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Dublin City Council

**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON
MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 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 November 2013 at 3pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

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Dated this 6th November 2013

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1349. Presentation on Palmerston Park Conservation Management Plan – James Howley, Howley Hayes Architects.

1350. Minutes of the meeting held 14th October 2013 (pages 7-30)

1351. Questions to the City Manager (pages 69-75)

1352. Roads & Traffic Matters

- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 24/10/2013 (pages 31 – 37)
- ii. Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15/10/2013 (pages 38-51)

1353. Planning Department Matters

- i. Proposed variation to Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017: Policy SC6 (page 52 and 53 and attached)
- ii. Application Number: **2703/13**
Application Type: **Permission**
Applicant: **Board of the Royal Hospital Donnybrook**
Location: **The Royal Hospital, Bloomfield Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin 4**
Proposal: **Planning permission for (i) The change of use the former Nurses Home Building (901 sq.m.) including renovation and internal alterations and the construction of part single, part two and part three storey extensions (739 sq.m.) to the side and rear of the former Nurses Home Building to create a Primary Care Centre (total gross floor area 1640 sq.m.) including an independently accessible pharmacy (72 sq.m.) at ground floor level; (ii) 41 no. additional surface level car parking spaces with 6 metre high lighting; (iii) The demolition of a greenhouse (74 sq.m.) and a pavilion (77 sq.m.); (iv) The construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access at Cullenswood Park, a 5.5 metre wide internal access road with a footpath and 4 metre high lighting, and 4 no. traffic control barriers; (v) A new ESB substation to replace an existing ESB substation at Cullenswood park; and (vi) All associated site development works including upgrading part of the existing fire tender access road to a 5.5 metre wide road with a 4 metre high lighting, landscaping along the boundary to Woodstock Court and Bushfield Place.**
Registered Date: **18th October 2013**
Validated Date: **N/A**
Decision Date: **14th November 2013**
- iii. Planning Enforcement Quarterly Reports (page 53 and attached)

1354. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters

- i. Tree Survey of Street Trees in the South East Area (pages 55 – 56)
- ii. Report on Tree Works in Merrion Square (pages 57)
- iii. Report on Trees in Beech Hill (pages 58 –61)

1355. South East Area Matters

- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 62 – 66)
- ii. Naming proposal for development at Maxwell Road – “Wynnefield Grove / Garrán Wynnefield” (page 67).
- iii. Naming Proposal for the Commercial Element and Residential Terrace at Elmpark Green, Merrion Road, Dublin 4 (page 68)

Motions

1356. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee requests the Manager to investigate the possibility and desirability of designating Sandymount as a Heritage Village.

1357. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to introduce a one way system for Beatty's Avenue, Ballsbridge during the construction of the river wall. (This should not require a full TAG as it would be a temporary measure).

1358. Motion from Councillors Edie Wynne, Dermot Lacey, Jim O'Callaghan and Mary Freehill

That this Committee calls on the Manager for a positive response and prompt response to the issues, set out below, that were raised at a recent meeting with Rathgar Residents Association:

1. Pedestrian crossing
2. Do not replace lamp at Triangle
3. Lamp as per photo on pole at Gourmet shop (photo to be supplied)
4. Potholes at lane near AIB
5. Is Rathgar Park in total in private / public ownership?
6. Dangers on footpaths and gullies from Leaves

1359. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee asks for a response to the issues raised in the email submitted with this motion in relation to the operation of the markets along the Grand Canal.

I have just returned from a trip abroad and am amazed to discover that the Village Markets have moved the market back to the area beside the Mount Street Bridge, which was so damaged by their stalls and traffic that Waterways Ireland had been obliged to have that area replanted with grass as it had become a mud bank. At that time the market stalls were moved farther up the canal bank in order to allow for recovery and regrowth. The spot they moved to is now damaged. I had planted new daffodil bulbs last month (the previous having been destroyed by the market stalls) in the expectation that with the regrowth of the grass the daffodils might also survive next spring.

What on earth is going on? This area is being systematically ruined, the wildlife is moving away gradually and if this is allowed to continue we can look forward to the disgusting mess of mud banks which we have previously witnessed. Dublin City Council supplying blue rubbish bags which are dumped behind the National Monument to the Battle of Mount Street Bridge is incomprehensible.

We have already expressed our concerns in detail to Dublin City Council so I will not repeat them here. This new move is so shocking that I question the agenda.

By the way, Mr. Des Vallely's description ("Meet Des Vallely of Irish Village Markets) where he claims that only one coffee shop and a pharmacy have objected to his activities, which for the last years have been in breach of the Planning Laws, is totally incorrect. Once he was forced to apply for planning permission, objections were lodged by residents who will not stand by and witness the degradation of this beautiful historic place.

1360. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan

Following the holding of an “on site” meeting this committee requests the Manager to set in train the procedures to introduce a Residential Disc Parking Scheme to Baggot Lane and to consider placing two speed ramps and possibly a Safe Driving Children at Play sign or similar along the same stretch of road and bearing in mind that this item has been on the agenda for over six months now that it be expedited.

1361. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Having recently asked Planning Enforcement to reopen the case of 2 Rathmines Road under the endangerment structures, would the Manager please outline the present situation regarding the ownership and responsibilities of this house? This is a listed building and both the house and the curtilage are in an appalling condition.

1362. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Rathgar village and surrounding area be designated for a pilot study to carry out a village plan for the area and this would deal with the treatment of the public realm, take account of street furniture, signage, and street junctions. Do a plan that allows for easy movement of pedestrians, cyclists and motor traffic. In the first instance that a brief be prepared and presented to the January meeting also that this work is carried out by consulting the Rathgar Residents associations and find ways of getting feedback from local residents on their experience and day to day needs in the area.

1363. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the two gates on Fairfield Park, Rathgar be repaired. Also the public seat at Fairfield House be repaired, which has a piece of timber missing.

1364. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to answer the following in relation Dodder Flood Relief Works;

1. What is the proposed completion date for flood relief works to Donnybrook Bridge?
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 - a) Completion of Dodder wall on both sides to Ballsbridge
 - b) Excavation of the river bed at the bridge in Ballsbridge to drop level to required depth.
 - c) Capping wall and repairs from Ballsbridge to Herbert Park Lane Bridge
 - d) Wall section Herbert Park Bridge to Merrion Cricket Club
 - e) Raising Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank
 - f) New wall to Anglesea Lane
 - g) Can the raising of the Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank go ahead at this point given that the emergency works in the LVA are complete?

Separately can inspection of the chambers in the Simmonscourt drain across Merrion cricket club be arranged and the bolting and sealing of the covers be arranged as soon as possible.

1365. Motion from Councillor Jim O’Callaghan

This City Council calls upon the City Manager to install promptly a pedestrian crossing in Rathgar Village to enable pedestrians cross from the 108 side of Rathgar Road to the “Gourmet Shop” side of Rathgar Road. If necessary, the pedestrian crossing outside Christchurch should be moved up to the centre of Rathgar Village where it is required more immediately.

1366. Motion from Councillor Jim O’Callaghan

This committee calls on the City Manager to review urgently the parking problems on Westmoreland Park, Ranelagh which have increased because of the new Lidl and

public house. Cars belonging to residents of the area and which are not causing any obstruction near the end of the park are being unnecessarily clamped. This is creating a more dangerous situation. This Committee asks the City Manager to consider instructing the clampers not to clamp cars at the end of Westmoreland Park which are not causing any obstruction.

1367. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the double yellow lines be repainted at the entrance to Meadowbank and Bushy Park Road the double yellow lines have worn away and this allows commuters to park there all day. With parked cars on the corner there is very poor vision for cars turning right into Bushy Park Road so it is very dangerous so they need to be replaced as a matter of urgency. The lines need to be made about 40 meters.

1368. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee call on Dublin City Council to initiate measures to halt the increasing number of cyclists who are now using the footpaths for cycling in the South east Area. This issue has reached epidemic proportions, particularly in relation to one way systems and streets where cyclists mount footpaths and bridges. Many cyclists are unaware of the rules of the road (especially the JCDecaux bike scheme). It is now time for clear signage and other measure to be employed in order to break the culture of cycling on the footpaths etc.

1369. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding car accidents that have taken place in social housing flat complexes in the South East Area within the past year. This to include incidents reported to An Garda Siochana and the Dublin Firebrigade and ambulance Services as well as incidents reported solely to DCC estate management.

1370. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to organise a meeting between all users of Sandymount Green, including the Tidy Towns Committee and the parents of children who play in the green with Councillors and the Parks Section, with a view to resolving the issue with the gates of the green.

1371. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to ensure that the Parks Section regularly inspect the street trees of the area, in particular in Portobello, to ensure that traffic and parking signs are not obscured by trees. Where obscured, they should either be moved or the trees should be pruned to allow the signs to be visible to cars. Similarly, all street trees should be pruned to ensure that branches do not protrude below 2 metres thereby endangering pedestrians and cyclists.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
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- 1331.** Presentation from ESB on proposals for ESB Headquarters, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2.
Order: Noted. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with the Area Committee Members and SPC Elected Members to discuss a proposed Variation to the City Development Plan. Lord Mayor Oisin Quinn was absent during the presentation and related discussions.
- 1332.** Minutes of the meeting held 9th September 2013.
Order: Agreed.
- 1333.** Questions to the City Manager.
Order: Noted.
- 1334. Roads & Traffic Matters**
- iv. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 26th September 2013.
Order: Noted.
 - v. Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15th September 2013.
Order: Noted.
 - vi. Reports on Traffic Studies in Ranelagh, Terenure & Donnybrook.
Order: Noted.
- 1335. Planning Department Matters**
- i. Application Number 3188/13
Order: Noted.
- 1336. Development Department Matters**
- i. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Proposed deletions from the Record of Protected Structures
 - a) 7 Fownes Street Upper, Dublin 2.
Order: Delay advertising by one month to allow time to clarify the current situation with Temple Bar Cultural Trust.
 - b) 10, 10a & 10b Temple Lane South, Dublin 2.
Order: Delay advertising by one month to allow time to clarify the current situation with Temple Bar Cultural Trust.
 - c) 12 Cambridge Road, Dublin 6.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - d) 17 Exchange Street Lower, Dublin 8.

Order: Delay advertising by one month to allow time to clarify the current situation with Temple Bar Cultural Trust.

e) 62 Marlborough Road, Dublin 4.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

f) 69 – 74 Stephen Street Upper, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

iii. Proposed grant of a Lease of the Swan Leisure Centre, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

iv. Proposed grant of a lease in the basement of No. 15 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.

1337. Culture, Recreation & Amenity Matters

i. Pre-Part 8 Notification of proposed upgrade of the Bowling / Tennis Pavilion and provision of tearooms and public toilets in Herbert Park.

Order: Agreed to initiate process.

ii. Report on Dartry Park and Orwell Park.

Order: Noted.

iii. Parks and Landscaping Services Works Programme update.

Order: Noted.

iv. Parks and Landscaping Services Report Tree Works at Lennox Street.

Order: Noted.

v. Review of Gate Opening in Fairfield Park.

Order: Agreed subject to review, if required.

1338. South East Area Matters

iv. Area Manager's Report

Order: Noted.

Rathmines & Pembroke Drainage Scheme: Councillors Paddy McCartan and Mary Freehill nominated to sit on the monitoring group.

Dublino: Councillors interested in sitting on this steering group should contact the Area Manager.

v. Naming proposal for development at Maxwell Road – "Wynnefield Grove / Garrán Wynnefield".

Order: Refer back.

Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on DePaul Ireland, YMCA and the Homeless Agency to give a clear written commitment that the residential premises at YMCA Aungier Street / Peter's Row will not be used to house those in active addiction to drugs or alcohol. Also that the present successful dry-house and drug free facility be continued and maintained. There is grave concern among the residential community of Whitefriar Street, Aungier Street, Digges Street, York Street etc. as well as the business community in this area, that the present successful operations at the YMCA are about to hand over to new management (DePaul) for homeless services and that this service will include facilitating those who are in active addiction as residents. (Drug/alcohol)

Order: Agreed.

1339. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee congratulates all those involved in the various Tidy Towns entries in our area and requests the Manager to undertake an audit of the Tidy Towns adjudication reports for Dublin South East entries to identify those ways that the Council can assist communities with their entries next year and to report back to this Committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1340. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

Following on from my motion to June 2013 LAC No. 1271 requesting that steps be taken by the Council regarding the ESB's erection of power point for electric cars at Parkview Avenue, Harold's Cross. Despite our best efforts to explain that the number of residents with parking permits for this road outweighs the number of parking spaces and also the narrowness of the footpath; ESB continued to install the power point and refused to in anyway understand the concerns of local people. The outcome now is that the power point is useless because residents' cars are always parked in the space.

This meeting therefore agrees to reassure the residents of Park View Ave. that the Council will never pursue a policy whereby such a power point could ever be designated a no parking space.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1341. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to request the Manager to install a number of bicycle locking racks in the vicinity of Hume Street/Ely Place in parallel to the road to reduce the amount of indiscriminate locking to polls.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1342. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to discuss the decision to force the silencing of the bells from St. Bartholomew's Church in Ballsbridge and what local consultation took place before the decision was made and if the Manager would consider engaging in genuine local consultation to ascertain the views of local residents on this matter with a view to a reconsideration of the enforcement notice.

Order: Agreed.

1343. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager to respond to the issues contained in the letter submitted with this Motion dealing with traffic issues on Strand Road, Sandymount.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1344. Motion from Councillor Gerry Ashe

This Committee, in accordance with paragraph FCO26 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-17, which seeks to protect exceptional examples of 20th century architecture, agrees to include number 83 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4 (former Texaco Building) on the list of Protected Structures having regard to the recent An Bord Pleanála decision on App.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1345. Motion from Councillor Gerry Ashe

Can Part 8 on Barrow Street be amended to move the proposed taxi rank outside Dock Mills Apartments to a more suitable location on other side of road outside the commercial buildings that attract most of the taxi usage?

Order: Report to Councillor.

1346. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

That Grosvenor Square and Rathmines Road Lower be listed for early 2014 for compliance of Private Rented Properties Act.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1347. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill

The child population around Ranelagh Park has increased quite considerably in recent years. So that the Council can respond to the needs of the users, this committee agrees to establish a Ranelagh Park users Forum who would meet quarterly. To move the issues along and to connect with this committee it is agreed that it be chaired by an elected member of DSELAC committee.

Order: Report to Councillor.

1348. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for a full written report on the proposals for the use of the old Longfield's Hotel building (Fitzwilliam Street Lower), and to ask that the management engage in consultation with neighbouring owners and tenants before progressing plans for the building any further.

Order: Report to Councillor.

Councillor Gerry Ashe

Chairperson

Dated 14th October 2013

Attendance

Members

Councillor G. Ashe (in the chair).

Lord Mayor O. Quinn.

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

Officials

E. Quinlivan, Area Manager, South East Area Office.
F. Lambe, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.
G. Gorman, Assistant Area Manager, South East Area Office.
E. Martin, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.
G. Geoghegan, Housing Manager, South East Area Office.
S. Dunne, Administrative Officer, South East Area Office.
M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
B. Brady, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks & Landscapes Services Division.
D. Gleeson, Dublin City Planning Officer, Planning Management Team, Planning Dept.
M. Conway, Senior Planner, South East Area Team, Planning Dept.
P. Crowe, Senior Staff Officer, Derelict Sites Section, Development Dept.
P. Hyde, Senior Planner, Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section, Development Dept.
M. Ginnetty, Assistant Staff Officer, South East Area Office.
D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Traffic Management & Control, Roads & Traffic Dept.
J. Wall, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.
F. O'Brien, Staff Officer, South East Area Office.

Non-Officials

Pat Boyle, ESB.
Yvonne Farrell, Grafton Architects.

Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the tree to be removed or severely pruned back and the footpath made safer outside *details supplied where an elderly woman recently tripped and had a nasty fall.

Reply:

This tree has been inspected and found not to require pruning nor is it necessary to have the tree removed at this time. Repairs to the footpath will be undertaken over the coming weeks so that it is made safe.

Q2. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if any action can be taken to ease the problem identified in the email submitted with this question relating to the collection of waste and noise *details supplied.

Reply:

The Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household & Commercial Waste 2013 were only introduced on 1st July 2013.

As part of the process to adopt new Bye-Laws there was a public consultation phase which allowed members of the public to make submissions.

The final Bye-Laws were adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council.

The hours permitted for collection of waste have actually been shortened from the previous time of 6am to 12 midnight to 6am to 9pm with further restrictions on weekends and bank holidays.

There are no plans to revisit the Bye-Laws at this time and any proposed change would involve a lengthy statutory process. The normal process with Bye-Laws is that they are reviewed every 5/6 years."

Q3. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if a litter bin can be installed as requested in the email submitted with this question.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will install a litter bin at this bus stop before the end of October 2013.

Q4. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could investigate the possibility of the lampposts on Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount being replaced in line with its designation as a Conservation Area as detailed in the text submitted with this question.

Despite being a Conservation Area, we have 4 lamp posts, each a different style. One has now been damaged and removed. We have been in touch with Public Lighting but we've been told that it will just be replaced with whatever is available - they aren't controlled by the requirements of a Conservation Area.

Reply:

The original columns located here are concrete. Unfortunately we have no replacement concrete columns for those which have been damaged or reached the end of their life. The standard replacement at present for a concrete column is a steel stepped tubular column.

Q5. Councillor Mary Freehill

The state of iron lamp posts on Le Bas Terrace and Leinster Road are in a very poor condition because they have not been painted for quite some time. If left unmaintained they run the risk of rusting beyond repair. I wasn't to emphasise that residents want these iron lamp posts properly maintained **and not replaced** by modern ones. Therefore would the manager please state when maintenance work will commence.

Reply:

We have investigated the columns here for consideration on our 2014 painting programme. The existing columns on Leinster Road West will be included in our 2014 painting programme subject to finances made available; the existing columns on Leinster Road do not require painting.

Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he will arrange for the crazy location of these traffic and pedestrian obstacles to be dealt with and removed as soon as possible *details supplied.

Reply:

I answered details supplied's above e-mail directly when I received it on 30th September 2013. Eircom will be putting underground any of the micro pillars that have been alleged to be hazardous.

Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager how it was possible and legal to use a single white line as shown in the photograph submitted with this question to designate an acceptable space for a car to encroach on the public footpath on Fitzwilliam Square and yet such an option is continuously denied to residents in other parts of the City plagued by inadequate road space for car parking.

Reply:

The marking on the pavement in the photo marks the edge of a verge and the beginning of the footway. According to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, a minimum verge of 0.3 metres should be provided in areas of perpendicular parking where the vehicles may overhang the footway. In new road designs a narrow verge can be provided by using an alternative coloured or sized material. However, in this instance in order to preserve the historic paving stone used to kerb Fitzwilliam Square, a painted marking was deemed more appropriate. Parked cars are permitted to overhang the footpath only. Cars with wheels on the footpath are parked illegally.

Q8. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager the following regarding the property at 9 & 10 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2:

(a) Protected Structure Status:

The property is a **protected structure** under the current Dublin City Development

Plan.

What is the current condition of the property (it is in an abandoned state for the past seven or more years)?

Is the property suitable for conversion to 'wet' hostel?

What is the potential impact of any proposed works on the protected structure?

(b) Planning Status

Is the former use of the building as a hotel now abandoned in planning terms?

The timeframe for abandonment has been determined in the courts at 4 years.

Does any new use, now need planning permission or consent?

(c) Fire Safety Concerns

Does the building have a current Fire Safety Certificate?

What fire safety improvements does Dublin City Council propose for the building?

Can the building achieve a Fire Safety Certificate for its new intended purpose without major intervention and impact on it given that it is a protected structure?

(d) Disability Access Concerns

What disability access improvements are proposed for the building?

Serious concerns arise about disability access and any proposed works that would need to be carried out to ensure the building meets current building regulations.

Reply:

The premises 9/10 Fitzwilliam St. formerly Longfield's Hotel is in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

The proposed future use of the building is for the provision of Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) under the Pathway to Home Model for persons experiencing homelessness.

Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) refers to the provision of residential accommodation and programme activities appropriate for persons who have specialized health, care and support needs or complex needs in addition to a housing need. STA provision operates on a 24/7 basis, is low threshold and provides a full suite of programmes and activities to the service user to meet their care and support needs.

This includes the provision of dedicated programmes that address the issues relating to the service users lifestyle, health needs, well-being, training, education and other life-skills requirements of their residents as required.

The facility when established will be managed by an approved NGO provider contracted to Dublin City Council. It will provide supported residential accommodation for up to 30 individuals for up to 6 months and thereafter support residents towards independent living.

It will **not** be an emergency shelter or wet hostel.

A Part 8 application under Planning & Development Regulations 2001 will be initiated to secure approval for intended use.

The issues raised in the question will be addressed in the preparation of the proposal for the Part 8 application and any other necessary consents and regulations.

Q9. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if he could outline why adults playing football appear to receive priority over children playing football as indicated in the emails submitted with this question (see below) and when and by whom was such a policy decided.

“Just to let you know the pitch in Dartry Park should never be marked in any colour for the small sided games and games should only take place with cones and portable goals. Pitch markings within the full size pitch have stopped the senior sides from playing their games. This is a Dublin City Council policy and I hope that it won't stop the kids enjoying their football”.

Reply:

Major drainage works have been undertaken by Dublin City Council in Herbert Park and as a result the clubs that played there were relocated on a temporary basis to other parks. Dartry Park does not have a small sided pitch but to facilitate the clubs, permission was given to play across the soccer pitch. Representations were made to Dublin City Council by the senior clubs that have been using the same ground for over twenty years that the pitch should only be marked as it was designated i.e. as a senior pitch. The leagues that the junior clubs are affiliated with, the Dublin District Schoolboys League and the South Dublin Football League, have both agreed that cones may be used to delineate the pitch in Dartry Park.

This policy was adjudged to fall under the Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2002.

4.15 GAMES AND ATHLETICS

(a) No person, club or organisation shall organise or take part in the game of football or any other game or athletics save in such places in any park or open space as the Council sets apart for that purpose and then only subject to and in accordance with such conditions as may be set out by the Council from time to time or as directed by an employee of the Council.

Q10. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask Dublin Bus to install a Real Time sign at bus stop no 1166 which serves a wide area of Rathgar, including Highfield Road and a very significant number of off-shoot streets and avenues.

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) authorises the real time signs at bus stops and Dublin City Council is involved in the implementation of such signs, if authorised. The South East Area Office will convey this request to the NTA for consideration.

Q11. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if she could look at the possibility of returning 2/5s of the former playground at the back of Macken Street flats into a children's playground. This large area is currently used as a car park but residents feel that there is more than ample room to include a playground as there is a local shortage of such a facility.

Reply:

A playground has already been installed at the side of Macken Villas. If the Councillor is referring to the area at the rear of Conway Court, there are no plans at the moment to install a playground there. The installation of a playground would be subject to the availability of funding and the engagement and agreement of the local community.

Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have at least one litter bin returned to Nutley Park Donnybrook.

Reply:

Waste Management Services removed a litter bin from Nutley Park as it was being used to dispose of domestic waste and was in fact causing a litter problem at this location. We would not be in favour of installing a litter bin in a residential area like Nutley Park.

Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To have speed limit signs installed on Sean Moore Road Ringsend.

Reply:

The Speed Limit on Sean Moore Road is 50km per hour. The matter of providing additional signage to remind drivers of the speed limit will be referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for examination and report.

Q14. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the central heating boilers serviced in Canon Mooney Gardens Ringsend.

Reply:

The central heating boilers in Canon Mooney Gardens were serviced in September 2013.

Q15. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the lamp posts on Park Avenue Sandymount restored to their original state.

Reply:

We have investigated the columns here and will include them in our 2014 painting programme subject to finances made available.

Q16. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager if there are plans to have a cycle lane installed on Milltown Road adjacent to Ramleh Park.

Reply:

There are cycling facilities on Milltown Road, south of its junction with Dundrum Road and to the north along Sanford Road from its junction with Milltown Road and also in the easterly direction from along Eglinton Road from its junction with Sandford Road. There is therefore a gap in cycling infrastructure along Milltown Road from its junction with Dundrum Road to its junction with Sandford Road.

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Q17. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have the street light opposite 16 Bremen Road, Irishtown repaired. It is lopsided and in danger of falling down.

Reply:

The pole in question has been straightened and secured.

Q18. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the green recycling bin in the common area at *details supplied, as it has been missing for some time.

Reply:

There were previously green bins in details supplied complex, but the bins were being contaminated with all kinds of waste. The bins were also burnt on a number of occasions and had to be removed. The Team Leader for the Caretaking Service will work with the tenants to consider the best way to move forward this service.

Q19. Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the Manager what progress has been made on my motion regarding the location of the Christmas tree on the Triangle in Ranelagh?

Reply:

This matter has been examined. From the examination it appears that the Christmas tree was placed at this location when the 'Ranelagh Triangle' was upgraded several years ago. The Triangle is traversed by underground services including Water and Drainage infrastructure and Electricity and Gas Services. The location for the Christmas tree was chosen taking account of this infrastructure. The Christmas tree is set into an existing underground chamber and this chamber is linked underground to another chamber which holds the electrical connections necessary to light the Christmas Tree Lights.

Because of the existence of the underground services, it is not considered practical to relocate the Christmas tree. Even if the underground services were not an issue, the cost of relocation (excavation, construction of new chambers and ground works including repaving) is estimated at over €6,000. Any new location would also have to be acceptable to all of the businesses on the Triangle and there is no certainty that there would not be similar objections from businesses with regard to blocking of premises.

As Councillors are aware, the Ranelagh Christmas Tree is very well regarded and is a great addition to the Village at Christmas time. The prospect of not having a Christmas tree in Ranelagh, although an option is not considered appropriate and would be received very badly by the wider Ranelagh community.

As any relocation, even if possible, would be disruptive and costly and given that the current location was selected as being the optimum location based on underground services, visibility and beneficial impact for Ranelagh village as a whole, the re-location of the Christmas Tree is not recommended.

Q20. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the tree outside *details supplied either removed or pruned so as to greatly reduce its size.

Reply:

The Pruning of the tree at this location has been undertaken in the last week.

Q21. Councillor Mary Freehill

What progress has been made on my request to have the ivy cut down including the roots on the dividing wall between La Vere Terrace and Harold's Cross Cottages? Over the years this ivy has caused a problem when it gets into the eaves of the houses. Now that the timber has become so thick neighbours cannot cut it down. The best solution would be to have the whole lot removed.

Reply:

While previous investigation of this matter established that Dublin City Council does not have any involvement in the ownership or maintenance of the wall, the issue will be examined by our Parks Division for their recommendation with regard to the possible removal of the ivy. However, as there may be property ownership and liability issues, this might be problematic.

Q22. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the City Manager issue an update report on the situation regarding locks on the half-penny bridge. This report to include what is being done to prevent locks being placed on the bridge and also has any alternative location been identified where people who wish to continue this practice can be facilitated? Can a temporary sign be placed on the bridge asking people to refrain from placing locks on this fragile heritage structure.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has arranged for the removal of locks from the bridge on a number of occasions. Unfortunately it has not been possible on all occasions to completely clear the bridge of locks due to the risk of damaging the paint work and / or structure when cutting the locks. The placing of locks can occur at any time of the day and is therefore very difficult to stop; the positioning of love locks on particular structures is now seen in many cities throughout the world. The selection of the Halpenny Bridge as a location for placing locks is clearly due to a number of factors, including its unique location over the Liffey. To date no alternative location has been identified to facilitate this practice. Roads and Traffic Department will examine the practicality of erecting temporary signage to determine if it is effective in deterring people for attaching locks to the bridge.

Q23. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine the possibility of placing a box or reserved parking notice outside of the clarence hotel on Wellington Quay. At present there are double yellow lines outside of the Clarence hotel. These double yellow lines can cause problems for delivery vehicles and buses for the hotel. Given that there is now left hand turn onto Parliament Street it is very difficult for this hotel to operate and to facilitate its tourists, customers and residents. Can the manager include in this report the kind of arrangements that are in place for other hotels that are in similar situations beside major thoroughfares ie The Shelbourne, The Gresham etc.

Reply:

The above matter will be referred to the Traffic Engineer for investigation. A response will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q24. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report on Fairfield Park. A number of residents at this location have expressed concerns regarding the non-closure of this part in the evening. There are also concerns about the lack of consultation with residents in this process. Many have expressed a desire to have this park closed in the evening. This will reduce anxiety and fear of crime and anti social behaviour.

Reply:

A report has been circulated in regard to the trial gate opening at Fairfield Park. Concerned residents may contact the undersigned in regard to this proposal.

Q25. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding the replacement of tiles on the stairways and verandas in the Boyne Street housing complex. Many of these tiles cracked in the the major freeze two years ago and have yet to be replaced. Can the manager give an update on this works programe

Reply:

Replacement tiles have been sourced and purchased. They have been given to a contractor who will fit same in this Complex. Weather conditions permitting, work will commence as soon as possible.

Q26. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding Dame Court in relation to traffic management and pedestrianisation. Sometime back it was agreed that parking restrictions would be imposed on this street with the view for traffic calming and semi pedestrianisation.

Reply:

The traffic management and pedestrianisation of Dame Court are currently under review. Recently placed signage highlights the evening pedestrianisation of this street which had been agreed previously. Amendments to parking arrangements will be made as necessary in the coming months.

Q27. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the street furniture on Grafton Street. This report to include what measure of consultation took place with state holders in the area regarding the choice of street furniture. What was the tendering process and the overall cost of the street furnture and the installation of this furniture.

Reply:

Proposals for street furniture on Grafton Street were included in the Part 8 approved by City Council at its meeting of **3rd September 2012**. This Part 8 was informed by an extensive consultation process regarding Grafton Street and the surrounding areas. During the Part 8 process, concerns had been expressed by Councillors with regard to the indicative street lamps shown in the Part 8 images that they were too angular and severe and that a softer, more special design would be more appropriate to Grafton Street. The project team took this on board and at a meeting with Councillors on **16th March 2012** indicated that a street furniture proposal unique to Grafton Street would be pursued. The Council agreed to the Part 8 with the inclusion of a condition with regard to the street furniture.

The standard bollards being installed on Grafton Street were procured as part of the main contract and the litter bins were procured from Waste Services. The unique designer elements (special bollards, bum-rest bollards and seat) will be procured

through a design competition to be launched later this month. The on street feature lamp standards and wall mounted public lighting lamps will be procured by Public Lighting Division within the next few weeks. The standard bollards and bins are being installed by the main contractor as work progresses. The 'special' bollards will be installed after manufacture following the design competition. (Estimated commencement on site spring 2014 and continuing as work progresses.) The public and feature lamps will be installed after manufacture following procurement. (Estimated commencement on site spring 2014 and continuing as work progresses.)

As the relevant tendering and other processes are not complete the actual costs of the street furniture are not known at this time.

Q28. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager have the graffiti removed from the laneways around the Tom Kelly flat complex. Also that these laneways be cleaned and the derelict sites within these laneways and overgrowth be cut back. Also that traffic enforcement ensure that this laneway is kept clear of illegal parking.

Reply:

The matter has been referred to the Derelict Sites Section for investigation.

The request for enforcement will be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services; our parking enforcement contractor for inspection and action as necessary.

The South East Area Office will make arrangements to have the laneways cleaned. Also the area has been listed for graffiti removal.

Arrangements have been put in place to have the graffiti removal contractor carry out work in the lane at Gordon Place. These lanes will be cleaned in the coming weeks and the parking enforcement section has been advised of possible illegal parking in the lane.

Q29. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager ensure that Leeson Lane is cleaned and weeded on a regular basis. Many businesses in this area have complained about the state of this area and its delapidation and uncleanness.

Reply:

Leeson Lane was sprayed by Dublin City Council's weed spraying contractor on 23/9/2013. The South East Area Office will make the necessary arrangements to have the lane cleaned.

Waste Management Services had Leeson Lane cleaned and weeded on the 8th October 2013. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this location to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Q30. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the transition process at the YMCA Peters Row and Aungier Street. This report to include all transition arrangements agreed, all management arrangements going forward, information as to whether this hostel is to be used as a wet hostel. All arrangements to be made for the present residents at this hostel. What consultation has taken place with the stakeholders in the area ie the residential community, the business community, the local representatives and community representatives. Camden Street and Aungier Street have had an ongoing issue with wet hostels and the way they are managed both

internally and externally and the negative impact such hostels can have on a community. Aungier street has already a hostel for emergency accommodation. The Salvation Army run temporary accommodation. There is also a centre on Aungier Street for asylum seekers as well as the ongoing issues at Camden hall on Camden Street. Depaul, it would appear, are proposing a wet hostel for the YMCA yet this has never been discussed at this committee. This has the potential to create an imbalance and a negative impact on this area going forward and there are many who are concerned with the potential outcome.

Reply:

In response to the collaboration between Depaul Ireland and YMCA

Dublin City Council and the HSE are working with Depaul Ireland and the YMCA to ensure that resident's placements will not be affected while the changes in management are taking place.

Dublin City Council, together with the YMCA and Depaul Ireland met with the residents of the service on Tuesday October 8th 2013 to specifically address any concerns that they may have in relation to their placement in the service and to reassure them that they will continue to retain their placements until there are positive options to avail of in terms of long-term accommodation, as well as training, education and employment opportunities.

The decision underpinning the collaboration between Depaul Ireland and YMCA was taken in line with government policy on homelessness and was directed and fully supported by Dublin City Council and the Health Service Executive. It was agreed that the YMCA service should be a Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) service for young people under the management of Depaul Ireland. Both are specialist service providers working with young people in the city.

The absolute objective is to ensure that the current residents of the service are supported into their own homes with a number of options made available to them including access to rent supplement, availability of rental deposit and access to the Support to Live Independently (SLI) scheme to follow up (this is visiting support service in a person's own home).

Any bed spaces that become available due to the departure of residents will only be occupied with individuals who have matching support needs within the competency and designation of the STA. This is being done to ensure the stability of the current service will be maintained. In the meantime advanced planning is being completed on the provision of significant service capacity for people, including young adults, who have had an experience of homelessness and who remain at risk of same, in the form of abstinence-based, high threshold (i.e. drug and alcohol free) residential accommodation.

When required, an STA facility will provide a dedicated programme for residents that takes an interventionist approach to stabilise a person's lifestyle with a view to ameliorating any behaviour associated with mental ill-health and addiction, including harm reduction approaches to the misuse of alcohol and drugs (prescribed and illicit).

In terms of the provision of homeless services in Dublin it is important to note that emergency accommodation services are NOT classified or described as being 'dry hostels' or 'wet hostels' (*this terminology has been frequently used in reference to the transition of this service into an STA.*)

The persistent use of the term 'wet hostel' is deeply misleading and distracts from the nature of the services provided within Dublin's emergency accommodation where services are configured and provided on the basis of on the level of presenting need, and include the following types:

Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA): providing accommodation for persons with low support needs. Temporary emergency accommodation services operate as high threshold services as a matter of course that is they are operated as drug and alcohol free.

Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA): providing a form of accommodation with specialist on-site an in-reach support services that ensures consistent key-working takes place to stabilise a person's residency and to bring residents to a point where they are ready to live in their own home (with visiting support if required).

In response to the provision of emergency accommodation in Camden Hall

Camden Hall is an emergency accommodation service that has significantly reduced the number of placements available for people who are experiencing homelessness with a view to being decommissioned in the forthcoming period.

In response to accommodation services for asylum seekers

Accommodation services for asylum seekers are not provided for by Dublin City Council, under the funding arrangements for homelessness.

Q31. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report fire safety of the apartment block Bridgefort Court. Former residents of Crampton Buildings who have temporary accommodation in this block are gravely concerned for their safety. Circle Housing manage this complex and it would appear from correspondence received by me that fire exits have been hindered particularly the skylight.

Reply:

Fire Safety – Management

The management of fire safety in Bridgefoot Court falls into 4 keys areas:

1. Fire Alarms & Emergency Lighting
2. Fire Extinguishers
3. Automated Opening Vents (AOV's)
4. Identification of Hazards

Fire Alarms & Emergency Lighting

There is a standard Advanced fire alarm system in Bridgefoot Court which services the 3 main blocks and each individual residential unit. In the event of fire the alarm will be activated in the common areas and in each apartment. The lifts will also shut down and the AOV's will activate. In the event of a power outage the emergency lighting will activate.

Both the fire alarm system and emergency lighting is serviced on a quarterly basis as per guidelines in Irish Standards IS: 3217 and IS: 3218. Apex Fire, a certified Fire Safety maintenance company, undertakes these regular inspections; the most recent being September 2013. Apex Fire issue a report to Circle VHA on completion of each service inspection which highlights any defects in the system or fire safety hazards. Circle VHA keeps these reports on file and carries out any recommendations contained therein.

Fire Extinguishers

There are fire extinguishers located throughout the building; on the stairwells and lobby areas and in the underground car park. As per Irish Standards IS: 291 these must be serviced annually. Apex Fire undertakes this inspection and issues a report on completion. Circle VHA keeps these reports on file and carries out any recommendations contained therein. The next annual inspection is due in January 2014.

Automated Opening Vents (AOV's)

AOV's are smoke vents which activate in the event of a fire to allow smoke to vacate the building. There are a total of 4 no. AOV's in Bridgefoot Court and these must be serviced annually as per European Standards EN: 12101. The next annual service is due in October 2013.

Identification of Hazards

As property managers it is Circle VHA's duty to identify any potential fire safety hazards that arise in the building. This is undertaken by weekly inspections of the building by the property manager. Tenants may also notify Circle VHA if they suspect there is a fire safety hazard. The property manager records all site visits on a specified form and these are stored in Circle VHA offices and are available for inspection. If any hazards are identified Circle VHA endeavours to rectify these as soon as possible.

Skylight @ Block 1-6

In Block 1-6 and Block 7-15 the AOV's double as skylights in the ceiling of the top floor of both blocks. These skylights thus have a dual function: to allow smoke vacate the building in the event of a fire and to allow light enter the top floor of the building.

In February 2013 the tenant who resides above the AOV/Skylight at Block 1-6 requested that the management company install some form of fall prevention barrier on the AOV/Skylight as he was concerned for the safety of his young child. The AOV/Skylight is located on his balcony and opens when activated. This represents a safety risk as there is an approximate 20ft drop into the stairwell below. The AOV/Skylight must be manually closed after activation so there is a period where it may be open for long enough for a young child to fall through the gap.

It was agreed that the installation of a steel grill would be sufficient to prevent a fall in such circumstances. The fire safety maintenance contractor, Apex Fire, raised no safety objections to such a proposal. The installation work was put out to tender to 3 no. contractors and Galligan Construction was awarded the job and undertook the work in August 2013.

It must be stated that the AOV/Skylight is not, nor was ever intended to be, a fire escape and thus the installation of a steel grill does not impede a fire exit from the building. The AOV/Skylight is approximately 20 ft from the floor and thus would be impossible to use as an exit in the event of a fire without the use of a large ladder. The installation of the steel grill is merely a fall prevention barrier to ensure the safety of the tenants on whose balcony the AOV/Skylight is located.

Q32. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager examine the possibility of installing a childrens play area/safe area at the York Street flat complex. There is ample space at the back of A Block York Street for a dedicated childrens play area. At present there are many vehicles parked at this location which is unnecessary and unacceptable. There are many young families at this complex and there is no play area. Many have expressed a

desire and will support such an initiative. In the Aungier St/Whitefriar St area there is a gross lack of leisure infrastructure and play facilities. This imbalance needs to be addressed. A dedicated play area at this site and space at York St flat complex would address this issue for the many under 5yr olds that live in this area.

Reply:

The installation of a playground would be subject to funding being available and would involve extensive engagement and agreement with residents.

Q33. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to ensure that the following street *details supplied is fully swept and cleaned, and is continued to be swept on a regular basis as residents inform me that it has not been cleaned this year

Reply:

Under the terms of the Litter Management Plan, residential areas such as details supplied are cleaned once every twelve weeks. We also patrol this street to ensure that all dumped or burst bags are removed as soon as possible. There is no doubt that parked cars hinder our cleaning efforts on this road. If the residents can arrange to have the cars moved off their road any weekday morning, we can send a road sweeping machine in to do a better job. I can be contacted at mick.boyle@dublincity.ie to make the necessary arrangements.

Q34. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to prune the street trees on the following location *details supplied as they are too low and too large.

Reply:

The Street Trees along details supplied will be added to our pruning schedule for the area and the work will be undertaken during the dormant season.

Q35. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to inspect the tree at the following location *details supplied which is protruding from the property into the pavement and to have the occupiers of the property trimmed if necessary.

Reply:

Clarification was sought from the Councillor. Upon receipt thereof, the matter will be investigated and a report given to the Councillor.

Q36. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to inspect the pavement at the following location *details supplied and to ensure that it is returned to its proper condition as a matter of urgency before it causes an accident.

Reply:

There are two openings outside the details supplied that have been temporarily reinstated and returned to Road Maintenance Division for permanent reinstatement. These reinstatements are in a safe condition and will be attended to as soon as possible. This will happen over the coming four weeks.

Q37. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to ensure that the following area *details supplied is cleaned and weeded, and that the flower beds and grass is well-tended.

Reply:

This road is listed on the Sweeping Schedule for a quarterly sweep; the last sweep was done in the week ending on the 13th September and the next sweep will be done in the week ending 6th December 2013.

The area as currently planted requires a particularly high level of maintenance. Therefore, now might be an opportune time to review the planting which could be replaced with flowering plants and bulbs requiring a lower level of maintenance and which would offer a more sustainable management option for this area. Therefore I would ask that residents make direct contact with the local inspector, Mr. Leo Fitzpatrick (tel. 222 6648) to arrange an on-site meeting to discuss the future maintenance of this area.

Q38. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to start a consultation with residents of the following street about the following issue *details supplied.

Reply:

The trees at this location are in a healthy condition and currently do not require pruning. However, based on the 'heavy fruiting' of these trees, and the regular complaints received from local residents in regard to this problem, a phased removal and possible replacement programme will be considered on the receipt of a signed petition from the residents living on Emorville Avenue.

Q39. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to investigate the following issue which has been raised with me *details supplied.

Reply:

The reported problem at this location will be brought to the attention of the Operations Manager at Dublin Street Parking Services; our parking enforcement contractor, with an instruction to carry out regular inspections and enforce illegal parking as necessary.

Q40. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to liaise with the DDDA to ensure that the following problem is tackled *details supplied.

Reply:

The DDDA has a programme of works underway to repair lighting in that area. It is scheduled to be complete by first week in December.

Q41. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager the following question *details supplied.

Reply:

There are two apartments being held for Crampton Court residents; a one-bed apartment and a two bed apartment. All other units in the complex have been allocated.

Q42. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether consideration can be given to having the park gates locked at closing time (including the one at the Templeogue Road entrance) in Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin 6 and whether deterrents can be put in place to discourage youths from drinking alcohol in Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin 6.

Reply:

This matter will be referred to the South Central Area Office for response.

Q43. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to have the broken and dangerous temporary tarmacadem footpath re-concreted and to have correct dishing installed on Serpentine Avenue at the intersection with Oaklands Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 in light of recent incidents there.

Reply:

The footpath at the junction of Oaklands Park / Serpentine Avenue is in a reasonable condition and does not require complete reconstruction.

Q44. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the use of the bicycle lane provided in Bushy Park, Terenure, Dublin 6 can be enforced by the on-site grounds keeper as the 'no cycling' signs are ignored and elderly people in particular find the presence of speeding cyclists frightening.

Reply:

This matter will be referred to the South Central Area Office for response.

Q45. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the two public telephone boxes outside Ginkgo Florists, 48 Upper Baggot Street, Dublin 4 can be removed as there appears to be sufficient pay phones on Upper Baggot Street and these particular ones are impeding access to and from the florists.

Reply:

The South East Area Office will convey this request to Eircom.

Q46. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether Panda can be contacted to request that bin trucks collecting waste on Thursday mornings in the Castlewood Avenue and Belgrave Square, Dublin 6 areas can commence collections at a later time than 6.15 a.m. and possibly after 7.00 a.m. due to noise disturbance to residents.

Reply:

The Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household & Commercial Waste 2013 were only introduced on 1st July 2013.

As part of the process to adopt new Bye-Laws there was a public consultation phase which allowed members of the public to make submissions.

The final Bye-Laws were adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council.

The hours permitted for collection of waste have actually been shortened from the previous time of 6am to 12 midnight to 6am to 9pm with further restrictions on weekends and bank holidays.

There are no plans to revisit the Bye-Laws at this time and any proposed change would involve a lengthy statutory process. The normal process with Bye-Laws is that they are reviewed every 5/6 years.

Q47. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a meeting can be arranged with the Terenure Residents' Association concerning the use of Bushy Park as a sports facility and the traffic management system in place whilst sports events are taking place.

Reply:

This matter will be referred to the South Central Area Office for response.

Q48. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to have the statue of Thomas Davis on College Green cleaned / repaired, the top of which has become badly damaged.

Reply:

The Public Art Manager and Heritage Officer will meet to review the condition of the statue and to consider its conservation. This review will be undertaken in the context of the impending works for Luas Cross City.

Q49. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4 can be resurfaced and whether a 3 ton limit can be placed on vehicles using Beech Road and Strand Road, Sandymount to prevent heavy vehicles from using these roads.

Reply:

Road Maintenance Division's 2013 Annual Works Programme is almost complete and we do not have sufficient capital left over to facilitate the resurfacing of the this road. The Strand Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2014 Road Maintenance Services Annual Works Programme in early 2014. In the meantime, Dublin City Council Road Maintenance Division staff will affect repairs along the Strand Road as soon as possible.

The requests for 'Three Tonne' Limit signs on Strand Road and Beech Road will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q50. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a cycle lane can be introduced from Ramleh Road, Milltown to Eglinton Road.

Reply:

There are cycling facilities on Milltown Road, south of its junction with Dundrum Road and to the north along Sanford Road from its junction with Milltown Road and also in the easterly direction from along Eglinton Road from its junction with Sandford Road. There is therefore a gap in cycling infrastructure along Milltown Road from its junction with Dundrum Road to its junction with Sandford Road.

The NTA has published a consultation document, the Draft Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This document proposes that this missing section of Milltown Road between Dundrum Road and Sandford Road form part of the City's secondary cycle routes. The Roads and Traffic Department will develop a proposal for the provision of cycling infrastructure on this section after the conclusion of the GDA Cycle Network Plan. This will be based on an agreed prioritisation that will require funding as well as the agreement of the NTA. The prioritisation will be carried out after completion of the final document on the GDA Cycle Network Plan. At present, Dublin City Council is not aware of the time frame that has been set by the NTA for the completion of the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan.

Q51. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to fully repair the road surface at St. Alban's Park following the recent construction works and in particular to replace the tarmac surface laid following those works with road paving.

Reply:

The area has suffered flooding in the recent past. As a result DCC conducted an extensive flow survey and examined the pumping regime, and carried out significant drainage upgrading works following analysis of the flow survey and pumping.

This work has recently been completed. DCC drainage is engaging a contractor to carry out the reinstatement works. The tenders are due in on 17th October and we will appoint a contractor early the following week. It is intended that the contractor will be on site in early November.

Q52. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to address and resolve the growing prevalence of rats on Sandymount Strand, particularly around the Martello Tower area, which problem seems to have exacerbated following the recent construction works on St. Alban's Park.

Reply:

Parks and Landscaping Services Division will arrange for control measures to be put in place to control the rat population at this location.

Q53. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for the following issues regarding *details supplied be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Item A & B: The Area Maintenance Officer has reported back the all necessary repairs need to the doors have now been carried out and completed.

Item C: The boilers in details supplied are scheduled to be serviced by the end of October 2013.

Q54. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can I ask for the Manager to carry out the following listed in *details supplied.

Reply:

These have been included on the draft 2014 painting programme.

Q55. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to install bike shelter / bike racks at *details supplied as many of the residents living there have limited space with no storage facilities for their bicycles.

Reply:

The provision of Sheffield type cycle parking for the residents of details supplied is not recommended because the type and suitable location of such stands would not meet the needs of the cyclists living in this area. The Sheffield type cycle parking stand is not suitable for long stay cycle parking where the cyclists tend to seek a higher level of security. Also cycle parking should be easily accessible to regular commuters as well as shoppers, visitors and passing trade. Cyclists prefer locations where their bicycles are in regular view of local shops or passers-by. This matter will

be referred to the Design Engineer who is currently undertaking a study of cycle-parking requirements in the city centre area.

Q56. Councillor Maria Parodi

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

Reply:

Under the terms of the Litter Management Plan, residential areas such as details supplied are cleaned once every twelve weeks. There is no doubt that parked cars hinder our cleaning efforts on this road. If the residents can arrange to have the cars moved off their road any weekday morning, we can send a road sweeping machine in to do a better job. I can be contacted at mick.boyle@dublincity.ie to make the necessary arrangements.

Q57. Councillor Maria Parodi

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

Reply:

We will investigate the existing lighting levels here and will consider any necessary improvements for inclusion in our 2014 programme of improvement works.

Q58. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to investigate the feasibility of installing an additional street light at the entrance to *details supplied.

Reply:

The installation of an additional light will be considered for inclusion in our 2014 programme of improvement works subject to finances available.

Q59. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager for a response to the following listed in *details supplied.

Reply:

At present there are no arrangements in place with the management of O2 in relation to cleaning up after events. Arrangements are in place with Croke Park, Aviva and the R.D.S.

Dublin City Council have communicated with the management of O2 to discuss such arrangements and have been informed the management of O2 have put arrangements in place to clean up after events.

As well as a corporate and social responsibility, the Litter Pollution Acts places responsibility on the occupier of the O2 to put measures in place to prevent or limit the creation of litter. Dublin City Council can determine the measures to be taken having due regard to

- a) The nature and quantity of litter caused or likely to be caused at or on "land in the vicinity" of the premises, or both, which exceeds the nature or quantity that would ordinarily be caused if the occupier's business or undertaking was not being operated at those premises, and
- b) The duties of Dublin City Council under this or any other Act in respect of the land in the vicinity of the premises.

Please note "land in the vicinity" means, in respect of premises of an occupier, land within a reasonable distance, not exceeding 100 metres of the premises.

Contact will be made with the occupier of the O2 to discuss the above measures.

Q60. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to carry out a full assessment on the trees located at *details supplied to investigate the feasibility of pruning these trees as the area is dense and overgrown.

Reply:

The trees at this location have been inspected and it is proposed to have them pruned over the coming weeks. However, it is considered that the trees are planted too close together and selective removal would be considered if local residents submit written agreement for this proposal.

Q61. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to provide a response to the issue raised in *details supplied.

Reply:

Routes used by bus operators are a matter to be agreed between individual bus operators and the NTA. This matter will be referred to Dublin Bus for their response.

Q62. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can the Manager provide a response and appropriate course of action to the issues raised in *details supplied.

Reply:

This property will be inspected within two weeks to establish if any action is warranted under the Derelict Sites Act and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

The South East Area Office will convey the concerns regarding the presence of rats to the HSE.

Q63. Councillor Maria Parodi

Can I ask for the following to be addressed in *details supplied.

Reply:

The footpath at the junction of details supplied is in a reasonable condition and does not require complete reconstruction.

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

TAG Report and Traffic Service Requests Report

I attach the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 24/10/2013, together with the Traffic Service Requests, Status Report at 15/10/2013.

**Kieran McGlynn
Senior Executive Engineer**

					South East Area November Agenda 11/11/13 (TAG Date: 24/10/13)						
Item	Request	Ref	Road	D	Topic	Request Description	Request2	TAG Result	TAG Comments	Sec	Date Rec'd
1	Traffic Conditions	7190	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	on Cherryfield Avenue Lower.	Resident	Not Recommended	Traffic calming ramps are not recommended on Cherryfield Avenue Lower as it does not meet any of the criteria for the provision of ramps, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherryfield Avenue Lower, although reasonably straight, is less than the required 200 metres. • A recent speed survey on the 16th of September 2013 did not identify a speeding issue and therefore did not meet the warrant for the provision of ramps. • Traffic volumes on Cherryfield Avenue Lower, even during peak periods, are relatively low and do not meet or exceed the requirement for the provision of ramps. 	2	10/05/2013

2	Parking Prohibitions	638	EUSTACE STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Disabled Parking Bay (General)	Near the Irish Film Institute.	Cllr	Not Recommended	Previous recommendation for a disabled parking bay on Eustace Street is rescinded due to the unsuitability of the location. There is no parking on either side of this street in the vicinity of the Irish Film Institute. There are two disabled parking bays relatively close by on Essex Street East. Please note that any further suggestions related to this request will be examined as a matter of urgency.	0	16/06/2011
3	Parking Prohibitions	7240	GREENMOUNT ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	extension of hours.	Resident	Recommended	Subject to Survey (Oct 13)	0	16/05/2013
4	School Warden	7520	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D5	School Warden	outside Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	School	Not Recommended	A School Warden is not recommended on Grosvenor Road as the counts do not meet the required warrant for the provision of a School Warden. Recently installed 'School Ahead' signage in the area will help to highlight the presence of a school close-by and calm approaching traffic.	2	05/06/2013

5	Parking Prohibitions	8208	PEMBROKE COTTAGES (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	outside No. 29 (Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend).	Resident	Recommended	It is recommended to rescind the disabled parking bay outside No. 29 Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend and replace it with unrestricted parking as follows to match the rest of the road in charge: From the common property boundary of property Nos. 27/29 to the common property boundary of Nos. 29/31.	0	01/08/2013
6	Traffic Signs	7095	RATHGAR ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	No Right Turn (Amend)	at Charleville Road. To allow turning at peak hours.	cllr	Not Recommended	An amendment of the no-right-turn to allow turning at off-peak times from Rathgar Road to Charleville Road for outbound traffic is not recommended as it would be in conflict with the pivot signal phase which allows both inbound and outbound traffic to flow on Rathgar Road. Also an amendment to allow turning at off-peak times would be difficult to enforce, create delays and increase the likelihood of an incident occurring at this location.	0	13/05/2013

7	Parking Prohibitions	8182	RATHMINES ROAD UPPER (SE-EA)	D6	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	Outside No. 217 and replace with Pay and Display and Permit Parking.	Resident	Recommended	It is recommended to replace the previously rescinded disabled parking bay (rescinded under SR 3425) with Pay and Display and Permit parking as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace with Pay and Display and Permit parking, with hours of operation Mon-Sat 07.00-19.00, from a point at PLP 77 to a point 6 metres south of PLP 77 at the common property boundary of Nos. 217/219 Rathmines Road Upper. 	0	29/07/2013
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8	Traffic Conditions	6910	SAINT KEVIN'S ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Calming	on St. Kevin's Road, Portobello	Cllr	Not Recommended	<p>No changes are recommended on St. Kevin's Road for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak hour inspections show traffic volumes to be of a low nature. • The existing road width and traffic calming on neighbouring roads make this a less attractive route for commuters. • Traffic measures which attempt to address the small scale of rat running such as banned movements or ramps are not warranted at this location and would be a permanent hindrance to residents. 	0	16/04/2013
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9	Parking Prohibitions	8032	SANDYMOUNT ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (General)	and rescindment of Pay and Display and Permit Parking outside Tesco, No. 80/82.	Resident	Recommended	An additional disabled parking bay outside Tesco in Sandymount Village is not recommended for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disabled parking space provided meets the requirements set in Section 17.40.5 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017. • Upon inspection the disabled parking space was found to be free and available for short term parking by disabled drivers using Sandymount Village. • Due to the high demand for short term parking in Sandymount Village by all road users, the current parking arrangement is the most efficient use of the road space available. It is possible for disabled drivers to use any space, designated spaces being the most desirable. However it is not possible for other road users to park in a disabled parking space. 	0	17/07/2013
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**Traffic Service Requests,
Status Report at 15th October, 2013,
South-East Area Committee Meeting, 11th November, 2013.**

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) Service Request Statistics

Total TAG Requests received South East Area From 1 st Jan, 2013 – 15 th October, 2013	401
Requests Completed between 1 st Jan, 2013 – 15 th October, 2013	241
Requests received (16 th September, 2013 – 15 th October, 2013)	30
Total Requests currently on Sharepoint	160
Breakdown of Requests currently on Sharepoint	
Stage 1	11
Stage 2	107
Stage 3	3
Stage 4	32
Stage 5	7

Non TAG Service Requests Statistics

Total Non- TAG Requests received South East Area From 1/1/2013 – 15/10/2013	553
Requests Completed	360
Requests currently on Sharepoint	193

Traffic Advisory Group Status Reports

Explanation of Stages:

- Stage 1 - Set up file, Assignment to Engineer, etc
- Stage 2 - Assessment, Site surveys, review statutory orders, etc
- Stage 3 - Consultations, with Garda, Dublin Bus, Luas, NTA, Local residents / businesses, etc
- Stage 4 - Decision, TAG group, statutory orders, etc
- Stage 5 - Implementation, signs, lines, construction, signal changes, certifications, etc.

Item No.	S.R	Road	Postcode	Topic	Request Description	Date Received	S.R Status
1	5825	BEACH ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Roundabout (Rescind)	at junction of Leahy's Terrace.	09/01/2013	Stage 5
2	5877	GRAND PARADE (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	crossing from Ranelagh Road to Charlemont Street.	16/01/2013	Stage 2
3	5987	DAME COURT (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	Removal of on-street parking on Dame Court	25/01/2013	Stage 2
4	6036	RANELAGH ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	at its junction with Canal Road and Grand Parade	29/01/2013	Stage 2
5	6083	ARNOTT STREET (SE-EA)	D8	Speed Ramps	On Arnott Street	06/02/2013	Stage 2
6	6117	MOREHAMPTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Pedestrian Crossing	crossing from Herbert Park to Marlborough Road.	11/02/2013	Stage 2
7	6229	GILFORD PARK (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	at junction of Gilford Park and Gilford Road.	15/02/2013	Stage 5
8	6257	ELM PARK (SE-EA)	D4	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	to include Saturday and Sunday	19/02/2013	Stage 4
9	6324	RANELAGH ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Cycle Track	extension of the operational hours (& include sunday).	25/02/2013	Stage 2
10	6326	EMOR STREET (SE-EA)	D8	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	to extend hours to match those of the surrounding streets	26/02/2013	Stage 4
11	6354	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	at its junction with Darley Street	04/03/2013	Stage 4
12	6461	MOREHAMPTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Pedestrian Crossing	The junction that I would like to see a pedestrian on the confirmed Morehampton Road/Marlborough Road/Herbert Park,	05/03/2013	Stage 2
13	6481	ORWELL ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Parking Prohibition	Starting at the Nursing Home, heading towards Rathgar, to its junction with Orwell	12/03/2013	Stage 5

					Park		
14	6493	RATHMINES ROAD UPPER (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	Across Rathmines Road towards Highfield Road	12/03/2013	Stage 2
15	6551	DARTMOUTH TERRACE (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (Rescind)	opposite vehicle entrance to property No. 6 Dartmouth Terrace.	12/03/2013	Stage 5
16	6586	OAKFIELD PLACE (SE-EA)	D8	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	to match those on Lombard Street West	20/03/2013	Stage 3
17	6601	ARNOTT STREET (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Calming	on the road	11/03/2013	Stage 2
18	6615	TRITONVILLE CRESCENT (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	at the junction of Tritonville Lane (on the west side exiting Tritonville Lane).	21/03/2013	Stage 5
19	6627	LEINSTER STREET SOUTH (SE-EA)	D2	Cycle Track 2 Way Segregated	Contra flow cycle lane from Lincoln Place to Kildare Street.	21/03/2013	Stage 2
20	6633	OAKLANDS PARK (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	Outside No. 64 and reinstate pay and display and permit parking.	21/03/2013	Stage 4
21	6698	SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Loading Bay (Extend)	Outside No. 98 (Leonard's Corner)	25/03/2013	Stage 2
22	6699	SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Loading Bay Amend Operational Hours	outside No. 98 (Leonards Corner)	25/03/2013	Stage 2
23	6705	KENILWORTH LANE EAST (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	from the recently installed double yellow lines to past the entrance of the rear of No. 13 Effra Road	26/03/2013	Stage 4
24	6720	MOREHAMPTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	Between Nos. 48/50.	28/03/2013	Stage 2
25	6741	MERRION ROW (SE-EA)	D2	Cycle Track 2 Way Segregated	Contra flow cycle lane as far as Ely Place.	21/03/2013	Stage 2
26	6742	HARCOURT ROAD (SE-EA)	D2	Cycle Track 2 Way Segregated	Contra flow cycle lane from Charlemont Street to Harcourt Street.	21/03/2013	Stage 2

27	6750	MERRION ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Pedestrian Crossing	near the Tara Towers Hotel	08/04/2013	Stage 2
28	6816	ARBUTUS PLACE (SE-EA)	D8	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	to match those that are on Oakfield Place	09/04/2013	Stage 3
29	6863	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	along the indented parking area at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	12/04/2013	Stage 2
30	6910	SAINT KEVIN'S ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Calming	on St. Kevin's Road, Portobello	16/04/2013	Stage 2
31	6929	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	18/04/2013	Stage 2
32	6939	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	19/04/2013	Stage 2
33	6940	PEARSE STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Pedestrian Crossing (Rescind)	at junction of Tara Street <u>or</u> alternatively relocate the pedestrian crossing and send pedestrians up the street by 30 metres to cross at nearby crossings – requiring 2 crossings instead of existing one.	19/04/2013	Stage 2
34	6954	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	on the entire north east side.	23/04/2013	Stage 4
35	6972	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	along the indented parking area at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	24/04/2013	Stage 2
36	7030	DONNYBROOK MANOR (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	to the corner of the entrance to the cul-de-sac to Nos. 70-95.	30/04/2013	Stage 4
37	7070	CRANFIELD PLACE (SE-EA)	D4	School Ahead Sign	<u>and road markings</u> at St Matthew's School.	07/05/2013	Stage 2
38	7071	CRANFIELD PLACE (SE-EA)	D4	Traffic Calming	at St. Matthew's School.	07/05/2013	Stage 2
39	7080	AILESBURO ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Yellow Box	on Ailesbury Road at junction of Ailesbury Grove and Seaview Terrace.	08/05/2013	Stage 4

40	7090	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	along the indented parking area at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	13/05/2013	Stage 2
41	7091	TERENURE ROAD NORTH (SE-EA)	D6W	Traffic Lights	outside Tesco.	13/05/2013	Stage 2
42	7092	STILLORGAN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	along the indented parking area at the Teresian School as far as the bus stop.	13/05/2013	Stage 2
43	7101	SANDYMOUNT ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Traffic Calming	in Sandymount Village.	13/05/2013	Stage 2
44	7106	MOUNTPLEASANT AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	between Richmond Hill and the pedestrian entrance to Mount Pleasant Square.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
45	7109	ROPEWALK PLACE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	at the entrance to St. Patrick's Villas, Ringsend.	13/05/2013	Stage 2
46	7120	AIRFIELD ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	Along the entrance section of Airfield Road, at its junction with Rathgar Avenue	10/05/2013	Stage 4
47	7184	LAD LANE (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (Rescind)	and provide Double Yellow Lines opposite the rear entrance to the Embassy of Hungary No. 2, Fitzwilliam Place.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
48	7190	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	on Cherryfield Avenue Lower.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
49	7215	BEACH ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Traffic Island	at the Maxol Service Station.	14/05/2013	Stage 2
50	7219	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	at its junction with Emmet Street.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
51	7221	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	at its junction with Drummond Place.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
52	7222	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	at junction of Ashworth Place.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
53	7223	MOUNT DRUMMOND AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	at junction of Fitzgerald Street.	13/05/2013	Stage 4
54	7240	GREENMOUNT ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of	extension of hours.	16/05/2013	Stage 2

				hours)			
55	7252	HANOVER STREET EAST (SE-EA)	D2	One-Way System	on Hanover Street East.	16/05/2013	Stage 2
56	7278	CHANCERY LANE (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Lights	at the junction of Bride Street.	21/05/2013	Stage 2
57	7282	HIGHFIELD GROVE (SE-EA)	D6	Children Crossing Sign	on Highfield Grove.	17/05/2013	Stage 2
58	7308	MERRION ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Yellow Box	outside St. John's House, No. 202.	22/05/2013	Stage 2
59	7368	WASDALE GROVE (SE-EA)	D6W	Double Yellow Lines	between the rear entrance to No. 26, Greenmount Road and No. 17, Wasdale Grove	20/05/2013	Stage 2
60	7377	WELLINGTON QUAY (SE-EA)	D2	Double Yellow Lines (Rescind)	and provision of a drop off area outside the Clarence Hotel.	22/05/2013	Stage 2
61	7403	RICHMOND PLACE SOUTH (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	at Nos. 21-26.	23/05/2013	Stage 2
62	7406	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Traffic Calming	on Cherryfield Avenue Lower.	24/05/2013	Stage 4
63	7407	BURLINGTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Loading Bay	outside No. 3. Pay and Display and Permit Parking will have to be rescinded.	24/05/2013	Stage 2
64	7408	BURLINGTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (General)	outside No. 3. Pay and Display and Permit Parking will have to be rescinded.	24/05/2013	Stage 2
65	7430	WILLIAMS PARK (SE-EA)	D6	School Ahead Sign	on Williams Park.	27/05/2013	Stage 2
66	7432	WILLIAMS PARK (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	on Williams Park.	27/05/2013	Stage 2
67	7441	TRITONVILLE ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	outside Nos. 41, 43, 45 and 47.	27/05/2013	Stage 2
68	7442	NEWBRIDGE AVENUE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	opposite No. 30.	27/05/2013	Stage 2
69	7445	SAINT STEPHENS GREEN WEST (SE-EA)	D2	Cycle Track	extension of the cycle track on St. Stephen's Green West.	27/05/2013	Stage 2

70	7458	SIMMONSCOURT ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Yellow Box	between the Four Seasons Hotel and Bewleys Hotel.	28/05/2013	Stage 2
71	7484	CHARLESTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	to the junction of Oxford Road.	29/05/2013	Stage 2
72	7486	PEARSE STREET (SE-EA)	D4	Roundabout	at the junction of Macken Street.	30/05/2013	Stage 2
73	7502	MOREHAMPTON LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Rescind)	outside No. 22.	01/06/2013	Stage 2
74	7519	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Zebra Crossing	outside Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	05/06/2013	Stage 2
75	7520	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D5	School Warden	outside Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	05/06/2013	Stage 2
76	7553	ARNOTT STREET (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Calming	on the road.	24/05/2013	Stage 2
77	7562	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	near the roundabout	10/06/2013	Stage 5
78	7587	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Children Crossing Sign	Q. 76 - City Council - 10.6.13 - Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan - on the road	10/06/2013	Stage 4
79	7588	CHERRYFIELD AVENUE LOWER (SE-EA)	D6	Traffic Calming	Q. 76 - City Council - 10.6.13 - Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan - along the road	10/06/2013	Stage 4
80	7602	WILFIELD PARK (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	Opposite No. 36	10/06/2013	Stage 2
81	7643	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	School Warden	outside Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	12/06/2013	Stage 2
82	7667	LEESON STREET LOWER (SE-EA)	D2	Yellow Box	at the junction of Leeson Lane.	17/06/2013	Stage 2
83	7707	FORTESCUE LANE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	Along the northern side of the lane to establish clear access for residents.	30/05/2013	Stage 2
84	7715	MOREHAMPTON LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Children Crossing Sign	on the road.	19/06/2013	Stage 2
85	7722	RANELAGH (SE-EA)	D6	Clearway	on either the north or south side of the road.	19/06/2013	Stage 2
86	7756	LANSDOWNE VILLAGE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	on the corner opposite No. 19.	21/06/2013	Stage 2

87	7785	RICHMOND PLACE SOUTH (SE-EA)	D2	Disabled Parking Bay (Residential)	To determine if the road is high or low demand in relation to the level of parking occupancy during the day regarding the provision of a disabled parking bay at No. 22.	25/06/2013	Stage 2
88	7807	LANSLOWNE VILLAGE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	at the bend and advance warning signage .	17/06/2013	Stage 2
89	7824	BEECHWOOD PARK (SE-EA)	D6	Traffic Calming	to deter vehicles from speeding into the local school.	01/07/2013	Stage 2
90	7825	CHARLESTON AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Traffic Calming	on Charleston Avenue.	01/07/2013	Stage 2
91	7857	WILSON'S PLACE (SE-EA)	D2	Double Yellow Lines	at the junction of Grant's Row.	26/06/2013	Stage 2
92	7881	OVOCA ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	Request for extension of the operational hours.	01/07/2013	Stage 3
93	7882	RANELAGH (SE-EA)	D6	Parking Prohibitions	Measures to prevent parking on Ranelagh outside of the cycle lane hours.	26/06/2013	Stage 2
94	7895	HAROLDS CROSS ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	Examine the safety requirements for children and parents when walking to school when crossing at Parnell Road at Harolds Cross Bridge	08/07/2013	Stage 2
95	7916	BAGGOT LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibitions	Traffic issues in Baggot Lane.	08/07/2013	Stage 2
96	7981	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	School Warden	Reuquest for copies of engineer's report in relation to Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	02/07/2013	Stage 2
97	7982	BAGGOT LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibitions	Traffic issues in Baggot Lane.	08/07/2013	Stage 2

98	7983	HERBERT STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Ambulance Bay (Rescind)	Near its junction with Baggot Street Lower. Mr Vincent said the bay was originally provided for a home that no longer operates.	15/07/2013	Stage 5
99	7985	GROSVENOR ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Zebra Crossing	Requesting copies of the engineer's reports in relation to Rathgar Junior School, No. 62/63.	02/07/2013	Stage 2
100	8000	TERENURE ROAD NORTH (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	at Tesco.	08/07/2013	Stage 2
101	8032	SANDYMOUNT ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (General)	and rescindment of Pay and Display and Permit Parking outside Tesco, No. 80/82.	17/07/2013	Stage 4
102	8045	PRICE'S PLACE (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (Rescind)	on Price's Place, opposite the rear entrance to No. 18, Mountpleasant Square.	18/07/2013	Stage 2
103	8169	SANDYMOUNT CASTLE DRIVE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	extension of DYL on corner	29/07/2013	Stage 2
104	8176	LENNOX TERRACE (SE-EA)	D8	Double Yellow Lines	Req. for DYL	30/07/2013	Stage 2
105	8182	RATHMINES ROAD UPPER (SE-EA)	D6	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	Outside No. 217 and replace with Pay and Display and Permit Parking.	29/07/2013	Stage 4
106	8185	ZION ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	opposite No. 8 Zion Road.	31/07/2013	Stage 2
107	8198	NUTLEY LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Yellow Box	in the left hand lane at the Traffic Lights and also outside No. 8.	31/07/2013	Stage 2
108	8208	PEMBROKE COTTAGES (SE-EA)	D4	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	outside No. 29 (Pembroke Cottages, Ringsend).	01/08/2013	Stage 4
109	8261	PEMBROKE PLACE (SE-EA)	D2	Double Yellow Lines (Rescind)	request to rescind double yellow lines on Pembroke Place.	08/08/2013	Stage 2

110	8285	LEINSTER ROAD WEST (SE-EA)	D6W	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind General)	and replace with Pay and Display and Permit Parking opposite No. 20.	10/08/2013	Stage 4
111	8318	RANELAGH ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	at junction of Canal Road and Grand Parade.	26/06/2013	Stage 2
112	8334	WELLINGTON LANE (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Rescind)	outside No. 19.	13/08/2013	Stage 2
113	8386	JOHN FIELD ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Disabled Parking Bay (Rescind Residential)	Outside No. 1.	20/08/2013	Stage 4
114	8405	AVENUE ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Double Yellow Lines	Request for additional double yellow lines on Avenue Road. New CRM uploaded 11th September 2013.	19/08/2013	Stage 2
115	8412	PEARSE STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Loading Bay	and rescindment of Pay and Display and Permit Parking at at Il Valentino.	23/08/2013	Stage 2
116	8418	ANGLESEA ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (change of hours)	Request to extend operational hours to Monday to Saturday 07.00 - 19.00 to coincide with the operational hours on the main road (on the section from the junction with the main road, to Nos. 95A and 97A).	22/08/2013	Stage 4
117	8422	ALMA COURT (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	Request for DYLS and rescindment of the first pay and display and permit parking space on Alma Court as you enter from Mountpleasant Place.	26/08/2013	Stage 2
118	8445	RICHMOND AVENUE SOUTH (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	at the rear of Alexandra College/at the Milltown Luas station.	27/08/2013	Stage 2
119	8479	GILFORD PARK (SE-EA)	D4	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	on the road.	28/08/2013	Stage 2

120	8481	WILSON'S PLACE (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	on the road.	04/07/2013	Stage 2
121	8484	BARROW STREET (SE-EA)	D4	Loading Bay	at the entrance to Session Hire, rear of No. 6/8, Grand Canal Street Upper.	29/08/2013	Stage 2
122	8524	OAKLEY PARK (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	at the end of the road.	02/09/2013	Stage 2
123	8529	AILESBUURY ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines	in the uncontrolled parking area outside No. 13 and No. 15.	03/09/2013	Stage 2
124	8560	LUKE STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Coach Parking	Request for re-location of Coach Parking on Luke Street.	05/09/2013	Stage 2
125	8567	IRISHTOWN ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Parking Prohibition	request for parking restrictions at the entrance to the Bottle Works apartments, on Irishtown Road, beside Tesco.	09/09/2013	Stage 2
126	8568	LEESON PARK (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	outside No. 54, and for Double Yellow Lines and rescindment of Pay and Display and Permit Parking on either side of No. 54.	04/09/2013	Stage 2
127	8569	WILSON'S PLACE (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	request for pay and display parking on Wilson's Place.	09/09/2013	Stage 2
128	8576	RINGSSEND ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Right Turn Filter Light	Request for right turn filter light from Ringsend Road onto South Lotts Road.	02/09/2013	Stage 2
129	8608	LAD LANE (SE-EA)	D2	Traffic Calming	Requesting traffic calming measures on Lad Lane.	09/09/2013	Stage 2
130	8619	ARNOTT STREET (SE-EA)	D8	Traffic Calming	On the road	27/08/2013	Stage 2
131	8628	LAD LANE (SE-EA)	D2	One-Way System	Request for one-way system on Lad Lane.	09/09/2013	Stage 2
132	8632	YORK ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Double Yellow Lines (Extend)	on York Road at the junction of Pembroke Cottages.	27/08/2013	Stage 2

133	8668	BUSHY PARK ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pedestrian Crossing	On Bushy Park Road at the junction of Rathfarnham Road.	12/09/2013	Stage 2
134	8675	PEARSE STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Loading Bay	and rescindment of Pay and Display and Permit Parking at Il Valentino	13/09/2013	Stage 2
135	8706	BUSHY PARK ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Yellow Box	at the junction of Riversdale Avenue.	13/09/2013	Stage 2
136	8709	SAINT STEPHENS GREEN NORTH (SE-EA)	D2	Double Yellow Lines	to replace relocated taxi rank.	17/09/2013	Stage 4
137	8717	LIME STREET (SE-EA)	D2		Problems with cars not stopping at this location	17/09/2013	Stage 2
138	8718	DUNVILLE AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	to facilitate installation of Sheffield Style Bicycle Stands.	18/09/2013	Stage 4
139	8719	CLYDE ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	to facilitate installation of Sheffield Style Bicycle Stands.	18/09/2013	Stage 4
140	8720	OVOCA ROAD (SE-EA)	D8	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	to facilitate installation of Sheffield Style Bicycle Stands.	18/09/2013	Stage 4
141	8746	ELY PLACE (SE-EA)	D2	Stop Sign	at the junction of Hume Street, (at No. 9, Ely Place)	16/09/2013	Stage 2
142	8785	BUSHY PARK ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	No Right Turn	Request for a 'no right turn' from Busy Park Road onto Wasdale Park, during morning peak.	13/09/2013	Stage 2
143	8844	SOUTH HILL (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	Request for ramps on the road.	25/09/2013	Stage 2
144	8854	COLLIERS AVENUE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	from Nos. 14 – 20.	26/09/2013	Stage 2
145	8878	LEINSTER LANE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	on east side of south end of the laneway to rear of 14-25 Leinster Square and rear of 151 Leinster Road (accessed via Leinster Square).	19/09/2013	Stage 2
146	8891	TOWNSEND STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Yellow Box	At junction with Hawkins Street.	30/09/2013	Stage 4

147	8898	HADDINGTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	School Warden Crossing Box	beside Haddington Lane.	01/10/2013	Stage 1
148	8919	THE SQUARE (SE-EA)	D4	Children Crossing Sign	on both entrance roads to The Square, off Irishtown Road.	30/09/2013	Stage 2
149	8933	CLONMEL STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	Rescind 5 spaces for bike station under the Dublin Bike Scheme.	03/10/2013	Stage 4
150	8934	YORK STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display Parking (Rescind)	Rescind 6 spaces for bike station under the Dublin Bikes Scheme.	02/10/2013	Stage 4
151	8948	MACKEN STREET (SE-EA)	D2	Right Turn Filter Light	Request for right turn filter light from Macken Street onto Pearse Street.	02/10/2013	Stage 1
152	8976	RATHMINES CLOSE (SE-EA)	D6	Speed Ramps	Request for speed ramp on Rathmines Close.	07/10/2013	Stage 1
153	9005	ADELAIDE ROAD (SE-EA)	D2	Pay & Display & Permit Parking	Request to change the pay and display parking at the front of the Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital to Pay and Display and Permit Parking.	09/10/2013	Stage 1
154	9060	PALMERSTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D6	Pay & Display & Permit Parking (Rescind)	Partial rescindment of markings outside No. 11 and replace with double yellow lines	11/10/2013	Stage 1
155	9081	BEACH ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	3 Tonne Limit	Request for 3 Tonne Limit on Beach Road and Strand Road.	15/10/2013	Stage 1
156	9093	STRAND ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Traffic Calming	Request for traffic calming on Strand Road.	14/10/2013	Stage 1
157	9095	GARVILLE LANE (SE-EA)	D6	Double Yellow Lines	Request for Double yellow lines on Garville Lane at the very end of the lane at the row of mews houses.	14/10/2013	Stage 1
158	9096	STRAND ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	3 Tonne Limit	Request for 3 tonne limit on Strand Road and Beach Road.	14/10/2013	Stage 1
159	9097	HADDINGTON ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Right Turn Filter Light	Request for right turn filter light from Haddington Road onto Shelbourne Road.	14/10/2013	Stage 1

160	9098	SHELBOURNE ROAD (SE-EA)	D4	Right Turn Filter Light	Request for right turn filter light from Shelbourne Road onto Bath Avenue.	14/10/2013	Stage 1
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To the Chairman and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Proposed Variation of Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 Policy SC6.

Proposal:

It is proposed to initiate a variation to the City Development Plan by replacing existing Policy SC6:

“To promote the reinstatement of the Georgian façade of the 16 Georgian houses on Fitzwilliam Street Lower, which were demolished in 1965”

With the following new policy:

“ To promote an exceptional urban design and architectural response in relation to any proposed redevelopment of the ESB Headquarters site on Fitzwilliam Street Lower, which respects and enhances the character and composition of the Georgian streetscape in terms of the solid to void ratio, the rhythm of windows and doors, the proportion and scale of the ground floor storey to the upper storeys, parapet height, the quality and craft of material and finishes (including brickwork), the relationship with the public realm, (including the degree of public access) the way by which the building holds the Georgian Street line, together with the long term durability and environmental sustainability of the building, all in accordance with the Urban design principles set out in Chapter 16.1.”

The proposed variation area is indicated on the attached map.

Background:

The ESB Headquarters office was built to a design by Stephenson, Gibney and Associates in the late 1960's, following a grant of planning Permission in 1964 by the then Minister for Local Government, and the demolition of the original 18th century townhouses in 1965.

The present office building occupies a c 120m long frontage onto Lower Fitzwilliam Street, which forms part of the longest Georgian streetscape in the city, extending from Leeson St. to Mount St. Lower, for approximately 1km.

The building itself is a uniform 4 storeys in height with a constant height parapet and a setback top storey. The structure has 14 bays each with horizontal windows divided by vertical fins to give a vertical emphasis. The frontage of the building consists of pre-cast concrete panels, which were recently painted in a pink tone to prevent deterioration of the concrete surfaces.

Inside, the building largely comprises offices served by long corridors, and is considered to lack the space and adaptability necessary for a modern office environment. The structure has a BER rating of F, which is at the low end of the scale.

The ESB have indicated that their current offices are no longer fit for purpose and that they require new office accommodation.

Reason for the Proposed Variation:

It is essential that all new buildings in the Georgian core are designed both to resonate successfully with the iconic character of the 18th century streets and squares which make up the area, and that they must also contribute to a living sustainable city, in accordance with the core strategy of the approved City Development Plan. The existing building, although less than 50 years old, does not meet current sustainable energy standards, nor is it sufficiently adaptable for modern 21st century office requirements (see para 2.3 of Development Plan). The external concrete panels have deteriorated and have required over-painting. The existing Policy SC6 (to promote the reinstatement of the Georgian façade of the 16 original houses) is considered to be excessively rigid and would not necessarily achieve the sustainability and long-term adaptability necessary to achieve the durable qualities which are necessary for buildings in the Georgian core.

Policy SC32 of the City Development Plan, for example, seeks to promote architecture which enhances localities and which mitigates, and is resilient to, the impacts of climate change. The reinstatement of façades is not generally regarded as good urban design practice, as it undermines the accepted principle that form should relate to function and also diminishes the integrity of the original buildings.

The proposed variation will provide for a new policy which draws together and distils the numerous policies and principles in the Development Plan in order to achieve an exceptional urban design and architectural response for this site (see attached map). The proposed policy will both respect and enhance the Georgian character while promoting a sustainable building which brings prosperity and vitality to the area. The required policy response should not be over prescriptive or fix a design. The proposed draft policy refers to the need to have regard to parapet height, the solid to void ratio and the quality and craft of external finishing materials, to ensure any building is designed to interpret the Georgian character in a quality contemporary way. The Urban design principles in Chapter 16.1 of the Development Plan are specifically cross-referenced in the proposed new policy. This 6 page set of comprehensive guidelines covers matters such as making of successful streets, proportions, enclosure, materials and detailed design. Inter alia the guidelines state

“Dublin, our inherited city, is remarkable in terms of scale and setting. The Georgian core is unique, yet, in places, undervalued and fragile. Contemporary architectural intervention and expression must match the quality and longevity of earlier models while serving to strengthen or remake place as appropriate”.

Recommendation:

Having regard to the above, it is recommended that the variation procedure be initiated in accordance with the Planning Act 2000-2010 (as amended). This process will include full public consultation together with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening.

Jim Keogan
Executive Manager

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

Enforcement Report for April - September 2013 for the South East Area

Please find attached a summary of enforcement activity in the South East Area for the period April - September 2013: -

- Number of new complaints opened – 198
- Number of Warning Letters issued – 167
- Number of Enforcement Notices issued – 39
- Number of referrals to the District Court for prosecution – 12
- Number of files closed/resolved – 154

**Fiacra Worrall
Asst. Enforcement Manager
Planning Department**

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

Tree Survey of Street Trees in the South East Area

A condition assessment of street trees was undertaken on designated streets over the summer months, see attached breakdown for works recommended for each street.

The survey of these trees was carried out from ground level only, which does not include climbing inspections, internal investigations of the timber or below ground investigations.

Based on the inspection undertaken tree works have been prioritised based on the urgency of the works recommended for each street with Priority 1 being the most urgent and Priority 4 being the least.

It is proposed to tender for the priority 1 works immediately and it is expected that works will commence as soon as practicable on receipt of tenders. Specific tree locations can be notified after tender and prior to undertaking works.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Prioritisation of Tree Works as per Trees Survey of the 11 No. Streets Surveyed in the South East Area

No.	Location	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
1	Cowper Road	9 (2)	6	3	48(2)
2	Palmerston Road	13 (5)	8	16	41(2)
3	Orwell Park Road	12 (3)	14	17	21(1)
4	Merrion Road	8(2)	10	21	90(4)
5	Northumberland Road	11(5)	10	24	58
6	Eglin Road	13(5)	6	12	32(2)
7	Clyde Road	17(1)	12	14	38(1)
8	Raglan Road	6	6(2)	8(1)	35(1)
9	Morehampton Road	7(2)	8(1)	13	37(1)
10	Waterloo Road	7(1)	5	2	37(1)
11	Holyrood Park	0	0	0	21(5)
	Total	103 (24)	85 (3)	130 (1)	458 (20)

() indicates the number of trees as part of the total that require to be felled.

To the Chairman and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Tree Care Programme for Merrion Square Park

In 2012/13 a tree survey was carried out to assess the condition of the trees in the park and to prepare a programme of maintenance works. The purpose of this programme is to ensure the following:

1. The trees are being maintained in accordance with best arboricultural practice.
2. A healthy tree population is maintained into the future, consistent with the original design intent for a Georgian Square.
3. The trees and understorey vegetation are managed to avoid opportunity for anti-social activity and to give a greater sense of personal safety for park users.
4. There is sufficient and appropriate vegetative cover to enhance the biodiversity in the park.

As part of a multi-annual programme of work it is proposed to undertake the following works over the coming winter:

- Self seeded trees and large shrubs impacting on the canopy of mature specimen trees will be removed to allow greater visual appreciation of the mature trees and reduce risk of damage to the tree crowns.
- Areas of block shrub planting will be lowered in height and / or thinned to improve sight lines and reduce concerns which the public may have with regard to areas of the park being unsafe.

At all times it is proposed to apply a conservative approach to the tree pruning / removal which will respect the historical integrity of the square and the character of the park. **It is not proposed to remove any of the mature specimen trees except where they are in a dangerous condition due to disease or decay.** It is also proposed to carry out new tree planting of Platanus (Plane) and Quercus (Oak) to supplement the existing.

This work will be carried out over the winter months to be completed before the end of February in accordance with the nesting season for birds as required under wildlife legislation.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

To the Chairman and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Assessment of Street Trees in Beech Hill, Donnybrook

A ground level visual assessment was undertaken of the street trees on Beech Hill Avenue / Drive / Crescent / Terrace in late October. This is a preliminary report, which does not include climbing inspections, internal investigations of the timber or below ground investigations.

The trees are generally considered to be in good condition, with some exceptions. There are however a number of large growing Elms (*Ulmus* spp.) which have outgrown their tree pits and are causing damage to surrounding footpaths. There are also a small number of trees which are suffering from crown 'die-back' and should be removed and replaced over time.

The trees assessed are comprised of mixed age groups and species. The majority of these are mature and semi mature Elms (*Ulmus* spp.), 31 in total, of which 11 are mature. This tree species is unsuitable for this location and should be removed on a phased basis and replaced with more appropriate street trees. As this programme of works has already commenced it is proposed that it be continued over the coming years.

The remaining trees comprise primarily of young stock including the following species Turkish Hazels (*Corylus* spp.), Norway Maple (*Acer* spp.), Lime (*Tilia* spp.) and Beech (*Fagus* spp.) which combined form almost half of the tree cover and are not causing structural damage to public footpaths or private property at this time.

See attached table and site map for more detailed analysis and recommendation of works.

Michael Noonan
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location	Description	Works Recommended
T1	Elm	48 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature tree with no visible defects	No works recommended, continue to monitor
T2	Elm	52-54 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature tree with no visible defects	No works recommended, some cracking of the footpath, continue to monitor
T3	Elm	37-39 Beech Hill Avenue	Poor crown formation and suffering from die back	As tree is not thriving at this location recommend removal and replacement
T4	Elm	47a-47b Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature tree	Retain and continue to monitor.
T7	Corylus sps.	13-14 Beech Hill Terrace	Semi Mature	Remove lower Branches,
T18	Corylus sps	10 Beech Hill Terrace	Young	Remove co-dominant leader
T19	Elm	49 Beech Hill Ave.	Semi Mature tree	Retain and continue to monitor. No cracking of footpath evident
T20	Elm	57-59 Beech Hill Ave.	Semi Mature, Large roots visible, outgrowing tree pit	Add to Tree removal list, evidence of some cracking of the footpath
T21	Elm	59 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature	No works recommended, continue to monitor. Minor cracks visible on the footpath
T22	Elm	59 Beech Hill Avenue (SIDE)	Semi Mature	Evidence of cracking to footpath and kerb stone. Recommend removal over time
T23	Elm	29 Beech Hill Crescent	Semi Mature	Retain and continue to monitor.
T24	Elm	30-31 Beech Hill Crescent	Semi Mature	Retain and continue to monitor.
T25	Elm	33-34 Beech Hill Crescent	Semi Mature	Retain and continue to monitor.
T26	Elm	38 Beech Hill Crescent	Semi Mature	No works recommended, continue to monitor

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location	Description	Works Recommended
T27	Elm	35 Beech Hill Crescent/Drive	Semi Mature	No works recommended, continue to monitor. Slight lifting of the footpath visible
T28	Elm	1-2 Beech Hill Crescent	Mature healthy tree. footpath and has outgrown footpath	Severe cracking of footpath and kerb. Recommend removal and replacement
T29 to T37	Corylus sps	Beech Hill Crescent	Young	No works required
T38	Elm	61 Beech Hill Avenue	Mature Tree, which is outgrowing the tree pit	Cracking of the footpath, continue to monitor
T39	Elm	61-63 Beech Hill Avenue	Mature Health Tree, which is outgrowing the tree pit	Cracking of the footpath, continue to monitor
T40	Elm	65-67 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi-Mature Tree, which is showing crown back	Remove over time and replace with appropriate species
T41	Elm	77-79 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi-Mature Tree, which is leaning towards the dwelling	Recommend removal and replacement over time
T42	Elm	89-91 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature	No works recommended, continue to monitor
T43	Elm	91 Beech Hill Avenue	Semi Mature	No works recommended, continue to monitor
T44	Turkish Hazel	83 Beech Hill Drive	Young species recently vandalised	Replace
T45	Elm	83-81 Beech Hill Drive	Semi Mature species	High roots and some cracking extending from the tree pit. Retain and continue to monitor
T46	Elm	77-79 Beech Hill Drive	Semi Mature species	Retain and continue to monitor

Tree No.	Tree Species	Location	Description	Works Recommended
T47- T48- T49	Tilia sps.	61 to 67 Beech Hill Drive	Young tree planted too close together	Trees not thriving. Continue to monitor and consider future selective thinning
T50	Elm	49 Beech Hill Drive	Young species, showing evidence of vehicle damage	Continue to monitor
T52	Elm	38-40 Beech Hill Drive	Semi Mature healthy species	Increase tree pit and continue to monitor
T58	Elm	58-60 Beech Hill Drive	Young Tree	No evidence of any problems
T59	Elm	68-66 Beech Hill Drive	Young Tree	No evidence of any problems
T60	Elm	70-72 Beech Hill Drive	Semi Mature Tree	No evidence of any problems
T61	Elm	82-84 Beech Hill Drive	High rooting & tree pit has been repaired recently	No works recommended at present, Continue to monitor
T53- T54- T55	Acer Sps.	42-44 Beech Hill Drive	Young Trees planted too close together	Remove one tree and the remaining trees should have their tree pits enlarged.
T56- T57	Acer sps	50-52 Beech Hill Drive	Trees planted too close together	Remove one tree and the remaining tree have its tree pit enlarged.

14th October 2013

To the Chairperson and Members of
The South East Area Committee

Area Manager's Report

Proposed Flood Alleviation Works - Pearse Square

At a meeting residents held on 15/10/2013 attended by residents, Councillors, Drainage Division and South East Area staff plans to deal with the flooding on Pearse Square were outlined. Subsequent to that meeting, trial holes taken to confirm routes of connections have thrown up difficulties due to banks of utility services both on Macken Street and Hanover Street. An alternative for Hanover Street is being examined as well as an alternative for the Cardiff Lane connection. The main on Byrne's Lane is currently being laid.

Investigative works for Creighton Street have commenced.

Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme

Tenders have been received in response to the Notice placed in the OJEU for Expressions of Interest for the Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme. These are currently being assessed. A date for the first meeting of the Working Group to monitor the project is currently being scheduled.

Flood Forum

The Forum is now in a position to offer individual property protection inspections to any property owner in the pilot areas (however, priority will be given to those that have previously flooded). A list of residents committees, community groups etc is being compiled to inform property owners that they can avail of this free service. Councillors will be included in any notifications sent.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The next Public Network Meeting for users, residents and those interested in the Grand Canal will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 7pm in the Marker Hotel, Grand Canal Square. Invitations have been issued to local representatives, interested community groups and residents.

Exercise Equipment in Sandymount

Councillors were informed of the proposal to install outdoor exercise equipment along the promenade at Sandymount Strand. It is hoped the equipment will be in situ in November 2013.

Irish Rail Works – Lansdowne Road

Irish Rail propose to renew Platform UBR63B up platform located in Lansdowne Road Dart Station. Works are progressing with the intention of commencing works on site on the 25th November.

Irish Rail has applied to Dublin City Council Roadworks Control Unit for the temporary closure of Accommodation Walk for a 56 hr period over the weekend of the 30th Nov / 1st Dec to facilitate major renewal works. (22.00 hrs Friday 29th – 06.00 hrs Monday 2nd December). Accommodation Walk shall be closed from Herbert Road to Herbert Cottages

and from Lansdowne Road to Railway Cottages. Signage shall be erected in the coming weeks giving notice of closures.

Marine Terminals Ltd (MTL) / Pigeon House Road

Marine Terminals Ltd. (MTL), the operators of the gantries have advised that this matter is currently before the Courts and regret that they are not in a position to advance any comment pending the outcome of this process.

Grafton Street Quarter

Phase 1 of the construction work is practically complete. Phase 2 works are very advanced. Progress on the project to date has been satisfactory but was affected by events such as a delay in the delivery of a batch of required granite and other unforeseen events such as excavations of the newly laid stone, carried out by ESB Networks who needed to effect an emergency repair to their infrastructure and Bord Gáis who needed to locate the source of a gas leak. In line with previous commitments, all work on Grafton Street will cease from 13th November to facilitate the Christmas and New Year periods and work will resume on 8th January. Meetings of the Project Liaison Group continue to take place and any issues raised have been addressed.

A meeting with the Councillors to discuss the Grafton Street project and issues that have arisen to date is being arranged.

Charlemont Street

The decision of An Bord Pleanála is being reviewed by Dublin City Council and by Alcove Properties and an update will issue as soon as possible. Discussions have recommenced with the community regarding the establishment of a Regeneration Board to oversee the regeneration process. A number of discussions meetings have been scheduled for the coming weeks. These discussion meetings are ongoing and agreement on the format of the Regeneration Board should be reached in the coming weeks.

Crampton Buildings

Part 8 planning approval for the main building works is in place. The Part 8 for the courtyard (which is being acquired by Dublin City Council) was lodged on 18th October and the closing date for observations is 16th December. It is hoped to bring a report on the Part 8 to the January meeting of City Council. It is intended to proceed shortly with the tender process to engage a contractor to carry out the works and at this stage, it is expected that the main reconstruction works will commence early next year. In the meantime, arrangements to carry out the essential works to the roof have commenced.

The Dublin - Dublin Discovery Trail

The Part 8 for the creation of a visitor information hub and upgrading of the public realm at Palace Street / Barnardo Square was approved by the City Council on 4th November. It is intended to go to tender for a contractor as soon as possible.

To ensure continued involvement of the South East Area in the project, the Area Committee is invited to nominate a Councillor to the steering committee for the Dublin Project.

Failte Ireland has announced a Dublin Development Fund, which is to provide grant-aid for tourism business or attractions along, or in the vicinity of, the Dublin route. The closing date for applications is December 18th 2013. Further information and details are available at; www.failteireland.ie/Develop-your-tourism-enterprise/Identify-Available-Funding/Dubline-Development-Fund.aspx

Community & Social Development Report

- 1st November 2pm – ‘Come Sing & Dance with Us’ at the Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue. Sing-along afternoon for older people featuring the band, Pastimes. Organised in partnership with the Iris Charles Centre.
- 12th November 7pm - Lord Mayor’s Vibrant Villages at the Mansion House. The third in a series of receptions hosted by the Lord Mayor with stakeholders from the villages and urban communities of Dublin 2, 4 & 6 promoting the SEA’s Community Development Team’s ‘Vibrant Villages’ initiative. This evening will focus on Ranelagh Village.
- 26th November 7pm - Lord Mayor’s Vibrant Villages at the Mansion House. Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor with stakeholders from Rathmines.
- 1st December at 5pm – Donnybrook Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Car Park opposite Kiely’s Pub.
- 3rd December 3.30pm – Rathmines Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Rathmines Square.
- 6th December at 5pm – Sandymount Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Sandymount Green.
- 7th December at 5pm – Ranelagh Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Ranelagh Triangle.

Events

In addition to events organised by the South East Area Community Development Team the Run in the Dark will also take place on Wednesday 13th November.

South East Age Friendly Alliance

A draft plan is currently being developed from the outcomes of consultation with over 200 older people which has taken place over the past number of months.

Pearse Area Recreation Centre

A Parent and Toddler Group now operates in the Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12noon All Welcome. A Halloween Sports Camp was also held in PARC for the local children with great success.

Cabbage Patch Park

A Halloween Sports Camp was held in the Cabbage Patch with a small number of local children participating.

Local Policing Forums

Ringsend/Irishtown LPF:

The most recent meeting of the LPF was held on 17th October at which Halloween and a number of local issues were discussed.

Pearse Street LPF:

The next meeting is due to be held in November to discuss and plan a Community Safety Awareness Campaign.

Pride of Place

Sandymount Village was nominated by the South East Area to the Pride of Place Competition 2013 and the results will be announced later this month.

Halloween

The Halloween Working Group established in DCC had regular meetings in the run up to Halloween and liaised closely with An Garda Síochána. The Rapid Response Crew which is shared between South Central and South East Area collected and disposed of bonfire materials as far as was reasonably practical up to and including 31st October. In addition to

this, Thornton's Waste Removal was contracted by the South East and South Central Areas to assist in the removal of bonfire materials. Also, relevant businesses (tyre companies, supermarkets etc) were issued with a letter from Waste Enforcement requesting that all waste produced is disposed of in a safe and authorised manner. Dublin Fire Brigade visited a number of schools in the South East Area in the lead up to Halloween. Overall, this action plan minimised the impact of Halloween activities, specifically with regard to environmental and social consequences of bonfires and illegal fireworks.

Autumn Initiative – Removal of Leaves

There has been a positive response to this initiative, with a number of groups registering their interest with the Public Domain Team to organise a leaf clean up. The necessary bags, gloves, brushes, shovels, and PPE are furnished to the groups and when the leaves are collected and bagged arrangements are made to have the bags removed. All groups / associations that register for this initiative and carry out this work are entered into a free draw each week for various prizes such as DIY vouchers etc.

Tangier Lane Update

The proposal to extinguish the Public Right of Way at Tangier Lane (part of), off Grafton Street Dublin 2, was considered by the City Council at their meeting held on the 7th October 2013 and it was agreed by them to defer a decision in this matter to the November meeting of the City Council. However, an issue in relation to an additional portion of Tangier Lane has been raised by a property owner in the area who made a submission in relation to the proposal. The issue has to be assessed prior to the extinguishment proceeding further. Councillors will be kept informed in relation to this proposed closure.

St. Bartholomew's Church

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit have advised that under previous enforcement action, no court proceedings were taken in relation to the bells at St Bartholomew's Church. The matter was resolved at the time through the voluntary undertaking by the Church that they would engage an expert to set the church carillon to cease operating at night. This solution was mutually acceptable to St. Bartholomew's, the City Council and the parties that expressed concerns.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

A meeting with local residents and users of Ranelagh Gardens Park was held in the Park on Wednesday 30th October 2013 at lunchtime. There was a great turnout of local people (approx. 25) and the issues discussed were a play area for children, park maintenance, anti-social issues and increased public lighting. Staff from the Parks Section, South East Area Office and Public Lighting Section of Dublin City Council addressed this meeting along with the Garda Superintendent from Donnybrook Station.

Following a good discussion amongst those present at the meeting, the attendees were informed and agreed to the following:

A major clean up in the park will take place over the next few months, which will involve cutting back shrubbery around the environs of the park and clearing away the undergrowth and vegetation that is currently an issue with park users in relation to the safety of young children playing there. This area will be then be returned to grass.

A suitable play area / play ground for young children was discussed and there were 3 locations identified as possibilities for this, 2 in Ranelagh Gardens and 1 in Mount Pleasant Square. It was pointed out that there will only be one playground provided in one of these three locations, subject to finance being available.

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent also agreed to look at and investigate various options in relation to the pond. The ecological potential of the pond will be looked at in

conjunction with the safety issues when investigating these options, to take on board the concerns parents identified in relation to young children and accessibility of the pond.

The meeting was also informed that there is presently no public lighting in the park itself but that in the future the issue of providing public lighting may be looked at in conjunction with looking at leaving the park gates open 24/7. Leaving the park gates open on a 24/7 basis would be done on a trial basis initially and people would be informed of this in advance.

Garda Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley addressed the safety concerns of the residents. She stressed that the Gardaí are there to listen and that it is important for people to report issues of concern to the Gardaí so that they can deal with them. It also helps to build up better information and this feeds into crime statistics etc.

Once the undergrowth area of the park has been cleared it was agreed that another meeting will take place in January / February 2014. I consider that the appropriate time to establish a User Forum is at the next meeting once the above agreed actions have been carried out.

Herbert Park

A presentation was made to the Herbert Park Users Group earlier this year and it can be accessed by following the link to the Herbert Park section of the Parks webpage at www.dublincity.ie/recreationandCulture/DublinCityParks

The works presented at that meeting have been well advanced in the interim:

- Pitch drainage and ground levelling works have been completed and grass establishment is now progressing well after a slow start due to the very dry weather on completing the works in early June.
- Upgrading of the football dressing rooms is due to commence in the next 6 to 8 weeks.
- The tennis pavilion has been redesigned and the Part 8 Planning process has commenced with works anticipated on site in early 2014.
- Tree works including felling and pruning has been ongoing during the year with further works scheduled for this winter.

Footpath repairs will be undertaken, subject to available funding in 2014, and on completion of the scheduled upgrading of the football dressing rooms. The issues raised in regard to the pond and the pergola will be included in a brief for the Conservation Management Plan of Herbert Park which will be tendered before the end of the year and a completed report should be available by mid 2014.

In regard to the gate opening there has been a substantial decrease in serious acts of vandalism since the gate opening has been in place. The Gardaí also have greater access to the park at all times and have greater awareness of who is in the park during evening and night times. Park Services are grateful to the Gardaí for their assistance and co-operation on this issue.

Bootcamps using Herbert Park are monitored and controlled by City Council and no group can utilise the Park without being in receipt of a permit and having relevant insurances in place.

A tree survey has been undertaken of a number of roads, including Morehampton Road, and a report will be given to the November meeting of the South East Area.

Eileen Quinlivan
Area Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Naming Proposal for a development at Maxwell Road, Dublin 6

“Wynnefield Grove/ Garrán Wynnefield “

A request has been received from Mr Paul McCleary, Bennett McCleary Architects to have a name assigned to a development at Maxwell Road. The name suggested is “Wynnefield Grove/ Garrán Wynnefield”.

The application states that the proposed name 'Wynnefield Grove' is an appropriate name from both an historical and geographical perspective. This is illustrated on the attached maps.

Map A is the 6' map which dates from 1829-1841

On this map the site is not properly developed but the adjacent housing is called Wynnefield Place and Winfield Cottages can be seen on the map although they are not identified.

Map B is the 25" map which dates from 1897-1913.

On this map the spelling is changed to Winfield and the cottages are titled on the map 'Winfield Cotts'

The date that the cottages were knocked and replaced with Winfield Motors is unclear but the Local Authority housing 'Hollyfield Building' behind the site were condemned and demolished in the early 1970's. Winfield motors was the last business to operate from the site until they sold the site in late 2008 for development. The site has been identified as Winfield / Wynnefield since early 1800's.

Also note in the planning application to identify the site the planning registry asked that it be described as 'former Winfield Motors Site'

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M.26277 (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate and is acceptable as the name “Wynnefield” only occurs twice in Dublin 6 as a street name.

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

Eileen Quinlivan
Area Manager

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

**Naming Proposal for the Commercial Element and Residential Terrace at Elmpark
Green, Merrion Road, Dublin 4**

The South East Area Committee agreed on 14th April, 2008 to name new development on Merrion Road as 'Elmpark Green'. Following representations received from local residents regarding the ongoing use of the name 'Elmpark' in marketing of the development and confusion with another development of the same name, contact was made with representatives of the property owners with a view to resolving the issue. A new naming proposal has now been received from Mr Marcus Bell, RSM Farrell Grant Sparks, Asset Management to have separate names assigned to the commercial element and the residential terrace at Elmpark Green, Merrion Road, Dublin 4. The proposed names are:

- **Residential Terrace**
The 9 houses fronting on to the Merrion Road including the café to be named 205-221 Llandaff Terrace:

“LLandaff Terrace/Ardán LLandaff”

- **Commercial Element**
The commercial element to be named Elmpark Business Campus:

“Elmpark Business Campus/Campas Gnó Pháirc an Leamháin”

The remaining residential element will continue to be named Elmpark Green.

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M.25060A (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed names appropriate.

The names proposed are considered suitable and are recommended for approval.

Eileen Quinlivan
Area Manager

Q1. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if the times applying to the Double Yellow Lines parking restrictions outside the Iris Charles Centre can be reviewed to adequately provide for access during the key times required by this centre that provides much needed services to Senior Citizens in the Sandymount, Irishtown and Ringsend areas. (This Councillor is available to provide more details as required).

Q2. Councillor Gerry Ashe

Did Dublin City Council provide steel girders and employees to reinforce no. 7 Walworth Road, a property owned by a charitable trust? If so at what cost and why would DCC carry out such work on a property they didn't own?

Q3. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to review the morning traffic flow on Orwell Road approaching Rathgar Village.

Q4. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to install an extra street light at the following location, *details supplied, for the following reasons *details supplied.

Q5. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have double yellow lines placed on *details supplied to stop vehicles parking near the corner and impeding traffic turning onto the road.

Q6. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have a loading bay placed on the road in front of *details supplied to allow for deliveries to the businesses at this location.

Q7. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager how many residential parking permits have been issued for the following streets:

Kingsland Parade
Walworth Road
Victoria Street
Florence Street
Lennox Street
Kingsland Park Avenue
St. Kevin's Road

Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if this crossing will be included in the overall study underway for this general junction and respond to the suggestions contained in the email submitted with this question.

I am writing to alert you to the dangerous pedestrian crossing opposite Donnybrook Church (corner of Anglesea Road and Donnybrook Road). At this crossing the green man is inviting you to step in front of a car! Please can you lobby to make this crossing safe before a serious accident occurs?

It is rare to be able to safely cross here from 8-9am because cars are still driving through, sometimes at speed, when the green man is showing. Last week I made a short video whilst walking to work to demonstrate the issue.

Here is the youtube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yOWj3gXDOc>

Whilst I am nibble enough to dodge the cars, I worry that children going to school, or people with less mobility, are at risk of being hit by cars. It would be better to have no crossing. Ideally the sequencing of the lights should be corrected. Perhaps even a red light placed at the crossing that is visible to car drivers.

Q9. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a "Children at Play Sign" erected at the entrance to Oliver Plunkett Avenue, adjacent to George Reynolds Mansions, Irishtown.

Q10. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to have a flagpole, similar to the one on O'Rahilly House, Ringsend, erected in George Reynolds Mansions, Irishtown.

Q11. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to examine the possibility of having traffic calming ramps installed in St Brendan's Cottages, Irishtown similar to those in Canon Mooney Gardens, Ringsend. Ramps were requested and refused in 2009 but since then extra houses have been built resulting in more traffic, making this road very unsafe for children.

Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to examine the ramps on Pigeon House Road on the way to the South Wall that have a very steep gradient.

Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to replace the street nameplate at Cranmer Lane at its junction with Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

Q14. Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager to carry out a review of the parking situation on a section of Tritonville Road between Irishtown Garda Station and Sandymount Road. Non residents are availing of the free parking, making it very difficult for residents to park. Pay parking with special exemptions for residents may be a solution.

Q15. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the no right turn signage and road markings at *details supplied improved.

Q16. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager to arrange to have the boiler at *details supplied serviced as it has been over two and half years since it was last inspected.

Q17. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if the cause of flooding at *details supplied in 2011 has been discovered; to outline the measures taken to ensure that it does not flood again and to indicate what monitoring of the area takes place during periods of heavy rain.

Q18. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager for an update on proposals for the former toilet block in Ballsbridge and if the proposals *details supplied are being given consideration.

Q19. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could give details of the tender requirements and submissions for the reinstatement works at St. Alban's Park that were due in on the 17th October and when the works will be commenced.

Q20. Councillor Edie Wynne

To ask the Manager to review the morning-time flow of traffic on Orwell Road, going towards Rathgar Village.

Q21. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she could respond to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question regarding the Village Market and the Grand Canal at Percy Place.

Would you be able to help us with the following, we are wondering if the Village Markets have a special parking permit from Dublin City Council, as they do not buy parking tickets and they place traffic cones to reserve spaces for their vans each Friday and this deprives the residents of parking spaces which they have paid for. The vans remain parked in Percy Place starting at around 7am until almost 4pm.

Also, could you verify that the vendors are tax compliant and health and safety cleared as claimed by Mr. Vallely?

Q22. Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for a reply to the following issues submitted in relation to the Dodder Flood relief works.

We are delighted to see the progress being made on the flood protection works downstream of Ballsbridge. It would be very helpful to get the current best estimate of the overall programme for the work to Anglesea Bridge in Donnybrook so that we can keep the residents informed (the recent anniversary of the 2011 flood has been in a lot of people minds).

The sort of questions raised include the following - can we please have answers to the questions listed at your earliest convenience.

1. What is the proposed completion date for flood relief works to Donnybrook Bridge?
2. What are the milestones within the project
 - a) Completion of dodder wall on both side to Ballsbridge
 - b) Excavation of the river bed at the bridge in Ballsbridge to drop level to required depth
 - c) Capping wall and repairs from Ballsbridge to Herbert Park lane Bridge
 - d) Wall section Herbert Park Bridge to Merrion Cricket Club
 - e) Raising Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank
 - f) New wall to Anglesea Lane
3. Can the raising of the Merrion Cricket club and LVA bank go ahead at this point given that the emergency works in the LVA are complete?

Separately can inspection of the chambers in the Simmonscourt drain across Merrion cricket club be arranged and the bolting and sealing of the covers be arranged as soon as possible?

Q23. Councillor Gerry Ashe

To ask the Manager if the Traffic Department has come up with an acceptable resolution to the traffic problems which have recently been imposed on the residents of Arnott Street?

Q24. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to ensure that the leafy roads in the vicinity of Rathgar, in particular Orwell Road, Orwell Park, Frankfurt Avenue and Kenilworth Square are swept on a more frequent basis as the accumulation of leaves is a danger to elderly people in the area during the winter months.

Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the old lamp-stand in Terenure Village can be repainted and properly maintained.

Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager what is the current status of planning permission that was granted in respect of the old presentation convent in Terenure?

Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2 can be cleaned on a more regular basis.

Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a mirror can be erected at the end of Casimir Road where it meets Mount Argus Road, Dublin 6 for the purpose of enabling people exiting from Casimir Road to see whether traffic is coming from left or right on this busy road.

Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether the ramps on Casimir Avenue can be put a bit closer to the entrance to Casimir Avenue as opposed to further down the Avenue which is a cul-de-sac.

Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether a filter light for the right turn onto Sundrive Road (from the Lower Kimmage Road turning onto Sundrive Road) can be introduced as it takes an inordinate amount of time to get a right turn there.

Q31. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager to have road markings introduced for the pedestrian crossing on the Kimmage Road Lower (beside entrance to Mount Argus Church) Dublin 6.

Q32. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan

To ask the City Manager whether telephone kiosks on Upper Rathmines Road (near Cowper Road junction) can be removed as they are constantly being vandalised.

Q33. Councillor Maria Parodi

To ask the Manager to clear out and maintain the flower garden / green area in the centre of St. Brendan's Cottages as it is severely overgrown.

- Q34. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to ensure that *details supplied is (a) cleaned and maintained and is added to the Council's regular sweeping schedule and (b) that *details supplied is also resurfaced as it is currently uneven.
- Q35. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to investigate the feasibility of installing an additional light pole at *details supplied as the area is extremely dark in the evenings.
- Q36. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to carry out the following measures on *details supplied.
- Q37. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to ensure that all the gullies and shores are cleared regularly in *details supplied to ensure that there are no blockages as many leaves have fallen over the past few weeks.
- Q38. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to resurface the road outside *details supplied.
- Q39. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to install a safety ladder at the wall of the Dodder located on the river side between Londonbridge and Ringsend Bridge.
- Q40. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager for a response to the issue raised in *details supplied.
- Q41. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to examine the speed ramp outside *details supplied.
- Q42. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager to install an additional light on *details supplied.
- Q43. Councillor Maria Parodi**
To ask the Manager for a response to the following issues raised in *details supplied.
- Q44. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager investigate the street furniture belonging to Chez Max Café on Palace Street? This street furniture is blocking one of the entrances to Dublin Castle. Can this investigation include an examination of the awning which protrudes out and interferes with sightline of the gate of the castle, a protected structure.
- Q45. Councillor Mannix Flynn**
Can the Manager issue a report regarding the street furniture – phone boxes, bicycle stands, bench etc on the corner of Exchequer Street and South Great Georges Street. This site has become a hotspot for anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. Bicycles are being stolen from this site, there is much drug dealing and intravenous drug taking in the phone boxes. There is constant drunkenness on the benches and constant interference with the patrons of the nearby restaurants, shops and the many passerbys at this location. It's a heavily congested area and will be more so when the annual Christmas tree is erected here. This issue has been raised on a number of occasions and a report was to be received in relation to the removal of some of the street furniture at this location including the phone boxes, the bench and some of the bicycle stands were earmarked for relocation. It has now become an almost impossible corner for visually impaired and wheelchair users to negotiate and it is a

growing persistent problem at this location. The Gardaí are constantly being called to this location to deal with the many issues of drinking, drugging and aggressive begging as well as the ambulance services attending those in a comatose position.

Q46. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding the intended use of the old scientific testing station at Earlsfort Terrace into an Educate Together school.

Q47. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager investigate the growing concerns of rat infestation at the York Street flat complex and Glovers Court flat complex. Many tenants here have grave concerns regarding the levels of rats in the area.

Q48. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager investigate noise pollution issue at the Bride Street Gym, former DCC swimming pool at Bride Street. DCC tenants here have complained of the level of music coming from the gym.

Q49. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager initiate a clean up of Copper Alley Temple Bar. Also this area is becoming a problem with anti-social behaviour and drug taking many syringes are dumped in this laneway and residents and shop owners are very fearful and feel they have been abandoned. Also can the same attention be given to Smock Alley, Exchange Street area and the front of Smock Alley area (Exchange Street Lower)?

Q50. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a report regarding the intended relocation of the horse and carriage stand on St Stephens Green? The report to also include what meetings have taken place with the horse and carriage owners. What alternative sites have been identified, if any? What is the time frame? Will the carriages be relocated back when the works area finished to their original location on St. Stephen's Green?

Q51. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager address the issue of the amount of illegal street furniture that are now literally blocking many footpaths in the South East Area. Some premises have absolutely no regard for people with children in prams, people in wheelchairs, the elderly or those who are visually impaired and simply block the entire path with barrels, chairs, sandwich boards. Temple Bar area is particularly alarming. A number of shops of Essex Street, Cecilia Street, Chatham Street, to name but a few, are places where you simply have to step onto the road and it is not possible to use the footpath. Can the Manager initiate a much more proactive approach to this serious issue? In the Temple Bar area many wheelchair users have to revert to using the cobbled roadway which can have a detrimental effect on their bodies, particularly those with spinal injuries etc. Can the Manager supply me with the details as to how this issue is dealt with and what legislation, if any, do we have that is effective?

Q52. Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding a serious incident that took place at the Housing and Allocations Section of Dublin City Council recently? This report to include a full appraisal of all health and safety measures that are designed to protect the customer and staff and the types of training that staff undergo in dealing with this kind of an issue. This is the second serious incident that has taken place in DCC's Civic Offices. Can the report include a full breakdown over the last year of such incidences.

Q53. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to ensure that, pending the installation of pay and display parking, the entrance to Grant's Row on Wilson's Place is kept clear of parked cars which block access for the residents' cars.

Q54. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to deal directly with the lighting issue on Britain Quay and Hanover Quay, as the street lighting is still often completely non-existent at night and this is a public safety issue, both in terms of security and in terms of the fact that the canal basin bank is unenclosed. The lighting on the Sean O'Casey Bridge is also still problematic. If the Council is unable to deal with the matter directly, serious issue must be taken with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority about this, as I have now raised it over a period of 6 months without a solution being offered.

Q55. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager on an update to my proposal to the Traffic and Transport Committee to install a contra-flow cycle lane across the North West corner of St. Stephen's Green as part of the Luas works.

Q56. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to deal with the waste collection and street cleaning issues raised in the following email *details supplied.

Q57. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager for a report on an allegation of illegal dumping of excavation / building material made by SAMRA regarding land on the Poolbeg peninsula a number of months ago.

Q58. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager what the process is to get the following position set up *details supplied.

Q59. Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the Manager to engage directly with the following business owner on the following issue *details supplied.

Q60. Councillor Edie Wynne

While thanking the Manager for the response to my urgent representation on 31st October regarding bonfire material in Tranquilla Park, Rathmines, to ask the Manager **what steps are taken by Dublin City Council on 31st October each year** to remove the bonfire material, whether there are personnel available to do this and whether there is a specific point of contact for worried residents.

Q61. Councillor Mary Freehill

That dog litter bins be erected on the south side of the canal from Harold's Cross Bridge down to Leeson Street, currently there are several bins on the north side of the canal but only one on the south side at Harold's Cross Bridge. Dog walkers complain that they have to walk a very long distance with bags of faeces before they can discard them. Perhaps specific dog bins with a small aperture would be the way to go.