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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA  
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2 ON  
MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015  
AT 2.30pm**

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*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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 2.30pm** to deal with the items on the agenda attached herewith.

**Rose Kenny**  
Area Manager

**Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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136. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (pages 10 – 42).

137. Questions to the Chief Executive (pages 60 - 67).

**138. Environment and Transportation Department Matters**

i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 16/12/2014 (enclosed).

ii. Road Maintenance Services 2015 Works Programme (enclosed).

**139. Planning and Development Department Matters**

i. **Planning Application No.:** DSDZ3796/14

**Application Type:** Permission

**Applicant:** Mark Reynolds & Glenn Crann, Joint Receivers, Savills, 33 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

**Location:** The former Boland's Mill incorporating 33 & 34 Barrow Street together with 35A Barrow Street & 35 Barrow Street (Car Park) at Ringsend Road and Barrow Street, Dublin 4, bounded to the north by Ringsend Rd., to the south by adjacent office development (Mason Hayes Curran ("South Bank House") and the Warehouse), to the east by Barrow Street and to the west by Grand Canal Dock.

**Proposal:** PROTECTED STRUCTURE:. Intend to apply for Planning Permission For development at a site of 1.056 ha known as The former Boland's Mill incorporating 33 & 34 Barrow Street together with 35A Barrow Street & 35 Barrow Street (Car Park) at Ringsend Road and Barrow Street, Dublin 4, bounded to the north by Ringsend Rd., to the south by adjacent office development (Mason Hayes Curran ("South Bank House") and the Warehouse), to the east by Barrow Street and to the west by Grand Canal Dock. The site accommodates 4 protected structures including; Block B referred to as 1 Ringsend Road (RPS 7377); Block D comprising no's 33 and 34 Barrow Street (RPS 483, 484); two storey brick gables of warehouses to south of Boland's Mill (the 'factory' building) (RPS 485). These will be refurbished and incorporated into the overall development. There will be internal and external interventions to all protected structures. The development consists of: A mixed use scheme with a gross floor area above ground of some 36,759 sq. m. (comprising office (28,762 sq. m.), residential (42 no. units including 31 no. 2 bed units and 11 no. 3 bed units; 6,050 sq. m.), restaurant/cafe (1,184 sq. m.), retail (214 sq. m.) and cultural and exhibition (549 sq. m.) uses; provision of incidental parking, storage, plant and related uses at basement area of 11,477 sq.m. (overall gross floor area of scheme is some 48,236 sq. m.). The development includes 2 no. new build office buildings; 1 no. new build residential building; the restoration of existing Blocks A, B, C, D and the redevelopment of the Factory Building. The proposed development includes the demolition of structures on the site, including the former silo structures (Blocks E, F and G) as well as blocks H, J, K and L. The detailed description of the development is set out below: 1. Building A (2 storeys) located at the junction of Ringsend Rd. and Barrow St. will be retained and restored for retail (to include off licence use)/restaurant/cafe use. Interventions to include: reinstatement of roof and window opes; new windows to be installed to match original on north and south facades; new entrance door to Ringsend Rd. facade and new doors to be installed in existing opes in south facade. 2. Building B (comprising B1 -

B5) (RPS 7377) (5 - 8 storeys) located on Ringsend Rd. will be retained and restored for office use. Restaurant/cafe/retail use to be provided at ground floor of B4 to B5. Interventions to include: reinstatement of timber roof trusses and roofs, with lantern roof to B5 (a later addition) to be removed; new windows to be installed on all facades to match original; window opes at ground floor north facade to be modified; new entrances to be provided on north and south elevations; removal of section of first floor to provide atrium; floors to be reinstated at original levels other than the removal of second floor in B3/B4 and the lowering of the existing ground floor in B4/B5; new metal roof . enclosure to B3; removal of plant enclosure at roof level over B3, projecting canopy and associated ducts / equipment over former truck loading area on Ringsend Rd. and metal roof cowels to ducts over B4 & B5. 3. Building C (6 storeys) fronting the Dock will be retained and restored for restaurant/cafe/retail use at ground floor and residential above to include 9 no. 3 bed units and 1 no. 2 bed unit. Interventions to include: replacement of later metal roof with natural slate roof; insertion of new floors; addition of new window opes on the W, N and S facades; enlargement of window opes on west facade to facilitate living spaces; addition of balconies to west elevation. 4. Building D (RPS 483, 484) (2 storeys plus basement) located on Barrow Street will be retained and restored for retail/cafe/ restaurant use. New glass and copper wrap around extension to existing building. Interventions to include: refurbishment/repair of roof and windows; addition of glazed rooflight at rear wall; restoration of floors at original levels; internal fabric refurbishment; repair of steps and railings and front area to Barrow Street. 5. Factory Building (RPS 485 two-storey brick gables): It is proposed to partially demolish the rear of the Factory Building and reconstruct the east gables in a line that generally aligns with the footprint of the adjoining Block C. The dockside gables will be restored. The Factory Building will accommodate cultural/exhibition use. Interventions include: section of side walls to be removed; existing stone gabled east facade to be disassembled and reconstructed in its new position, including realignment of arched openings and windows and formation of new door; new viewing window to be formed in south facade; new rooflight; existing balcony on the waterfront facade to be replaced with new balcony and second matching balcony to be installed on western gable. 6. Development to include all other associated internal and external works to Blocks A, B, C, D and the Factory Building. 7. New Office Building 1 is a 5 storey building fronting Barrow Street increasing to a maximum height of 14 storeys to accommodate (max. building height 53.65 m.) office accommodation and ancillary facilities including reception, meeting rooms and staff restaurant. Enclosed plant area at level 13. Roof terraces to be provided at floor levels 5, 11 and 12. 8. New Office Building 2 is a 5 storey building fronting Barrow Street increasing to a maximum height of 13 storeys (max. building height 49.85 m.) to accommodate office accommodation and ancillary facilities including reception, meeting rooms, plant and staff restaurant. Roof terraces to be provided at floor levels 5 and 11. 9. New Residential Building 3 is a 15 storey building (max. building height 47.8 m.) accommodating reception and plant at ground floor, gym at first floor and 30 no. 2 bed units and 2 no. 3 bed units above. A semi enclosed roof terrace is provided at 14th floor. Balconies on E, W, S elevations. 10. Three new pedestrian routes from Barrow Street (two of which also provide for service and emergency vehicle access/egress). New civic waterfront square adjacent to the Dock. A bridge link along the dock is proposed connecting the square to Mc Mahon Bridge, Ringsend Rd. Second open space to the south of the Factory Building. Development to include all hard and soft landscaping,

lighting and planting. 2no. new mooring points for vessels, along the Grand Canal Dock - East Quay Wall. 11. Three levels of basement area are to be provided under Buildings 1, 2 and 3 to accommodate 136 no. car parking spaces, 350 no. of bicycle spaces and ancillary locker and shower facilities and plant. Basement to include lifts and stair cores. 12. Development to include new replacement basement vehicular access/egress ramp from Barrow Street. This is the main exit and entrance to the basement car park. Closure of existing basement ramp located adjacent to Mason Hayes Curran building (South Bank House). The new ramp will provide for continued vehicle access/egress to the existing South Bank House car park which adjoins the subject site to the immediate south. 13. Development to include demolition of existing ESB substation located adjacent to the Warehouse and Dock and new additional internal substations, all site development and ancillary works. An EIS will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the planning application and the EIS will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority. The application relates to a proposed development within a Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme area.

ii. **Planning Application No.:** 2620/14

**Application Type:** Permission

**Applicant:** Gannon Properties

**Location:** Lands at the former paper mills site bounded by the River Dodder to the East, Clonskeagh Road to the West, Clonskeagh Bridge to the South West, including 59-73 & 103, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 6.

**Proposal:** The development will consist of 1) the demolition of the existing offices, factory buildings, yards, chimneys and ancillary accommodation on site; 2) demolition of single storey extension to the side of no. 103 Clonskeagh Road; 3) alterations to the rear boundaries only of Nos. 59-63 Clonskeagh Road and alterations to the rear and side boundaries of nos. 65,73 and 103 Clonskeagh Road; 4) the construction of 92 no. apartment units, all with balconies, terraces or roof terraces, in 4 no. apartment blocks as follows; Block 1 comprising 2 and 3 storeys over Lower Ground parking at River Level -11 no. 2 bed units, Block 2 comprising 4-storey at podium/ street level over lower ground parking at River Level- 61 no. units (15 no. 1 bed units and 46 no. 2 bed units), Block 3 comprising 2 storeys - 6 no. 2 bed units and Block 4 comprising 4 storey - 14 no units (3 no. 1 bed units and 11 no. 2 bed units); 5) 1 no. crèche facility of 125.6sq.m; 6) Option A- the provision of a riverside walkway along the Dodder River extending the length of the site to Clonskeagh Bridge or Option B- landscaping only along the Dodder River extending the length of the site with no inclusion of riverside walk; 7) utilisation and widening of the existing entrance/egress beside No. 103 Clonskeagh Road and the provision of a new vehicular entrance between no. 65 & 67 Clonskeagh Road; 8) bin storage, 134 no. car parking spaces and 100 no. cycle spaces at Lower Ground/River Level to be accessed by a proposed vehicular ramp, 3 no. set down car parking spaces on the surface; and 9) improvements to existing boundary walls and all landscaping, engineering and associated works.

iii. Derelict Sites Quarterly Report (pages 43 - 45).

- iv. Report on the proposed deletion of 28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 from the Record of Protected Structures and addition of 38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures (pages 46 – 47 and enclosed).
- v. Report on the proposed deletion of 98 and 99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 from the Record of Protected Structures (pages 48 – 49 and enclosed).
- vi. Report on the proposed deletion of No. 23 Belmont Avenue from the Record of Protected Structures (pages 50 – 52 and enclosed).

**140. Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters.**

- i. Report on Works to be carried out in Merrion Square (page 53).
- ii. Report on Felling of Mature Trees in the South East Area (page 54).

**141. South East Area Matters**

- i. Area Manager's Report (pages 55 - 57).
- ii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at "Grosvenor Manor", 176 Leinster Road (page 58 and enclosed).
- iii. Report on proposal to name and number a development at 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4 (page 59 and enclosed).
- iv. Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (enclosed).

## Motions

**142. Motion from Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

That this committee agrees that design works for pedestrian crossing in Rathgar Village should commence immediately with a view to having crossing completed during 2015.

**143. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to make contact with Irish Rail to see if it would be possible to ease pedestrian flow by moving the ticket machine in the underpass at Lansdowne Dart Station to a different location within the station complex.

**144. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee agrees to the proposal agreed by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown councillors to seek to establish a joint committee with Dublin City Council to progress the S2S project and requests the Manager to liaise with her counterpart to advance this.

**145. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she could arrange for a detailed reply to this issue of possible flooding, implications and possible solutions for Wilfield Road, Sandymount as outlined in the letter submitted with this Motion.

I thought it was the OPW or DCC who take responsibility for putting in defences in flood risk areas. I seem to remember this happening in the East Wall area a few years ago after bad flooding and recently work has been done at the Dargle River in Bray. So I assumed if an area was designated a flood risk that they would put in defences?

What sparked this was I've been pushing Aviva for an explanation as to why they consider Wilfield Road a flood risk. Initially they refused to give me any reason but last week I happened to get a more helpful person who took my query on board. I got an email yesterday which I will forward to you - I don't know how to cut & paste - but the OPW is referred to in relation to the Dodder works under the section **The Flood Defence Data**. Maybe it will be enough that when these works are completed that it will satisfy insurance companies?

Aviva go on to suggest that house owners could hire hydrologists to do a report on individual houses under the heading **Property specific flood assessment**. I think this is crazy because none of the houses have ever been flooded and an exercise such as this would be very expensive. They also query if any flood mitigation work is done on the property but again, why would it have been since there is no history of flooding here.

I'll forward the Aviva email to you.

In relation to the recent email from Gerard O'Connell, would I be correct in thinking that item (2) (ground levels) is the only reason that insurance companies could consider Wilfield Road to be a flood risk? And if so should we be requesting DCC/OPW to include Wilfield Road in the on-going works they are doing in the Dodder area in order to protect us from potential tidal and fluvial flooding from the river Dodder?

I think this is going to become a big issue in future years. I've heard of two more people who have been refused quotations and its possible there could be a lot more.

**146. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That Dublin City Council outlines what plans it has for the Moss Street Site in Dublin 2 giving timelines and various options it has explored.

**147. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee supports the retention of the Eastlink Toll Bridge as a manned toll and that Dublin City Council will ensure the Eastlink jobs are protected when the concession ends.

**148. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee, in advance of 2016, supports the naming of the Charlemont Street Bridge after former Rathmines resident, suffragette, labour activist and republican, Kathleen Lynn.

**149. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the following traffic issue at the Ailesbury Road / Merrion Road junction. Traffic on Ailesbury Road coming from Sydney Parade backs up, particularly when cars are turning right onto Merrion Road. A possible right filter light might facilitate free flow or another alternative would be to adjust the sequencing of the lights. Currently the green light for vehicles crossing Ailesbury Road is 14 seconds, whereas the timing on the Merrion Road is 140 seconds. Could some rebalancing be done?

**150. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive to extend double yellow lines at the junction of Cambridge Road and Fitzwilliam Street, Ringsend to both sides of the junction. Currently there are no yellow lines at one side. Cars parking at the edge near the corner of Fitzwilliam Street or Cambridge Road are clamped on a regular basis due to confusion over where one can or cannot park.

**151. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive to request the Gardaí to patrol the bus lane at Waterloo Road to ensure free flow in the bus lane approaching Leeson Street. Cars are entering the bus corridor midway down Waterloo Road between 5pm and 6pm, which can result in delays of up to 10 minutes for buses. A Garda presence at these times would act as a serious deterrent, and the appropriate sanctions should be applied to aberrant motorists.

**152. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

Given the number of problems caused by utility agencies when they open the ground, sometimes bursting pipes, wires etc. This committee proposes that a pilot study be carried out in Rathmines Rathgar Ward to allow the council monitor all the work carried out by these agencies with the objective of charging them for damages caused to underground utilities.

I have taken this up as chair of the Development SPC in the past and it was felt that the council couldn't possibly cope with supervising all the openings in the entire city. So that is why I am proposing a pilot scheme in this area. The damage done in the past has caused enormous amount of suffering to a lot of residents and cost to institutions in general and the contractors should be severely sanctioned. The best

way to go about this is to supervise their work. As a first step I am proposing that a report on how we could go about my proposal be done.

**153. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee rejects the current plans for Boland's Mill in favour of a more sustainable design which includes a greater allocation of private and social housing, better mix of use and one that values the cultural heritage of the site, the wider city, and its residents.

**154. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee supports revisiting the Glovers Court energy retrofit plan from 2011 and agrees to seek central funding and / or explore other funding options to implement these plans to help greatly improve standard of living for the residents.

**155. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Area Committee supports the inclusion of The Pigeon House Hotel and surrounding buildings owned by the Council in the Vacant Spaces Scheme.

**156. Motion from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this Council proposes to retain the existing guiding principles outlined in the Docklands SDRA 6 that specifically pertain to Spencer Dock, Poolbeg and Grand Canal Dock ,while also supporting the inclusion of the relevant parts of the Docklands Masterplan 2008 which have been outlined in the Proposed Addition to the Dublin City Development Plan.

**157. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on the Minister for Justice, Frances Fitzgerald TD, to issue body cams to An Garda Síochána. It is now acceptable practice worldwide that law enforcement officers are equipped with the latest instruments in dealing with crime and gathering evidence and protecting people. The bodycam is an important tool in law enforcement. This tool both protects the citizen and serves the citizen it is also a great breakthrough in transparency and accountability when examining incidents such as public order or public arrests etc.

**158. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of Dublin City Council call on the YMCA and De Paul Trust and Dublin City Council's housing executive to call a meeting of relevant stakeholders in the Whitefriar Street, Georges Street, Aungier Street area to discuss the changing regimes at the YMCA temporary accommodation unit. This unit and its changes are the cause of great concern with the resident and business community in the area. There has been an ongoing promise to initiate stakeholders' meetings to address issues of concern around the use and the users of the hostel (i.e. whether the new clients and tenants will be active in drinking and drugging). These hostels or temporary accommodation while not described as wet hostels are now known by the term 'active hostels' and many of its clients and users will be coming from addiction difficulties as well as homeless difficulties. This is an entire departure from the practice that was formerly in place in the YMCA where they were known as clean houses and dry houses and that by and large the users/clients were on programs of non- use of alcohol or drugs.

**159. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this South East Area committee call on all those who are responsible for the George Bernard Shaw House at 33 Synge Street, Dublin – to ensure that the house is kept in good order including all its artefacts and exhibits and that the house is



opened to the public for viewing. It has become blatantly obvious over the past number of years that this unique cultural location and house has been allowed deteriorate. It has been closed for long periods of time and tourists and visitors have been known to stand and wait for hours trying to get access to the premises. George Bernard Shaw is renowned the world over. His works are constantly performed and his comments and his sayings are regularly used by world leaders when addressing the public. This unique artist and writer bequeathed a large portion of his estate including writings, finances and properties and copyrights to the National Gallery of Ireland.

Without such generosity the National Gallery of Ireland would have found it very difficult to become the world renowned institution and national cultural treasure it is today. The least we can do is to honour Mr. Shaw by ensuring his birthplace is opened to the public and the cultural visitor. Perhaps if those charged with the guardianship of this building are finding it difficult to manage this property and this museum initiative – Dublin City Council might consider taking the house in charge and perhaps seeking the assistance of the likes of the “Little Museum of Dublin” to run it?

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
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8<sup>th</sup> NOLLAIG 2014**

105. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014.  
**Order: Agreed.**
106. Questions to the Chief Executive.  
**Order: Noted.**
107. **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
- i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on 25/11/2014.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Dodder Greenway Report.  
**Order: Noted.**
108. **Planning & Development Department Matters**
- i. Proposed deletion of Nos. 1, 3, 5-19, 21-22, 24-32, 34-37, 39-57 Belmont Avenue and Nos. 1-8 and 10-25 Mount Eden Road from the Record of Protected Structures.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - ii. Proposed addition of Ailesbury House, Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 to the Record of Protected Structures.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - iii. Proposed grant of a 3 year Licence to St. Andrews Resource Centre of the premises known as "The Junction".  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - iv. Proposed grant of a 3 year Licence for the use a premises in St. Patricks Park, Bride Street, Dublin 8 as a Tearoom.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.**
  - v. Proposed disposal of a 3 year Licence to RADE for use of an area in the OLV Building, Cathedral Street, Dublin 8.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. Cllr. Lacey declared an interest in RADE.**
  - vi. Proposed disposal of a 3 year Licence to the 61<sup>st</sup> Dublin Scout Group for use of an area in the OLV Building, Cathedral Street, Dublin 8.  
**Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. Cllr. Lacey declared an interest in Scouting Ireland.**

**109. Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department Matters.**

- i. Report on Tree Pruning Works in the South East Area 2015.  
**Order: Noted.**

**110. Housing & Residential Services Department Matters.**

- i. Report on Voids in the South East Area.  
**Order: Noted.**

**111. South East Area Matters**

- i. Area Manager's Report.  
**Order: Noted.**

**Motions**

**112. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of the South East Area calls on Dublin City Council to initiate a site specific improvement design and layout for the Ringsend Library Plaza and its environs. This plan to include realignment of the roadworks and the overall architectural design with the emphasis on greater pedestrian improvement, and greater access for business and the community. That this initiative be done in consultation with the local business and residents community and other stakeholders. Also that in the interim that this location be given every assistance to enhance the library plaza into a much more manageable and user friendly space for the betterment of the entire community. Painted wall.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**113. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee requests the Manager to undertake an overall assessment of maintenance issues at the Pump House, Londonbridge Road to ensure that all the large number of individual issues reported to this Councillor (and probably others) are dealt with in a comprehensive manner.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**114. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

Arising from the most recent meeting of the Herbert Park Users Forum this Committee requests a report from the Area Manager on the following:

- 1) Why gates on Herbert Park Road to the park have been removed.
- 2) If the Area Manager would report on the possibility of installing a fountain in the pond.
- 3) If the Area Manager would have the option of developing a water wheel mechanism (perhaps on the Dodder and developed in conjunction with the Flood Relief Works) to pump water through the pond, thereby helping to maintain a clean water supply for same, investigated.
- 4) Why the unsuitable bin has not yet been removed from the children's playground (at Pembroke Cottages end) and relocated outside as previously agreed.
- 5) Confirm that the tennis facilities and use of office space will still be available for the Dublin Parks Summer Tennis.
- 6) Why the double gates into the same children's playground as above are left open enabling dogs to wander around same.

7) Clarify precisely why the Dublin Radio Model Boat Club cannot have their very reasonable request to have storage facilities in the very extensive storage areas of the park acceded to.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**115. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she could provide a report on the dates that Home Villas / Pembroke Cottages / St. Broc's Cottages, Donnybrook was supposed to have street cleansing take place in 2014.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**116. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the City Council erect the same notice as on the Grand canal regarding feeding of wild life along the Dodder linear park. Furthermore dog owners need to be made aware of the danger of taking dogs off the lead along the Dodder close to swans or ducks. Recently a swan was killed by a dog along this walk.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Taken with Motion 126.**

**117. Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This Committee again supports the case made by the Leeson Bridge Residents Association (and submitted with this motion) on the location of Bus Stops and requests the various bodies involved to reflect that in their decisions on this issue.

**Order: Agreed.**

**118. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue on Northumberland Road. Following the opening of the low-cost diesel refilling station on Northumberland Road adjacent to Baggot Lane, taxis are blocking both the lane and the footpaths. This makes it extremely hazardous for pedestrians and in particular parents collecting young children after school in the area. The taxi drivers in particular don't use litter bins when they dispose of paper coffee cups and soft drink containers. The result is an accumulation of rubbish and filth.

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

**119. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issues on Baggot Lane. When the lane is swept, only one side is cleaned which leaves a collection of plastic bottles, newspapers and vast quantities of fallen leaves. There are no speed bumps or speed limit signs displayed on Baggot Lane, and residents are at this stage very frustrated at the slow pace of progress on the examination and resolution of outstanding traffic issues on the lane.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**120. Motion from Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Area Manager to have the junction of Tritonville Road, Newbridge Avenue and Sandymount Road examined with a view to providing an alternative to the current configuration, possibly a roundabout. At present there is a safety issue as there is some confusion for motorists and cyclists entering / exiting the junction.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**121. Motion from Councillors Frank Kennedy and Claire Byrne**

This Committee supports the proposal by the Leeson Bridge Residents Association (LBRA) for the relocation of the bus stops at Leeson Street Upper, recognising in

particular the extremely comprehensive, evidence proposal which LBRA has compiled, and recognising further the manifest safety and conservation benefits of adopting this proposal, and accordingly calls on the Area Manager and/or Dublin City Council as appropriate to support this proposal when the relocation of any of the relevant bus stops are considered by a collective gathering of representatives of Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, the National Transportation Authority and Dublin Bus.

**Order: Agreed.**

**122. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That funding is provided in 2015 road maintenance budget to resurface Terenure Road West, especially the area between the schools and traffic travelling east following the installation of water mains.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**123. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That this committee requests a meeting with the National Roads Authority to discuss the possibility of they and Dublin City Council doing a pilot scheme on footway parking. A preliminary meeting would be useful to see if they would be open to work with the council and hopefully succeed in getting the support of the Minister for Transport.

**Order: Agreed.**

**124. Motion from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the traffic engineers examine the safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists of very large delivery trucks moving around the inner suburbs of Dublin 4 and 6 and report back to this committee within the next 3 months. The recent tragic accidents Terenure and Ranelagh highlight the potential danger for pedestrians in the area.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**125. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

This Committee calls for an amendment to the clamping bye laws (Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2013) which at present prevent small businesses from taking action to prevent illegal parking from taking place on their property without having to go to the expense of retaining the services of a licensed clamping operator, in circumstances where there is no deterrent at present to stop people parking illegally on private property not monitored by a licensed clamping operator, especially for short periods of time (to go shopping etc), and where, if An Garda Síochána are called, the culpable party has left by the time the Gardaí arrive.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Taken with Motion 117**

**126. Motion from Councillors Frank Kennedy and Chris Andrews**

This Committee directs the Area Manager to arrange for the installation of bollards on the footpath at those corners of Belmont Avenue which intersect with Belmont Park to prevent illegal parking on the footpath, the result of which is to cause untold damage to the surface of the footpath and immense distress for local residents (photos attached). While recognising that double yellow lines already indicate that it is illegal to park at these locations, this Committee passes this motion in circumstances where the yellow lines are proving wholly ineffective, and having regard, in particular, to Motion No. 74 which was unanimously passed by this Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2014, which called on the Area Manager to amend local traffic policy to the effect that the mere fact that an action is already

illegal is not, in isolation, a reason to prevent additional signage etc. being put in place.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**127. Motion from Councillor Frank Kennedy**

This Committee should write formally to the Department of Justice to bring forward plans for the new Garda station building on Kevin St which would result in An Garda Síochána vacating its current site which is the historical treasure that is St. Sepulchre's Palace ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manor\\_of\\_St.\\_Sepulchre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manor_of_St._Sepulchre)) thus enabling the Area Manager to put in place a plan which would restore the palace to its former glory and resurrect a tourist attraction for Dublin as the centre of a revived St. Patrick's Cathedral District as well as dramatically increasing the capacity of An Garda Síochána to work effectively in the area.

[Members may be interested in this reply which I received to question No. 24 of the November SEAC meeting:

In 2007, the Office of Public Works (OPW) made a Part 9 application (equivalent to a planning application) for a new police headquarters along Kevin Street and on foot of that Part 9 application OPW demolished buildings on the site. Due to economic constraints at the time the development did not proceed.

The City Archaeologist inspected the existing Garda station building in 2007 as part of the Part 9 application and discovered that, embedded/preserved in the building is a medieval Episcopal palace. The archaeological potential of the site is high, with substantial remains both above and below the ground, based on a survey of surviving elements and the small test pits carried out in the grounds. Recent works in the basement and yard of the St. Patrick's Deanery adjacent to the OPW site found a medieval courtyard and early foundations, as well as identifying late medieval/early modern vaults in the undercroft of the existing structure.

There have been no recent discussions with the Planning Department in relation to any new proposals for the site. It should be noted that the site has a high level of heritage protection being zoned Z8 and denoted as a Conservation Area in the current Development Plan.]

**Order: Agreed.**

**128. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the Manager increases the intensity of lighting in the Clarence Place Great off Macken Street and also Brunswick Place as there have been a lot of break-ins and the area is particularly unsafe as a result of the darkness.

**Moved by Councillor Costello. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**129. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the Area Manager replaces the playground surface in Vincent Street flats as the existing surface is impossible to keep clean and see hazards that may be in the stones/gravel (Photo attached.)

**Moved by Councillor Costello. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**130. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the Area Manager resurfaces the forecourt in Glovers Court as it is in a dangerous state and has not been repaired in places where residents have injured themselves previously and made successful claims against the City Council.

**Moved by Councillor Costello. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**131. Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the Area Manager arranges to have the heavy growth on the trees to the rear of number 2 Kennedy Court in Irishtown cut back or else remove the trees.

**Moved by Councillor Costello. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**132. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager for a full report on the operation of waste collection in the Dublin 2 and Dublin 8 areas. Some operators have withdrawn from the market altogether, some are no longer collecting green bins, and some (Thornton's) are insisting on the use of bags that can only be bought in very limited locations.

**Moved by Councillor McCartan. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**133. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to include a formal pedestrian crossing to Sandymount Green in any plans for the Green or for traffic in the area of the Green.

**Moved by Councillor McCartan. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**134. Motion from Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager for an update on my request to prune back some of the trees in Ringsend Park to ensure that adequate light is reaching the ground floor flats in Canon Mooney Gardens.

**Moved by Councillor McCartan. Order: Report to Councillor.**

**135. Motion from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee meeting calls on Dublin City Council and the Charlemont Street Rejuvenation Board to reinstate the name Ffrench Mullen in the title Charlemont/Tom Kelly / Ffrench Mullen rejuvenation. Ffrench Mullen was an outstanding individual who made an enormous contribution to the Charlemont area as well as to Dublin city and the Irish people. The block of public housing which was named after her was recently demolished. This was a unique architectural development by the late Michael Scott and Ffrench Mullen has been synonymous with this area. Given the centenary celebrations and the commemorations and celebrations that are planned it is vitally important that the name Ffrench Mullen be retained in the title and that one of the new blocks be suitably named Ffrench Mullen.

Madeleine Ffrench Mullen (1880-1944)

Irish Citizen Army, Inghinidhe Na hEireann, 1919 established St. Ultan's infant hospital on Charlemont Street with her friend Kathleen Lynn.

Member of the Rathmines Urban District Council, founder member of the Joint committee on Women's societies and social workers est. in 1935.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**Councillor Mannix Flynn**

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**Chairperson**

**Dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

## **Attendance**

### **Members**

Councillor M. Flynn (in the chair).

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

### **Officials**

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

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

D. Brennan, Assistant Engineer, Environment & Transportation Department.

C. Manzira, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Traffic Planning.

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

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

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

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

M. Noonan, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks Services.

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

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

P. Fallon, Senior Planner, Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation.



**Q1. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask Area Manager to advise on footpath reinstatement close to Luas Cowper stop.

**Reply:**

Please be advised the above re-instatement is on our list of works and will be repaired when a crew is in the area and becomes available.

**Q2. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on road condition on Ranelagh Road, most particularly under LUAS bridge and at SPAR shop close to Charlestown Road. The report should take account of high number of cyclists and indicate any remedial works needed together with completion dates.

**Reply:**

Ranelagh Road and Sandford Road will be considered when formulating the 2015 resurfacing programme. In the meantime arrangements will be made to fill in any pot holes.

**Q3. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the manager to install a gully between No. 4 and No. 3 Elm Park Terrace Terenure to help alleviate flooding at this location

**Reply:**

Drainage Division will investigate this location in the coming week any take any action needed up to and including a request to Roads Department for a new gully.

**Q4. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Area Manager if she will arrange for action to be taken in relation to graffiti and grass verges as requested in the email submitted with this question.

We hope this correspondence finds you well,

This e-mail is written on behalf of the following long-term residents of the Ballsbridge area; ...of the surrounding area.

The premise of this letter is indeed unfortunate. Yet, we, the above, hope that this will not remain the case. It has come to our attention that the issue of random graffiti is once again appearing in our neighbourhood. The post and electricity boxes and bollards along Pembroke Road and Wellington Road have again fallen victim to vile and often offensive graffiti. This is despite a successful request from Dr Pepys to have similar graffiti removed from the granite boundary wall of Raglan Road earlier this year. While graffiti has been removed in the past, there seems no sure way of preventing any future occurrences.

We feel that this graffiti must be removed at once to prevent it encouraging any more vandalism or increasing incidents of litter occurring in the area (as this is also a ongoing problem), as was highlighted before.

Another, yet also pressing issue, is that of grass verge maintenance. As a result of heavy rainfall over the past few months and sporadic (at best) street sweeping, the

grass verge on Raglan Road D4, at the end nearest Pembroke Rd. has become unrecognisable. The deluge of rain, leaves and poor maintenance has left nothing but a long stretch of mud and debris. There is barely a blade of grass remaining. Yet, this is not a recent problem. The condition has steadily been deteriorating over the past year. The grass verge on Raglan Road is in desperate need of complete renovation. We hope this will also soon be resolved.

To summarise, the issues we would like to be addressed are:

- The removal of the graffiti on post and utility boxes and bollards on Pembroke Road.
- The removal of the graffiti on utility boxes on Wellington Road.
- The renovation of the grass verge on Raglan Road.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office will arrange for the removal of graffiti on Pembroke Road and Wellington Road.

There are a large number of mature trees growing on Raglan Road which cast shade and remove nutrients from the soil making it a difficult location for a grass sward to grow effectively.

The grass would benefit from feeding in the spring and autumn which would help its growth. This Division has no objection to the householder undertaking a feeding regime as is done by householders at many locations throughout the city.

**Q5. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Area Manager if she will outline what plans exist for a Window Replacement Programme for Pearse House, Dublin 2 and in particular if action can immediately be taken to replace the windows of the tenant ( details supplied) who cannot at present properly secure them, despite being promised eight years ago that they would be replaced.

**Reply:**

There is no window replacement programme for Pearse House. Repairs or replacement with double-glazed panels is carried out as required for individual flats. The windows in this flat were overhauled by the glazier within the past week. They are not in need of replacement.

**Q6. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she will arrange for the Public Lighting on Wilfield Road, Sandymount specifically in the vicinity of number 84 - 90 to be assessed for adequacy and to arrange for additional lighting to be provided for if necessary in the works programme.

**Reply:**

The installation of an additional public light standard in this area will be considered for inclusion in a future programme of improvement works, subject to finances available.

**Q7. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the manager to have the Double Yellow Lines repainted at this lane way at Pembroke Place to deal with the constant blocking of pedestrians.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, recommended the rescindment of double yellow lines for the full length of the northwest side only of the end section of the laneway at Pembroke Place i.e. the section running northeast to southwest. The request to re-instate the double yellow lines that were rescinded has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q8. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager to arrange to paint the ramps on Beaver Row, Donnybrook as they are unsafe at present.

**Reply:**

The Assistant Traffic Officer reports that Beaver Row has been inspected and been listed for renewals on the carriageway lining reinstatement schedule. Weather permitting it is hoped to reinstate in the next two weeks.

**Q9. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether anything can be done to alleviate the rat-run which exists on a daily basis from Palmerston Road to Beechwood Road (which means that some residents who live near the Dunville end of the road cannot move from their parking spot on Moyne Road due to backed up cars coming down from Ormond / Windsor roads). The 'No Right Turn' signs off Palmerston Road onto Windsor and Ormond Roads which were previously very effective at the busy morning hours are being ignored or not seen by motorists.

**Reply:**

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for assessment. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q10. Councillor Mary Freehill**

Would the Traffic Engineers indicate the traffic management plan regarding movement of cars when Aldi opens on Terenure Road East, see details supplied.

**Reply:**

Planning permission was granted by Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanala on appeal (DCC Ref: 2304/11, ABP Ref: PL29S 239300) for the demolition of existing buildings at 82-84 Terenure Road East, Dublin 6 and for the construction of an Aldi discount store on site. The proposal includes the upgrading of the existing access. The current commercial access allows for all movements and there will be no change when the store opens.

**Q11. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if she will give a response to the issues raised in the letter submitted with this question relating to the need to upgrade Hanover Street East.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had extensive cleaning, including power washing, carried out on Hannover Street East on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will ensure that this street is cleaned on a regular basis, paying particular attention to dog foul and broken glass. Arrangements have been made to have anti dog fouling signs erected in this area.

An assessment of the street lighting on Hanover Street East has been carried out and the lighting levels are considered to need improvement. Whilst there is no Public Lighting Improvement Programme in 2015 DCC has gone out to tender for the supply of LED luminaires and is expected to commence replacing its existing residential lighting in 2015. Hanover Street East will be included on that Led replacement programme.

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, did not recommend a one-way system on Hanover Street East. One-way systems typically result in the increase of traffic speed and a less safe environment for vulnerable road users.

**Q12. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager in relation to the former Longfield's Hotel, Fitzwilliam Street:

- a) What was the full purchase price paid by Dublin City Council?
- b) What has been the total cost to date since 2007 for security, essential maintenance and insurance?
- c) What is the estimated cost for the total refurbishment of this listed Georgian building, bearing in mind the current state of the building?

**Reply:**

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

**Q13. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the issue of trees abutting onto Stillorgan Road (adjacent to Belfield Court) directly onto a pedestrian lane forcing pedestrians to step into the cycle track. In this case the trees are jutting out by approximately 1m for around 100m of road as far as the UCD boundary fence.

**Reply:**

The abovementioned trees are within the property boundary of Belfield Court. A tree surgeon was onsite when Roads Maintenance inspected the trees. The tree surgeon advised that they would be cutting back the width of the trees and crown-lifting them to allow people pass underneath (such as carried out on the opposite side of the entrance to Belfield Court).

**Q14. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to address the issue of the build-up of leaves adjacent to Haddington Road Church on that side of the road, as it is proving a hazard to pedestrians and parishioners.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from adjacent to Haddington Road Church on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will continue to keep this area as free of leaves as possible.

**Q15. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the problem of water pooling after heavy rains at Hogan Place inward bound. This is between Grattan Street and Holles Street.

**Reply:**

Hogan Place Gullies checked 28/11/14. 10 of 13 gullies cleaned. We had three parked cars at houses 12, 31 and 41. We will revisit in the coming weeks to clean these gullies all gullies cleaned were found to be in good working order.

This area will be inspected during/after rainfall by Road Maintenance who will revert to the Councillor with their findings.

**Q16. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have Lea Road, Sandymount resurfaced. Currently there are numerous potholes and the surface condition is poor. Residents expect that as they are paying Local Property Tax that such fundamental issues will be addressed, and if they could be given a timeframe for the works.

**Reply:**

The carriageway of Lea Road has been examined. There are some minor pot holes that require attention. Arrangements will be made to have these filled in when a crew is in the neighbouring area and becomes available. Otherwise the carriageway is in reasonable condition and no major works are planned at present.

**Q17. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have a pothole on Claremont Road, Sandymount at its junction with Claremont Park repaired.

**Reply:**

The pothole at the junction Claremont Park has been inspected by Road Maintenance. This repair has been added to our list of works. A crew will carry out these repairs when they are next available and in the neighbouring area.

**Q18. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Area Manager to address the following:

The parking of cars on Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge makes it impossible for pedestrians and cyclists to enter or exit this public laneway. Since the change in ownership of Bellamy's public house to the Bridge Pub, matters have significantly deteriorated due to the storage of kegs and bottles make it even more difficult to traverse Clyde Lane.

**Reply:**

Parking Enforcement Section are monitoring this area and taking enforcement action as required. The Litter Warden has called in to nearby traders who have waste etc. in the laneway and requested that the area be cleaned up.

Clyde Lane is regularly patrolled by the Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS). Eighteen vehicles have been clamped or removed over the past twelve months with seven of those in the past two months. The location will continue to be monitored and enforced as required.

**Q19. Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to examine the following issue at Clyde Lane, Ballsbridge. There is a sycamore tree overlooking Clyde Lane in Herbert Park. It is blocking light and the leaves from it are blocking gullies. It is not a specimen tree and should be removed or at the very least significantly cut back. The tree is opposite Park Lodge, Clyde Lane.

**Reply:**

In the first instance it is proposed to retain this specimen tree and undertake pruning work on the tree crown. The works will be added to our tree works programme for the area.

Additional work will be undertaken, if required, based on the tree surgeon's condition assessment of the tree.

**Q20. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to set out in detail the drainage conditions that will apply to 32 house build development due to commence at site of Hospice in Harold's Cross.

The Manager should set out in detail the calculations for attenuation tank size. She should also set out how this drainage plan deals with the known flood plain aspect of this site having regard to impact of pluvial events on this site. The Area Manager should also confirm that site development can only commence after the drainage section have been satisfied.

**Reply:**

Condition 5 (h) of the grant of permission for plan number 4783/06 contains a requirement that "the developer shall submit two revised copies of a detailed site drainage plan directly to the Drainage Division of Dublin City Council for written approval. These plans shall be submitted not later than the submission of the commencement notice for the development and drainage works shall not under any circumstances commence prior to the issuing of such written approval."

There is a further requirement within that Condition that "the Developer shall limit surface water discharge from the site in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Division as set out in the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study's Technical Document on New Development. In particular all new developments shall incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems. Full details of these shall be agreed in writing with Drainage Division prior to commencement of development."

In view of the above stringent requirements, flood risk will be thoroughly addressed prior to approval being given by Drainage Division to the revised drainage proposals.

Drainage Division staff have met with the engineers for this development and outlined their requirements vis-à-vis flood issue on this site. Submission of the necessary information is now awaited.

**Q21. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to have area at Dublin Street Clamping offices on Harold's Cross Road properly tidied up and have the property owners ensure that frontage is properly maintained.

**Reply:**

The Dublin Street Clamping Company has organised a private cleaning company to tidy up the pound.

**Q22. Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask Manager to outline footpath repair program for 2015 for Rathgar Rathmines area and to indicate if footpath on Westfield Road, Harold's Cross has been assessed for inclusion?

**Reply:**

The Works Programme is currently being compiled for 2015 and will be submitted to the Area Committee early in 2015. Westfield Road will be considered as part of this programme.

**Q23. Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

To ask Manager to complete street cleansing on Westfield Road, Harold's Cross.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had most of the leaves and rubbish removed from Westfield Road on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Parked cars hindered our cleaning efforts. We will monitor this street and remove the remaining leaves and rubbish at the first available opportunity.

**Q24. Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if the long promised trees for Seafort Terrace / Avenue, Sandymount, will be planted in the next tree planting season.

**Reply:**

This Division does not have a record of having given a commitment to undertake tree planting at the above mentioned locations.

However we will now add them to our list of tree planting locations for the area and prioritise the locations for assessment and possible tree planting.

**Q25. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether repairs can be made to the road closest to the kerb outside the Spar Shop in Ranelagh, Dublin 6 as it has crumbled and is not road worthy.

**Reply:**

The area outside the Spar Shop at Ranelagh Road / Chelmsford Road has been examined by Roads Maintenance and is considered serviceable.

**Q26. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether repairs can be carried out to the road under the Luas Bridge in Ranelagh, Dublin 6 which has become increasingly difficult for cyclists to manoeuvre.

**Reply:**

The area at the Luas Bridge has been examined by Roads Maintenance. Repairs at this area have been added to our works list and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

**Q27. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive why rate payers (shop owners) in Camden Street, Dublin 2 have been asked to clean the pavements outside their shops and to place a 'Litter Fine Notice' in their shop window for people who litter on the pavements when there is already a Waste Management Services Operative assigned to the Camden Street area.

**Reply:**

Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, all occupiers have a legal obligation to maintain the footpath outside of their premises in a clean and litter free condition.

In addition, take-away and licensed premises have further responsibilities under the Dublin City Council Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter including the display of an anti-litter notice in the premises in the form provided by the Council.

**Q28. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether members of the Restaurants Association of Ireland were consulted about the St. Stephens Green Christmas Markets which are in situ for approximately 40 days in the lead up to Christmas and which is competing for business with restaurants in the Stephens Green vicinity.

**Reply:**

Research conducted by Dublin City BID (Business Improvement District) found that Christmas Markets have proven to be successful in attracting significant visitor numbers into city and town centres in Ireland and abroad encouraging people to shop and absorb the city centre festive spirit. The Christmas Market on St. Stephen's Green is an initiative of Dublin Town, formerly Dublin City BID, the well established not for profit organisation representing over 2,500 businesses in the city centre. Many members of the Restaurant Association of Ireland are also members of Dublin City BID and as the representative body for businesses in the City Centre Dublin Town confirmed that they consulted with their members, including members of RAI, on the Christmas Market proposal.

Dublin Town has received generally positive feedback from local retailers, restaurants, cafes and hotels since the market began operation in mid-November. One complaint was received from a food outlet that was unsuccessful in securing an outlet in the market.

It is estimated that the St. Stephen's Green Christmas Market, running from mid-November until 23<sup>rd</sup> December will attract a footfall in excess of 600,000 generating an additional €20m for the city centre economy and creating 150 seasonal jobs.

The Christmas Market is being operated on a trial basis. Any decision to facilitate the market in future years will be considered in the context of all feedback received together with post event analysis on all aspects of its operation in 2014.

**Q29. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council has any future plans to introduce more public seating in the Dublin 6 area (particularly in Rathmines) to accommodate older people.

**Reply:**

There are no plans to introduce more seating into the Dublin 6 / Rathmines area.

**Q30. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether consideration can be given to having more public lighting introduced at Castlewood Terrace and Castlewood Place, Rathmines to facilitate older people who walk in these areas at night-time.

**Reply:**

We will investigate the existing lighting here, and any necessary improvements will be considered for inclusion in a future programme of improvements, subject to finances available.



**Q31. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the timings for traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing at Castlewood Avenue/Rathmines Road junction can be examined and changes made if necessary to increase the crossing time there.

**Reply:**

This matter is under investigation by the ITS section, and the Councillor will be advised of the response in due course.

**Q32. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the shores at 24 South Richmond Street (music shop), Portobello, Dublin 2 can be cleared to prevent any potential flooding occurring as was the case previously.

**Reply:**

Gullies at 24 Richmond Street South were checked on 1/12/14. 1 of 1 gully cleaned, and found to be in good working order.

**Q33. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the speed ramps on Grosvenor Road, Dublin 6 can be inspected for damage and repairs made if deemed necessary.

**Reply:**

Ramps on Grosvenor Road have been inspected by Road Maintenance. They have previously been resurfaced.

**Q34. Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the ramps on Annesley Park Road, Dublin 6 can be reinstated as they have fallen apart.

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made for ramps on Annesley Park Road to be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Works Programme.

**Q35. Councillor Kate O'Connell**

To ask the Area Manager if there are any plans to improve the poor state of the road along Orwell Park (including the speed bumps). This issue requires serious attention as it not limited to individual potholes, but the condition of the road in general.

**Reply:**

The road and the ramps have been examined and were found to be in reasonable condition and not in need of repairs. Some soft points have been observed and their condition will be monitored.

**Q36. Councillor Kate O'Connell**

To ask the Area Manager if she can provide updates on the following issues which relate to Rathgar village?

- a) The pedestrian crossing from the 108 pub to the Bijou.
- b) Any plans that are underway to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists over other road users in the village.
- c) Intended frequency of street and gully cleaning and the procedures surrounding these.
- d) The current state of Hertzog Park and any plans for investment in the park.

- e) Any money that has been set aside for Rathgar specifically in the budget for 2015 and how it will be spent.

**Reply:**

- a) At present drawings are being prepared for the proposed pedestrian crossing in Rathgar Village.
- b) Current guidance for road projects is contained within the Design Manual for Urban Road and Streets (DMURS). The manual recognises the importance of assigning higher priority to pedestrians and cyclists, without unduly compromising vehicle movement, in order to create secure, connected places that work for all members of the community. Any changes made in Rathgar Village will take into account the objectives outlined in DMURS.
- c) The South East Area, including Rathgar Village and particularly Rathgar Road and Rathgar Avenue, is part of a rotational cleaning programme that was established a number of years ago whereby the gullies are cleaned up to three times per year. In addition, some of the roads in the area that are more vulnerable to flooding have been included on the Priority List whereby they are cleaned every 6 - 8 weeks. These would normally be individual gullies or all of the gullies along a small road etc. If there are any specific roads or gullies that are of concern, please let us know and a more detailed response can be provided. Street cleaning in the village business district is daily. In the residential area street cleaning is carried out every 12 weeks.
- d) It is proposed to have Herzog Park cleaned over the coming week. We are also working with the Rathgar Residents' Association and hope to work with the local school to improve the woodland area to make it a better resource for all the community.

There is no proposal at present to increase our investment in the park but if there were specific projects coming from the community and which are considered to enhance and improve the park we would certainly look favourably at any such proposals.

- e) A sum of €30,000 was allocated in 2014 to address actions that might be identified in the proposed Rathgar Village Improvement Plan. It is hoped that the final Village Improvement Plan will be brought to the Area Committee in January 2015 and these funds will carry over into next year. In addition, it is hoped to set aside some further funds in 2015 to make progress on the various actions identified in the final plan.

**Q37. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to paint a continuous white line in the middle of the road at the entrance to Lansdowne Village at the highlighted section marked "1" on the attached map, and to paint double yellow lines at the highlighted sections marked "2"- "7" inclusive on the same map, for general traffic management reasons but in particular where, in light of the fact that children have recently been restricted from playing on the green common area and now play on the road as a result, the safety risks to children have increased considerably, and where visibility of oncoming traffic is poor due to parked cars. [Note: while many of the highlighted sections are junctions and thus it is already illegal to park, the fact of this illegality should not prevent the painting of yellow lines given that the law is not being observed] [*Map attached*].

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, reported that following a number of site inspections, a continuous centre white line road marking at the above location is not recommended for the following reasons:

- There is very low traffic flow in this quiet residential area.
- A continuous white line marking on the centre of the road is not warranted.

The request for double yellow lines at various locations on Lansdowne Village has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q38. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to furnish a report on (a) the process of how an area is selected to become an Architectural Conservation Area, (b) what are the criteria for selection and (c) what are the consequences of such a designation?

**Reply:**

- a) The process of selecting an area to become an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) is undertaken in accordance with the guidance set out in subsection 3.2 *Identifying Areas for Protection* of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2004. This process of identifying and selecting areas entailed a city wide screening report which resulted in the inclusion of the programme of ACA's under the Development Plan objective FCO34.
- b) The guidance outlined in subsection 3.2, indicates that the boundaries of a candidate ACA should make physical, visual and planning-control sense and may require historical research to justify designation.
- c) The purpose of the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) designation is to preserve the character of a place, area, group of structures or townscape of special interest, therefore, the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure located in an Architectural Conservation Area is exempted development only if those works would not materially affect the character of the area; for example, works of alteration to streetscape features such as roofs, walls, windows and doors, rainwater goods or the curtilage to a house, may not be exempted development. Domestic rear extensions which are within the limits set out in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2012 and which are not visible from the public domain within the ACA, would not affect materially the character of the Architectural Conservation Area and consequently would be considered to be exempt development. This does not apply to structures on the Record of Protected Structures. Porches and other development, which may normally be considered exempt, are not exempt within the ACA. Planning permission is also required for all proposed new shop fronts, alterations to existing shop fronts, signs (regardless of size and location) including projecting signs, erected externally within the ACA.

**Q39. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager, in particular in light of a recent tragedy in Ranelagh, and being conscious of the extraordinary risk to the health and safety of pedestrians and cyclists, to implement the following changes in Ranelagh village:

- Repair the road (Ranelagh Road/Chelmsford Road) outside Spar which is crumbling and not roadworthy;

- Prevent illegal parking of delivery trucks;
- Consider introducing restrictions on the size of delivery trucks in Ranelagh village, or restricted hours for delivery by trucks;
- Create loading bay areas in the village; and
- Repair the road under the Luas Bridge which is in dreadful condition.

**Reply:**

With respect to the fatality which was reported to have occurred at Westmoreland Park, this matter will be dealt with in accordance with the agreed National Roads Authority, Collision Reporting Procedure which is implemented jointly between An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and the National Roads Authority. This procedure includes a joint site visit by a member of the Garda Investigation Team and a Dublin City Council Engineer. At its completion, the outcome of this procedure will be forwarded to the Dublin City Council Traffic Area Engineer. The area engineer will assess the above traffic requests taking into consideration the outcome of the procedure outlined.

The area at Ranelagh Road / Chelmsford Road has been examined by Roads Maintenance and is considered serviceable.

The area at the Luas Bridge has been examined by Roads Maintenance. Repairs at this area have been added to our works list and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

The Council's parking enforcement contractor Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) has been instructed to monitor the location and take enforcement action where appropriate. It should be pointed out, however, that it is legal for vehicles to park on double yellow lines while actively loading/unloading for up to thirty minutes.

**Q40. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to make the following changes to Hanover Street East:

- To clean the street on a frequent basis given its scale and location and the fact that it is constantly besmirched by rubbish, dog fouling and broken glass;
- To improve the very poor street lighting;
- To place signs to discourage dog fouling; and
- To introduce methods that prevent drivers from driving on the footpath such as bollards

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had extensive cleaning, including power washing, carried out on Hannover Street East on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will ensure that this street is cleaned on a regular basis, paying particular attention to dog foul and broken glass. Arrangements have been made to have anti dog fouling signs erected in this area.

Arrangements will be made to have signs put in place at location given above.

An assessment of the street lighting on Hanover Street East has been carried out and the lighting levels are considered to need improvement. Whilst there is no Public Lighting Improvement Programme in 2015 DCC has gone out to tender for the supply of LED luminaires and is expected to commence replacing its existing residential lighting in 2015. Hanover Street East will be included on that Led replacement programme.

The request to introduce bollards at Hanover Street East has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for assessment. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q41. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager repair the lipped footpaths on Ailesbury Park.

**Reply:**

Footpaths on Ailesbury Park have been inspected by Roads Maintenance. Repairs on these footpaths have been added to our works list. A crew will carry out these repairs when they come available and are in a neighbouring area.

**Q42. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager to revoke the license granted by the signage department to Dublin Bus to erect a real time bus timetable at the bus stops on Leeson Street Upper given that there is an appeals process in motion to have these stops moved. The erection of a real time timetable at this stage may transpire to be an expensive and disruptive waste of time and unnecessary and unsightly consumption of space.

**Reply:**

The Assistant Traffic Officer reports that RTPI signage has been provided at bus stops 846, 847 and 906.

The National Transport Authority provided Dublin City Council's Traffic Management & Control Division a list of bus stops to install RTPI signage at. The NTA along with Dublin Bus decide the location of RTPI signage.

**Q43. Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager what plans there are, if any, to deal with the very narrow space across Baggot Street Bridge and in particular the absence of a proper cycle lane which creates a serious risk to cyclists, as well as pedestrians and motorists.

**Reply:**

The Roads & Traffic Planning Department are currently reviewing the Grand Canal Primary Cycle Route in the context of improving the safety of cyclists. The McCartney Bridge (Baggot Street Bridge) is part of the wider scheme and the existing lane layout will be reviewed to improve safety for cyclists. It is anticipated that such improvements will be carried out in 2015.

**Q44. Councillor Paddy Smyth**

To ask the Manager why, after two formal requests at the SEA meeting and numerous unanswered phone calls and emails to the responsible engineers in the Transport Department, I and other councillors have not being permitted to see the current plans for the upgrade of the Dodder Cycle Track?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council will be appointing consultants to develop plans for the Dodder Cycle Route. A consultant has been appointed by South Dublin County Council to carry out an Ecological Assessment of the entire route, covering the Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin administrative areas. It is anticipated that plans will be available by end of 2015.

**Q45. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Will the Manager have the rear of the houses on \*details supplied painted as they are 3 storey houses and have not been painted for 34 years?

**Reply:**

The responsibility for painting the exterior of houses lies with the tenant. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility, therefore this work will not be carried out.

**Q46. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Will the Manager have the door replaced in \*details supplied as it is unsafe and jams shut, meaning someone can be locked out or in?

**Reply:**

The Area Maintenance Officer is making arrangements to have this door inspected. Any necessary repairs/replacement will be carried out.

**Q47. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Council confirm that the business at \*details supplied has a permit for a street A board sign?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council does not issue permits for Advertising Boards. If a particular Ad Board is causing an obstruction Dublin City Council can ask the owner to remove it and issue a Removal Notice. The Board can be removed by Dublin City Council if necessary.

**Q48. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager outline what the rules and regulations are for Council tenants to have CCTV cameras placed outside their front doors?

**Reply:**

Under Section 14 of the Tenancy Agreement it states:

*"The tenant shall not be at liberty to erect any aerial or hang or place any fixtures on the exterior of the premises without the written consent of the Council".*

**Q49. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager have the guttering to the rear of \*details supplied repaired along with the drain pipe to the front of this house?

**Reply:**

This work has been allocated to a private contractor. The repairs will be carried out in January 2015.

**Q50. Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the City Manager have the graffiti on the public wall/ramp outside the houses on City Quay removed and the leaves that residents swept into piles be collected?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from City Quay on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

Arrangements will be made to have this graffiti removed.

**Q51. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to seek a permanent structural solution to the following traffic issue (details supplied), which is endangering both the footpath and the neighbouring house, and which the local traffic engineer is already aware

**Reply:**

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for assessment. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q52. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to prune the hornbeam trees on Kingsland Parade, Portobello, and to sweep the street to remove the leaves that have accumulated.

**Reply:**

The trees at this location are included in our direct labour tree works programme and the pruning work will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

Arrangements will be made to sweep the leaves that have accumulated in this area.

**Q53. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to significantly prune the London Planes on Synge Street, Portobello, and in particular the one at the following location, details supplied:

**Reply:**

The tree at this location has been pruned in recent years. However, the location will be added to our list of works on large trees which is currently being prepared for tender.

**Q54. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to investigate and propose solutions to the following issue of rat-running traffic in Portobello:

The use of middle Synge Street as a "rat run" is causing issues. Cars and heavy trucks (particularly bin lorries) are avoiding the traffic lights at the top of Heytesbury Street by turning onto Grantam Street right onto Synge Street and onto Harrington Street. The reverse of this is also true (turn onto Synge Street, left on to Grantham Street and onto Heytesbury Street). The high volume of traffic is dangerous on these narrow roads especially with the school entrance and the numbers of children on the street. This is not a case of putting down ramps (there are already ample ramps in the area) but a more radical approach is needed to restricting volumes by traffic calming, one way streets or preventing turns.

**Reply:**

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for assessment. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q55. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to tackle the growing graffiti problem in the Windmill Lane and South Docklands area, including the spill-over of graffiti on the road surface of Windmill Lane, and on the Office Blacks, and the Graffiti on the river side of the Campshire buildings.

**Reply:**

Graffiti has recently been removed from the Campshire Buildings and along the quays in the South Docklands area. Graffiti on Windmill Lane will be removed where feasible including on the road surface

**Q56. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the manager to tackle the numerous problems with the following street, as raised by the following local business (details supplied).

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had extensive cleaning, including power washing, carried out on Hannover Street East on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will ensure that this street is cleaned on a regular basis, paying particular attention to dog foul and broken glass. Arrangements have been made to have anti dog fouling signs erected in this area.

An assessment of the street lighting on Hanover Street East has been carried out and the lighting levels are considered to need improvement. Whilst there is no Public Lighting Improvement Programme in 2015 DCC has gone out to tender for the supply of LED luminaires and is expected to commence replacing its existing residential lighting in 2015. Hanover Street East will be included on that Led replacement programme.

**Q57. Councillor Kieran Binchy**

To ask the Manager to install double yellow lines at the following location (details supplied).

**Reply:**

The request for double yellow lines on both sides of Avenue Road on the stretch of road that runs perpendicular to Bloomfield Avenue has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q58. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on plans to improve the pedestrian crossing at Leonard's Corner.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group has recommended a pedestrian crossing on Clanbrassil Street Lower, at the junction of South Circular Road (November, 2014). The construction of the pedestrian crossing is subject to the availability of funding and is now included on the future works programme.

**Q59. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager to outline how many allotments have been allocated from Dublin City Council lands in the South East Area over the last 10 years, how many people are currently on the waiting list, what the criteria is for allocating allotments, and if there are any plans to increase the amount of lands available for allotments in the South East Area.

**Reply:**

The South East Area Community Team manage two Allotment Schemes, in Ringsend Park (34 allotments) and Herbert Park (13 allotments). All the sites are currently in use and licensed to local users on an annual basis and there is a



considerable waiting list of approximately 80 people for any vacant allotments that become available.

Further details can be provided to the Councillor if necessary.

**Q60. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on plans to redevelop the Martello Tower in Sandymount.

**Reply:**

This property is in private ownership. There are is no record of any current or recent pre-planning application consultations for proposed development at this property, nor any current planning permission for development. Planning permission was refused in 2000 by An Bord Pleanála for proposed alterations to include restaurant and brew area at the premises at the Martello Tower, 133A Strand Road, Sandymount.

Emergency repair works have been carried out in the recent past to weather proof the roof and parapets and for localised repointing, under the supervision by the City Architect's Division (Conservation).

This office has contacted the property's owner at the members request on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to ask about plans for its future use. No reply has been received to date.

**Q61. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager how often the leaves are cleared on Merrion Road, as residents have complained about sludge building up on footpaths and roadsides and the potential risk this may pose to clogging the drains.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had all the leaves removed from Merrion Road on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We include this area as often as possible in our leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months.

**Q62. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager to request that \*details supplied move their external flag signage which is currently covering the buildings original signage which is of historic and cultural value.

**Reply:**

The Planning Enforcement Section has not heretofore received a formal complaint concerning the alleged development. A file has been opened and a warning letter pursuant to section 152 of the Planning and Development Acts has issued to the owner of the property.

**Q63. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if she might consider introducing a contra flow bike line stretching from Nassau Street to Grafton Street to improve access to the for cyclists.

**Reply:**

The request for a contra-flow bike lane at the above location has been referred to Roads and Traffic Planning Division for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q64. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what measures are in place to address the ongoing issue with night time noise in Dublin Port and the impact this is having on the local residents, especially those living on Pigeon House Road, whether the situation been investigated and what is being done to resolve this issue.

**Reply:**

Matters referred to in this Question are *sub judice* as they are currently the subject of proceedings before the High Court. The matter is next listed in the High Court on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**Q65. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager what resources are available to help improve streetscape of Hanover Street, Dublin 2, by increasing street cleaning, placing anti dog fouling signs and improving the lighting on the street.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services had extensive cleaning, including power washing, carried out on Hannover Street East on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. We will ensure that this street is cleaned on a regular basis, paying particular attention to dog foul and broken glass. Arrangements have been made to have anti dog fouling signs erected in this area.

Existing lighting levels at the location have been examined. The replacement of the existing light sources with white lights, as part of a future programme will be considered, subject to finances being available.

**Q66. Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager to ask what measures are in place to ensure that the boundary wall of Court Apartments, Wilton Place, Dublin 2 will be protected during the development of the LinkedIn buildings at Wilton Place.

**Reply:**

Planning Permission was granted by Dublin City Council (Plan No.2769/11) and subsequently by An Bord Pleanála (PL29S 240278) for an office development and enterprise units in a new single 6 storey over basement building and the demolition of all existing buildings on the site. The relevant conditions governing the permission are those attached by An Bord Pleanála. It is noted that the permitted development does not impinge on the boundary wall with the Court Apartments. The permitted development is required to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and in accordance with all conditions. Any material amendment to the approved development would require a further planning permission.

**Q67 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager to put stop dog fouling signs on Hanover Street East and at the back of O'Carroll Villas flats.

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to have dog fouling signs erected at the above mentioned locations.

**Q68. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager if and when street cleaning is done on Hanover Street East? Residents report broken bottles and rubbish thrown everywhere on a regular basis.

**Reply:**

Hanover Street East is cleaned on a daily basis. We will ensure that particular attention is paid to the removal of dog foul and broken glass from this street.

**Q69. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager if the council will be chasing up money for Irish Water from council residents that can't afford to pay.

**Reply:**

The issue of the collection of outstanding water charges is subject to legislation being passed by the Oireachtas and the Local Authority implementing any such legislation.

Formal correspondence hasn't issued on this as yet from the Department of the Environment. Dublin City Council awaits correspondence setting out arrangements between Irish Water, tenants and Dublin City Council as landlord.

The Government has stated that new legislation will place certain obligations on landlords, where the tenant has not paid water charges. The Chief Executive will give the matter full consideration when details of the legislation become available

**Q70. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager if any measures have been taking with O'Callaghan's Hotel to secure their bins somewhere that is not a hindrance to residents in O'Carroll Villas?

**Reply:**

The Litter Warden has visited O'Callaghan's Hotel and spoken with the person responsible for the waste disposal arrangements for the hotel. The situation will be kept under review.

**Q71. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager to give high priority to family living in private rented accommodation. They have been on housing list for ten years (details supplied of family). The couple and three children age, 4, 12, and 18 year old are living in rented accommodation on Clanbrassil Street, 2 bedroom flat with dampness which is affecting the 4 year olds boy's asthma. Overcrowding is difficult for their 18 year old daughter as she is doing her junior cert. There is a 4 bedroom house that has been lying idle for over 3 years (details supplied 2). My question to Area Manager is can this family be housed at this location? They have lived in this area all their lives.

**Reply:**

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the housing list in Band two with the following positions:

51<sup>st</sup> for Area L (Dolphins Barn / Rialto / Clanbrassil Street)

46<sup>th</sup> for Area J (Ballyfermot / Bluebell / Inchicore)

70<sup>th</sup> for Area K (Crumlin / Walkinstown / Drimnagh)

Based on the family size and composition, their housing need is for three bed accommodation. When this four bed vacancy is ready for letting, applicants with a larger family size will be considered.

**Q72. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager to support Care after Prison in relocation of premises. There are offices in York Street council depot that are sometimes used by South East Area officials but from what I hear there are offices in these premises that are free. Care after Prison is based in the Carmelite Community Centre at present and offer a great service to the community. However the room is not adequate for the service they are supplying. They do not receive any funding from council apart from 200 euro a year. I feel we should help this organisation continue to do the work they have been doing in the area to help, ex offenders readjust to community life, helping families of prisoners, and also supporting ex offenders in a positive way to ensure they do not reoffend. They are a very positive gain to the community and I feel we should be doing more to support this organisation.

**Reply:**

The proposal to relocate the Care after Prison organisation to the City Council Community facility on Mercer St. will be examined early in the New Year. When this process is complete a report to the Councillor will be issued in due course.

**Q73. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager if a security camera can be put at the back of O'Carroll Villas flats overlooking the car park. There have been incidents of vandalism to cars or if other security measures can be taken, i.e. railings around car park, gate etc.?

**Reply:**

Due to budgetary restraints at this time it would not be possible to supply a CCTV system at the rear of O'Carroll Villas flat complex. In relation to issues of anti-social behaviour all incidents should be reported to An Garda Síochána in the first instance and then the local area Housing office should be informed where an investigation of the instances reported will be examined. The issue of security railings around the car park will be examined subject to funding been available.

**Q74. Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the area manager to investigate sheds at flat complexes in the south east area that are not being used and allocate them to residents that need shed for storage. Giving preference to families with children and elderly or disabled people.

**Reply:**

The City Council does not allocate "pram sheds" to tenants at any of their flat complexes. Many of the current holders of these "pram sheds" inherited them through family tenancy links as long as forty years ago. In any event the City Council is not involved in this process. The tenancy agreement relates to the flat only and does not include access to and use of any outbuildings in flat complexes.

**Q75. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a report on the breakdown of rough sleepers and homeless persons within the South East area? This report to include emergency hospital accommodation and short-stay accommodation and what facilities are available in these hostels and institutions that deal with addiction / alcohol drug issues.

**Reply:**

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

**Q76. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a report on the Bord Gáis Theatre and its recent sale? This report to include what provisions are made for community use and outreach programs as laid down in the initial criteria and policy of this theatre.

**Reply:**

1. In accordance with the terms of the lease, the Dublin Docklands Development Authority was notified on the 29th September, 2014 by the vendors as follows:

“That Henry A. Crosbie acting by Stephen Tennant and Paul McCann as joint statutory receivers agreed to sell his right, title and interest in the premises known as the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2 being all the lands comprised in Folio DN144891L to Crownway Entertainment Limited having its registered office at C/O Crownway Investments, Millennium Tower, Charlotte Quay Dock, Ringsend, Dublin 4”.

This sale has now been completed.

2. The Authority also has an entitlement to have the Theatre made available to it for social and community use on two days in each year on dates to be agreed. The new owners have been advised of this agreement.

The Chief Executive Officer and the City Arts Officer met with the Management of the Bord Gáis some months before its recent sale. A wide ranging discussion took place regarding the commercial remit of the building and the history of the development of the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre and the state investment involved. The Live Nation Management of the BGET made clear and demonstrated their commitment to Irish produced work and community engagement. They also pointed out that this must be balanced with the commercial requirements of this theatre and the suitability of the projects proposed to the scale of the venue. As this Management is continuing under the new owners these values are expected to be carried forward.

**Q77. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the procurement process and tendering processes for the St Stephen’s Green Christmas market? This report to include all planning application with regards the market and what department in Dublin City Council issued consent for the market. What fees, if any, did Dublin City Council receive in relation to this market? What fire certificates and safety certificates were issued for the market and what road traffic arrangement were made with Dublin City Council Traffic Department for the market?

**Reply:**

The St Stephen’s Green Christmas Market is of a temporary nature and under the Building Control Regulations 1997 is classed as exempted buildings and therefore the requirement to obtain a fire safety certificate does not apply.

“A building of a temporary nature erected on a site for a period not exceeding 28 consecutive days or 60 days in any period of 12 months.”

An Event Plan was submitted to Dublin Fire Brigade by the Fire Safety Consultants on behalf of the organisers of the event. A number of meetings were held where a

number of issues were raised by Dublin Fire Brigade and these issues were addressed by the Fire Safety Consultants.

The procurement process for this market was a matter for DublinTown as it was a DublinTown initiative. Dublin City Council had no involvement with the procurement process for this market.

The infrastructure for the Market is located primarily on OPW property on St. Stephen's Green North with permission granted to the Market Operator, Milestone Inventive Ltd., by the National Historic Properties Section of OPW.

As the impact of the market affects the public domain under the control of Dublin City Council the Events Unit sought to be included in the process and offered our event liaison service to the OPW where we could assist using our established procedures to co-ordinate the inputs of a range of statutory agencies with the objectives of facilitating the safe operation of the market while minimising the disruption and impact on other city stakeholders.

A draft Event Management Plan was submitted to Dublin City Council Events Unit on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. This was processed in the normal way by the Events Unit i.e. the draft plan was circulated to all relevant statutory agencies for information and feedback. These include Dublin City Council Departments, i.e. Roads & Traffic, South East Area Office, Waste Management, Building Control, Dublin Fire Brigade; An Garda Síochána, Environmental Health (HSE), Dublin Bus, Luas, etc.

A series of discussions and site meetings took place with Milestone Inventive at which the requirements of the various agencies and stakeholders were examined for incorporation into a revised Draft Event Management Plan. These requirements included event management structure and responsibilities; site facilities and suppliers, stakeholder engagement; risk assessments; environmental monitoring; building and decommissioning of structures; site stewarding; emergency and evacuation procedures; pedestrian & traffic management plans etc.;

A full statutory agency meeting, including representatives of OPW, Dublin City Council, Dublin Town, Milestone Inventive, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, HSE Environmental Health and Luas Cross City was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Following that meeting permission was granted by OPW for construction of the market to commence on-site on Sunday morning 9<sup>th</sup> November. This timeframe was deemed to be the least disruptive time to allow construction to be carried out to ensure that the market could be ready to operate on November 13<sup>th</sup> as planned.

A further full statutory agency meeting was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at which a number of outstanding operational matters were identified. These were satisfactorily resolved in the following days in consultation with the relevant agencies. The final Event Management Plan was submitted and the OPW granted permission for the market to open to the public on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Events Unit issued a letter of no objection to the market going ahead subject to compliance with specific conditions.

The operation of the Market will be subject to regular inspection, monitoring and review by a number of agencies for its duration and the market operator Milestone Inventive will be required to address any issues arising during that period.

Milestone Inventive will pay fees totalling €33,000 to Dublin City Council in relation to the Christmas Market.

**Q78. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regard the vinyl fasson decoration applied to the glass and that is still remaining on the glass on the windows of City Hall Rotunda? This report to include, who gave consent for these vinyls to remain on the windows, and how long will they remain. This fasson is not in keeping with the heritage integrity of the building and while they were placed there for filming, all such set material should be removed immediately after filming unless planning has been granted.

**Reply:**

Following a recent filming in City Hall some temporary decoration was left up in error. This has now been removed.

**Q79. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a report with regards what initiatives Dublin City Council are taking to halt the resurgence and spread of HIV within the city's young population? There has been great concern with the cutbacks of funding in HIV services and there is direct evidence that this cut has led to an increase in infections. What financial provision or grant structures are available to combat this resurgence and impending crisis in this area?

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council has supported and highlighted World AIDS Day for a number of years, including the hosting of this year's event in the Mansion House on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The event aimed to emphasise that HIV is a responsibility for all and brought together a number of stakeholders to highlight the issues. The Mansion House was lit in red from early morning joining with other cities worldwide to highlight the continued existence of HIV and AIDS in Ireland and across the globe. The main focus of the morning was to launch '**HIV – Our Responsibilities**', a booklet produced by Positive Now, an all Ireland network of people living with HIV. This report is an invitation to Irish Society to become involved in a conversation about HIV and its responsibility towards developing a greater awareness, understanding and acceptance of HIV in Ireland and Dublin City Council very much supports this initiative.

In addition, Dublin City Council's Social Inclusion Unit provides ongoing support to "BeLonG To", an organisation which provides support, education and health information to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people. Financial support has also been provided to this organisation by Dublin City Council in 2014, through the Community Grants Scheme.

**Q80. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report with regards the planning process that was used in Bedford Lane with regards the installation of aluminium dybond prints that have been installed in the laneways over the past couple of months? These prints are images of personalities and celebrities etc. and they saturate the walls of the laneways. Over the past couple of months I have received many complaints with regards the standard of these prints and also the legality of them.

**Reply:**

The Icon Factory is located in Aston Place and it manages a project called the “Icon Walk”. Images belonging to “The Icon Walk” have been erected over the past number of years on Bedford Lane, Adair Lane, Aston Place and Price’s Lane. These images are all on the walls of private property.

The prints are associated with the Icon Factory / Gallery and in particular the Icon Walk which saw the installation of posters and murals on some of Temple Bar laneways including Bedford Row in tandem with a voluntary effort to help keep the lanes clean. The project does not form part of the Love the Lanes initiative and is not financially supported by Dublin City Council Arts Office. The Area Office has been in contact with the owners of the Gallery and has raised concerns in relation to controlling the number and quality of the works and has requested that they engage with the Love the Lanes Initiative.

**Q81. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the left hand turn on Wellington Quay into Parliament Street be re-established? Given the amount of works that are taking place throughout the city it is becoming increasingly difficult for motorists to access the Dame Street, Georges Street, Grafton Street area from the South Quays westbound.

**Reply:**

The request to rescind the ‘No Left Turn’ from Wellington Quay into Parliament Street has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q82. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager ensure that all of the businesses and residents in the south east area are made fully aware of the new traffic arrangements within the city, particularly the new Dublin Bus arrangements and the LUAS works?

**Reply:**

Traffic Management Planning, and the resultant affects on Dublin Bus infrastructure and services are related to the City Centre Business Community through the Luas Cross City Communications office on a regular basis throughout the construction of the scheme. These meetings are focused on the current and up-coming work sites for the Utilities contract. This takes the form of regular scheduled meetings and briefings along the length of the scheme with BIDS and the DCBA. Staff from Dublin City Council’s Environment & Transportation Department support the Luas Cross City Communications office by attending relevant meetings with BIDS and DCBA. In addition to these formal meetings the Communication Office staff based in their offices off Dawson Street in Royal Hibernian Way, engage in continuous door-to-door interaction with the businesses and residents along the route. The Communication Office is led by Grainne Mackin, Communications Director for Luas Cross City, and her team working for the RPA have been established specifically for the purpose of relating the works to the general public and businesses for the duration of the works.

**Q83. Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the membership of the BID organisation, known as Dublin Town, within the South east area? This report to include all of those who have fully paid up their levies, i.e., rates demand and those that have not. Also what authority is responsible for sending out this levy rate demand and what sole authority is responsible for collecting the rate? What consequences, if any, are there for those who have not paid the rate? Who is the



relevant body or authority that pursues outstanding rates and what are the mechanisms? Also what permissions, if any, have BIDS Dublin Town obtained for the installation of their information huts kiosks at Grafton Street and other locations in the South East area? Also what permissions were given, if any, by Dublin City Council for the advertising of Dublin BID on utility boxes throughout the SEA? Further, what reports has the SEA received from BID with regard the removal of graffiti etc. and their street cleaning program within the SEA?

**Reply:**

All ratepayers within the BID area are members of the organisation, now known as DublinTown.

The information requested as regards those who have fully paid the BID Levy and those that have not, cannot be released due to Data Protection legislation.

The responsibility for collecting the BID Levy is with Dublin City Council (DCC) as is enforcement where the levy remains unpaid. Ultimately, if the levy remains unpaid, it is up to DCC to initiate relevant proceedings.

The information kiosks are temporary structures and, as such, do not require planning permission. They are moved from place to place depending on events in the city, road works, Luas Cross City works etc.

The covering of utility boxes was initiated by DublinTown in order to enhance the appearance of these boxes as they were continuously prone to graffiti. The information on the boxes contains street maps for tourists and people in general rather than advertising.

The removal of graffiti and street cleaning are not reported to the South East Area Office as this operation is over and above that being done by DCC. This work is generally carried out following reports from their own members of such issues as they arise.

**Board of Directors - BID Company within the South East Area is contained within the following table:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Noel Flynn	Fielding Flynn & Associates
Stephen Sealey	Brown Thomas
Lorcan O'Connor	Carrolls Irish Gifts
Greg Devitt	Stephens Green Centre
Vincent O'Gorman	The Westbury Hotel
Ruth Ni Loinsigh	Om Diva

Dublin City Council acts as an agent for the BID Company in the collection of the BID levy and is required to pay funds directly to the company from the 'BID fund' - (Section 129K (1) and (5) of the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 refers). The City Council is therefore not at liberty to disclose information which may be considered to be of a commercially sensitive nature. Dublin City Council administers the issuing of bills and collection of monies on behalf of the BID Company. The issue of non-payment of the BID levy is a matter for the BID Company.

Dublin City Council, on behalf of the Bid Company issues a reminder in July / August on all properties where there are outstanding balances. Where appropriate this is followed by a Final Notice in October of each year. If payment is not forthcoming the BID company send a further letter inviting contact directly with the company to agree a payment plan. The letter also states that contact must be made within one month or the debt will be forwarded to a debt collection agency. The debt collection agency may issue up to two demand letters. If payment is still not forthcoming they will issue a further letter stating that the matter may now be dealt with by a Solicitor. Depending on the amounts that remain outstanding, some cases will then proceed to the District or Circuit Court. In that event that the BID Company employs solicitors and under the legislative framework Dublin City Council are the Plaintiffs.

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

**Derelict Sites Quarterly Report**

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

**Jim Keogan  
Executive Manager**

### Sites on Derelict Sites Register in South East Area

Location	Owner	Position
7 Adelaide Road	David Grant 61 Haddington Road	Entered on DSR 20/1/09
30 Merlyn Road	Eamonn Hassett/Blaithin Murphy, 10 Brooklands, Clane, Co. Kildare	Entered on DSR 05/4/11
36 Harcourt Street	Paul Tiernan, 3 Belleville Avenue, D6	Entered on DSR 19/4/11
Wharton Hall, Wharton Terrace	R. Hyde	Entered on DSR 01/04/14
Site adj. 44 Parnell Road	G. Tinnelly	Entered on DSR 25/04/14
5 Chapel Avenue	Cathcart/Rojack/Boland/ Boland	Entered on DSR 10/07/14
Site at rear 63 Highfield Road	B. Daly	Entered on DSR 14/07/14
50 Lower Beechwood Avenue	J. & R. Horan	Entered on DSR 05/08/14
Hanover Street East, site opposite The Ivory Building	Lissan Estates Ltd., The Old Rectory, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.	Entered on DSR 17/10/14
37 Harcourt Street	James Meagher (Receiver), c/o Knight Frank, 20-21 Upper Pembroke Street, D2	Entered on DSR 30/10/2014

**DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT  
SOUTH EAST AREA**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
<b>Dublin 2</b>	
Hanover Street East, site opposite The Ivory Building	Entered on Derelict Sites Register 30/10/2014.
Harcourt Street 37	Entered on Derelict Sites Register 17/10/2014.
<b>Dublin 4</b>	
Ailesbury Park 27	Keep under review.
Eglinton Road 1/3	Front gardens cleared of overgrowth.
Leeson Street Upper 15	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Leeson Street Upper 17A	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Shelbourne Road 58	Further letter to owner re garden.
<b>Dublin 6</b>	
Palmerston Court 1	Removed from Derelict Sites Register 04/12/2014.
Rathmines Road Lower 2	Garden area cleared of overgrowth and litter.
Sunbury Gardens 10	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Sunbury Gardens 9	Ownership details requested from Law Department.
Harold's Cross Road 199/199A/201/201A	Letter sent owner's son re garden.
Harold's Cross Road, rear 199/201A	Letter sent owner's son re roof of industrial unit.
Kenilworth Square 21	Letter sent to owner re rear garden.
<b>Dublin 6W</b>	
Mount Argus Grove, adj. 33 & 34	Overgrowth completely cut back.
<b>Dublin 8</b>	
Richmond Street South 43	Notice served of intention to enter on DSR.
Stephen Street Upper 8-14	Kept under review.
<b>Dublin 12</b>	
Greenmount Industrial Estate, Unit 4	Undertaking given by owner following service of Notice.

**Planning & Development Department  
Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section**

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

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**Recommendation: The deletion of the current entry 28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 on the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Instead, it is recommended that 38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 should be added to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.**

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Photographs: Front elevation of 28 Fenian Street and Front elevation of 38 Fenian Street. See enclosed.

**Introduction**

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to delete 28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 from Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures(RPS) and to instead add 38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 to the RPS.

**Request for Deletion**

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

**Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion**

During the review of the RPS, Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that 28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 is in fact a modern warehouse style construction and not a 'house' as stated in the RPS description. It would appear that it was erroneously listed in place of the 18<sup>th</sup> century terraced house with an address of 38 Fenian Street which had been previously included on the proceeding 2005-2011 RPS.

***2005-2011 RPS Ref & Description:***

<b><i>RPS Ref</i></b>	<b><i>Address</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
2762	38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2	House

***2011-2017 RPS Ref & Description:***

<b><i>RPS Ref</i></b>	<b><i>Address</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
2742	28 Fenian Street Dublin 2	House

Planning permission ref. no. 3845/10 states that 38 Fenian Street is a protected structure and sets out, in its historical review, the significance of the building. The construction date is c. 1772 and the building retains layers of architectural detailing through the centuries including original flush window frames to the rear elevation with more fashionable recessed reveals and sash windows to the front elevation. The building is gable fronted and retains traces of the corner chimney breasts and early joinery details with a later carriage arch inserted at ground floor level.

Photograph: Rear elevation of 38 Fenian Street.  
See enclosed.

28 Fenian Street is not considered to be of significance within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act. It is now recommended that **28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2** be formally deleted from the RPS and instead that **38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2** should be formally added to the RPS which was the original intension.

Site Location & Zoning Map  
See enclosed.

28 Fenian Street Zone 5: *To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce and strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity.* Also zoned a 'Conservation Area' denoted by red hatched lines on development plan.

38 Fenian Street Zone 8: *To protect the existing architectural and civic design character, to allow only for limited expansion consistent with the conservation objection. To allow primarily residential and compatible office and institutional uses.*

### **Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000**

28 Fenian Street N/A

38 Fenian Street *Architectural:* The structure makes a positive contribution to the historic streetscape and embodies a harmonious interrelationship of differing styles within one structure.

### **Significance / NIAH Rating:**

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the South Dublin area as yet; however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS. As 28 Fenian Street, Dublin 2 is a modern building it would only be considered 'Record Only' while 38 Fenian Street would be considered to have 'Regional' significance. These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.

### **Recommendation:**

During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that 28 Fenian Street is a modern warehouse style construction. Therefore this structure is not considered to be of significance within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act and therefore should be formally deleted from the RPS. Instead **38 Fenian Street, Dublin 2** should be formally added to the RPS as was the original intension.

**Paraic Fallon**  
**Senior Planner**

**Planning & Development Department  
Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section**

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

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**Recommendation: Deletion of the 98 & 99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.**

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**Introduction**

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to delete 98-99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

**Request for Deletion**

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

**Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Deletion**

During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that these buildings are in fact modern.

The original Georgian terrace ends at No. 97 Leeson Street Lower. Nos. 98-99 are facsimile facades retaining granite plinths with railings to the street front in keeping with the street line which mask a modern block turning the corner with Leeson Lane where the main entrance to the office block into the Dept of Transport, Tourism & Sport is situated. No historic fabric survives to the buildings. The other original Georgian terraced buildings Nos. 93-97 have been retained but are linked into the modern block onto Lesson Lane.

Therefore these structures are not considered to be of significance within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act. It is now recommended that **98-99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2** be formally deleted from the Record of Protected Structures.

***2011-2017 RPS Ref & Description:***

<b><i>RPS Ref</i></b>	<b><i>Address</i></b>	<b><i>Description</i></b>
4453	98 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2	House
4454	99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2	House

Site Location & Zoning Map  
See enclosed.

*Zone 8: To protect the existing architectural and civic design character, to allow only for limited expansion consistent with the conservation objective. To allow primarily residential*



*and compatible office and institutional use.* Also zoned a 'Conservation Area' denoted by red hatched lines on development plan.

### **Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000**

N/A

#### **Significance/NIAH Rating:**

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has not been carried out for the South Dublin area as yet; however, its categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and its rating system has been used to assess the building in question. The NIAH identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS. As Nos. 98-99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2 are modern rebuilds they would only be considered Record Only.

#### **Recommendation:**

During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that these buildings does not exist are modern rebuilds. Therefore these structures are not considered to be of significance within the meaning of Part IV of the Planning and Development Act. It is now recommended that **98 & 99 Leeson Street Lower, Dublin 2** be formally deleted from the Record of Protected Structures.

**Paraic Fallon**  
**Senior Planner**

1847 Ordnance Survey Map of Dublin showing the complete street terminating at the corner of Leeson Lane with 99 Leeson Street Lower.

See enclosed.

Photograph: 97, 98 and 99 Leeson Street Lower.

See enclosed.

**Planning & Development Department  
Heritage, Archaeology & Conservation Section**

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

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**Recommendation: Deletion of ‘Nos. 23 Belmont Avenue’ from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The exterior of the building will be protected in the proposed Belmont Avenue, Mount Eden Road & Belmont Park Architectural Conservation Area.**

Please note this building was omitted in error from the earlier list of deletions for Belmont Avenue and Mount Eden Road which were put forward for deletion in September.

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**PHOTO OF 23 BELMONT AVENUE**

See enclosed.

**Introduction**

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to delete 23 Belmont Avenue from the Dublin City Council’s Record of Protected Structures (Vol. 3, Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017).

However the proposed ACA for Belmont Avenue, Mount Eden Road and Belmont Park will give protection to the exterior of the building and its boundary elements. The proposed ACA seeks to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character.

**Request for Deletion**

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

**Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition**

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

Appendix 11 of the Dublin City Development Plan lists these 9 proposed ACA’s of which Belmont Avenue, Mount Eden Road and Belmont Park is one. These structures were on List 2 in the Dublin City Development Plan 1999, and became included in the RPS following the Planning and Development Act 1999. The streetscapes formed from the grouping of these structures are valuable and should be protected in some rational way. The mechanism for such protection provided in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended 2010) is the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas. Architectural Conservation Areas will play a key role in the protection and enhancement of these historic streetscapes. Each ACA assessment provides a detailed description of the essential character of the ACA. The principal purpose is to define the key elements, essential features and special quality in order to reinforce Dublin City Council’s policy objectives of promoting, protecting and

enhancing its environment. It is proposed to designate nine ACAs throughout the city and delete the buildings of lesser importance within them from the Record of Protected Structures.

The other proposed ACA's are as follows:

- 1 Ranelagh Avenue, Dublin 6 (adopted 08.07.14)
- 2 Colliers Avenue Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (adopted 12.05.14)
- 3 Westmoreland Park Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (adopted 05.11.12)
- 4 Temple Place Ranelagh, Dublin 6 (adopted 10.06.13)
- 5 Elmwood Avenue Lower & Upper & Elmpark Avenue, Ranelagh (adopted 08.07.14)
- 6 St Lawrence Road Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 7 Haddon Road/Victoria Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3
- 8 Hollybrook Road Clontarf, Dublin 3

### **Site Location & Zoning Map**

The area is largely zoned Z2: *To protect and/or improve amenities of residential conservation areas* with a smaller area zoned Z1: *To protect, provide and improve residential amenities*. Red line shows outline of proposed Architectural Conservation Area. A green arrow shows the location of 23 Belmont Avenue.

Enclosed.

### **Summary Description/Character**

23 Belmont Avenue comprises a modest two-storey, two-bay, terraced red brick house located at the north end of Belmont Avenue. It has replacement uPVC windows and porch door. It has cast-iron boundary railings and pedestrian gate to a small front garden.

The building is located in the proposed architectural conservation area which focuses on its core of late Victorian/Edwardian dwellings. The houses of Belmont Avenue are either arranged in terraces or semi-detached with a small number of detached and semi-detached earlier villa type houses located at its western end.

### **Historical Background**

Belmont Avenue was originally called Coldblow Lane as it provided a link from the Coldblow House demesne to the village of Donnybrook. Rocques Map of 1760 shows the lane with scattered houses, including Belmont House, built on the south side finishing at a crossroads one mile from St Stephen's Green. A nearby windmill provided a prominent landmark for the world renowned Fair of Donnybrook (established in 1204), infamous for its 'fighting, dancing, love-making and drollery and so long associated with the name and character of the Irish people' and closed up by Dublin Corporation in 1855 following complaints from residents.

Development of the area began with a cluster of houses at its western end, which can be seen on the 1837 OS Map. At the junction with Morehampton Road, houses are shown grouped around a courtyard and a short terrace has been built on the north side of the road. Extensive tree planting is seen on the south side of the road and are shown as orchards on the 1843 OS Map. Little further development has taken place.

Donnybrook Road was one of the ancient roads linking Dublin with the rest of the country and initially ribbon development followed this road. Historically, there are close links between transport service and housing development and this area realized its potential as a comfortable residential suburb when, in the latter half of the nineteenth century, the opening of a convenient horse-drawn tram service between Donnybrook and Nelson's Pillar (1873) was established. Fresh air and space made it appealing to the newly emerging bourgeoisie and the 1860s saw a rapid growth in population and a sustained housing boom.

The earliest buildings on the street are located to the western end of Belmont Avenue in particular, Belmont House (circa 1720) which can be seen on the Rocque's Map. Stucco renderings and later interventions have altered but not obscured the early nineteenth century origins of adjacent houses on both sides of the avenue.

During the 1890s, a slower pace of economic development affected the housing market and the requirement for the larger house type, such as that seen on Morehampton Road, declined. Demand now came from clerks and public servants living on more modest incomes and this resulted in the construction of the red brick terraces and semi-detached houses, the prevalent housing type in the Belmont Avenue area of which 23 Belmont Avenue is a typical example. The standard bay window and ground floor entrance house, fronted with machine made red brick, was similar to those built all over the suburbs during this period. The area was developed post 1890 and the historic building is shown as completed on the 1907 OS Map. In the 1920s, the numbering in the street changed.

### **Assessment of Special Interest Under the Planning & Development Act 2000**

23 Belmont Avenue is considered to be of special interest under the following heading:

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

### **Significance/NIAH Rating:**

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

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

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended to delete '**Nos. 23 Belmont Avenue**' from the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Please note that once the deletion procedure is completed, the exterior of the building will be protected by the proposed 'Belmont Avenue, Mount Eden Road and Belmont Park Architectural Conservation Area' which seeks to preserve, protect and enhance the architectural quality, character and setting of the nineteenth century building characteristics within the Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and to ensure that any changes complement and add to its character. The proposed Architectural Conservation Area was advertised on 11th December 2014, until 16th January, 2015. It is proposed to bring the report to Council for decision to the February meeting in 2015.

**Paraic Fallon**  
**Senior Planner**

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

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**Report on Works at Merrion Square Park**

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A key recommendation of the Conservation & Management Plan for Merrion Square Park is to reinstate the original perimeter path and promenade including the reinstatement of approx 70 m of footpath along the south east corner of the park.

This will require a reduction in the size of the park depot and also the removal of approximately 20 mixed species trees comprising mostly of sycamore but some lime, cherry, ash, hornbeam and undergrowth.

This work will also help restore the original character and historical integrity of the park and give a greater sense of personal safety for park users. The work will be undertaken early in the New Year and prior to the bird nesting season in compliance with Section 40 of the Wildlife Act.

The remaining paths in the park will also be upgraded during the year to reduce ponding, resurfaced and widened to improve accessibility and facilitate the large numbers of visitors who frequent this premier Georgian square in the city.

This work is currently being designed in accordance with the guidance in the Conservation Management Plan and I will update the members as the project evolves.

**Michael Noonan**  
**Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

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

**Felling of Mature Trees in the South East Area**

The mature trees at the following locations, which will form part of the 2015 Works Programme have been assessed and it is considered that due to the level of disease present that the most appropriate management option is that they be felled and not pruned as previously indicated.

This work will be prioritised over the coming weeks and the trees felled as soon as practicable.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Tree species</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Works</b>
3 Merton Road	London Plane <i>Platanus xhispanica</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
12 Merton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
16 Merton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
43 Eglinton Road	Ash Tree <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
70 Eglinton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
74 Eglinton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
77 Eglinton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
84 Eglinton Road	Horse Chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down
Junction of Temple Road and Richmond Avenue	Lime <i>Tilia sps</i>	Mature	Fell and tree stump ground down <b>NOTE:</b> additional tree not previously on list

It is considered that where possible replacement trees will be planted at the above mentioned locations.

**Michael Noonan**  
**Senior Executive Parks Superintendent**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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

### **Area Manager's Report**

#### **Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme**

Planning approval was received from An Bord Pleanála in May 2012 and Dublin City Council appointed consultants to complete the detailed design of the project and bring it through the tendering and construction phases. An information meeting for residents and Councillors was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Gloucester Street Sports Centre. A presentation was made by Dublin City Council's design consultants and residents were given an opportunity to ask questions. The OPW who are funding the project are now going to carry out the works themselves. Works started on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October and will continue for 15 months. Georges Quay will be the first works location with site offices east of BJ Marine Buildings.

#### **Grand Canal Sub Group**

The Group last met on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and are due to meet again on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The group intend, in conjunction with the Royal Canal Group, to hold a Dublin Canals Volunteer Clean Up Day during the National Spring Clean Up on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 similar to Dodder Action Day. Dodder Action Group gave a presentation to interested parties in The Venue, Wood Quay, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014. A committee will be formed in January comprising volunteers and reps from both canal groups to plan for the Action Day. The group produced a "Corporate Social Responsibility" document for distribution to businesses in close proximity to the canal with a view to replacing old/damaged benches. Work has begun on planning a music/cultural festival at Portobello Harbour during May 2015 in conjunction with Community Section and Ringsend College. This is to tie in with Inland Waterways Association of Ireland Rally in May 2015. Waterways Ireland Operational Liaison Group (OLG) meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was cancelled by Waterways Ireland.

#### **Ranelagh Gardens Park**

The Ranelagh Gardens Park user group was set up in 2014 following a meeting on site in October 2013 with residents and the Parks Department. A further meeting with residents, Parks Department and South East Area Office took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 chaired by Cllr. Mary Freehill. Design proposals were brought to this meeting by Parks Department for discussion. A second meeting, with a smaller working group took place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 during which there were detailed discussions of proposals made by Parks Department. A further meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> May to finalise the design proposals. The core proposals included the provision of a play area, improvements to the pond, enhancing environment and biodiversity. The final design was discussed at a full meeting with residents on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014; however consensus could not be reached. At a meeting with SEA Office, Parks Services and all SE Area Councillors on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 it was agreed that Part 8 approval should be sought for the redesign of the park. Pre-part 8 design will be brought to the Area Committee.

### **Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

Arising from the motion agreed at the South East Area Committee (SEAC) meeting in November 2013 to pilot a study for public realm enhancement in Rathgar, a brief was proposed at the SEAC in February 2014. The South East Area Office carried out on-street consultations in Rathgar Village over three days in mid May. Further meetings were held during week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May with Rathgar Residents' Association (RRA) and Rathgar Businesses' Association (RBA). Local schools and churches were also consulted, and an interim report of these consultations was compiled and circulated to Councillors in June. This report formed the basis for the Public Workshop held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Rathgar Tennis and Bowling Club. Short, medium and long-term goals were discussed and voted on at the workshop. A report of the outcome of the workshop has been circulated and posted on the Rathgar VIP dedicated web page. Works departments in Dublin City Council were briefed initially and detailed meetings with departments are taking place in September to assess the feasibility and costs of goals. Further meetings were held with RRA and RBA on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

The draft Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was developed and circulated to councillors and stakeholders and published on the Dublin City Council website in October 2014. A four week period of public consultation commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and ended on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. This period was subsequently extended to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to accommodate public demand for more time to make submissions. Seven submissions were received during the consultation period and these have been incorporated in the Final Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) now attached. Further discussions will need to take place over the coming weeks and months with works departments and other stakeholders to establish the feasibility of certain actions. Following these discussions some items raised may be removed or amended to reflect realistic prospects of delivering the actions. Costing of short term actions is underway and further information will be brought to the South East Area Committee in early 2015 as it becomes available

### **London Bridge Slí na Sláinte**

The proposal for the Slí came from Bath Avenue and District Residents Association (BADRA) who are funding the project. The route was developed by BADRA in conjunction with Dublin City Council, South East Area Office, and the Irish Heart Foundation (IHF). The group met and considered a number of routes over the past year before agreeing on the proposed route.

Following mitigation of signage requirements along the route a decision was made to proceed with the proposed Slí na Sláinte. IHF have commenced preparation of art work for the brochure and map board in conjunction with BADRA and arrangements are being made to procure the required signage. The Slí na Sláinte is likely to be launched in early 2015 when flood alleviation works along Beatty's Avenue are completed.

### **Sandymount Green Conservation Study**

Parks Services have appointed Howley Hayes Conservation Architects to carry out a Conservation Study of Sandymount Green. As part of the public consultation phase a public meeting was held in Sandymount on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Howley Hayes presented various options to enhance enjoyment and amenity for all users while at the same time ensuring the integrity of the green into the future. Comments and ideas were canvassed from the public and elected representatives and will be incorporated into the final report. Information has been posted on the South East Area and Parks web pages of the Dublin City Council website. A further public meeting will be held in February 2015.



## Events

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Temple Bar TradFest will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015.
- A draft event Management Plan has been submitted for the St. Patrick's Festival in March 2015.

## River Dodder Works

A fourth phase of improvements along the Dodder Bank is now taking place at Clonskeagh, behind O'Shea's Clonskeagh House. The scope of these works include the reinstatement of approx. 570 sq metres of tarmac footpath, cut back of vegetation to existing path wall, painting of existing pedestrian railing and the removal of existing trees and cut back of branches where appropriate.

## South East Area Annual Leaf Collection Competition

Leaf collection initiative was a great success this year and many groups were involved throughout the South East Area.

## Grafton Street Quarter

The repaving works to Grafton Street are complete. The remaining public lighting works are due to be completed shortly. It is hoped to seek tenders shortly to commence the improvement works for the next series of public realm projects - those streets to the west of Grafton Street. An event is being arranged to mark the completion of works on Grafton Street and the commencement of the new improvement projects.

## Crampton Buildings

The main refurbishment works are continuing with an expected completion date in November 2015. Discussions are continuing with the new owners of the ground floor commercial units and courtyard with regard to establishing improved overall management arrangements for the entire complex, following the completion of the improvement works.

## Community representation on Aviva Community Committee

Following the nomination of Councillor Kieran Binchy and Councillor Chris Andrews to the Aviva Community Committee at last October's Area Committee meeting, replacement community nominees have now been received as follows:

Lansdowne and District Residents' Association (LADRA) has nominated Mr. Alfred Guinevan to replace Mr. John Dodd.

Bath Avenue and District Residents' Association (BADRA) has nominated Mr. Joe McCann to replace Mr. Greg Pepper.

**Both Mr. Dodd and Mr. Pepper have served the Aviva Community Committee very well during their tenure and the agreement of the Area Committee is now requested for the replacement community nominees, Mr. Guinevan and Mr. McCann.**

## MTL

This is the subject matter of legal proceedings, which are before the courts.

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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**Naming and numbering a development at 126 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6,  
Grosvenor Manor 1 – 11**

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**1 - 11, Grosvenor Manor / Mainéar Grosvenor**

An application was received from Ferreira Architecture, Unit 1, Blackglen Village Centre, Ticknock Hill, Sandyford, Dublin 18 to name and number a development at 126 Leinster Road, 1 – 11 Grosvenor Manor / Mainéar.Grosvenor.

The applicant's rationale for the proposed name is as follows:  
"The name utilises the name of the road at the entrance to the site". The entrance is off Grosvenor Place.

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36358 (see attached).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The numbering scheme proposed is as follows:

Block A	Numbers 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Block B	Numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6
Block D	Numbers 1 and 2

The proposed name and the numbering scheme are considered suitable and are recommended for approval.

**Rose Kenny**  
**Area Manager**

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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**Naming proposal for a development at a site at 21 Anglesea Road and rear 23 – 41  
Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.**

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**“Dunluce / Dún Libhse”**

A request has been received from Mr. Derek Tynan, DTA Architects, 12 – 14 College Green, Dublin 2 to have a name and numbers assigned to a development of a site at 21 Anglesea Road and rear 23 – 41 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4. The name suggested is “Dunluce / Dún Libhse”.

The application states that that the proposed name “Dunluce” is appropriate for the following reason:

“The development is on the site traditionally known as “Dunluce” the residence of no. 19 Anglesea Road. It is proposed that the development will be known as Dunluce, 21 Anglesea Road, Dublin 4.”

In addition, the application further states:

“As per the historic mapping in Appendix the site of the two houses has, since lease mapping of 1905, been known as Somerset & Dunluce. The proposed retention of Dunluce as the principal nomenclature for the development retains the continuity of the established numbering.”

The development is indicated on the drawing R.M. 36359 (see enclosed).

The Heritage Officer considers the proposed name appropriate.

The numbering scheme proposed for this development is as follows:

Block A	1 – 4 Dunluce
Block B	5 – 9 Dunluce
Block C	10 – 15 Dunluce
Block D	16 – 25 Dunluce

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

**Rose Kenny**  
Area Manager

**Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to organize the following in area of Triangle Ranelagh:

- a) Resume emptying litter bins on a Friday.
- b) Paving in area close to Spar shop has come loose and needs remedial work to avoid trip hazards etc - entire paved area needs examination.
- c) Small metal water cock cover at boundary of Spare shop and neighbouring property on pavement has broken with resultant risks for pedestrians especially those wearing high heels.

**Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask Manager to reinstate litter bin at kiosk at Orwell Park?

**Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask Manager if footpath renewal for Orwell Park is included in 2015 Works Programme - report that footpath breaking up with resultant trip hazard risks especially in dark evenings

**Q.4 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Manager to renew road surface on Orwell Road, Rathgar - current surface condition a hazard for cyclists in particular.

**Q.5 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to examine the redesign of Orwell Road to achieve a situation where the road can be used by cyclists. Current configuration means that cyclists at road junction with Rathgar village have to go onto footpath as there is no road space for cyclists at this point. This gives rise to hazards for road users and pedestrians on footpath. There is also a need for some visible signage to ensure that cyclists are aware that pedestrians have priority and that the footpath is not an extension of roadway. This requires either that cyclists dismount bikes at this point or that very low speed is adhered to given the high usage of space by both children and elderly people. This location could usefully be assigned to the cycling officer in conjunction with traffic engineer for a report having regard to both safety and optimum use of scarce space.

**Q.6 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to take action to secure pedestrian walkway river bank of river Dodder where it flows through Dartry Park. This particular location has had works done previously which have been washed away and a stronger more long term solution is required.

**Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to investigate persistent flooding of rear gardens from (details supplied) and to advise on remedial action.

**Q.8 Councillor Ruairí McGinley**

To ask the Area Manager to outline the detail of flood resilience works undertaken in Harold's Cross area since 2011.

- Q.9 Councillor Ruairi McGinley**  
To ask the Area Manager to conduct a survey on requirement for drainage works in West Terenure area having regard to increased frequency of gardens and house being flooded when pluvial events occur.
- Q.10 Councillor Paddy Smyth**  
Can the Manager review the decision to place a large traffic sign in front of No. 19 Terenure Place which completely obscures the front signage of the small traders behind it?
- Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey**  
To ask the Manager when the long promised drainage and resurfacing (flattening it out) of the car park at The Crescent, Donnybrook will be carried out.
- Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Can the trees in Beechill Park that runs along Beechill Avenue be pruned on the road side of the trees since the park side of the trees has been pruned?
- Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Can the Manager indicate where the application by Kevin's Parade residents for a change of parking hours, in line with adjoining streets 07.00 -24.00 Monday – Sunday is at this time?
- Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Can the Manager confirm that Dublin City Council received 500 Thousand Euro from the Royal College of Surgeons as part of the college's contribution towards a community fund in the context of their new development on York Street and indicate where the money was allocated?
- Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Will the Manager send an inspector to 32A City Quay to assess the cracking of walls in this property?
- Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Will Dublin City Council place extra speed ramps on Beechill Drive in close proximity to the entrance of the flats?
- Q.17 Councillor Chris Andrews**  
Will the Manager arrange for all of Beechill Estate to be cleaned particularly up at the entrance into the park?
- Q.18 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive whether there is any update on a request to have a public leisure facility (small concrete tables with a flat top) erected at Ranelagh Plaza, Dublin 6 (question previously submitted (and replied to) SEACM 8 September 2014).
- Q.19 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive whether an update can be provided from the Traffic Officer as to whether a request made for a replacement traffic directional sign at Terenure Road West has been investigated.
- Q.20 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive whether some 'no fouling' signs can be placed discreetly in Palmerston Park, Dublin 6 to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

- Q.21 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive for an update as to when a pedestrian crossing will be installed at the junction of Harold's Cross Road and Grove Road to enable children to walk safely to school.
- Q.22 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive whether an inspection of street lighting at Lavarna Road and Lavarna Grove can be carried out and improved if necessary, particularly lighting outside Nos. 31 and 33 Lavarna Road and outside Nos. 3 and 5 Lavarna Road. There's also a requirement for new and improved street lighting on Lavarna Grove on the right hand side as you come in off Terenure Road West and on Lavarna Grove as you come in off Fortfield Road on the right.
- Q.23 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive for an update as to when the Dublinbike Scheme will be extended south of the canal into the Dublin South East Area.
- Q.24 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive for details about the amount of voids in Dublin South East that have been refurbished since 1 July 2014.
- Q.25 Councillor Jim O'Callaghan**  
To ask the Chief Executive when the construction works at the corner of Maxwell Road and Rathmines Road Upper shall be completed and the new Dublin City Council accommodation shall be available.
- Q.26 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**  
To ask Area Manager for an update on BADRA gardening initiative at The Pumphouse and as to when work can commence?
- Q.27 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**  
To ask the Area Manager to supply copy of planning permission and other documents got by Bethany House in Sandymount for demolition and rebuild of housing complexes . Also does this planning permission have an expiry date if work has not commenced?
- Q.28 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**  
To ask the Area Manager can someone living rough on the streets put their name on the housing list, if they do not have fixed abode and are not registered with hostels or any other housing services.
- Q.29 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**  
To ask the Area Manager for a list of crèche facilities based in the South East Area that are financially supported by Dublin City Council. If possible, to supply list of grants paid to crèche facilities over the past five years.
- Q.30 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**  
To ask the Area Manager to set up a meeting with manager of O'Callaghan's Hotel on Stephen's Green to arrange immediate removal of their bins from the back of O'Carroll Villas flat complex. Unfortunately this problem has not been resolved to date.

**Q.31 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager for list of vacant flats/houses in the South East constituency?

**Q.32 Councillor Sonya Stapleton**

To ask the Area Manager for an update on "Care after prison" gardening initiative at O'Carroll Villas and when work can commence?

**Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive to have potholes at Fairview Avenue, Irishtown, in the vicinity of the lock-up garage, filled.

**Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the pooling of water during heavy rains at Bridge Street, Ringsend, in the vicinity of the Chinese restaurant and bus stop. Both the footpath and the road are affected. This was never an issue in the past, but since "improvements" were made to the footpaths some years ago, the problem has been exacerbated.

**Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Chief Executive when a new back door will be supplied and fitted to (details supplied). This elderly lady has been waiting approximately two years for works to be completed.

**Q.36 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager (a) to provide a report on the housing application of [details supplied], and (b) to provide suitable and appropriate housing for Mr. Dunne as a matter of urgency in the extraordinary circumstances.

**Q.37 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The reply to Q.40 of the December 2014 South East Area Committee meeting, which concerned Hanover Street East, stated that "Waste Management Services had extensive cleaning, including power washing, carried out on Hanover Street East on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014". However, one local resident is adamant that "extensive cleaning" did not take place. Instead she has stated that "On Thursday at lunch time on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November I did see the footpath been cleaned right outside [details supplied] and they only cleaned exactly outside [details supplied] which was already clean, but I can confirm the whole of Hanover street East from the corner of Lime Street to Macken Street was not cleaned as when they left, I walked down towards Macken Street / Cardiff Lane and there was still rubbish / broken glass and dog fouling on either side of the footpaths". Separately, Q.40 asked the Area Manager "To introduce methods that prevent drivers from driving on the footpath such as bollards". No answer was received to this part of the question. Could the Manager

- a) Please provide a report as to what "extensive cleaning" did take place in light of this account which dramatically differs from the answer given to my question?
- b) Introduce methods that prevent drivers from driving on the footpath at Hanover Street East such as bollards. While enforcement is a matter for the Gardaí, the Council is able to introduce measures that make it impossible for drivers to mount the footpath.

**Q.38 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Area Manager if consideration has ever been given to the installation of separate walkways across the bridges along the Grand Canal, which would increase road space for proper cycle lanes and the significant volumes of traffic, while also protecting residents from significant health and safety risks, and if the issue has never previously been considered, to carry out an investigation as to the feasibility of such a project. Please see photo attached which shows an example of such a walkway.

**Q.39 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

The reply to Q.38 of the September 2014 South East Area Committee meeting stated that “we will arrange to carry out a condition survey [of the baths at Sandymount strand] and investigate options for the future of the structure”. Despite this being during the Manager’s Report of the October, November and December South East Area Committee meetings there is no concrete information on when the condition survey will be ready. Could the Manager please conduct this condition survey and provide the results to it, or alternatively provide a timeframe within which this will be done.

**Q.40 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to refer the damaged footpaths on Gilford Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

**Q.41 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to place anti-dog fouling signage on the green area at Lansdowne Park, Dublin 4.

**Q.42 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager (a) to conduct a thorough street-cleaning of Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 and the surrounding streets, and (b) to state how frequently (in weeks / months) the residents can expect the streets to be cleaned thereafter.

**Q.43 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager (a) when the tops of the trees were last trimmed opposite [details supplied], (b) to trim them in circumstances where the trees are extremely dangerous if they fell over, and (c) indicate, if this will not be done by 12 January 2015, when this will be done

**Q.44 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to trim the trees on (details supplied).

**Q.45 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager to install a feeder light at the traffic lights on Mespil Road for cars turning right onto Leeson Street Bridge in circumstances where it is very dangerous for traffic in all directions at present.

**Q.46 Councillor Frank Kennedy**

To ask the Manager (a) to repair the footpaths and (b) to install speed ramps at appropriate points on (details supplied) and the adjacent roads.

**Q.47 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the City Manager when pedestrian crossings will be installed crossing from crossing from Ranelagh Road across Canal Road and across Grand Parade.



- Q.48 Councillor Patrick Smyth**  
To ask the Traffic Department can they install double yellow lines at bus stop 2999 on Orwell Road because people are parking in front of the stop to access the Dodder Park.
- Q.49 Councillor Patrick Smyth**  
To ask the Traffic Department can they install double yellow lines beside the steps down to Dartry Park (they lead under the bridge) as people park right up against the steps and old people and women with buggies find it hard to pass.
- Q.50 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive to request the Environmental Health Officer to carry out an inspection of the vacant site on the corner of Lennox Street and South Richmond Street, Dublin 2.
- Q.51 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans are in place to restore the building New Street which was set on fire in October of this year and poses a potential safety threat to the local community?
- Q.52 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to re-surface the cycle lanes on Camden Street, Wexford Street, Aungier Street and South Great Georges Street as they are in need of repair.
- Q.53 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of the Dublin House Project.
- Q.54 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the “Love the Lanes” project in Temple Bar.
- Q.55 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive to fix the kerb on the pathway outside details supplied\* which is causing puddle of deep water outside the premises.
- Q.56 Councillor Claire Byrne**  
To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to improve the cycling facilities at the junction of Lower Leeson Street and St. Stephen’s Green, where it is difficult for cyclists to turn right safely.
- Q.57 Councillor Mannix Flynn**  
Can the Area Manager carry out a full survey of the sewage system at the George Reynolds flat complex in Irishtown? A growing number of tenants on the ground floor flats are experiencing sewage spillage in their homes and outside their front doors as well as a permanent odour of sewage in their homes. This is an urgent health and safety issue.
- Q.58 Councillor Mannix Flynn**  
Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of placing a loading bay between Whitefriar Grill and Delaney’s bar in Aungier Street? This area had double yellow lines recently placed on the roadway resulting in great difficulty for business and

traders in the area as there is very little parking in this street and the nearest loading bay is at the beginning of Aungier Street.

**Q.59 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the new gates and security arrangements at Glover's Court? This report also to include a full report on the realignment and positioning of the bins as well as a copy of the ownership of the land that the bins are now placed on. Concerns have been raised by local business people with regards the danger that the bins pose to their properties by being placed at this location (i.e. if the bins catch fire etc.) Also, there would appear to be a challenge as to who actually owns the property that the bins have now been placed on.

**Q.60 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager examine the possibility of rescinding part of the taxi rank outside of the Dean Hotel in Harcourt Street? This hotel, recently opened, has become one of the busiest spots in the city and the owners here as well as other business in the area are finding it very difficult to service the area as there are few loading bays and spaces. Further, this area at night time is over-subscribed with taxis causing an enormous nuisance in the management of this street.

**Q.61 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the promised playground at York Street flat complex? This report to include when this project will begin? What budgets are available? And completion dates? There is no play facility at this area for children and the residents and the children have been promised a play facility for many years now. This in an unacceptable situation and a great area of neglect of children's needs. Dublin City Council has to fulfil its mission and its statutory obligation to provide for children's play and this particular area has a great need for such facilities.

**Q.62 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager have the roadway on Camden Street and Camden Row repaired immediately? This location was recently dug up to facilitate an ESB sub-station. Camden Row and this area of Camden Street are now in a deplorable, dangerous state. They are prone to flooding and also a danger to pedestrians as the surfaces have become pot-holed and uneven.

**Q.63 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager initiate the reinstatement and repainting of the yellow box at Georges Street – Exchequer Street junction? This traffic box has faded and is a dangerous area for pedestrians and road users.

**Q.64 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Area Manager issue a full report regarding the Milltown Road recycle and bring centre? This report to include when the new contract for this site regarding recycling is for retendering? Also the report to include the kind of usage that is taking place on this particular site. This site is the subject of great concern to the local residents who live close by as it is used by day and late at night to deposit bottles etc. During the Christmas period it is used for tree recycling also. The entrance to this facility is at a very dangerous position and causes further concern to footpath users and residents and also those who simply wish to use the car park for parking. Can the Area Manager issue a full report as to the kind of works that have been done

since this issue was first place on the agenda some years back and what further measures are to be taken into the future?