



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 **Presentation on Planning Application Ref.: 4011/18**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Planning Application Ref.: 4106/18**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Minutes of South East Area Committee meeting held on 8th October 2018**
Order: Agreed.
- 4 **Environment and Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 23rd October 2018.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Prioritisation of the implementation of Sandymount Green Traffic Scheme.
Order: Noted and agreed.
 - iii. Presentation on Fitzwilliam Cycle Route.
Order: Noted.
- 5 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
 - i. Report on the proposed extension to Irishtown Stadium, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council.
 - ii. Report on the proposed disposal of a site at 26 New Street South, Dublin 8 to the Peter McVerry Trust CLG.
Order: Agreed to recommend to City Council. Cllr. Flynn opposed.
- 6 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. Update on Community Development, Environmental Services Unit, Housing Projects & Local Area Improvements and Sports & Recreation Sections.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on a proposed naming and numbering of a development at 76 Sir John Rogerson's Quay.
Order: Agreed.

- iii. Report on a proposal to name a development at 14 – 16 Dartry Road, Dublin 6 as Temple Park Mews.

Order: Agreed.

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Motions

Emergency Motion from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee supports the offer by Hibernia Reit to upgrade the pavement on the west side of Creighton Street as a matter of urgency before the end of the year in accordance with Dublin City Council requirements, as the company will be moving off site at the end of 2018 and the upgrading works may cost more to be carried out or may be significantly delayed.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This committee agrees to ask the manager to install additional bins along Nutley Lane, Donnybrook, as argued for cogently in the email submitted with this motion.

“For some time I have meant to talk to you about the litter on Nutley Lane. I need hardly tell you that the pedestrian traffic on the lane has increased significantly over time, but it has got much busier over the past year or so.

I think this arises from many more students on their way from Merrion Road (bus) and Sydney Parade (train) to UCD, increased shopping traffic to the Merrion Centre, RTE employees (which is very obvious in the mornings / evenings and especially at lunchtime on way to Merrion Centre, St. Michael’s students (more seem to be walking and getting bus) and of course the hospital traffic.

With that increase in people has come a very obvious increase in litter. I can’t tell you how often I have picked up RTE coffee cups, milk cartons etc.

Dermot, there is a need to improve the litter bin arrangements on the lane and this is mainly on the side where houses are, opposite Elm Park. I suggest that there should be a bigger bin (or a second one) at the junction to Nutley Avenue (to cater for the stuff from the St. Michael’s boys on their to / from Merrion Centre.

There should be an additional bin at the entrance to Broc House.

There should also be an additional bin probably just below the entrance to RTE.

Finally, (on the opposite side) the bin close to the bus stop at the entrance to the hospital must be relocated. Those standing in the bus shelter cannot see the bin as it is behind the "wall" at the side of the shelter with the result that the area is regularly littered and the bin there is far too small. If it was a bigger bin and moved to a more visible position it would greatly improve the position.”

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillors Mary Freehill and Dermot Lacey

To reiterate the commitments made by this committee over the past 18 years that Dublin City Council reclaim Rathmines Town Hall for the people of Rathmines when the lease terminates in 2032. The Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) will

move from their building across the road which gives the current occupiers of the Town Hall, the City of Dublin Education and Training Board an opportunity to occupy the Dublin Institute of Technology building. Rathmines Town Hall was built in 1895 and functioned as the town hall for the people of Rathmines and even has a concert hall, until 1932 when the Rathmines Town Council was incorporated into Dublin Corporation. When municipal districts were established it was agreed by this committee on several occasions that the town hall be reinstated so that we could establish a Municipal / Local Area Office in Rathmines and utilise the building for local residents. This is an area that hasn't even a community / assembly hall or a youth centre and has a population of 38,186.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That this committee receives a presentation on progress of reinstatement of 12 Lower. Fitzwilliam Street and a number of houses on Mount Street Lower. This agreement was made with ESB at the time of their planning application for construction of their current offices. It was agreed that these houses would be reinstated as dwellings and that this be done in conjunction with the Conservation and Planning Department of Dublin City Council.

Back in 2013/14 there was a considerable exodus from Georgian Dublin and the council was concerned about making these houses habitable and accessible for 21st century living which is a challenge to our conservation laws. At that time ESB agreed to co-operate with Dublin City Council to return these houses from offices to dwellings and that the process would act as a prototype and an opportunity to apply best practise to the interpretation of our conservation laws.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council prepares a design brief for the Gulistan site before a plan is prepared for any part of the site. It is essential that the permeability through the area is set, that access is set out, heights and set back, the location of the Health Services Executive primary care centre, step down housing and general housing is indicated before any work commences on the site. Also that consideration be given to conserving the two 19th century stone buildings. It is also agreed that this work will be done in consultation with local community groups in the interest of good planning and development practise for the area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That a master plan be prepared for the Church of Ireland site on Upper Rathmines Road. There are indications that development might be considered for this site and while it is zoned Z15, which means that in the event of change of use it would have to go before the council for consideration. In the meantime if the owners of the site indicate to the council their interest in developing this site, in the interest of good planning and development practise, this committee agrees that a master plan be carried out, indicating permeability, general access, open space, heights and set back from existing buildings. It is also agreed that this design would be carried out in consultation with the local residents' groups.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That funding is included in the 2019 budget to update the play equipment in Harold's Cross Park. This park is extensively used by the surrounding community and the play equipment has not been updated for quite some time.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 7 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee requests that the manager stops the practice of collecting skips from the recycling centre at 5.45 in the morning a number of times per week on even sometimes Sunday morning as it is very disruptive to residents in the New Houses and Poolbeg Quay.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 8 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee agrees to install CCTV in Markievicz House as it would assist in addressing the problems in the complex

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council's Heritage, Archaeology and Conservation Section and Dangerous Buildings Section to immediately investigate the dilapidated state of the national monument of Werburgh Street Church. This building is now closed and the plaster work both externally and internally is crumbling and collapsing. The railings at Werburgh Street are rusting and coming apart as are the steps that lead into the church. Rain water is pouring in between the gaping cracks into the basement and it is now very obvious that this building is in need of urgent attention. Given the nature and historical significance of this building and its association with the United Irishmen and Lord Edward Fitzgerald, that Dublin City Council intervene immediately and secure this building's future. It is absolutely inappropriate that such a significant building and a cultural icon be neglected and left in this state. The state and the local council have an obligation here and a duty of care when it comes to such important architectural natural treasures.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 10 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this meeting of the South East Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to initiate the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within the Mercer Street, York Street, Whitefriar Street, O'Carroll Villas, Bishop Street, Ross Road area.

This item came up at the recent public safety forum in Whitefriar Street and it was widely supported at that meeting as a positive step and a good way of dealing with the many issues within this area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 11 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this area committee calls on Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT) and Dublin City Council (DCC) to provide appropriate community centre facilities for its residents in the Temple Bar area. Temple Bar area has approximately 3,500 residents, a substantial portion of these residents are Dublin City Council tenants with families etc. At present there are absolutely no amenities for these residents and their families, there is not even a play area for the children. In this day and age this is unacceptable and with the immediate arrival of a new build at Fishamble Street which is going to add to the families in this area now is the time for DCC to commit to providing a facility for the sole use of the community within the area. Temple Bar Cultural Trust has many properties in its portfolio and indeed many of the cultural institutes are belonging to DCC through TBCT. It is time that these facilities were shared with the local community and residents within the Temple Bar area on an equal basis.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the Dublin City Council meeting in October 2018, I asked the following question and received the response which follows:

“Q.42 *At the South East Area Committee meeting in September 2017, in excess of one year ago, I asked the following question and received the following response:*

Q.68 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to address the very dangerous crack on the pavement outside No. 176 Merrion Road as shown in the photo sent by separate e-mail.

Reply:

This will be added to our works list and arrangements will be made to carry out a repair here.”

Repairs not having been carried out, at the South East Area Committee meeting in January 2018 I asked the following question and received the following response

“Q33. Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the answer provided to question 68 of the September 2017 South East Area Committee meeting, to ask the manager when this repair will be effected and to do so as a matter of urgency. It is extremely dangerous. Please see attached very recent photo of the locus. There is (a) broken footpath, and (b) an extremely dangerous lip on the footpath which could result in catastrophic falls.

Reply:

This defect is logged in our Asset Management System and will be repaired when a crew is available.

As of September 2018, these repairs have still not been carried out. The two attached photographs, taken on 8 September 2018, show the deplorable and highly dangerous condition of this footpath, which is used with immense frequency, particularly by senior citizens who use these traffic lights to cross Merrion Road in order to access St Vincent’s University Hospital. With respect, the response to this issue (i.e. none tangible) has been disgraceful. It is an extremely dangerous strip of footpath at an extraordinarily busy junction used by some of the most vulnerable pedestrians in the City. To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out at this location immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

This defect will be repaired when a crew is available. Defects are prioritised in our Asset Management System according to their severity and their location.”

In light of (a) the appalling and dangerous condition of the footpath in question [**see two photos attached**], (b) the length of time since the request to repair it was first made, and (c) the fact that the scale of the job is a relatively small one in

the overall context, this Area Committee rejects the non-committal reply given by the Chief Executive at the October 2018 DCC meeting and calls upon the Manager to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out at this location immediately.



Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 13 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the South East Area Committee (SEAC) in June 2017 I asked the following question:

“Q.74 To ask the manager to install a pedestrian crossing on Leahy’s Terrace at the location shown in the attached photographs. This is an essential addition to the traffic management in this area in circumstances where it would be the only point at which children coming from Sandymount Village to St. Matthew’s National School and children coming from Ringsend / Irishtown / Bath Avenue to Star of the Sea National School would be able to cross safely from one side of Leahy’s Terrace to the other.”

In order to ensure an expeditious response, following a subsequent special South East Area traffic meeting for local councillors, I chose this question as one of my two priority items for urgent reply. At the March 2018 Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) meeting, there was a positive response to my question, as recorded in the TAG minutes – please see items 15 and 16 on the **attached screenshot** of the TAG Report provided in the agenda pack for the March 2018 SEAC. At the March 2018 SEAC both Cllr. Lacey and I sought a timeframe for implementation. It was stated that, subject to financing the recommendations would be implemented in 2018. However, eight months later and as 2018 draws to a close, these recommendations have not been implemented. In light of the grave safety risks to children at this location, this committee resolves that these recommendations of TAG shall be implemented before year end 2018.



Item No	Ref	Subject	Proposer	Date	Category	Member	Date	Recommendation	Notes
14	0049379	Children Crossing sign Sean Moore Road	Dublin 4	Children Crossing sign (Sean Moore Rd -) تجاه House Road towards Peabeg Yacht Club	Member of the Public	23/05/2017	10/20	Not Recommended	Preliminary inspection showed no evidence of excessive vehicle speeds along the road and insufficient traffic numbers to warrant the installation of the sign. Installation of this sign is not recommended. Furthermore there is a (W14) school ahead sign at this location.
15	0049558	Double Yellow Lines Leahy's Terrace	Dublin 4	Double Yellow Lines Between Star of the Sea Church and Star of the Sea School	Member of the Public	31/05/2017	11/23	Recommended	In order to facilitate smooth traffic flow around this area DTL are recommended (3M) as follows: Install 100 m of DYL from the junction of Beach Road with Leahy's Terrace extending westwards on the south side of the carriageway beyond the School. Keep Clear markings on the road.
16	0049614	Pedestrian Facilities Leahy's Terrace	Dublin 4	At location shown on photos	Councillor	06/05/2017	10/16	Recommended	During a site inspection made on the Wednesday 11/5/16, from 8.20am to 8.55am it was found that 34 pedestrians cross the road from the corner of St. Mary's, Star of the Sea at Leahy's Terrace. Where 50% of them were mobility impaired pedestrians also 72% of the pedestrians could cross the road easily. It is recommended in order to facilitate the crossing of the pedestrian at this location the introduction of the bollard and marking the footpath. These recommendations are linked to available staff resources and future funding being available.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 14 from Councillor Chris Andrews

That this area committee supports the installation of a fenced designated dog running area in Ringsend Park, similar to the one in St. Anne's Park in Raheny, and that the manager will start the process of installing the dog area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee agrees to write to local Gardaí requesting better enforcement in relation to the issue of illegal parking in cycle lanes.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee calls on the manager to put double yellow lines on the inside corner of Mount Argus View where there is often dangerous parking blocking the view of the corner. While it is not policy to put double yellows on corners such a response is not acceptable in this case as other corners close by have double yellow lines meaning many motorists believe that parking is in fact allowed on this corner.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 17 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to introduce a ban on single use plastics at public events within the south east area.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 18 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to arrange for immediate leaf clearing and gully cleaning in the following locations:

1. Shelbourne Road between Lansdowne Road and Haddington Road
2. The Grand Canal between Grand Canal Street Bridge and Mount Street Bridge
3. Grand Canal Street Upper
4. Haddington Road (south side from Shelbourne Road to Northumberland Road)
5. Clanwilliam Place
6. Warrington Place

I have received a number of complaints from residents, including a resident who is visually impaired. Can the manager ensure that these areas are cleared on a more frequent basis throughout the autumn and winter months?

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 19 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee calls on the area manager to work with the public realm officer and the Arts Office to identify walls within the south east area that would be suitable for street art and murals.

Order: Report to councillor.

8 **Questions 12th November 2018**

Order: Noted.

Chairperson

Monday 12 November 2018

Members:

Ruairi McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Claire O'Connor

Members:

Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy
Paddy Smyth

Members:

Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey
Paddy McCartan

Apologies.

Cllr. Sonya Stapleton

Officers

Rossana Camargo
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Brian Hanney
Neil O'Donoghue
Adrienne Houghton
Perry Chitombo
Yawei Feng

Question to the Chief Executive

**South East Area Committee
Meeting 12th November 2018**

Q.1 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to repair footpath between Park Avenue and Centra on Harold's Cross Road.

Reply:

This will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to cut the grass in Kimmage Grove and to arrange for tree pruning in this estate.

Reply:

The grass in Kimmage Grove has been cut in recent days.

The mature tree budget for the current year has been allocated to the highest priority trees as per the South East Area Mature Trees Works Programme. The poplar trees located in Kimmage Grove will be included in our tree works list for 2019, which will be undertaken on a priority basis.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to arrange to have Rathdown Park including cul de sac swept and to have graffiti at Nos. 2 - 6 Rathdown Park removed.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had Rathdown Park, including the cul de sac, swept on the 17th October 2018.

There is graffiti on a lamppost and also on a public litter bin in this location and this graffiti has been listed for removal. There are also small amounts of graffiti on private property here and the owners / occupiers will be contacted with a request to remove same.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange to have the fallen branches and debris at the locations listed below to be removed as a matter of urgency.

The last storm we experienced in the city was around the 18th and 19th of September. Since then large branches which fell in that storm have remained on some footpaths and leaves have been allowed to accumulate and rot. This causes obstruction and safety issues. We had bad weather in spring and debris that fell then has never been cleared on the section of Ailesbury Road from Sydney Parade to the Merrion Road. Barriers used for footpath repairs on the junction of Ailesbury Road and Shrewsbury Road were left strewn on the footpath for three weeks.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the storm debris from the section of Ailesbury Road from Sydney Parade to the Merrion Road cleared on the 19th October 2018.

Road Maintenance Services removed any large branches that fell during the storm. Road Maintenance Services will collect any pedestrian barriers left at this location.

Q.5 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager, in relation to report for Motion 18 of the October meeting which stated, "As part of the planning process, the Department of Education carried out an audit of the

wider environment around the proposed school to identify improvements required to facilitate active travel to the school. The Department of Education has undertaken to fund the improvements as part of the school project. It is intended that such improvements will be in place before occupation of the larger school development". What is the time line for the delivery of the identified improvements in the audit?

Reply:

Planning permission has been granted for a temporary school on the site. However, the Department of Education intends to submit an application for a permanent school development on the site. This division has not been approached as yet to commence pre-application discussions regarding the permanent school. As such, the timeline for the planning application and the construction of the permanent school, if permitted, are not yet known. Notwithstanding, the intention is that any works which have been identified to improve the environment in the vicinity of the site will be in place before the permanent school opens.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she could give appropriate advice to this resident who was blocked into his home during a recent football match at the Aviva Stadium (see details supplied) and if she will contact the Dublin Street Parking Services and the gardaí to see what actions and measures they can put in place to deal with same.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has developed the Aviva Stadium and Croke Park Major Event Parking Enforcement protocol in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and Aviva Stadium and Croke Park and this has been incorporated into their individual Major Event Plans. The protocol sets out roles, responsibilities and lines of communication between the relevant stakeholders. The council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) operate in the immediate area, primarily under the direction of the Gardaí on major event days.

DSPS provide a free vehicle relocation service to the gardaí where a vehicle has to be relocated for crowd safety reasons. A dedicated removals truck is assigned for this purpose. In addition to removals this crew also carry out enforcement as does another dedicated enforcement crew. These resources operate solely in the immediate area. In addition normal enforcement activities are maintained city wide.

Croke Park, Aviva Stadium, An Garda Síochána and the council, through their individual websites, social media and Traffic VMS signage, promote the use of public transport, advise on parking legally and also advise that enforcement by way of clamping is in force.

Enforcement on match days and prior to other events is typically carried out on surrounding roads early in the day prior to traffic and crowd build up in the area when unrestricted access is possible. Early enforcement in this way also acts as a deterrent to other motorists who then arrive later in the day when attending the stadiums. Aside from this, enforcement levels and response time to individual complaints largely depend on a number of issues, i.e. the teams playing, nature of the event, Garda resources deployed and Health & Safety issues, as these all affect the ease with which enforcement crew can move around the area to carry out enforcement.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to conduct an air quality check on Greenlea Road, Terenure.

Reply:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will contact the resident who raised the issue with a view to determining how best to address their concerns and will revert to the councillor on this matter.

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if, as a matter of urgency, she will arrange to have the gas and electricity at details supplied checked and upgraded as it has previously been reported as being dangerous.

Reply:

The gas boiler was serviced in this property on 22/10/2018. Our Electrical Services Section called to inspect the electrics but were unable to gain access. They will reschedule a site visit and carry out a thorough inspection of the property.

Q.9 Councillor Chris Andrews

Given the high number of flats and the ongoing challenges facing the community in Pearse House / Markievicz House will the city council / South East Area Office fund a Community Development Worker for the community in Pearse House and Markievicz House and put in place the necessary infrastructure a community development worker would need on site in Pearse House / Markievicz House so that a broad representative group of residents can be developed to engage with the council for future development of the community and housing.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has an area management team and structure that works in the south east area, this includes a separate Area Community Development Officer and team.

It also includes an Area Housing Manager and staff which caters for that part of the south east area in which Pearse and Markievicz House are located.

We do not think that it is necessary to assign staff specifically to these complexes, but we will work with the residents there with a view to the development of a broad representative group which would engage with Dublin City Council on an on-going basis on issues affecting these two complexes.

Q.10 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have bollards or some form of protection placed on the street to prevent the protected structure being damaged again at details supplied as the last time it was damaged it was hugely stressful and upsetting for the elderly home owner?

Reply:

The placing of bollards would hinder the movement of pedestrians and reduce the footpath width, impacting on wheelchair users and prams. This would be contrary to the policies of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. It is therefore not recommended to install bollards at details supplied.

Q.11 Councillor Chris Andrews

Details supplied was told by a housing maintenance inspector that her shower dish needed to be replaced as the inspector said that needed to be done and also can the crack in the ceiling of bathroom be repaired so can these works be carried out?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance had no prior record of these repair requests. Both repair requests have now been registered and an inspection will take place in the next 5 / 10 working days.

Q.12 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager say when the bathroom of details supplied which is waiting on being redesigned to cater for the disability will be installed?

Reply:

An adaptation application has been received by Housing Maintenance. A feasibility survey will take place in the next weeks, the results of which will determine whether the property is suitable to have the proposed adaptations carried out.

If it is suitable, the application will then be assessed on medical grounds and once a decision has been reached the applicant will be informed. A medical assessment can take up to 4 weeks and adaptations can take a further 10 / 14 weeks before work commencement depending on contractors' work schedules.

Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the planter at details supplied cut back as there must have been a cherry blossom cut down there and now it's overgrown as the root may not have been removed and all the shoots have developed?

Reply:

The area housing manager will arrange for the area to be inspected and any necessary works carried out.

Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the weeds / trees in rear of details supplied 1 and also have the stair wall at details supplied 2 repaired as it is badly cracked and needs repair in details supplied 2 as it's a shared rear garden?

Reply:

1. Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew will call to this dwelling over the next few weeks and spray the weeds in the garden area. It will also be inspected to identify if pruning is required.
2. Arrangements have been made to have the stair wall cracks investigated and appropriate action, if necessary, taken

Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the dripping / flooding of the gully to the rear of property of details supplied repaired?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance had no prior notification of this repair request. It has now been registered and arrangements are in place to have the shores unblocked this week. The guttering will be inspected and, if necessary, repaired.

Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager fund an extra caretaker in Markievicz House as there is only one caretaker at present for 171 flats and it is almost impossible for one person to manage all the work required to keep the place tidy?

Reply:

One caretaker in this flat complex is deemed sufficient to deal with maintaining common areas and the 8 stairwells. The bins are located at the entrance so are collected from there by the waste collector. On Mondays, additional assistance is allocated to these flats to deal with any backup of rubbish to be cleaned up or cleaning to be carried out.

Flat complexes are monitored on an ongoing basis and additional resources are allocated where required.

Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report regarding The Staircase building at 21 Aungier Street? This report to include a full update on all of the works carried out on that building, a full disclosure on the architectural conservation reports. These reports to include what damage

was done to the building, what repairs were done to the building and who paid for these repairs?

Also, a full report as to whether Dublin City Council's Homeless Executive are paying any monies towards this building or giving any money to any approved housing body or emergency homeless services towards the upkeep of this particular building or the rent on this building?

Reply:

The Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) carried out works to 21 Aungier Street under the supervision of a conservation architect and with oversight and cooperation from the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, who have confirmed that no damage or material alteration was made to the National Monument as a result of the works.

Dublin City Council is paying a lease sum of €195,000 per annum and is working with the PMVT to market the property to source an appropriate use for the property for the lease term.

Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager ask An Garda Síochána to place the national flag on the exterior of the new Kevin Street Garda HQ?

Reply:

This is a matter for An Garda Síochána, who may be contacted as follows: Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Kevin Street Garda Station, 41 Upper Kevin Street, Dublin 8, D08 PW26.

Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager initiate an upgrade of the lighting on Sycamore Street and Crane Lane? These streets are now widely used in the late evening and the lighting at present is highly inadequate.

Reply:

The existing lighting here will be upgraded to LEDs as part of a future upgrade project.

Engineer, Public Lighting, tel.: 222 4452, email: Nicola.oshea@dublincity.ie

Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager please give an update as to when the lights on York Street / Mercer Street will be completely fixed? In the meantime can the manager have an auxiliary or a temporary light placed at this location? It is still very dangerous there for children and the elderly.

Reply:

Notification was received from the ESB on 31st October 2018 stating that the light at the junction of York Street and Mercer Street is fixed.

Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report with regards a meeting that took place between disability groups and traffic management? This meeting was in relation to the Fitzwilliam Street cycle way.

Can the manager ascertain whether it was agreed at this meeting that emergency vehicles and fire tenders would be unable to get into this street under the present proposals for a cycle way?

Reply:

The Fitzwilliam Improvement Scheme design team met with representatives of the Public Participation Network (PPN) on Wednesday 12th September 2018. This meeting took the format of a presentation to the group.

During the meeting, the PPN raised concerns that emergency vehicles would be unable to access the street under the new proposals as they felt the carriageway would be too narrow.

The Sustainable Transport Unit can confirm that the proposed Fitzwilliam Improvement Scheme provides a minimum carriageway width of 6.5m (2 x 3.25m); it should be noted that this is the width from the edges of the car parking spaces on either side of the road. The road width proposed is in line with the recommendations of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, published by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, which states that the standard lane width on arterial and link streets should be 3.25m. The proposed route is identified as an arterial route by Dublin City Council. Therefore, the road width proposed is sufficient for emergency vehicles.

The design team has consulted with the fire brigade regarding the preliminary design of the scheme and discussions are ongoing due to the fire brigade's seasonal commitments.

Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue a report with regards the increased pedestrians in the South East Area, with particular reference to the city centre area? There would appear to be an overwhelming increase in the number of people walking. This has created a huge demand on our footpaths leading to many people having to walk onto the roadways. It is obvious that many of our footpaths are not fit for purpose and are very congested this issue needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. It is becoming a very dangerous place to try and walk with many junctions and traffic light areas becoming impassable and certainly impossible for anybody in a wheelchair or visually impaired, or indeed for the elderly.

Reply:

The Public Realm Masterplan for the City Core '*The Heart of the City*' 2016 aims to make Dublin a Pedestrian Friendly City by providing more space for pedestrians and more opportunities for pedestrians to disperse through the city. This involves expanding and improving the pedestrian network and creating more pedestrian friendly routes through the city. The masterplan will be delivered through a series of capital projects. Currently Phase 1 is progressing.

In addition to the masterplan, footpaths are widened and crossings are provided and / or improved where possible across the city through the development management process.

Dublin City Council Traffic Advisory Group promotes the sustainable mode of walking by recommending the construction of pedestrian crossing facilities in the city core as part of their annual program of works.

Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue an update with regards the ongoing difficulties that are being incurred by residents at the Milltown Bring Centre and car park? This carpark is now simply out of control and is becoming more and more dangerous for residents and pedestrians. There seems to be no order whatsoever at this carpark. Cars are zooming in and off the main busy road. Some cars are coming to park while others are coming to deposit waste, bottles etc. at all hours of the day and night. There is no signage to alert the motorists that this is a residential area. There is no signage on the main road that this is a carpark exit and entrance. Many cars are mounting the footpath in order to get in and out of the narrow entrance and residents in this area feel that this is a traffic disaster and dangerous accident waiting to happen. This issue has been on the agenda for over four years now. It would

appear that the city council are simply burying their head in the sand and nothing is being done here. Can we please respond to this issue once and for all?

Reply:

Waste management are not in a position to relocate the bottle banks at the Milltown Car Park. Furthermore the bottle banks have an established use and are well used by the local community.

Waste Management will endeavour to improve signage at the bring centre to inform members of the public that the bottle banks are located in a residential area.

Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the area manager issue an instruction to the Free Walking Tours management to stop using Bernardo Square as their assembly point? This little square has been commandeered by this commercial company without any permit or license for Dublin City Council (DCC). It has completely eroded any normal use for citizens and city dwellers to just simply sit there and relax and enjoy the city and surrounding area.

The square is crammed with commercial walking tours who encourage large tours to scream and shout for a group photo before the tour begins. This in itself constitutes an anti-social behaviour and annoyance for the local residents and indeed passers-by. These walking tours assemble en masse at this location and have been doing so for a number of years.

This public amenity has become no longer public. From early Sunday morning throughout the entire week these commercial "Free Walking Tours" gather and dominate the space without any consideration for any other users. This would never be allowed to happen in our parks or in any other areas of our amenities and bearing in mind that these tours are commercial entities, DCC has an obligation to manage them correctly and to insist that these companies use elsewhere or pay Dublin City Council some form of a license fee for the use of such a space.

Reply:

The South East Area Office emailed the company at info@dublinfreewalkingtour.ie on the 30th October 2018, as requested.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

*Details supplied and her ten year old daughter are living in her parents' city council apartment with her mother, father and younger brother. She has been on the council Housing List for almost ten years and is awaiting a two bedroom apartment. Her daughter has for several years been the victim of bullying from a group of children in the housing complex. Unfortunately, matters have escalated very seriously in recent months. Her daughter is being severely bullied, including being punched, kicked, having drinks poured on her, jeered and taunted. The bullying has reached a stage where her daughter now does not venture outside of the home. Details supplied works full time and is a single parent. To ask the manager (a) to prioritise this housing application as a matter of urgency on the basis of exceptional social grounds and (b) to identify precisely what, if any documentation needs to be provided in this specific case for this priority to be granted.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the housing waiting list since 2010 in Band 2 for two bedroom accommodation with the following position.

- 52 for two bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Pearse St., Mount St.)

Dublin City Council is allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. With regard to anti-social activity the applicant (details supplied) should contact the South East Area Office on 222 2243 to arrange a meeting with the Project Estate Officer for the area. If the applicant wishes to apply for housing on exceptional social grounds they should contact the Housing Welfare Section on 222 2233 and they will advise them on what documentation is required for an applicant to be considered under exceptional social grounds.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I have raised on a number of occasions the condition and general cleanliness of the area adjacent to and at the railway bridge at Merrion Church. At the October 2016 SEAC I asked the following question and received the following response:

“Q.12 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Area Manager to arrange for the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church) to be cleaned as it is currently very dirty. This question refers in particular to the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned on the 27th September 2016. Contact will be made with Irish Rail to ensure that they clean up their property at this location.

Contact:

Mick Boyle, Senior Staff Officer, Waste Management Services, tel.: 222 4240, email: mick.boyle@dublincity.ie”

At the January 2017 meeting I proposed the following motion which was passed unanimously:

“Motion 12 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee thanks Iarnród Éireann for the clean-up conducted at the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular at the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews following the motion passed at the November meeting of the SEAC. However, notwithstanding the considerable improvement, a significant portion of the original rubbish remains, with the area under the footbridge remaining the most acutely affected. Regrettably, the area remains generally dirty and unhygienic and there is still a lot of litter and bottles scattered around and gives the impression of being a dumping ground which cultivates the accumulation of further waste. In circumstances where one further effort will significantly enhance the area and maximise the return on the works which have been carried out to date, this committee requests that Iarnród Éireann completes this job and resolves to write to Iarnród Éireann to so request.”

Regrettably, the state of cleanliness at this area has recently deteriorated yet again. Furthermore, there seems to be a degree of uncertainty as to which part of this area is the responsibility of Dublin City Council and which part falls within the domain of Irish Rail. A constituent recently received a communication from Dublin City Council in which Waste

Management Services stated that area was bridge number OBR65A and a matter for Irish Rail. However, clearly the Irish Rail territory stops at some point and, as stated in the reply to my question in October 2016, there are “*parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council*”. Therefore, to ask the Manager:

- (a) To provide a coloured map of the area surrounding the footbridge over the Dart line between the Merrion Gates and Sydney Parade Avenue (which is the bridge from behind Ailesbury Mews and the OSG office building into Merrion Parish Church), and in particular the footpath and surrounding area between the railway line and the OSG building / Ailesbury Mews, which clearly delineates thereon which part of the area is the responsibility of Irish Rail and which part is the responsibility of Dublin City Council;
- (b) To clean the part of the area falling within the remit of Dublin City Council, especially the footpaths on both sides of the bridge; and
- (c) To cut back the growth along the public footpath which leads into the OSG car park.

Reply:

- a) Maps indicating those areas named above within the remit of Dublin City Council will be provided by our Roads Technician. Maps indicating those areas within the remit of Irish Rail were requested from Irish Rail on 6th November 2018. Their reply indicates that the points from A to B on the map below are in the ownership of CIE.



- b) Waste Management Services have made arrangements to have the parts of this location which comes under the remit of Dublin City Council cleaned.
- c) The public footpath is not under the maintenance of Parks Services.

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to paint the street signs for Richelieu Park, Sandymount. One of these two street signs was recently featured in this article on broadsheet.ie (<https://www.broadsheet.ie/2018/10/23/all-for-one-2/>) and is in a state of unacceptable disrepair.

Reply:

This nameplate will be re-painted.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

On 16th October 2018 a resident of Cranfield Place, Sandymount had to leave his home to get medication from the pharmacy for his sick child. However, notwithstanding that his vehicle was parked in his driveway, a vehicle had unlawfully parked in front of his driveway and he was unable to leave his home by car. He reported the incident to Dublin City Council Clamping & Tow Away on 01 6022 500 at 7.56pm. He was informed that there was

no guarantee someone from the service would call to his home. As warned, no-one came to his home to tow the offending vehicle. The driver of the car returned to it at 9.30pm and proceeded to do a U-turn and then drove the wrong way down what is a one-way street. This experience is not uncommon for the resident in question. On the many occasions that he has been forced to call Clamping & Tow Away, only once has a tow truck or parking monitor attended. To ask the manager:

- (a) When major events are taking place at the Aviva stadium, is there an increase in the numbers of tow trucks and parking monitors on active duty?; and
- (b) If not, to ensure that when events are taking place at the Aviva Stadium, adequate tow trucks and parking monitors are on duty and available in the surrounding area.

Reply:

Dublin City Council has developed the Aviva Stadium and Croke Park Major Event Parking Enforcement protocol in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and Aviva Stadium and Croke Park and this has been incorporated into their individual Major Event Plans. The protocol sets out roles, responsibilities and lines of communication between the relevant stakeholders. The council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), operates in the immediate area primarily under the direction of the gardaí on major event days.

DSPS provide a free vehicle relocation service to the gardaí where a vehicle has to be relocated for crowd safety reasons. A dedicated removals truck is assigned for this purpose. In addition to removals this crew also carry out enforcement as does another dedicated enforcement crew. These resources operate solely in the immediate area. In addition normal enforcement activities are maintained city wide.

Croke Park, Aviva Stadium, An Garda Síochána and the council through their individual websites, social media and Traffic VMS signage promote the use of public transport, advise on parking legally and also advise that enforcement by way of clamping is in force.

Enforcement on match days and prior to other events is typically carried out on surrounding roads early in the day prior to traffic and crowd build up in the area when unrestricted access is possible. Early enforcement in this way also acts as a deterrent to other motorists who then arrive later in the day when attending the stadiums. Aside from this, enforcement levels and response time to individual complaints largely depend on a number of issues, i.e. the teams playing, nature of the event, garda resources deployed and Health & Safety issues as these all affect the ease with which enforcement crew can move around the area to carry out enforcement.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

There has been an ongoing problem for some time with illegal dumping in the parking area on Mulberry Lane, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. The council left a large skip-bag of rubbish in the lane (**see photo attached**) and this has now been there for over three months. It has also appeared to encourage further rubbish dumping near the council yard and, in recent weeks, vagrants set fire to one of these piles of rubbish. Furthermore, the skip bag and rubbish pile are an eyesore. While there are plans to improve the public amenity of the lane and the adjacent council yard with the introduction of a Men's Shed, at present this area is being used as a dumping ground which is unacceptable. Accordingly, to ask the manager to ensure that this lane is given a complete cleaning and monitored thereafter to prevent repeat dumping.



Reply:

A detailed clean-up of Mulberry Lane took place on Wednesday the 31st October 2018. The local litter warden will monitor this area on a regular basis.

“No dumping” signs will also be erected in Mulberry Lane.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

I asked the following question at the South East Area Committee meeting in December 2016 and in March 2017 received the response which follows it:

“Q.51 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where I have been approached by the Chair of the Board of Management of Star of the Sea National School, Sandymount, Dublin 4, to ask the area manager to instigate a full review of the flow of traffic on Leahy’s Terrace, Sandymount, Dublin 4 given the ever present and substantive threat of an accident occurring at this location. For many years the situation which entails when children are brought to and collected from school has created serious risks to the welfare of all users of Leahy’s Terrace such that the present position requires review. This review should include an observation of the situation on a weekday morning during the school term.

Reply:

The parking along Leahy Terrace is already regulated. There are defined Pay & Display parking bays along its entirety. To ensure that the front of the school remains clear, “RRM 010 School Keep Clear Markings” are already installed. In addition, the road is traffic calmed with the provision of 3 no. full width ramps and School Ahead signs are erected.

Unfortunately the majority schools experience congestion during pickup / drop off times. Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport and public transportation above that of the private car.

All physical measures available to the Traffic Department are implemented with appropriate signage, lining and traffic calming in place, as well as defined parking arrangements. Poor driver behaviour / illegal parking is a matter for the Gardaí.”

In the intervening twenty months the problem which prompted this question has persisted. It reached critical point in the first week of October 2018 when a 5th Form pupil at the school was knocked down. With respect, given the serious safety risks faced by children at the school at present the response provided to me in March 2017 is inadequate and no longer fit for purpose. To ask the manager to revisit my original request and to provide a comprehensive response and implement appropriate solutions as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Further traffic calming measures such as 30 km/hr have already been implemented on Leahy's Terrace. Lower speed limits mean safer streets and calmer communities with a view to encouraging a mind-set shift in motorists to slow down in residential areas.

As part of the South East Area Works Program, there are buildouts going to be implemented on Leahy's Terrace near St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church.

It is also crucial that all road users be aware of and adhere to the rules of the road at all times to ensure the safety of all and to set a good example to our younger people.

Q.31 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the manager to repair the large and very dangerous pothole on Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh, which is located on the section of the road between, on opposite sides, Young's estate agents and Mario's restaurant. It is particularly lethal for cyclists.

Reply:

This pothole will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.32 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Extensive and intrusive water leak repair works have been taking place in Malone Gardens, Dublin 4 and these disrupted the bin collection of *details supplied. Specifically, the water repair works were due to be completed on 4th October 2018, as per official notice received from Irish Water. However, the work continued long after this and no update was provided by Irish Water or the contractors carrying out the work on its behalf. On the evening of 7th October details supplied put his bins out for collection the following morning. However, before the bins were collected the water repair people working in Malone Gardens moved the bin back into the resident's garden. As a result, his bin was not collected. The bin was full at that stage but because of these actions was not collected for two weeks thereafter. This came on top of a week of significant extended disruption to the whole estate, including but not limited to, being unable to access his driveway. The resident then made a complaint to Irish Water. However, while he received an acknowledgement, he did not receive any plan to achieve resolution. Accordingly, to ask the manager to forward this complaint to Irish Water recording that this has been done at my request as a local councillor and noting that I call on Irish Water to provide an adequate response to details supplied] as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

This is a matter for Irish Water. Complaints regarding their services may be sent to them directly at the following: localrepsupport@water.ie. [This email is set up specifically for public representatives only.](#)

Q.33 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she can confirm when a promised new door damaged due to a break in and during the snows earlier this year will be installed at *details supplied.

Reply:

Repairs were carried out to the door and it was planed and refitted earlier this year. However, inspections carried out during the week revealed that a weather strip and night latch were required and these have since been installed. The door was found to be in good condition and does not need to be replaced. No further action is required at this time.

Q.34 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if she will arrange for an immediate active response to the legitimate issues raised in the email submitted with this question in relation to illegal parking along Ranelagh, Sandford and Clonskeagh roads.

I'm a resident of Rathgar / Rathmines and I work in Clonskeagh. I commute to work by bicycle each weekday. Every morning and evening there are cars parked illegally in the bicycle lanes.

As you can see from my selection of photographs, it matters not what time of the day it is. Motorists will continue to flout the law and park in a clearway, which clearly states that "Stopping or Parking is Prohibited" in the times shown. I ride my bicycle along this road in the morning at 9-9.30 am and in the evenings between the hours of 5.30 - 6.30pm. Since I began working in the Clonskeagh area, not once have I seen the Gardaí handing out a ticket to the motorists who park illegally, nor have I ever seen even one vehicle clamped on this section of road. Moreover, I cannot remember a single day whereby the bicycle lane was not blocked by a car parked illegally.

Reply:

Suburban village locations, such as at Ranelagh, present significant enforcement problems for enforcement crew. Drivers of many vehicles at these locations remain with the vehicle while passengers visit local shops or where the driver does visit a shop they very often quickly return to the vehicle. In either case it is not possible for enforcement crew to clamp the vehicle. Additionally, where crew can clamp a vehicle at this type of location they must balance the need for enforcement with the possibility that the vehicle will remain clamped in place rather than being driven away, thereby causing ongoing obstruction for a protracted period of time even if the driver returns to the vehicle quite quickly.

Nevertheless, the route indicated in the question is considered a primary route to and from the city and as such receives significant attention at appropriate times during the day for enforcement of illegal parking. In the period September to October there have been 45 enforcements on the route primarily for cycle track and clearway parking offences.

Dublin Street Parking Services will continue to monitor this route and will take appropriate enforcement action wherever possible.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"My daily commute by bicycle to and from work in Ringsend Basin takes me via the laneway running from Ashton's Pub to Brookvale Road Donnybrook. I am writing to enquire if additional lighting could be installed in this laneway as there are sections of it that are pitch dark. It is dangerous to cycle through in general. I feel that if it were better lit then more pedestrians and cyclists would use this lane."

Reply:

The installation of lighting here will be considered as part of a future upgrade project.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to ascertain from Irish Rail as to why the Dart level crossing gates go up quicker on the north as against when leaving going south at Sandymount Station. What is the official position?

Reply:

This is a matter for Irish Rail, who may be contacted as follows; Jim Meade, Chief Executive, Iarnród Éireann, Connolly Station, Dublin D01 V6V6, email: community.liaison@irishrail.ie

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

A constituent writes that it is a great idea to put three pedestrian crossings on Sandymount Green in an attempt to slow down traffic and to make the green more accessible. She believes there may be a possibility that the number 18 bus stop might be reinstated opposite 13 Sandymount Green right beside one of the proposed pedestrian crossings.

She would be opposed to this as it would make the green inaccessible and it would slow down the traffic and contribute to noise and grease on the road surface.

Reply:

The area engineer contacted Dublin Bus regarding the above question, and Dublin Bus confirmed they have no plans to reinstate the bus stop opposite at 13 Sandymount Green.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to address the following issue on Sandymount Green. Under the new proposals for the improvement of pedestrian facilities of Sandymount Green is it proposed to retain the pedestrian lights at Gilford Road adjacent to the veterinary clinic?

Reply:

The proposal scheme for Sandymount Green will not affect the pedestrian lights at Gilford Road adjacent to the veterinary clinic. This pedestrian facility will be retained.

Q.39 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have dog waste signs placed along the Dodder at the Marian College end.

Reply:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs along the Dodder River at the Marian College end.

Q.40 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a vehicle removed from Claremont Road, Sandymount at village end (see photo attached).

Reply:

I inspected Claremont Road on the 2nd November 2018 and the above mentioned vehicle was gone. No further action necessary in this case.

Q.41 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager for extra road sweeping on Sydney Parade Avenue, Sandymount as there are a lot of trees which shed a lot of debris, particularly at this time of the year. This is a very busy thoroughfare that warrants particular attention.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that Sydney Parade Avenue is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme throughout the autumn and winter months.

Q.42 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issue. A constituent writes:

"I live in Ballsbridge and walk (a varying) 6 to 8 kilometre circuit every day in the area. In the last six months, I can recall only three occasions that I have seen street sweeping taking place. The last time was last week outside the RDS.

The last storm we experienced in the city was around the 18th and 19th of September. Since then large branches which fell in that storm have remained on some footpaths and leaves have been allowed to accumulate and rot. This causes obstruction and safety issues. We had bad weather in spring and debris that fell then has never been cleared on the section of Ailesbury Road from Sydney Parade to the Merrion Road. Barriers used for footpath repairs on the junction of Ailesbury Road and Shrewsbury Road were left strewn on the footpath for three weeks.

I presume and hope the Pembroke area has an appropriate cleaning schedule which should be implemented. Can you confirm that a schedule is in place and let me know why the streets in our area are not being swept frequently? I would assume each street would have a weekly or bi-weekly cleaning schedule."

Reply:

We had the storm debris removed from this area on the 19th October 2018.

The main arterial routes and shop fronts in the Pembroke area are cleaned on a daily basis. The residential areas there are inspected on a weekly basis and are cleaned when deemed necessary to do so. As cleaning is based on inspection there is no specific schedule for every road in this area. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of the Pembroke area to see if some improvements can be made.

Q.43 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the concerns expressed from a business in Chatham Street re no enforcement of parking laws:

"I am contacting you from *details supplied, to ask the simple question as to why Dublin Street Parking Services are not enforcing laws on Chatham Street and adjacent streets during certain times?

On Chatham Street for the past 18 months consistently on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings circa 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm cars are parked illegally along the street. The cars involved are part of a soup kitchen that sets up on Grafton Street. The section outside Neary's is supposed to be a pedestrian zone after 11am. In addition there are double yellow lines on the street.

In addition to parking in a pedestrian zone, these cars block our exit and entrance, which raises concerns over fire safety, it is dangerous for pedestrians using the street when cars are parking and particularly when leaving, undertaking a u turn in a confined area. It also is not good for our business as it puts people off walking down a dangerous street.

When the lack of enforcement first started, I phoned your service advising that cars were parking illegally, requesting that something be done about it. On one occasion I observed the clamping van arriving, the staff observed the cars, spoke to car owners and drove off, taking no action. I gave up reporting as no action was taken. If I or another member of the public parked on the street, I have no doubt the cars would be clamped. I would be obliged if you can state why the group involved in consistently parking illegally are not subject to the same enforcement as I would be ?

Subsequently I have been liaising with the Garda in particular our community Garda Michael Hannon, despite his best efforts the problem persists. Why can the Garda not enforce or appear unwilling to enforce the law either?

On a few occasions a staff member here asked for a car to be moved and was verbally abused.

Chatham Street is currently undergoing an upgrade which is most welcome, I want a commitment that the parking laws will be enforced to bring a stop to the above problem I want the parking services and Garda to revert to me setting out how they will address the situation."

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) were aware of issues at this location and on instruction from Dublin City Council monitored the location for illegal parking. However, when they attended the location, motorists were either in the vehicles or came back to the vehicles and DSPS was unable to take enforcement action. In addition, there are ongoing

resurfacing works taking place in the area. On inspection, it was noted that the appropriate signage had been temporarily removed. On reinstatement, this location will be subject to further enforcement action as necessary.

Q.44 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue:

To have extra road sweeping of leaves on Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge and Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge. Currently this is a major issue as many of these deciduous trees are substantive and mature.

Reply:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the above mentioned areas are included as often as possible in our leaves removal schedule during the autumn and winter months.

Q.45 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with this issue from a constituent,

"Despite several submissions to Dublin City Council over the last number of years we are still waiting to have the lamp standards in Donnybrook Village re-painted. A touch up job was done on the base of only some lamp standards but clearly a lot more work needs to be done. We were reminded by TidyTown's Adjudication Report 2018 of the historic value of some of the lamp standards in the village and they have given added impetus to the need for repainting these. The lamp standards of Morehampton Road / Donnybrook Road need to be addressed.

"The old tram poles along Morehampton Road, now used as light standards, are a lovely reminder of the history of our urban street furniture. However the green paint is looking old, faded and is peeling and needs to be repainted." - National TidyTown's Adjudicator Report for Donnybrook 2018.

Reply:

The poles on Donnybrook Road and Morehampton Road have been surveyed and they will be included on a future painting programme subject to the necessary finances being made available.

Q.46 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager that the Libraries Department provides a toilet to be available to the public in Terenure Library. Currently there is no facility and it's especially distressing for children visiting there.

Reply:

Officials investigated the provision of a toilet some years ago as part of proposed accessibility works. It's not a simple job (as it was in Raheny or Dolphin's Barn for example) as the two buildings are not connected to each other except via the staff corridor. So, the corridor would need to be reconfigured to allow library users from either building to access it.

Libraries' management will revisit the issue but the current view is that the toilet could only be provided as part of the larger works which are under consideration.

Q.47 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager that the traffic lights at the Rathgar junction be examined to allow better movement of through traffic especially during peak rush hours morning and evening.

"I am one of the number of people using the 15b bus which passes through your constituency and wanted to see if anything can be done to try and help with the ridiculous traffic situations for public transport users in the morning.

For the last number of weeks our 7.20am service has hit the end of Zion Road at any time between 7.45am and 7.50am and we are currently spending anywhere up to between 15-20 minutes sitting in traffic just to make it the 500 meters from the Church on the bend of Zion Road to the right turn on Rathgar Road which is a complete joke. I am sure checking with Dublin Bus will confirm this also.

When the filter light at that junction go green there is not enough time being left on the filter signal for a decent amount of traffic to get through and then cars who are trying to go down Highfield Road are blocking the junction meaning buses can't get around as they don't have enough space to manoeuvre around the stopped cars.

The 14 and 15b use this road and with very full morning services at peak there could be about 170-180 people between the two buses, every ten to fifteen minutes, and these are subjected to these delays which is not good enough.

I am hoping one of you can direct the complaint to someone to see if some mechanism can be looked as a priority and resolve this as a journey that should take 40 - 45 minutes in the morning is taking over an hour just to get to Camden Street!

There is also the reverse of this in the evening with traffic backed up from Rathmines to the same junction again due to the bad timing on the lights again causing public transport users to be subject to long delays in the area. People are being encouraged to use public transport and it's not a great advertisement for it when people are delayed constantly due to traffic mismanagement."

Reply:

Dublin City Council ITS section has evaluated the junction at Rathgar Village regarding delays to buses approaching the junction via Orwell Road. Bus Priority measures, implemented via the SCATS adaptive traffic signal system, are in place at this junction to assist buses on all approaches. Issues have been identified, in the morning peak, with traffic waiting to turn into Highfield Road and measures to assist to rectify this situation are currently in the process of being implemented.

Further evaluation of the Zion Road / Orwell Road approach will be undertaken to identify further measures to assist public transport along this route.

Q.48 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager for a progress report on the issues raised at the on-site meeting at Mount Argus Park on Tuesday 23rd October, with particular concern about

1. Parking on corners which is a serious safety hazard, as these cars cause blind spots and requires double yellow lines.
2. Public lighting in the park is very poor and needs to be upgraded.
3. General tidying up of the park particularly the back bank, river and pond drainage and tree pruning.
4. Litter disposal facilities, possibly a belly bin.

Reply:

1. The issue of parking on corners will be referred to Parking Enforcement and also to Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) regarding the request for double yellow lines.
2. We will examine the lighting within the park at Mount Argus and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future public lighting project, subject to the necessary finances being available.

3. Work on cutting back and clearing out island shrubberies and some sections of vegetation near the river has commenced and is planned to be completed over the next 2 weeks. The pond has been cleared out and some dead trees have been removed from the park. Tree pruning is scheduled and will occur over the next 2 months.
4. There are 2 bins in the park that facilitate litter disposal, however there is a problem with the dumping of household waste adjacent to the bins. Park staff are working with Waste Management with regard to this issue. 'Big Belly' bins can be considered in the future for this location as resources allow.

I will ask both Waste Management and Parks to examine whether there are enough litter bins in the vicinity of Mount Argus Park.

Q.49 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to consider *details supplied for housing transfer. Details supplied resides with her husband and seven children in a two bedroom flat. She has four girls and four boys sleeping in one bedroom with pull out beds, bunk beds and a cot. Their present overcrowding is unbearable for the family. They also have a tiny bathroom and a kitchen with limited storage and no room for table etc.

They all have to eat in the sitting room and are literally sitting on top of each other with a room not suitable for a family of nine people. Two of her children have diabetes and asthma. They have been on the transfer list for 12 years and living in present accommodation for the past 14 years. They would be happy to transfer to suitable accommodation in Dublin 2, 4, or 8 area.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the transfer waiting list in Band 2. The family require five bedroom accommodation but due to the shortage of five bedroom accommodation the family have been listed for three bedroom and four bedroom as well. The family have the following positions on the transfer waiting list.

- 83 for three bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown).
- 14 for four bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown).
- 2 for five bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown).
- 54 for three bedroom accommodation in Area L (Clanbrassil, Coombe/Maryland, Kilmainham, Charlemont, York St., Rialto, Ushers Quay, Dolphin's Barn).
- 6 for four bedroom accommodation in Area L (Clanbrassil, Coombe/Maryland, Kilmainham, Charlemont, York St., Rialto, Ushers Quay, Dolphin's Barn).
- 3 for five bedroom accommodation in Area L (Clanbrassil, Coombe/Maryland, Kilmainham, Charlemont, York St., Rialto, Ushers Quay, Dolphin's Barn).
- 25 for three bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St.).
- 6 for four bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St.).
- 1 for five bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Mount St., Pearse St.).

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

All tenants who wish to transfer must have a clear rent a/c or have made an agreement to pay their arrears and be in substantial compliance with the agreement.

Q.50 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have carbon monoxide alarm installed at *details supplied. The resident reports his neighbours have had alarm installed but no one has come to his home to have same installed.

Reply:

As part of the conditional surveys currently being carried out throughout Dublin City Council properties, fire detection alarm systems, including carbon monoxide detectors will be installed in all our properties. This property has been noted and a conditional survey will be carried out in it before the end of November.

Q.51 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the following repairs done *details supplied:

1. Vents fitted in all rooms (there are no vents at present in any of the rooms).
2. Sitting room fire proof door (present door is not fire proof and has a gap at the top).
3. Fix locks on doors in flat.
4. New front hall door (present door is not secure and is not draught proof).
5. Resident has been having terrible trouble with his boiler that heats the gas. Possible new one needs to be installed or repaired.
6. Have a kitchen door installed. Presently there is no kitchen door and the gentleman is having trouble keeping his flat warm.

Reply:

The boiler was serviced recently and was found to be in good working order and does not need to be replaced.

Housing Maintenance have had no prior notification of the remaining repair requests. These have now been registered and will be investigated in the next five to ten working days.

Q.52 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to have the following repairs done in *details supplied:

1. Replace kitchen window in the lady's flat as she cannot open it, as when she does the window falls in on her.
2. Install carbon monoxide alarms in flat.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance had no prior notification of this request. It has now been registered and will be inspected to determine the relevant course of action required to make good the window. As part of the conditional surveys currently being carried out throughout Dublin City Council properties, fire detection alarm systems, including a carbon monoxide detectors will be installed in all our properties. A conditional survey will be carried out in this property before the end of November.

Q.53 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate draught in *details supplied. The lady is in her 90s and says she cannot keep her flat warm as heat is escaping the sitting room window, front door etc. Please take steps to fix this issue for her. Possible draught excluders and ensure windows are double glazed etc.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance had no prior record of these repair requests. These repair requests have been noted and they will be investigated during the coming week. Should double glazing units be required, we will make arrangements to have same installed.

Q.54 Councillor Sonya Stapleton

To ask the manager to investigate flat at *details supplied and resolve dampness / mould in bedroom flat, also skirting board falling off due to crumbling wall and dampness (see photo below).



Reply:

Housing Maintenance had no prior record of these repair requests. They have now been registered and we will carry out inspections in this property in the next five to ten working days to ascertain the cause of the mould and to make arrangements to attend to this matter.

Q.55 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager consider measures to curb speeding along Northbrook Avenue? This is an area where a lot of young children reside and it is also a thoroughfare for drivers seeking to access Ranelagh Gardens.

Reply:

This request will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.56 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can Morehampton Terrace be resurfaced?

Reply:

Morehampton Terrace is being considered for inclusion in our 2019 Resurfacing Programme.

Q.57 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm the leaf collection schedule for Pembroke Park?

Reply:

Waste Management Services cleared leaves from Pembroke Park during the week ending 4th November 2018. We will ensure that this road is included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme throughout the autumn and winter months.

Q.58 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager confirm the arrangements for leaf collection in Ballsbridge over the winter?

Reply:

Waste Management Services are currently operating our leaves removal programme in the South East area and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. As leaves removal is a labour intensive and time consuming task, it takes time to get around to all parts of the area. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some residential associations get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves in their area. The Ballsbridge area is currently being cleared of leaves and will be included as often as possible during the course of our leaves removal programme.

Q.59 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can a non-smoking area near Noshington in Harold's Cross Park be provided?

Reply:

The Public Health Tobacco Acts govern smoking in the workplace. All our cafés, including the one in Harold's Cross, are compliant with the current legislation i.e. there is no smoking inside the café therefore Dublin City Council cannot place conditions in the licence agreement that stipulate that the outdoor seating area or parts thereof be smoke free.

The outdoor seating area is open air, there is no legislation which requires this area to be non-smoking, and designating part of this as no smoking would not be practical as breezes would be likely to blow smoke from the smoking area into the non-smoking area defeating the purpose.

Q.60 Councillor Claire O'Connor

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

Reply:

As part of Dublin City Council's Future Works Programme, the Traffic Advisory Group recommended a pedestrian crossing on the four arms of this junction, subject to the availability of funding.

Q.61 Councillor Claire O'Connor

Can the manager look into environmental concern re Leo Labs? Industrial lighting is running 24 hours per day (affects residential homes). There is constant noise coming from site.

Reply:

Clarification was sought from the councillor, upon receipt of which, the matter will be examined.

Q.62 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to link with local residents' groups to run a dog show in Eaton Square as part of the ongoing education campaign about dog fouling.

Reply:

The Community Development Team run a small number of dog shows each year that are concentrated in core village areas / parks and greens. We would be unable to run individual dog shows in smaller locations as the costs involved would make this very expensive. We will engage with Eaton Square however and encourage them to get involved in dog shows close to them and we can run awareness campaigns there.

Eaton Square was included in a recent patrol that took place mainly in Dublin City Council parks and green areas throughout the south east area. These patrols involved engagement with dog owners as regards their responsibilities when out walking their dogs in public places. Dog poo bags were handed out free of charge to many dog walkers. The

patrols were carried out by South East area staff accompanied by Dog Wardens. On the spot license checks were carried out while on patrol.

Q.63 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to provide an update on the issue in Grove Road flats raised by several councillors last month.

Reply:

Dublin City Council (DCC) has requested a contractor to carry out a survey at this location regarding the installation of automated gates and when they have completed same, to submit a quotation for the installation. When we have received a quotation we will then be in a position to evaluate this further. DCC has also asked a CCTV contractor to carry out a survey and submit a quotation for the same location and when received we will evaluate both. The Area Housing Manager will then seek funding for either or both options.

Q.64 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to look at planting ivy on the wall at the end of Mount Argus Close, where there is a large unsightly wall, this planting would help improve the amenity of the area.

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services have met with the Roads Department with regard to creating planting holes along the wall at this location. Once the Roads Department undertake this work Parks will facilitate the planting of self-clinging climbers along the wall.

Q.65 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to investigate the legality of a commercial kennels being operated from *details supplied and to enforce the law if it is an unauthorised use of the premises.

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement Section will investigate this matter and respond to the councillor on conclusion of our investigations.

Q.66 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for a clean-up of the lane at the rear of SuperValu in Rathgar Village and to schedule it for regular clean-ups. A previous clean-up and weed spraying was much appreciated by local residents, but the lane is now in a bad state again and provides an environment for anti-social behaviour.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 5th November 2018.

Q.67 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for double yellow lines to be put along both sides of the road on the entrance to Terenure Gate on Terenure Road West. This new development is completely congested and blocked by cars at (Presentation School) drop off and pick-up times and the Gardaí cannot be there every day to manage the traffic problems and illegal parking on the pavement, etc.

Reply:

The area traffic engineer has reported that it is illegal to park on the public road i.e. on Terenure Road West, within 5 metres of the junction with Terenure Gate. The entrance road to Terenure Gate is private and not in the charge of Dublin City Council. It not possible, therefore, to consider the provision of parking restrictions on Terenure Gate.

Q.68 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for more street lighting on Oaklands Drive and for a badly broken up section of path outside 14 Oaklands Drive to be repaired. This road leads in to St. Luke's Hospital and has a reasonably heavy pedestrian footfall with hospital visitors and staff and the darkness of the road at night and on winter's evenings is a cause of concern as well as the trip hazards.

Reply:

We will examine the lighting on Oaklands Drive and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future public lighting project, subject to the necessary finances being available.

This footpath will be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.69 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to investigate the possibility of a filter light for traffic coming from Highfield Road and trying to get onto Rathgar Road at Rathgar Village. This can be really difficult at peak traffic times.

Reply:

The area traffic engineer has reported that it is not recommended to introduce a traffic signal at the junction with Highfield Road / Rathgar Road as this would delay the outbound public transport on Rathgar Road. There is a yellow box in place at this junction for traffic exiting Highfield Road onto Rathgar Road.

Q.70 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to clear the drains / gullies at the junction of Vernon Road and Templemore Road as they are blocked.

Reply:

The gullies at junction of Vernon Road and Templemore Road were checked on 01/11/2018 by the gully cleaning crew (SW1) and all of the gullies were cleaned.

Q.71 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to address the following traffic light issues with a view to a review of them:

- a) Highfield Road - the long wait for pedestrians, particularly children means they often don't wait, but run across this reasonably busy road.
- b) Dartry Road junction with St. Kevin's - pedestrian lights too fast for older people to make it safely across the road.
- c) To investigate the possibility of installing pedestrian lights on Upper Rathmines Road at the junction with Cowper Road or else with Highfield Road, for school going children to cross safely on their way to Scoil Bhride.

Reply:

- a & b) The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at these locations and will issue a follow up response when completed.
- c) A request for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Rathmines Road Upper and Highfield Road is listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

In relation to the junction of Rathmines Road Upper / Cowper Road, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of August, 2016, reported that following a site inspection, it is deemed that there is not enough demand or difficulty in crossing to warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Rathmines Road Upper / Cowper Road.

Q.72 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for the poles along Templemore Road to be painted fully. Recently a council worker half painted some of them, but hadn't a ladder to do the top half!

Reply:

Public Lighting Services do not paint just half a pole.

The painting carried out on the poles on Templemore Avenue was carried out by a third party without the knowledge or permission of Public Lighting Services.

The repainting of the poles on Templemore Avenue will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances.

Q.73 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for grass cutting to be done on Kimmage Grove. It appears that while other estates have been cut more recently, this housing estate of 67 houses has not had grass cut since May.

Reply:

The grass in Kimmage Grove has been cut in recent days.

Q.74 Councillor Anne Feeney

To ask the manager to arrange for sweeping and leaf collection to be carried out as a matter of urgency in the following areas which have large trees and are pedestrian routes to the Luas line. Due to the bad weather and trees which fell in the recent storm, the roads need to be swept and the gullies cleared before further heavy rainfall. Roads include: Cowper Road, Merton Road, Temple Gardens, Richmond Avenue South, Richview Park, Palmerston Park, Palmerston Lane, Temple Road, and Temple Villas. Also, around Palmerston Park there is a lot of debris which needs to be cleared.

Reply:

Waste Management Services were clearing leaves from the above mentioned areas during weekending the 4th November 2018 and will ensure that these areas are included as often as possible during our leaves removal programme throughout the autumn and winter months.

Road	Date of visit	Gullies inspected and cleaned
Cowper Road	6 - 8/11/2018	15 of 16
Merton Road	1 - 2/11/2018	15 of 16
Temple Gardens	04/11/2018	8 of 8
Richmond Avenue South	09/11/2018	18 of 18
Richview Park	01/11/2018	9 of 9
Palmerston Park	06/11/2018	24 of 26
Palmerston Lane	04/11/2018	2 of 2
Temple Road	8 - 9/11/2018	25 of 25
Temple Villas	Done as part of Temple Road.	

Parks Services have inspected the locations specified and we are not aware of any large debris remaining on roads or footpaths in the area. There are some items of debris in Palmerston Park itself which will be cut up and disposed of in the coming weeks after we have dealt with more pressing issues remaining from the recent storms.

Q.75 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager to consider a systemic improvement in the quality of the footpaths and crossing points between Lansdowne Road DART Station and the junction of Lansdowne Road and Northumberland Road as this route is used by persons with visual impairments. In particular could improvements in the footpath surface be considered in the vicinity of the many trees on the route such as using 'Flexipave' or other materials, and could the broken footpath surface be attended to.

Reply:

This length of footpath will be considered for our 2019 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

Q.76 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she can please provide a full list of road resurfacing projects planned for 2018 and 2019 in the Pembroke – South Dock ward.

Reply:

The 2019 Resurfacing Programme is currently being drafted. It will be available in the coming weeks.

Q.77 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she would please consider *details supplied 1 for housing in *details supplied 2 as she is currently living in an extremely overcrowded situation with her children which is causing distress.

Reply:

The applicant details supplied 1 is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 for two bedroom accommodation with the following position.

- 24 for two bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Pearse St., Mount St.)

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant's interest in details supplied 2 has been noted but it is unlikely that their number on the list for social housing support will be reached for the accommodation in details supplied 2.

Q.78 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please explain why details supplied was moved down the housing list rather than up, and if she can please provide assistance in finding this individual a home for her and her child as her current living situation is highly unsuitable for her and her daughter as they are living in an extremely overcrowded situation where her child is also experiencing bullying.

Reply:

The applicant (details supplied) is currently on the housing waiting list since 2010 in Band 2 for two bedroom accommodation with the following position.

- 52 for two bedroom accommodation in Area M (City Quay, Ringsend, Irishtown, Donnybrook, Pearse St., Mount St.)

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. With regard to anti-social activity the

applicant (details supplied) should contact the South East Area Office on 2222243 to arrange a meeting with the Project Estate Officer for the area. If the applicant wishes to apply for housing on exceptional social grounds they should contact the Housing Welfare Section on 2222233 to discuss their housing situation.

An applicant's position on the list may change due to applicants changing their address, adding children or removing children from their application or changing their areas of preference.

Q.79 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager if she could please ensure a litter enforcement officer regularly visits the Bath Avenue area as a means to addressing the on-going issue of dog fouling in the area.

Reply:

Bath Avenue and the nearby walkway along the Dodder have been included in recent patrols that took place mainly in Dublin City Council parks and green areas throughout the south east area. These patrols involved engagement with dog owners as regards their responsibilities when out walking their dogs in public places. Dog poo bags were handed out free of charge to many dog walkers. The patrols were carried out by south east area staff accompanied by dog wardens. On the spot license checks were carried out while on patrol. Dog license inspectors have been requested to carry out a door to door dog license check in this particular area.

Q.80 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager can she please address the on-going issue of illegal dumping in Mulberry Lane in advance of work being carried out here for the Men's Sheds project?

Reply:

A detailed clean-up of Mulberry Lane took place on Wednesday the 31st October 2018. The local litter warden will monitor this area on a regular basis.

"No dumping" signs will also be erected in Mulberry Lane.

Q.81 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the area manager how many unnecessary poles have been removed in the south east area since 2016 in accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan objectives.

Reply:

There are no unnecessary public lighting poles. Public Lighting poles are only removed when they are at the end of their design life and are being replaced with a new pole, if the pole was struck by a vehicle and was replaced, or if a new lighting scheme or an upgrade to the existing scheme is being installed. Once the lights on new poles are lighting, the old poles are always removed.

Two years ago this department received €5,000 to remove old unused sign poles. This resulted in approximately 50 - 60 redundant sign pole removals. In accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan objectives and as part of the upcoming 2019 Sign Cleaning Contract, the Environment & Transport Department will be incorporating a requirement to identify and log (using GPS co-ordinates and photos), **ALL** unused sign poles in the Dublin City Council area. This will identify the extent of the issue and also allow Dublin City Council to estimate the cost of removing redundant sign poles. As this is a citywide initiative exact details are not available for the South East Area.

A recent inspection by staff from the South East Area Office did identify a number of on street poles with no signage attached. These were found to be mostly traffic poles where the signage needed to be replaced and a list of same was forwarded to the Environment & Transport Department.