of these proposals.

Order: Report to Councillor.

324. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to strictly enforce the 3.5 ton limit on Newbridge Avenue, Sandymount and to report on what enforcement measures are being implemented.

Moved by Councillor Flynn. Order: Report to Councillor.

325. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to examine the possibility of extending the paid parking times to seven days a week on Emorville Avenue, Dublin 8, to address the ongoing issue of long stay parking on the street at weekends. The residents have already conducted their own survey and have requested the council proceed with carrying out an examination of the parking situation and a plebiscite of residents on the street.

Order: Report to Councillor.

326. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks Dublin City Council to designate a suitable location, such as College Green / Dame Street area, for Pride 2015 celebrations. Given the scale of celebrations that are likely to take place due to the passing of the Marriage Equality Referendum the numbers attending the march are expected to be even greater this year and Merrion Square may not have the capacity to safely facilitate such large numbers.

Order: Report to Councillor.

327. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee asks the Area Manager to replace the trees on Curzon Street, Dublin 8 that were recently removed by the Dublin City Council. This is one of the only streets in Portobello that now has no trees and the removal of the trees has dramatically changed the streetscape. Therefore could they please be replaced as a matter of priority?

Order: Report to Councillor.

328. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee requests that the Area Manager install pedestrian road signage to introduce more permanent pedestrian signage at the pedestrian crossing at the gyratory on Camden Street as a matter of urgency as the current temporary signs are too small, move around in the wind and are insufficient.

Order: Report to Councillor.

329. Motion from Councillor Kate O'Connell

This committee calls on the Manager to undertake a review of the parking permits issued in the area with a view to minimising the number of unjustly allocated spots and, once this has been completed, for changes in the bye-laws to be recommended to ensure that such discrepancies do not reoccur.

Order: Report to Councillor.

330. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council rejects the notion of medically supervised injecting rooms and instead favours a much more rehabilitative approach along the lines of residential treatment centres with the standard two year aftercare programmes. Medically supervised injecting rooms do not lead towards abstinence or desire to change, they simply facilitate and enable further drug use and prolong rehabilitation. They are simply used to remove from sight those that are injecting in the public domain but they are then placed back on our streets under the influence of drugs. Medically supervised injecting rooms do not stop the sale of illegal drugs on our streets or reduce the numbers taking drugs. The tried and tested way of assisting addicts is residential recovery programmes.

Order: Report to Councillor.

331. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council calls on the Chief Executive Officer not to proceed with the sale or lease or disposal of the unique mews / stables properties at Dawson Street – rear of 14 / 15 St. Stephen's Green North.

Order: Report to Councillor.

332. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This committee calls on the Chief Executive to consider, as part of the council's housing policy, measures by which older people living in large houses may be encouraged to move into smaller accommodation. In particular, the council should seek to promote the construction of two bed roomed units in the city council area.

Order: Report to Councillor.

333. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That the Area Manager reopens the three sets of steps along the Sandymount sea wall which were blocked up many years ago after a flood. This blocked access restricts many people from the beach. The sea only floods in very specific conditions. These conditions can be forecast long in advance and of course the high tide is timed to the minute. There now exists very effective and cheap gating which can block and gap, for example at Merrion Gates access.

Moved by Councillor Flynn. Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Chairperson
Dated 8th June 2015

Attendance

Members

Councillor M. Flynn (in the chair).

Councillors C. Byrne, D. Lacey, F. Kennedy, J. O'Callaghan, K. O'Connell, M. Freehill, P. McCartan, P. Smyth, P. Costello, R. McGinley, S. Stapleton and C. Andrews.

Councillor D. Doolan as speaker.

Officials

R. Kenny, Area Manager, South East Area Office.

F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.

M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

G. Geoghegan, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

E. Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation.

D. Wallace, Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation.

K. O'Neill, Senior Executive Landscape Architect, Parks and Landscapes Services.

H. McNamara, Administrative Officer, Environment & Transportation.

Non-officials

L. McGrath

K. O'Callaghan

B. Boland

J. Boland

Q.1 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to add the Scouts Hall at the top of Mount Argus Road to the List of Protected Structures. The hall is more than a hundred years old and has connections with many historical events.

Reply:

At present there are a large number of additions and deletions under consideration by the Conservation Section including a significant number of discrepancies in the current Record of Protected Structures. The priority for the Conservation Research Officers who deal with this area is to carry out the required desktop research and outdoor work to ensure that the current Record of Protected Structures is as accurate and up to date as possible for the new Development Plan.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager if the Roads Department proposes taking action in consultation with local residents in connection with dangerous trees at Glenavy Park Terenure.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Services Division will arrange to cut back any overhanging branches that are interfering with pedestrian movement.

Parks and Landscapes Services Division has carried out an inspection of the trees at this location. Once the overhanging branches are removed by the Road Maintenance Services Division, there should be no immediate danger from these trees.

Q.3 Councillor Paddy Smyth

Can the Traffic Manager supply details of what system is used along the Grand Canal to sequence the traffic lights? Are the junctions co-ordinated/timed with each other or does each junction operate on a stand-alone basis? Can the junction sequences be operated remotely (off site)?

Reply:

Dublin City Council uses an adaptive urban traffic control system called SCATS to optimise the operation of traffic signals within the city, including those junctions along the Grand Canal. This system allows traffic signals at different junctions to be co-ordinated, and adjusts the timings of signals in response to changing traffic conditions on the ground using information gathered from vehicle detectors located in the roadway. In addition, traffic conditions throughout the city, including the along the Grand Canal, are monitored by staff in the City Council's Traffic Control Centre via a network of CCTV cameras. Staff in the control centre can make amendments to the operation of signals when the need arises, such as in the event of an accident or incident that leads to traffic congestion.

With regard to the junctions along the Grand Canal, a number of these junctions operate as standalone junctions as the distance between junctions would render co-ordination of the signals ineffective. Other junctions are co-ordinated in the direction of inbound traffic to the city centre, such as the junction of Rathmines Road at Portobello which is co-ordinated with signals along Richmond Street / Camden Street as traffic volumes in this direction are dominant.

As each junction along the canal is different in terms of both the physical layout of the street network, and demands from different travel modes such as trams, pedestrians, cyclists and private cars, each of the junctions are designed with the aim of providing the optimum solution for each individual location.

- Where Luas trams are incorporated into a junction, such as at the Naas Road / Davitt Road and Suir Road / Davitt Road junctions, efforts are made to give priority to the tram in so far as possible as it is a public transport service.
- Where pedestrian signals have been provided they are sequenced so as not to conflict with vehicle movements, and safe minimum crossing times based on the width of road to be crossed are maintained at all times to ensure that pedestrians can cross the road in a safe manner.
- Cyclists are accommodated in a number of different ways: within the signals for general traffic, with their own dedicated traffic signals or concurrently with pedestrians where it is appropriate to do so, and they do not conflict with pedestrian movements.

As an example of sequencing, at some of the junctions on the Grand Canal Cycle Route pedestrians and cyclists are accommodated separately to general traffic, and the operation of the signals is as follows:

- A red signal is shown to general traffic so that all vehicles are required to stop.
- A steady green pedestrian signal is then displayed to pedestrians. The purpose of this signal is simply to indicate to pedestrians that they may start to cross the road, and the length of the signal is not related to the time required for pedestrians to cross. The typical time setting for this element is 6.0 seconds, which is similar to the vast majority of pedestrian crossings in the city. A red signal is shown to cyclists for the duration of the steady green pedestrian signal.
- After these 6 seconds the green pedestrian signal begins to flash. This is to indicate to pedestrians that they should not start to cross the road, but that there is sufficient time for people already on the crossing to finish crossing. The duration of the flashing green signal is based on the time required to cross the road at an average walking speed of 1.2 m/s.
- At the start of the flashing green pedestrian signal the red signal continues to be shown to cyclists. After a short delay, this changes to a flashing amber signal. The flashing amber signal is an indication to cyclists that they may proceed only if the crossing is clear - if there are pedestrians on the crossing cyclists must yield to them.
- After the flashing green pedestrian signal, a red pedestrian signal is displayed to pedestrians to indicate that they must not start to cross the road. After a short delay, the flashing amber signal to cyclists changes to a green signal, indicating that cyclists may now proceed.
- Finally, the cycle signals display an amber signal, followed by a red signal to indicate that the cyclist phase has finished, and a green signal is displayed to general traffic.

This is only one example of sequencing used along the Grand Canal. As each junction operates differently according to the needs and constraints of the location it would not be possible to detail the operation of every junction. However if there is a

query about, or issue with, a specific location that the Councillor would like to raise, a more detailed response on that issue can be provided.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to provide a detailed report on gully cleaning on Ranelagh Road and Lower Beechwood Avenue?

Reply:

Date	Street	Inspected	Cleaned
27/05/2015	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
18/11/2014	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	8
24/06/2014	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
11/06/2014	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	7
10/12/2013	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
13/09/2013	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
09/09/2013	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	8
03/12/2012	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	8
21/12/2011	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
11/08/2011	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
21/03/2011	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
21/10/2010	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
21/05/2010	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
06/01/2010	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	12	11
30/06/2009	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	10
19/06/2009	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	1	1
07/04/2009	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	12	9
12/09/2008	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	12	10
08/02/2008	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
29/06/2007	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	9
25/04/2007	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	4	4
24/04/2007	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	1	1

23/04/2007	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	3	3
15/02/2007	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	2
14/11/2006	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	8	7
29/09/2006	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	11	2
01/02/2006	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	11	8
26/07/2005	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	4
16/12/2004	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	11	4
19/02/2004	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	10	5
16/02/2004	BEECHWOOD AVENUE LOWER	9	8
Date	Street	Inspected	Cleaned
28/05/2015	RANELAGH ROAD	35	34
27/05/2015	RANELAGH ROAD	10	10
07/05/2015	RANELAGH ROAD	5	5
05/05/2015	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
06/11/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	22	22
06/11/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
05/11/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	31	31
05/06/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	46	46
24/05/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
24/05/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
20/05/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
16/01/2014	RANELAGH ROAD	8	8
04/12/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	53	53
08/11/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
03/10/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
19/09/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	5	5
22/08/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	48	48
29/05/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
15/05/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	20	19
11/05/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
10/05/2013	RANELAGH ROAD	24	24
28/11/2012	RANELAGH ROAD	53	53
23/04/2012	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
14/12/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	53	53
29/11/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	3	3
25/10/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
24/10/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
10/08/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	53	53
26/05/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1

13/04/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	63	63
16/03/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
09/02/2011	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
22/11/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
11/11/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	44	44
23/09/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
16/07/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
17/06/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
26/05/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	49	49
14/04/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
29/03/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
10/02/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	48	48
13/01/2010	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
15/09/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
06/08/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	45	45
17/06/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
24/05/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
24/05/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
01/04/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	52	52
27/02/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	5	5
02/02/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
02/02/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
02/02/2009	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
12/12/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
13/11/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	2	1
12/11/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
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09/11/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
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19/09/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
17/09/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
17/09/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/08/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	50	49
19/08/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
30/05/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
30/05/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/05/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/05/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/05/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
05/03/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
05/03/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
05/03/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1

05/03/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
21/02/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/02/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	12	12
20/02/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	38	37
30/01/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
10/01/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	4	4
10/01/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	3	3
09/01/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
08/01/2008	RANELAGH ROAD	6	6
20/09/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	33	33
19/09/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	30	30
20/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	6	5
19/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
18/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
16/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
12/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
11/07/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
21/06/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/03/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
21/03/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
11/01/2007	RANELAGH ROAD	5	5
09/12/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	27	26
09/12/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	15	15
15/11/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
15/11/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
05/10/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
21/05/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	28	28
21/05/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	21	21
15/05/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	3	3
19/04/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
29/03/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	3	3
29/03/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
24/03/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
11/01/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	4	4
11/01/2006	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
24/11/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
11/10/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
24/06/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
20/01/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	21	21
19/01/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	21	21
13/01/2005	RANELAGH ROAD	14	14
18/11/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
29/10/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
28/10/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	2	2
27/10/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	5	5
21/10/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	4	4

18/08/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
18/08/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
15/07/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
15/07/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
13/07/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	1	1
19/02/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	28	27
18/02/2004	RANELAGH ROAD	21	21

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to remove disused bus stops on Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ashfield Avenue and Dunville Avenue – opposite Mortons.

Reply:

The Area Engineer had previously contacted Dublin Bus regarding the unused bus stop pole on Dunville Avenue opposite Morton's to which a suitable response was received recently and this pole can be removed. The Area Engineer will contact Dublin Bus again regarding the additional bus stops mentioned on Lower Beechwood Avenue and Ashfield Avenue. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to repaint lamp standard at 24 Palmerston Gardens - this particular lamp standard has degraded and is now an eyesore.

Reply:

The lamp standard at 24 Palmerston Gardens is scheduled to be painted in the next four weeks.

Q.7 Councillor Paddy Smyth

The National Transport Authority's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan (http://www.nationaltransport.ie/downloads/A3_Cycle_Network_Plan_LOW_RES.pdf) shows a number of residential streets in the South East area as "feeder" routes. Can the Traffic Manager clarify what exactly this means from an engineering perspective? Will these roads have designated cycle lanes? Will vehicular traffic be discouraged from these routes? Do plans exist for these feeder routes in the South East area?

Reply:

Feeder routes are defined in the National Cycle Manual as 'Cycle routes within local zones, and / or connections from zones to the network levels above'.

In general, there's an assumption in the GDA Cycle Network Plan that all roads that aren't on the Primary, Secondary or Feeder networks are 'cycleable' already, i.e. require no further work or investment. Feeder routes have been identified where they connect a 'cycleable' local zone to either a Primary or a Secondary cycle route, usually as the most direct or most legible route within that zone.

There's no blanket requirement to provide cycle infrastructure or to restrict vehicular traffic on Feeder routes, though either option would be worth considering in order to enhance safety for cyclists. (A combination of infrastructure and traffic restrictions would probably be overkill.)

Both Dublin City Council and the NTA have no current plans for Feeder route development. Priority is being given to improving the primary cycling network.

Q.8 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to advise on *details supplied.

Reply:

No. 1 (two bedroom flat) was allocated to the current tenant by way of inter-transfer with No.14 (one bedroom flat) in 2011.

The unit next door is a one room unit previously used as a rent office. It is currently used by our Caretaking Section for the storage of equipment required to carry out their daily duties.

Further work will be required to establish whether this proposal is feasible.

Dublin City Council's rent scheme is based on household income and does not relate to the size of the dwelling or the number of bedrooms.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to removes 2 phone booths on Ranelagh Road at nurse on call office. Disused booths are blocking path at a busy location

Reply:

These particular payphones have not been identified for removal by Dublin City Council for removal to date. However, Traffic Management and Control now recommends that the two payphones on Ranelagh Road be removed for pedestrian management reasons. This request will be referred to Eircom for consideration.

Q.10 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to remove 2 dead trees on Upper Beechwood Avenue and arrange replacement.

Reply:

The two dead trees have been cut back. The remaining trees stumps have been included in our works programme to be removed by contract. Replacement trees will be planted in January / February 2016 as part of our tree planting programme.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to arrange to take action in relation to an overflowing Keywaste bin left on Ranelagh Road at Ranelagh Market for 3 days.

Reply:

The local Litter Warden has made arrangement for the outstanding Key Waste bin to be removed.

Q.12 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask Area Manager to arrange for public realm officer to remove bicycle locks from street signage on Ranelagh Road at various locations. It is a hazard for pedestrians and is unsightly.

Reply:

The locks, chains and abandoned cycles / part cycles will be removed in this area within the next two weeks.

Q.13 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to repaint lamp standards on Lower Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh.

Reply:

Five of the twelve public lighting standards here are included on a list of poles to be painted, subject to finances available. The remaining seven public lighting standards are concrete columns which do not require painting.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Area Manager to arrange to have graffiti removed from an ESB generator-cum-telecommunication box on the main footpath at the Wilfield Estate on Sandymount Avenue. Despite best efforts from the managing agent of Wilfield Estate, involving numerous letters and follow-up telephone calls to various council departments through Dublin City to remove same, no action has been taken.

Reply:

This graffiti will be removed as soon as possible.

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Area Manager to give me a progress report on the following issue. At the September 2014 Area Committee Meeting it was confirmed that Road Maintenance would look into the installation of a sloped kerb at the entrance to Wilfield Estate, Sandymount Avenue. No works have been carried out and the condition of the footpath and height difference between the road and footpath has deteriorated further. Residents would greatly appreciate that this matter be expedited.

Reply:

Works on Wilfield Estate are on our works programme and will be carried out as soon as possible. However due to limited resources, works are prioritised on a safety basis. Road Maintenance will re-inspect the entrance to Wilfield estate and assess if it can be moved up the works programme.

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Area Manager to address the following issue: Approximately 17 years ago Sandymount residents fought strongly and successfully and won their battle to have a three ton limit implemented as part of a HGV exclusion zone. Residents were sick and tired of HGVs rat-running through avenues and roads. Over the past 24 months since Kilsaran Concrete Products moved premises from Hanover Quay to their new location in Ringsend, their drivers have been flouting the law in that they drive along Church Place and then turn left into Tritonville Road, despite the fact there has been a three ton limit sign in place there for ten years. Similarly, when returning, these same drivers turn down Pembroke Road and onto Lansdowne Road, again where a three ton limit is in place.

Reply:

Enforcement of illegal access of Heavy Goods Vehicles is a matter for the Gardaí and complaints of this nature should be sent directly to them. We will bring this particular complaint to their attention at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting, due to be held in June.

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager when will weed-spraying be completed in Home Villas, Broc's Cottages and Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook?

Reply:

Weed spraying in these areas has now been completed.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager when will the footpaths in Pembroke Cottages and Broc's Cottages be repaired, and public lighting improved in these areas.

Reply:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpaths in Pembroke Cottages and Broc's Cottages. Overall, the footpaths are considered serviceable however localised repairs have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Replacement of the existing low pressure sodium lanterns with white lights will be added to a list for inclusion on a future programme subject to finances available.

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to ensure that more litter bins are installed around the football pitches in Herbert Park.

Reply:

It is considered that there are sufficient rubbish bins located in Herbert Park. Parks Services would encourage park users to use the bins provided or preferably take their rubbish home with them.

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager when the next meeting of the Herbert Park Users' Group is scheduled.

Reply:

Meetings of the Park User Group are arranged by the Chairperson of the Park User Group and not by Park Services, Dublin City Council.

A Conservation and Management Plan for Herbert Park is currently being undertaken and a draft copy will be available shortly for comment. This plan will take into account all matters in relation to the ongoing management of the park and there will be public consultation as part of this study during the summer months with relevant stakeholders, including the Herbert Park User Group.

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to furnish an explanation for the removal of railings from Herbert Park as part of the Dodder flood alleviation works. Could she confirm that a wall which is being constructed is a temporary measure, and that the railings will be reinstated? Residents are concerned that the park will become an open field and a magnet for anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

The wall being constructed in Herbert Park is part of the River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phases 2C, 2D and 2E. It is not a temporary structure. The railings have been removed and are being stored in the pavilion in Herbert Park. On advice from Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks Section, they will not be reinstated excepting the ornamental curved railings by the existing footpath entrance into the Park itself at the Ballsbridge end of the Park and railings from here to the neighbouring apartment complex.

The pathway along the River Dodder and Herbert Park has always been a secluded area with dense evergreen vegetation and poor visibility into the park and the River

Dodder. Although the area has public lighting there is a perception of its being unsafe.

The railing along this section of the park, based on a recent assessment, is not historically significant, and is an 'Ordinary Type' railing considered to date from circa 1925, unlike the 'Gothic Wrought Iron' railings at the sluice gate entrance and along the 'ramparts' which date from 1905, both of which will be retained. Replacing the 'Ordinary Type' railing on the low flood defence wall would not be in keeping with the style and character of the boundary treatment in the park.

With the proposal of the Dodder Flood Defence to create a low stub wall, approx 600mm high, along this boundary of the park, it was considered that there was an opportunity to improve the connectivity between the River Dodder and the park. This has been done by i) allowing the flood defence stub wall to delineate the boundary line of the park ii) removing the semi-mature line of evergreen oaks which has improved visibility into the park and enhanced passive surveillance and iii) widening the footpath to encourage increased and safer use of this area of the park by walkers, cyclists and joggers.

It is proposed to retain the ornate entrance at the Ballsbridge end of the park. Some railings at the Donnybrook end will also be retained and a new link path into the park will be created. This will encourage the public to use designated entrances rather than traversing the stub wall.

It is considered that these changes will improve accessibility, reinforce connectivity with the River Dodder, which historically has been an important feature of the park and enhance the enjoyment of the park and passive surveillance for the park user. It is considered that these changes will reduce, rather than increase anti-social activity in the park.

Q.22 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to provide an explanation of the rationale as to why Go Car vehicles are permitted to park on Pleasant's Street, Dublin 8, when they are not in use. Previously they were parked on a private space off Pleasant's Street between Synge Street and Camden Street, which did not affect the parking available to residents. However in the past approx six months they park on the Pleasant's Street rather than in the private space.

Reply:

GoCar previously used a private space on Pleasant's Street for one of their vehicles however they found that the space was constantly being obstructed. With the introduction of Car Club Parking Permits, car club vehicles are allowed park in any Pay & Display parking area in the City. The council is, however, conscious of issues arising in high demand residential parking areas and has therefore only given permission for one static car club base on Pleasant's Street, one on Synge Street and one on Grantham Street. GoCar has been reminded of their obligations in this regard. Any car club vehicle in use by a member of the public can park in any legal parking space anywhere in the city. It is estimated that one car club vehicle can reduce the number of private vehicles by around 7 to 10. If any resident is experiencing difficulty in obtaining parking on their designated street he or she should contact this section directly for assistance (email parking enforcement@dublincity.ie).

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce measures which will improve visibility for cars turning at the various junctions of Drommard Avenue, Seafort Terrace and Seafort Avenue.

Reply:

The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) references research which has concluded that drivers were less cautious where greater visibility was provided. Reducing forward visibility is one of the most effective measures used to increase driver caution and reduce speeds. Similarly reduced visibility splays at junctions is interlinked with place making benefits and traffic calming such as increased retail viability, increased pedestrian activity, increased on-street parking and reduced building setbacks. It is therefore not recommended to introduce measures to increase visibility at the various junctions of Drommard Avenue, Seafort Terrace and Seafort Avenue.

Q.24 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce adequate facilities and signage to address the dog fouling issue adjacent to Pearse House, Dublin 2.

Reply:

The Housing Section will circulate a letter to all residents in Pearse House reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. There is already signage within Pearse House complex regarding dog fouling however we will examine if it is feasible to install further signage.

Extra signage will be erected outside of the complex.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for a manual cleaning of the part of the road beside the footpath kerbs on Grand Canal Street, Dublin 2 to address the fact that, due to the problem of parked cars, it is not possible to clean the area properly with machines.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the footpath kerbs on Grand Canal Street manually cleaned on the 27th May 2015.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the pothole on the Merrion Road at bus stop No. 422 (outside the nursing home beside the Topaz garage on the Merrion Road, and opposite St. Vincent's Hospital). (See two photos attached).

Reply:

This pothole has been added to Road Maintenance works list for repair within the next two weeks.

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the damaged stretch of footpath on the Sandymount side (as opposed to the Merrion side) of the Martello Tower, Strand Road, which is in the vicinity of the public toilet cubicle (see photo attached).

Reply:

Road Maintenance have inspected the footpath on the Sandymount side of the Martello Tower on Strand Road and added this repair work to our works programme.

These repairs will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the large and dangerous pothole on Newgrove Avenue, on the stretch of road outside St. Cathryn's Court.

Reply:

This pothole has been added to Road Maintenance works list for repair within the next two weeks.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following housing query *details supplied.

Reply:

The applicant *details supplied is currently on the transfer list in 17th position for a three bed and in 4th position for a four bed in Area L (Mercer House / Clanbrassil Street / Dolphins Barn). There is no three bed vacancy in the complex that is ready for allocation at the moment.

The applicant has been in contact with the Allocations Section regarding her transfer and has been advised to address the current arrears on the rent account to ensure her application can be taken into consideration when vacancies arise in the complex and the surrounding area.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following road traffic problem *details supplied.

Reply:

The issue of parking at the above location is listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Below is a question which I asked at the March SEAC meeting together with the answer I received:

Q: "This Committee calls on the Manager to place adequate signage and to install dog waste bins and scooping facilities in Ringsend Park and on the surrounding streets to deal with the problem of dog fouling."

A: "Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at Ringsend Park and surrounding streets.

Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscapes Services have joined forces to try to eliminate dog fouling in parks, open green spaces and indeed throughout the city.

Meetings have taken place between representatives of both Departments who have agreed there is a need to:

- To develop a strategy.
- Set a broad policy.
- Put a model in place.

- Ensure the Area Offices are involved.
- Then roll out policy."

To ask the Area Manager to outline what precise steps have taken place in the past three months to implement the signage referred to in the answer above.

Reply:

There are currently anti-dog fouling notices at the following locations at Ringsend Park:-

- Ringsend Park (across from school),
- Strasburg Terrace,
- St Patricks Villas.

The Litter Warden for the South East area office has also recently visited the park and distributed dog-fouling bags to the dog walkers in the park.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Below is a question which I asked at the February SEAC meeting together with the answer I received:

Q. To ask the Area Manager to insert hand rails on the steps which access the beach from the promenade on Sandymount Strand where rails are not currently there. At present on the second set of steps as one enters the Strand from the Sandymount end (i.e. the second set of steps walking away from the white sculpture given by the President of Mexico) there is no hand rail. Some years ago there had been a hand rail here but it was removed due to rust and never replaced. It renders these steps unusable to those with reduced mobility such as elderly people.

A. This task has been included in the work schedule for 2015. It is expected that it will be completed prior to the summer.

To ask the Area Manager whether the completion date of "*prior to the summer*" will be met as previously indicated?

Reply:

This work is included on our current work schedule and will be undertaken as soon as possible over the coming weeks.

Q.33 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the grass on the Dublin City Council owned strip of land at the entrance to Belmont Villas, Donnybrook, to be cut and the area cleaned up of dumping that has occurred.

Reply:

This work has been included in our works programme and will be undertaken over the coming days and thereafter at regular intervals.

Q.34 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to install a sign outside Sydney Parade Dart Station directing people to St. Vincent's Hospital, as many visitors to the hospital arrive by Dart and then foot, but the way is currently not marked as they leave the Dart station.

Reply:

The Traffic Officer reports that there is an existing White on Blue "H" sign system in existence that directs motorists on to Merrion Road and up to St. Vincent's Hospital Hospital. Traffic Division does not provide hospital signage for non-vehicular traffic.

Q.35 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to tackle the following issue *details supplied.

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 25th February, 2014, did not recommend the provision of traffic calming measures on details supplied as, it reported, there was no evidence of speeds in excess of the applicable speed limit on the road.

The criteria used to determine the need for traffic calming measures are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed 50km/h.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

Q.36 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the application for a disabled parking spot at the following location *details supplied.

Reply:

On receipt of the necessary documents/details on 22nd April, 2015, from the resident concerned, the request for a disabled parking bay opposite No. 6b on *details supplied, was referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. It is expected that a recommendation on the request for a disabled parking bay will be submitted to the Traffic Advisory Group meeting of 23rd June, 2015.

Q.37 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to remove the graffiti from the Grand Canal Bridge (McMahon Bridge).

Reply:

This graffiti will be removed.

Q.38 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to give a serious pruning to the fruit-bearing tree at the following location *details supplied.

Reply:

Fruit bearing trees can add significantly to biodiversity in the urban environment and therefore are beneficial to the streetscape and in keeping with the City Council's Biodiversity Action Plan to enhance biodiversity within the city.

However, in order to reduce the negative impact which may be accrue from such fruit bearing trees it is proposed to undertake some crown reduction of the trees over the coming six to eight weeks.

Q.39 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can explore possible solutions to the ongoing issue of parking on footpaths on Marlborough Road, Dublin 4, and if such solutions could include the placing of bollards along the footpaths here.

Reply:

An examination carried out by the Area Engineer on Marlborough Road did not reveal illegal parking on the footpaths at any location. If more information regarding a specific location along the 500 metre Marlborough Road could be sent to traffic@dublincity.ie; a re-examination can be carried out.

Q.40 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please replace the public litter bins on Synge Street / Grantham Street in Portobello to help address the on-going issue of litter in the area.

Reply:

There is a litter bin on Synge Street and two litter bins on Grantham Street. In fact there are over forty litter bins in this whole Portobello block, which more than adequately deal with the litter requirements of this area. There are no plans to install more litter bins in this area.

Q.41 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can please increase the frequency of street cleaning on Pearse Street and Grand Canal Street and to install anti dog fouling signs along these streets as there have been complaints about serious litter and dog fouling problems in the area.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Pearse Street and Grand Canal Street cleaned regularly during the day on a daily basis. Anti-dog fouling signs have been ordered for the area in question.

Q.42 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will install a yellow box at the west end of Pearse Square to allow residents of the square to access and exit more easily as it is regularly blocked by traffic heading towards the Macken Street Junction. This would also help deter other drivers attempting to use the square as a rat run which is another frequent occurrence.

Reply:

The request for a yellow box on Pearse Street at the west end of Pearse Square has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.43 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to install 'no dumping' signs at the West corner of Pearse Square as there is regular illegal dumping taking place here

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to have the appropriate signage installed at this location.

Q.44 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if there are plans to replace the tree that was removed at the corner of Emorville Avenue and Lombard Street, Dublin 8, and when this replacement will take place.

Reply:

The tree at this location will be considered for replacement tree planting as part of our tree planting programme for 2015 / 2016.

Q.45 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she can introduce measures to enhance the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists using the Grand Canal cycle route, such as introducing more yellow boxes and better signalling at key junctions to minimise the risk of cars breaking red lights and moving into incoming walkers and cyclists, and if a full examination can be carried out to assess driver and cyclist behaviour at these junctions.

Reply:

The junctions along the canal are different in terms of both the physical layout of the street network, and demands from different travel modes such as trams, pedestrians, cyclists and private cars. Each of the junctions is designed with the aim of providing the optimum solution for each individual location.

- Where pedestrian signals have been provided they are sequenced so as not to conflict with vehicle movements, and safe minimum crossing times based on the width of road to be crossed are maintained at all times to ensure that pedestrians can cross the road in a safe manner.
- Cyclists are accommodated in a number of different ways: within the signals for general traffic, with their own dedicated traffic signals or concurrently with pedestrians where it is appropriate to do so, and they do not conflict with pedestrian movements.

As an example of sequencing, at some of the junctions on the Grand Canal Cycle Route pedestrians and cyclists are accommodated separately to general traffic, and the operation of the signals is as follows:

- A red signal is shown to general traffic so that all vehicles are required to stop.
- A steady green pedestrian signal is then displayed to pedestrians. The purpose of this signal is simply to indicate to pedestrians that they may start to cross the road, and the length of the signal is not related to the time required for pedestrians to cross. The typical time setting for this element is 6.0 seconds, which is similar to the vast majority of pedestrian crossings in the city. A red signal is shown to cyclists for the duration of the steady green pedestrian signal.
- After these 6 seconds the green pedestrian signal begins to flash. This is to indicate to pedestrians that they should not start to cross the road, but that there is sufficient time for people already on the crossing to finish crossing. The duration of the flashing green signal is based on the time required to cross the road at an average walking speed of 1.2 m/s.
- At the start of the flashing green pedestrian signal the red signal continues to be shown to cyclists. After a short delay, this changes to a flashing amber signal. The flashing amber signal is an indication to cyclists that they may

proceed only if the crossing is clear - if there are pedestrians on the crossing cyclists must yield to them.

- After the flashing green pedestrian signal, a red pedestrian signal is displayed to pedestrians to indicate that they must not start to cross the road. After a short delay, the flashing amber signal to cyclists changes to a green signal, indicating that cyclists may now proceed.
- Finally, the cycle signals display an amber signal, followed by a red signal to indicate that the cyclist phase has finished, and a green signal is displayed to general traffic.

Yellow boxes have also been provided to facilitate efficient movement of traffic where they have been assessed as necessary.

Q.46 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to consider requiring all dogs in Dartmouth Square to be kept on a leash in the interest of all of the park's users.

Reply:

Dartmouth Square is a very popular location for dog owners; however dogs being left off the leash is governed by the park bye laws approved by Dublin City Council which currently allows for dogs to be off the lead up to 11am in the morning and the last hour before park closing in the evening.

The bye laws do not allow for variations for individual parks.

Q.47 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a report on any maintenance and improvement work that has been carried out in Hertzog Park in the last three months.

Reply:

The woodland area has been cleaned of litter and rubbish in the last number of weeks and the hedges trimmed. The park receives regular grass cutting, litter control and weed control on an ongoing basis.

Consultation with the local community is currently underway to create a landscape master plan which will enhance the park as a greater resource for all the community.

Q.48 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to inspect the trees at 88 Greenlea Road and report as to whether or not they have been cut back by the owner as was requested, or to confirm that Council intervention was needed following the problems that these trees caused earlier in the year. If this issue has been resolved, is it likely to arise again shortly as we enter the summer season?

Reply:

A letter was sent instructing the property owners to cut back their trees in January following a complaint received from the public.

The property owner advised they were investigating to have major work completed with regard to the trees (i.e. their removal). Road Maintenance did not check what works had been completed.

Road Maintenance can inspect the area again but can only send another notice once the trees become an issue again.

Q.49 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager to investigate the possibility of easing traffic congestion along Terenure Road West as inbound tailbacks are now stretching beyond the entrance to Parkmore Drive. Is there any possibility for the department to monitor the situation by installing a camera and altering the traffic light sequencing as and when is needed? In addition, frequently road users on Terenure Road West have a green light but cannot proceed because there is a red light at the adjacent junction with Rathfarnham Road. Can this also be investigated? Should this go to the TAG / Engineer, I would appreciate the reference being provided in the reply.

Reply:

Further to your query in relation to traffic congestion on Terenure Road West the operation of the traffic signals at the junction of Terenure Road West, Terenure Place and Templeogue Road, and at the junction of Terenure Place and Rathfarnham Road (Terenure Cross) has been reviewed.

Both of these junctions are controlled via the City Council's urban traffic management system, SCATS. This system is used to co-ordinate the operation of signals to aid in the progression of traffic. At this location, there are two busy approaches to Terenure Place - one from Templeogue Road and one from Terenure Road West. It is not possible to co-ordinate the signals such that both of these approaches are shown a green signal every time a green signal is shown to Terenure Place at Terenure Cross. However, the current operation of the signals allows for co-ordination to alternate between the two approaches - essentially every second time the green signal at Terenure Road West is shown it will coincide with the green signal at Terenure Cross, and similarly the green signal at Templeogue Road will coincide with Terenure Cross every second time it runs also. Although this means that traffic on both Terenure Road West & Templeogue Road will encounter a red signal at Terenure Cross on every second change of the signals, it is considered that this is the most efficient means of balancing demands from both of these approaches.

Traffic count data from the junction shows that Templeogue Road carries approximately 25% more traffic than Terenure Road West and during the morning and evening peak hours Templeogue Road receives between 22% & 28% more time than Terenure Road West. Therefore the proportion of time received by each approach corresponds well to the traffic demand associated with that approach, and the current time settings for the signals are considered appropriate.

With regard to CCTV, the City Council operates a network of traffic-related CCTV cameras that are monitored by staff in the Traffic Control centre on an ongoing basis, and there is a camera at Terenure Cross from which the Templeogue Road & Terenure Road West junction is monitored.

Q.50 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager if there are still plans afoot to change the operating times of the bus lane along Rathgar Road from ceasing at 10am, to continuing all day. If so, at what stage is this plan?

Reply:

An investigation into the plans identified above to change the operating times of the bus lane along Rathgar Road will be carried out by the Area Engineer and a response will be sent to the councillor once completed.

Q.51 Councillor Kate O'Connell

To ask the Manager for a history of Dublin City Council's involvement with the parking situation on Wilfield Road.

Reply:

The issues of commuter parking and safety on Wilfield Road have been examined in detail previously. Turning bans, ramps, additional signage, single and double yellow lines have all been considered before.

A proposal to introduce pay and display and permit parking on one side of the road, with double yellow lines on the opposite side, was strongly rejected by the residents following ballot in 2007. This proposal could not facilitate parking on the road for all the residents because of restrictions in width, but would have opened the possibility for residents of Wilfield to park in the streets adjacent that have controlled parking, subject to availability.

The proposed method of controlling parking at this location, rather than prohibiting parking and restricting access, is to have a controlled parking scheme introduced. A scheme could only be introduced if the residents were balloted again and a majority of the residents voted in favour of the scheme. In view of the overwhelming rejection of this scheme previously, any request to re-ballot residents on pay and display and permit parking could only be considered if there is evidence of support by a substantial number of residents.

Q.52 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the measures in place as part of Dublin City Council's Dublin Cruise Traffic and Urban Regeneration Plan (CTUR) and work to date by the Council under this plan to actively promote cruise ship tourism to Dublin. Cruise ship tourism is the fastest sector in global tourism. 1,642 ships arrived into Dublin Port in the first three months of this year so it is economically prudent for the Council to capitalise on this sector growth.

Reply:

The success of the Cruise Traffic and Urban Regeneration Plan (CTUR) depends on Dublin Port Company receiving planning permission from An Bord Pleanála (and other consents from other agencies) to allow it to construct the Alexandra Basin Redevelopment Project. As part of this project, existing berths would be reconstructed to allow large cruise ships berth adjacent to East Link Bridge.

The potential for growth in the cruise business in Dublin appears strong against a background where Dublin Port Company anticipates having its best year ever this year in terms of cruise visitor numbers.

Dublin City Council, in conjunction with the Dublin Port company and the Dublin Docklands Development Authority, together with a Local Support Group, developed a Local Action Plan for CTUR. Since then, DCC and Dublin Port have been actively engaged in promoting cruise ship tourism to Dublin.

A Strategic Infrastructure Application has been submitted by Dublin Port to An Bord Pleanála for enhanced facilities at Alexander Basin to enable larger cruise ships to dock. This scheme, supported by DCC, is currently under consideration by An Bord Pleanála. Connectivity between the Port and the City Centre continues to be upgraded with the extension of dublinbikes to the Point, and the Public Realm Strategy for the campshires within SDZ. There are long term plans to extend the LUAS line closer to the Cruise Terminal.

Q.53 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive for a status update on the proposal by Dublin Port Company to transfer 10.5 hectares of land it owns on the western side of Bull Island beside the North Bull Wall, adjacent to the Royal Dublin golf club, to Dublin City Council. The land transfer, in addition to a payment of €1.2 million towards new visitor facilities on the island, was included as a "community gain" element in its planning application to An Bord Pleanála to provide new and deeper berths in the Alexandra Basin.

Reply:

The transfer of the lands to Dublin City Council and the payment of €1.2m are contingent on Dublin Port Company being granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála for its Alexandra Basin Redevelopment and, within this permission, An Bord Pleanála accepting Dublin Port Company's community gain proposal.

Dublin City Council is awaiting the decision of An Bord Pleanála in this case.

Q.54 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive the location and identity of Dublin City Council (DCC) buildings currently in breach of disability legislation concerning access for wheelchair users; to ask the Chief Executive the number of DCC public buildings currently in need of modification and refurbishment to ensure adequate and appropriate access for wheelchair users.

Reply:

- The Disability Act 2005
 - Section 25(1) states that "a public body shall ensure that its public buildings are, **as far as practicable**, accessible to persons with disabilities
 - Section 25(3) (a) states that public buildings shall be brought into compliance with Part M not later than 31 December 2015
- The DECLG were overseeing this commitment. It was envisaged that considerable monies from DECLG and from Planning Levies would fund the necessary upgrades.
- Considerable monies were made available in 2006 - 2008 to carry out the Access Audits. In all 128 Buildings, 137 Parks, 20 Bring Centres and 1200km of Roads and Streets in Dublin City Council were access audited to outline upgrading required to provide compliance with Building Regulation Part M 2000 Access for People with Disabilities. Note, this includes all disabled people, not just people in wheelchairs.
- A Disability Implementation Plan (IP) was drawn up and included a phased upgrading of all the DCC stock as per the access audits. The IP can be seen on the corporate website www.dublincity.ie. The Access Audits can be seen on website www.accessdublin.ie.
- Libraries were prioritised as the first buildings to be upgraded, since they had the highest footfall. In 2008 - 2009 Designs were prepared for nine Libraries. Of these five went to tender and with the funds made available four proceeded. Pembroke, Drumcondra, Ballyfermot and Rathmines Libraries have been upgraded. Other funding has been secured for Kevin Street Library and this is

scheduled to open early 2016. A major signage project took place in the Civic Offices and a disabled WC has been added.

- Unfortunately in 2011 new funding from the DECLG was terminated and also Planning Development Levies were not available, as no development was taking place.
- No specific Disability funding has been secured since then until the present, June 2015.
- Since then, any works carried out have been from individual departmental budgets.
- A lot of works have actually taken place in Roads and Parks and the IP has been updated in an Appendix to document the progress made. New Quality Bus Corridors (QBCs) and Luas Line works include disability friendly crossings etc. and most bus stops have been made accessible. There has been much upgrading in parks also.
- Continual consultation with disability stakeholder groups has taken place on major infrastructural works like the Wayfinding Scheme, the Grafton Street Improvement Project, Dublin etc. and consultation is about to begin on the Parnell Square Central Library Project and No. 14 Henrietta Street (all of which have secured separate funding).
- However, with disability funding withdrawn the vast majority of the 128 DCC buildings still have disability shortcomings as per the Access Audits. In fact these audits were carried out to Building Regulation Part M 2000 and now there are even more onerous requirements as per Building Regulation Part M 2010 Access and Use.
- Funding, designs, drawings, tenders etc. are still required.

Q.55 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether any steps have been taken to install a pedestrian crossing at Harold's Cross Bridge, particularly from Clanbrassil Street onto Harold's Cross Road.

Reply:

The pedestrian facilities at Harold's Cross Bridge will be improved as part of the proposed Grand Canal Cycle Route. The Environment and Transportation Department is finalising the preliminary design of the proposals. It is anticipated that, subject to National Transport Authority approval, the public consultation process for the proposals will be commenced this summer.

Q.56 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether the trees on Terenure Road East (outside Terenure town houses) can be taken into public charge and pruned.

Reply:

These trees are located at the back of the footpath and in front of 71/72 Terenure Road East and are considered to be located on private property and therefore not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

Q.57 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether Terenure Road West and its footpath can be resurfaced in order to facilitate safe cycling as Irish Water have confirmed that 'the works that were planned previously for Terenure Road West have been de-scoped by Irish Water Asset Strategy and will no longer be commencing and that there are no other works planned at present for Terenure Road West.'

Reply:

Terenure Road West is on the Road Maintenance Services 2015 Works Programme for resurfacing. Arrangements will be made to have these works carried out over the coming months.

Q.58 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether any steps have been taken by the City Council, in consultation with the other Dublin Local Authorities or otherwise, to promote the establishment of a designated film studio within the Dublin City or County boundaries.

Reply:

The establishment of a film studio facility of scale in Dublin has often been referred to as an important and needed piece of commercial infrastructure. Dublin City Council could explore the availability of securing a site and/or a building that based on expert research could house such a facility. At present this is not a project that is being pursued and no request to do so has yet been made.

Q.59 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether grass cutting of the green areas can take place at Oaklands Drive, Rathgar, Dublin 6 as soon as possible.

Reply:

The grass has now been cut at this location and will be maintained to the required standard over the grass growing season.

Q.60 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether a Traffic Engineer could review the parking situation at the entrance to St. Luke's Hospital whereby cars are being parked on the road down to the corner which leaves only one car lane which causes delays for ambulances, patient buses, regular traffic and congestion at the corner backing onto Highfield Road. Perhaps the double yellow lines could be extended.

Reply:

The above request for an extension of double yellow lines on Oaklands Drive has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.61 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the Chief Executive whether details of the 'handover' of the recent works on the bowling pavilion in Herbert Park can be provided to members of the Herbert Park Bowling Club – such as whether the Council will have an official opening, whether the landscaping around the green will be tended to, whether signage on the building will be provided etc.

Reply:

Keys have already been given to the bowling club. Signage will be provided. Reinstatement of the parkland around the building has been completed and an

official opening will be arranged in due course when there is an operator in place for the tearooms.

If the bowling club has any issues it should raise them with the District Parks Officer based in Herbert Park.

Q.62 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the removal of historic kerb stones and flag stones within the south east area during the construction of Luas cross line? The report to include that this historic stone is safe and secure and will be put back in proper order in the exact locations that it was removed from. There is grave concern by many citizens that this historic stone will not be replaced and will become either lost or stolen in the construction process of the Luas cross city.

Reply:

All of the materials mentioned in the Councillor's question are covered under the Railway Procurement Agency's Heritage Contract. The Contractor for this work is KN Network Services. All paving / statues / heritage street furniture items are stored in a secure facility with the appropriate security arrangements in place. They will be placed back on the city streets as part of the main track infrastructure works.

Q.63 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the removal of phone boxes on Georges Street also this report to include the removal of the smart phone stands that are littering the streets of the South East Area?

Reply:

Eircom has made a commitment to remove the payphones outside Good World and Dunnes Stores on South Great Georges Street. Eircom has yet to submit a timeframe for the removal of these payphones.

The redundant former Smart Payphones are due be removed this summer throughout the Dublin City Council Administrative area.

Q.64 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager ensure that the children at the Bridgefoot Street apartments, formerly residents of Crampton Buildings, are given full access to the play areas within that apartment block for their children?

Reply:

This request was examined by Dublin City Council and Circle Voluntary Housing Association. There is no direct access from the block in question to the courtyard. Access to the courtyard is for the commercial units only.

The area office is using all our resources to ensure the residents of Crampton Buildings return by the end of the year.

Q.65 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager investigate the possibility of relocating the bottle banks and bring centre from the Milltown Road area to the much more appropriate and very accessible O Shea's pub area? The residents at Milltown Road are greatly inconvenienced by the noise from this bring centre and the general disturbance from dangerous traffic entering and exiting this car park at all hours of the day and night. It is also a huge issue around Christmas time when trees and wrapping etc. and waste are just dumped here.

Reply:

The bottle banks located in the public car park of Milltown have an established use and have been in place for the past 10 years. With so few bottle bank locations in the South East Area these bottle banks play an extremely important recycling role within the local community as evidenced by their high usage. The grounds are maintained on a daily basis and the bottle banks are power washed on a weekly basis by Dublin City Council personnel. In addition, these banks are serviced by the contractor three times every week. It would not be feasible to move the Milltown Bottle Banks to the car park of O'Shea's Public House however we will consider not including the Milltown Bottle Banks as a Christmas Tree collection point next January however it should be noted that trees will probably be placed there anyway because the Milltown site has traditionally been a popular Christmas tree collection point.

Q.66 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager furnish me with a report that all English speaking schools that facilitate foreign language students within the South East Area are in full compliance with their rates and their building codes, fire and safety codes etc?. Also, what English language schools, if any, are in arrears regarding rates?

Reply:

I attach for your information a list of ratings relating to English Language Schools in the South East Area. The list includes 17 English Language Schools (33 ratings) The annual charge is € 308,256. Three accounts are in arrears (Arrears €25,458.73 and 2 of these are in liquidation. (**) The third account has arrears outstanding in the sum of €269.11 (***)

Company Name	Address
A T C LANGUAGE & TRAVEL LIMITED	34-35A WILLIAM STREET SOUTH
ASPECT INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS LIMITED	7 EXCHANGE STREET LOWER
ATLANTIC LANGUAGE DUBLIN	BLOCK C, MAGENNIS COURT
ATLAS LANGUAGE INSTITUTE LIMITED	34 SOUTH RICHMOND STREET
**AUTHENTIK LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)	UNIT 27 BLOCK 6 WESTLAND COURT,
CENTRE OF ENGLISH STUDIES	31 DAME STREET
CENTRE OF ENGLISH STUDIES LIMITED	DAME COURT HOUSE
CIAN CROSSEN & CIARA CROSSEN – DUBLIN SCHOOL OF ENGLISH	DOLLARD HOUSE
CIAN CROSSEN & CIARA CROSSEN - DUBLIN SCHOOL OF ENGLISH	DOLLARD HOUSE
CIAN CROSSEN & CIARA CROSSEN - DUBLIN SCHOOL OF ENGLISH	3RD FLOOR (PT OF), 2-5 WELLINGTON QUAY
*** DARREN HOGARTY T/A TRINITY ENGLISH SCHOOL	OFFICE (2ND FL FRONT)
E F INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS LIMITED	29 AND 30 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE SOUTH
HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LIMITED	40 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER

HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LIMITED	40 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LTD	4 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LTD	4 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LTD	4 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
HUGH DELANEY, PATRICK DELANEY & PAUL DELANEY	67 HARCOURT STREET
KENILWORTH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE LIMITED	4 KENILWORTH SQUARE
KENILWORTH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE LIMITED	COLLEGE (1ST 2ND AND 3RD FLRS)
LIVING LANGUAGE CONTACT LIMITED	102 (HALL FLOOR) PEMBROKE ROAD
MOREHAMPTON LANGUAGE INSTITUTE LIMITED	13 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE
MOREHAMPTON LANGUAGE INSTITUTE LIMITED	13 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE
RULEBOOK LIMITED T/A FRANCES KING SCHOOL OF ENGLISH IRELAND	26 MERRION SQUARE NORTH
**THE CARLYLE INSTITUTE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)	23 DUKE STREET
THE HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LIMITED	10 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
THE HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LIMITED	10 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
THE HORNER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LIMITED	10 FITZWILLIAM STREET UPPER
TRAVELLING LANGUAGES	6 CLARE STREET
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It is the responsibility of the owners of the buildings to ensure that their premises are compliant with the Fire Services Act 1981.

Q.67 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager ensure that there is adequate public notice for the reopening of City Hall on Sundays for the month of June and that the free admission to the exhibition on the city's history is well advertised and that the community sector inform all of the community groups in the city and the local walking tours etc.? Also to ensure that there is adequate signage at City Hall indicating that all are welcome.

Reply:

The opening of City Hall on Sundays for the month of June 2015 has been advertised through Fáilte Ireland Networks, Twitter, Facebook, through tour guides who pass through City Hall on a daily basis and e-mails to local hotels. Signage will also be placed around City Hall and Barnardo Square to ensure that members of the public passing are aware that the exhibition is open and access is free. The organisers of Dublin City "Walk and Talk" and the Dublin City Public Participation Network have also been contacted and asked to use their databases to promote the initiative.

Q.68 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a report regarding the administration and application and regulation of street furniture in the south east area? Many shops and business are now complaining about being greatly inconvenienced by enormous structures that are being erected outside of restaurants and some bars etc. These extended trading areas make the neighbours businesses / shop fronts invisible. Indeed, many of these structures are now adding planters, sandwich boards and other such obstacles making it very difficult for the public and visually impaired persons the navigate their way on the footpaths. Also, there appears to be a conflict between licensed street furniture and public domain in that certain shops are allowed place a vast amount of goods outside their doors because they have so called private landings or basements while others are not allowed to put a single table outside. There is a huge inconsistency in this area resulting in clutter and near chaos on some of our streets. It is also clearly becoming detrimental to some businesses and profitable to others and is now in great need of clarity and regulation and proper administration. Can the Area Manager also supply me with how many staff work on enforcement in this particular area?

Reply:

All premises with Street Furniture Licences are required to abide by the Terms and Conditions attached to their Licence and premises are inspected to ensure compliance. Premises that are placing furniture outside their licensed area may have their licence suspended or revoked, and no premises will have their Licence renewed if they are found to be in breach of their licence.

This department has received two complaints this year about a neighbouring property extending outside the bounds of its licence. One complaint was resolved quickly when it was brought to the attention of the offending business; an application by the second premises to renew its licence has been refused.

Dublin City Council employs one street furniture Enforcement Officer.

The Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2014, provide separate mechanisms for treatment of proposed development on public roads & footpaths and on private property (including private landing areas fronting shops).

Street furniture/structures proposed for public footpaths require a licence under section 254 of the Act while similar furniture/structures on the private landing areas are subject to normal planning controls.

In Dublin City Council, licences for street furniture on public footpaths are considered and decided upon by the Roads & Traffic Department who also address instances of unauthorised street furniture or breaches of licensing conditions. All reported instances of breaches within the sphere of privately owned property are investigated by the Council's Planning Enforcement section as part of the day to day work of the section.

Q.69 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of relocating the bicycle parking facilities that are attached to the historic and protected structures of the Mansion House and put them in a more appropriate place where they are not interfering with that structure? It is not appropriate for these kind of constructions to be attached to listed buildings in this manner.

Reply:

The bicycle parking facilities currently on the front wall of the Mansion House were erected following the request of the Lord Mayor of the time. The issue of these bicycle parking facilities will be raised at the next meeting of the Protocol Sub-Committee which meets in relation to the Mansion House. It will also be raised at the Protocol Committee meeting when held on 4th June 2015.

As part of the works to the side of the Mansion House the provision of bicycle parking will be considered for guests to the Mansion House and the Lord Mayor.

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.70 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Area Manager issue a full report that includes the selected bidder for the muse properties at the back of 14/15 St Stephen's Green, the property of Dublin City Council? This report to include a full disclosure of the bid.

Reply:

Negotiations are still ongoing to identify the preferred bidder for the disposal of the mews properties at the rear of 14/15 St Stephens Green. Once this process is completed a report including a full disclosure of the bid will be brought before the South East Area Committee for consideration.

Q.71 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have a gate erected at *details supplied for security in the same way as resident at the other end of balcony has the gate erected?

Reply:

This matter has been investigated and it has been decided that a gate at this location would not be erected due to the costs involved and there are Health and Safety issues to be considered.

Q.72 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager have the two trees that were cut down on *details supplied replaced with slow growing trees appropriate to the size of the street?

Reply:

The tree planting for the current season has now been completed. Therefore the request has been added to our 2015 / 2016 tree planting programme and the trees will be replaced in January / February 2016.

Q.73 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager have a speed ramp put just inside the gate of Mercer House outside the old rents office next to number 1 Mercer House? Cars tend to speed up to the corner and very often there are children running over to the playground which makes it very unsafe.

Reply:

There is a ramp quite close to this location. I will arrange to have this ramp relocated closer to the gate.

Q.74 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager consider transferring *details supplied to senior citizen accommodation in the Artane / Donnycarney / Raheny / Belarmine area as she is in

very poor health and originally came from these areas would have more supports if transferred.

Reply:

The applicant *details supplied is on the older persons transfer waiting list and was offered a one bedroomed bungalow in Cherrymount Grove in February 2015. The applicant refused this offer as she felt it was too small. She may be considered for another offer in the future and can maintain contact with housing staff in the area office she has been dealing with previously. However, the applicant wishes to be considered for a two bedroom unit and as her requirement is for a single person accommodation unit, she is unlikely to be offered a two bedroom unit.

Q.75 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager give any update on the progression of works on the Beaver Row footbridge over the Dodder in Donnybrook?

Reply:

Clonmel Enterprises Ltd. has been awarded the contract for the repair & refurbishment of Beaver Row Footbridge. The contractor has finalised plans and method statements for the lifting out and removal of the bridge following consultation with various stakeholders including (Inland Fisheries, Gardaí, DCC Roadwork's Control, Dublin Bus, Conservation Architect etc). The lifting out of the bridge is planned for Sunday the 14th June 2015. The bridge will be restored & refurbished in a specialist facility off-site whilst the contractor is carrying out new foundation works etc. on-site. Note an earlier date of the Sunday 7th June 2015 was proposed for the bridge removal but it clashed with the England Vs Ireland match at the Aviva Stadium.

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

Report on the Part VIII proposed amalgamation of 80 no. bedsits, into 40 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, Verschoyle Court, (Blocks 1-6), Verschoyle Place, Dublin 2. Apt. 65 in Block 5 is a 1-bed unit. The amalgamation of the apartments includes overcladding with a rendered finish and brick slips similar to the existing brick and render, internal insulation, window replacement, and minor alterations to the entrance elevations (North East elevations, Blocks 1 to 3, 5 & 6, West elevation at Block 4). All other elevations remain unaltered. There are minor external works for the provision of level access to all ground floor apartments.

In compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, I hereby notify you that it is Dublin City Council's intention to carry out the following works:-

Proposed amalgamation of 80 no. bedsits, into 40 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, Verschoyle Court, (Blocks 1-6), Verschoyle Place, Dublin 2. Apt. 65 in Block 5 is a 1-bed unit. The amalgamation of the apartments includes overcladding with a rendered finish and brick slips similar to the existing brick and render, internal insulation, window replacement, and minor alterations to the entrance elevations (North East elevations, Blocks 1 to 3, 5 & 6, West elevation at Block 4). All other elevations remain unaltered. There are minor external works for the provision of level access to all ground floor apartments.

(A) The Site

Verschoyle Court is a development from the late-1960's to the early 1980's of 80 no. bedsit units, between 25.5 sq. m and 25.36 sq. m laid out in 6 no. blocks. The development is accessed via Mount Street Lower. The 6 no. blocks are 2 storeys in height and situated in the middle of a Georgian Terrace block in a linear arrangement along Verschoyle Place.

(B) The Proposal

The proposed use of the buildings is for a Senior Citizen's Complex. The works will consist of the amalgamation of two bedsits into one unit and will provide for 40 no. amalgamated units. It is also proposed to internally insulate the external walls and overclad the entrance façade of the building, replace the windows, and introduce attic insulation to provide higher levels of comfort for the occupants as well as achieving higher energy ratings and reducing carbon emissions.

Demolition works will include the removal of internal non load-bearing partitions and stripping of all existing M&E. There will also be the provision of fire doors, new smoke and heat detectors, energy saving lighting, new energy efficient boiler systems, improved ventilation and level access arrangements to all ground floor flats.

(C) Submissions

No observations received.

(D) Evaluation

The zoning objective for the Part 8 site is Z1: To protect, provide and improve residential amenities. The proposed use as a Senior Citizen's Complex would fall under "Buildings for the health, safety and welfare of the public" and is a permissible use.

It is proposed to amalgamate 2 no. bedsits into one unit. The size of each of the units will be either 51 sq. m or 50.72 sq. m. 40 no. units in total will be provided.

The layout of a typical unit will include a large open plan living/dining and kitchen room, separate bedroom c. 11.7 sq. m, and large bathroom. All units will be wheelchair accessible.

External changes include new render and brick cladding and windows and new door arrangement.

It is noted that the 1 no. bed units fall slightly short of the minimum floor area for a one bed residential unit as set out in Section 17.9 of the City Development Plan, however it is considered that the layout of each of the units appear appropriate with good sized bedroom area, separate bathroom and are fully wheelchair accessible. The other works including thermal insulation and upgrades to the boiler system and external appearance are positive improvements to both the internal and external built environment.

Conclusion

The planner considers the proposed development to be consistent with the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 - 2017 and in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, and should proceed having regard to the following recommendations and amendments:-

1. The development shall comply with the following requirements of the Drainage Division:
 - a) The development shall comply with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0 (available from www.dublincity.ie Forms and Downloads).

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory standard of development.

Dick Brady
Assistant Chief Executive

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

**Housing Allocations Report
July 2015**

In the context of the housing waiting list and the growing requirement by Councillors to have information and statistics on the makeup of the list, waiting times, stock and housing options it is proposed that the Housing Allocations Section will present a comprehensive report to each area committee on a quarterly basis, commencing in July this year to ensure that Councillors are kept informed. Please see enclosed.

It is proposed that this report will include the following information:

- The number of applicants on the housing and transfer list broken down by housing area, band, category, waiting time, family size etc.
- The number of applicants housed by housing area, category, waiting time.
- The dwelling type into which applicants were housed and
- Any other relevant statistical information.

The report will also include an update on housing schemes nearing completion (both City Council and Approved Housing Bodies) and any other allocations matters that might be of relevance to City Councillors.

There have been several similar type enquiries received regarding various housing options that the City Council operate such as older applicants downsizing to older persons accommodation, the financial contribution scheme and the Tenancy Protection Service to assist applicants in retaining their rented accommodation. It would be hoped that the reports would be a useful reference guide for all such schemes and be a useful means of communication for all allocations related topics and changes or improvements in the delivery of housing services to housing applicants.

It would be hoped that such reports would remove the need for the increasing volume of requests for statistics on a weekly if not daily basis. The replies to these requests, which can sometimes be very detailed, are very demanding to collate given limited staff resources.

Therefore, following the first report, any other suggestions or information required by any of the Councillors can be incorporated into these reports into the future and contact from any of the City Councillors regarding information they would like included or any other suggestions they may have in this regard would be welcomed.

Mary Flynn
Administrative Officer

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

Derelict Sites Quarterly Report

I attach details of sites in the South East Area which are currently under review, together with a list of sites in the Area which are currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

**Paul Clegg
Executive Manager**

DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT

SOUTH EAST AREA

Location	Current Position
Dublin 2	
Hanover Quay 10 - 12	Entered on Derelict Sites Register (DSR) 13/05/2015.
Shaw Street 14 - 15A / Townsend Street 147 - 155	Receivers requested to clear site of rubble.
Dublin 4	
Donnybrook Road 36 – 40	Owners requested to clear vegetation / litter / rubbish and repair railings.
Dublin 6	
Orwell Road 31	Owners requested to remove vegetation from building and garden.
Ranelagh 2	Improvement works carried out – under review.
Harold's Cross Road 199 / 199A / 201 / 201A and rear 199 / 201A	Notice served of intention to enter on Derelict Sites Register (DSR).
Palmerston Road 68	Works have commenced - being kept under review
Dublin 6W	
Mount Argus Grove adj. 33 / 34, Dublin 6W.	Overgrowth cut back and triangular plot covered with white stones.
Dublin 8	
Camden Street Upper 2 - 5	Updated ownership details requested. Letter issued to planning applicants.
Bride Street 100-101, (Site of former Napper Tandy Pub)	Litter removed as requested.
Clanbrassil Street Upper 17	Litter removed from garden. Owner advised to repair front windows.

APPENDIX

Sites on Derelict Sites Register (DSR) in South East Area

Location	Owner	Position
7 Adelaide Road	David Grant, 61 Haddington Road.	Entered on DSR 20/1/09
30 Merlyn Road	Eamonn Hassett / Blaithin Murphy, 10 Brooklands, Clane, Co. Kildare.	Entered on DSR 05/4/11
36 Harcourt Street	Paul Tiernan, 3 Belleville Avenue, Dublin 6.	Entered on DSR 19/4/11
Wharton Hall, Wharton Terrace	R. Hyde	Entered on DSR 01/04/14
Site adj. 44 Parnell Road	G. Tinnelly	Entered on DSR 25/04/14
5 Chapel Avenue	Cathcart / Rojack / Boland / Boland	Entered on DSR 10/07/14
Site at rear 63 Highfield Road	B. Daly	Entered on DSR 14/07/14
50 Lower Beechwood Avenue	J. & R. Horan	Entered on DSR 05/08/14
37 Harcourt Street	James Meagher (Receiver), C/O Knight Frank, 20 - 21 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin 2.	Entered on DSR 30/10/14
10 - 12 Hanover Quay	Desmond Rogers, Eastham Road, Bettystown, Co. Meath.	Entered on DSR 13/05/15

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

**With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in No. 6
Protestant Row, Dublin 2.**

Under Indenture of Lease dated the 14th December 1940, the property known as No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 was demised by Dublin City Council to the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stone layers Trade Union for a term of 150 years from the 25th March 1939, subject to an annual rent of €11.43 (£9.00).

Merit Holdings Limited, the current lessee has applied to Dublin City Council to acquire the council's fee simple interest therein. The council's Law Agent advises that as there are no buildings on site at present there is no statutory entitlement to acquire the council's fee simple interest and the council's Chief Valuer was instructed to open negotiations on this basis.

Terms and conditions have now been agreed and accordingly it is proposed to dispose of the council's fee simple interest in No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 to Merit Holdings Limited, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That under Indenture of Lease dated the 14th December 1940, the property known as No. 6 Protestant Row, Dublin 2 was demised by Dublin City Council to the Ancient Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stone layers Trade Union for a term of 150 years from the 25th March 1939, subject to an annual rent of €11.43 (£9.00 Sterling).
2. That Merit Holdings Limited currently hold the property under Deed of Assignment dated 14th December 2005.
3. That the subject property has an area of 86 square metres or thereabouts and is more particularly delineated on Map Index No. SM2015-0686.
4. That the disposal price for the council's interest shall be the sum of €25,000 (twenty five thousand euro).
5. That Dublin City Council holds the fee simple interest therein.
6. That the applicant shall be prepared to pay all outstanding rent, rates and other charges on the property such as derelict site levy, vacant site levy etc., if applicable.
7. That the applicant shall pay Dublin City Council's Valuer's fee of €1,500 plus VAT.
8. That the applicant shall pay Dublin City Council's legal costs of €1,500 plus VAT.

9. That this proposal is subject to the necessary council approvals and consents being obtained.

Paul Clegg
Executive Manager

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

Proposed grant of a lease of 1 – 12 Hogan Court, Wilson’s Place, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust.

It is proposed to grant a lease agreement of the property located at 1 - 12 Hogan Court, Wilson’s Place, Dublin 2 to Peter McVerry Trust, an approved housing body, who propose to provide 12 units of residential supported accommodation for persons in need of housing. Peter McVerry Trust has accessed funding of €700,000 to fully retrofit the property. The proposed lease agreement is for 20 years. The premises shall be used as a supported housing facility with 100% nomination rights from Dublin City Council. A detailed report will be provided at the area committee meeting.

Marquerite Staunton
Senior Executive Officer

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Grafton Street Quarter

The public realm improvement works on Wicklow Street (from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street) and at Johnson's Court are progressing well. Local discussions are taking place with affected businesses. The improvement works are due for completion by the end of August.

Crampton Buildings

The refurbishment works are ongoing with a completion date of end of November 2015.

Charlemont / Tom Kelly / Ffrench Mullen

Section 183 agreed at the Council meeting on July 6th this is subject to contract and the contract cannot be signed until the due diligence process has been completed by Dublin City Council and the National Treasury Management Agency. The next Regeneration Board meeting is scheduled for July 16th. The residents and the project office are working together organising a programme for the summer projects.

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. Foundation works for the new flood alleviation wall on George's Quay are ongoing. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. A number of ground condition problems have slowed this project down to date. The bulk of this Project is being funded by the OPW who disclose their internal costings on a yearly basis. The estimated cost of this whole project from Butt Bridge to Cardiff Lane is €3.5m and the current programme is to substantially complete the works in Q2 2016.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 24th June 2015. Work is being done on drafting a document to launch a Corporate Social Responsibility strategy for the Grand Canal. A single issue meeting of the committee will be held on 5th August to finalise this document. There has been no meeting of the Waterways Ireland Operation Liaison Group (OLG) since September 2014. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 2nd September 2015.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Part 8 planning report was brought to the Area Committee on 8th June 2015 where an order was agreed to recommend the Part 8 to City Council and that the operation of the playground be reviewed six months following completion of construction. The Part 8 was approved at the City Council meeting on Monday 6th July 2015.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January South East Area Committee. Areas to be addressed in the short-term (2015) include Public Lighting, Village Notice Board, replacement of bollards in village, clean out of woodlands at Herzog Park and creation of plan for park and surrounding lands. Clean out of woodland area is complete and Biodiversity Officer is engaging with Stratford College to initiate a

biodiversity project in this area. REDscape, Landscape Architects, has been appointed to carry out our plan for Herzog Park and public consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 13th May 2015. A further meeting will need to be held in July to clarify proposed improvements prior to REDscape issuing their report. An implementation plan for 2015, including costings, is currently being drawn up and will be circulated in due course.

London Bridge Slí na Sláinte

The Irish Heart Foundation (IHF) has completed art work for the brochure and map board in conjunction with the Bath Avenue and District Residents' Association (BADRA) and arrangements are being made to procure the required signage. BADRA has now secured funding from the Aviva Stadium for the project and the Slí na Sláinte will be launched in autumn 2015.

Sandymount Green Conservation Study

Parks Services appointed Howley Hayes Conservation Architects to carry out a Conservation Study of Sandymount Green. As part of the public consultation phase a public meeting was held in Sandymount on 26th November 2014. Howley Hayes presented various options to enhance enjoyment and amenity for all users while at the same time ensuring the integrity of the green into the future. Comments and ideas were canvassed from the public and elected representatives and will be incorporated into a revised report. The final report was brought to the May South East Area Committee. Parks Services gave a presentation to local residents / groups in Sandymount on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Oaklands Suite, Sandymount Hotel.

Community Garden O'Carroll Villas

A series of meetings took place between South East Area Office, Community Section and Stephen Doyle of Care After Prison (CAP) on establishing a community garden at O'Carroll Villas between August and October 2014. An outline plan to create a community garden in the unused green area to the front of O'Carroll Villas was lodged and the residents have now given their support to the venture. A draft licence has been agreed by Care After Prison and Development Department have been instructed to carry out legal searches and commence drafting a formal licence to be signed by representatives of all parties prior to works commencing on the garden.

Community

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| July 2 | Ringsend Clean-up Day from 1.30pm. |
| July 4 | Terenure Village Market, Bushy Park 11 – 4pm |
| July 5 | Remembrance Garden Family Day, Green Space, Home Villas / St. Broc's Cottages / Pembroke Cottages |
| July 6 – 18 | Rathmines Close Summer Project |
| July 7 | Verschoyle Court Garden Party 2pm |
| July 9 | Ballroom of Romance at the Royal College of Surgeons 7.30pm (ticket only) |
| July 11 | Terenure Village Market, Bushy Park 11 - 4 |
| July 14 | Fun Inc. Traditional Play Session for Association of Spanish Parents, Merrion Square 2.30pm |
| July 13 – 17 | Beech Hill Summer Project |
| July 18 | Belmont Park/Avenue Street Party 2pm
Terenure Village Market, Bushy Park 11 - 4pm |
| July 19 | Milltown Family Day, Milltown Road opposite the Church 12 - 2pm |
| July 22 | Sandymount Garden Party, Sandymount Green 2pm |
| July 24 | Rathmines Close Family Day, Tranquilla Park 1 - 5pm |
| July 25 | Northbrook Avenue Street Party 2pm
Terenure Village Market, Bushy Park 11 - 4pm |
| July 26 | Taking Liberties Family Day, Cabbage Patch 1 - 4pm |

Our Older Persons Activities and six weekly walks (including ones in Irish, French and Spanish www.letswalkandtalk.ie) continue on a weekly basis

Events

10 th – 12 th July	Laya City Spectacular, Merrion Square
2 nd August	Rock and Roll Half Marathon
9 th August	Ironman Triathlon
13 th – 16 th August	Big Grill, Herbert Park
1 st September	Grant Thornton Run

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2015

121 entries were received over the various categories in the Dublin City Neighbourhoods competition for the South East Area this year. Judging at area level has taken place and winners will be announced at a local awards ceremony to be held in early September. Councillors will be notified of the date and location in due course. The citywide awards ceremony will be held in Croke Park on 24th September.

Intensive Village Cleaning Programme

The programme of gum removal / intensive street washing of high footfall commercial streets throughout villages in the South East Area is continuing. This work involves using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, stains and dog foul and the cleaning of street furniture. It also includes the application of disinfectant on areas where needed, including around bins and the removal of waste. The work is being carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant. This additional cleaning work will be carried out four times during 2015, and work commenced in April.

The areas being covered are:

- Ranelagh Village
- Rathmines Village
- Donnybrook Village
- Sandymount Village
- Rathgar
- Ringsend
- Harold's Cross
- Terenure

Weed-spraying

The first round of weed-spraying throughout the South East area has been completed. All public footpaths and laneways have been included in this operation. A second spray is due to commence on 31st August, again covering all public areas throughout the South East Area.

Canal Bank Market

The Canal Bank Market was a hugely successful part of CANALAPHONIC Festival. It is our intention to hold an additional two markets this summer on a pilot basis. The proposed market in August will be a standalone event under the CANALAPHONIC banner with a focus on the market as a viable attraction, and the proposed September event will be a CANALAPHONIC End of Summer Party, with the market preceding evening entertainment in select venues throughout the Rathmines and Portobello area.

During the period of the pilot events we will consult locally to establish if a monthly market would be viable.

To the Chairman and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**Naming proposal for a development at a site at
Mount Argus, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W
Mount Argus Mill / Muileann Chnocán Argos**

A request has been received from Ferreirarchitecture to name a development at Mount Argus Mill. The name suggested is "Mount Argus Mill / Muileann Chnocán Argos with the following suggestions for the naming and numbering of the 8 individual residential apartment blocks:

The Lodge / An Lóiste 1 - 27; The Millstone / An Bhró Mhuilinn ; The Waterwheel / An Roth Buaile 1 - 34; The Storehouse / An Stóras 1 - 17; The Quarter / Ceathrú an Mhuilinn 1 - 13; The Millrace / Rás an Mhuilinn 1 – 39, The Pinion / An Pinniún 1 - 8 and The Weir / An Chora 1 – 27.

The application states that that the proposed name "Mount Argus Mill" and the individual block names are appropriate for the following reasons:

"There used to be a water driven grain mill on the site. The eight residential apartment blocks have individual names relating to various parts of a watermill"

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36433 (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed names appropriate.

The naming and numbering proposal is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

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

**Naming and numbering a development at 17 - 19 Hatch Street Lower and
15 - 18 Earlsfort Terrace**

Earlsfort Place / Plás Phort an Iarla 18 Hatch Street Lower

An application was received from John Spain & Associates to have a number and name assigned to a development at 17-19 Hatch Street and 15-18 Earlsfort Terrace. The proposed name for the building is Earlsfort Place and the address 18 Hatch Street Lower.

The applicant's rationale for the proposed address is that the new building has its entrance from Hatch Street Lower.

The building is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36456(see attached).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

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

**Rose Kenny
Area Manager**

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**Naming proposal for a development at a site at rear 74 Eglinton Road
“Tramway Lane / Lána an Trambhealaigh“**

A request has been received from Anne Larchett, 74 Eglinton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 to name a laneway and number a property to the rear of 74 Eglinton Road to be accessed from a lane to the rear of 74 Eglinton Road.

A number of names were proposed. The name preferred by the applicant of two considered appropriate by the Heritage Office is “Tramway Lane”. The applicant considers the name:

“Locally relevant to Terminus Mills which is a local landmark and would, on a practical level, help in directing people to the lane.”

In addition, the application further states:

“The entrance to the house will be the third entrance on the Eglinton Road side as you enter the lane.”

The number proposed for the house is 3 Tramway Lane.

The development is indicated on the drawing RM 36455 (see enclosed).

The naming and numbering proposal is considered suitable and is recommended for approval.

Rose Kenny
Area Manager

Q.1 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the following matters *details supplied.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to have dog wardens pay particular attention to severe issues with dog fouling in Dartmouth Square both in open space and adjoining streets. The Manager should advise if there is sufficient dog fouling signage in the park.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to carry out the following works in connection with Dartmouth Square Park:

- Renew path surfaces which have fallen into disrepair.
- Complete gazebo repair.
- Install no cycling, no ball games and no dogs not on a lead sign.
- Install a feature sign giving history of Dartmouth Square Park.
- Install a notice board to highlight yoga class times among other park events.
- Relocate the bin location and renew bin.
- Remove recent weed growth.
- Carry out flower planting / shrub planting to regain control over some dog runs that have become destructive to park plant life.

Q.4 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to take steps to ensure that dogs are properly controlled at Dartmouth Square Park - there are reports of dog breeds that require to be muzzled at all times being let loose in the park with consequent dangers for young children and other park users. There have been reports of a number of near misses in terms of serious safety incidents, which indicates that it is only a matter of time before a serious episode arises. Large dogs are being let loose in park in the 5pm to 6.30pm time slot in particular. These dogs are emerging from large SUV's and are not dogs belonging to local residents. Other park users are being deterred from using the park at present arising from safety concerns when these large dogs of varying breed are roaming the park. The extent of dog traffic is evident in dog runs along park boundary and also the number of holes that are being dug by dogs.

There are also issues with out of control dog fouling that require attention.

Q.5 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to fix the public light on laneway between Prince Arthur Terrace and Seville Place in Rathmines and to arrange for the laneway to be swept and debris removed.

Q.6 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the Manager to install additional gullies at two junctions at Terenure Road West, the first being the junction with Parkmore Drive and the second being the junction with Glenavy Park. Parts of these junctions are impassable for pedestrians at times of heavy rain. Pavement flooding also reported outside No. 50 Terenure Road West.

- Q.7 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Manager to give a definite date for road renewal and footpath renewal on Terenure Road West in front of shops at junction with Templeogue Road.
- Q.8 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Area Manager to outline steps being taken to safety concerns outlined below *details supplied.
- Q.9 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Area Manager if she will arrange for the boundary wall at the location *details supplied to be replaced.
- Q.10 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
Can the double yellow lines on Elmpark, Ranelagh be reinstated (following resurfacing) as a matter of urgency?
- Q.11 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Area Manager to relay the double yellow lines on *details supplied urgently.
- Q.12 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
To ask the Area Manager to arrange to repair potholes in the laneway at rear of Morehampton Terrace, in particular at rear of No 17 and No 19. The laneway also needs a “children at play” sign to make any motor vehicles, motor bikes in particular aware of presence of young children.
- Q.13 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if she will report on when the lampposts in Gilford Park, Sandymount (particularly outside number 32) will be painted.
- Q.14 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager how she would respond to the email regarding parking and clamping submitted with this question - see below:

As you know I do monitor parking control compliance in order to determine if our city is getting a proper enforcement service from DSPS.

My understanding is that revenue surplus from the pay-n-display fees is ring-fenced for cycling provision so hence my keen interest that revenue be maximised.

Time and time again I come across contractors' vans and trucks parked in pay-n-display zones with no ticket displayed.

The attached images were taken early this afternoon outside a property under construction on Nutley Road, Dublin 4. Not one of about six vans has a valid ticket displayed.

Just what is going on with the DSPS service? Avoidance like this is rampant from my own simple surveys.

Is someone in DSPS 'protecting' construction activity or is it city policy to leave construction 'alone'?

Revenue foregone in this manner is not helping cycling promotion.

- Q.15 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the ongoing anti social behaviour in Peter's Row that is associated with the emergency accommodation unit at the YMCA in Aungier Street?
- Q.16 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager furnish a report with regards the effectiveness of the recent new traffic arrangements in the George's Street / Aungier Street / Redmonds Hill / Bishop Street / Wexford Street and Camden Street areas?
- Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager ensure that the Boyne Street Cumberland Street area is given urgent attention with regards the infestation of rats in this area? This issue has greatly concerned the residents in this area since April and there are many accusations that Dublin City Council has not responded to residents' requests for assistance in this matter.
- Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full and comprehensive report with regards planning applications in the docklands area under the Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) scheme? This report to include all works to date and all planning variations or new planning applications and also figures with regard to residential housing units both social and private, and public amenities and facilities that are planned for the area. This report should be comprehensive and capture the progress of the Docklands Development.
- Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the success of the Sunday openings and attendance at the City Hall for the month of June? This report to include what promotions and advertisements for the opening took place and also will the City Hall remain open from here on in on Sundays?
- Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of placing bollards on the northern side of Camden Place in order to stop vehicles parking on the footpath and blocking residents in their homes for hours at this location? There is a family living on Camden Row which has a very narrow footpath. Almost every day delivery vans, trucks and cars park right up onto the footpath making it impossible for the family here to exit or enter their home. It has now become intolerable. While there are double yellow lines here and traffic enforcement has been informed on many occasions it has not changed the situation one bit and bollards would seem to be the only solution at this particular location.
- Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards the effectiveness of the new busking byelaws in the South East Area? This report to include any warnings issued, list of complaints received and list of permits issued, the type of performances and acts and an evaluation of crowd control etc.
- Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the most recent meetings that were held by the Mercer House residents in relation to the security arrangements in the flat complex and also what efforts have been made to erect secure gates at this location?

- Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager initiate an inspection of the Brazil Grill in Golden Lane with regards kitchen expelair which pours out large amounts of smoke into the buildings, gallery and hotel rooms nearby which gives off noxious fumes?
- Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the delay in removing the phone boxes on Georges Street area? These phone boxes are a hot spot for anti social behaviour and outrageous displays of intravenous drug taking as well as being regularly used as a lavatory. The company in charge of these phone boxes are alleging that there is a delay from Dublin City Council in issuing them with a license to break the ground at this location. This issue is of grave public concern and has also a detrimental impact on the business in the area. It is also one of the busiest tourist locations. The removal of the phone boxes in this area have been on the agenda for almost six years now along with the clutter from the seats nearby and bicycle parking facility. These all add to a hotspot of theft, public drinking and drugging and regular criminality. It is really unacceptable that Dublin City Council would continue to ignore public safety concerns at this location.
- Q.25 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
Can the Area Manager clarify the current situation with regard to parking outside McGovern's Metals on Price's Place in Ranelagh? Mr. McGovern is extremely dissatisfied with the current arrangement with regard to the use of his land for pay and display parking and would rather see a footpath in this place instead. He feels parked cars are not only limiting his ability to enter and exit his own premises, but also limiting the ability of the emergency services to access the lane.
- Q.26 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Chief Executive if under the parking regulations a permit parking bay can block a secondary pedestrian gate?
- Q.27 Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Area Manager to respond positively to this request. I am repeatedly told by both residents and a local TD that this is not a private drain on a private road.
- Q.28 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager have gates place on each end of the lane to the rear of 5 Leukos Road?
- Q.29 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager place a bicycle rack at the entrance to Harty Place?
- Q.30 Councillor Chris Andrews**
When will there be a Dublin Bike station placed in and around Vincent Street area?
- Q.31 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Can the Area Manager have the blocked drain out on the back balcony which is causing it to flood cleared at *details supplied?
- Q.32 Councillor Chris Andrews**
Will the Area Manager have the wall which is in Mercer House where it is on the boundary with the Royal College of Surgeons inspected by an engineer and have that report circulated to councillors and ensure that the wall be made visually appealing to residents as opposed to looking derelict as it is now?

Q.33 Councillor Chris Andrews

Will the Area Manager look at costing and putting in place a playground in Mercer House?

Q.34 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the Area Manager arrange to have Harty Place and Daniel Street cleaned manually as there are so many cars that sending a sweeper in there doesn't work?

Q.35 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to address and correct the dip/uneven surface on the footpath on Beech Road which is situated on that portion of the footpath at the point where No. 43 meets No. 44 Beech Road. This dip is deceptive and dangerous. Pedestrians are particularly at risk in frost and wet weather.

Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the recent report circulated to members of the South East Area Committee about markets in south east area parks, could the Area Manager:

- a. Give a precise explanation (with verifying facts) as to how it can be said that the "pilot market in Merrion Square Park on Thursday lunchtimes... proved very successful in terms of feedback from... local business" in circumstances where there was a campaign run and supported by local traders against it and where any rate paying local trader I have spoken to opposes it;
- b. Set out the precise proposed operating hours (day of the week and times) for the market; and
- c. List the produce for which tenders would be sought at Merrion Square Park only (as opposed to listing for Herbert Park and Merrion Square together).

Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to consider the attached proposal for a nine-hole public golf course on the glass bottle site (see attachment). The attached document explains the proposal and the reasoning behind it, as well as addressing some of the points made by Dublin City Council in response to a different proposal some years ago.

Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager in relation to *details supplied:

- a. To facilitate the resident in moving from a ground floor apartment in Leo FitzGerald House (which is three bedroom) to a ground floor apartment in Boyne Street (which is two bedroom) in order to avoid the anti-social behaviour which she is currently subject to on the ground floor in Leo FitzGerald House. This arrangement would free up one additional bedroom for use by Dublin City Council at no additional cost; and
- b. To take action to address anti-social behaviour in Leo Fitzgerald House which is adversely affecting all residents, but especially those on the ground floor.

Q.39 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to:

- a. address the security hazard at the site of the former car park (now boarded up) which is located opposite Little Ship Street in circumstances where there

is a lot of drug injecting taking place, and lewd acts have taken place on an old mattress situated on the site – all of these acts are visible to the residents of Little Ship Street, including children; and

- b. to confirm whether Dublin City Council owns this site.

Q.40 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to introduce the following changes in Herbert Park:

- a. Arrange for the pond to be cleaned;
- b. To place additional bins beside the football pitches;
- c. To provide lighting for the bowling club's all-weather pitch; and
- d. To explain whether it would be possible to bring back park rangers.

Q.41 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to relocate *details supplied a to the two bedroom apartment which is currently vacant at *details supplied b in circumstances where Ms. *details supplied a resides in a one bedroom apartment with her daughter and where the resident in the adjacent apartment to her current location is alleged by Ms. *details supplied a to be extremely disruptive and also mentally ill.

Q.42 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to serious traffic issues on Strand Road, to ask the Area Manager:

- a. To address the very serious problem that cars now park entirely on the road on Strand Road between the stretch of Strand Road from the Merrion gates to the junction with Sydney Parade Avenue, by either placing yellow lines along this stretch of Strand Road, or, alternatively, a continuous white line. A continuous white line would also have the benefit of preventing overtaking on this narrow and heavily used road;
- b. To introduce measures to prevent the extremely dangerous practice of cyclists cycling on the footpath on this stretch of Strand Road;
- c. To provide an update as to the implementation of the traffic calming measures on Strand Road generally, and, specifically, when they will be introduced; and
- d. To place more 30km speed limit signs on Strand Road in circumstances where this limit is invariably flouted and where motorists are unaware of the fact that the standard limit of 30km applies.

Q.43 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager:

- a. How is it the case that each house on Merrion View Avenue is allocated three parking permits per house?
- b. How is the decision taken as to how many parking permits should be allocated to each house on those roads where a Residents' Parking Scheme is in operation;
- c. Is it possible for this to be changed, and if so, how; and

- d. When is the next review of Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws due to take place?

Q.44 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to repair the stretch of footpath on Ringsend Road outside Boland's Mills (at the Barrow Street end) which is directly opposite The Camden, Charlotte Quay Dock. This stretch of footpath is in a state of very bad disrepair.

Q.45 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Area Manager if she will respond positively to the request contained in the email submitted with this question.

Q.46 Councillor Paddy Smyth

At the end of the last Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting, the transport manager agreed to commission a report on my proposal to introduce a cycle 'greenwave' to suitable routes in the city and on future major cycle projects and to look at trialling same on an existing route. Can the Area Manager let me know what the likely timelines are on this process?

Q.47 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could issue a response to the letter submitted with this letter:

Firstly, residents are very concerned about the high speed of traffic on Claremont Road. Local children walk and play along the stretch, and there is considerable worry about potential accidents given the lack of protection between the footpaths and the road. I would be grateful if you could let me know what measures are being considered to manage the situation and slow down traffic.

Secondly, elderly residents discussed with me the condition of the footpaths on Claremont Road between Claremont Park and Sandymount Village (particularly outside 20 Claremont Road). Certain sections are very uneven, which makes it difficult for them to navigate. I attach photographs. If at all possible, I would appreciate if work could be carried out on the area in 2015 due to the potential hazards the situation presents. Failing this, I would be grateful if you could put it on the work programme for 2016.

Q.48 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Area Manager when double yellow lines will be replaced outside the main (middle) gate of Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount? This issue has been raised in the past and the work was never done. A tarmac strip was surfaced there and the yellow lines were never laid down again.

Q.49 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have examined the junction of Strand Road, Sandymount and St Alban's Park, Sandymount as vehicles exiting from St Alban's Park find their view impeded, which is a serious safety issue.

Q.50 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager what steps can be taken to monitor the walkway on Sandymount Strand as cyclists persist in causing obstruction despite all no cycling and skating signs.

Q.51 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue: footballs and other missiles are being fired from the playground adjacent to O'Rahilly House, Ringsend causing disturbance and annoyance to the residents of Fisherman's Wharf complex across the road.

Q.52 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues regarding a tree opposite 73 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge: the pavement has buckled due to the tree roots, creating a hazard for pedestrians.

The tree itself is old and manifestly sick. The council has been contacted on this matter on several occasions over the past few years but does not seem regard it as a priority. This is an accident waiting to happen. To prevent physical injury, which would be costly to the patient, to the health services and to the legal budget of the council it is vital this issue is addressed.

Q.53 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager can the council do anything for provision of Christmas lighting on the main thoroughfares through Ringsend / Irishtown. If so the Traders' Association could be liaised with as regards setting up such lighting.

Q.54 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Could the Manager arrange for more visible anti-dog fouling signage and more rigorous enforcement of the law around dog fouling in the Ringsend area, particularly in Ringsend Park?

Q.55 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to look into the provision of more bins in the Ringsend / Irishtown area, especially close to the take-aways on Irishtown Road near Simpson's Lane. Discarded cartons, wrappers, etc. are blown from here up the small adjacent side streets.

Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager for an update on the progress of measurements of the impact of the implementation of the Street Performers Bye Laws, in particular the issue of amplification.

Q.57 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager what grants or supports are available to local businesses to apply for solar thermal power systems and other renewable energy systems and by what process they may apply for such support.

Q.58 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager when grass cutting and weed spraying will take place on Nutley Lane and if this can be prioritised.

Q.59 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if she will explore the possibility of placing resin or mulch along the bottom of trees on public roads, in particular in the Nutley Lane area, as a means to keep the tree bases tidy. Such systems have been successful in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Area and should be considered for Dublin City also.

- Q.60 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can please fix the pothole on Nutley Lane outside the German Embassy.
- Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne**
To ask the Area Manager if she can please introduce enforcement measures to address the on-going issue of drivers breaking red lights at the bottom of Nutley Lane at the junction outside St. Vincent's Hospital.
- Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello**
To ask the Area Manager for an update on the proposed redevelopment of Dartmouth Square.
- Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello**
To ask the Area Manager what was the intended purpose on the pole on the corner of Bushy Park Road and Wasdale Park that has been without any road sign on it for at least a year if not longer, and to request the pole be removed as if it has been without a road sign for so long it is surely surplus to requirements.
- Q.64 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpath on Dartry Road levelled out where it meets Orwell Park. Recently an elderly woman sustained a very bad fall here because of the uneven footpath.
- Q.65 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a sign for the traffic coming up and down Heytesbury Street indicating that they can't turn left or right onto Pleasants Street. Motorists are unaware of that because there is no prominent signage in place.
- Q.66 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have the tree at 5 Isolda Road, Ringsend, Dublin 4 cut back as it is blocking the light going into the houses there.
- Q.67 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive when Rathgar Residents' Association can expect to see the standard bollards on Orwell Road and wherever else they need to be provided in Rathgar?
- Q.68 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive what was the outcome of a pilot scheme which was undertaken in 2014 to move cars and clean gullies on Kenilworth Square East and if it was successful, if it could be adopted in Rathgar?
- Q.69 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have the streets off Camden Street which suffer from the litter generated on a nightly basis on Camden Street cleaned on a more frequent basis.
- Q.70 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to have the laneways at the backs of houses on Pine Road and Isolda Road, Ringsend cleared of debris, pistils and weeds.

- Q.71 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**
To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that refurbishment and renovation works take place at Costello House on the South Wall so that families can continue to use this area for picnicking etc.
- Q.72 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
To ask the Traffic Manager to provide an update on the planned feasibility study on my proposal for a cycle "neighbourhood greenway" / "Bicycle boulevard" from Goldenbridge to Ballsbridge? A report was to be provided on same by the end of June.
- Q.73 Councillor Paddy Smyth**
Can the Traffic Manager please look at introducing pay and display parking on Herbert Green in Sandymount? The free parking here has led to a number of cars being stored here by non-residents.
- Q.74 Councillor Paddy McCartan**
To ask the Manager to examine the possibility of installing street lighting at the following location: The laneway between Warrington Place and Powerscourt. Numbers 53 - 57 Powerscourt are vulnerable as there have been recent burglary attempts from the laneway.
- Q.75 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to remove the following public litter bin as it is being used almost exclusively for illegal dumping.
- Q.76 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager for an update on my request for double yellow lines or other parking restrictions on Avenue Road off Bloomfield Avenue in Portobello.
- Q.77 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager for updates on previously provided commitments on tree pruning on Sydney Parade Avenue, around the Dublin 4 area generally.
- Q.78 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
There is a tree directly in front of Donnybrook Church which has so engulfed the street light that the light is now permanently switched on. Can the Area Manager please organise for the tree to be cut back by whoever has responsibility for it?
- Q.79 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to address the following parking issue in Temple Bar
*details supplied.
- Q.80 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to address the issue of dog dirt on Cambridge Road, Ringsend, and in Ringsend Park, through proper bins, street cleaning, and increased posters.
- Q.81 Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Area Manager to investigate the right turn traffic light on Harold's Cross Bridge as one is travelling towards the city as it is seriously holding up the right traffic lane, in order to see if it is possible to add a filter light or other mechanism to prevent it backing up the traffic.

Q.82 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Area Manager to address the following traffic and parking issues on Merrion View Avenue, off Merrion Road in Dublin 4 *details supplied.

Q.83 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager to address the issue of illegal dumping outside *details supplied. There is an unmarked bin that is being continuously left outside this house along with a number of other unmarked domestic waste bags. There has also been a problem with broken glass in the same area that is left un-cleaned for a number of weeks. Can the manager please rectify this as a matter of urgency?