

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019

- 1 **Presentation from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the Metro Project.**
Order: Noted.
- 2 **Presentation on Planning Application 2706/19 re 15 - 17 Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4.**
Order: Noted.
- 3 **Presentation on review of the Scheme of Special Planning Control for Grafton Street and Environs.**
Order: Noted.
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2019.**
Order: Agreed.
- 5 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
 - i. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group meeting held on 30th April 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Report on Mountpleasant Traffic Trial.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on Dodder Greenway – Preferred Option.
Order: Noted.
- 6 **South East Area Matters**
 - i. South East Area Updates May 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - ii. Discretionary Fund Update May 2019.
Order: Noted.
 - iii. Report on proposal to name a development at Marianella, Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 as 1 – 107 Rostrevor Place.
Order: Agreed.

Motions 13th May 2019**Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests that a speed limit of 30 KPH be applied to Beach Road / Strand Road.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 2 from Councillor Dermot Lacey

This area committee agrees to write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to confirm our opposition to the demolition of Markievicz Pool and the apartments and houses at the same complex and that TII should find another way.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 3 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Due to a mugging recently on Temple Gardens which was recorded on a local security camera and also a car hijacking on Temple Road, this area which is a route from the LUAS station is unsafe especially for women walking on their own. It is agreed that the local area office will investigate ways of making this area safer i.e. examine the level of public lighting and take action on how to improve it, make sure that the trees are pruned on a regular basis to give maximum public lighting. Consult with Gardaí to see if there are any other measures that can be put in place to make the area safer.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 4 from Councillor Mary Freehill

That the council remain in contact with the current owners of the building previously occupied by DIT on Williams Park to make sure that they maintain their property. This area has become a dumping ground, especially behind the bushes along the window frames. If the building cannot be maintained then they should be required to remove these bushes.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 5 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Bin poo bags are available from most libraries. For some reason they are not available in all libraries. It is therefore resolved that supplies be made available in all libraries throughout DCC.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 6 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where multiple residents of Golden Lane, Dublin 8 (an area which is mostly residential encompassing four apartment blocks: Castle Way, Whitefriar Gardens, McDonagh House and the Iveagh Trust Complex, as well as a row of two story houses and a row of three story houses) have complained of a significant interference to the peace and tranquillity of their neighbourhood arising from the Viking Splash tour, which has been raised directly with management of that tour in both 2017 and 2019, this Committee resolves that the Manager should meet with the Viking Splash tour in order to suggest the relocation of the tour away from such a residential area. Separately, the Committee resolves that the Manager will also raise at this meeting the importance of the tour guides treating members of the public with respect in circumstances where concern has been expressed at the personalised nature of some comments made to or about members of the public by the tour guides.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 7 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

This committee records its outright rejection of the proposal to remove trees on the Merrion Road for the Bus Connects proposal and resolves to write to the National Transportation Authority to express its disapproval in this regard.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 8 from Councillor Frank Kennedy

In late 2016 / early 2017 a number of Metropole advertising structures were installed in the South East Area. One particularly egregious instance of this was in front of the American Embassy in Ballsbridge. In addition to being unsightly, a much greater problem is that the structure at this location is extremely dangerous, a serious distraction to road users and is in effect an accident waiting to happen. By way of illustration, a constituent advises that some years ago he was stopped at the lights on the left lane in front of the island where the sign is. A car shot by him on the right and broke the lights. A second car overtook him on the left and mounted the pavement and became buried in the flower bed – two plain clothes Gardaí emerged from the car. If the edifice which currently stands at this location had been in situ it is likely that there would have been fatalities. This Committee resolves that the Metropole at this location should be removed.

Order: Report to councillor.

Motion 9 from Councillor Mannix Flynn

That this committee of Dublin City Council support the building of a community centre at the vacant site on Fishamble Street; this site was approved for social housing that will now not proceed. It is important that this site does not lie vacant and be the subject of antisocial activity. The community at Temple Bar are entitled and deserve their own community facilities and centre that were never provided under the Temple Bar renewal project - it's time now for this to happen.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 10 from Councillor Patrick Costello

That this committee agrees to install sufficient bins in our local parks.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 11 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee welcomes An Bord Pleanála's decision with regards to the Poolbeg West SDZ, and welcomes this new development for the city, but calls on the Area Manager to ensure the following:

- That there are 900 social and affordable units delivered as agreed by this council (not 875).
- That all the social and affordable units are built on site.
- That we work to include a cost rental model as part of the housing mix.
- That we work with the creative community with regards to the design and delivery of the 40 artists' studios.
- That we work with the local and wider community to establish their needs in terms of the 5% community, creative and cultural space.
- That a committee is set up to deal with the above, with delivering the overall plan, and to deal with the issues arising during the development stage.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 12 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That, in light of further announcements that social housing in the Docklands SDZ will not be provided on site, that this area committee calls on the area, to explain why this is happening, what can be done to address this, where will the units be purchased, and to ensure that 10% Social Housing for the Docklands is delivered on site as is agreed in the SDZ.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 13 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee once again calls on the Area Manager to write to the Minister for Justice to ask him to reintroduce the Community Graffiti Reduction Programme as a matter of urgency, to assist local communities in the ever growing problem of graffiti on private property, and to find additional resources to support Gardaí in their efforts to address the problem.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 14 from Councillor Claire Byrne

That this area committee, recognises the historic, architectural and environmental importance of the South Georgian Core area, and asks the Area Manager if he will work with the local community and other relevant stakeholders to establish a shared residential vision and a coherent policy framework for the future of area.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 15 from Councillor Mary Freehill

It is generally recognised that engagement of the citizen in combatting climate change is key. Therefore it is agreed that a pilot scheme will be established in Kimmage Rathmines Ward by engaging community groups who will work together with DCC by setting up local action schemes as part of the implementation of recommendations in the 'Climate Change Action Plan'. As a first step it is agreed that an operational and implementation report will be presented to the June meeting of the LAC.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 16 from Councillor Mary Freehill

Having reported the problem of parking on double yellow lines (DYL) on Mount Argus Road, because of pinch points on this road, illegal parking can prevent residents from entering and egressing their homes by car; the council arranged for cars illegally parked to be clamped. Sadly this was a one weekend event and residents cannot get the clampers to call to the area on a regular basis.

This meeting resolves that Mount Argus Road be checked by the clampers for illegal parking on a number of occasions per day.

There are regular examples of dangerous parking by commuters on Church Park Mount Argus, sadly while these actions are very dangerous, the clampers refuse to come along and clamp these cars.

Therefore it is agreed that the Traffic Department have an on-site meeting with the residents' association to come up with a solution and to ensure safety of residents.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 17 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee agrees to an on-site meeting on Wasdale Park to meet residents and discuss options relating to traffic calming.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 18 from Councillor Patrick Costello

This committee asks the area engineer to examine the possibility of closing Richmond Hill and Mountpleasant Avenue Lower to through traffic with filtered permeability to continue allowing pedestrian and cycling traffic through. The current trial of no entry to Mountpleasant Avenue Upper has been successful in protecting pedestrians using that road, but has caused problems on the roads beside it. There have also been many cases of cars ignoring the signs and driving through the no entry point. Trialling filtered permeability will ensure that all the roads can have the

same benefit of reduced traffic and protection for vulnerable road users and pedestrians.

Order: Agreed.

Motion 19 from Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager for a copy of the last Dublin 4 / Ballsbridge street trees survey?

Order: Agreed.

8 **Questions 13th May 2019**

Order: Noted.

Cllr. Ruairí McGinley

Chairperson

Monday 13 May 2019

Attendance

Members:

Ruairí McGinley (Chairman)
Chris Andrews
Patrick Costello
Mary Freehill
Paddy McCartan

Members:

Claire O'Connor
Kieran Binchy
Anne Feeney
Frank Kennedy

Members:

Sonya Stapleton
Claire Byrne
Mannix Flynn
Dermot Lacey

Officers:

Brian Hanney
Brian Kirk
Mark Ginnetty
Neil O'Donoghue
Deirdre Scully

Eileen Martin
Paul McCann
Fiona O'Brien
Rossana Camargo
Eileen Buck

Brian Kavanagh
Declan Hayden
Leah Johnston
Andrew Duff
Alec Dundon

Non-Officials:

Aidan Foley, TII
Suzanne Angley, TII
Paolo Carbone, TII

Q.1 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have a new name plate installed on Auburn Road Donnybrook as the current plate is in a very dilapidated state (see photo).



Reply:

Arrangements will be made to replace this nameplate.

Q.2 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to respond to particular traffic query (details supplied).

Reply:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 27th November, 2018, received the following report from the Area Engineer on the location referenced:

Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36 (2) "A vehicle shall not be parked (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises" or "(c) within 5 metres of a road junction."

It is not recommended to introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the regulations, such as placing double yellow lines at a junction as this would lead to a proliferation of same.

Infringements of the regulations should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at 602 2500 or to the Gardaí as they occur.

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 27th November, 2018, therefore did not recommend double yellow lines at the location.

Q.3 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to renew public lights on Coulsen Avenue, Rathgar.

Reply:

There is no Public Lighting improvement programme for 2019. However, we will investigate the existing lighting on Coulsen Avenue, and any necessary improvements will be added to a list for inclusion in a future public lighting programme of improvements, subject to finances being made available. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager for an update on where Waterloo Lane is in relation to the roads resurfacing programme - it is in a disgraceful condition.

Reply:

Waterloo Lane will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Road Resurfacing Programme. In the interim it will be put on our works list for local repairs.

Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can ascertain when and why Strand Road / Beach Road was deemed to be an arterial road - rather than a local road given its total unsuitability to be designated in any way as a major road.

Reply:

The classification of roads are as follows:

- National primary route
- National secondary route
- Regional road

Strand Road and Beach Road are Regional Roads under the number R131/ R802, these are an arterial route that connects the N1 with Dublin Port.

It is referenced in the Road Traffic Act (S.I. No. 54/2012 - Roads Act 1993) the classification of Regional Roads Order 2012. Each public road mentioned by number beside the letter R in column, opposite a description of the road in column, of the Schedule is classified as a regional road.

The Regulation 2 SCHEDULE.

R131 Drumcondra Road — East Link Bridge — Merrion Gates, Dublin

Between its junction with R132 at Drumcondra Road and its junction with R118 at Merrion Road via Clonliffe Road, Poplar Row, East Wall Road, East Link Toll Bridge, Toll Bridge Road, Sean Moore Road, Beach Road and Strand Road all in the city of Dublin.

R802 Dorset Street — Bath Road, Dublin

Between its junction with R132 at Dorset Street Lower and its junction with R105 at Beresford Place via Gardiner Street Upper, Mountjoy Square West, Gardiner Street Middle and Gardiner Street Lower all in the city of Dublin and between its junction with R105 at Georges Quay and its junction with R111 at Church Avenue via Moss Street, Townsend Street, Sandwith Street, Pearse Street, Ringsend Road, Bridge Street, Irishtown road and Pembroke Street (and via Bath Street) all in the city of Dublin

Furthermore, Strand Road is part of the cordon restriction of 5+ axle vehicles; HGV Strategy provides for a ban on 5+ axle vehicles during the hours of 07.00-19.00 seven days a week from a designated cordon area and provides a limited permit scheme for 5+ axle vehicles that need to load/unload within the city centre area. During the hours of 07.00 – 19.00, seven days a week, HGVs with 5+ axles are not allowed to enter the restricted zone during these times unless they have a valid permit. On the other hand, during the hours 19.00 – 07.00, seven days a week, HGV's with 5+ axles are allowed to enter the restricted zone, even without a permit.

It is not possible to restrict the passage of heavy vehicles on this road as there are no other suitable road for the heavy vehicle to pass through.

Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he can have a survey conducted on the usage by trucks and lorries of Strand Road / Beach Road.

Reply:

A speed survey on Strand Road was carried out on the 11th May 2018 (7.00) and 12th May 2018 (8.00). The speed survey showed the 85% percentile speeds were below the speed limit of 50kph. The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be 44 km/h and speed violations were 3.22%.

- The total number of vans travelling on Strand Road were: 363
- The total number of trucks travelling on Strand Road were: 349
- The total number of buses travelling on Strand Road were:213

Please see the following picture of the Speed Survey.

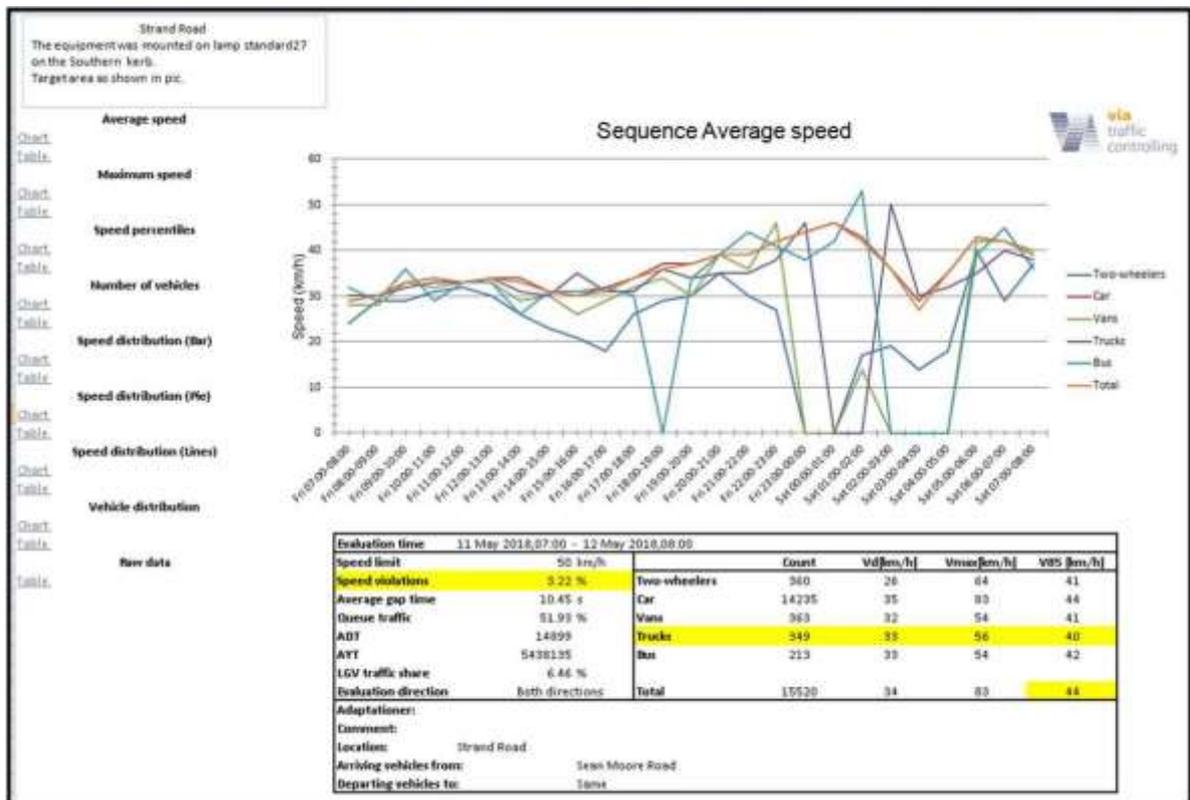


Figure 1. Speed Survey at Strand Road

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On the other hand, during the hours 19.00 – 07.00, seven days a week, HGV's with 5+ axles are allowed to enter the restricted zone, even without a permit.

Furthermore, HGVs with 4 axles or less are allowed to enter the restricted zone at any time, day or night.

Enforcement of the existing cordon restriction of 5+ axle vehicles is a matter for An Garda Síochána. This matter will be highlighted to the Garda at the next TAG meeting. Furthermore

Dublin City Council have plans to launch an “app” at the end of 2018, that allows members of the public to check if a HGV has a valid permit or not. The public can then report offending vehicles to Dublin City Council (DCC). This will allow DCC to identify areas that need targeted for Garda enforcement.

Q.7 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to retain oak tree in Laurelton estate, Rathgar (detail attached).

Reply:

There are no plans to remove the Oak tree at this location

Q.8 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will write to the operators of the (details supplied 1) Centre and ask them once again if they could for once seriously prune the very high and large trees that block light from the residents of (details supplied 2). They have been repeatedly and politely asked to no avail. If they fail to do so again to ask the manager to arrange for Dublin City Council to do so in so far as the trees encroach on and over the public footpath and to inform the Centre that the Council will invoice the Centre for that work.

Reply:

A notice will be sent to details supplied 1 in respect of this overhanging hedge.

Q.9 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to repair path at 121 Rutland Grove.



Reply:

Rutland Grove is part of our 2019 Footpath Reconstruction Programme. We are currently preparing tender documents to procure a contractor to carry out these works. It is envisioned that this works will be scheduled for quarter 3 of 2019.

Q.10 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange for the lane from Beech Hill Avenue to Beaver Row to be cleared and cleaned and in particular to arrange for the growth around the three public lampposts to be cut back.

Reply:

Public Domain has been asked to clear out the laneway to remove litter and leaves & the Litter Warden and Public Domain unit have initiated the process of having the graffiti removed.

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 24th April 2019.

Q.11 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to install a mirror for traffic visibility on end of laneway at rear of Harold’s Cross Road as it emerges onto Ashdale Road. A safety issue as lane is busier with children on Ashdale.

Reply:

Dublin City Council do not, as a matter of policy, supply, fit or install traffic mirrors.

Q.12 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager if he will arrange for an H sign to be erected on Nutley Lane just beyond the entrance to the Elm Park cul de sac, as outlined in (details supplied).

Reply:

Two new H / hospital signs have been erected on Nutley Lane, see photos below:



A review of H / hospital signage in the general area will also occur in due course.

Q.13 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to remove tree at 2 Mweenish, Leinster Road West, Harold's Cross.

Reply:

The tree is a mature Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and considered to be in good Condition. It was pruned within the last five years and the lower branches removed. Currently based on a ground level inspection there are no visible defects in the tree.

Based on this assessment it is not proposed to have the tree removed as requested.

Q.14 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to resurface Sundrive Road road surface.

Reply:

I visited this location today and surveyed the condition of the carriageway. In general the road condition, over this long stretch of road, is reasonable but there are some defects present. Upon inspection I confirm that the bulk of the road has previously been surveyed and defects have been added to our works list for repair. I have requested temporary repairs be provided to carriageway defects and the road condition will be monitored by Road Maintenance.

Q.15 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to renew footpath from Clougher Road Church on Sundrive Road side as far as Eamon Ceannt Park.

Reply:

I visited this location today and surveyed the condition of the footway. I confirm that the footway has previously been surveyed and defects have been added to our works list for repair.

Q.16 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to assign a house number to Marist convent on Sundrive Road close to Sundrive Park.

Reply:

If a property owner wishes to apply to name and / or number their premises in the South East Area, they may make their enquiries / application to me on 222 5127 or Fiona.obrien@dublincity.ie

Q.17 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask the manager to install electric gates in Grove Road DCC housing complex, Harold's Cross. Stolen cars in back car park an issue. Also fly tipping.

Reply:

The Area Housing Manager did engage a contractor to quote for the installation of automated gates at this location last year. This was in conjunction with getting a quote for the installation of CCTV in this complex. Both of these quotes were evaluated for being the best solution to resolve the antisocial behaviour at this location. It was viewed that installation of the CCTV was a better solution to try resolve the antisocial behaviour in this complex. These works are due to commence during the summer.

If it is found that these measures do not resolve the issues of antisocial behaviour then the Area Housing Manager will review the installation of automated gates in this complex.

The Project Estate Officer for this complex has instructed the clamping contractor to increase the patrols in this location and to remove any vehicle that is not authorised to park there.

Q.18 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the manager why double yellow lines approved in 2005 (reference 131470//AT) at parking spaces, which were to be removed, in front of mews development at Cranmer Lane, Dublin 4 have still not been installed and if given the incredible time gap can they be installed now as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

An Area Engineer will assess the location at Cranmer Lane in the coming week with the aim to see if Double Yellow Lines are indeed still a requirement. The outcome of this assessment and the decision that is made will be made available to the Councillor in due course.

Q.19 Councillor Ruairí McGinley

To ask manager to repair footpaths outside 58 and 56 Greenlea where path is uneven and there is severe ponding of water on path.

Reply:

This will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.20 Councillor Dermot Lacey

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have bins - specifically the Big Belly Bins - installed in the increasingly popular Ranelagh Park as sought in the email submitted with this question (details supplied).

Reply:

There were originally three individual standard sized litter bins present in Ranelagh Gardens Park and these have been replaced by a single 'triple' bin located between the entrance to the park at the Ranelagh village end of the park and the playground.

The large triple bin has approximately the same capacity of the 3 No. single bins and allows for more efficient collection and disposal of litter. Prior to this installation the smaller litter bin

adjacent to the playground was constantly overflowing, primarily due to the heavy footfall at the playground, and this was a particular problem during the weekends. Except for rare instances the triple bin has eliminated this problem.

The other two bins, located further into the park, were rarely full except for the depositing of domestic waste. Therefore taking account that the park is used primarily by residents living within a short walking distance it is considered that replacement bins are not necessary at this location.

Also based on our discussions with the local residents' association who are supportive of our initiative in regard to rubbish collection in the park and we have received no complaints in regard to the condition of the park since the triple litter bin has been installed.

We are currently awaiting delivery of a small number of solar powered 'Big Belly Bins' which will be installed in selected parks on a trial basis over the summer.

Q.21 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager fix the footpath that links the Leukos Road in Ringsend with Sean Moore Road as the slabs have lifted and are a hazard for older walkers and residents with disabilities?

Reply:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as necessary.

Q.22 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the pocket park opposite 7 Lombard Court cleared up and also can the pathway in front of the park be cleared up and made safe?

Reply:

Parks and Landscape Services have listed the pocket park for cleaning over the next few days.

Q.23 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In circumstances where the bin at the entrance to the Nature Reserve in Sean Moore Park has previously been burned out, and given the importance of bin facilities at this location, to ask the Manager to install a solar-powered belly bin here which would be both much more effective and far less prone to being set alight by vandals.

Reply:

Given the additional cost of installing solar compactor bins it is not recommended to install this type of bin in locations where previously installed bins have been burnt. The Waste Management Department will discuss the issue of suitable provision of bins in this area with the South East Area public domain management team. There may be more suitable locations in the vicinity of the nature reserve where the risk of bins being damaged or vandalised is lower than in the current location.

Q.24 Councillor Frank Kennedy

Williams Place South is an 'L' shaped street that connects with Clanbrassil Street at one end and Long Lane / Meathville Terrace at the other end. The Clanbrassil end is a wide street and contains adequate parking for the residents at that end of the road. However, for those who live at the Long Lane / Meathville Terrace end, this section of the road is very narrow and residents must park their cars physically touching their homes in order to park. Moreover, even if the residents get their car tight to the wall the cars are still at risk from being damaged by passing cars (**see photos attached**). [**Details supplied**]'s car has been damaged on many occasions and in April 2019 it was crashed into by a passing car became a write-off. In these unique circumstances, to ask the Manager to facilitate the purchase by [**Details supplied**] of a parking permit for Long Lane / Meathville Terrace.

Reply:

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to entitlement and eligibility to Resident Parking Permits and make provision for entitlement to permits by non-residents of a road in limited circumstances only. Residents of Williams Place South are not entitled to a Resident Parking Permit for use on Long Lane.

There is very limited capacity remaining on Long Lane and this demand for parking from residents reflects the demand for parking throughout the area with many locations already at full capacity.

In the circumstances Dublin City Council will continue to manage parking in the area as best it can but cannot facilitate all residents with parking.

Q.25 Councillor Frank Kennedy

With regard to the stretch of Haddington Road between Baggot Street and Northumberland Road despite the huge volumes of people who traverse this thoroughfare (given the two large pubs on the road and the fact that it is a route to the Aviva Stadium) there are no litter bins on this stretch of road. The effect of this is that waste is dumped in private bins or just thrown on the road where it rots. Furthermore, there tends to be a constant fall of small branches and twigs which clogs up the gutter and floods the footpath in places. Unfortunately the sweeping lorry is generally ineffective as it must traverse the middle of the road due to parked cars, not being able to access the locations where most rubbish has accumulated. Therefore, to ask the Manager (a) to conduct regular and comprehensive manual cleaning of this stretch of Haddington Road and (b) to install litter bins along the same stretch.

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Haddington Road cleaned on a daily basis and we will ensure that particular attention is paid to the stretch between Baggot Street and Northumberland Road. We will monitor litter levels along this stretch to see if there is a requirement for litter bins.

Q.26 Councillor Frank Kennedy

[**Details supplied**] has been six years on the Housing List. She is deaf and suffers from depression. Her living conditions are going from bad to worse which is causing serious exacerbation of her physical and mental health difficulties. She and her five year old daughter are living with her parents, both of senior years and one of whom is in bad health. Her brother also lives in this home which is a small two bedroom house. She and her daughter share one of the rooms, which his is very cramped, her parents share the other and her brother does not have a bedroom. Her daughter and her parents are also facing serious challenges and significant stress in the living environment. The circumstances are at present unbearable for [**details supplied**]. Given her circumstances, to ask the Manager to find appropriate housing for her and her daughter immediately.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 24th April, 2013 the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bed size	Position
Area M	2	90
Area N	2	106

Based on this position it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of social housing.

It is noted that the applicant sought to be considered for medical priority. The applicant submitted an application for consideration for medical priority on 19/10/2018, in which no medical priority was given. If the applicant wishes to appeal this decision, please advise her to submit new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

This applicant is currently eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme which will provide the applicant with financial support towards the cost of renting a property. Should the applicant wish to be considered for this scheme she must present to the Allocations Section with current income details and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Dublin City Council allocates 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.

Q.27 Councillor Frank Kennedy

The new Metro line proposed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) / Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) proposes to demolish College Gate on Townsend Street, Dublin 2, an apartment complex of 70 homes, to make way for a new Metro station at Tara Street. While residents in other areas have had their concerns addressed to achieve major changes to the Metro plans, the residents / owners of College Gate have had no success in re-routing the plans to demolish their homes. This is so in circumstances where the homeless figures for Dublin exceed 10,000 people. There is a real concern that a development such as College Gate, in an economically disadvantaged area, is being brushed aside by the NTA / TII. To ask the Manager to write to the NTA / TII to call for the amendment of Metro plans such that College Gate will not be demolished.

Reply:

While the City Council appreciates the concerns expressed on behalf of residents who will undoubtedly be seriously inconvenienced if MetroLink proceeds on the current alignment, it is satisfied that alternative route alignments that would avoid the need to demolish the College Gate complex (incl. the leisure facility) and the Townsend Street houses have been examined by NTA / TII and have been ruled out on valid engineering viability grounds.

The council is also in discussions with NTA/TII in relation to reconstruction of the apartment block and houses on Townsend Street.

On the basis of the assurances it has received from NTA/TII to date and the NTA/TII assessment of alternative route options the City Council executive will not be making representations to NTA/TII to select an alternative route.

Q.28 Councillor Frank Kennedy

At the SEAC in November 2018 I asked the following question and received the response beneath it:

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.

Regrettably, this problem continues to persist to precisely the same extent in the area. There is blatant illegal parking blatant during matches (all codes) in Lansdowne Road. On an evening in late March, the situation on Claremont Road was dangerous. There was cars and vans parked on the footpaths, on corners and generally causing a major traffic issue in the area. Residents could not exit their homes in their cars. Separately, during one recent event on Claremont Road a bus couldn't move on the road due to illegally parked traffic. Residents have a large collection of photographs documenting these infractions but there is no sign of any official response whatsoever. The policy outlined in the answer to my question in November 2018 is simply not working. To ask the Manager to implement a proper policy of enforcement which would deter the brazen and constant violations of the law which occur at present.

Reply:

Unfortunately, vehicle and pedestrian traffic does limit the effectiveness of enforcement as vehicles can often find it difficult to reach some locations in the vicinity of the Aviva Stadium during events. During these events enforcement crew are specifically assigned to carry out enforcement duties in the area in addition to crew assigned to normal parking enforcement throughout the city.

The issue highlighted will be raised with relevant stakeholders at the next pre-event meeting and arrangement has been made for increased monitoring and enforcement by Dublin Street Parking Services immediately prior to events.

Q.29 Councillor Frank Kennedy

In the past I have submitted questions regarding the enormously and dangerously overgrown trees on Shrewsbury Park, Dublin 4 (see for instance, Q.75 SEAC February 2018). While there have been improvements to some of the trees, there are two trees in particular which at present cause a very serious health and safety risk. Facing into Shrewsbury Park from the vantage point of Merrion Road, the third and fifth trees on the right hand side of Shrewsbury Park (of the six in total) should both be reduced by about ten metres in height with commensurate reduction in their width. To ask the Manager to carry out the requisite reduction in both the height and width of these trees.

Reply:

The trees on Shrewsbury Park were pruned in February 2018 and the majority received 15 - 20% tree crown reduction. One tree was also removed from this location at this time.

Additional pruning work is not required on these trees at this time.

Q.30 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Manager to rectify the following problems in the home of [Details supplied] who, together with her family, has lived in this accommodation, now in a wholly unacceptable state, for 17 years:

- *Before Christmas, we had a survey done of our home by DCC and we were informed that all of our windows are unsafe in the case of a fire and would need replacing. This is concerning for my family as our safety is at risk. I have had no follow on in relation to this survey or when we may expect something to be done.*

Here is a detailed list of problems/concerns in our house:

- *Windows - Both living room windows are broken and cannot be opened. Kitchen window opens but is stiff. Bedroom windows - 1 is broken and cannot be opened and 1 is stiff and safety lock cannot be lifted to allow exit in case of a fire. Bathroom windows - small one opens, top one does not.*
- *Mould - Due to broken windows, we are unable to open them to air out the house and therefore we have mould in the bathroom and around the bedroom windows.*
- *Insect Infestation - We have been experiencing an infestation with small brown bugs in our living room for the past few months. No matter what we do we cannot get rid of them.*
- *Gas Boiler - We had our boiler replaced during the bad weather last year as it was leaking gas and was deemed a hazardous. When the boiler was replaced they left a huge hole in our wall that we were informed would be filled.*
- *Draft: The front door does not close properly and there is a draft which leads to higher heating bills.*
- *Back Door: Is stiff and we were informed during the survey it would be replaced.*

Reply:

A conditional survey of this dwelling was carried out by Housing Maintenance which indicated that the windows and doors in the dwelling were in good condition and not in need of replacement.

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of a request for repairs to the windows or door. This request has now been logged and will be attended to by Housing Maintenance depot.

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of mould in this dwelling. This has now been logged and an inspection will be carried out.

Dealing with insects is tenant responsibility. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

A new gas boiler was installed in this dwelling early 2018. Housing Maintenance has no record of works unfinished. An inspection will be carried out and any necessary repairs will be carried out.

The tenant of this dwelling will be contacted to make arrangements for the upgrade of smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and a fire blanket.

Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

"As I am sure you are aware, Shellybanks ENTS is moving on to the Rehab site from September 2019. As a parent of two children in the school, I am very concerned and anxious about the road layout and amount of traffic at the proposed school entrance. There are a lack of safe ways for the children to cross the roads leaving from the school at the junction where three roads meet and to get to Sandymount Green. There will be children up to fourth class in the school from September and I am sure some of these will be walking home without adult supervision.

The school did not qualify for a lollipop warden last September in the RDS building. I hope they are entitled to one from next September.

I know there has been talk about proposed traffic calming around Sandymount Village. I think this is more urgent now with a new primary school in place and eventually the secondary school will be back on site too."

Reply:

The request for a school warden at this location has been added to the agenda of the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer and School Warden Co-ordinator. An examination will be carried out when the school opens in September, 2019. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Sandymount Green scheme is part of the 2019 programme of works for the South East Area and currently at detail design stage which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2019, the scheme will then move to construction stage.

Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

I am writing to ask you to take action regarding the state of cleaning on my road, i.e. the stretch of Haddington Road between Baggot Street and Northumberland Road. In the seven years that I have lived here, I have NEVER seen this road properly cleaned, except once when it was completely re-surfaced!) There are 2 large pubs on the road, and it lies on the direct access to the Aviva Stadium, which means that every time there is a match or a concert, there are crowds passing along with beer and food packaging.

Incredibly, there are NO litter bins on this stretch of road! So the waste is dumped in private

bins or just thrown on the road where it rots. (You will be aware that existing rubbish on the road 'encourages' the dropping of more rubbish) We can also boast several broken kerbs!

The trees along the road have not been attended to in years and there is a constant 'fall' of small branches and twigs which clogs up the gutter and floods the footpath in places. This week some trees on the road were actually pruned (not all), and we now have a good layer of sawdust to add to the muck and weeds blocking the drains I have observed the totally useless weekly trips up and down the middle of the road by a huge 'sweeping' lorry which is unable to collect anything because of parked cars and it must return to the depot as empty as in left!

I have picked up rubbish and swept parts of the street myself several times, and I have disposed of the rubbish at my expense. In view of the hundreds of thousands paid by residents in Property Taxes, it would really nice to have some proper cleaning (including the footpaths).

Reply:

Waste Management Services have Haddington Road cleaned on a daily basis and we will ensure that particular attention is paid to the stretch between Baggot Street and Northumberland Road. We will monitor litter levels along this stretch to see if there is a requirement for litter bins.

This location will be inspected and broken kerbs will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

The surface water and Flood Incident Management Section are responsible for the cleaning of gullies. On Friday (03/05/19), a crew was sent to Haddington Road to undertake cleaning of gullies.”

Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent. He writes to me:

As the person who secured the controlled parking in Baggot Lane I would draw your attention that most of the lines have disappeared and also that there no signs at the end of Baggot Lane / Northumberland Road corner which means the law cannot be enforced. I would ask you see if this can be fixed, the residents would appreciate this.

Reply:

Road markings shall be renewed within 30 working days of the SEAC meeting of the 13th May 19.

The Traffic Officer has advised that signs at this location are currently being manufactured and shall be in place as soon as possible.

Q.34 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

You will recall you arranged for Lea Road Sandymount to be resurfaced about 2 years ago and they did a super job. Of course a leak arose on the road opposite my house some time ago and they applied a temporary repair to the leak area, but it still needs a permanent repair. Would it be possible for you to ask Dublin City Council Roads Department to address this? The leak is between 19 Lea Road and 22 Lea Road.

Reply:

This will be examined to determine who is responsible for this repair and appropriate action will be taken.

Q.35 Councillor Paddy McCartan

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

Back in late 2018 I emailed the council about the bins being removed in Ranelagh Park and enquired if they would be replaced with solar powered bins.

I never received a response to my email from Parks, however Customer Service advised that they forwarded my email to Parks.

Since my email, the 3 bins in the park that were removed have been replaced by one bin at the Luas station entrance.

The one bin in the park is not enough and there is a need to replace all of the bins that were removed. The most appropriate bins would be the large big belly compacting bins that send an alert when they are full.

I have attached a photo of how I found the bin today at midday (see below). It's very unsatisfactory - particularly given its proximity to the playground.

It is unreasonable to expect the park to be used as an amenity but to then not provide the bins that are needed. An argument could be made that people should take their rubbish with them however this is not always doable.

One way of ensuring that the park is kept clean and in a presentable usable condition is to provide the necessary bins 3 or more.

Reply:

As stated above there were originally three individual standard sized litter bins present in Ranelagh Gardens Park and these have been replaced by a single 'triple' bin located between the entrance to the park at the Ranelagh village end of the park and the playground.

The large triple bin has approximately the same capacity of the 3 No. single bins and allows for more efficient collection and disposal of litter. Prior to this installation the smaller litter bin adjacent to the playground was constantly overflowing, primarily due to the heavy footfall at the playground, and this was a particular problem during the weekends. Except for rare instances the triple bin has eliminated this problem.

The other two bins, located further into the park, were rarely full except for the depositing of domestic waste. Therefore taking account that the park is used primarily by residents living within a short walking distance it is considered that replacement bins are not necessary at this location.

Also based on our discussions with the local resident association who are supportive of our initiative in regard to rubbish collection in the park and we have received no complaints in regard to the condition of the park since the triple litter bin has been installed.

We are currently awaiting delivery of a small number of solar powered 'Big Belly Bins' which will be installed in selected parks on a trial basis over the summer.

Q.36 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have the potholes filled on Pembroke Lane Ballsbridge between Raglan Road and Wellington Road.

Reply:

This will be put on our works list for repairs to be carried out.

Q.37 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to respond to the following issues in the email below:

Following on from our call last week, I've set out an overview of the issue we discussed in relation to our football club, Harding IF FC, and our access to the all-weather pitch in Irishtown stadium. I'd be very grateful if you could forward this on to the relevant contact in Dublin City Council for consideration. I am Chairman of the club and would be very happy to have a meeting to progress the issue, if that would be helpful.

Executive summary

Harding IF FC are seeking your support in our attempt to be considered as a local team by the management of Irishtown stadium so as to be treated on an equal basis as all the other local sports teams in Ringsend who are considered as local teams and thus benefit from the community rates charged by the stadium.

Who are Harding IF FC?

Harding IF FC are a junior soccer club which has 2 teams that play in the United Churches Football League (UCFL). The club has been in existence since 1948 and has been based in Ringsend for the last 8 years. Prior to that, the club had operated out of Herbert Park in Ballsbridge. The club's two teams have the pitch rental from Dublin City Council parks department for grass pitch 2 in Ringsend Park. This rental has been in operation for 8 years. In addition to the grass pitch rental, the club have twice weekly slots (on Tuesday and Thursday evenings) on the all-weather pitch in Ringsend Park which is managed by Irishtown stadium. As with the grass pitch, the twice weekly rental of the all-weather pitch has been in place for 8 years. The club is sponsored by Slattery's public house in Beggars Bush and by Give N Go Ltd. who operate the InterFirms 7 aside soccer leagues which operate out of the all-weather pitch in Irishtown / Ringsend.

The club currently has 60 registered players. Of this number, 50% are resident in the Dublin 4 and Dublin 2 areas adjacent to Ringsend Park. In addition, of the overall 60 players, at least 75% work in the Docklands of Dublin 2.

Ongoing Issues with Irishtown stadium

The club has recently encountered difficulties with the management in Irishtown stadium which we believe has resulted in our request to be classified as a local team to be ignored. The issues only arose in late 2018. Up until August 2018, the club had a good working relationship with the management team. However, following the club's request to be assigned a match slot on the all-weather pitch for Saturdays, a change in the relationship occurred.

During the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons, the club had been able to secure Saturday match slots on the all-weather pitch if the holders of those slots confirmed to the stadium that they weren't going to use them. For these ad hoc rentals, the club paid the charge at the public rate. The club was happy with this arrangement as the all-weather pitch is a wonderful facility and is so much better to play on compared to the grass pitch in the park. It's no surprise that the more established clubs in Ringsend such as St Pats CY and Liffey Wanderers (both Saturday pm) and the schoolboys clubs (Saturday am) have extensive bookings on the all-weather pitch.

The basis (agreed between the stadium and the club) upon which ad hoc booking were made and accepted during 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 seasons was as follows:

- i. The club could make a request for any free time slot on the all-weather pitch regardless of whether the park is called on or off but the stadium cannot confirm until Friday as the existing slot bookings take precedence;

- ii. If the club was successful in obtaining a morning slot on the all-weather pitch the game would have to have a 10.30 am kick off in order for the team on the pitch between 1-3pm to be able to warm up on the pitch;
- iii. The club is not to seek to book the pitch for any cup games as extra time and penalties would potentially interfere with (ii) above. However, if no match is on the all-weather pitch after the Harding game, then this would not apply; and
- iv. The club would pay the pitch rental fee at the rate agreed in the pitch letting agreement signed at the beginning of each year.

In order to formalise this arrangement, the club formally requested in June 2018 to secure the 1 - 3pm match slot on Saturdays. However, this application was rejected by the stadium and the slot which had been vacant was awarded to St. Pats CY.

Prior to the 2018/2019 season commencing, the club reached agreement with the stadium that the ad hoc arrangement detailed above would continue to apply for the 2018/2019 season. This arrangement worked fine until mid-September 2018 when the stadium announced that they would no longer allow us access to the all-weather pitch on Saturdays. Following a protest, the only exception they provided for was that they would consider a request only if the park pitches were officially called off as being unplayable for Saturdays.

As per Dublin City Council's customer charter, the club sought a Statement of Reasons from the management in Irishtown stadium as to why they had taken this decision in September / October 2018. Despite being asked for the statement a number of times, the management team in the stadium has not provided a statement of reasons. The one result from the club's repeated requests was that, in March 2019, the stadium partially reversed the decision taken in September / October 2018 and informed us that we could make requests to play matches on the all-weather pitch regardless of whether the parks were designated as unplayable. However, the management team in the stadium have refused to provide any details on the basis upon which our request will be judged or whether the previously agreed criteria detailed above would apply.

Request to be considered a local team

As the working relationship with the current management team has deteriorated to such an extent that the club does not feel that it is being treated fairly, the request to be classified as a local team is the club's attempt to secure equitable treatment from the stadium management. All other sports clubs in the Ringsend area are considered by the management of Irishtown stadium as being local teams and are charged at a different (cheaper) rate to clubs who make ad hoc bookings. Despite asking the stadium over a month ago for details as to what is the process for agreeing local club status, we have received no information or guidance.

Reply:

Harding FC currently have access to the all-weather pitch at Irishtown Stadium for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. I raised an issue last year in relation to their use of the all-weather pitch for matches whilst at the same time having a pitch rental on the grass pitch in Ringsend Park. I did not consider it good practice that a grass pitch which would be in demand would lie idle based on the decision of Harding FC as to whether they would play on it or use the all-weather. The arrangement at the time was that Harding FC could book the all-weather (subject to availability) if the grass pitch was unplayable due to weather conditions. I reviewed this decision with the stadium management this year and agreed that Harding FC could book matches on the all-weather pitch subject only to availability.

Harding FC state that they have encountered difficulties with the Stadium management as a result of their request to be classified as a local team. I do not accept that they have encountered any such difficulty. Harding FC also state "that the working relationship with the

current management team has deteriorated to such an extent that the club does not feel that it is being treated fairly”.

Harding FC are not part of the “Umbrella Group”. This group of clubs / teams were involved in the original proposal to build the all-weather pitch and were part of the overall decision making process at the time of funding applications and building proposals. As such, as agreed at that time, rates of charges below the full rates to be charged to non-umbrella groups were negotiated with this group and the local representatives from the area. Harding FC now wish to be considered to be part of this group to avail of reduced charges. I do not accept that this is appropriate and furthermore it is not within my remit to “make” them part of this group.

Harding FC are offered rental rates which are considerably lower than those prevailing in other facilities. Harding FC can continue to avail of these rates for their Tuesday and Thursday night training sessions. Harding FC can apply for a match letting on the all-weather pitch but this can only be granted subject to availability. I am not proposing to remove existing teams (subject to them complying with their terms and conditions) from match fixtures to facilitate Harding FC or any other club. If Harding FC and possibly all other users of the facility are to be allowed access to further reduced charges the facility will require significant additional council funding to meet the costs of operations.

Q.38 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the manager to have an abandoned car removed from Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge (pics to follow).

Reply:

This car has been inspected and the owner has been contacted. The registered owner lives on the road and the car is not deemed to be abandoned.

Q.39 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have clear signage placed on all the pedestrian bridges on the Liffey and other waterways like the Dodder and the canal that indicate “no cycling pedestrians only”?

Reply:

No cycling signs are currently on order and will be erected on the Sean O’Casey Bridge and the Millennium Bridge. As there are steps on the approach to the Ha’penny Bridge it is considered that no cycling signage is unnecessary in this location.

The pedestrian bridges along the Dodder and canals will need to be investigated to see if no cycling signage is appropriate.

Q.40 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue report regards what action has been taken with regards the illegal street furniture that has been placed on Dame Lane?

Reply:

Inspections of this area has shown that no furniture is placed on the public footpaths or roadways during office hours. Dublin City Council has taken enforcement action and removed unlicensed furniture from here in the past,

Enforcement Notices have been issued on 2/11/17, 10/5/18 and 8/11/18 and the undersigned personally warned the Manager of the licensed premises on the 27/2/19.

Further monitoring will be carried out and unlicensed furniture will be removed.

Q.41 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a report as to what action has been taken to deal with the drug dealing and ongoing antisocial behaviour and criminal activity that is taking place on Lord Edward Street and Castle Street and in the passivity of the methadone clinic?

Reply:

Anti-social behaviour and criminality is a matter for An Garda Síochána and your question was sent to Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Kevin Street Garda Station, 41 Kevin Street Upper, Dublin D08 PW26 on 30th April 2019.

Q.42 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the paving stones on Harcourt Street East side fixed and repointed many of the pavement slabs here are loose and I resulting in many people tripping and falling part of the pipe and are completely disintegrated and smashed and are a danger to pedestrians?

Reply:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as necessary.

Q.43 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager have the drainage in Glovers Court flat complex cleaned and inspected many residents here are complaining of flooding due to broken drains and piping in this flat complex that is not in working order.

Reply:

The drains in this complex were surveyed and checked three years ago. Any issues identified at that time were addressed.

If any individual tenant has a blocked drain or issue with pipes in their dwelling contact with Housing Maintenance can be made on 222 2191, the issue will be investigated and any necessary works carried out.

Q.44 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager contact the owners of the staircase building in Aungier Street and have them remove the graffiti from the front of the building; this is the listed structure that has simply been abandoned for the past number of years.

Reply:

The legal position is that owners / occupiers are responsible for the removal of graffiti from their own premises.

Please note that we are currently awaiting contact details for the owners of this property from the Conservation & Heritage Section of the Planning & Property Development Department. We will write to the owners asking that they arrange to have this graffiti removed in an appropriate manner as soon as possible.

Yes, the owners and their representatives are in the process of being contacted to ensure the staircase building, 21 Aungier Street, has the graffiti removed. As the building is a protected structure, the Conservation Section advises that any shopfront works should be carried out in a careful manner by a contractor with proven experience of working on Historic Buildings / Protected Structures, all in accordance with best conservation practice.

Q.45 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report as to what permissions have been given to the developers and builders to commandeer a large part of this public road way at Longford Street and also at Lower Stephen Street?

Reply:

The Roadworks Control Unit issued a Hoarding Licence on the 25th October 2018 for Longford Street and Stephen Street Upper to the contractor. The validity period of the licence is the 25th October 2018 to the 1st June 2020. The hoarding is necessary to facilitate the implementation of planning reference 3971/15. The layout requires temporary traffic management measures including a narrowing of the traffic lane on Longford Street and also on Stephen Street Upper.

Q.46 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager remove the rubbish that's been dumped in and around Cathedral View? The vacant site there which is now owned by the Peter McVerry trust is becoming a dumping ground for rubbish this area need to be monitored and put on the watch in order to stop this antisocial behaviour.

Reply:

The Cathedral View area is serviced weekly by Waste Management Services Division and monitored regularly by the South East Area Litter Warden. The Litter Warden will continue to monitor this area to remove and investigate dumped bags.

The City Council approved the disposal of this site to the Peter McVerry Trust in December 2018. It is anticipated that Peter McVerry Trust will commence the construction of 8 units on this site in September, 2019.

The Public Domain Unit will arrange the installation of a temporary CCTV to monitor the illegal dumping at this location. Footage from this camera may assist in identifying the offenders or the presence of the camera and signage will at least act as a deterrent.

Q.47 Councillor Mannix Flynn

Can the manager issue a full report with regard to the leasing out our licensing of Merrion Square Park on Easter weekend for a commercial event by Cadburys Easter eggs this park was turned into a commercial entity promoting the consumption of chocolate eggs aimed at children and this report include what costs were incurred by the company and how much did the company contribute to Dublin city council.

Reply:

The Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, is a family event in aid of the charity Barnardos and took place in Merrion Square on Easter weekend on the 19th and 20th April 2019, with setting up for the event taking place on the 18th April. The event was managed on behalf of Cadburys by Catalpult.

It is a requirement that any individual / company / organisation who wishes to hold any event, commercial / promotional activity, photoshoot or filming in Dublin City Council parks, makes an application to Parks for an event permit. The permit is issued subject to a number of terms and conditions, including the requirement for insurances, indemnities, waste management arrangements and payment of the requisite fee for the event, where applicable. As Cadbury was the principal applicant and it was ticketed as a 'commercial' event and, a fee of €3,690 incl. VAT @ 23% was charged for the three days from 18th to 20th April 2019 inclusive.

Q.48 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager give an update on the application of the resident in details supplied for installation of shower on medical grounds and plaster the walls in the sitting room as the walls currently are of only plaster board which is cracking?

Reply:

An application for the installation of a shower under our Mobility Programme has been received by Housing Maintenance. The survey has been completed and this application is

due for assessment within the next two weeks. The applicant will be notified in writing of the outcome of the assessment.

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of an issue with the plasterwork in the sitting room of this dwelling. This repair request has now been logged and will be attended to by Housing Maintenance depot.

Q.49 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to install a ramp at front door so she can get her electric wheel chair over the lip of front door and install a walk in shower with seating to allow her wash at details supplied?

Reply:

Adaptations to City Council dwellings are carried out under our Mobility Programme. Housing Maintenance has no record of an application from this tenant to date. An application has been forwarded to the tenant for completion and return. It should be noted that an Occupational Therapist report is also required before ramps can be installed in dwellings.

Q.50 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the tree in George Reynolds, which is shredding the Irish flag, cut back as the branches rip it when it is flying and it looks extremely neglected?

Reply:

The tree at this location will be pruned over the coming weeks,

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew will inspect this tree and prune where required.

Q.51 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have a Dublin Bikes station installed on Clanbrassil Street Lower close to the junction with Daniel Street or close to the junction with Lombard Street West and does the manager have a timeline for the installation in this area and what is the criteria by which an area gets a Dublin Bike station?

Reply:

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme in the city is dependent on the identification of additional sustainable funding for capital and operational costs. This work is ongoing and is in addition to measures to finance the existing bike scheme in its current format. A further factor that must be considered is the impact of station less bike hire on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of station extension to Clanbrassil Street or environs. Station locations are determined at the detailed design stage of planned expansion.

Factors that are taken into account in selecting station locations include some of the following criteria:

1. An analysis of the population and employment levels in the locality of the proposed station, i.e. close proximity to where people live and work, and attractors such as tourist destinations, and community and leisure facilities.
2. Access of the location to cycle lanes and tie in with the Strategic Cycle Network.
3. The physical space available at a location to accommodate a bicycle station and allow access to it by maintenance vehicles.
4. The requirement to avoid the possibility of disruption at the location during future public transport or public realm upgrades.
5. The avoidance of conflict with existing or future proposed traffic management proposals and in particular with traffic management proposals during public transportation ground works.

6. An analysis of the existing or future proposed planning initiatives within the local area which could require a physical change at the location or signal a future opportunity to incorporate a station.
7. The avoidance of disruption to underground services at the locations proposed.
8. The avoidance of any disruption to other users of the public area, in particular persons with visual or mobility difficulties.

Q.52 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the drains at 55 O'Rahilly House in Ringsend cleared and repaired as when the sink is emptied stagnant water comes up in the shower tray and is exceptionally strong and smells toxic and dangerous to inhale.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of this issue. A request for our Choke Car to attend and clear the drain has now been logged. The matter will be attended to.

Q.53 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the drain outside the front door of 56 O'Rahilly House unblocked as the balcony floods with heavy rain?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of this issue. A request for our Choke Car to attend and clear the drain has now been logged. The matter will be attended to.

Q.54 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the pavement outside 4 and 5 Leukos Road in Ringsend levelled as it is a trip hazard?

Reply:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as necessary.

Q.55 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager arrange to have the tree cut back at 28 Cathedral View Walk as its branches are hitting this home?

Reply:

The tree in question has been listed for pruning over the coming weeks.

Q.56 Councillor Chris Andrews

Can the manager have the casing for the water pipes into the toilet repaired as it was damaged and not repaired after a problem in the toilet was repaired?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of this issue. A request has now been logged. The matter will be investigated and any necessary works carried out.

Q.57 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to increase the crossing time for pedestrians and cyclists crossing at Leeson Street Bridge, there is a significant volume of cyclists and pedestrians here during peak times and an increase in time and frequency of crossing would help make it safer.

Reply:

The council's maintenance contractors went out on site and identified a damaged connection for the physical bicycle detector loop on the ground. This has been repaired and verified. This will result in improved bicycle detection resulting in improved crossing conditions. The operation of the junction has been reviewed and the phasing has been revised to enable an additional crossing phase for pedestrians and cyclists. This will increase the frequency at

which pedestrians and cyclists are able to cross during a cycle period. Furthermore the coding of this signalised junction is subject to a coding upgrade which will facilitate the use of a radar unit (bicycle detection device) which will detect cyclists and inform the controller to demand the pedestrian and cyclist crossing at this junction. The coding upgrade is scheduled to be installed in June.

Q.58 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager if Palmerston Road has been assessed for repairs, what priority has been given to it, and when it is likely to be repaired?

Reply:

Palmerston Road has not been assessed; it is currently logged for inspection.

Q.59 Councillor Patrick Costello

To ask the manager to include the following location in the next batch of bike stands:

- 1) 52 Grosvenor Road - D06 PX30 - outside Rathgar Parish Centre.
- 2) Bushes Lane, Grosvenor Villas - D06 RY23 - outside Ashbrook Tennis Club.
- 3) Opposite 54 Kenilworth Square South - no Eircode available - at entrance to St. Mary's playing fields.

Reply:

The locations will be examined for their suitability to install cycle parking infrastructure and if deemed appropriate, will be included in a future installation batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.60 Councillor Mary Freehill

To ask the manager to request an urgent meeting with Irish Water to discuss the serious hold up in carrying out work on the underground Swan River. Irish Water have been promising flood prevention work since 2011, every time that I make enquiries I am told that they are going to tender for survey work. As they are now not in a position to give letters of comfort to residents along the route, it's time that we urgently meet them and that they answer the people of Rathmines and Rathgar.

Reply:

All matters relating to the combined sewer network in the Rathmines and Pembroke Catchment, including the issue of sewer flooding, is a matter for Irish Water. Under a Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water Dublin City Council continue to work closely with Irish Water in relation to flood risk and related matters. Irish Water is currently engaged in an extensive catchment study of the area. In light of the above question, I will request an update report on this catchment from Irish Water for the elected members.

Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please help to support the new Portobello Tidy Towns Committee by working with the group to explore ways to remove existing and excessive graffiti in Portobello area and to minimise further graffiti in the neighbourhood.

Reply:

The Public Domain Unit will set up a meeting with the Portobello Tidy Towns Committee to consider the options available to address the ongoing problems of graffiti in the area. We have written to local residents and businesses to ask them to remove graffiti from their premises. It should be noted that it is the responsibility of the property owner to have graffiti removed.

If the group could make contact with the Public Domain Unit we will assist where possible.

Cllr. Byrne has asked Fiona, the new person on the Portobello Tidy Towns to make contact with us, and we have agreed and hope to meet with them in the coming weeks to advise on setting up, projects to do etc.

Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please clear the grass verges on Daniel Street and Harty Place as soon as possible.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had the grass cleared from the channels and footpaths in these streets on the 2nd May 2019.

Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could please clear the rear garden of the following tenant (details supplied). The resident has a disability and can't address this herself, and the particular bush keep growing very large and is blocking her light.

Reply:

The maintenance of gardens is the responsibility of the tenant. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the issue of cars parking on the 2nd right hand corner after you enter New Street Gardens? Cars are parking here despite the double yellow lines, and are blocking the dipped curb here that is essential for residents with disabilities to get up and down the pathways. Bollards on the pathway that are wide enough for wheelchair access could help here. Can the Area Manager look into this as a matter of urgency please?

Reply:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to monitor the location and to take enforcement action where necessary.

Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager if he could please investigate the serious issue of large groups of people regularly harvesting shellfish by hand along the shores of the Irishtown Nature Reserve, can he outline the legalities around this type of shellfish harvesting, the biodiversity impact of this activity, and what can be done to address this.

Reply:

As this location is within a Natura 2000 site protected under the European Union Birds Directive, the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) (Site Code No. 004024), such activities described pose a threat to biodiversity by depleting the food supply of protected birds.

The Chief Parks Superintendent has notified in writing both the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Dublin Division and the Gardaí at Irishtown for further investigation under the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 to 2015.

In order to address the matter, the Gardaí have requested that people should report any details of suspected organised illegal shellfish harvesting taking place in or near the SPA as promptly as possible to enable them to investigate the matter and, if warranted, to prosecute any criminal activities.

Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne

To ask the Area Manager can he please reinforce the 3.5t limit on Bath Street, perhaps by replacing the two small signs with one larger signs, and can he please look at 30km per hour

speed limits in the area as a way to minimise the impacts of large trucks speeding through the neighbourhood.

Reply:

Bath Street has been included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation during summer 2019. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-Laws in the autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas during summer 2020.

Signage at this location has been doubled up as per previous recommendations. Larger signage is only installed when roads have a higher speed limit (above 60Km/h).

Q.67 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask that the manager address the poor state of the road surface at details supplied.

Reply:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as necessary.

Q.68 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if the pavement at details supplied can be put back to its original state following being dug up by Irish Water - Irish Water stated to the residents that it was for the DCC to put it back to its original state

Reply:

This will be examined to determine who is responsible for this repair and appropriate action will be taken.

Q.69 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following:

Residents of the top floor of the below block details supplied have pointed out that bars between balcony and a 30 foot + drop are rusted away and have given way in some instances. They are fearful that their children could have a serious accident if a bar gives way. Can bars at this and neighbouring blocks which have similar features be inspected and urgently replaced as necessary?

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Engineering Unit are making arrangements to have the balcony railings / bars at this location inspected. Any repairs or replacement of these railings will be carried out

Q.70 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following:

Tenant at the below block (details supplied) reported a long campaign to secure a green and brown bin at the complex. Can the council confirm that green and brown bins are in place at all of its multiple unit locations and if not that steps will be put in place to provide same. This seems essential to minimise waste going to landfill.

Reply:

Green and brown bins have been installed in *details supplied City Council flat complexes.

Of the 195 citywide flat complexes all have grey bins for residual waste materials. Green bins for recycling materials have been installed in 107 complexes which represents 55% of the total. 49 of these complexes are flat complexes and 58 are older persons' complexes. The flat complexes where green bins are mainly located are in the South Central and South East Areas. The green bins are 1100L bins and are collected every two weeks.

Plans are being progressed to provide the green and brown bin installation and collection system at all locations on a citywide basis. A pilot has begun in the South East Area and 20 complexes to date have received brown bins and green bins if not already in situ. Presentation by Voice Ireland for information purposes will be undertaken in the coming two months to the remaining flat complexes in the South East Area and the pilot will be evaluated on completion of this area.

Q.71 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following:

A frequently-used way when walking from our part of Portobello to the city centre - the section of Arnott Street highlighted in the image attached. It is not pedestrian-friendly, in particular for people with buggies / wheelchairs / walkers and for those who just want to walk next to each other. The sidewalk is very narrow. Couldn't this be improved, for instance by removing the three parking spots and use the space to have a wider sidewalk on the other side? And, of course a ramp here right at the entrance would be a very good signal to drivers they are entering a residential area, and should slow-down.

Reply:

This query will be added as a service request to the Traffic Assets Management System (TAMS) and will be assessed by an Area Engineer to determine what action is necessary.

Q.72 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager to address the following:

The crossing of details supplied 1 with details supplied 2: hard to comprehend that there are only two places to cross with traffic lights for pedestrians at this very busy point. If the missing ones are ever installed, it would be great if they were smartly programmed (not too dependent on button-pressing), preventing the long waits which many pedestrian lights in Dublin have; and let them stay long enough green for older people to cross.

Reply:

The junction at details supplied 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 is a signalised junction. There are large pedestrian volumes at this junction during peak hour periods with dedicated signalised green man crossing at two locations. This junction is within Corridor 12 for the Rathfarnham to the City Centre route. This junction will be upgraded and measures put in place to improve conditions for buses, cyclists and pedestrians as part of the Bus Connects project. There are two options proposed for this junction:

Map 15a

The "Emerging Preferred Route" document indicates that there will be four green man crossings (full wrap around pedestrian crossing). The additional green man crossings would connect details supplied 5 and details supplied 2 on the east side. The remaining additional green man crossing would be on the northern side of the junction.

Map 15b

The "Emerging Preferred Route" document indicates that there will be three green man crossings with the additional green man crossings connecting details supplied 5 and details supplied 2 on the east side.

These proposals will result in safer crossing conditions for many people walking from Portobello and Rathmines towards the city centre.

Corridor 12 – Rathfarnham to City Centre

See Map 15a and 15b

<https://www.busconnects.ie/media/1453/12-busconnects-cbc-rathfarnham-to-city-centre-040119-fa.pdf>

Q.73 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if a filter light can be provided at detail supplied, as there is significant details in crossing at this busy junction due to poor traffic management.

Reply:

The following report was received from DCC's Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Section on the above request:

The ITS Officer reports that as the main road inbound from Ringsend is a bus route, operating a right turn filter outbound along this route would add delays to the bus journey times. Therefore, it is not recommended to add a right turning filter to this junction.

Q.74 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if more attention can be paid to details supplied as many of the residents have reported that the flats are in extremely poor condition, suffering from dampness and infested with pests.

Reply:

Housing Maintenance Caretaking Service attends to these flats every day Monday to Friday. The common areas and stairwells are swept daily and washed on a weekly basis. Euro bins are provided for waste disposal and the introduction of brown and green bins has been rolled out in this complex.

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew monitor this complex in relation to rats. It is baited on a three to four week basis, the last time 17th April 2019.

Any reports of dampness are logged and inspected by Housing Maintenance in relation to any required works.

Q.75 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager if more attention can be paid to street cleaning at *details supplied as many of the residents have reported that it is not satisfactory.

Reply:

Waste Management Services had *details supplied cleaned on the 2nd May 2019. We will have this street monitored and arrange more frequent cleaning there when necessary.

Q.76 Councillor Kieran Binchy

To ask the manager about the housing position of details supplied as she is eight years on the housing list living with her parents and sibling, the lady in question herself has 3 children, this is an unacceptable overcrowding situation. Surely 7 people in a 2 bedroom flat is unacceptable to Dublin City Council.

Reply:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 30th June 2011 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bed size	Position
Area K	3	174
Area M	3	65

Based on this position it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of social housing.

Dublin City Council acknowledges there is significant overcrowding in this property.

This applicant is currently eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme which will provide the applicant with financial support towards the cost of renting a property. Should the applicant wish to be considered for this scheme she must present to the Allocations Section with current income details and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Dublin City Council allocates 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.