



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2019**

- 1 **Election of Chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Dermot Lacey was nominated as the Chairperson by Cllr. Mary Freehill, which was seconded by Cllr. Anne Feeney and agreed by the committee.**
- 2 **Election of Vice Chairperson**  
**Order: Cllr. Anne Feeney was nominated as vice chairperson by Cllr. Paddy McCartan, which was seconded by Cllr. Chris Andrews and agreed by the committee.**
- 3 **Time of South East Area Committee meetings**  
**Order: It was agreed to continue holding the meetings at 3pm on the second Monday of every month, excluding August, when there is no meeting.**
- 4 **Minutes of the South East Area Committee meeting held on 13 May 2019**  
**Order: Agreed.**
- 5 **Presentation on Planning Application PWSZ3270/19 re Irish Glass Bottle site**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 6 **Presentation on bike schemes in Dublin**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 7 **Presentation on Iveagh Trust Green Strategy Projects Order of Magnitude Costings**  
**Order: Noted.**
- 8 **Environment & Transportation Department Matters**
  - i. Minutes of the Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 25 June 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
  - ii. Road Maintenance South East Area Works Programme 2019.  
**Order: Noted.**
- 9 **Planning & Property Development Department Matters**
  - i. Proposal to grant a temporary convenience letting of a site at Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Road to Eir.

**Order: Deferred to September South East Area Committee meeting, pending further information.**

10 **Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department Matters**

- i. Update on the installation of the Yi Friendship Garden in Herbert Park.  
**Order: Noted.**

11 **South East Area Matters**

- i. South East Area Updates.  
**Order: Noted.**
- ii. Nomination of South East Area Councillors to Committees.  
**Order: The committee agreed the nomination of the following Councillors to the following committees:**

**Nomination of 2 members to the South East Inner City Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force:  
Cllrs. Kevin Donoghue and Chris Andrews.**

**Nomination of 3 members to the Covanta / Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee:  
Cllrs. James Geoghegan, Dermot Lacey and Paddy McCartan.**

**Nomination of 2 members to the Aviva Community Gain Committee:  
Cllrs. Claire Byrne and Danny Byrne.**

**Nomination of 1 member to the D12 Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force:  
Two members were nominated – Cllrs. Pat Dunne and Deirdre Conroy. The committee agreed to write to the task force seeking two places.**

**Nomination of 1 member to the Dublin Dockland Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF).  
Cllr. Kevin Donoghue (with Cllr. Claire Byrne remaining on the committee).**

- iii. Proposal to name a development at Charlemont Street / Tom Kelly Road.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- iv. Proposal to name a development at 17 Denzille Lane.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- v. Proposal to name a development at 11 Park Avenue.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- vi. Proposal to name a development at Bellevue Avenue.  
**Order: Agreed.**
- vii. Proposal to initiate the procedures to have Adair Lane taken in charge.  
**Order: Agreed.**

**Motions 8 July 2019****Motion 1 from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests an urgent examination of the pedestrian crossing arrangements for children and parents / guardians accessing the very welcome new children's playground at Sean Moore Park.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 2 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That the seat on the Grand Canal close to junction at Warren Street and Portobello Road be removed as it is causing residents ongoing disruption and concern as the level of anti-social behaviour is escalating and it is attracting extreme behaviour that no one should have to put up with. The users of this chair are also creating increased levels of dirt and rubbish which is negatively impacting on the Grand Canal and negating all the great work community groups do to keep the place clean and that manager clarify which agency is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the seat.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 3 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That given the traffic issues in Eblana Villas / Island Villas will the manager make this a priority for a review of current traffic flows in order to address the current health and safety issues in this residential cell which is being used as a rat run currently.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 4 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

Given the serious environmental impact of the ESB oil leaks into the Grand Canal, recently highlighted by the RTE Investigates programme, that DCC and the Manager will give full and comprehensive replies to the following questions and request the ESB to make an oral report to this area committee in the September meeting:

- Has DCC met with officials from ESB - and what was discussed?
- Has DCC requested a report from ESB, documenting incidences of leaks, locations, assessments of risk, remediation carried out?
- Has DCC asked ESB to report any future leaks?
- Is a protocol for reporting leaks and procedures for remediation under discussion between the city council and ESB?
- Is the protocol based on the current system currently in operation between the energy companies and regulator in England? Please see link at the end of this email, outlining the protocol.
- Is DCC concerned about what it **now** knows about the scale of the leaks and the level of non-reporting by ESB?
- Has DCC received documentation from ESB about incidents of leaks and other details re same?
- What is the status of the leak at Camden Row?
- How many ESB underground cables are currently leaking in DCC areas, how much oil is leaking and at what locations, as reported to the City Council by ESB?
- Is DCC concerned about the disclosures by RTÉ Investigates on June 5 last about the leaking of 1 million litres of oil from ESB cables over the past 20 years and the failure of the ESB to report this to any of the relevant authorities?
- In the RTÉ Investigates programme broadcast on June 5, the ESB claimed that 1 million litres of fluid leaked from its underground cables was

bio-degradable and not hazardous. Does DCC share any concerns about this response from the ESB in light of the fact that 90 per cent of the fluid being leaked contained quantities of a mineral oil, which at best is not readily bio-degradable - including an oil called C4? In particular, is DCC aware that the material safety sheet for this oil specifically states, "Do not allow product to contaminate land"? Furthermore, the safety sheet for this product also states, "Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported immediately to the Environmental Agency or other appropriate regulatory body". In addition, is DCC aware that the Energy Networks Association - the body which represents energy companies, including ESB - states that the oils used to insulate underground electricity cables up until the 1980s included mineral oils called C14 and C14A which that body states had low bio-degradability or were not bio-degradable at all?

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 5 from Councillor Chris Andrews**

That this area committee agrees and requests that DCC sow wildflowers as proposed by Donnybrook Tidy Towns on the median strip from Donnybrook Church up to RTE entrance as it would help pollinators and also reduce maintenance costs.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 6 from Councillor Mannix Flynn**

That this committee of the SEA call on Dublin City Council management, Planning Department and Street Furniture Section to refuse planning permission for street furniture etc. outside Davits pub Camden Street / Pleasant street. Also, that the planning permission to widen the footpath onto the road carriage way be refused.

This business premises for the past number of years has simply flaunted the law in relation to planning permission. There have been a number of complaints to Planning Enforcement about illegal works, street furniture and advertisement placed on the structure. There have been numerous complaints to me and to the authority about the sheer level of anti-social behaviour emanating from the customers from this establishment. On many occasion the footpaths both at Camden Street and Pleasant Street are impassable with many pedestrians including elderly residents having to walk on the roadway. This behaviour often continues well into the early hours of the morning keeping local residents and their children awake. The management here have no regard for the local residents and community. A complete disregard for pedestrians and road users and have failed entirely to take responsibility for this dreadful situation that they have created. Every person has a right to trade responsibly but this kind of trading and behaviour is reckless and detrimental to all.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 7 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Manager state what discussion took place, if any, with the NTA in regard to the current road resurfacing of Kimmage Road from Kimmage Court to Sundrive Road.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 8 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Traffic Department reports on progress on the proposed locations made by residents' association for bike stands in the Harold's Cottages area.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 9 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That the Manager inform us on progress and the proposed implementation date for residential disc parking on Clareville Road.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 10 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That DCC request Waterways Ireland to consider installing Seabins along the Grand Canal (info attached), this would greatly improve the level of pollution in our canals. Also that they consider planting reeds along the canal. It has been noticed that Gulls are attacking young water hens on the canal, if there were reeds close to the banks it would provide a greater protection for the wild life along the canal".

"The Seabin V5, is a floating garbage bin, which acts as a trash skimmer and debris interceptor that is located in the water at marinas, ports and yacht clubs. By pumping water into the device, the Seabin V5 can intercept: floating debris, macro and micro plastics and micro fibres (a recent development). By acting as a trash skimmer, the Seabin V5 is also able to clean the water from contaminated organic material (leaves, seaweed, etc.).

The Seabin V5 is equipped with oil absorbent pads able to absorb petroleum-based surface oils and detergent predominant in most marinas around the world."

Ireland has two Seabins. Both of which were installed in Dún Laoghaire and crowd funded by an 11-year-old environmental activist who collaborated with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, the Dún Laoghaire Marina and Inland and Coastal Marina Systems.

The cost of each Seabin is €3,300, but the price is often reduced in the event of a large order. In addition, it appears that the company who makes them, 'The Seabin Project' are focussed on installing them in Marinas, Ports and Yacht Clubs but I've contacted them about how adaptable they'd be to freshwater and am awaiting a reply.

I've attached an image that describes what kind of waste it gathers and a short YouTube video of one in action:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySp7HKD7jaw&t=57s>

I notice as well that Waterways Ireland have received an overall funding increase of €1.8 million bringing their total financial allocation to €20.737m in current funding and €4.38m in Capital Funding. Perhaps the Dublin Port Authority could also allocate some of their previously misused and abuses budgets to initiatives like the Seabin."

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 11 from Councillor Chris Andrews taken with Motion 14.**

That this area committee recognises that the works being undertaken by the Waste Management Department at Herzog Park are a 'Material Change' and a 'Modification' in breach of the Part 8, Report No. 10/2017 and the Chief Executive's Recommendations therein as noted and approved by the City Council on the 9th January 2017. Therefore management will stop works immediately and the work will be carried out as recommended 'Without Modification'.

**Order: Agreed.**

### **Motion 12 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

This South East Area Committee requests a review of the access gates of all Dublin City Council parks large and small (e.g. Poddle Close) and commits to

installing gates that will ensure ease of access for those who need to use wheelchairs and motorized wheelchairs.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 13 from Councillor Anne Feeney**

That this committee calls upon the Chief Executive to outline a programme to repaint all street name signs and to do this with a paint that is durable for many years to come. Currently there are many street signs that are totally illegible and make areas in our city look neglected. Perhaps this work could be done in conjunction with some community / volunteer / student groups as part of a potential 'Pride in Our Neighbourhood / City' initiative.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 14 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy taken with Motion 11.**

That this area committee does not approve the modification and change of use to the rear of the Bring Centre at Herzog Park, Rathgar Road. The Part 8 Application 3762/16 recommended that the proposed development would proceed without modifications. The modifications are since referred to as 'redesign'. The change of use involves access and egress of n trucks per day over a minimum of 12 weeks, beside a playground, a school, a tennis club, a small car park.

(I have submitted an opinion to the Waste Management Officer)

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 15 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this area committee would agree traffic signal improvement on Terenure Road West which runs from Kimmage Cross Roads to the junction of Terenure and Templeogue Road. There are many side roads and housing estates off the road. The traffic light control signal at the Y junction with Templeogue Road is considered by local residents to be unsynchronized for local traffic. A report from the Chief Executive is requested for local residents.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 16 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

Anti-social behaviour in various parks throughout the western area of the Kimmage-Rathmines Ward, particularly in children's playgrounds, has caused local residents to request that the gates of parks be locked within an agreed time in the evening (particularly the entrance to Eamon Ceannt Park on Sundrive Road). And that fencing is constructed around playgrounds, to minimize access (Stannaway Park). Residents report that bins are removed from outside their homes and brought to parks to be burnt.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 17 from Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

That this area committee agrees to reinstatement of the outdoor yoga class on Saturday mornings in Dartmouth Square, and other parks from which it has been removed, the event has been previously supported by Dublin City Council and the organiser Happenings.ie

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 18 from Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

That the speed limit on the main road through Ringsend into Irishtown be reduced to 30 KPH.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 19 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls upon our Public Domain Section to co-ordinate a weed

removal programme combined with a general clean-up of roads, lanes, pathways and communal green spaces in the Dublin 12 area.

Given that the spraying of chemicals to contain the growth of weeds is no longer being used we call upon the various sections of DCC to implement a plan to manually deal with this problem. The Dublin 12 area is in a particularly bad state with weeds growing out of control.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 20 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

This area committee calls for a system to be put in place for the rest of this calendar year to ensure that any unspent money allocated from the 2019 Dublin South Central Discretionary Fund and earmarked for that part of Dublin 12 that is now in Dublin South East be spent in Dublin 12.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 21 from Councillor Pat Dunne**

Given the size and diversity of the Dublin South East Area Committee we believe that a system of more localised meetings between councillors and local management for each of the 3 local electoral areas (LEAs) should be established.

**Order: Motion deferred to September South East Area Committee meeting.**

**Motion 22 from Councillor Claire Byrne taken with Motion 26.**

That this area committee calls on the Area Manager to engage further with Irish Water to find an interim solution to address the ongoing issue of no bathing water notices being served due to over flows at the Ringsend Waste Water plant.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 23 from Councillor Claire Byrne**

That this area committee rejects the decision by An Bord Pleanála to change the zoning of areas B1, B2 and Port Park in the Poolbeg West Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). The zoning for these sites was agreed by the members of the council and should not be amended.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 24 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to write to Supervalu in Ranelagh to investigate the possibility of glass recycling facilities.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 25 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to write to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ireland and Covanta asking for real time air monitoring in light of recent licence changes and their permission to now burn sewage sludge.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 26 from Councillor Hazel Chu taken with motion 22.**

That this local area committee request a representative from Irish Water to provide details of actions they will take in light of repeated sewage overflow and beach closure.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 27 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee agrees to establish a series of dog parks.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 28 from Councillor Hazel Chu**

That this local area committee would sow wild flowers on grass verges without mowing throughout the year to both save cost and support pollinators and increase biodiversity.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion 29 from Councillor Mary Freehill**

That Palmerston Park in its entirety be designated protected status as a historically designed park. That the Holwley Hayes Arborist Management Report be implemented and that funding is made available for this purpose.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Emergency Motion from Councillor Dermot Lacey**

This committee requests the traffic officials to immediately engage with the residents of Seafort Avenue, Sandymount and the school authorities at the Educate Together School at the former Roslyn Park site to deliver an agreed sensible response to the concerns taking into account:

- The two planned crossings on Seafort Avenue are dangerous and not fit for purpose.
- The residents' objection to the removal of the very limited parking on Seafort Avenue.
- The residents' view that the school gate on Seafort Avenue should remain closed. This will protect the quality of life of residents and livelihood of businesses. It is not a suitable place to have children dropped and collected. The derelict building at 12 Seafort Avenue is a further reason for this gate not to be opened.
- The school board are in agreement on a number of our points.
- The objectives of the An Bord Pleanála decision and the wishes of the Department of Education can be achieved with alternatives.
- The fact that the residents are open to helping problem solve.

The reason for it being an Emergency Motion is that this is the last pre-summer area committee and the school will reopen in September. This two month period gives all the space and time to resolve the outstanding problems.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Motion from Councillors Mary Freehill, Kevin Donoghue, Claire Brne, Patrick Costello and Dermot Lacey**

That an urgent meeting is arranged with Gardaí, Councillors and Waste Management in regard to the congregation of people around Portobello on both sides of the canal.

**Order: Agreed.**

13 **Questions 8 July 2019**

**Order: Noted.**

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**Cllr. Dermot Lacey**  
**Chairperson**  
**Monday 8 July 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Dermot Lacey  
Chris Andrews  
Hazel Chu  
Tara Deacy  
Anne Feeney  
Claire O'Connor

**Members:**

James Geoghegan  
Claire Byrne  
Deirdre Conroy  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mannix Flynn

**Members:**

Paddy McCartan  
Danny Byrne  
Patrick Costello  
Pat Dunne  
Mary Freehill

**Officers**

Mary Taylor  
Brian Kirk  
Leah Johnston  
Rossana Camargo  
Myles Farrell  
Gareth Toolan

Brian Hanney  
Paul McCann  
Chris Butler  
Andrew Duff  
Kevin Meade  
Michael Noonan

Brian Kavanagh  
Fiona O'Brien  
Neil O'Donoghue  
Elaine Sullivan  
Michael Rossiter  
Eoin Corrigan

**Q.1 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he could investigate why a request from a resident that hedge seriously encroaching on the public footpath at (details supplied) be pruned and cut back was not acted upon or the resident receiving any response from DCC.

**Reply:**

Road Maintenance Services issued a notice to the owner / occupier of this property requesting that this hedge be trimmed back in October 2018 but no action was taken by the property owner / occupier. In this situation, the trimming of the hedge was added to Road Maintenance Services' service request list.

Road Maintenance Services receive thousands of service requests (mainly road and footpath repairs) and aim to deploy resources as efficiently as possible by prioritising service requests according to the severity of the hazard and the amount of people exposed to the hazard. In this respect, a crew had not yet been assigned to this service request but would have been when circumstances allowed.

**Q.2 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will give me a response to these issues in relation to Belgrave Square Park:

Belgrave Square - 3 out of 7 bins removed from park - why?

Poo bin removed from railing replaced by notice - why?

Can we have some adult exercise equipment please?

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services Division had the dog poo bin removed from the railing of Belgrave Square Park as it was damaged beyond repair. Our experience of the use of these dog poo bins has indicated that it is preferable to install standard litter bins as the dog fouling specific bins have a limited capacity and in many instances were being used to dispose of general litter in addition to dog foul. With this in mind we had a standard litter bin installed on Belgrave Square North on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to cater for the disposal of dog foul at this location. The dog sign notice was placed there to remind dog walkers of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs.

Belgrave Square is a very busy park located in a residential area close to Green Flag schools. Unfortunately the popularity of the park also results in high volumes of waste and rubbish, most of which is not recyclable.

Park Services would like to encourage park users to take their waste home with them and to dispose of it in their domestic recycling bins, in the interim it is proposed to install two Big Belly Bins in the park over the coming weeks to alleviate bin over flow issues which can be a particular problem at weekends.

A small number of adult exercise equipment can be considered for this park in the context of 2020 budget estimates.

**Q.3 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will give me response to these issues pertaining to Palmerston Park, Dublin 6:

There are signs at the entrance to the park saying dogs must be on leads. The city council makes zero effort to enforce the rules or even to monitor the situation. And I mean zero effort not even random checks. There are numerous large dogs not on leads running loose

around the park who are a danger to small children and older people. They can knock them over as some large dogs get very excited when they are loose and run fast and powerfully. Dog owners come from other parts of the city to run their dogs in Palmerston Park because they know there is no monitoring and that they can get away with not having their dogs on leads.

**Reply:**

The Control of Dogs Bye-Laws allows for certain breeds of dogs to be off the lead at specified times in Parks as follows:

A person in charge of a dog in an area specified in the First Schedule to these Bye-Laws [except (a) American Pit-bull Terrier, (b) Bull Mastiff, (c) Doberman Pinscher, (d) English Bull Terrier, (e) German Shepherd (Alsatian), (f) Japanese Akita, (g) Japanese Tosa, (h) Rhodesian Ridgeback, (i) Rottweiler, (j) Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and to every dog of the type commonly known as a Ban Dog (or Bandog) and to every other strain or cross of every breed of every type of dog described above] shall keep the dog on a sufficiently strong chain or leash, not exceeding two metres in length if a fixed leash, or ten metres if retractable, while in that area, except during the following times when the dog may be unleashed in such areas (but excluding the North Bull Island and any other such area for which a Special Amenity Area Order is made) provided that such dog must still be under the effectual control of the person-in-charge of the dog in accordance with the Control of Dogs Acts, 1986 and 1992:

January & December:	8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
February & November:	8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
March & October:	8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (winter time) 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (summer time)
April & September:	8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
May & June:	8.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
July & August:	8.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

The Dog Warden patrols Palmerston Park on a weekly basis and there have been no reports of any serious issues in the park. I have asked for the patrols to be increased.

**Q.4 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will respond positively to the concerns regarding the footpath on Temple Road as referred to in the email excerpt below.

“The footpaths on Temple Road, Dublin 6 are badly broken up and in many cases are dangerous for walkers, particularly the elderly. The paths are probably over 100 years old.”

**Reply:**

Temple Road will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Footpath Reconstruction Programme.

In the meantime, if specific location of defects are provided, we can arrange to carry out some local repair works.

**Q.5 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if he will raise the matters referred to in the email excerpt below to the Gardaí and the authorities of Trinity Hall, Darry:

“There are over 1,000 student residents in Trinity Hall. At 10.30 every night the management there requires students who are noisy and drinking to leave the complex. These student residents are then forced out onto Temple Road heading for the LUAS with a number engaging regularly in anti-social behaviour towards the normal residents and their property. My wife and I have even been threatened with glass bottles by drunken students. There is no visible policing from the GARDA and Trinity has not even installed a proper CCTV system at the entrance gates to monitor the behaviour of its own residents leaving and entering the complex.”

**Reply:**

Anti-social behaviour is a matter for An Garda Síochána; in this instance it should be reported to Rathmines Garda Station, 196 Rathgar Road, Dublin D06 YW20, tel.: 01 666 6700.

**Q.6 Councillor Dermot Lacey**

To ask the Manager if there will be a weed spray in the Pembroke area this summer as per previous summers and to indicate the areas to be covered.

**Reply:**

The weed sprayer contract has expired and the Environment and Transportation Department is currently assessing options to deal with weeds in the city.

**Q.7 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager what is being done to address the littering and anti-social behaviour in Pearse Park.

**Reply:**

Anti-social behaviour in public places is a matter for An Garda Síochána. Crumlin Garda station may be contacted on 666 6200 or 999 / 112 in the event of an emergency.

If there is a problem with bags of rubbish being dumped in or around the park, the report should be made by phone to 222 2222 or by email: southeast@dublincity.ie and a Litter Warden will investigate.

**Q.8 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager with the planned resurfacing of Kimmage Road Lower, in the process of breaking out and raising ironworks, the two Bord Gáis manholes (outside 216 and 220 Lower Kimmage Road) will be repaired or replaced?

**Reply:**

These manholes will be repaired or replaced as required when the resurfacing is complete.

**Q.9 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to resurface Windsor Terrace and Portobello Road.

**Reply:**

These roads will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

**Q.10 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to install cycle lane along Terenure Road West.

**Reply:**

The feasibility of installing a cycle lane along Terenure Road West will be investigated with the Area Engineer for Traffic and a report prepared for a future South East Area Committee meeting. The route is currently a proposed Secondary Cycle route in the GDA Cycle Network Plan.

**Q.11 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to have Derry Road resurfaced as soon as possible.

**Reply:**

Derry Road will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme.

**Q.12 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to replace the ramps on Derry Road (marked in red on the image below) with speed tables located at the junctions (marked in green at the image below).



**Reply:**

This area has been assessed by an Area Engineer; it was noted that there are traffic calming measures in the form of ramps positioned in optimum locations to reduce vehicle speeds in this area. It is not deemed necessary at this time to remove these traffic calming measures to introduce raised tables.

**Q.13 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager introduce a right hand filter on Macken Street for traffic turning right / east onto Pearse Street, as motorists currently have obscured view when trying to turn right and is extremely dangerous?

**Reply:**

A review of the traffic signal timings at the junction of Macken Street / Pearse Street was carried out previously. This large junction caters for heavy volumes from all directions and right turns from each arm are accommodated. It is considered that the addition of an arrow for right turns from the Macken Street approach would significantly disimprove the overall efficiency of the junction while not providing much benefit. No changes, therefore, are recommended at this time.

**Q.14 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager say where the application of (detail supplied) for a wet room is and what is the process and a timescale for installation?

**Reply:**

An application has been received from this tenant for a level access shower. The bathroom was surveyed 27th June 2019. There is a shower already installed in this flat. This is a 2nd floor flat so therefore it is not feasible to install a level access shower unit due to waste pipes. This has been explained to the tenant and a letter to confirm same will be issued also.

**Q.15 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have all the planters in Dowling's Court cut back and maintained, particularly the one outside 15 Dowling's Court, as there are clearly rats

nesting in this one and some of the others and ensure the rats are treated with poison until they are gone?

**Reply:**

Parks and Landscape Services shall arrange to cut back and maintain the planters at this location over the coming weeks.

**Q.16 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager contact the management of Riverview / David Lloyd and serve them with notice to cut the hugely overgrown trees on the boundary with Beechill Avenue and, if they do not cut them DCC will carry out this work and charge Riverview / David Lloyd.

**Reply:**

A notice has been issued to David Lloyd to cut back any hedges / trees / bushes that have intruded onto the public footpath. Costs associated with any necessary works will be invoiced accordingly.

**Q.17 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager write to the management of the Meath Hospital and request them to remove the graffiti from the perimeter walls particularly in and around Arnott Street? This wall has become vandalised due to much graffiti. Also, can they weed the area around their perimeter wall and generally maintain the fabric of this listed building?

**Reply:**

The management of the Meath Hospital will be contacted and advised to remove the reported graffiti in a responsible manner, and to tidy up the site.

**Q.18 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager supply me with the archaeological report regards the archaeological findings at Longford Street? This report was commissioned some time back and I still have not received a copy of it.

**Reply:**

Nos. 7 - 13 Stephen Street Upper, Nos. 17 - 19 Longford Street and Nos. 71 - 5 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. 17E0212 (PL 29S.246855; Pl. Reg. Ref. No. 3971/15).

The City Archaeologist attended the March meeting of the South East Area Committee to answer any questions about the archaeological findings. The Councillors have asked for a full report on the archaeological finds from the site to be made available to them. In order to provide this I require a preliminary report from the developer's archaeologist. On 17th June I requested an update on the submission date of this report from the Consultant Archaeologist, who advised me that the team is currently engaged in the post excavation phase of the project. Once I receive the report I will forward it to the area committee for information

**Q.19 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager have Estate Management investigate a series of rat infestations in and around Verschoyle Court particularly with the dwellings that are closest to the archway?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew checked this complex in the past week for rats. There was no evidence of rats however bait has been laid and it will be monitored over the coming weeks.

**Q.20 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report as to when the fencing will be completed for the residents at the Peace Park Garden in Christchurch?

Also, can the Manager obtain a copy of the finished wording that is to be placed in the garden and when this work is to be reinstated and a copy all site works to be finished at the Peace Garden and any other works associated with the Saint Nicolas without the walls structure?

**Reply:**

Parks and Landscape Services are awaiting conservation advice regarding stabilisation and future maintenance requirements for the walls of St. Nicholas' Church.

Robust and attractive fencing and planting has been provided as part of the recent park refurbishment to delineate the access for the residents of Christchurch apartments.

All wording removed from the park during refurbishment works is to be reinstated shortly.

Some minor snagging works are due to be completed by the contractor in the coming weeks.

**Q.21 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager initiate a full clean and weeding and graffiti removal of the entire Portobello area including the area in and around St. Kevin's? This area now is saturated with graffiti. Many buildings are vandalised. Adding to this the weeds are thriving. There is an issue I know, with cars being parked but if residents are informed they can be removed.

**Reply:**

The Public Domain Unit has been in correspondence with several addresses in the Portobello area advising them to have the graffiti removed from their property. Dublin City Council does not remove graffiti from private property. It is the responsibility of the property owner. If the Councillor could forward a specific list of addresses / locations in the Portobello area that require attention, the Public Domain Unit will make contact with these addresses.

The weed sprayer contract has expired and the Environment and Transportation Department are currently assessing options to deal with weeds in the city.

**Q.22 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager have the footpaths and kerb stones repaired on Lombard Street West (north side)? Much of the footpath and kerb stone here is broken and dilapidated. It is a dangerous trip hazard.

**Reply:**

This will be examined and repairs will be scheduled as required.

**Q.23 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager examine the possibility of having a green wall (planted foliage) at Drury Street Carpark / Stephen Street Lower and Fade Street? This building is a multi-storey carpark belonging to DCC. Its frontage is made of steel and it lends absolutely nothing to the street or the surrounding architecture. Given our recent published plan on climate action, placing a green wall (planted foliage) and greening this area is a fantastic opportunity for DCC to lead the way.

**Reply:**

Dublin City Council is in the process of finalising the grant of a lease of the Drury Street Car Park to Parkrite Limited so it is not possible to accede to the Councillor's request. We will however request the lessee to examine the feasibility of the proposal.

There may be a suitable location at the main entrance where there is a section of limestone / concrete cladding approx. 2 stories high and 20m long which can be examined for this purpose.

Unfortunately the metal façade that covers the front of the building would not be suitable as a growing median, as it would block both the ventilation and the light into the building which is essential in a multi storey car park.

This proposal will be examined as part of the Public Realm works for the Grafton Street Quarter.

**Q.24 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue an update report regarding the progress on the resurfacing and regeneration of the football pitch at Digges street?

**Reply:**

The Area Housing Manager reports that the works on this pitch have been completed. These works consisted of upgrading the existing lighting by the installation of new LED units, the installation of new netting over the complete playing surface, the supply and replacement of goalpost padding and the servicing of the complete playing surface by a specialist contractor.

**Q.25 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full update report with regards the undue delays of the refurbishment and tendering process for Temple Bar Square? This report to include a full list of all those who are involved in this project and a clear explanation as to what is delaying this project. Many traders in the area are dismayed by this delay and are concerned and confused by the delay and lack of clear information. In the meantime the square itself is seriously dilapidated and a public danger.

**Reply:**

The project to renew the public realm of Temple Bar Square was transferred from Environment & Transportation Department to Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department (CRES) in late 2016, following which an external design team, Redscape Landscape and Urbanism (supported by a full multi-disciplinary design team) was commissioned in early 2017 to develop the design and planning phases of the project. Part 8 was subsequently approved by Dublin City Council in December 2017.

Delays were experienced with complex and prolonged deliberations with Dublin City Council departments and a requirement from Irish Water to upgrade their infrastructure as part of the works. However, tender documents for this project are due to be received from the consultants in mid-July and they will be advertised in accordance with a programme to commence construction works after UEFA 2020. It was considered that having construction works underway in Temple Bar Square during the UEFA 2020 games when four matches are going to be held in Dublin would not be advisable given the expected crowds.

The Project Manager on the current phase of work is Peter Leonard, CRES.

**Q.26 Councillor Mannix Flynn**

Can the Manager issue a full report regarding any plans that DCC has before them or drawings that relate to the reconfiguration and banning of parking and rearrangement of traffic at Seafort Avenue, Sandymount? Recently a meeting was held between residents and traffic officials. Some clarification was given but the residents here are still gravely concerned about the behaviour and the intentions of the Department of Education and their building out of Rosalind Park School. Further, can the management set out in details the

statutory process for the removing of residents parking and also for any changes and realignment of roadways that may be envisaged here by the Department of Education?

**Reply:**

This matter is currently being examined by the Area Engineer and the Councillor will be informed of the outcome directly.

**Q.27 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent: {He writes}  
*"Cowper Downs has become a car park for the Luas Cowper stop and a dumping ground for unwanted cars.*

*The reason for this is that parking is free and the surrounding roads all have paid parking.*

*Can you implement paid parking please for Cowper Downs with residents' permits for those of us who live here?"*

**Reply:**

In order to proceed with the request to introduce pay and display and permit parking on Cowper Downs it will be necessary for the City Council to receive, in the first instance, written supporting evidence for the introduction of a parking scheme, such as a number of written requests or a signed petition from residents of the road, giving names and addresses, indicating their clear support for such a scheme. Ideally, this should be 25% of the households concerned.

Please note, therefore, that on receipt of written supporting evidence from other residents of the road, the request for a parking scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

A full list of the necessary criteria to be met in order to introduce pay and display and permit parking on Cowper Downs will be sent to the Councillor.

**Q.28 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have a name plate at the end of Cherryfield Avenue, Ranelagh replaced. See picture.



**Reply:**

Arrangements will be made to have this sign replaced.

**Q.29 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to have the drains cleared on Vergemont Hall, Clonskeagh.



**Reply:**

The gullies on Vergemont Hall, Clonskeagh will be cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew within the next week.

**Q.30 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue on Morehampton Road Donnybrook outside the shops between AIB and Donnybrook Fair. They have signage outside on the footpath which is a safety hazard for wheelchair users and the visually impaired.

**Reply:**

An inspection was carried out by an Inspector from the Licensing Unit on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. A number of signs were removed / relocated and warning notices issued to businesses. The location will be monitored to ensure compliance.

**Q.31 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to deal with the following issue from a constituent: She writes about the state of the bike rack in Supervalu car park in Ranelagh: "Supervalu say it's not their problem. Is it a DCC issue? It is a health hazard at this stage. Litter is thrown there and also, sausages and remains of cauliflowers. There are the remains of four bicycle wheels attached to the racks. They have been there for nearly two years. Please clarify who is responsible."

**Reply:**

The South East Area Office will try to ascertain who owns this section of the car park and request the owner to take the necessary action to clean the area.

The subject site requires investigation with regard to the ownership of the bikes stands. Once this issue is clarified the area will be assessed and the matters resolved.

**Q.32 Councillor Paddy McCartan**

To ask the Manager to respond to the issues raised from a constituent:  
(He writes)

"I believe that I speak for the residents of Mount Eden Road in expressing our total horror and opposition to the proposal to construct the entrance to the proposed new school in Muckross Park, catering for some 800 students, on Mount Eden Road, when there is existing a very large and suitable entrance to these grounds already there on Marlboro Road. There is absolutely no need to have a second entrance to this new school.

You will be aware of the current chaotic traffic arrangements on Belmont Avenue. If the main entrance for students to this school is arranged on Mount Eden Road, the chaos will be much more horrific as much of the traffic will be coming through Belmont Avenue.

The current very large entrance to these grounds off Marlboro Road, with the large space just inside the gates allowing students to be dropped off without requiring any parking, would be eminently much more suitable than a Mount Eden Road drop off arrangement.

Question: has planning permission been applied for or agreed for this new gate on Mount Eden Road?

**Reply:**

Permission was granted on appeal for a primary school on the campus (DCC Ref: 2484/16, ABP Ref: PL 29S. 247288). Permission was subsequently granted by DCC for a temporary

school on the campus for a period of three years. This is currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The only live permission on the site is that for the permanent school. The vehicular accesses from Mount Eden Road were limited to two by An Bord Pleanála.

Transportation Planning Division did promote at pre-app stage an overall campus wide mobility strategy for the existing and proposed schools and in particular pedestrian / cycle access from Marlborough Road. The division was advised that this was not possible as the adjoining lands are outside the control of the applicant for the new school. Notwithstanding, it was conditioned by DCC that through the implementation of the school travel plan, engagement should take place with the other school to facilitate permeability through Muckross College from Marlborough Road.

The relevant Planning permissions are 2484/16 and 3302/18.

**2484/16: Permission granted by Dublin City Council and by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for the following development:**

**A 16 classroom primary school building** with general purpose hall, support teaching spaces and ancillary accommodation, with a total floor area of 2710 sqm, within the curtilage of Muckross Park House, a protected structure, accessed off Marlborough Road, Donnybrook Dublin 4. The proposed school to be two storey with a single storey element. Existing vacant Montessori building to be converted to provide Resource Room. **The works to include widening of existing entrance and 2 no. new entrances onto Mount Eden Road.**

ABP Condition 2(a) required the development to be amended as follows:

- (a) The proposed entrance onto Mount Eden Road to serve the Convent and UCD Muckross Park Halls to be omitted and only two entrances (i.e. in/out) to serve the proposed Primary School to be permitted from the Mount Eden Road frontage.**

**3302/18. Dublin City Council made a decision to grant planning permission for the following development:**

The provision of **a temporary, two-storey primary school** comprising 12 no. classrooms and ancillary teacher and pupil facilities, located to the east of the existing Convent premises, north of the Muckross Park College complex, within Muckross Park.

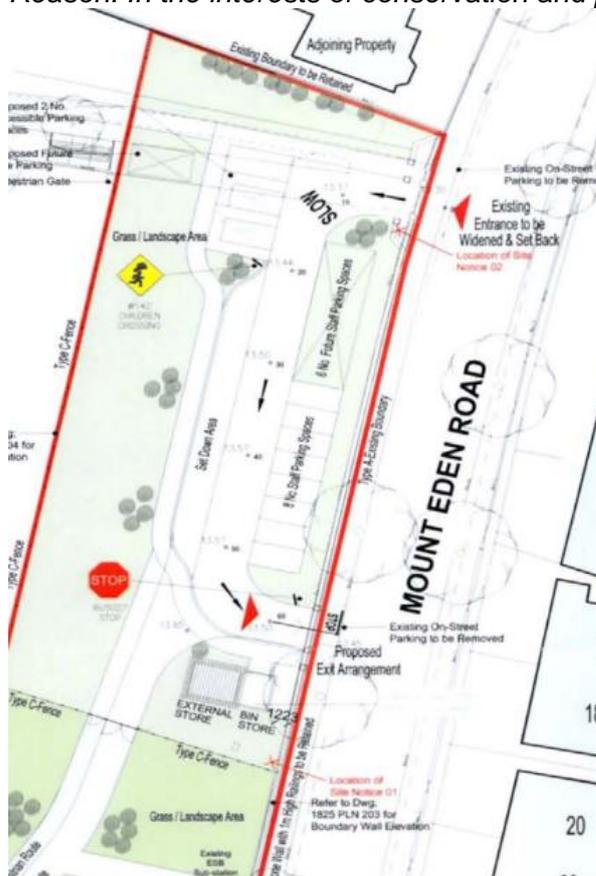
The applicant (the Minister for Education & Skills) also sought the provision of new temporary vehicular and pedestrian access and egress arrangements to the proposed temporary school via Mount Eden Road and included revisions to the existing site boundary to Mount Eden Road to facilitate the new entrance and exit arrangements. Temporary permission for a period of 3 years was sought.

The Planning Authority raised significant concerns regarding the loss of historic fabric and the consequent loss of on-street pay and display parking spaces as a result of the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance onto Mount Eden Road and the applicant was requested to have regard to the planning history for the site and in particular Condition 2 (a) of Reg. Ref. 2484/16 (ABP Ref. PL29S.247288) and to consider utilising the entrances onto Mount Eden Road as permitted under Ref. 2484/16 (ABP Ref. PL29S.247288) to serve as the access to the temporary school. In response, the applicant revised the proposal to utilise the Mount Eden Road entrances permitted under Ref. 2484/16 (ABP Ref. PL29S.247288) to serve as the access to the temporary school. This was considered acceptable to the planning authority and a decision to grant issued on 08/03/2019

Condition 4 states:

4. Only two entrances are permitted on the Mount Eden Road frontage in accordance with planning permission PL 29S.247288 (2484/16).

Reason: In the interests of conservation and proper planning and sustainable development.



The decision to grant is currently the subject of a third party appeal to ABP.

**Q.33 Councillor Paddy McCartan**  
Dodder Public Transportation opening bridge.

According to the project delivery programme Stage 3 the tender process will commence July 2019 till October 2019 and Stage 4 the construction process will commence October 2019 till April 2021

Could the Manager indicate at this stage whether the project is on target?

**Reply:**  
Stage 3 the tender process will commence December 2020 till February 2021 and Stage 4 the construction process will commence March 2021 till August 2022.

A Junction Options Study was commissioned to develop a preferred junction option on the eastern side of the proposed bridge to accommodate various other transportation projects in the vicinity of the proposed Dodder Public Transportation Opening Bridge.

**Q.34 Councillor Anne Feeney**  
To ask the Manager to arrange to have more lights installed on Fortfield Terrace, Cowper Road and Grosvenor Lane and indeed to carry out a review of lighting on adjoining roads. These roads are very dark at night and in the case of Cowper Road, potentially dangerous for commuters coming off the Luas line and walking up toward Rathmines Road Upper.

**Reply:**

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019.

We will examine the lighting on Fortfield Terrace, Cowper Road and Grosvenor Lane, and any improvements considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting improvement project subject to available finances.

We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

We will also request the Parks Department to prune any trees on Cowper Road that may be blocking the lights here.

**Q.35 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to review the double yellow lines outside (details supplied) as there is a dangerous bend with cars parked on it and the lane is heavily used by people using the Dartry gym and tennis club.

**Reply:**

The request to review double yellow lines at the above location will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.36 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to install a 'Cul de Sac' sign at the entrance to the area commonly known as 'The Keyhole' off Melvin Road.

**Reply:**

The Traffic Advisory Group would be obliged if the Councillor would please give specific details of the location the signage is requested to be put in place.

**Q.37 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to address the following issues on Grosvenor Square;

- Trees needing pruning, particularly outside (details supplied).
- More signage and enforcement re dog fouling around the square.

**Reply:**

The area outlined will be included in the regular South East Area dog patrols.

Authorised Officers will monitor the public areas around Grosvenor Square as part of the South East Area anti dog fouling initiative.

**Arrangements have been made to put in place more anti-dog fouling signs in this area.**

**The trees at this location have been listed for inspection, and if considered in need of attention will be added to the schedule of tree pruning for the area.**

**Q.38 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to consider a yellow junction box on Terenure Road East at the entrance to Healthfield Road. It is very difficult for cars emerging from Healthfield Road to get onto Terenure Road East whether going east or west, particularly at peak hours with cars backed up this main arterial route.

**Reply:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the criteria for providing yellow boxes include the following: "Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility".

As there are only 21 houses on Healthfield Road the warrant has not been met; the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that Dublin City Council does not propose to consider a request for a yellow box at the above location.

**Q.39 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to do a clean-up of the lane behind (details supplied) and to regularly inspect this lane which has ongoing issues of drinking, defecation and dumping.

**Reply:**

The area outlined will be monitored on a regular basis by the South East Area Litter Warden.

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We will ensure that this lane is inspected on a more regular basis from now on.

**Q.40 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to carry out some repair works on the paths on Frankfort Avenue. A number of parts of the path are in a hazardous state, some as a result of tree roots lifting the pavements. (Outside details supplied is particularly dangerous for those with mobility issues).

**Reply:**

Could the Councillor supply the details of the location referred to as they were not included.

**Q.41 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the heritage poles on Victoria Road, Effra Road and across the South East Area to be re-painted in order to preserve them for future generations. While some of these poles on Belgrave Square and Palmerston Road were repaired and painted recently, many others are in a poor state and should be preserved as part of the heritage of the city.

**Reply:**

We will examine the lighting columns on Victoria Road and Effra Road and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to our painting list for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

With regards to the general painting of poles across the South East area, Public Lighting Services have a small budget to paint poles throughout the five council areas each year. All requests for painting are examined, prioritised and added to a list for painting for each area. If poles/columns are not painted in one painting programme year, they remain on the painting list for the following year.

If there are specific roads in the South East Area the Councillor is referring to and provides details of these roads, they will be examined and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to our painting list for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.42 Councillor Anne Feeney**

To ask the Manager to arrange for more speed control signs / interventions to be put in place on Victoria Road.

**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.43 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager for removal and repair of rat hole and rat infestation in gardens on Cashel Road. Exact location as per details supplied. It is a City Council rented property and impacts directly on the adjacent private residence. It is a serious health impact and the resident children in the property cannot use their garden.

**Reply:**

A request has been forwarded to Health Services Executive (HSE), Pest Control Unit to investigate the report of rats in the garden of No. 268. The normal procedure is bait is laid, the area is checked within 2 - 3 weeks, further bait laid if required, the process will continue until the issue is resolved. HSE, Pest Control will notify Housing Maintenance if any works are required to block access or repair pipes.

**Q.44 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager for repair of serious sewage damage, the impact of which affects the local environment, the footpath, main road, outside family homes on Stannaway Road. Possibly caused by extensive development construction on site to the rear of (details supplied).

**Reply:**

The outfall manhole at (details supplied) was blocked with sewer rods and a mop. Dublin City Council Drainage Division removed these items and confirmed that the line was clear. This blockage had nothing to do with nearby developments.

**Q.45 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager if a pedestrian crossing can be provided near Ravensdale, Crumlin / Kimmage?

**Reply:**

A request for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ravensdale Park and Kimmage Road Lower is listed for examination and report with the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.46 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager if the double yellow lines outside the residents' homes on Mount Drummond Avenue could be completed.

**Reply:**

The Area Engineer will review double yellow lines and parking issues at the above location and their report and recommendation will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.47 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager if double yellow lines could be extended outside a private home on Zion Road.

**Reply:**

The request to extend double yellow lines at the above location will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.48 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager if street lights could be improved on Corrib Road and trees pruned. As the scale of the trees is blocking the effect of the street lights according to local residents.

**Reply:**

We will examine the lighting on Corrib Road and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future public lighting improvements project subject to the necessary finances being made available.

There is no public lighting minor works programme for 2019.

However, we will replace any existing lamps that are due for replacement and we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights here as required.

We will also request the Parks Department to prune any trees that may be blocking the lights here.

The trees on Corrib Road are scheduled to be pruned over the coming weeks and particular attention will be made to those trees growing close to lighting columns.

**Q.49 Councillor Deirdre Conroy**

To ask the Manager to address the commercial company that has over scale transport accessing the site to the rear of Cedar Court on Mount Tallant Avenue. Local resident says it is significant danger to children, pedestrians, cyclists in the area.

**Reply:**

The Area Engineer will review the above location with regard to the issues listed. Their report and recommendation will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.50 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager, when will the plebiscite take place on the change of times of the Pay & Display in (details supplied)?

**Reply:**

If Cllr. Kevin Donoghue could confirm the address, as details supplied is not a known address.

**Q.51 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager when will the plebiscite take place on the change of times of the Pay & Display in (details supplied)?

**Reply:**

This service request has been assessed by the Area Engineer and approved. The service request has now been sent to Parking Enforcement who will send this request for extension of hours of the pay and display and permit parking to the residents to ballot. This should be sent to ballot for September / October 2019.

**Q.52 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager when repairs to the flood defences on Fitzwilliam Quay will commence as this is ongoing for the past seven years.

**Reply:**

Some repairs to the minor defects in the 1970's flood defence wall on Fitzwilliam Quay have already been carried out. Others belong to utilities such as ESB and Bord Gáis. The remainder have been resurveyed to determine any dis-improvement in this 40 year old

sheet pile wall. Contract documents are currently being prepared to employ a contractor to carry out the sealing of these minor defects.

**Q.53 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager, are the sewer vent pipes being vented above the roof in Canon Mooney Gardens.

**Reply:**

There was previously an issue with the sewer pipe venting in this complex. All the necessary works have now been completed and the sewer pipes are vented at a higher level than the roof.

**Q.54 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager, for improved 3 tonne signage to be erected on Shelbourne Road?

**Reply:**

There is 3 tonne limit in place as per the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 5 at Shelbourne Road. Further installation of extra signage is not recommended as this would lead to a proliferation of signage on the road. If the Councillor would highlight a particular location where there is an issue please email to [traffic@dublincity.ie](mailto:traffic@dublincity.ie)

**Q.55 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Manager for electronic speed signs to be erected on the approach road to the Tom Clarke Bridge in both directions.

**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 Kevin Donoghue**

To ask the Area Manager if they will liaise with Waterways Ireland around the introduction of sea bins / water bins to clear up rubbish and debris in Grand Canal and, if necessary, to invite Waterways Ireland to present to the area committee on same.

**Reply:**

Waterways Ireland has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the water courses at Grand Canal Dock. The question has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland for comment and a reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

**Q.57 Councillor Kevin Donoghue**

That this area committee calls on the area to review and increase the frequency of street cleaning on Gordon Street, Gerald Street, Howard Street, South Dock Street and Barrow Street. Construction on Barrow Street has led to a significant increase in the amount of litter and debris on these streets and the residents have been left to clean this up.

**Reply:**

Waste Management Services will ensure that these streets are cleaned as frequently as is required in order to maintain an acceptable standard of cleanliness. Additionally arrangements will be made to visit all construction sites to ensure that the appropriate measures are in place to ensure that litter and debris is not created as a result of activities on these sites.

**Q.58 Councillor Pat Dunne**

Can the Area Manager give a definite date for the re-opening of the Crumlin Swimming Pool and confirm the summer timetable for public swimming?

**Reply:**

Work is progressing well with the refurbishment of Crumlin swimming pool. The retiling of the swimming pool, the pool bank and the upgrading of the plant room is now complete. The works on the upgrading / refurbishment of the changing rooms commenced on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

As with all works on old buildings the timeline can become dependent on the condition of the building and issues that arise when refurbishment works are ongoing. It is not possible to give a specific date for the re-opening however the indicative timeline for the last part of the refurbishment works is eight weeks.

**Q.59 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager arrange to have the windows of the elderly tenant (details supplied) which are currently single glazed replaced with double glazed modern windows?

**Reply:**

Housing Maintenance has ordered new double-glazed units for the windows in this dwelling. These units will be fitted in the existing window frames. The tenant will be contacted prior to installation.

**Q.60 Councillor Chris Andrews**

Can the Manager explain why the resident of (details supplied) did not have a new window and door frame installed when they moved in, similar to other tenants when they moved in and that a report on the reason for the ongoing issues the tenant is experiencing with drafts in the flat.

**Reply:**

The PVC screen and door to the balcony area was assessed by Housing Maintenance and found to be in good working order and not in need of replacement when this unit was allocated to the current tenant in 2016. It is currently not deemed in need of replacement. There is airflow through the vents in the screen which is normal. Other windows in the flat were replaced at the time of refurbishment.

**Q.61 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please give a progress update on the provision of the Men's Sheds project for Ringsend / Irishtown? Can the Area Manager confirm whether a site has been located for the project and at what stage this is currently at in terms of the delivery?

**Reply:**

Our Community Team have been working on delivering a Men's Shed for the Ringsend / Irishtown Area since early 2018 as they have been very successful in other areas across the city. Initially a site in the South Docklands belonging to Dublin Port was earmarked as a possibility and discussions took place with Dublin Port. We continued to request advice from the Port in relation to the original site location, but a number of planned meetings failed to materialise. In June 2019 we were advised that that this site would not be suitable and that Dublin Port had longer term plans for this, and also that the Port had no available containers.

In the meantime over the mid-summer 2018 our Community Team have been linking in with Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). They have a small men's group and a large area of land at the back of the Community Centre that is being used for a mini-men's shed project. As renovation works were not certain for some time, little could be planned here, but since spring, the centre has been fully renovated with all moving back into it in August. This leaves the garden at the back, a shed area and a new greenhouse along with a good allotment growing there as an ideal space for a larger Men's Shed to develop. We spoke with Lorraine Barry, RICC Manager who has been involved and is happy to call a

larger meeting of all interested and look at a path forward to creating a larger Men's Shed Project for the area. It is suggested that we link in Robert Chester of our Community Team as his experience in assisting Terenure Men's Shed was invaluable and will be able to guide this project too.

In summary, we are very happy to support the provision of a Men's Shed in Ringsend / Irishtown however we have had difficulty in finding a suitable venue and we look forward now to working towards the creation of a Men's Shed in Ringsend / Irishtown over the next few months.

**Q.62 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please assist (details supplied 1) in securing a home for her and her daughter in the neighbourhood? They are currently living in a seriously overcrowded situation, with their parents who have health issues and who also have another grown up child with disabilities. Can this person be considered for (details supplied 2), which I understand are available.

**Reply:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 29/11/2012, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedside</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area K	2	155
Area L	2	75
Area N	2	92

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

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.

The applicant has been unsuccessful in obtaining Welfare Priority in March 2014 and June 2017 respectfully. On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the applicant spoke with a Housing Advisor in relation to appealing the decision not to reward Welfare Priority and was advised to contact the Welfare Section.

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.

**Q.63 Councillor Claire Byrne**

Can the Area Manager please enforce the issue of illegal parking on Molesworth Street outside The Ivy? The constant illegal parking on double yellow lines here is causing an obstruction and serious problems for buses, cyclists and vehicles turning on to Molesworth Street, The council should consider removing all parking along that section as it is very dangerous.

**Reply:**

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

**Q.64 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate complaints about (details supplied)? The restaurant has an outdoor oven which is causing a large plumes of smoke to flow into the neighbouring gardens. I understand previous complaints have been investigated but that the proprietor is not complying with the necessary regulations).

**Reply:**

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit served a Statutory Notice on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 under Section 107 of the Air Pollution Act 1987 on the occupier of the premises to take measures to prevent or limit air pollution. Final written notification of intention to initiate legal proceedings have been issued to the occupier of the premises.

The Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council are also dealing with planning issues in respect to this premises.

**Q.65 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please investigate the following issue for (details supplied)? The family of the former tenant (details supplied), received notification that their mother had been over paying rent, and that a reimbursement was owed. However to this date this overpayment has not been reimbursed and no valid expansion given. A family member is the current tenant of the property, having lived there all his life with his mother. Can the Area Manager please investigate why this payment has not be made and can he confirm that they current tenant is entitled to stay in the property.

**Reply:**

The son of the former tenant has been allowed to succeed to the property and is now the official tenant. While updating the rent assessment it was discovered that the son had never verified his income. He claimed that he had last worked in 2014 and lived off his savings and mother's pension with financial help from other siblings while caring for his mother. He had not applied for Carer's Allowance. While it was initially accepted that he had no income and was assessed on the equivalent of the minimum Social Welfare rate generating a credit on the account, the review was reversed on receipt of documentation that he had assessable savings of almost €80,000.00 which he had allegedly invested. He was means-tested by Social Welfare on this basis. When he succeeded to the tenancy, it was decided to leave him on the minimum Social Welfare rate on compassionate grounds. This is now being reviewed as it appears that he has gone to work since 25/05/19 and his payslips have been requested. Therefore, there is no credit due to this person. There was a refund of €3,156.19 issued to the former tenant on 13/02/15 as rent assessment was correct at this time.

**Q.66 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please install a bin outside the Meath Street Hospital on Heytesbury Street as verbally agreed at the May meeting. This would help with the ongoing litter problem along this stretch of road.

**Reply:**

There is already a litter bin at this location.



**Q.67 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager can he please address the on-going issue of litter and illegal dumping on Grantham Place, Dublin 8? Can the Area Manager increase the street cleaning here and install 'No Dumping' signs at either end as a starting measure?

**Reply:**

The local Litter Warden will monitor the area outlined on a daily basis going forward. The Litter Warden will monitor this area and will investigate instances of illegal dumping.

[Waste Management Services will monitor the cleaning of Grantham Place to see what improvements can be made. Arrangements have been made to put in place "No Dumping" signs at Grantham Place, Dublin 8.](#)

**Q.68 Councillor Claire Byrne**

Can the Area Manager please explain why trees are being removed from Bride Street and John Field Road, are there plans to remove further trees here, if so, why are they being removed, and when will these trees be replaced as per the Dublin City Tree Strategy.

**Reply:**

One tree was removed in this locality due to the tree becoming unstable and rendering the tree liable to structural failure as a result of the strong winds that were experienced in 2018. Parks and Landscape Services have been monitoring the tree on an ongoing basis since then and noted pavement heave during periods of light winds while the neighbouring tree (in close proximity) showed no evidence of pavement uplifting.

There are currently no proposals to remove any additional trees at this location.

Parks and Landscape Services are currently preparing the Street Tree Planting Programme for 2019/20 and suitable tree planting locations are currently been examined within the area.

**Q.69 Councillor Claire Byrne**

To ask the Area Manager if he will please consider reviewing the parking system on Hagans Court, Dublin 2, as the current system is making ingress and egress to some properties here difficult, and is also a challenge for bin trucks on collection days.

**Reply:**

The request to review the parking system at the above location will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the area engineer. The councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.70 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manger when repairs to Merrion Road cycle path will be undertaken.

**Reply:**

Could specific location details e.g. inbound / outbound and nearby property number please be forwarded and these locations will be examined.

**Q.71 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to repair the dangerous lawn area which is currently a trip hazard for children and adults at play in Mount Pleasant Square.

**Reply:**

The lawn areas in Mountpleasant Square Park get very heavy use throughout the year. This has led to excessive wear and tear which in turn has inhibited grass growth and although it is in need of repair it would not be considered to be in a 'dangerous' condition.

Attempts to reseed and grass turf damaged areas have proved unsuccessful and quotations are currently being sought for a more robust solution which may involve using turf grass in combination with rubber matting, a solution which works very well in heavily used grassed areas in our playgrounds.

**Q.72 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager for an update on Rathmines Gulistan Cottage development, to provide a timeline of development and a date of when the next meeting between Councillors and Planners will be.

**Reply:**

The Gulistan Waste Depot, together with the defunct ESB facility, has an area of 1.13 Ha, and is zoned for mixed use purposes in the City Development Plan (Z4).

The depot is one of 33 depot sites across the city included the Depot Consolidation Project Report to City Council in July 2018.

The Planning and Property Development Department prepared a development framework for these lands in early 2018 to indicate the capacity of the sites for new homes and other commercial and community uses. In addition to quality place making, the purpose of the Planning Framework was to inform a site disposals programme including the funding of two consolidated depots.

The Gulistan development framework was discussed with local elected members in early 2018. The drawings indicated a mix of commercial / retail / 100 – 130 new homes and a new civic space. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged to discuss the nature of the mixed uses, including proposals for a primary health care centre and civic space.

Further meetings took place in March and April 2019 attended by both local elected members and the Rathmines Initiative, at which further amendments to the framework were made, including the potential use of the stone building for community purposes. Recently the Rathmines Initiative has responded with further questions about the suitability of part of the site for commercial use and the inevitability of a health care centre.

The future of the Gulistan depot site will now be given further consideration in the light of the overall depot consolidation project. As of now no date has been set for further meetings between Area Councillors and the Planning Department.

**Q.73 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager for more bins in parks and more enforcement of fines on littering especially that of dog littering.

**Reply:**

Authorised Officers regularly patrol South East Area parks and open spaces as part of the South East Area anti-dog fouling initiative.

Litter Wardens investigate instances of illegal dumping and pursue offences contrary to the Litter Pollution Act in the South East Area.

Waste Management Services are more than happy to work with the Parks & Landscape Services and the South East Area Office on enforcement of fines for dog fouling. We will discuss same with the Public Domain Enforcement Officer, South East Area.

Public Parks can be very busy locations, and especially so during periods of fine weather. Unfortunately this popularity also results in high volumes of waste and rubbish, most of which is not recyclable, having to be collected by park staff.

Park Services would like to encourage park users to take their waste home with them and to dispose of it in their domestic recycling bins. Based on conversations with some residents' groups there is evidence that members of the public support this strategy.

In the meantime rubbish bins are located in areas which allow for the most effective and efficient collection of public waste.

**Q.74 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to install traffic calming measures in Northbrook Avenue estate.

**Reply:**

A request for speed ramps on Northbrook Avenue is listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.75 Councillor Hazel Chu**

To ask the Manager to facilitate an on-site meeting between Councillors, the local area office Transdev and residents of Richmond Court to explore what steps can be taken to address the issue of noise from the Luas approaching Miltown Luas stop.

**Reply:**

The Environment & Transportation Department have written on to Transport Infrastructure Ireland with in relation to the above request. The Councillor will be informed of the reply in due course.

**Q.76 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager to improve the signage for the cul de sac at Swanville place.

**Reply:**

There are two designated road traffic signs (F350 Cul de Sac from the road traffic signs manual) at the entrance to Swanville Place. There is also a 30 km Slow zone at the entrance to Swanville Place.

The appropriate signs are in place at this entrance and have been verified by the Area Traffic Engineer.

**Q.77 Councillor Patrick Costello**

To ask the Manager for an update on question 57 from the May meeting (re pedestrian crossing at Lesson Street), and if there is a timeline for the works to be completed?

**Reply:**

The sequencing at this set of lights was altered in mid-May. This change involved allowing the toucan crossing at Leeson Street Bridge to run twice in a cycle if it is demanded. At this location the maximum permissible cycle is 120 seconds. By allowing this crossing to run twice in a cycle the average wait time for pedestrians and cyclists has been reduced by 50%.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay to the coding upgrade of this junction, this is now scheduled for completion in Q.3 2019. The purpose of this coding upgrade is to allow for the installation of radar detection which will improve the performance the junction in terms of detecting cyclists and pedestrians.

**Q.78 Councillor Mary Freehill**

To ask the Road Maintenance Section to carry out street and footpath repairs in Mount Drummond as per attached photos. Furthermore because of heavy commuter parking at the bollards at the top of Mount Drummond Square beside the Grosvenor Square, residents have found themselves boxed in and unable to exit. I would appreciate if traffic would examine this please.

**Reply:**

Mount Drummond Avenue and Square will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing and Footpath Reconstruction Programmes. In the interim, local defects will be scheduled for repair.

**Q.79 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager further to my question 83 to the Chief Executive on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 if he could confirm whether the outfall from Ailesbury Pump Station a factor in the closure of Sandymount Strand and Merrion Strand for swimming; if a copy of the updated management plan for Sandymount Strand sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this year could be provided to me.

**Reply:**

There are a number of factors that have impacts on water quality at Sandymount and Merrion Strands, Ailesbury pump station being one of them. In the past, temporary bathing prohibitions have been issued on a precautionary basis at both bathing areas following discharges from this pump station.

A copy of the latest Sandymount Strand management plan has been issued to Councillor Geoghegan as requested.

**Q.80 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he would consider installing flexi bollards along the cycle lane in the main Ranelagh Road through the village to protect safe cycling and prevent cars from parking along the cycle lanes.

**Reply:**

The cycle lanes going through Ranelagh Village are non-mandatory and therefore only operate from 7am to 7pm. As a result, at this time, this location is currently unsuitable for the installation of flexi bollards. As part of the Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycleway Scheme segregated cycle tracks are being considered for this location.

**Q.81 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he would consider installing a welcome to Milltown sign at the entrance to Milltown village like what Donnybrook has.

**Reply:**

We are working with local community on this at present and trying to get agreement from Roads and Traffic and a design to be agreed upon.

**Q.82 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he would write to all residents of Belmont Avenue, Belmont Gardens and Belmont Villas inquiring with them as to their favourability for Belmont Avenue becoming a one-way road for a test period.

**Reply:**

In the first instance, the Councillor is requested to list the traffic issues at the above location which he considers would be allayed by the introduction of a one way system. On receipt of this information the Area Engineer will assess the subject site and submit a report and

recommendation to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

**Q.83 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he would consider what additional safety measures can be put in place at St Matthew's National School, Cranfield Place, Dublin 4 for children attending school there in circumstances where it is a busy road with cars taking the route as a short cut from the East Link and that due to the large number of cars on both sides of the road - Cranfield Place and Oswald Road - visibility is very poor for both those crossing and traffic merging from Oswald Road, which despite its small size is a two-way road.

**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.84 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he would inquire into the possibility of introducing a yellow box on Serpentine Avenue at the top of Serpentine Park.

**Reply:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the criteria for providing yellow boxes include the following: "Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility".

As there are less than 50 houses on Serpentine Park, the warrant has not been met; the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that Dublin City Council does not propose to consider a request for a yellow box at the above location.

**Q.85 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could provide an update in relation to the Mount Pleasant Upper trial and its impact for the residents of Richmond Hill.

**Reply:**

At the South East Area Committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, the Dublin City Council's Mountpleasant Avenue report was discussed and duly noted by Councillors and the decision was made to make permanent the traffic calming measures.

The final report with included addendum can be found in the "downloads" section at the bottom of this webpage. (<http://www.dublincity.ie/mountpleasantavenueuppertrial>)

In order to protect pedestrians, the following traffic measure are recommended at Richmond Hill:

- Install a Yield sign with the line markings at the junction of Richmond Hill with Mountpleasant Avenue Lower.
- The installations of flexible bollards on footpath at St Mary's Day Centre are recommended to stop observed illegal driving on footpath.
- In order to facilitate the flow of traffic at the junction of Richmond Hill with Rathmines Road Lower it is necessary to rescind 2 car parking spaces at this location and the installation of Double yellow lines is recommended on it.
- 30km/h roundels marking are recommended to be placed at the entrance and exit of Mountpleasant Avenue Upper / Lower and Richmond Hill in combination with slow road markings.

Dublin City Council will continue to monitor the Mountpleasant Avenue and surrounding roads with a view to providing enhanced safety measures in this area.

**Q.86 Councillor James Geoghegan**

To ask the Manager if he could detail all roads in the South East Area that have been included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction which is scheduled to go for public consultation during summer 2019.

**Reply:**

The phase four of Dublin City Council's Special 30 Km/h Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019 is presented in a map format. Full details will be available on Dublin City Council Consultations Website ([www.consultation.dublincity.ie](http://www.consultation.dublincity.ie)) from the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

***Details and drawings will also be available for inspection from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at;***

- ***The public counter in the Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8;***
- ***Dublin City Council libraries;***
- ***Dublin City Council Area Offices.***

***Please view these proposals and let us know your views. Representations in relation to these proposals may be made in writing to: The Senior Engineer, Dublin City Council, Environment and Transportation Department, Block 2 Floor 7, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 or via the portal at [www.dublincity.ie/speedreview](http://www.dublincity.ie/speedreview)***