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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013
AT 3.00pm**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

You are hereby notified to attend the monthly meeting of the above Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2 on **Monday 11th MARCH 2013 at 3pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

Tony Flynn
Area Manager

Dated this 6th March 2013

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1175. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2013 **(Pages 8-34)**

1176. Questions to the City Manager **(Pages 73-77)**

1177. Roads & Traffic Matters

- i Traffic Management Plan 2013 **(Pages 35-38)**
- ii. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 21/02/2013 **(Enclosed)**
- iii. Presentation on proposed Ranelagh Village Transport Scheme.
- iv Presentation on proposal to lodge Part 8 for traffic management changes in Lincoln Place.

1178. Planning Department Matters

- i Proposed Review of Special Planning Control Scheme for Grafton Street and Environs **(Pages 39-40)**

1179. Development Department Matters.

- i Proposed Deletion of '1-16 & 41-50 Elmwood Avenue Lower & 17-40 Elmwood Avenue Upper, Dublin 6' and '1-34 Elmpark Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area. **(Pages 41-43)**
- ii Proposed Addition of '1 Mary Street, Dublin 1' to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. **(Pages 44-48)**
- iii Deletion of 4-12 incl. & 14-20 incl. Collier's Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area. **(Pages 50-52)**
- iv Deletion of '5-12 & 14-21 Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area. **(Pages 53-55)**
- v. Proposed Draft Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 by designating Temple Place, Ranelagh, as an Architectural Conservation Area. **(Pages 56-57)**

- vi Proposed Draft Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 by designating Sandymount Village and Environs as an Architectural Conservation Area. (**Pages 58-59**)

1180. Culture, Recreation and Amenity Matters.

- i South East Area Sport & Leisure Services Quarterly Report December 2012 to February 2013 (**Pages 60-65**)

1181. South East Area Matters

- i Area Manager's Report (**Pages 66-69**)
- ii With reference to the proposal to extinguish the Public Right of Way at Tangier Lane. (**Page 70**)
- iii With reference to the proposal to extinguish the Public Right of Way at Slattery's Pub. (**Pages 71-72**)

Motions

1182. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

Further to the response from the Enforcement Manager set out below to an issue raised at the February Area Committee to ask the Manager what account was taken of the fact that the well at the location in question is a Protected structure (Reference 2494 - St. Broc's Well).

1183. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Ranelagh Park be brought up to the standard of maintenance of the other local parks. i.e. more rubbish bins and regular collection of them, removal of cut grass, seats need to be painted, and more flower planting.

1184. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if, in view of the new business operating at Hanover Street East and in particular the new Childcare Centre involving many visitors and parents to the area – he would arrange for a significant clean up of the dog dirt and glass along that street and arrange for an inspection of the footpath with a view to making safe dangerous and unsafe stretches with a view to putting the footpath and road surface on a future works programme.

1185. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the functioning of the joint working group established in 2007 and continued to operate until 2011 be revived, it is particularly relevant in this year of the older person. The terms of the motion were:

1186. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the surface of the road in the vicinity of numbers 2-7 Seafort Terrace, Sandymount, Dublin 4 examined and upgraded as residents say their houses shake when buses pass over that location on the road.

1187. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The DSE LAC wishes to congratulate the Little Museum on the successful programme and development of the museum. As part of the new lease agreement this committee agrees that an elected member of this LAC be co-opted on to the Board so that the connection with Council can be strengthened.

1188. Motion from Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to install Harold's Cross Village signs at the entrance to the village in co-operation with the South Central office

1189. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That in co-operation with South Central LAC that DSE agree to the erection of a "Welcome to Harold's Cross village" sign to be erected along the N81 at Harold's Cross Bridge and at Mount Tallant Avenue and signs already erected in other urban villages could be considered. However such sign should reflect the fact that Harold's Cross is one of the oldest villages in Dublin. It's an 11th century village called after Danish settlers called Harold's who were land holders in the area.

- 1190. Motion from Councillor Oisin Quinn**
This Committee calls on the Manager to remove the plastic bollards erected on St. Andrew's Street as they are visually intrusive and not suitable for the Street or City Centre location.
- 1191. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
That this committee calls on Dublin City Council to remove the flagpoles and concrete bollard on Castle Street. This recent work has caused dismay and anger with many many members of the public and heritage protection organisations. This location as most would know, is one of our most historical and architecturally important areas. While one would always welcome measures to calm traffic and pedestrian protection this structure, in my opinion, is not the correct design nor is it in keeping with the surroundings. It is so out of place and so visually awful that it would distract drivers and pedestrians and visitors and could potentially be the cause of many an accident, it is so gobsmackingly shocking!
- 1192. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
That this committee calls on Dublin City Council to make every effort to ensure that the Molly Malone statue when removed due to works, be installed at West Essex Street on the footpath beside the Smock Alley Theatre. This is an ideal location for this particular work which attracts many tourists and would assist in bringing a greater footfall to this particular part of the Temple Bar Area.
- 1193. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
That this committee calls on Dublin City Council to create an awareness campaign around the dangers of excessive alcohol drinking in and around the St. Patrick's Festival. All too often this particular day, can turn into a drunk fest with many of our visitors and citizens in dreadful states of intoxication on our streets. Its time that DCC became proactive in public awareness and campaigns to hightligh the danger to ones personal health and issues of personal safety with particular emphasis on youth drinking.
- 1194. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**
That this committee calls on Dublin City Council Planning Department to refuse planning permission for the premises at 72 / 73 Camden Street Lower. Many residents have contacted me expressing their dismay and concern at yet, what looks like another super-pub night club licenced premises intended for 72 / 73 Camden Street Lower.

Grave concern has been expressed by local residents at the continuing expansion of alcohol licence premises and off-licence in the Camden Street area

Camden Street area is over subscribed with regards premises that serve and sell alcohol and is well serviced in this regard at present. In recent years this area has become a hotspot for anti-social behaviour and general public disorder late into the night brought about by alcohol consumption in this area. It is almost impossible on occasion to drive up this street due to the amount of drunken revellers who block the roadway. The tragic death of a young man last year drew much media attention to this area and its issues around criminality, damage to parked vehicles etc. (DCC Plan Number 2029/13).

1195. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

That this Area Committee urges action on the vexed question of how to solve the traffic problems at Gilford Park, Sandymount. An inspection will confirm 80% occupancy on the entire road during business hours. This is the requirement before a Pay and Display and Pay Parking Scheme would be voted on by residents. This should be highlighted to TAG yet again. A resolution is urgently required.

1196. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues in Pembroke Cottages (1) arrange to have Dog Fouling Signs erected in obvious locations, (2) to give a date for weed spraying in the area and a date for junk collection.

1197. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To give a time frame for the repairs to the footpaths in Herbert Park as they are in a dangerous condition.

1198. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

That this committee calls on the traffic department to organise an onsite meeting with the Councillors and Traffic engineers regarding the traffic problems at the Macken Street/ Pearse Street Junction.

1199. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a Councillor from each area committee be elected to sit on the TAG group as a way of developing a working connection with the elected representative and the traffic department which will be in the interest of the city as a whole.

1200. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

That this Committee notes the recent comments by representatives of the National Development Finance Agency ('NDFA') before the Oireachtas Public Account Committee on 13 December 2012, that the value for money ('VFM') result which it issued in respect of the Poolbeg incinerator in 2007 was no longer valid and that a new VFM would be required before the project could proceed. Further, in light of the intention of Dublin City Council to take a decision on the re-commencement of construction on the project on 5 April next, that representatives of the NDFA would be invited to appear before the Council in advance of this date to discuss whether this project fulfils VFM criteria.

1201. Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn

This Committee calls on the Manager to examine ways in which to control and limit the speed of traffic through Donnybrook Village.

Local residents have expressed concern at the high speed upon which traffic is allowed to move through the Village of Donnybrook at all times. This is the main route N11 from Dublin to Wexford.

This Committee requests that the current speed limits be examined from the Junction of N11/Marlborough Road to the Junction of N11/Beaver Road with a view to introducing a reduced speed limit for this stretch at all times. Whilst there are 3 pedestrian lights on the section of road outlined above, the current speed only serves to encourage traffic to run these lights thus endangering the pedestrian uses. The speed of traffic represents a danger to cyclists and pedestrians in particular.

Traffic calming on the N11 already exists at the Kilmacanogue Village in Co. Wicklow and this Committee requests that during investigation or examination of the above

proposal that the matter of installing speed detector warning displays along this stretch be considered

1202. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls on the City Manager to take in charge all of the common areas in the Meadowbank Estate, Bushy Park Road, Dublin 6, which estate was built between 1985-87.

1203. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This Committee calls on the City Manager to introduce traffic calming measures through the village of Donnybrook between the Marlborough Road and Beaver Road junction.

1204. Motion from Councillor Oisín Quinn

This Committee calls on the Manager to arrange for a local meeting with Cllrs and residents at the grass area at the rear of the Rathmines Avenue flats in Rathmines to discuss how best to support the local residents in their use of this area.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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1144. Presentation on Dubline and Bernardo Square
Order: Noted
1145. Presentation on the Southside Traffic Management to facilitate Luas Broombridge
Order: Noted
1146. Presentation on Part VIII Application for proposed refurbishment of Crampton Buildings
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
1147. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2013
Order: Agreed. Cllr. Lacey asked if Herbert Park Hotel is paying rates for the car park.
1148. Questions to the City Manager
Order: Agreed
1149. **Planning Matters**
- i. **Application Number:** 2016/13
Application Type: Permission
Applicant: Bryan Cullen
Location: Lands at Sandymount Castle Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4.
Proposal: Demolition of an existing 2-storey habitable dwelling(150m²) and the provision of 27 no. residential units (10 no. 3-bed houses; 7 no. 2-bed and 1 no. 3-bed apartments; 9 no. 4-bed duplexes) in 3 no. terraces (3544.8m² total development): Terrace 01 consists of 5 no. 3-bed 2 storey plus attic space houses (905.5m² total) each with private rear gardens; Terrace 03 consists of 7 no. 2-bed and 1 no. 3-bed ground level apartments with 9 no. 4-bed duplexes over in a 3-storey terrace (1876.2m² total) each with private balcony / terrace; Terrace 02 consists of 5 no. 3-bed 2-storey plus attic space houses (763.1m² total) each with private rear gardens; 37 no. surface car parking spaces; 2 no. refuse bin enclosures; 17 no. bicycle parking spaces at surface in a covered stand; site access improvement works, boundary treatment, landscape works, lighting and all ancillary site development works; all on a 0.51 hectare site at Sandymount Castle Park, Gilford Road, Dublin 4.
Order: Recommend refusal.
- ii. Quarterly Enforcement Report October to December 2012
Order: Noted. Cllr. Freehill suggested a meeting with Kenilworth Bowling Club in order to clean up the area.

1150. Roads & Traffic Matters

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 24th January 2013
Order: Noted.
- ii. Road Maintenance Division 2013 Works Programme
Order: Noted. Councillors asked when these works will commence.

1151. Development Matters

- i. Proposed disposal of the Council's leasehold interest in No. 3 South Great George's Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Agreed to Recommend to City Council. Cllr. Binchy asked for a representative of the Development Department to attend when such items are on the agenda.

1152. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report.

Herbert Park Users Group.
Order: Cllr. Lacey asked that Councillors be consulted before a time for the meeting is decided.

Termination of EPROW at 62 Upper Grand Canal Street
Order: Councillors asked for more information on this issue.

Little Museum
Order: Councillors would support a long term lease or licence. They requested more information as to the future use of the building and governance of the Board.

Public Domain
Order: Cllr. Parodi asked that Councillor be notified of the times and dates of the Flood Fora meetings.

Any Other Business.
Order: Cllr. O'Callaghan asked if a presentation can be made on the rates being charged to commercial business owners and changes to these rates as a result of recent revaluations.

Motions

1153. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee requests the Manager to report if the cleansing of Belgrave Square can be improved in line with the suggestions contained below and circulated with this motion.

Order: Taken in conjunction with item number 1158. Report to Councillor. The Area Manager is to contact the local Cleansing Inspector to discuss the feasibility of engaging with local residents to improve the cleaning of Belgrave Square.

1154. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

Further to my repeated questions regarding the overgrowth in the area under the control of Irish Rail at Holyrood Park, Dublin 4, and the further reports of significant dumping into the overgrowth area, I would like to thank the Parks section for the work it has done on the road, and ask the manager to report on what channels or mechanisms are in place to ensure that Irish Rail maintain their public areas, what communication has taken place with Irish Rail to date on this matter, and why has there been no progress.

Order: Report to Councillor. The Area Manager is to contact Irish Rail.

1155. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for a full report on the recent changes to parking on Arnott Street, Portobello, including the reasons for the change and an account of the consultation with residents and councillors that took place before the change was introduced.

Order: Report to Councillor. An onsite meeting to be arranged with residents, Councillors and a Traffic Engineer within the next two weeks and a full report on recent changes to parking on Arnott Street is to be provided at that meeting.

1156. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

That this committee calls on Greyhound to reverse its decision to charge domestic customers for its recycling bag, thereby introducing a significant charge to customers for recycling, which flies in the face of all sensible environmental policy, and also calls on the company to increase the availability of its tags for normal waste as it is unfair to expect people, especially the elderly, to have to walk significant distances to buy tags.

Order: Agreed. The SEA Office is to forward this item to Greyhound Recovery and Recycling and to the Environment and Engineering SPC.

1157. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group to examine the potential dangers to pedestrians due to congestion at the junction of Leeson Street Bridge and Adelaide Road and if the erection of a barrier would ease the problem and / or propose alternative measures to deal with a potential problem caused by motorists being forced onto the footpath at that point due to other motorists cutting across from the outer lane.

Report to Councillor. Councillors require tracking system for items submitted to TAG. Request to be forwarded to Transport & Traffic SPC.

1158. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a pilot scheme be established asking for co-operation of residents to their move cars to facilitate street cleaning on individual roads. That this pilot be tried out in the

Belgrave area through the co-operation of the Belgrave Residents Association. It will also be necessary to adopt a flexible approach to disc parking holders for the area to allow them park in surrounding roads on the cleaning day. It is agreed that the pilot will be evaluated after a period of one year.

Order: Taken in conjunction with item number 1153.

1159. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the street parking times which are up to 24 hrs on Upper Rathmines Road revert to 7 to 19 hrs to synchronise with the parking times from Post Office up to Church Avenue and also with the shopping area known as Cowper village on Upper Rathmines Road.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1160. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for a full report on the planning and management issues surrounding the Camden Hall Hostel as a homeless hostel, what consultation occurred with the local community and councillors before the decision was taken to turn it into homeless hostel.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1161. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to deal with the issue of Lime trees on Cambridge Road, Rathmines, as they have grown exponentially over the last number of years and are in urgent need of trimming.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

1162. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he can update the committee on what measures are being planned to deal with flooding concerns at the Newgrove Avenue / Strand Road area of Sandymount as illustrated in the extract submitted with this question:

“From the corner of Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount along Strand Road residents are concerned to mitigate future flood damage to their homes having experienced a lot of damage there a few years ago when high tides washed through the then opes in the sea wall at the top of our road.

The Council have blocked up the opes in the section of sea wall that would have exposed residents to much more flooding subsequently had they not been filled in. The Council also raised the level of the footpath on Newgrove Avenue subsequently, which may have since prevented some water being pushed in our direction by passing buses etc.)

Sea water has come in through the back door of 25 Newgrove Avenue via a laneway running to the back of the house from Strand Road. Also, much more significantly, the seawater came up through the downstairs bathroom fittings in that house when it surged through the sewage system at the top of one side of Newgrove Avenue. The flood waters were over a foot high throughout the lower level of the house which is an 1830s one storey over basement terrace building. Residents did have flood insurance then. They have steel temporary flood barriers on order now as do new neighbours in no. 23 whose house was flooded a second time last year via the downstairs bathroom fittings / and the sewage system on the street again. Huge

damage was done there which took thousands to put right. There is no effective way they can address the sewage system risk however.

What is planned by the Council for this road other than flood warnings and deploying sandbags at times of high risk? Is the Manager aware of the issue here at this stage in terms of the sewers and generally if they have any plans to address matters in terms of the low sea wall etc.?"

Order: Report to Councillor.

1163. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the works detailed below and relating to drains on Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin 4 just at the bus stop used by the trainees and staff in the Rehab Institute to be undertaken. Every time there is a significant spill of rain this drain overflows and leaves a huge puddle the bus passengers have to wade through to get on or off the bus. Many of the bus passengers who have to constantly wade through these huge puddles are Rehab trainees who have significant physical difficulties either because of impaired sight or the need to use walking aids. This is the only drain on the road where this overflow happens consistently.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1164. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This committee calls on the City Manager to reinstate public bins in Ranelagh and to clean the footpaths and main Ranelagh Road on a more frequent basis

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

1165. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please explain why the Law Department did not respond to the request regarding leaseholders on Belgrave Square? Furthermore would you please clarify the current ground ownership of the square?

Order: Report to Councillor.

1166. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

To facilitate the residents of Richmond Hill and Lower Mount Pleasant Avenue that the Traffic Engineers assess the on street parking needs for both roads so that the Planning Department can be properly briefed before allowing off street parking on either roads in future.

Order: Report to Councillor. The Area Manager is to write to the Traffic Department to highlight the non attendance of a Traffic Engineer and the poor quality of reports / replies from the Traffic Department to Councillors.

1167. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

Given that the current signage in relation to dog fouling is not achieving its objective, that a new approach be adopted. In future signage should appeal to individual's civic pride e.g. "Dog Owners: Show Respect for this Area".

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

1168. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee is gravely concerned with the contents of the recent report into drugs task force and the concerns within that report with regards financial management and governance and that this committee calls for a full audited report to be carried out on all South East Area Drug Task Force projects and initiatives to ensure confidence within the public and best practice.

Order. Issue voted on. Six voted against, one for, one abstained. Motion defeated.

1169. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee calls on DCC to promote the reinstatement of the historical building at 39 Camden Street Lower. This building was recently damaged by a fire. The building was part of the historical cultural legacy in that this was where Fianna Eireann was founded by Countess Markievicz. The building was also associated with the founding of the Abbey Theatre and has many connections to the events of 1916. Also, that this committee views with concern, the intention to put a gaming arcade on this site. There are many schools in this area and many social housing complexes. There are many homeless hostels in this area also and emergency shelter accomodation. Also there is a resident population within this area. Concerns have been expressed by many in the community with regard the intended use of this new development notwithstanding the fact of the loss of a unique heritage site and location.

Order: Agreed.

1170. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This committee calls on the City Manager to take the necessary steps required to ensure that the plaza at the back of Swan Fitness, Williams Place, Rathmines is made safe for the children from St. Louis Primary School who play in the plaza. The City Manager should also see whether further seating can be installed at the back of Swan Fitness in order to restrict children from running onto the steel grill at the back of the fitness centre.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor.

1171. Motion from Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

This area committee is concerned about the ongoing free for all in the Dublin bin collection sector; and believes that some measures or byelaws should be introduced to prohibit bin collectors from using bins of particulars colours or bearing distinctive advertising beneficial to that company.

Order: Moved by Cllr. Binchy. Report to Councillor

1172. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the Traffic Department prepare a report on strategies to alleviate the traffic back up problems at Terenure Cross including Templeogue Road and Terenure Road West junction. As part of the examination that consideration is given to a roundabout by a CPO on part of the building jutting out between Templeogue and Terenure Roads West.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1173. Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to investigate and establish measures to address the issue of dog fouling in Pearse House.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1174. Motion from Councillor Maria Parodi

That this committee asks the Manager to take into consideration the views of local residents with regards to applications for licences including 'Green Zone' proposals.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Cllr. Kieran Binchy

Chairperson

Dated 11th February 2013

Attendance

Non Members.

Ethna Murphy, Fáilte Ireland.

Collette Downey, DMC Architects.

Brendan McConville, DMC Architects.

Members

Councillor K. Binchy (in the chair).

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

Apologies: Cllr. Wynne.

Officials

T. Flynn, Area Manager, South East Area.

G. Gorman, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area.

S. Dunne, Administrative Officer, South East Area.

P. McCann, Administrative Officer, South East Area.

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

E. Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area.

E. Madden, Senior Engineer, Roads & Traffic Dept.

M. Conway, Senior Planner, Planning Dept.

F. Worrall, A/Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning Dept.

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

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

J. Nugent, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area.

B. Phillips, Assistant Area Manager, South Central Area.

QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 11th February 2013

Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to deal with two small points which directly affect accessing for off-street parking on Greenmount Road, which refers to the second set of gates on the left-hand side of Greenmount Road as you enter from Terenure Road East.

1. The lip on the footpath is not opposite the gate - which means the car has not a level entry point.
2. Following heavy rain, the water accumulates in the lip area and can remain there for several days.

Reply:

The resident should apply to have the dishing modified at their expense. In order to do so, they will have to apply for planning permission or prove, by way of an affidavit signed by a solicitor or peace commissioner, that the entrance has been in use for a period greater than 7 years. Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Division can then modify the dishing to match the entrance at a rate of €79.45/m² including VAT. This is a special reduced rate for home-owners constructing dishings.

Alternatively, the resident can employ a contractor to carry out the works on their behalf under a Road Opening Licence from this Department. Such a Licence takes the form of a cash bond held for 24 months against the materials and workmanship that are used to reinstate the road. The resident will still need either planning permission or the affidavit mentioned above prior to applying for such a licence.

Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree located beside the pedestrian gate at No. 8 Town House, Terenure Road East trimmed back as it is over-hanging into the front garden and hitting off our maple tree!

Reply:

Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Division has no authority to intervene in dispute between neighbours. The tree in question is not impinging on the public footpath; therefore this Department has no involvement in this issue.

Q3. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will request the TAG to examine the request re Double Yellow Lines at Seabury Apartments, Sandymount as detailed in the documentation submitted with this Question.

Reply:

This matter was previously examined by the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 17th November, 2011. The Traffic Advisory Group reported that it is not recommended to provide double yellow lines on either side of the entrance to Seabury Apartments as it is illegal to park within 5 metres of a road junction. It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to provide parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the Road Traffic Regulations. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardaí or to Dublin Street Parking Services; the City Council's parking enforcement Contractor at 6022500, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Q4. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to have the sunken slab of concrete on Kenilworth Road / Square about 70ft from where road works are currently being carried out on Grosvenor Road repaired.

Reply:

The failed piece of concrete on Kenilworth Road close to the junction with Grosvenor Place has been made safe and will be permanently repaired at our earliest convenience.

Q5. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have a number of Anti Dog Fouling posters erected throughout the Beech Hill estate.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has made arrangements to have anti-dog fouling posters erected in Beech Hill estate, as requested.

Q6. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to have the surface of Burlington Road repaired, especially outside the area of No 1. where the road has been described as being in a 'fairly dismal state, with a number of large potholes, in fact the road is just falling apart'; This is also a road where there are a lot of international businesses.

Reply:

This matter has been referred to our direct labour force via the Road Maintenance Division Sharepoint system. Repairs to the carriageway will be carried out at our earliest convenience. This should happen within the coming weeks. In the meantime, all the potholes will be made safe.

Q7. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager for a report on the areas in the Pembroke / Rathmines area that have been cleaned by the new Pavement Cleaners and what programme is in place for its use as the complaints about dog fouling on pavements continue unabated.

Reply:

The South East Area Office in conjunction with Waste Management Services Division is currently devising a route for the dog fouling machine. It is intended that all locations in the South East Area will be included in this route. The Councillors will be informed when this route is available.

Q8. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to please respond to the planning enforcement issues raised in the attached document.

Reply:

An update on each of the issues concerned is attached.

Update
Rathgar Residents Association list of properties

10 Rathgar Road: At last inspection this building was vacant and to let. Legal opinion has been submitted that the change of use from Bookmaker to Take Away is exempt. This opinion is not accepted by the Council and the new owners have been advised. A further inspection is due.

54 Rathgar Road, Dublin 6: The property owners were instructed in October 2012 to address the boundary and parking issues and were allowed three months to comply. A further inspection is due.

79 Rathgar Road: The property owner submitted an application to address the planning issues. Additional information in respect of this application was requested on 21 January 2013.

108 Rathgar Road – this complaint concerns the provision of solar panels on the roof. The area Enforcement Officer is endeavouring to arrange an inspection.

Rostrevor Nursing Home, Orwell Road: An Enforcement Notice has been served requiring removal of the storage unit. The latest date to comply with the Notice was 24 January 2013. A further inspection is due.

75A Orwell Road: a decision to grant planning permission for signs issued on 11/01/2013. The owner will be asked to advise of his intentions when the final decision issues.

35 Grosvenor Road: An Enforcement Notice issued on the 29 August 2012. The latest date for compliance is 4 February 2013.

47 Rathgar Road: An Endangerment Notice served on the property owner has not been complied with. The Council's Solicitor has been instructed to institute legal proceedings.

Belfort House, Orwell Road: Letter sent to complainant on 15 November 2012 requesting evidence of the use-history of this property. No reply was received and file has been closed due to lack of evidence to sustain enforcement proceedings.

37 Garville Avenue: The planning history of this property is being examined. There is no evidence of unauthorised use at this time.

5 Grosvenor Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6: A Warning Letter issued on the 19 December 2013. A decision on enforcement action will be made as soon as the response period allowed in the Act has elapsed.

304 Lower Rathmines Road: Incorrect address submitted with complaint, received in December 2012. An inspection has determined the correct address and an advisory letter has issued to the owners requiring removal of banner.

215 Lower Rathmines Road: Complaint received in December 2012 and a Warning Letter issued on 7 January 2013. The recipient has 4 weeks in which to respond.

11 Rathgar Road: Complaint received in December 2012 and a Warning Letter issued on 8 January 2013. The recipient has 4 weeks in which to respond.

188 Rathgar Road: Complaint received in December 2012 and a Warning Letter issued on 7 January 2013. The recipient has 4 weeks in which to respond.

2 Terenure Road East: Complaint received on 7 December 2012. Following the issue of a Warning Letter, an inspection showed that the banner has been removed.

Q9. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the cause of the mould and damp in the pictures attached at *(Details Supplied) investigated and that all the necessary repairs and remedial work be carried out."

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that this flat has been inspected. There is no evidence of dampness however there is condensation. Vents were installed previously. The responsibility for dealing with condensation lies with the tenant. Advice and our leaflet on condensation have been given to the tenant.

Q10. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group to re-examine if it is possible to install a Pedestrian phase on the Northern (city) side of the traffic lights from Herbert Park to Marlborough Road, in view of the fact that there is a school located there.

Reply:

The request for a pedestrian phase on the traffic lights on Morehampton Road crossing from Herbert Park to Marlborough Road will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q11. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Traffic Advisory Group to consider the erection of a barrier outside John Scotus School on Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge to improve safety for the children leaving school at this very busy Road.

Reply:

The above issue has been referred to the Traffic Engineer for investigation and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q12. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to respond to the detailed issues raised and to say how the problem can be remedied (details supplied)

Reply:

Belgrave Square is cleaned on a twelve week cycle as per Litter Management Plan. The constant parked cars on one side of the street greatly hinder our cleaning efforts there. We had some extra cleaning carried out in Belgrave Square and all swept up rubbish removed on the 5th February 2013. Our Area Inspector, Tony McDonnell, was recently contacted by a resident from Belgrave Square who will email him at anthony.mcdonnell@dublincity.ie when they want him to remove rubbish they sweep up some weekend when they have got residents to move their cars.

Q13. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to have the extensive dog fouling at the back of the swimming pool in Rathmines cleaned as it has become a big problem recently.

Reply:

Waste Management are making arrangements to have the dog fouling at the rear of the swimming pool removed as required.

Q14. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to resolve the following issue (details supplied):

Reply:

The application to amend the operational hours of the pay and display and residential permit parking scheme was refused for the following reasons;

The scheme in Thorncastle Street commenced in 1990 on foot of a ballot of the residents following their request to have the scheme introduced. The only way this scheme could be amended would be on receipt of a request from a significant proportion of the residents concerned. This would then have to be put to a ballot of the residents.

This is different to the situation at Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount. The scheme and the operational hours were separate to, and not part of, the scheme requested for and voted on by the residents. The scheme at Star of the Sea Church, introduced in 2009, is quite distinct from the adjoining scheme and therefore there is no conflict in signage having different operational hours on the one street.

It has been Council policy for the last few years to standardise operational hours throughout the City. Other schemes in the vicinity of Thorncastle Street also have the standard operational hours Monday to Saturday 0700-1900H.

The provision of free parking before 1100H and after 1600H would not guarantee persons attending the Church a parking space. It is considered that persons attending the Church are more likely to obtain a parking space with paid parking controls in operation. The tariff at this location is €1 per hour.

A total of 8 vehicles were clamped in Thorncastle Street in 2012. None of these vehicles were clamped during mass or funeral times.

An amendment to operational hours would require the installation of a new parking meter and new signage at a total cost of approx. €9,000. There is no provision in the year's budget for this expenditure. In addition there would be conflicting signage on both sides of the street rendering the area unenforceable.

There is extensive free parking 60metres further along Thorncastle Street and on the adjoining Cambridge Road.

Q15. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to investigate a claim that a chunk of concrete fell from a lamp post outside the old Post Office Garage on Sandwith Street, Dublin 2, and to investigate the structural integrity of all lampposts on the street to ensure that they are not a danger to people or property.

Reply:

An inspection was carried out on the concrete columns on Sandwith Street. There is an issue with these columns which we will be addressing. As a temporary measure we will be removing the concrete brackets that sit on top of the columns and will be replacing these with replacement adaptors and brackets until such time as we can replace the columns. This temporary work will be carried out over the next month.

Q16. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to fill and fully repair the following large pothole (details supplied):

Reply:

This matter has been referred to our direct labour force via the Road Maintenance Division Sharepoint system. Repairs to the carriageway will be carried out at our earliest convenience. This should happen within the coming weeks. In the meantime, all the potholes will be made safe.

Q17. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager, in light of the Traffic Section's refusal of a yellow box, to seek an alternative solution that will allow drivers to exit Albert Place East on to Grand Canal St Lower during heavy traffic, or in the alternative to reconsider the refusal of the yellow box.

Reply:

This request has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for attention and response to the Councillor.

Q18. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if permission was either sought or required to store the soil currently at *details supplied.

Reply:

The Waste Regulation Unit has not received any application for the storage of soil or any other waste type at the lands as described at the end of Sandymount Castle Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4. The Waste Enforcement Unit carried out a site inspection of the area described on 04/02/2013.

A residential property 'Grey Gates' is located at the end of Sandymount Castle Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4. There was no evidence of soil storage on the public roads in the Sandymount Castle Park area in the vicinity of the 'Grey Gates' property or otherwise. The lands belonging to the 'Grey Gates' property comprise of a large private garden with one residential property. There was no access to the private property and a visual inspection at the entrance to the 'Grey Gates' property indicated no evidence of soil storage on the grounds of the property.

A public notice under the Planning and Development Acts was noted outside the property with the intent to apply for planning permission (planning application reference 2016/13) for 27 no. residential units.

If a decision to grant permission for the development is given, Dublin City Council's Planning Department will require procedures to be put in place to ensure that all waste generated at the site during the development and operational phases is dealt with in accordance with the Waste Management Act and relevant Regulations.

Q19. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the soil currently being stored at details supplied checked for any hazards that may have caused a local resident's allergic reaction.

Reply:

The Waste Enforcement Unit carried out a site inspection of the lands as described at the end of Sandymount Castle Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4 on 4/02/2013.

A residential property 'Grey Gates' is located at the end of Sandymount Castle Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4. There was no evidence of soil storage on the public roads in the Sandymount Castle Park area in the vicinity of the 'Grey Gates' property or

otherwise. The lands belonging to the 'Grey Gates' property comprise of a large private garden with one residential property. There was no access to the private property and a visual inspection at the entrance to the 'Grey Gates' property indicated no evidence of soil storage on the grounds of the property. No soil sample was taken as the land is private property.

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Q20. Councillor Gerry Ashe

A job was done last September / October on the road surface at Bride Road behind the Iveagh Buildings housing which has left the bike lane in a disgraceful state. It is rough and uneven and is filled badly with material quite different to the main road surface material. Could the area manager advise when this bike lane might be restored to a satisfactory condition?

Reply:

The works on Bride Road were undertaken by Dublin City Council Water Division, who has only recently applied to have a permanent reinstatement carried out on their behalf by Road Maintenance Division. Works are scheduled to take place between the 9th and 17th of February to restore the carriageway to its original condition.

Q21. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to address the issues raised in *details supplied:

Reply:

The Litter Warden for the area has visited the premises involved. He has requested the premises involved to make the necessary arrangements with their waste collectors to ensure that the wheelie bins are not stored permanently on Upper Leeson Street.

Q22. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if there has been any progress regarding the commemorative plaque for Maureen O'Hara.

Reply:

The proposer and artist met with the retired South East Area Manager and the Public Art Manager on the 12th of January, 2012 and it was suggested that the best location for the plaque would be on the childhood home of Maureen O'Hara. They were encouraged to make contact with the owners of the house themselves. There has been no further contact with the Arts Office by the proposer or artist, since that meeting.

Q23. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Area Manager if the yellow box at St. Patrick's Close onto Kevin Street could be extended as it is causing problems in its current design.

Reply:

The above request will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q24. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the manager to address the issue of the poor quality of street lighting at the junction of Rostrevor Terrace and Rostrevor Road as it is perceived to be a traffic hazard to both pedestrians and motor traffic. Residents on Rostrevor Road say they can recall that at one time there was a street lamp at the end of Rostrevor Terrace, at this junction, but that this was removed, so this request is to consider installing an additional street light at this point that matches lampposts on Rostrevor Terrace and Rostrevor Road.

Reply:

The lighting on Rostrevor Terrace will be examined and additional lighting will be considered for inclusion on the improvements programme, if additional lighting is required, subject to available finances. The columns, if installed, will be matched as closely as possible to the existing ones.

Q25. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager whether the following proposal (details supplied) can be implemented:

Reply:

There is high demand for parking on all streets at this location, including McMahon Street, with 30 spaces available and 23 Residents' Parking permits issued, and Curzon Street, with 64 spaces available and 49 Residents' Parking Permits issued.

Dublin City Council issue Residents' Parking Permits with adjoining streets included on the permit where the applicants residence is directly adjacent to the additional street being sought and there is limited spare capacity available on the road in which they reside, i.e., the number of Residents' Parking Permits already issued relative to the number of parking spaces available on-street, or where parking on the applicants road is significantly restricted, e.g., Double Yellow Lines, Clearway etc.. Such applications are examined and approved on a case by case basis only, taking the reasons for the application and the level of demand and spare capacity available on the street being sought into account.

Any applications, for inclusion of additional streets on Residents' Parking Permits, from residents of (details supplied) will be considered accordingly.

Q26. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the area manager that following the putting down of double yellow lines on Arnott street that all parking permits for Arnott Street are amended to include parking for McMahon and Curzon Streets. Most of the affected residents are at the northern end of Arnott Street and McMahon St. would therefore be a good alternative. This street does not seem to suffer a shortage of spaces - there's usually a few free. Such an area-wide approach would provide residents with flexibility while ensuring emergency access to the northern end of Arnott Street is maintained as required.

Reply:

There is high demand for parking on all streets at this location, including McMahon Street, with 30 spaces available and 23 Residents' Parking permits issued, and Curzon Street, with 64 spaces available and 49 Residents' Parking Permits issued.

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Any applications, for inclusion of additional streets on Residents' Parking Permits, from residents of Arnott Street will be considered accordingly.

Q27. Councillor Gerry Ashe

Can I also request that the Council consider reducing the speed limit in this residential area (Arnott Street, McMahon Street, Cruzon Street) to 30 kph, with appropriate signage and road markings at the entrances at Heytesbury Street, South Circular Road and Clanbrassil Street?

Reply:

A change of speed limit requires a review of the speed limit bye-laws. This matter will be examined when the current speed limit bye-laws are next reviewed.

Q28. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if he will arrange to have the attic of *(Details Supplied) insulated as the resident is elderly and would greatly benefit from the work.

Reply:

There is currently no attic insulation programme in operation by Housing Maintenance. The Area Maintenance Foreman called to this tenant and advised her of this.

Q29. Councillor Paddy McCartan.

To ask the Manager to deal with the littering problem at Beach Drive, Sandymount, details supplied.

Reply:

The lane located at Beech Drive, Sandymount is in private ownership. It is the responsibility of the adjoining property owners to maintain the lane.

It has been communicated to Dublin City Council (DCC) that a DCC Housing van and personnel cut back shrubs at this location and left the branches in the lane.

I can confirm that Dublin City Council staff would not have cut these trees as part of their duties. If further information can be provided an internal enquiry will be carried out. If residents wish to remove these branches from the private laneway the South East Area office will then arrange to have them collected.

Q30. Councillor Paddy McCartan.

To ask the Manager to have Simmonscourt Road, Ballsbridge resurfaced.

Reply:

A contract to resurface Simmonscourt Road has recently been sent to tender. Work should commence on site at the beginning of the 3rd Quarter of 2013.

Q31. Councillor Paddy McCartan.

To ask the Manager if it would be feasible to have a Bottle Bank installed in the forecourt of the Fire Brigade Station in Donnybrook, there is already a Clothes Bank.

Reply:

Under the Planning Regulations you cannot place a bottle bank within 50 metres of any house, save with the consent in writing of the owner or occupier thereof and if the forecourt of the Fire Brigade Station in Donnybrook is within 50 metres of any such house, then the placing of a new bottle bank at this location may be an issue. In addition, any bottle bank location must not be in proximity to any power cables and must be serviceable safely by our glass contractors. Waste Management Division would be interested in increasing the number of bottle bank locations in the City. Waste Management Division or the Environmental Liaison Officer will arrange to inspect this site and confirm the suitability of this location and report back to the Councillor. The Fire Brigade may also have an issue with bottle banks on the forecourt of their station and there could also be Health & Safety issues with the increased members of the public using bottle banks on a forecourt used by emergency vehicles.

Q32. Councillor Paddy McCartan.

To have double yellow lines in the front the entrance to the Star of the Sea Church Sandymount replaced. They were removed some time ago.

Reply:

The repainting of the yellow box has been referred to the Traffic Officer and will be carried out at the next available opportunity when renewals are scheduled for the above area.

Q33. Councillor Paddy McCartan.

To ask the Manager to deal with the problem of water lodging after rainfall, at the junction of Crampton Avenue with Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge.

Reply:

This is a private road and not taken in charge by Dublin City Council. However, this location was inspected on 5th February 2013. The existing gullies are working ok, but there is evidence of ponding at one location. The residents should approach the Management Company with a view to installing more gullies or altering the layout of the road to divert the flow to the existing gullies.

Q34 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan.

To ask the City Manager whether Beechwood Road and Edenvue Road in Ranelagh can be resurfaced since they are both uneven and potholed.

Reply:

Repairs will be carried out to both roads at our earliest convenience. The 2013 Road Maintenance Division Annual Programme has already been finalised and sufficient capital is not available to extend it to include resurfacing these roads.

Q35. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan.

To ask the City Manager when the litter bin outside No. 31 Townsend Street, Dublin can be moved to the other side of the street or further up the street to deter dart commuters from littering outside the resident's home on a daily basis.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will arrange to have this litter bin moved to a more suitable location before the end of February 2013.

Q36. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan.

To ask the City Manager to consider introducing a city bike stand at the junction of Mercer Street and lane to the rear of Bow Lane East laneway.

Reply:

As part of the Dublinbikes expansion plan this area was considered for the provision of a Dublinbikes station. Due to a number of reasons, most notably associated with restrictive access arrangements for the schemes service vehicles, this exact site was considered unsuitable. It should be noted however that it is proposed to provide a bike station in proximity to this laneway on a neighbouring street as part of the next phase of the Dublinbikes expansion programme. The provision of this station will ensure that this area is adequately catered for in gaining access to this Dublin city transport service.

Q37. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan.

To ask the City Manager whether the laneway at Bow Lane can officially be named Bow Lane as it is currently unnamed.

Reply:

Anyone wishing to apply to have a laneway named should apply in writing to their local area office with the suggested names (preferably more than one) and an A4 map with the laneway outlined in red.

One or more of the following naming values should be considered as part of the process of devising a name.

The name or part thereof has not been used before in the area (district / post code.

The name sounds good, i.e., pleasant to the ear.

Names associated with people (historical figures now deceased) should fulfil No's. 1-2 above, but should also be of people who it is generally believed have some positive associations with the place, or who have made a positive contribution to history in general or to the area.

Names associated with topographical features, historical features as recorded in maps, civil surveys, local histories and other published sources.

Historical associations should be chosen on how closely they relate to the place in question.

The Heritage Officer in Dublin City Council must first approve the name chosen. Once the name has been approved all property owner/occupiers who have a boundary with the laneway will be written to and asked for their views on the proposed name. If the majority of replies are in favour of this name, the proposal will then go before the local Councillors at the South East Area Committee Meeting. If the Councillors approve this name it will then be formally registered.

If the proposed name is not approved by the Area Committee, the applicant is informed and must then re-apply with a new name.

Q38. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan.

To ask the City Manager if a presentation can be made to the members of the South East Area Committee on the rates being charged to commercial shops in the South East Area and changes to these rates as a result of recent revaluations.

Reply:

The revaluation of Dublin City is the responsibility of the Valuation Office which is independent of the City Council.

This project is on-going and a proposed valuation certificate has been issued to all rateable occupiers between October 2012 and February 2013. In conjunction with this each rate payer has an opportunity to make representations to the Valuation Office to have their proposed valuation reviewed if they consider that any of the details are incorrect. Final Valuation Certificates will then be issued in October 2013.

It is therefore possible that a valuation may change pending the outcome of any review during the course of 2013.

Q39. Councillor Mary Freehill.

On numerous occasions over the past few years I have tabled motions and questions regarding the repair work needed to the footpath which is between Harold's Cross church on the Harold's Cross Road and Maxol filling station. The person who contacted me had a fall on this broken path and understandably she is concerned that the work is urgently carried out. Please state when the work will be done and explain why it's taken so long.

"Despite numerous requests to your good self and the staff member whom I originally met and who brought an engineer out to see the footpath – albeit nearly 3 years ago now, either has been no effort to fix the damaged broken section, which is gradually getting larger. In fact further breakages are appearing on that stretch of path – on the opposite side of the path to the bus stop and credit union. Naturally with age my arthritis is not improving and I am very nervous walking there. Also I notice the ESB have a planning application for extra green large electrical boxes just below the present ones, where the path is actually breaking into larger cracks and the part of the footpath they intend to erect two more green electrical large green boxes, is almost in line where I had my accident and the footpath is most narrower there.

As I understood some years ago, when the road (car tax) went up in the Budget and there were a lot of objections and we were assured that the money would from same would be used in the area where it was collected. What happened???????

I look forward to hearing that some immediate action is taken on the broken footpath and that the ESB planning application for the position of 2 more green big boxes on the narrower path of the refused".

Reply:

Repairs have been carried out the footpath at the side of 8 Leinster Road (where the complainant originally had her accident). The remainder of the footpath between Leinster Road and the Maxell Station on the east side of Harold's Cross Road is not in a particularly bad state of repair. Due to scant resources, in recent years Road Maintenance Division have had to prioritise repairs based on the severity of the

defect. This stretch of footpath was not categorised as being in the severe category and was not prioritised for repair.

If the complainant wishes to object to the application to install another utility cabinet on the footpath, she should convey her objections as per the notice on the side of the existing cabinets.

Q40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to outline progress with the new machine that cleans dog fouling from pavements. When will it be operational in the following areas: Donnybrook, Ballsbridge and Sandymount?

Reply:

The South East Area Office in conjunction with Waste Management Services Division is currently devising a route for the dog fouling machine. It is intended that all locations in the South East Area will be included in this route. The Councillors will be informed when this route is available.

Q41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report with regard the closure of Dublin Castle to tourists and historical tours. Also can the report include the works that are taking place in Castle Street, Cork Hill entrance to City Hall which is I believe is in relation to erecting flagpoles.

Reply:

Dublin Castle is under the control of the Office of Public Works. Dublin City Council has no information in regard to its closure.

The closure of Dublin Castle to tourists and historical tours as required by events in relation to Ireland's presidency of the EU is a matter for the Office of Public Works.

Traffic bollards have been placed at the junction of Dame St and Corke Hill to provide more protection to pedestrians. City Hall is on the dubline walk from Trinity to Kilmainham and the left turn from Parliament St can be very busy, the bollards provide a traffic calming measure.

Dublin City Council has placed a concrete structure behind the bollards as the council felt a strong visual block was also necessary. This structure is temporary and will include three flagpoles. Dublin City Council will address access to City Hall and the council's Rates Offices through a Part VIII planning application shortly which will incorporate the permanent proposals for this area. The council anticipates that this application will go before the Elected Members in summer 2013 at the earliest.

Q42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the city manager issue a report with regards DCC's application for a licence to dispose of materials from the works at the Waste water treatment plant and the materials to be extracted from the tunnelling of the outlay pipe at this facility.

Reply:

The disposal to landfill option, currently approved by An Bord Pleanála, involves the transfer of tunnel spoil material by heavy goods vehicle (HGV) away from the tunnel mouth. Over the course of the project it is estimated that there will be approximately 100,000 such HGV movements in total, of which approximately 70,000 will arise directly from tunnel spoil disposal activities. If the application to the EPA for the

Dumping at Sea licence is approved it would result in a reduction in the overall HGV movements by approx. 70,000.

In addition, it is estimated that there would be an overall saving of approximately €7,000,000 in the cost of disposal thereby realising cost savings for the taxpayer.

The spoil from the tunnel shaft will consist of inert materials, mostly crushed rock of varying sizes and it is expected that more than 70% of the material generated will be greater than 2mm in diameter.

Q43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager have a clear cycle lane marking at the Western side of Dame Lane, adjacent to Dublin Castle. Also can clear markings be placed on the pedestrian area at Palace Street.

Reply:

The entire area outlined is essentially a pedestrian zone. There is occasional vehicular access to Dame Lane but this is curtailed by the width restriction at the Palace Street end. The location of a cycle track would demand a cycle lane, a pedestrian 'lane' and parking provision. This is not possible in the restricted width. Also, it should be noted that Palace Street is a full pedestrian zone and cyclists should dismount.

Q44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the use of the Rotunda of City Hall for exhibitions and displays. This report to include who makes the decisions to exhibit work, what is the criteria and what is the protocol around such exhibitions, displays etc. and the appropriateness. Also can this report include similar events / displays etc. that take place in Civic Offices, Wood Quay.

Reply:

Currently the management of the Rotunda of City Hall comes under the remit of Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department and procedures around exhibitions and displays are handled by the Officer in charge of the building. We consider that this work is carried out efficiently and that the issue of appropriateness is dealt with relevant sensitivity. However appropriateness is a subjective matter and we have to be conscious of divergent views around such issues and be as inclusive as possible.

We are in the process of developing a comprehensive set of guidelines and procedures on usage of the Rotunda area in City hall which will cover the issues raised by the Councillor as well as further marketing of this great asset with a view to increasing income to assist towards the very significant cost of maintaining and managing the building. We will in the first instance bring these draft guidelines and procedures to the Art, Culture, Leisure and Amenity S.P.C. later this year.

Q45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the city manager issue an update with regards Glover Court energy improvement scheme.

Reply:

In respect of Glover Court the main priority of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government as the ultimate funding body is to establish through a pilot project if overcladding of a flat block like Glover Court can achieve

improved energy efficiency and also bring about significant improvements to the quality of the apartments overall.

The process is complex and protracted but the outcome will establish a template for similar schemes. The proposal to over-clad the building has planning permission (Part 8). As soon as confirmation of funding approval is received from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government the Council will start the tendering process so that works can commence on site within a few months of funding approval being received.

The works proposed for Glover Court include improvements to the boundary immediately adjacent to Bow Lane East.

Q46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee expresses its grave concern at the continuing expansion of alcohol licence premises and off-licence in the Camden Street area and call on DCC planning Dept. to refuse recent planning applications for such premises in this particular area. Camden Street area is over subscribed with regards premises that serve and sell alcohol and is well serviced in this regard at present. In recent years this area has become a hotspot for anti-social behaviour and general public disorder late into the night brought about by alcohol consumption in this area. It is almost impossible on occasion to drive up this street due to the amount of drunken revellers who block the roadway. The tragic death of a young man last year drew much media attention to this area and its issues around criminality, damage to parked vehicles etc. Many residents have contacted me expressing their dismay and concern at yet, what looks like another super-pub night club licenced premises intended for 72 / 73 Camden Street Lower.

Reply:

All planning applications for off-licences and part off-licences are assessed in the context of the policies, objectives and development standards set down in the Dublin City Development Plan.

In this regard, Policy RD10 and the Development Standards set out in Chapter 17 inform the decision making process:

Policy - RD10: *To prohibit the further expansion of off-licences or part off licences except in areas where a compelling case can be made. Any application for an off-license should include a map of all off-licenses located within a 1km radius of the proposed development.*

Standards - 17.29: *In considering planning applications for off-licence premises or extensions to existing off-licence premises, the following criteria shall be applied:*

- *The number and frequency of such facilities in the locality*
- *The context and character of the street where the aim is to maintain and improve the vitality of the shopping experience by encouraging a range of convenience and /or comparison retail shops*
- *The range of uses at ground floor in an area where the aim is to strengthen the retail character and ensure the proposal will not result in a proliferation of similar retail service outlets such as, internet cafes, call centres, bookmakers, takeaways, amusement arcades and car rentals resulting in a predominance of similar non-shop frontages*
- *The size of the proposed off-licence in the context of the size of premises in the area*

In considering planning applications for a part off-licence in a shop, the following criteria shall be applied:

- *The number and frequency of such facilities in the locality*
- *The amenities of properties in the vicinity in residential areas*
- *The floor area used for the display of alcohol products is subsidiary to the main use of the shop and that area should be no more than 10% of the total floor area*
- *The location of the display area of alcohol products shall be in an unobtrusive position, not near the entrance or windows of the shop and preferably to the rear of the premises*
- *The area for the display of alcohol products shall be detailed on the floor plans and the display of alcohol products shall be limited to this area only*
- *The area for the display of alcohol products should be secure and monitored*

In the case where a grant of planning permission is considered, the provision will be strictly regulated, and regard shall be given to the need to impose the following conditions:

- *Limiting the display area of alcohol products to that area of the shop only as detailed on the plans*
- *No advertising of the sale of alcohol products on the façade/frontage of the premises*
- *No display of alcohol products or advertising of the sale of alcohol products on or near both the entrance and the windows*

The policy and standards are consistently applied to all applications in the South-East Area.

It has been noted that there is a current planning application for 72/73 Camden Street for a part change of use to a licensed cafe bar and restaurant (Plan No. 2029/13). Regard will be had in the assessment of this application to the relevant sections of the Development Plan on restaurants and licensed premises and the need to protect the retail functions of streets and residential amenities. A decision is due by 6th March 2013.

Q47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have maintenance attend 64 Canon Mooney Gardens with regards major leaking from pipes and taps.

Reply:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that a choked pipe was cleared for this tenant in her bathroom at end November 2012. He also reports that he called and inspected the bathroom in this dwelling 5th February 2013. The tenant confirms that she arranged and paid for a complete bathroom suite to be installed in this flat some years ago. There is also a washing machine installed in the bathroom. One tap is defective and one tap is broken on the wash hand basin. As the tenant had this suite and fittings installed the responsibility for repair / replacement of these taps lies with the tenant.

Q48 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager issue a report with regard to the maintenance of boilers in Dublin City Council housing stock in the South East Area. This report to include how many call outs, how many are on the waiting list for call outs, who is the contractor for such boilers, and how much money has been collected from tenants for the fees for boiler maintenance.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance (Heating Section) aims to have each of the 3,778 boilers installed in City Council units in the South East Area serviced at least once in any twelve month period. There is no legal requirement to service boilers and no proscribed servicing interval.

Boiler services are carried out on a planned scheduled basis. To date on this boiler service schedule 3,428 boilers have been serviced in this area with a further 350 services outstanding. The expected date of completion of the outstanding 350 services is 28th February 2013.

A €3 weekly boiler maintenance fee charged to City Council tenants covers the following:

- Servicing
- Emergency call –outs (response within 24 – 48 hours)
- Maintenance and repairs
- Spare parts cost and installation
- Boiler replacement (if required)

The income generated by the boiler service charge is dependent on the number of tenants who pay the charge. Approximately 40% of rent accounts are in arrears of the yearly boiler maintenance charge, therefore the annualised average income from the charge for tenants of the South East Area amounts to €320,000.

The private contractors awarded the current contract for boiler servicing in the South East Area are;

- Gas Connection
- Gas Services.
- B.M. Services.

All contractors working for Dublin City Council are registered with the RGII (Registered Gas Installers of Ireland).

A further scheduled programme of boiler servicing for all City Council tenants will commence in March 2013 starting in senior citizen flat complexes.

Q49 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report as to what proactive measures are being taken in the South East Area to deal with the proliferation of sandwich boards on footpaths and other advertising obstacles that are being placed by business's daily making it very difficult for pedestrians, in particular elderly, people with disability, visually impaired and parents with prams.

Reply:

The Street Furniture Section, Road & Traffic Department endeavours to keep the footpaths clear of illegally placed items that may constitute an obstacle to pedestrians. Notices of Offence under Section 71, Roads Act 1993 are issued to the owners of unlicensed items on the public footpath/roadway.

There is some difficulty in enforcing regulations attaching to small mobile advertising boards. In these circumstances the obstruction is transient. In a number of cases DCC has confiscated offending boards. The Regulations allow the owner to redeem the boards by paying the cost to DCC of removal and storage of the boards. In most cases the boards are simply replaced by the advertiser.

In situations where “private landings” exist in front of business premises, the placing of advertising boards requires Planning Permission and offenders are pursued through Planning Enforcement.

Q50 Councillor Jim O’Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a lop-sided wall outside No. 5 Ardee Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6 can be investigated and repaired as it is in danger of falling and injuring a passer-by.

Reply:

I inspected this boundary wall on 11/01/2013 and noted that it acts as a part retaining wall. The wall is not in imminent danger of collapse at the present time and dangerous buildings will continue to monitor the wall on a regular basis. No action is warranted at the present time.

Q51 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager state whether the phone box on the curtilage of Rathmines Library on Leinster Road can be removed? It has been unused for a long time and is currently used for illegal advertising.

Reply:

The South East Area Office has sent a letter to Eircom and will notify the Councillor upon receipt of a response.

Q52 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the Manager please give me the names of the owners of the setback piece of ground on Leinster Road, this has been the subject of earlier motions.

Reply:

The strip of ground at Leinster Road is owned by two parties - a Mark Treacy and an Abraham Elkinson. However, Abraham Elkinson died on the 26th December 1965. Searches to date against the executors of the Estate of Abraham Elkinson reveal nothing to indicate that this interest in the strip of ground was ever disposed of.

Q53 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for an update regarding *details supplied.

Reply:

There is a waiting list and as plots become vacant they are allocated to applicants from the list. Dublin City Council contacted all allotment holders in Herbert Park asking them to pay their fee for 2013. When this process is finished the applicants will be notified directly of any vacant plots.

Q54 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to address the issues in (details supplied).

Reply:

I can confirm that the applicant (details supplied) is currently on the City Council’s Transfer Waiting List with a Medical Priority awarded on 09/07/2009 for Area M (City Quay, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St., Ringsend, Irishtown).

Unfortunately there are currently applicants with priority status of longer standing within the applicant’s area of preference who also merit consideration as suitable vacancies arise, therefore it is likely to be some time yet before the applicant is reached with an offer of accommodation.

I would advise that Dublin City Council have very little adapted housing stock in Area M. The applicant refused an offer of adapted accommodation in Sheridan Place (Area H) in September 2011. Area H has been removed as an area preference.

I will arrange that a staff member from the Allocations Section contact the Councillor regarding the request to arrange a visit to this man's current accommodation.

Q55 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a report regarding (details supplied).

Reply:

A detailed Report on this Project was first presented to the South East Area Committee at their meeting of 13th. September 2010.

Since that date An Bord Pleanála has approved the proposed development in May 2012. Dublin City Council then engaged consulting engineers URS to complete the design and tender processes, with a view to construction getting underway before the end of 2013.

A more detailed presentation on the Project was provided to the South East Area Committee at their meeting on 10th. September 2012. A Report on this was also circulated to Councillors at that time. The Presentation and Briefing Document from that meeting are available from the Area Office, on request, and these will provide full details of the proposed works.

In accordance with the programme dates provided to the Councillors, it is expected that the design will be completed shortly, with tenders invited in March 2013, construction starting in late 2013 and works being completed before the end of 2014.

Q56 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask that Ringsend Village is included in the next phase of village cleaning as provided by the Southeast area.

Reply:

Ringsend Village will be included in the next phase of village cleaning as requested.

Q57 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to provide a progress report on the expansion of the Dublin Bikes scheme to the Docklands (Phase 2A).

Reply:

Dublin City Council is presently in negotiations with JC Decaux regarding the expansion of the Dublinbikes scheme. It is anticipated that contract negotiations will be finalised in the spring of 2013.

As part of the negotiations, Dublin City Council has prioritised both the Dublin Docklands and Heuston Station areas of the city. The proposed expansion to the Docklands and Heuston areas will double the number of bike stations from 44 to approximately 100 and treble the number of bikes from 550 to 1,500. The detailed design work associated with this expansion phase is at an advanced stage.

Upon completion of contract negotiations, it is expected that construction of the Docklands/Heuston extension will commence in summer 2013.

Q58 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to repair the road surface of the cycle lane located at *details supplied so that it is restored to a satisfactory condition.

Reply:

The works on (details supplied) were undertaken by Dublin City Council Water Division, who have only recently applied to have a permanent reinstatement carried out on their behalf by Road Maintenance Division. Works are scheduled to take place between the 9th and 17th of February to restore the carriageway to its original condition.

Q59 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask that Manager to address the long standing issues with drainage in *details supplied.

Reply:

Access has been gained to the premises causing this problem and the necessary work has been carried out.

Q60 Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to address the following issue in *details supplied.

Reply:

The Inspector of our Electrical Services Section has confirmed that the entry / exit doors and emergency release buttons to this apartment complex have been inspected. There is a battery operated back-up locking system on these doors. This has been disabled while electrical repair works to the emergency door release buttons are being carried out. This will be completed within the next few days and the battery back-up system will then be re-activated.

Housing Maintenance or Electrical Services do not organise or conduct fire drills in our flat / apartment complexes.

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

Proposed Traffic Management Capital Works Programme 2013

Traditionally the Traffic Management Capital Works Programme within Dublin City is funded from the following sources, Dublin City Council Parking Meter Fund, National Transport Authority (NTA), National Roads Authority, (NRA), Department of Transport (DOT), and contributions from developments. During the past 12 months the principal source of funding has been the National Transport Authority with limited funds provided from the Parking Meter Fund and other sources.

The principal capital works progressed last year were:

- Grand Canal Cycle route
- Tolka Valley Cycle Project Design
- Royal Canal Premium Cycle Route Design
- Liffey Cycle Route Design
- Cycle counting systems
- Cycle Parking
- Castle Street works commencement
- Finglas Village Improvements
- Palace Street Pedestrian Scheme
- Fade Street Pedestrian Scheme
- Drimnagh Smarter Travel Plan
- Area Improvement schemes
- Directional Signage
- Grafton St Quarter Design
- Clanbrassil St, Patrick St, Bride St QBC
- Hole in the Wall Roundabout Design
- Swords QBC Enhancements Design
- Lucan QBC Enhancements (Chapelizod)
- North Wall Area Environmental Improvements and Bus Priority Scheme
- Upgrade HGV Permit System
- Upgrade of Traffic Control Centre Design and Works commencement
- New and upgrading of signalised pedestrian crossings
- Renewal of bus lane line road markings

This year €1,620,000 has been allocated from the parking meter fund which will be used to fund the following:

- Local traffic calming measures
- Road marking, new road markings and renewal of existing markings
- New pay and display machines
- Maintenance of traffic management infrastructure

Capital Grant applications have been made to the National Transport Authority for several projects but at this point in time the 2013 allocations have not yet been made.

Proposed Capital Works Programme

The following are details of the proposed programme of works for 2013.

1. Traffic Calming Schemes and Minor Works – South East Area

These works include traffic calming, parking control, pedestrian crossings and other minor works recommended by the Traffic Advisory Group/Area Committees.

Area	Minor Works Budget €
South East Area	45,000

Minor Works Budget breakdown			
Location	Proposed Works	Amount	Comments
South East Area	Traffic signal review & anti-skid surfacing at selected locations	€45,000	General improvement works, subject to review

2. Road Marking

The up-keep of road markings is an important traffic management and safety issue and the allocation of €820,000 from the Parking Meter Fund has been provided for in 2013. The programme of works will involve renewal of approximately 15% of the road markings in each area. In addition an application has been made to NTA for financial assistance in renewing Bus Lane road markings.

3. Signal Upgrade

An allocation of €190,000 from the Parking Meter Fund is proposed for 2013. This work is required for safety reasons.

4. Road Safety Implementation

A provision of €40,000 is budgeted for the implementation of measures to address road safety issues.

5. Pay and Display Machines.

A provision of €300,000 is made for purchase of new Pay and Display machines to replace obsolete machines and facilitate extension of paid parking where it has been approved by the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG).

6. New and TAG related Signage

A sum of €70,000 is budgeted for the provision of signs relating to TAG recommendations and new signage requirements.

7. Bike Week

A provision of €30,000 is budgeted to support bike week.

8. Low Cost Safety Works

A grant of €75,000 is being sought from the National Roads Authority for Low Cost Safety Schemes.

9. National Transport Authority funded works

Grant applications have been made to the NTA for a considerable number of schemes. Some schemes are currently at construction stage and works will continue this year. For the other schemes the grant applications cover design fees and in some cases construction costs. The NTA have not yet indicated which schemes they will be issuing grants for this year. The following is a list of the schemes divided into four categories with a summary total of grant amount applied for.

South East proposed works highlighted in yellow

Cycle schemes

Cycle Network Plan

Cycle Parking

Extension of Dublin Bikes scheme

Tolka Valley Cycle Route

Dodder Valley Cycle Route

Royal Canal Cycle Route

Grand Canal Cycle route

Liffey Cycle Route

S2S Cycle/Walkway Bull Road to Causeway Road

Newcomen Bridge Cycle Route

Fairview-Amiens St Cycle Route

North Fringe Cycle-way improvements

€5,015,000

Traffic Management schemes

Crumlin Hospital Area Improvements scheme

Glasnevin/Drumcondra Area Improvements scheme

Stephens Green – Merrion Row

Clare St / Lincoln Place / Westland Row / Pearse Street

Traffic Management schemes associated with Luas Cross-City

Point Depot Junction

Merrion Gates Junction

Ranelagh Village

Donnybrook Church Junction

Inchicore Road

Taxi Ranks

30 km/h Entry treatments

Directional Signage

€2,850,000

Bus schemes

Thomas St QBC

Swords QBC Enhancements

Bus Priority Scheme

Clanbrassil St, Bride St QBC

€3,408,000

ITS Projects

Upgrade HGV Permit System

New and upgrading of signalised pedestrian crossings

€888,000

Summary of Capital Works Programme

	Total €	Grant Aid €	Meter Fund €
1. Minor Works	170,000	===	170,000
2. Road Marking	820,000	===	820,000
3. Traffic Signals Upgrade	190,000	===	190,000
4. Road Safety Implementation	40,000	===	40,000
5. Pay and Display Machines	300,000	===	300,000
6. New and TAG related signage	70,000	===	70,000
7. Bike Week	30,000	===	30,000
8. Low Cost Safety Works	75,000	75,000	===
9. NTA Funded Works			
a. Cycle Schemes	5,015,000	5,015,000	===
b. Traffic Management	2,850,000	2,850,000	===
c. Bus Schemes	3,408,000	3,408,000	===
d. ITS Projects	888,000	888,000	===
Total	13,856,000	12,236,000	1,620,000

Completion of individual schemes will be dependent on public consultation, availability of contractors and on funding from the parking meter fund and grants from the NTA. This works programme is submitted to the Transport and Traffic SPC for noting.

Tom Cuddy
Senior Engineer

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

**Proposed Review of Special Planning Control Scheme for Grafton Street and
Environs**

1. Introduction

Dublin City Council approved a Special Planning Control Scheme for Grafton Street and Environs on 2nd April 2007. The purpose of the Scheme of Special Planning Control was to reinforce Grafton Street's reputation as a major shopping destination, providing a wide range of multiple and independent stores, as well as 'lifestyle stores', flagship stores, niche and specialist retailers. To help achieve its aims, the Scheme set out objectives and development management measures to enhance the character of the street, including measures to protect existing uses of special significance such as Bewley's Café and to discourage the emergence of less appropriate uses such as mobile phone shops and convenience stores. To date, the Scheme has proved successful in resisting any further increase in the number of inappropriate uses.

2. Review of the existing scheme

The current scheme remains in force for 6 years. As per the requirements of Section 86 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning Authority is now required to review the approved scheme and to decide to amend or revoke the scheme.

The retention of the Scheme of Special Planning Control should be considered in light of the implementation of the approved repaving scheme for Grafton Street (scheduled to commence May 2013) and the current difficult trading conditions, which places additional pressures on land use on the street. In this respect, a Scheme of Special Planning Control is a very useful tool in managing the range and quality of uses on a street and has the potential to play an important role in redefining Grafton Street as the city's premier shopping destination.

3. Procedure to be followed

The Planning and Economic Development Department has commenced a review of the current Scheme of Special Planning Control for Grafton Street and Environs. An information meeting will be organised for the South East Area Committee as part of the review process to update members on findings and to ascertain their views. It is anticipated that this review will result in amendments being proposed to the existing scheme. The proposed amendments will be brought back to the next available meeting of the City Council for their consideration prior to the draft amendments being put on public display for a period of 8 (eight) weeks to allow for submissions or observations to

be made. A Manager's report will then be prepared on the submissions and observations received and brought before the City Council.

Jim Keogan
Executive Manager

26th of February 2013

To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Recommendation: Deletion of '1-16 & 41-50 Elmwood Avenue Lower & 17-40 Elmwood Avenue Upper, Dublin 6' and '1-34 Elmpark Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area.

PHOTOS OF STREETS

See attached.

Introduction

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to delete the following 84 structures '1-16 & 41-50 Elmwood Avenue Lower & 17-40 Elmwood Avenue Upper, Dublin 6' and '1-34 Elmpark Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures (Vol 3, Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017).

Furthermore once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area which will seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

Request for Deletion

Conservation Section, Planning & Development Department, Dublin City Council.

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition

In accordance with 'Appendix 11: Proposed Architectural Conservation Areas' and policy FCO32 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017, it is proposed to designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas, including residential, suburban areas of the city with the specific objective of reducing buildings in these areas which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, as appropriate. (Any buildings selected for deletion from the RPS will be of local rather than of regional significance. These ACAs will protect primarily the front facades and streetscape character and will remove the protected structure status of such buildings.

Appendix 11 of the Dublin City Development Plan lists these 9 proposed ACA's of which Elmpark Avenue and Elmwood Avenue Lower and Upper is one. These structures were on List 2 in the Dublin City Development Plan 1999, and became included in the RPS following

the Planning and Development Act 1999. The streetscapes formed from the grouping of these structures are valuable and should be protected in some rational way. The mechanism for such protection provided in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended 2010) is the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas. Architectural Conservation Areas will play a key role in the protection and enhancement of these historic streetscapes. Each ACA assessment provides a detailed description of the essential character of the ACA. The principal purpose is to define the key elements, essential features and special quality in order to reinforce Dublin City Council's policy objectives of promoting, protecting and enhancing its environment. It is proposed to designate nine ACAs throughout the city and delete the buildings of lesser importance within them from the Record of Protected Structures.

The other proposed ACA's are as follows:

- 1 Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6 (already in process)
- 2 Colliers Avenue Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (already in process)
- 3 Westmoreland Park Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (completed)
- 4 Temple Place Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (already in process)
- 5 St Lawrence Road Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 6 Haddon Road/Victoria Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 7 Hollybrook Road Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 8 Belmont Road/ Mount Eden, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

Summary Description/Character

The general character of both Elmwood Avenue and Elmpark Avenue is two-bay, two-storey red brick terraces. The terraces date from circa the 1900s as they do not appear on the 1882 Ordnance Survey map.

The terraces along Elmwood Avenue Lower each have a railed area to the front with a shared tiled area leading to the main door. Original features include timber sash windows, white painted granite cills, unpainted arched lintels and a rectangular fanlight above the front door. The streetscape is enhanced by a number of semi mature trees and shrubbery along this street.

The terraces along Elmwood Avenue Upper front directly onto the street. They differ to Elmwood Avenue Lower in that there is no railed area to the front, they have black painted granite cills and white-painted rendered lintels. They also feature a rectangular fanlight above the front door.

Elmpark Avenue is a more confined street than Elmwood Avenue with similar features but with a more urban character.

Historical Background

From the corner of Elmwood Avenue to Beechwood Avenue was originally the front boundary wall and gates of Elm Park House, hence the use of the word 'Elm' in the terraces built in the grounds of that house. Elm Park House was set on extensive grounds and had been in existence for at least two centuries. The grounds stretched from Elmwood Avenue (possibly originally from the Angle in Ranelagh) as far as the Ulster Bank, up to No. 85 Lr. Beechwood Avenue and from there to the old railway line. The house stood approximately between Nos. 6-11 Elm Park Avenue. Nos. 37-47 were originally Elm Park Terrace and consist of a group of shops which are almost all family owned.

Elmwood and Elmpark Avenue were both built c. 1900. Work must have started immediately after the old house Elm Park was vacated. The demolition of Elmpark House and the building over of its wooded grounds, would have dramatically changed the appearance of

the centre of Ranelagh and would have finally completed the link between the two old villages of Ranelagh and Cullenswood. Within the space of little over a decade the green spaces of O'Toole's Nurseries, the site of Dartmouth Square and now the extensive grounds of Elm Park were built over. The city had caught up with the village. Soon the administration was also taken over by Dublin Corporation and the fiercely independent township became part of Greater Dublin.

References:

Kelly, D. (1995) *Four Roads to Dublin: A History of Rathmines, Ranelagh and Leeson Street*, O'Brien Press Dublin

Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000

These 84 structures are considered to be of special interest under the following heading:

Architectural: The overall special character of the streets is formed from the largely uniform groupings of terraces of buildings. The general character of the streets makes a contribution to the immediate neighbourhood streetscape and Ranelagh Village as a whole. The setting and external appearance of the buildings are considered of special architectural interest.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the Dublin City Council area; however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

Using the NIAH System of rating these structures are considered to be of Local significance. 'These are structures or sites of some vintage that make a contribution to the architectural heritage but may not merit being placed in the RPS separately. Such structures may have lost much of their original fabric'.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to delete '**1-16 & 41-50 Elmwood Avenue Lower & 17-40 Elmwood Avenue Upper, Dublin 6**' and '**1-34 Elmpark Avenue, Dublin 6**' from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Furthermore once the deletion procedure is completed, it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area which will seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Recommendation: Addition of '1 Mary Street, Dublin 1' to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

PHOTO OF STRUCTURE
See Attached.

Introduction

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to add the '1 Mary Street, Dublin 1' to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures.

Request for Addition

Nicola Mathews, Conservation Officer.

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition

Based on a previous visual inspection by the Conservation Section, No. 1 appears to be gabled to the rear and with ridges running perpendicular to the street it merited further investigation.

Site Location & Zoning Map

The subject building is located in an area zoned as Z5: To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area and to identify, reinforce and strengthen and protect the civic design, character and dignity.

No 1. Mary Street is also included in the Architectural Conservation Area which covers the most apart of Capel Street and portions of the streets leading up either side.

No. 1 Mary Street is located between No. 1A and No. 2 Mary Street on the southern side of the street. The building is small and has no rear garden or yard. From map comparisons, it may have had a small back yard but this is no longer part of the site. The rear of the building also parties onto No. 39 Capel Street, a clothes retailer.

Planning History

None on record

Summary Description

Exterior:

No. 1 Mary Street is a four-storey, two-bay over basement structure with shop at ground floor level and gable fronting onto the Street. The building forms part of a terrace which makes up the southern side of Mary Street. A pitched 'A' roof runs from front to back with a small hipped roof to the front. The roof is of a modern waterproofing membrane over both slopes with natural slate exposed on the front hip. It is not clear what material lies under the existing modern roof membrane. The front façade is of red brick, the date of which is unknown, but it appears to be modern. The windows to the upper floors both front and rear are all modern uPVC and at ground floor a timber shop-front with 20th century timber windows cover the width of the building. The gable to the top of the façade extends above parapet levels of the buildings on either side and may have been a "Dutch Billy", some of which were originally constructed and can be seen on nearby Capel Street. It would appear that this building was originally gable-fronted. The ground floor walls are the original masonry, the rear gable appears original; however, without opening-up it is not possible to investigate the roof structure to see whether original material is remaining.

The building footprint is small in size, approximately 4.5m wide by 4.5m deep with no external space to the rear. A small return approximately 3m wide by 2m deep is attached to the rear of the building only at ground and first floor levels. The underside of a lean-to roof is clearly visible from inside of the first floor return.

Interior:

The ground and basement walls are completely fitted out in modern timber "false" walls to take shelving associated with the shop. The basement is used as a store; a door incorporated within the front wall leads into the vaulted coal bunker under the pavement. The original brickwork of the front walls of the house can be seen at this location and is the first signs of original fabric internally. The steps of the stairs between basement and ground floor may be original but the balustrade is modern. No original fabric is visible on the ground floor.

The ground floor comprises of a small open-plan DIY shop with one entrance door and window onto Mary Street. The return, attached to the rear is also included within the ground floor plan layout; the location of the opening within the original rear external wall into the return can clearly be seen. The stairs leading directly to the basement is open to the shop on ground floor, while the stairs leading up the next floor is enclosed with a lightweight partition and access door leading to the upper levels. On the upper floors, there is some original joinery in the form of flat panel doors, a possibly original/early staircase, historic architraves and window surrounds which are of some architectural significance. The floors and partition walls of the original building are in good condition but it is unclear without further investigation whether or not these are original.

The first floor was possibly originally one room which has been subdivided by 20th century lightweight partitions which form two offices to the front and a lobby to the rear. The original rear window has been blocked up and has become internal following the construction of the rear return which probably dates to the 19th century. It has a corrugated metal lean-to roof, to protect the W.C. facilities. The main staircase that connects the ground floor with the levels above is in good condition and the style is indicative of early Georgian stairs construction including its winding flight for each storey, ramped handrail and a robust design to the newel posts. The plainer balustrade was generally located at the upper levels with the more decorative located between ground and first. It is unclear without further investigation if any remaining balustrade survives within the partition surrounding the ground floor flight. The upper flights contain simple chunky balusters with chamfered corners. The paint colour of

the stairs is a flat brown colour also associated with mid eighteenth century staircases. The threads have been covered in plywood which comes over the nosing on some steps. It's not clear why they are covered however but some of the nosings are damaged which meant that the ply was possibly part of refurbishment works. There is also a wider flight of steps on a section of the staircase leading from the second floor up to the top floor. The reason for this is unclear.

The second and third floors are both stores; the lower one containing shelving that cross the front windows. The top (fourth) floor is also currently used as a store and has a very low floor to ceiling height. There are two modern windows on this floor one to the front and rear gables. An access hatch is located to the western slope of the roof that allows access onto the roof. (Hatch was locked during time of inspection.)

Internally some historic architectural features of value remain. The majority of the historic fabric elements is made up of the structural components of walls, floors and some joinery elements.

Historical Background

Mary Street was the focal point for the new parish of St Mary, established in 1697 when the ancient parish of St Michan was divided in three. St Mary's Church was begun immediately, the design attributed to Sir William Robinson (architect of the Royal Hospital Kilmmainham) and finished after his death, by Thomas Burgh (architect of Dr Steven's hospital and the Library TCD). The church served a rapidly growing population in one of the most fashionable areas which is reflected in its elaborate design. The church has many historical associations: Lord Charlemont was baptised here in 1728 and Wolfetone in 1763. It was also the location of John Wesley's first Sermon in Ireland in 1747.

From map comparisons No. 1 Mary Street was present on Charles Brooking 1728 map however it is unclear if the building appears on Rocques 1708. Not much is known about the occupiers of the building prior to 1806. However the building played a significant part in the accommodation and provision of services such as shoe shops and glovers through to a DIY shop, to the general public throughout the past 200 years if not for longer.

Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000

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

- 1. Architectural:** This building forms one part of the street terrace along the southern side of Mary Street dating to the early eighteenth century. The building itself is a two-bay, four-storey over basement with a gable-fronted street elevation of modern cementitious brickwork and uPVC windows, (elevation possibly renovated within the last 50years). A DIY shop is located at ground floor with associated small sized offices and stores on the basement and upper floors. A gable faces on to Mary Street at fourth floor level, which contains one singular window.

There is a history of "Dutch Billy's" in this area and some still survive in nearby Capel Street. The period of construction of No. 1 Mary Street coincides with the era when "Dutch Billy's" were in fashion (late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries). The majority of these gables do not survive today and are replaced with parapets in front of 'new' roofs. Many of the original high-fronted gables were without windows facing the street which may be the case with this building as no historic joinery surrounds the window internally unlike all the others underneath.

It can be said, given the evidence, that No. 1 Mary Street is most lightly a surviving "Dutch Billy" and while the façade has undergone much renovation, the original character and charm of this house still survives and can be seen in the shape, size and scale of the building footprint, the surviving historic construction fabric, and the overall style and shape of the street façade.

It can also be said that, while the modern brickwork and uPVC windows, materially, have no architectural significance and therefore do not contribute to the streetscape and character of the area, the proportion and size of the window openings and their location on the façade are original, and are consistent with the neighbouring buildings, No.2 Mary Street and 42 Capel Street, both protected structures. It is believed that 42 Capel Street was in fact also a “Dutch Billy”.

Internally the building retains some of its original construction fabric and joinery finishes. Early traditional methods of construction are still visible in the building such as lime plaster on original walls and possibly lath and plaster ceilings. The surviving doors and architraves are most lightly Victorian or late Georgian and are of architectural importance to the house. The staircase displays a style of joinery common to the mid 18th century. The original plan form of the building is still visible with some modern interventions. There are no surviving fireplaces to the chimneybreasts and no visible fireplace openings. It should be noted that the walls of the ground and basement floors are completely lined with modern timber false walls to take shelving but the original walls are visible behind an access doorway of the coal bunker to the front basement.

2. **Historical:** Mary Street was laid out from the mid 1690's by Sir Humphrey Jervis on lands of the Cistercian Abbey of St Mary which were broken up after the dissolution of the monastery and 20 acres of which eventually passed to Humphrey Jervis. Jervis, one of the earliest developers in the north east city, laid out a regular grid of streets in this immediate area on which he then set about establishing a new fashionable upper-class suburb. The principle routes were determined by existing topographical features and Mary Street was laid out on line with the existing Mary's Lane.

The Dublin Almanac directories record an Arthur Thompson (trade: Glover) being the proprietor here in 1814, and in 1806 a Rebecca Thompson was recorded as being the proprietor of a “shoes and ladies ware” shop. Today No. 1 Mary Street is occupied by a DIY & Ironmongers shop which has been open in this location since 1920, and is a continuation of the type of trade that would have served the general public in this area since this area was developed.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the Dublin City Council area; however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

Using the NIAH System of rating, this structure is considered to be of Regional significance. These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to add the '1. Mary Street, Dublin 1' to Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

**Conservation Section,
Planning & Economic Development Dept.,
Block 4, Floor 3.**

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

The following reports are due to be presented to the next City Council Meeting. In advance of that meeting, they are being circulated to the Local Area Committee as a matter of courtesy. They have already been before the area committee prior to being publicly advertised.

- 1. 5-12 incl. & 14-21 incl. Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6**
- 2. 4-12 incl. & 14-20 incl. Collier's Avenue, Dublin 6**

**Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner**

**Conservation Section,
Planning & Economic Development Dept.
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**To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee.**

Proposed deletion of '4-12 incl. & 14-20 incl. Collier's Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area.

Procedure followed

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council, by public notice on 18/12/2012, indicated its intention to delete 4-12 incl. and 14-20 incl. Collier's Avenue from the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). No submissions were received by the City Council in response to the proposed deletions.

Request for Deletion

Conservation Section, Planning & Development Department, Dublin City Council.

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion

In accordance with 'Appendix 11: Proposed Architectural Conservation Areas' and policy FCO32 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017, it is proposed to *designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas, including residential, suburban areas of the city with the specific objective of reducing buildings in these areas which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, as appropriate. (Any buildings selected for deletion from the RPS will be of local rather than of regional significance. These ACAs will protect primarily the front facades and streetscape character and will remove the protected structure status of such buildings.*

Appendix 11 of the Dublin City Development Plan lists these 9 proposed ACA's of which Collier's Avenue is one. These structures were on List 2 in the Dublin City Development Plan 1999, and became included in the RPS following the Planning and Development Act 1999. The streetscapes formed from the grouping of these structures are valuable and should be protected in some rational way. The mechanism for such protection provided in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) is the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas. Architectural Conservation Areas will play a key role in the protection and enhancement of these historic streetscapes. Each ACA assessment provides a detailed description of the essential character of the ACA. The principal purpose is to define the key elements, essential features and special quality in order to reinforce Dublin City Council's policy objectives of promoting, protecting and enhancing its environment. It is proposed to designate nine ACAs throughout the city and delete the buildings of lesser importance within them from the Record of Protected Structures.

The other proposed ACA's are as follows:

1 Elmwood Avenue Upper and Lower and Elmpark Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

- 2 Ranelagh Avenue, Ranelagh, Dublin 6
- 3 Westmoreland Park Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (completed)
- 4 Temple Place Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (already in process)
- 5 St Lawrence Road Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 6 Haddon Road/Victoria Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 7 Hollybrook Road Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 8 Belmont Road/ Mount Eden, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

Site Location & Zoning map

See attached.

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

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

Historic Development

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

General Character

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

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

Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000

These 16 structures are considered to be of special interest under the following headings:

Architectural: The overall special character of the street is formed from the overall uniform terrace of buildings fronting this narrow street. The general character of the street makes a contribution to the immediate streetscape and Ranelagh Village as a whole. The setting and external appearance of the buildings are considered of special architectural interest.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the Dublin City Council area; however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical,

archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

Using the NIAH System of rating these structures are considered to be of Local significance. 'These are structures or sites of some vintage that make a contribution to the architectural heritage but may not merit being placed in the RPS separately. Such structures may have lost much of their original fabric'.

Submissions/ Objections Received

No submissions were received by the City Council in response to the proposed deletions.

Meeting of the Area Committee

The proposed deletion of the structures was brought forward to the South-East Area Committee on 11/7/2011, where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to delete these structures from the RPS.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to delete **4-12 & 14-20 Collier's Avenue, Dublin 6'** from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Furthermore once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area which will seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

Conservation Section,
Planning & Economic Development Dept.
Block 4, Floor 3.

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

Proposed deletion of '5-12 & 14-21 Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6' from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area.

Procedure followed

In accordance with the procedures set out in Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Dublin City Council, by public notice on 18/12/2012, indicated its intention to delete 5-12 incl. and 14-21 incl. Ranelagh Avenue from the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). No submissions were received by the City Council in response to the proposed deletions.

Request for Deletion

Conservation Section, Planning & Development Department, Dublin City Council.

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion

In accordance with 'Appendix 11: Proposed Architectural Conservation Areas' and policy FCO32 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017, it is proposed to designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas, including residential, suburban areas of the city with the specific objective of reducing buildings in these areas which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, as appropriate. (Any buildings selected for deletion from the RPS will be of local rather than of regional significance. These ACAs will protect primarily the front facades and streetscape character and will remove the protected structure status of such buildings.

Appendix 11 of the Dublin City Development Plan lists these 9 proposed ACA's of which Ranelagh Avenue is one. These structures were on List 2 in the Dublin City Development Plan 1999, and became included in the RPS following the Planning and Development Act 1999. The streetscapes formed from the grouping of these structures are valuable and should be protected in some rational way. The mechanism for such protection provided in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) is the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas. Architectural Conservation Areas will play a key role in the protection and enhancement of these historic streetscapes. Each ACA assessment provides a detailed description of the essential character of the ACA. The principal purpose is to define the key elements, essential features and special quality in order to reinforce Dublin City Council's policy objectives of promoting, protecting and enhancing its environment. It is proposed to designate nine ACAs throughout the city and delete the buildings of lesser importance within them from the Record of Protected Structures.

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- 8 Belmont Road/ Mount Eden, Donnybrook, Dublin 4
- A Name Address

Summary Description/Character

The general character of the street comprises modest two and three-bay, two-storey terraced 19th Century structures with Georgian like features including railings to the front and large door and semi-circular fanlights. Two-bay terraces line the northern side of the street while three-bay terraces line the southern side. The setting and external appearance of the buildings are considered of special interest. The overall special character of the street is formed from the overall uniform terrace of buildings fronting this narrow street. The setting and external appearance of the buildings are considered of special interest.

Historical Background

In Rocque's 1773 map a new short road is marked going from the main road in Ranelagh to what was then the old Ranelagh Gardens. No buildings are marked in, but it is likely that this was Ranelagh Avenue. Building is thought to have begun in the last decades of the 18th Century, but No. 1 is the only house remaining from this period. This was part of a terrace of four houses, three of which were demolished in the 1960s-1970s. A new terrace of local authority houses was built on the site and fits well into the avenue. By 1816 most of the south side was built. The house at the end (no. 12) as well as nos. 5, 6, 7 were built in the 1880s. Originally called Westmoreland Row, the name was changed to Westmoreland Terrace in the 1850s and to Ranelagh Avenue in the 1860s, about the same time as the north side of the terrace was built. Druitt's cottages, now nos. 21a, b and c Ranelagh Avenue, were also built then in what appears to be a piece of ground attached to no. 21. Jeremiah Hodges Mulcahy lived in No. 18. A native of Limerick, he exhibited in the RHA from 1848 to 1878. He had a school of painting in Catherine Street, Limerick, and five illustrations from drawings by him are published in the 19th Century topographical history *Hall's Ireland*. Another artist, W.P. Rogers, lived in No. 21 about the same time. Baker's abattoir was situated at the rear of Allied Irish Bank (History courtesy of Kelly, Deirdre "Four Roads to Dublin: A History of Rathmines, Ranelagh and Leeson Street", O'Brien Press Dublin, 1995).

References:

Kelly, D. (1995) *Four Roads to Dublin: A History of Rathmines, Ranelagh and Leeson Street*, O'Brien Press Dublin.

Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000

These 16 structures are considered to be of special interest under the following headings:

Architectural: The overall special character of the street is formed from the overall uniform terrace of buildings fronting this narrow street. The general character of the street makes a contribution to the immediate streetscape and Ranelagh Village as a whole. The setting and external appearance of the buildings are considered of special architectural interest.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

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Submissions/ Objections Received

No submissions were received by the City Council in response to the proposed deletions.

Meeting of the Area Committee

The proposed deletion of the structures was brought forward to the South-East Area Committee on 12/11/2012, where it was agreed by the elected members to initiate the procedure to delete these structures from the RPS.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to delete **5-12 & 14-21 Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6** from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Furthermore once the deletion procedure is completed it is proposed to designate these buildings an Architectural Conservation Area which will seek to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

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

**Proposed Draft Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017
Temple Place, Ranelagh.**

It is proposed to vary the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 by designating Temple Place as an Architectural Conservation Area.

This proposed draft variation arises from the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017: -

Objective FCO32 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 (Chapter 7 Fostering Dublin's Character & Culture), which states that it is an objective of Dublin City Council "to designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas, including residential, suburban areas of the city with the specific objective of reducing buildings in these areas which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, as appropriate. (Any buildings selected for deletion from the RPS will be of local rather than regional significance. These ACAs will protect primarily the front facades and streetscape character and will remove the protected structure status of such buildings (see Appendix 11)".

Appendix 11 *Proposed Architectural Conservation Areas* states "It is proposed to designate nine ACAs throughout the city and delete the buildings of lesser importance within them from the Record of Protected Structures. The boundary of each ACA is delineated with a detailed description of the architectural character and special interest of the area." Temple Place is listed no. 5 of the nine designate ACA's in Appendix 11.

Site Description:

Temple Place is located in the south of the city, approximately 3 km's south of the city centre, in the district of Ranelagh a busy village/ residential suburban city area, which is comprised of a strong mix of city uses.

The boundaries of the proposed Temple Place ACA, to the south east, comprise the access laneway to Ranelagh Park Gardens and the side elevation of no. 10 Temple Place; to the north east comprise the rear of no's 2-10 Temple Place; the south west boundary comprises the side site boundary of no. 2 and the south east boundary comprises Temple Place public access.

The proposed variation is attached, and the exact boundaries of the proposed Architectural Conservation Area are delineated on the map accompanying this summary document.

Explanation:

In accordance with Objective FCO32 (Chapter 7 Fostering Dublin's Character & Culture) and Appendix 11 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017, to designate additional Architectural Conservation Areas, including residential, suburban areas of the city with the specific objective of reducing buildings in these areas which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, as appropriate, it is proposed to designate Temple Place as an ACA. This ACA will protect primarily the front facades and streetscape character and will remove the protected structure status of such buildings. The buildings selected for deletion from the RPS will be of local rather than regional significance.

Temple Place is short terrace, comprising two storey, two and three bay, brick and rendered, residential structures which extends east off Ranelagh Road via a pedestrian arch and adjoins Ranelagh Gardens Park to the east, accessed via a pedestrian gateway. The terrace is sited on the northern side of Temple Place, the ACA is defined by 9 no., mid 19th century, two storey, rendered dwellinghouses (no's 2-10) of traditional vernacular form. Many of the original building details have been replaced however the original form and layout of the street remains, retaining an attractive sense of place, original details that remain on a number of structures include the bangor blue slates, cast-iron rainwater goods, dolphin barn brick facade, timber panel door and overlight, granite steps and these are noteworthy features in the modern city context.

The key policies and objectives of the Architectural Conservation Area plan may be summarised as follows: -

- It is the overall policy of Dublin City Council to protect and conserve the character and setting of Temple Place. Through the ACA report the Council will identify the areas of special character and architectural interest and to manage change in such a way as to preserve that special character.
- Owners and occupiers of non-protected structures located within the Temple Place ACA should note that the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure located in an architectural conservation area shall be exempted development only if those works would not materially affect the character of the area, for example works of alteration to streetscape features such as roofs, walls, windows and doors, rainwater goods or the curtilage bounding a house may not be exempted development.
- It is the policy of Dublin City Council to seek the repair and retention of traditional fabric of special interest; including those structures, which may not be protected structures. In terms of advertising structures inappropriate signs and advertising structures including shall not be permitted.
- It is an objective that any new developments should have regard to the character of the adjacent buildings, which shall include height, massing, scale and plot width.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the variation procedure be initiated to designate Temple Place as an Architectural Conservation Area.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

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

**Proposed Draft Variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017
Sandymount Village and Environs.**

It is proposed to vary the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 by designating Sandymount Village & Environs as an Architectural Conservation Area.

This proposed draft variation arises from the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017: -

Objective FCO34, which states that it is an objective of Dublin City Council to undertake an assessment to inform the potential ACA designation for the following areas: Sandymount Village & Environs.

Site Description:

Sandymount village is located in the south east of the city, approximately 4 km's south east of the city centre, bounded by Sandymount Strand to the east and the suburb of Ballsbridge to the west, it is a busy village/ residential suburban city area, which is comprised of a strong mix of city uses.

The boundaries of the proposed Sandymount Village & Environs ACA, include Sandymount Green, Gilford Road (part of), Newgrove Avenue (part of), Seafort Villas, Seafort Avenue, Dromard Terrace, Beach Road (part of), Prospect Terrace, Sandymount Road (part of), Claremont Road (part of).

The proposed variation is attached, and the exact boundaries of the proposed Architectural Conservation Area are delineated on the map accompanying this summary document.

Explanation:

Sandymount Village & Environs is a seaside village, with the triangular green space of Sandymount Green at the village centre. The village has a significant and varied stock of nineteenth and twentieth century structures, although the village is primarily defined by nineteenth century structures laid out around the village green, which remains the focal point of the village to the present day.

The village Green is approached on five winding roads and avenues, by a mix of residential and commercial structures that reflects the different building styles of the mid nineteenth century, the late nineteenth /early twentieth century and the mid twentieth century periods. The structures are laid out in detached, semi-detached and short terrace form, the commercial structures street fronted and many of the residential structures set back from the rear of the public footpath with small gardens. There are a small number of three storey commercial structures, however the commercial and residential structures are mainly two storeys in height and these are finished with red brick and render facades, much of the original building materials and details are retained including pitched roofs with natural slates and decorative ridge detailing, timber sash and casement windows, ironwork including railings, gates bootscrapers etc, most of the commercial frontages are twentieth century,

although a number of important nineteenth century frontages remain. The area consists of a mix of residential, commercial and institutional uses resulting in a strong urban vibrancy and vitality.

The key policies and objectives of the Architectural Conservation Area plan may be summarised as follows: -

- It is the overall policy of Dublin City Council to protect and conserve the character and setting of Sandymount Village & Environs. Through the ACA report the Council will identify the areas of special character and architectural interest and to manage change in such a way as to preserve that special character.
- Owners and occupiers of non-protected structures located within the Sandymount Village & Environs ACA should note that the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure located in an architectural conservation area shall be exempted development only if those works would not materially affect the character of the area, for example works of alteration to streetscape features such as roofs, walls, windows and doors, rainwater goods or the curtilage bounding a house may not be exempted development.
- It is the policy of Dublin City Council to seek the repair and retention of traditional fabric of special interest; including those structures, which may not be protected structures. In terms of advertising structures inappropriate signs and advertising structures including shall not be permitted.
- It is an objective that any new developments should have regard to the character of the adjacent buildings, which shall include height, massing, scale and plot width.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the variation procedure be initiated to designate Sandymount Village and Environs as an Architectural Conservation Area.

Patricia Hyde
Senior Planner

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

**South East Area Sport & Leisure Services Quarterly Report
December 2012 to February 2013**

The City Council provides a wide range of sports and leisure services and facilities in the South East Area. The main facilities include Irishtown Stadium and Markievicz Leisure Centre.

Markievicz Leisure Centre

Markievicz Leisure Centre is a busy facility utilised on a daily basis by individuals, families, children, schools and community groups. The following facilities and services are currently available in Markievicz Leisure Centre:

25 Metre Pool	Fitness Assessments
Sauna	Teen Gym
Aqua fit	Spinning
Learn to Swim Group Child Lessons	Kettle Bells
Group Swimming Lessons Adults	GF Boxing
Personal Swimming Lessons	Body Sculpt
Lane Swimming	Abs Classes
Family Swimming	Suspension Training
Atlantis Swimming Club	Passport for Leisure
Fully Equipped Gym	Senior Citizens Free

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday 07:00 to 22:00
 Friday 07:00 to 21:00
 Saturday 09:00 to 18:00
 Sunday 10:00 to 16:00

Recent developments

Updated Group Fitness Sessions Timetable

Since January 2013 Markievicz Leisure Centre offers 38 group fitness sessions per week. This includes: 34 studio classes, 2 aqua fit classes and 2 group adult swimming lesson sessions; all of which are included in memberships. The latest addition to the timetable has been Suspension Training. This is a form of resistance training using a specially designed frame and strap that allows the user to work against their own body weight. The exercises are aimed at developing strength, balance, flexibility and joint stability simultaneously. Currently suspension training is proving extremely popular and all scheduled sessions are fully booked.

For further information on Markievicz Leisure Centre please visit www.dublincity.ie/leisure or contact the centre Manager directly on Tel: 087 7547145 email: shauna.mcintyre@dublincity.ie

Irishtown Stadium

Irishtown stadium is used on an ongoing basis by individuals, families, children, schools, sporting organisations and community groups. Below are details of all facilities and activities available at Irishtown Stadium:

Full Size Astro Pitch	Passport for Leisure
5 * 5-Aside Soccer Pitches	Senior Citizens Free
Adult Soccer	Teen Gym
Schoolboy Soccer	Studio
FAI Soccer FAS Course	Kettle Bells
Tag Rugby	GF Box
8 Lane 400 metre Track	Spinning
Athletics	Circuit Training
Track & Field Events	Pump & Tone
School & College sports Days	Irishtown Stage School
Charity Events & Tournaments	Karate
Community Events & Festivals	Parties Child Birthday
Fully Equipped Gym	Training & Meeting Room
Fitness Assessments	

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday	10:00 to 22:00
Friday	10:00 to 21:00
Saturday	10:00 to 17:00
Sunday	10:00 to 16:00

Recent events at Irishtown Stadium

Ireland V Poland International Fans Friendly Match and 5 Aside Tournament

This event was held on Wednesday 6 February 2013 at Irishtown Stadium from 2pm to 6pm. On the day over 100 participants from the Irish and Polish communities enjoyed a 5 Aside Soccer tournament, urban football challenges using tyres etc, food and entertainment. You Boys in Green (YBIG) and the Polish Fans also played an 11 aside soccer match. The Lord Mayor attended the event, which was organised by Event Partners in association with Dublin City Council, F.A.I., PZPN (Polish Football Association), and The Gathering. After the event the participants went on to the Aviva Stadium to watch the 2 countries play against each other. The event was publicised through Irish Social media, PZPN social media and travelling supporters, F.A.I social media, the YBIG forum, Irish 5 aside and 7 aside leagues, through companies in the IFSC and in the Evening Herald.

For further information on Irishtown Stadium please visit www.dublincity.ie/leisure or contact the centre Manager directly by Tel: 087 7547145 email: shauna.mcintyre@dublincity.ie

A Sports Development Officer and FAI Sports Officer are also assigned to encourage and develop sporting activities in the South East Area.

Sport Development

The Sports Development Officer operates in the South East Area part of the South Inner City Local Drugs Task Force Area. The Following is an update on Sport Development programmes and activities delivered or assisted by Mr John Sweeney from December 2012 to February 2013:

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Tag Rugby Programme

The LCA tag rugby programme began in 2012 in P.A.R.C., Pearse Street. This 5-week programme was rolled out to 10 participants aged between 14 and 16 years; all students from C.B.S. Westland Row. The aim of the programme was to teach the young men fundamental skills of Tag Rugby. Following on from the programme the LCA participants are currently working with St Mary's and St Brigid's primary schools on Haddington Road; and with St Patrick's Boys and Girls primary schools in Ringsend. The participants of the students are passing on their knowledge to the primary school children and are planning to organise a blitz between the schools in March 2013. There are approximately 100 children taking part in this element of the programme aged 10 to 12 years. The LCA tag rugby programme is delivered by Jack Hanratty, Dublin City Council Community Rugby Officer.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Cricket Programme

This 5-week cricket programme ran on Tuesdays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in P.A.R.C., Pearse Street from December 2012 to 16 January 2013. There were 6 male participants from C.B.S. Westland Row aged 14 to 16 years who learned the fundamental skills of Cricket.

Intercultural Hurling Programme

On Thursday 14 February 2013 from 1pm to 3:30pm a hurling programme was held in Clanna Gael G.A.A. club for students from Ireland, Norway and Georgia. This student exchange was part of the St Andrew's Resource Centre 'Talk about Youth' project. There were 30 male and female participants aged 16 to 18 years who learned basic skills in hurling and enjoyed hurling based games.

Mid Term Soccer Tournament

A soccer tournament took place in P.A.R.C., Pearse Street on Friday 15 February 2013 from 12pm to 2:30pm. There were 24 male participants aged 15 to 17 years from the Pearse Street area and from Soccer Against Racism Ireland (S.A.R.I.).

School Completion Soccer League

A 12-week school completion soccer league began on 26 February 2013 in Irishtown Stadium. There are 6 competing all male teams from schools in Westland Row, Coolock, Crumlin and Dublin 7. The soccer matches take place in the Stadium on Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm. Mr Dean Mc Donnell, Acting SCP co-ordinator for South East Area is assisting this project.

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Boxing Programme

From 26 February 2013 a 4-week Start Box Bronze Award programme commenced in Gloucester Street Community Centre. The sessions are held on Tuesdays from 2pm to 3pm for male and female participants aged 14 to 16 years from C.B.S. Westland Row. Mr Tommy Ahern, Boxing in the Community Officer is assisting this programme.

Sport Development Officer Contact Details

For further information on Sport Development programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Mr John Sweeney, Mob: 087 9809095 Email: john.sweeney@dublincity.ie

Sport & Recreation

The Sport and Recreation Officer operates in the South East Area focusing specifically on groups identified by the Dublin City Sports Network (DCSN) including: older adults, people with disabilities, ethnic minority groups, women, girls and children under 10 years. Following

are activities and programmes arranged or assisted by Ms Tonya Allen from December 2012 to February 2013.

Gaelic for Girls

The Gaelic for girls programme ran in conjunction with the national governing body of ladies football, the L.G.F.A. and D.I.T. College. The 6-week programme was aimed at girls aged 8 to 13 years and taught them the fundamental skills of ladies football in a fun environment. Students from D.I.T. performed the coaching as part of their course curriculum. The programme finished with a blitz on 13 December 2012, which gave the participants from Pearse Street an opportunity to display their skills. The girls also receive a t-shirt, medal, certificate and mini football to continue their skill development.

Older Adults Mutli Sports programme

This continuous multi sports programme is aimed at adults 55 years and over with sessions being held in Ranelagh, Rathmines, Sandymount, Ringsend and Clarendon Street to date. On average each session has 14 participants mainly female. The sessions introduce the participants to a variety of activities including: curling, shuffleboard, quits, mobility games and other strengthening and conditioning exercises.

Chair Aerobics Programme

This highly successful programme is aimed at older adults and people suffering from poor mobility. The programme has been run in several locations in the South East Area including: Rathmines, Donnybrook, Sandymount and Ringsend. The programme commenced in January 2013 and will run until March 2013. Currently the participants are predominately female and are aged 35 to 92 years and the programme can be adapted to suit the needs of each participant.

Buntus Programme

The Buntus programme runs in partnership with the Irish Sports Council and the Department of Education. It is aimed at primary school teachers and crèche facilitators. The participants of the programme learn to deliver fundamental movement skills to children in their day-to-day work. On completion of the programme each school or crèche receives two large bags of generic sports equipment and resource cards worth €1000.00. This ensures the teachers have the tools to deliver high quality fun and games for their students. Unfortunately due to budget restrictions the Buntus programme is being phased out. Over the past 3 years all primary schools in the South East Area were offered the programme with only 50% of the schools engaging. Of those schools that did take up the programme the feedback from many of the teachers was extremely positive.

Yoga Programme

This 6-week Yoga programme is aimed at women over 55 years and runs in Irishtown Stadium on Tuesday evenings from 8:45pm to 9:45pm. The programme commenced on 11 February 2013 and the participants are local ladies from the established GAL Group.

Family Walks

This pilot programme was created to compliment the Operation Transformation series of walks and runs. The aim of the programme is to encourage families to exercise together and utilise local amenities. A national walk was held on Saturday 19 January 2013 in Sundrive Park, Crumlin, Dublin 12 and involved all the Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Officers. The Lord Mayor launched the walk and over 150 participants braved the elements to complete the 3.5K journey. The HSE Active Age Officer, Mr David Phelan also assisted in the event by providing advice on the day for the participants.

Operation Transformation National 5K Event

The national Operation Transformation 5K event was held on Saturday 23 February 2013 in Phoenix Park, Dublin. All of Dublin City Council Sport and Recreation Officers were involved in running and organising this event. This year's event had over 5000 participants and was a huge success even as the snow began to fall. The programme had national media coverage from RTE. The stakeholders involved included: The Irish Sports Council, Dublin City Council, O.P.W. Gardaí, Coaching Ireland, Athletics Ireland and numerous volunteers.

Sport & Recreation Officer Contact Details

For further information on Sport & Recreation programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Ms Tonya Allen, Mob: 087 0544034 Email: tonya.allen@dublincity.ie

Football in the Community Development

Details of programmes and activities organised or assisted by Mr Jonathon Tormey, F.A.I. Officer from December 2012 to February 2013 are listed below:

Female Soccer Programme

This soccer programme is an ongoing project that runs in St Patrick's Boys School on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The programme is aimed at women aged 16 years upwards who want to get fit and have fun in a relaxed and friendly environment. The women attending the programme are from the South East Inner City.

Sprog Soccer

Sprog Soccer runs at the below times and locations:

- Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm in Y.M.C.A.
- Fridays from 3pm to 5pm in Irishtown Stadium

The programme is for 3 to 6 year old boys and girls from the Pearse Street, Charlemont Street, Aungier Street and Ringsend areas. The aim of the programme is to involve children from a young age in sport and give them the opportunity to socialise with their peers. The programme is also a tool for developing and improving motor skills and hand to eye coordination.

Intersevens League

The Intersevens leagues in an ongoing social soccer programme running in Irishtown Stadium from 6pm to 8pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Over 200 participants in the league come from all areas across the city and are aged 16 years upwards. The FAI officer's involvement in this project is to help with the development and improvement of the league going forward.

Club Development Programme

The club development programme runs on Mondays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Railway Union, Sandymount. This is an ongoing programme for boys and girls aged 3 to 7 years. The aim of the programme is to involve children from a young age in sport and give them the opportunity to socialise with their peers. It is also a tool for developing and improving motor skills and hand to eye coordination. There are approximately 45 participants in the programme.

Late Night Soccer League

The late night soccer league ran on Friday evenings in November 2012 from 6pm to 9pm in P.A.R.C., Pearse Street. The league was organised and facilitated by the F.A.I., Dublin City Council Sport Development Officers and Gardaí. The aim of the programme was to provide young men and women aged 13 to 19 years with an activity during the weekend evenings to prevent or reduce antisocial behaviour. Approximately 35 young people participated in the league. The citywide final was held on 7 December in Irishtown Stadium with two all male teams representing the South East Area aged 13 to 15 years.

Intercultural Polish and Irish Soccer Tournament

The Polish and Irish Soccer tournament was held in Irishtown Stadium on Saturday 2 February from 10am to 2pm. The event was for boys and girls aged 9 to 16 years from both communities on the run up to the Ireland v Poland international match held in the Aviva Stadium on 6 February 2013. The tournament was a huge success with over 150 children participating.

Kick Start 1 Course

On Thursday 31 January 2013 a Kick Start 1 beginner coaching course was run in Irishtown Stadium from 10am to 1pm. This course was run in conjunction with the local drugs task force and had 22 participants aged 16 and over.

Football in the Community Development Officer Contact Details

For further information on Soccer in the Community programmes and activities in the South East Area, please contact Mr Jonathan Tormey, Mob: 087 1323252

Shauna Mc Intyre
Centre Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

11th March 2013

Area Manager's Report

Flood Fora

Dublin City Council staff assigned to the Forum are currently up-skilling on flooding by means of research, training and liaison with relevant City Council sections. The City Council's staff on the Flood Forum have met on site with Drainage Division staff at the Flood Resilience group proposed locations. They are in the process of setting up a meeting with the Pearse Square Group to progress matters.

Flood Relief Work Londonbridge

Attached is draft traffic management plan which has been sent to Gardaí, DCC Traffic, AVIVA stadium for comments. When these are received it will then be sent to local residents associations for comments.

Some site investigations will be carried out in March but the Bridge is not programmed to be closed to vehicular and cycle traffic until Tuesday 2nd April for an estimated period of three months. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained on first the northern portion of the bridge and around six weeks later on the southern portion.

Grafton Street Quarter

The tender process for the selection of a contractor to carry out the Grafton Street upgrade works is underway with a closing date of 28th March. It is planned that a contractor will be engaged so that the works will commence in Mid May. Works will continue until November and then re-commence in January 2014 with an estimated completion date of July 2014.

Improvement works to the water services infrastructure commenced on 25th February and will continue until April. All affected businesses have been notified and a process of active communications with business representatives has been established.

Crampton Buildings

A part 8 submission for the refurbishment of Crampton Buildings was lodged on 28th February with a closing date for submissions on 30th April. It is hoped to bring a report to the May City Council meeting. Subject to approval and the engagement of a contractor, it is planned to commence works in August and to have works completed in July 2014. There is ongoing liaison with residents in relation to the proposed refurbishment works.

2013 Events

The St. Patrick's Festival 2013 will run from Thursday 14th March to Monday 18th March. The Festival Parade will take place on Sunday 17th March and will include "The Peoples Parade", which entails up to 8,000 people, who have registered on-line beforehand, marching along the parade route before the actual parade itself begins.

Public Domain

The South East Area will commence a washing programme in the area whereby all villages and shop fronts will be washed. This operation will be carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders. This programme will commence after St. Patrick's Day and the Councillors will be notified in advance when the schedule has been agreed.

A clean up of the Dodder has been arranged by residents in conjunction with the South East Area Office. This clean up is to take place on 23rd March and Dublin City Council will provide bags and gloves and remove all collected waste. Residents of Belgrave Square organised a similar clean up 9th/10th February and Dublin City Council provided bags and gloves and removed all collected waste. Residents in Belgrave Square also received and erected "no dog fouling" signs.

The weed spraying schedule in Dublin City Council will commence on 2nd April weather permitting. The South East will be the first area to be treated.

The South East Area Office has now received a large supply of dog poo disposal bags. These bags will now be distributed to libraries and community centres in the area. Any community groups or residents associations who require a supply of same can contact Paurig Gallagher at paurig.gallagher@dublincity.ie who will arrange delivery of same.

A strategy for dog fouling is being considered for the South East Area whereby a combined approach by the Parks Section, Waste Management Services and the South East Area office will endeavour to reduce the level of dog fouling in the South East Area.

The Bulky Waste Collection for the South East Area will commence on 2nd April 2013. The following areas have been completed: Ringsend, Irishtown, Sandymount, Ballsbridge, Donnybrook. The scheme has proven to be very successful with many households availing of the free service. Councillors will be notified in advance when the collection recommences in the South East Area. For any further information please contact: Paurig Gallagher. E-mail: paurig.gallagher@dublincity.ie Phone: 01-2223934

Palmerston Park

Tender documents requesting Fee Proposals to undertake a Conservation Management Plan for Palmerston Park have been forwarded to consultant conservation architects. Completed tender forms are due to be returned at the end of March and will be assessed shortly thereafter.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The Grand Canal Networking Event was held on 20th February 2013 in Griffith College, South Circular Road. There was a good attendance (approx 75 people attended) with a diversity of questions and ideas submitted in relation to the canal. The number of Environmental and Clean-Up Groups is increasing and a good network of contacts is being created. It was acknowledged that there are a lot of groups with different interests related to the canal and that the networking events provide a forum to address issues for users and residents along the canal.

South Campshires Flood Protection Scheme.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 5th March in Gloucester Street Sports Centre to discuss the above. Dublin City Council proposes to construct a flood protection scheme along the southern campshires of the River Liffey, between Butt Bridge and the Samuel Becket Bridge. The detailed design is completed for the approved scheme. It is anticipated that tenders will be invited in May/June 2013 with construction commencing in late 2013, and the works completed before end 2014. At the meeting residents agreed to be members of a Local

Liaison group to monitor the construction process. The group will also assist in communication and consultation throughout the construction period in order to mitigate the impact of the construction on the residents.

Community Development Report

Vibrant Villages & Urban Communities

This new initiative was launched by the South East Area Office Community Development Team at the end of February at Milltown Parish Centre. Representatives from across the South East Area were in attendance and presented with a menu of ideas for events/projects that could take place in their area, all of which can contribute to greater social capital, active citizenship and vibrant communities. This 'Menu of Ideas' included Village Garden Parties, Family Fiestas, Friends of Green Spaces, Historical Tours & Trails, Secret Gardens and Bloomsday Celebrations and was enthusiastically received by all on the night.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

To mark Seachtain na Gaeilge, our Irish language weekly walking group will be visiting Leinster House on Friday, 8th March at 11.30am where they'll be meeting with Independent Dublin Central TD Maureen O'Sullivan and receiving a tour of the Houses of the Oireachtas 'as Gaeilge'. They will then have an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of Irish music at the ILAC Library afterwards.

International Women's Day

The Community Development Section have also arranged a tour of the Mary Aikenhead Heritage Centre in Harold's Cross at 2.45pm for the French language walking group on Friday, 8th March to celebrate International Women's Day.

Walking & Photographing Exhibition with Age Action

This project commenced last year and is run in partnership with Age Action. Participants from one of our 'Let's Walk & Talk' groups were provided with cameras one afternoon in December and invited to take photographs that capture the hustle and bustle of our capital city and activities that help make Dublin thrive. Over 400 photographs were submitted, a sample of which will be on view at an exhibition at the Barge Pub at 3.30pm on Tuesday, 12th March following the group's weekly walk.

Verschoyle Court Art Exhibition

Pottery and painting classes have taken place at Verschoyle Court Community Centre since the late 70s. Senior citizens from Verschoyle Court and surrounding areas continue to participate in these classes which are run on a weekly basis in conjunction with the City Of Dublin VEC. An exhibition showcasing some of the recent art work produced will take place from 21-27 March (11-3pm daily) at the centre. The launch of the exhibition will take place in the centre on Thursday, 21st March at 11am.

Community Grant Scheme

One hundred and sixty-five grant applications were received from groups based in the South East Area for this year's scheme. The assessment of the applications is underway.

Herbert Park Users Group.

A presentation was made to the Herbert Park user group, prior to their AGM on the 26th February. The presentation outlined the proposed works which will be undertaken over the coming year, including pitch drainage, upgrading of dressing rooms, creating a café in the Tennis Pavilion and undertaking essential tree works, as recommended in the tree survey of the park. Attendants at the meeting were advised that it was expected that the tree works and pitch drainage would commence in April/May 2013 and an architectural team was

currently being sought to provide fee proposals to undertake consultation on the design and implementation of same.

Rates Office Responses to queries raised in February meeting

Each year during the statutory estimates process the rate on valuation is determined by the members of Dublin City Council to make up the deficiency arising in the fund out of which all the expenses of Dublin City Council are met. During this process the members of Dublin City Council will examine all expenditure and income streams to ensure that charges on citizens and business are kept to a minimum. The rate on valuation determined by the members of DCC is multiplied by the valuation of each property thus setting individual occupiers rates due.

The Herbert Park Hotel is valued in its entirety as on rated property. I can confirm that the car park is included.

Tony Flynn
Area Manager

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

**With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the extinguishment of the
Public Right of Way at Tangier Lane, off Grafton Street, Dublin 2**

Proposal

An application has been received to extinguish the public right of way at the above-mentioned location. Tangier Lane is off Grafton Street, Dublin 2 and is the main stage door entrance for staff and visitors to the Gaiety Theatre. This laneway is a dead-end. The reason for the proposed extinguishment is to eliminate serious anti-social behaviour in the laneway and to facilitate a safer environment for those who legitimately use this laneway. The area in question is "In Charge" of Dublin City Council Roads and Traffic Department.

This application has been made by Dublin City Bid Company Limited on behalf of businesses that have access to the laneway. In the event of this public right of way being extinguished, it is proposed to erect a gate, and access for any service providers that require them and also for local businesses will be provided via a keypad operated lock on this gate. The specification of this gate will be agreed and will fit in with proposals for street furniture in the Grafton Street Quarter. The extent of the proposed extinguishment is shown on Drawing No. R.M.26206.

Service Check

A service check will be initiated to ensure that any specific requirements by the service providers are complied with, were relevant

Statutory Requirement

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

Recommendation

I recommend that procedures be initiated under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to extinguish the public right of way over the area indicated on Drawing No. R.M. 26206

**Tony Flynn
Area Manager**

To The Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

11th March 2013

**With reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the
Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over section of forecourt area at
62 Upper Grand Canal Street – Slattery’s Public House**

History

The area outside of Slattery’s pub, 62 Upper Grand Canal Street has been used as a seating area for patrons of the premises, for over 20 years. Ownership of the site was difficult to establish and accordingly, Dublin City Council could not control the use at this location by either a street furniture licence (as would be the case if the city council owned the site) nor indeed by planning enforcement, as the use had become established.

The proprietor himself sought to regularise the legal position over the years by having the ownership transferred to him. However there was some confusion over this ownership as no title deeds were readily available. It was eventually established that the Pembroke Estate owned this plot of land. As the Pembroke Estate will only do business directly with Dublin City Council, it was agreed that the City Council would purchase the plot of ground and sell it on to Slattery’s.

The City Council succeeded in August 2012 in purchasing the site. A verbal agreement was also reached with Slattery’s to sell on this site to them. This agreement included the condition that if the site transferred to them, Slattery’s would fund an upgrade to the public domain in this area. This upgrade would include the site in front of the pub and the surrounding public footpaths, along with some enhancements to street furniture such as lampposts etc. The proposed upgrade works must be agreed and commissioned by Dublin City Council’s Roads Maintenance Division.

In order for the title to be transferred to Slattery’s, it is deemed necessary to extinguish the public right of way at this location.

Previously it was agreed at the South East Area Committee meeting held on 12th November 2012 to initiate the procedure proposing to extinguish the Public Right of Way over a section of forecourt area at 62 Upper Grand Canal Street – Slattery’s Public House. Subsequently, it was agreed at the Area Committee Meeting of 11th February 2013 that this proposal for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way be terminated. This was to allow for a revised proposal to be put forward to the South East Area Committee, seeking approval to initiate a new procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way over a **reduced** portion of the forecourt at Slattery’s Pub.

In this revised proposal, as indicated in Drawing No. SM 2012 1180 dated 20th February 2013 (copy attached) the area to be retained for footpath use will be greater than that already available to pedestrians (at least 1.86m wide) and also greater than that proposed in the initial proposal in November 2012. The area to be retained for public footpath use will remain in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

If it is agreed by the South East Area Committee to initiate this new proposal for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at this location a new notice will be advertised in the newspaper. New site notices will also be erected giving the required time for members of the public to make representations. As is standard, objections raised will be carefully considered, which could include an oral hearing should it be requested, before a recommendation will be made to this Committee.

The advantages of this new proposal are:

- Dublin City Council will have direct control over the street furniture located on this site
- A larger public domain area will be available to members of the public
- A smaller area of the forecourt will be used for tables and chairs
- The site and surrounding area will be upgraded at no cost to Dublin City Council
- Final resolution of an unsatisfactory situation that has existed at this location for many years

Service Check

A service check has been initiated and to date there are no requirements from service providers.

Statutory Requirement

The statutory procedure involves giving public notice of the proposal to be placed in one or more newspapers circulating in the city and the affixing of the relevant notice at the right of way for a period of not less than 14 days. Any objection or objections made and not withdrawn should be considered.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the elected members of the Dublin City Council.

Recommendation

I recommend that procedures be initiated under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 to extinguish the public right of way over the area indicated on Drawing No. SM 2012 1180 dated 20th February 2013.

Tony Flynn
Area Manager

**QUESTIONS TO DUBLIN CITY MANAGER
SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING, 11th MARCH 2013**

Q1. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager, as a matter of urgency, to install a yellow traffic box at the entrance / egress to Superquinn in Ranelagh village. This is needed urgently for safety and for traffic flow.

Q2. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager, as a matter of urgency, to have the waste that is in the former Gorman's Garage, Upper Rathmines Road at the junction with Maxwell Road, removed and the area cleaned as it is very unsightly and a serious health concern for local residents.

Q3. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if he could arrange to have a wheelchair only marking put outside 2 Albert Place East, Dublin 2. The elderly resident here, Robert Byrne, is a wheelchair user.

Q4. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a sign erected at the south end of Donnybrook Village welcoming people to the village and asking motorists to slow down.

The road into Donnybrook is not part of the N11, it has been re-designated as a regional road. The maintenance of regional roads is a statutory function of each Road Authority in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Roads Act, 1993. In this case the responsible Road Authority is Dublin City Council.

Q5. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the nameplate on Anglesea Road, Donnybrook end, repainted or if necessary replaced.

Q6. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to put an extra parking meter on Marlborough Road, Donnybrook.

Q7. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the broken kerb on the footpath at Sandymount Green repaired.

Q8. Councillor Edie Wynne

In the context of anti dog fouling initiatives in the SEA for 2013, could the Manager please say when the Pavement Cleaning Machine for the Area will commence usage.

Q9. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a response to the following issues outlined in (details supplied).

- Q10. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager for the trees along (details supplied) to be pruned.
- Q11. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to address the issues outlined in (details supplied).
- Q12. Councillor Maria Parodi**
Can the Manager please provide a response to (details supplied).
- Q13. Councillor Dermot Lacy**
To ask the Manager if he will arrange for a number of anti dog fouling signs to be erected around the Home Villas/Pembroke Cottages. St. Broc's Cottages area of Donnybrook.
- Q14. Councillor Dermot Lacy**
To ask the Manager if he can arrange for a weed spraying exercise to take place in the Home Villas/Pembroke Cottages. St. Broc's Cottages area of Donnybrook prior to their community clean up day on the 20th March
- Q15. Councillor Dermot Lacy**
To ask if action could be taken to require the owners of Donnybrook House to clean up the area surrounding their property at Rampart Lane and Pembroke Cottages and if the roadway generally in that vicinity could be cleaned.
- Q16. Councillor Mary Freehill**
Would the manager please arrange to have the street city council sign corrected at Church Avenue, Rathmines, which states D8 which of course should read D6?
- Q17. Councillor Dermot Lacey**
To ask the Manager if he have these bollards along St. Andrew Street removed as they are unsightly and unnecessary.
- Q18. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager have the trees in Long lane cut back and pruned?
- Q19. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a report regarding the cost of the New Years Eve Festival that took place in Dame Street / College Green. This report to include how much finance DCC invested in the project? What was the outcome for DCC i.e. publicity feedback? How many staff of DCC worked on the project and for how long? What was the impact on surrounding businesses, pubs etc.?
- Q20. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a report as to how much property NAMA has under its control in the South East Area. This report to include property types – houses, commercial premises, retail etc.
- Q21. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a report with regards the plastic poles that have been installed all along Andrew Street. Andrew Street is a historical area with much fine architecture and is a great tourist attraction. These bollards on the footpath are unsightly and create a narrower footpath making it very difficult for people with

wheelchairs, buggies shopping etc. and people delivering goods. Can the Manager ascertain as to why this work was carried out and whether this work is permanent or temporary.

Q22. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager write to Dublin Bus seeking the removal or the relocation of the bus shelter at the top of Clanbrassil Street at the entrance of St. Kevin's Parade. This bus shelter is the centre of much unacceptable social behaviour and anti-social action. It is constantly used as a lavatory, vandalised and groups gather here to drink to the great annoyance of local residents and shop owners. It is also being used by individuals who observe the elderly leaving their homes and use these opportunities to burgle local residents. This issue has been on the agenda for the last 4 years with very little response from Dublin bus. This is unacceptable and they now need to attend to this urgent matter and be responsible and accountable

Q23. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager invite Irish Water to give a presentation regarding the installation of water meters in the South East Area and their plans for the future role out of water charges etc.

Q24. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inform this committee as to whether a chief welfare officer has been appointed to DCC.

Q25. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to examine the traffic flow at peak times coming from Beech Hill Office Campus on to Beaver row.

Q26. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to ensure that the two astro turf pitches are properly maintained by sanding etc. According to the Herbert Park Users Group this has not been done since the pitches were laid some years ago. I understand this work should be done on an annual basis.

Q27. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to have the pavement outside *details supplied reinstated as it has sunk, is a trip hazard and collects a lot of water following rain.

Q28. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the gutters at *details supplied replaced as they are overflowing on a constant basis, are not draining properly causing water to stagnate and could be in danger of falling down

Q29. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tiles repaired and where necessary replaced on the roof at *details supplied.

Q30. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the walls repaired at *details supplied following water egress.

Q31. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to remove the loading bays on the East side of Creighton St Dublin 2 and to replace them with pay-and-display parking.

- Q32. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager when Pigeon House Road (in front of the cottages) was last swept and cleaned and to ensure that it is fully cleaned and swept as a matter of priority
- Q33. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager for a report on the following issue (details supplied)
- Q34. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to follow up on this report of fly-tipping (details supplied)
- Q35. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager for an update on the planned meeting between parents of Haddington Road schoolchildren and the traffic department concerning Mount Street Bridge
- Q36. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the Manager to address the following issues with a street (details supplied)
- Q37. Councillor Kieran Binchy**
To ask the manager to support and facilitate the following request (details supplied)
- Q38. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager to introduce traffic calming measures on Arnott Street to deter cars from speeding down Arnott Street.
- Q39. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether a representative from Environmental Health and Noise Pollution who called out recently to the new site at Tesco Express, Ranelagh, took a reading of the alleged noise pollution (being generated by the building works) inside No. 1 Morningson Court, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, as requested
- Q40. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether the litter warden, could again advise residents of Elm Park Avenue, Ranelagh, about obstructing the footpaths with bins and not removing their bins after collection.
- Q41. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether any parking spaces can be made available to residents of Gallery Quay, Macken Street
- Q42. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager whether anything can be done to assist a resident (details attached) who is on the Surrendering Larger Accommodation list for Areas L, N and K and who has been told that due to his family size (2 adults) he can only be considered for a 1 bedroom accommodation, to be allocated 2 bed accommodation which would free up a 3 bed house on Ash Grove
- Q43. Councillor Jim O’Callaghan**
To ask the City Manager to provide copies of all communications between the National Development Finance Agency (“NDFFA”) and the City Council in respect of the NDFFA’s current value for money test assessment of the Poolbeg Incinerator.

(These communications were referred to by the NDFA at recent hearings before the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee.)

Q44. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager why no response has been issued to the Heskin Court Tenants Association on the variety of issues contained in correspondence sent over the last three months and that the Manager now clarifies all these matters including:

Access to the Community facility,
Provision of a Central Post box for communal issues
Hand rail to the side walkway
Security card,
Parking,
Pool table
Dumping, external seating
And much more all detailed in a comprehensive submission submitted with this Question.

Q45. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will have the laneway and hedging alongside in front of Airfield House, Airfield Park, Donnybrook, cut, cleared and cleaned as it has been over a year since this was last done.

Q46. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to grant permission for hanging baskets to be hung on the lampposts along Bath Avenue as requested by local residents.

Q47. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a report regarding (details supplied).

Q48. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a response to the issues outlined in (details supplied).

Q49. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to repair the broken tiles on the stairs in Boyne Street as a matter of urgency.

Q50. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to provide a response to (details supplied).

Q51. Councillors Maria Parodi and Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to (a) repaint the No Entry road markings on the junction of Arnott Street and McMahon Street (b) to provide additional signage at the top of Arnott Street indicating 'No entry' as cars are regularly travelling up the wrong way on a one way street.