

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 10th December 2018**

Q.1 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to find space for glass recycling bring bank in the Harold's Cross area, including linking with developers and local institutions, as there is currently a gap in provision of glass recycling in this area.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask the manager to report on volume of leaf removal in Rathgar / Rathmines.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

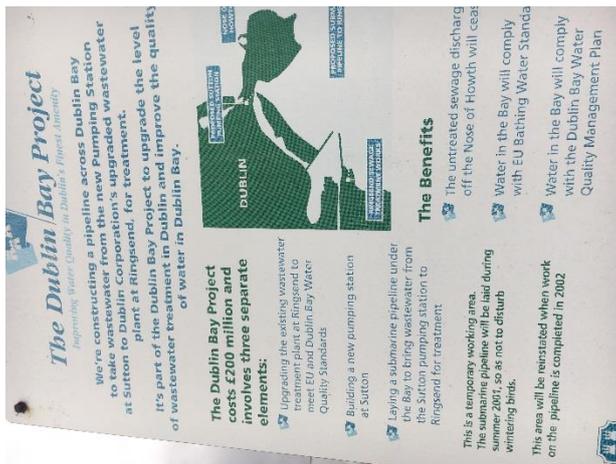
To ask the manager to check water valves outside 194 Upper Rathmines Road where water flowing.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can report on when the two spaces at the entrance (the non-residential side) to Belmont Villas were deemed to be public property and pay for parking locations. What TAG Report was this included in?

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for this obsolete sign along Sandymount Strand to be removed.



Q.6 Councillor Ruairi McGinley

To ask manager to advise status of TAG item 7002950 where immediate pedestrian risks are at stake and to make a detailed statement on actions being taken to address matter.

Q.7 Councillor Mary Freehill

Would the manager please state why the pot hole in the middle of the road in Parkview Avenue has not been repaired despite several requests? It is dangerous and please state when the work will be carried out.

Q.8 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a contractor fix the heating at *details supplied, as the tenant was told by Dublin City Council staff that the dampness issue can only be resolved if there is good insulation, ventilation and heating in the flat and there is no heating in bedroom, as the radiators have not been working since first reported in January 2016.

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say when she expects the CCTV to be installed in and around the Cabbage Patch area and have the Gardaí committed to monitoring it?

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will request the relevant council staff to undertake a review as to what, if any damage was done to the footpaths in the vicinity of Mornington Road, Ranelagh and the new hotel and any other building projects in that area and to ensure that all necessary repairs are carried out and paid for by any developer who has been responsible for same.

Q.11 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will prepare a comprehensive reply to the issues raised by residents of the Mornington Road area and submitted with this question.

Q.12 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Church Road, Sandymount which leads from Londonbridge Road and onto Sean Moore Road.

The road is very narrow and parking is permitted on the left hand side which means traffic exiting Beach Road cannot easily turn left into Church Road and often blocks traffic coming from Tritonville Road and Londonbridge Road.

Q.13 Councillor Paddy McCartan

An audit list was submitted to Dublin City Council from Sandymount Tidy Towns last March 2018. Could the manager give an update particularly in relation to the bike racks which were to be installed at various locations? This would enable the painting of the railings to be completed on Sandymount Green.

Q.14 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with this issue again from a constituent in Donnybrook re a hedge at 45 Marlborough Road.

"As discussed 3 photos attached - 2 taken in August before pruning and 1 after pruning? Dublin City Council Roads Section were advised of this and got owners to prune but as you can see not near enough. - Most hedges only extend up to 6 inches from railings - this hedge is 1ft 9 inches out from railings - a visual hazard to motorists & pedestrians. For the last few years owners rarely maintain this hedge - only seem to do so after I get on to DCC and they get them to cut it." { Pics to follow}"

Q.15 Councillor Paddy McCartan

Residents have expressed concerns about the road surface on Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook. This is a very busy thoroughfare and needs remedial attention. Could the manager address this issue?

Q.16 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager what progress has being made on Rathmines, Pembroke and Swan Drainage Scheme.

Please see correspondence dating to February 2013 from my colleague Cllr Mary Freehill but there has seemingly been no progress since.

For the record her comments were as follows:

"We on Dublin City Council made a submission to the Dept. of Environment for funding to carry out a hydraulic study and an assessment of needs of the Rathmines and Pembroke Drainage Scheme. In the application the Council also requested that the

Swan River be included in this study. For those who are not aware the Swan which is underground was culverted many years ago and it's been the cause of flooding in some areas of Dublin 4 and 6. Also the Rathmines & Pembroke Drainage scheme dates back to 1846 and currently is really not fit for purpose, particularly now that the density of rainfall has increased so much.

To try and get an early decision on funding I have just had a discussion with a senior Executive in the Dept. of Environment to day and he assures me that a decision will be made on the Rathmines and Pembroke by the end of March. Furthermore, he also assured me that the Swan will be included. He was very positive and indicated that the decision will be made in favour of the application and possibly with amendments. So I feel confident that this part of the process will proceed."

Q.17 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue on Marlborough Road, Donnybrook. The tree roots are lifting the paths which is making it dangerous to walk on also the people coming from the Royal Hospital Donnybrook are trying to use these paths with wheelchairs.

Q.18 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to this issue from a constituent:

"Recently I've observed an increased usage of scooter use as a means of transport which I'm sure is not meant for use on the public roads, and not insured I would say. This morning while driving on Park Avenue, Sandymount I observed a man with his young son both travelling on the road on the same scooter which is an accident waiting to happen. I have written twice to the Minister Shane Ross on this and never received a reply. This is a regular occurrence in the area and one only has to go to "Google Land" to observe the so called trendies using the same means of transport to get around. These items either need to be banned or regulated by ensuring that they are insured, as they are a danger to both road users and pedestrians as they are used on the footpath."

Q.19 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to give an update on this traffic issue at Sydney Parade Avenue, Sandymount from a constituent:

"We have noticed that the council has put extra signage in place at Dodder View Cottages, Ballsbridge in relation to the Slow Zone.

As discussed with Dermot Stevenson of the Traffic Dept. earlier this week our association would be grateful if the council could put some reminder signs on the road to remind motorists that they are in the Slow Zone.

In addition we would be grateful if 'on road' markings could be put on the road to remind drivers of the Slow Zone & the 30kph limit.

Unfortunately we have not noticed any reduction in the speed that cars are travelling through the road since the Slow Zone was introduced & we believe that at least part of the reason is that many drivers are not aware of the Slow Zone or the 30 kph limit hence the request for the signage & the road markings."

Q.20 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

Over the last number of years residents of Ramleh Park Milltown have expressed their concerns about the future of the area known as Scullys Field. .Could the manager provide an update on any plans that are pending for its future development.?

Q.21 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent.

To have the trees cut down at the back of 26, 27 Ramleh Park Milltown she writes the following:

“The trees overhang our garden and in summer drip black sticky residue - from aphids on the branches - onto trees, flowers and plants in our garden. The residue also builds up on the lid of our compost bin and on our worm bin.

I attach two photographs below, which I took in July showing healthy leaves on trees in our garden and ones affected by sticky residue from these neighbouring trees.

We have asked through the Residents Association for the work to be undertaken and I know you have made representations on behalf of the Residents' Association to DCC; they circulated us with the relevant report from the Council - so thank you very much for that.

Unfortunately the Council did undertake the pruning work at Prospect Lane in June of this year but they did not do the trees at the Green at Ramleh Close.

We queried this and were visited in July by Joseph O'Reilly, the District Parks Officer for our area.

He had two suggestions in regard to the trees: one was to have a contractor prune the trees in the autumn or in January. He thought that the DCC crew could come in the meantime to do some remedial work thinning the trees. Neither pruning nor remedial thinning has happened. We have been asking for three years now for the work to be done.”

Q.22 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue regarding dogs off the leash in Dartmouth Square, Ranelagh. Parents with young children have expressed concerns about large dogs roaming the park at all times of the day.

Q.23 Councillor Paddy Smyth

To ask the manager to initiate the process of installing traffic calming measures on Harold's Cross Road adjacent to St. Clare's National School. The current road design is not conducive to a safe environment for children walking or cycling to and from the school.

Q.24 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install extra lighting in and around the Milltown Luas stop to provide extra security.

Q.25 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to repair the footpath at Corrib Road joining Mount Tallant which is in a state of disrepair due to tree roots.

Q.26 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to install traffic lights at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road, this is a dangerous and difficult junction and will only get worse when the St. Pancras site is finished.

Q.27 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards Dublin City Council's refurbishment and alterations of its Palace Street building, formerly International Affairs DCC?

This report to include all drawings and plans for the upgrade. All tendering processing documents for the upgrading works. Overall budget for these works. Start times and completion dates and all documentations relating to the planning of these works.

Also, what sections of Dublin City Council were informed about these works taking place? When will the works be completed and who will occupy the building?

Q.28 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager give a report with regards the usage of scooters / skateboards on the footpaths and also the usage of electric scooters on the road way?

Q.29 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards to the works that are to take place on Pearse Station roof? This roof is a historical structure, it's unique and one of its kind in this state. Sometime back this area committee agreed to have it listed on the record of protected structures. This report to include: where it is on that process and whether Irish Rail have been informed that this process is in train and to desist from interfering with the roof in any way without planning permission.

Q.30 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the proposed works of reconstructing footpaths in Creighton Street, Dublin 2? This report to include who will carry out these works, when these works will start and be completed? Have all residents been notified of these works? Have the residents been informed of their rights and due process in relation to these works and the impact they will have on the enjoyment of their homes.

Q.31 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a full report with regards the Rates Office and the relocation of staff? Further, can the manager confirm whether there was a case or cases of Legionnaires' disease found within the building basement area?

Q.32 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regards the cancellation of the Christmas lighting events within the city? This report to include when the decision was taken and when the public were informed. What is the future for the Christmas lighting events in Dublin city centre?

Q.33 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager inform the building contractors and developers working in close proximity to McDonagh House on Whitefriar Street on sites that are to build hotels and student accommodation at Stephen Street Lower, Ship Street and Chancery Street - not to park their trucks from early morning outside of the flats with their engines running? There are also huge issues of noise and dust and also great confusion about the road layout and road traffic management. These three sites are in close proximity to each other in a very very busy area with local residents and school going children.

Can the manager issue a full report to me also as to how Dublin City Council intends to manage this complicated situation?

Q.34 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager write to the Health Services Executive (HSE) and ascertain what kind of management plan they are operating with regards the methadone clinic on Castle Street? Most days this area is saturated with various addicts who attend the clinic for their medication. The area is awash with drug dealing and many of the addicts are in a very bad comatose state.

This activity can take place throughout the day. On some days it can be most chaotic on Castle Street, Lord Edward Street and Werburgh Street. Nobody from the HSE methadone clinic seems to control or manage their clients away from the area once they have received their treatment.

Many of the residents, neighbours and businesses are now reaching boiling point. This has been going on for years and nobody has done anything about it. Regularly An Garda Síochána and the ambulance services have to attend here to deal with overdoses and fights. This is not acceptable that the HSE or anybody in the drug treatment services can abdicate their responsibility and their duty of care. You cannot simply abandon your clients and patients in this manner and you have a responsibility to the public.

Q.35 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a report with regards the vacant apartments at Townsend Street? These apartments are above shops on the corner just before Tara Street. These flats were formerly in the ownership of Dublin City Council and now appear to be vacant and idle for a number of years.

Q.36 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to how many motor cars and vans are now being parked in Dublin City Council's flat complexes in the south east area. To include: registered vehicles and non-registered vehicles. Further, how many vehicles have been clamped in these flat complexes for illegal parking in the last two years?

Q.37 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to have the lamp posts on Fortfield Terrace painted.

Q.38 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to arrange for cleaning of illegal dumping on the lane behind houses on Upper Rathmines Road and Villiers Road.

Q.39 Councillor Patrick Costello

Can the manager agree to tree planting in Rutland Grove to accompany the redevelopment of the park facilities? Question to the Chief Executive

Q.40 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the severe and chronic dampness at *details supplied repaired as it is causing the tenant health issues.

Q.41 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the work carried out to make the boiler safe in *details supplied, as in April new boilers were put in, condenser ones, only in and it started to overflow from its trap and the water was backing up. Apparently a council official said they wouldn't do the work as an inspector said it needs be six inches

higher so the old Dublin City Council pipes could flow however they are exactly the same height as everyone else's kitchen. The heating man had to disconnect the pipe now since April and the residents have to let the pipe run into a bucket and keep emptying out the water as it fills from the overflow!

Q.42 Councillor Chris Andrews

The residents in Conway Court have contacted me in relation to the hoarder in the ground floor flats. They claim he is dumping urine in bags around the forecourt. They said he has taken over two one beds.

Would you be able to let me know what measures are being taken to address the difficulties this resident has and is creating in the flat complex?

Q.43 Councillor Chris Andrews

Residents in Markievicz House have asked the following in relation to planned improvements:

1. Can a second gate be put in the play area facing D block?
2. Is the water connection in the pram shed facing D block going to be moved?
3. Is the drainage fixed, as it seems that it still floods badly particularly close to both the car entrances and one of the drains at car entrance was covered up a few years ago and has not been restored? There is pooling around the drains when there is heavy rain. This means that when the new surface is complete it will still flood?

Q.44 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager give an update on the consideration of measures to avoid speeding on Northbrook Avenue in Ranelagh?

Q.45 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can an update be given in respect of previous motions stemming from 2016 in respect of a pedestrian crossing at Cowper Road / Palmerston Road?

Q.46 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can an extra parking meter be put on Nutley Avenue as there is only one meter in existence?

Q.47 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can consideration be given to putting ramps on Claremont Road in Sandymount in circumstances where trucks travel at speed in the early hours of the morning?

Q.48 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Claremont Road in Sandymount be swept?

Q.49 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Merton Drive be attended to given the following circumstances? Late last year, a group of workers turned up on Merton Drive. They cut the concrete and dug a trench along the cul de sac outside houses at 12 to 38 Merton Drive. The trench was then backfilled, topped with tar and remains unfinished after many months. In the meantime, the road has begun to subside leaving large cracks and raised levels up to 50mm in one spot. There are 20 children under the age of 10 living on the cul de sac and it is a less safe place for them as a result of the poor standard of work. The street is dangerous and unsightly and should be reinstated to a safe, clean and tidy condition.

Q.50 Councillor Claire O'Connor

There is an Air B and B beside details supplied. The booking website indicates that the house is available to rent 3 weekends in Nov and 6 days over the Christmas holidays. Jan/Feb/Mar and April all have weekends available to rent. This is not a casual once off and is a constant. People in the nude are seen in the windows and does not reflect the character of this street which has a lot of young children. Can this be investigated?

Q.51 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Chelmsford Road / Ranelagh Road? This is a very dangerous crossing for pedestrians as you need to judge when there may be a long enough break in traffic to allow you to cross. This is very difficult to judge as cars are coming from different directions at different times.

Q.52 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can speeding measures be considered for Beechwood Avenue Lower? Beechwood Avenue Lower is a narrow single lane residential road with parked cars on both sides of the road and is lined with family homes, many with small children. However, it also takes the evening rush hour traffic from Ranelagh village / the city centre with hundreds of cars using the route daily. Many other roads in the area have already had traffic calming measures implemented. Ashfield Road, for example, which runs parallel to Beechwood Avenue Lower has several speed bumps to deal with the morning rush hour as it feeds into Ranelagh village. These traffic calming measures would point to precedent as the two roads are nearly identical in nature. Additionally, many cars perform illegal U-turns on the various alleyways along Beechwood Avenue Lower and drive off at speed in the wrong direction. Can additional signage be erected at the Dunville Avenue / Beechwood Avenue junction and at another point on Beechwood Avenue Lower alerting motorists to the one way system?

Q.53 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the trees on Seafort Gardens be pruned moving forward as they cover the street lights on Seafort Gardens, Sandymount Avenue? Can a seat facing away from Sandymount Green be erected and face down Sandymount Avenue?

Q.54 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm the leaf collection schedule for next autumn in Sandymount, Ballsbridge and Donnybrook?

Q.55 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the June 2018 SEAC I proposed the following motion, which was unanimously passed:

“Motion 11 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

Last month the council painted yellow lines in Vavasour Square from No. 15 - 19 (photos attached). The effect of this is that it prevents families from parking outside their homes in a square where parking is already in exceptionally short supply. In light of the major difficulties that this creates, as illustrated in the attached letter sent by the Residents' Association, which carries with it unanimous support from residents, (and the Residents' Association further advise that the resident who requested this change has now written to the council to request that the yellow lines be removed) this committee calls on the council to reverse its decision and to revert to the pre-existing position.”

While the report which I received stated that “This will be the final decision on this matter” the officials subsequently agreed at the meeting, in light of the overwhelming view of local councillors, to look at this issue again. To ask the manager what is the update on this re-examination?

Q.56 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to provide a list of streets in the area with dates for street cleaning.

Q.57 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the full stretch of footpath on Ailesbury Gardens, Dublin 4 which are in appalling condition and extremely dangerous.

Q.58 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to provide a response to this e-mail from a resident in the vicinity of Mountpleasant Avenue Upper:

I live locally and am affected by trial traffic proposals at Mountpleasant Avenue Upper. I also lecture in transportation at DIT and take a strong interest in sustainable mobility and healthy streets.

Reasons why the status quo is unacceptable:

It is without argument that the current situation is undesirable. There is considerable traffic conflict between north and southbound traffic on the avenue, exacerbated by the narrow road width, inadequate footpath standards and on-street car parking. Footpaths are excessively narrow and very dangerous at the northern end of the upper avenue where speeds are very high. Northbound traffic, in particular, tends to accelerate at this point, with a sharp downward gradient and a squirting-out effect after the on-street parking. For these reasons it is a very dangerous and threatening pedestrian environment, particularly for vulnerable users. Issues with the proposed trial:

Notwithstanding the above, the proposed Mountpleasant Avenue Trial has some critical issues, which need to be examined: -

- The trial is likely to increase traffic volumes and traffic speeds locally
- The trial is likely to reduce pedestrian safety and amenity locally
- The trial is likely to contribute to an increasingly congested city centre

The trial proposes a southbound straight ahead ban. This will inevitably promote northbound traffic volumes. Simply, the Avenue will become an easier route to drive making it an increasingly attractive rat-run, especially for morning commuter traffic.

This in turn will increase traffic into the city. This contravenes City Council Policy, whose overall aim is to reduce car access to the city centre in favour of sustainable alternatives, especially walking and cycling.

The northbound traffic will also have greater priority and freedom. This will inevitably increase speeds on the Avenue as the threat of oncoming traffic is apparently eliminated or much reduced.

This also contravenes City Council policy, whose aim is to create safer streets for people, through a commendable programme of legal traffic speed reductions. Unfortunately, there is much evidence that road design has a higher influence than legal measures in controlling traffic speeds.

Overall, pedestrian safety and amenity in the Mountpleasant area will be diminished by the trial, as a result of increased volumes and speeds, which are nearly always the consequences of the introduction of one-way traffic systems. Even though this is not a one-way system, most car drivers are likely to read it as one.

Proposed alternative solution:

A better proposal would be to implement a northbound traffic ban (except for cyclists) at the southernmost point of Mountpleasant Avenue, i.e. no access from Castlewood Avenue and Belgrave Square.

This would complete a car-reduced environmental cell for the entire Mountpleasant area. A similar ban at Oxford Road is very successful (though this should also be exempted for cyclists).

In turn this would help to regenerate the derelict parade of shops at the corner of Richmond Hill and Mountpleasant Avenue, which had been blighted by the already egregious local traffic conditions.

For the above reasons, it is strongly recommended that (a) traffic volumes and (b) traffic speeds be recorded as part of the before / after monitoring which the Council has committed to.

With the results likely to demonstrate increased speeds and traffic volumes, the Council should proceed and work to create an effective traffic-reduced environmental cell for the entire Mountpleasant area.

Q.59 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the contents of the e-mail below and the very serious incident recounted therein:

I was wondering if you could ascertain for me from the manager of Dublin City Council's housing section if they now have a new policy that applicants must be on the housing list for 14 years before being considered for housing.

Q.60 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to allocate details supplied a housing place in one of the available one bedroom units in either Cathedral Court or New Court, New Street, Dublin 8.

Q.61 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to this issue raised by a resident in the Wilton Park neighbourhood:

As residents in the neighbourhood of 'Wilton Park', we are writing to you as our local representative out of concern for IPUT's plans for the redevelopment of the park. IPUT, who are currently demolishing Fitzwilton House at Leeson Street Bridge, will shortly be seeking to demolish the buildings currently occupied by the IDA on the north side of Wilton Place, and to make changes to the Park. As it has been communicated to us in various meetings with IPUT, the park will no longer be a place for residents—children, families, the elderly—as well as workers to enjoy nature among the mature trees of this historic and unique city centre park. According to the plans, it will serve the office development, becoming an extension of the 'campus' buildings for weekday employees. It is also to provide paths that act as short cuts from the canal area for the office workers and for the customers of the various planned dining amenities.

IPUT's development plans have ignored the neighbourhood ethos which is one that currently combines residential with commercial usage and is home to a growing number of families whose children frequent nearby schools. It seems that the policy of encouraging people to return to living in the city is not served well by this plan for a public space that prioritises the development of a business campus in a historic park; in fact, creating facilities that privilege office workers who go home each evening as opposed to residents who live in, and care for, the neighbourhood seems to conflict with Dublin City Council's plan for city living.

To facilitate IPUT's development—the thoroughfares and a large glass pavilion for selling refreshments — many of the mature trees that are characteristic of the area and act as an important part of the eco system are to be cut down. The historic fountain which showcases nineteenth century engineering ingenuity (by working on water drawn from the canal) is to be relocated from its prime position along with part demolition of the rare, handmade original Georgian railings. These form an integral part of what remains of the Georgian streetscape and provide an historical visual amenity enjoyed by visitors and residents.

Our concern for the park is both historical in the sense of the destruction of a unique Georgian square as well as in terms of the threat to the very fabric of an area of Dublin that has a long heritage of family life. Turning this small corner of the city into a business campus of 5,000 office workers without any consideration of the diverse nature of an area with an important cultural and literary legacy as well as being home to many generations of Dubliners threatens to impact in an irreversible way the future of a city of sustainable communities and neighbourhoods.

Q.62 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to respond to the planning issues raised in this e-mail by a Donnybrook resident:

I am concerned that the council, through its planning arm, is enabling the hollowing out of Donnybrook village by replacing shops, restaurants, pubs and services that comprise the village with buildings and uses that are of no relevance to the residents or visitors to the village. It is about planning for the right type of development.

There is an ongoing planning application for a hotel. The local butcher is being changed to an estate agent. Kielys is almost sold – will that just become another residential development? Is there a similar plan for McCloskeys? Today I see the petrol station is now up for sale too. Therefore now is the time to act to ensure the village remains sustainable.

I think that the council and planners should be aware of the longer term effect of these changes to the village centre. There should be some consideration for future use and being of use to residents. While Donnybrook is a main thoroughfare to the city centre, there is also a village at the heart of it running from Donnybrook Fair to the garage. We should make sure that a cohesive centre should hold along that stretch, or a substantial part of it, that has the critical mass necessary to sustain the local businesses. This means ensuring sufficient footfall for those businesses to survive and thrive. People staying at a hotel don't go to the hardware shop. A thriving village needs a butcher over an estate agent.

Q.63 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to install more speed control/child safety signage on Brighton Square South and Garville Avenue i.e. route from Garville to Terenure Road North.

This link road, with a lot of children now living on it, experiences cars speeding through it particularly at peak morning and evening hours.

Q.64 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to repair footpaths on Cowper Road, where trees have uprooted paving and poses a risk to pedestrians coming and going to the Luas from Upper Rathmines Road and Palmerston Road.

Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider securing the wall between the playground on Upper Rathmines Road and Cowper Downs and to relocate the seat in the playground park to stop small children using it as a platform for climbing the wall and possibly suffering injury when they fall down on the Cowper Downs side of the wall.

Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to ensure that details supplied is properly cleaned as it was only partially cleaned recently when a team was sent out.

Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to review the 'no right hand turn' from Terenure Road East to Greenmount Road to peak hours only, instead of all day.

Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to liaise with the Library Services to provide toilet facilities in Terenure library, particularly for young children.

Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for rubbish bags to be removed from the lane behind Ormond Road. These bags are filled with rubbish left behind from an abandoned car which was removed recently i.e. the rubbish does not belong to the residents who bagged the rubbish to tidy up the laneway

Q.70 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to remove the residual rubbish in the lane behind the SuperValu in Rathgar. Some cleaning did take place, but some rubbish was left behind

Q.71 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for child safety signage to be placed in the car park at Herzog Park as children jump out of cars to get to the new playground as quickly as possible, without them or their parents being aware of the care needed in relation to cars entering and leaving the car park. Also, review the need for safety signage on the driveway up to the tennis club, as it passes the playground.

Q.72 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to consider putting in bicycle stands at the entrance to Mount Argus Church and Park

Q.73 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to have Leinster Road and Garville Avenue cleaned up from a build-up of leaves and dirt which is a safety hazard for many older pedestrians on these roads.

Q.74 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please provide a full list of council owned houses and apartment blocks in the South East Area who have received assessments this

year as part of the overall housing stock assessment scheme that is currently taking place.

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager what efforts have been made to find alternative accommodation or homes for the number of people now living in tents along the Grand Canal.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the area manager please outline whether speakers playing music outside commercial buildings are permitted, if not what action can be taken to address this, and can she investigate the following buildings?

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

Can the Area Manager please look into the following traffic issue as a matter of urgency?

“I am concerned about the safety of a particular road junction and have contact DCC on numerous occasions to have it assessed. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be a priority and I was hoping that perhaps you could look into this for me. I wish to have the Transportation Department assess the sight lines exiting Tritonville Crescent onto Sandymount Road to determine if it complies with regulations under the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government which sets out access/exit sight lines in urban areas.

I have concerns regards the safety of this junction, you have to edge out, almost to the centre of the road before you get a clear view of any oncoming traffic and cyclists. This is often the case when a high vehicle such as a jeep or van is parked on Sandymount Road (right hand side on exit) which is quite frequent (see photos below). The view exiting this junction is often obscured by parked cars and would in my opinion be a potential public danger and I'm unsure if it meet standards. I would appreciate if you could expedite the assessment of this junction. I first contacted DCC, 25th September 2017 and as of yet no traffic engineer has undertaken an assessment. As this particular junction is within you constituency I hope you can have someone to look at it.”

Q.78 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have bath resurfaced at details supplied. The bath was resurfaced about a year ago. However, it is starting to bubble up again and the lady cannot use the bath. Unfortunately she cannot use the shower due to health condition.

Q.79 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have bin outside the Maldron Hotel on Kevin Street moved up to the wider side of the footpath.