

# Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025















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# SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

# Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Newmarket Interim Pedestrian Improvement Measures - The main civil works to facilitate improved pedestrian facilities at Newmarket have been substantially completed. Some temporary barriers will be installed along the new footpath edge to enforce good driver behaviour. Additional work expected in the coming months includes: the addition of tree planters and other street furniture; and measures to improve lining, signage and to regularise parking and loading areas on Newmarket and adjoining streets.

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – A tender call for the construction phase of this public realm project is expected to issue in Q2/25 with work expected to commence later this year. Advance work to underground water mains on the street are currently being scheduled by Uisce Éireann.

**Iveagh Markets** – A tender call is expected to be issued by the end of February for planned emergency stabilisation and roof renewal work to the markets. The project will commence later this year.

Dolphin's Barn Street Tree Planting (Phase 2) – planned street tree planting in buildouts on Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and Saint Anthony's Road is now expected to proceed in Spring. This project is being undertaken by Parks & Landscape Services.

Footpath Renewal Works – outstanding footpath renewal works from the Road Maintenance Works Programme 2024 will be completed at Ardee Street, Summer Street South, Braithwaite Street and Robert Street in coming weeks. A programme for 2025 will be presented in due course.

#### **Economic Development**

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2025 – The 2025 edition of this grants scheme is currently advertised. The scheme is open to businesses across the SWIC area and provides supporting grants up to a maximum of €3,000 to assist with the refurbishment or upgrading of shop and business fronts. More details at www.dublincity.ie.

Smart D8 Community Benefits – Smart D8 is a health and community wellbeing demonstrator project that is support by Dublin City Council through the Area Office In 2024, Smart D8 and Smart Dublin. engaged over 1,000 people across SWIC in health and wellbeing activities through a diverse range of initiatives. These efforts established vibrant network а community-centred programs, benefiting workers, residents, and students across Dublin 8. All these initiatives show that by collaborating with local organisations, we can drive positive, lasting change in the health and wellbeing of the Dublin 8 community. The success of these initiatives reflects Smart D8's commitment to fostering collaboration, inclusivity, and meaningful educational growth in Dublin 8.

Last year, through its targeted community programme, Smart D8 established connections with 34 community organisations, 18 schools, 8 preschools, 3 adult education services, and 3 community networks across Dublin 8, cumulatively, representing over 9,500 citizens. Initiatives included mental health, healthy heart, mindfulness, drama dn music therapies and more. More at www.smartd8.ie.

# <u>Kilmainham Inchicore Network</u> - next meeting: 24 February 2025 5.30pm

At the January KIN meeting, new members were welcomed. All members shared information about what was going on in their areas.

KIN Education and Lifelong Learning committee meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

Mercy Secondary School. This is the first meeting of the group under the new remit of KIN.

KIN continues to share information about what is going on locally through monthly newsletter and website <a href="https://www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie">www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie</a>

# Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum - next meeting: 24 February 2025 4pm

At the January IRCF meeting the ERD Project Manager shared the following information:

- The enabling contracts will be signed in January and contractors on site first week in March 2025.
   Hoarding will surround the whole site for the duration of the project.
- IRCF will meet the contractor, most likely at their February meeting.
- Funding approval for the Cost Rental section of the development is being sought, such that DCC can borrow from the Housing Finance Agency. Funding approval process includes a presentation to DCC Housing SPC and Finance SPC with request for approval from elected councillors.
- Rayne Booth, DCC Arts Officer is putting together a plan and budget for ERD public art % contribution. This initial proposal will be discussed with the IRCF.
- Main Construction Contract (detailed design and build) stage 1 process is complete. A shortlist of suitable contractors have been selected for Stage 2 and invited to compete for the main contract tender. DCC are currently reviewing and finalising tender documentation.
- DCC have commenced the process for tendering for Block C – working on design/tender documents. The specification will align with the rest of the site. DCC will purchase the 91 residential

- units back from the developer on completion.
- The two sites (main site and block
   C) will be developed concurrently.

Letter sent (27.1.25) from IRCF to ERD PM re clarification on issues relating to storage at future ERD Community Hub/Library building, internal wall finish on atrium space, Economic and Social Regeneration Fund. Response expected prior to IRCF February meeting.

IRCF Civic and Community Spaces Subcommittee (CCSS) next meeting 21 February 2025 (with DCC Libraries)

The CCSS are currently preparing a draft brief for an Independent Assessment of Community Needs.

#### <u>Community of Practice, Regeneration</u> Boards Dublin 8

The Regenerating Communities -Constructing Hope hybrid event was held January 15th 2025 at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission office. This national conversation about the possibilities for better provision of public housing that places people at its heart included (a) presentations from residents living in regeneration areas of their lived experience (b) response from the Swedish Union of Tenants (c) presentation on the reality of regeneration processes in Dublin 8 (d) response from former UN Special Rapporteur for Adequate Housing (e) presentation on a rights based model of tenant participation. The event finished up with a discussion about future solutions to address issues raised. Report will be circulated.

# Activation and Animation of Grand Canal

An evaluation of the 2 year *Grand*Outdoors Programme (Stand Up Paddle
Boarding and Kayaking activities for adult
and young persons with the objective of
building community capacity, long term
sustainability of engaging in waters sports

on the Grand Canal). This evaluation includes recommendations with regard to progressing the joint Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland initiative. More information to follow.

#### <u>Liffey Valley Park Feasibility Study and</u> <u>Liffey Gaels/East Timor Park Steering</u> Group

Liffey Valley Park feasibility study will soon be completed. A final meeting of the Liffey Gaels/ East Timor Park Steering Group will be held this Spring 2025. More details to follow.

#### Kilmainham Mill

An update on Kilmainham Mill will be issued in the Q&A document which is circulated to all Councillors on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Housing

#### Sarah Place

An Arborist has removed a number of branches from a large tree which were both damaging and moving the tiles on the roof of the Georgian building next to the complex.



#### **Oliver Bond House**

#### **Choice Based Lettings**

The local area office is currently working with Allocations processing the CBLs.

New residents have moved in and the Area Office is facilitating some transfers within the complex also in conjunction with Allocations in Civic Offices.

#### Windows upgrade

The contractor has been back on-site for three weeks and has completed several new fittings within the complex. The Project Estate Officer is actively collaborating with contractors and tenants to ensure the project runs smoothly, efficiently, and with minimal disruption for all involved.

#### **Regeneration Projects**

The Project Estate Officer has met on-site with the project manager and contractors to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the upcoming work that needs to be carried out.

#### **Playground**

Repairs have been carried out on the playground at Oliver Bond following recent damage.

#### **Robinsons Court**

Installation of new security gate for pedestrians & vehicles is currently taking place and should be completed in a few weeks.



#### **Tyrone Place**

The painting of the complex has been completed.







Dublin City Council and Sisk are working on the final handover of development. Hand-over inspections have been progressing well, and are now moving into the next phase, during which Sisk will be carrying out minor works.

#### **Mary Aikenhead House**

DCC Area Office have engaged with the contractor regarding the planting and refurbishment of the green space at the front of the complex. The goal is to enhance this area by introducing new greenery while ensuring it remains well-maintained and visually appealing.

#### **Margaret Kennedy Court**

The door from the bin sheds leading onto Darley Terrace has been repeatedly damaged, resulting in illegal dumping within the complex. To address this issue, the local area office has arranged for a secure locking mechanism to be installed.



#### **Meath Place**

Following fire damage to the walls at Meath Place, a thorough clean-up was carried out, and the walls have been repainted.



#### St Audeon's House

Dog fouling signs have been erected throughout the complex to encourage responsible pet ownership and maintain cleanliness.



#### **School Street / Thomas Court Bawn**

The next major milestone for the redevelopment is applying for planning permission, which is expected to take place in spring 2025.

Contractors have begun structural investigations in two vacant flats at School Street and Thomas Court Bawn, highlighted in the red squares in the photo. Work commenced on 27th January 2025 and is expected to conclude on 7th February 2025.



The findings from these investigations will provide valuable insights to the design team, helping them refine and develop plans for the improved and enhanced School Street/Thomas Court Bawn scheme.

The next consultation evening is scheduled for late February, with the exact date to be confirmed.

# Summer Street South / Braithwaite Street / Pimlico Terrace

Maintenance work is currently being carried out on the bin chutes.

#### **Basin Street**

#### **PPP Project - Basin View Complex**

The Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed development of 171 residential dwellings on the site of Basin Street Flats, Dublin 8, was presented at the January sitting of City Council. A decision is expected by February 10th.

The Project Estate Officer has been actively engaging with local residents and groups regarding this development, and this consultation process will continue throughout the redevelopment.

The fortnightly housing clinic is now operating within the complex. Housing Maintenance has been actively involved in landscaping works, ensuring that all bushes within the complex have been pruned and will continue to be regularly maintained.



#### Dolphin House.

Weekly clinic being held on Wednesdays 10am-12noon in Dolphin House Community Centre.

#### **Herberton**

Weekly clinic has recommenced & being held on Thursdays 10am-12noon in the F2 centre. Site walkabout scheduled shortly with Lansdowne Partnership who manage the development.

#### Weaver / Poplin / Cork Street.

Power hosing of rear of Weaver Place undertaken by Housing Maintenance. Overgrowth blocking CCTV camera at rear of Poplin Place removed by Housing Maintenance. Works currently being undertaken to make carpark gate more secure.

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	27/08/2024	Key with Maintenance
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	24/07/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	29/04/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	21/02/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/12/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2021	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	24/10/2021	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	3 Bed Flat	13/12/2020	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	01/06/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/11/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	Bedsit	06/12/2024	
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/05/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/01/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/10/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	22/06/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed Flat	26/01/2025	With Depot
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed Flat	21/01/2024	With Contractor
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	01/09/2024	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	01/12/2024	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Apartment	16/12/2024	With Depot
Bulfin House	2 Bed Apartment	23/12/2024	With Depot
Chandler's Guild	1 Bed Apartment	11/01/2024	Ready to Let
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	05/07/2024	Awaiting nomination
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	03/11/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	17/11/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/12/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	28/04/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	06/10/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	11/08/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	15/12/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	29/10/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	02/07/2024	With Contractors
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	04/09/2024	With Depot

Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Awaiting nomination
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Temporarily being used by another tenant
Echlin Street	1 Bed House	22/04/2024	Ready to Let
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Ready to Let
Emmet Crescent	3 Bed House	16/06/2024	Ready to Let
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed House	18/12/2024	With Contractor
Grand Canal	2 Bed House	29/10/2024	With Contractor
Grand Canal View	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
Greenville Place	1 Bed Flat	11/04/2024	Ready to Let 10/04/2024
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	14/04/2024	With Depot
Mallin Avenue	1 Bed House	06/10/2024	With Depot
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	25/01/2024	With Depot
Margaret Kennedy Road	2 Bed Flat	18/12/2024	Ready to Let
Margaret Kennedy Road	2 Bed Flat	18/12/2024	Ready to Let
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Maxwell Street	1 Bed House	12/07/2024	Under Offer
Meath Place	2 Bed Flat	12/11/2024	With Contractor
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat		Nomination Received
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/04/2024	Ready to Let
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	30/08/2024	With Depot
Metropolitan Apartments	2 Bed Apartment	03/12/2024	Ready to Let
Michael Mallin House	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
Newmarket Street	3 Bed House	25/07/2024	Under Offer
Kilmainham Village	1 Bed House	14/05/2024	Ready to Let
Phoenix View	2 Bed Apartment	13/02/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	20/02/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	12/12/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat		With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Apartment	09/11/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	Depot
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	15/08/2022	Ready to Let 09/06/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/04/2023	Ready to Let 20/10/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	To be issued to contractors
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	Being used by engineers temporarily

Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	08/09/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/02/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	04/02/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	09/10/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Contractor
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Under Offer
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	With Depot
Robert Street	1 Bed Flat	05/05/2024	Ready to Let
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Flat	11/08/2024	With Depot
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/06/2024	Awaiting nomination
Sarah Place	Bedsit	19/04/2024	With Depot
School Street	2 Bed Flat	21/03/2023	With contractor
School Street	2 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	With Depot
South Gate Apartments	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	With Contractor
St. Anthony's Road	1 Bed Apartment	24/10/2024	With Depot
St. Anthony's Road	2 Bed House	17/01/2025	With Depot
St. Anthony's Road	3 Bed House	01/10/2024	With Depot
St. Audeons House	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Depot
St. Michaels Lane	2 Bed House	17/05/2020	Illegal Occupier
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Contractor
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	15/04/2024	With Contractor
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	16/01/2024	With Contractor
The Coombe	1 Bed Apartment	14/04/2024	Awaiting nomination
The Tannery	1 Bed Apartment	29/08/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	08/12/2024	Under Offer
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	05/01/2025	With Depot
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	11/06/2023	Ready to Let
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	10/11/2024	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot
Weaver Square	2 Bed House	01/12/2024	With Depot
Viking Lodge	2 Bed Apartment	01/12/2024	Ready to Let

## **Community**

Following on from a busy January period which saw the team planning and drafting their program of regular, new initiatives and events.

February brings a host of events to kick start the 2025 calendar of events.

#### <u>Warm Your Heart – Valentine's Day</u> <u>Event</u>

The SWIC Community Team are delighted to be supporting the Community Health Team of Dolphin House Community Development Association with their Valentine's Day event for 2025. The event sees a new collaboration between Dolphin

House CDA and the Transition Year students of St .James' CBS (collaboration facilitated by the Community Team) to host an event for older members of the community from Donore, Dolphin House, local nursing homes and Inchicore. The event will see entertainment provided and an opportunity for intergenerational conversation and engagement, with the students creating Valentines cards and small mementos for those in attendance. This is a ticketed event and will take place in Culture Connects @ Richmond Barracks this February.

Vourse invited...

WARM YOUR HEART

Valentine's Party

FEB 13 1:30PM - 3:30PM

LIGHT LUNCH | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT |

Richmond Borrocks

Inchicore

This is a Ticketed Event

#### <u>Love Your Heart – Valentine's Day</u> Event

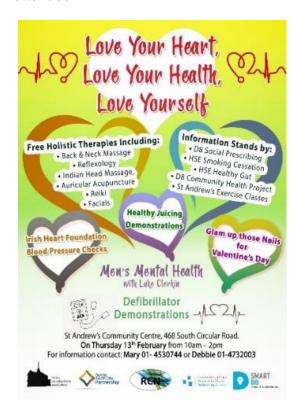
This February also sees the return of the annual Love Your Heart Valentine's Event hosted in St. Andrews Community Centre, Rialto. The much loved event returns, encouraging attendees to 'Love your heart, Love your health, and Love yourself'.

This event is FREE to attend and is proudly supported the SWIC Community and Social Development Team. The event details are illustrated on the poster below.

#### <u>Unity through Diversity: A Lantern</u> <u>Festival Celebration</u>

Fatima Groups United organised a wonderful mini-festival, with the Community Team supporting the final

event of the festival. The Lantern minifestival brought together individuals from a diverse range of ethnic backgrounds and local communities to create a platform for celebrating solidarity and foster conversations music and art. All workshops and the final cultural-celebration event provide excellent opportunities for highlighting inclusivity, diversity and community-building. The workshops and final celebratory event were FREE to attend and over 300 people attended.







#### <u>The European Mongolian Knuckle Bone</u> <u>Championships 2025</u>

The South West Inner City Community
Team was delighted to support the first
ever Mongolian Knuckle Bone shooting
Irish Cup competition, which saw
members of Mongolian diaspora from 10
countries across Europe competing in
this traditional and exceptionally skilled
sport over two days in Inchicore

Mongolian knuckle-bone shooting, which has been documented as far back as the 12th century has been recognised by UNESCO on its list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Genghis Khan (also known as Chinggis Khan), the founder of the Mongol Empire and his grandson, Munkh, were said to use the game to build up soldiers' hand strength and precision.

The Mongolian Ambassador to Ireland and England his excellency Mr. Enkhsukh Battumur was welcomed to Dublin by Lord Mayor representative Councillor Ray Cunningham and representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs.



His Excellency then opened the games. As well as intense competition, the ceremony showcased traditional Mongolian music, throat singing, food and guests from across Europe honouring the Irish team for continuing to promote Mongolian culture and organising this.







#### **Community Team Staff Changes**

There have been changes to the South West Inner City Community and Social Development Team and the areas of which Community Staff are attending to, this has resulted in readjustments, and the area divisions are now as follows:

- Lois Salmon Area Remit: South Central Area: Inchicore, Islandbridge and Kilmainham. (0872063308 – lois.salmon@dublincity.ie)

Local organisations, groups and residents have been made aware of the readjustments, and the team will continue communicating the changes out into the community as well as continuing to promote opportunities for positive engagements.

Please feel free to reach out to the team at any stage.

#### **Public Domain**

Graffiti Treatment completed at Steeven's Lane, James St, Hanover Lane & Arch & Malpas St off Clanbrassil St.









#### **Waste Management Wash Crew SCA**



Thomas St. from Cornmarket to Meath Street & Recycling Bank Marrowbone Lane

Other locations requested and completed at: Vicar St, Molyneeux Yard, Swan Lane, St Vincents St. West, Basin View & Rialto St. Merchants Quay & Oliver Bond St.



Dolphin's Barn St; Guinness Store- House Environs & Taylor's Lane



Power Washing requested for Basin View Footpaths to remove Dog-Foul from footpaths outside Canal Way Educate Together National School, St. James Primary School & CBS James St.

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SCR Dolphins Barn - In response to requests from the BOTP Residents Deep Clean from Dolphin House to Dolphins Barn St.

# Litter Prevention & Waste Disposal Bye Law Compliance Programmes

Inchicore Village, Emmet Crescent, The Coombe Pimlico Cottages & Watkins Buildings.

Commercial Premises Occupiers and Householders advised of their obligations under these Bye-Laws. All Householder are obliged to opt in to a waste disposal contract or be able to demonstrate compliance using Civic Amenities or a Bin-Share system. Take-away premises must be able to demonstrate that they have systems in place to mitigate against or prevent the creation of litter

#### **Community Clean Ups**

South West Inner City Public Domain is delighted to support Groups/Individuals in the area who wish to improve their area and are environmentally conscious. We offer guidance, equipment and collection of Materials all year round, as well as linking into larger environmental initiatives. We can be contacted on southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie for more information.

Dolphin's Barn Canal Biodiversity & Clean-Up Group



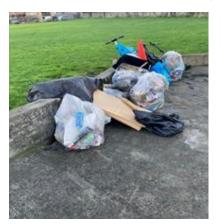


Rialto Environmental





Inchicore Environmental Group





**Environmental Project Emmet Crescent** 



#### Citizen Hub Requests Jan/Feb 2025

	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Abandoned Bicycles	2	1	3
Abandoned Vehicle	6	12	18
Bulky Household Waste Collection	0	36	36
Community Clean Up Collection	1	31	32
Illegal Dumping	4	312	316
Litter Offence	5	73	78
Public Bin Maintenance	15	38	53
Report a Dead Animal	0	16	16
Report Electoral Poster	0	2	2
Report Fallen Leaves	0	1	1
Report Graffiti	5	18	23
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	1	6	7
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	75	75
Grand Total	39	621	660

#### Historian in Residence February 2025 Report of Activities, Historian In Residence Project

## Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence (HIR) Dublin City Council (DCC) South Central Area (SCA)

HIR has continued working with DCCs Social and Community Development Team together with existing local history, heritage and cultural groups in the wider area. A particular emphasis has been placed on supporting history students in secondary and third level. An initiative Future Historians is underway with students in Rosary College Crumlin, Loreto Crumlin and Clogher Road Community College. Transition Year students in each school are researching and compiling history posters relating to some topic relating to the wider area. Each school has hosted visits from HIR, Community Development Officer and representatives from Crumlin/Walkinstown History Group. HIR is also supporting projects for **Culture Date** 

with Dublin 8 which will run later this year. Work is also continuing with The Liberties Weavers as they move from being a community group to CLG status.

Sincere thanks to DCC for the opportunity as always.

Cathy Scuffil (27/01/25) <a href="mailto:cathyscuffil@gmail.com">cathyscuffil@gmail.com</a>

#### BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

#### Housing

#### **Bluebell Waterways**

The part 8 process will be commencing shortly, with the members already receiving an advance briefing.

#### **Sons of Divine Providence**

The DCC team are continuing the engagement with the Sons of Divine providence and members will be kept informed of progress.

#### **Cherry Orchard**

#### Site 1 of the Local Area Plan

Negotiations with the HSE are continuing, the part 8 process, subject to prevalidation from the Planning Department, may now begin in quarter 1 of this year.

#### Site 2 of the Local Area Plan

The preparatory work on the technical design is continuing and the aim remains or the public consultation to take place in quarter 1, 2025.

#### Site 4 of the Local Area Plan

The LDA has issued the tender and that is due to close at the end of March.

#### Rafters/Crumlin Road

As stated previously, the project team are continuing to work towards commencing the Part 8 process in quarter 1 2025

#### **Labre Park**

Engagement continues between Cluid, Traveller Accommodation Unit and DCC quantity surveying division regarding costs. Stage 2 submission to the DHLGH is expected in Q1 2025 with a Part 8 application expected in Q2 2025.

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area.

Property	
Type	
House	35
Maisonette	2
Apartment	14
Senior	16
Citizens	10
Total	67

Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2025 (year to date)

House	1
Apartment	5
Senior Citizens	1
Total	7

Туре	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	LA TOUCHE DRIVE	2	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	TBC
House	BALLYFERMOT CRESCENT	2	21/07/2024	Under offer	04/01/2025
House	BALLYFERMOT ROAD	3	23/09/2024	Tenant to be selected	04/01/2025
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2	03/11/2024	With contractor	04/02/2025

House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	14/08/2024	1st offer refused, estate management checks being done on new tenant	15/01/2025
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2		For framework	TBC
House	BEN MADIGAN ROAD	2	28/10/2024	Tenant selected	02/02/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	17/10/2024	With contractor	31/01/2024
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	17/10/2024	With contractor	04/03/2025
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	Tenant selected	31/01/2025
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	Tenant selected	31/01/2025
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	09/06/2024	2 offers refused, estate management checks being done on new tenant	
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	3	08/01/2025	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		1st offer refused, on offer again	
Apartment	CEDARBROOK WALK	2	09/01/2025	For framework	TBC
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	For framework	30/03/2025
House	CHERRY ORCHARD CRESCENT	3	12/11/2024	With contractor	10/02/2025
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3	12/11/2024	With contractor	10/02/2025
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	22/02/2024	1st offer refused	
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	2nd offer refused	
House	COLEPARK DRIVE	2	14/10/2024	Tenant selected	31/01/2025
House	COLEPARK ROAD	3	12/05/2024	1st offer refused	15/01/2025
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	23/11/2024	With contractor	10/04/2025
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	24/11/2024	With contractor	10/04/2025
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		For framework	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	On CBL. Closing 14/02/25	28/02/2025
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	1st offer withdrawn	31/01/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant Selected	25/02/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	19/10/2022	AGS Checks underway	28/02/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	2	13/09/2024	On offer	31/01/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	1st offer withdrawn	30/11/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	21/11/2024	With contractor	28/02/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	31/01/2025	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	Fr Lemass Court	1	30/06/2024	On offer	28/02/2025

Senior Citizens	Fr Lemass Court	1	31/01/2025	With contractor	ТВС
Senior Citizens	Fr Lemass Court	1	29/11/2024	For framework	31/03/2025
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	31/01/2025	for framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	29/05/2024	On offer	31/01/2025
House	LANDEN ROAD	2	25/07/2024	Tenant selected	28/02/2025
House	LISSADELL DRIVE	3	30/07/2024	For framework	31/01/2025
House	LISSADELL GREEN	3	29/11/2024	For framework	06/03/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	03/12/2024	With contractor	06/03/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	05/07/2024	With contractor	31/01/2025
House	MOYCULLEN ROAD	3	03/11/2024	For framework	TBC
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	3	25/08/2024	For framework	19/02/2025
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	2	13/01/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	OBLATE VIEW	1	08/04/2024	2 offers refused, On offer	
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Legal issue with boundary	
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	With contractor	31/03/2025
Apartment	PHOENIX VIEW	2	18/12/2024	For framework	TBC
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	03/03/2024	Tenant selected	30/01/2025
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	29/11/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	03/11/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	29/11/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	With contractor	10/02/2025
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	N/A	Tenant selected	28/02/2025
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	1		On offer	
House	SLIEVEMORE ROAD	3	17/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	19/07/2024	On offer	
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	2	05/12/2024	With contractor	05/03/2024
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	22/12/2024	With contractor	24/03/2025
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	21/04/2024	With contractor	28/02/2025

### Community

#### **Community Participation**

#### **Community Festivals**

The Cherry Blossoms group is up and running and planning a month's long programme of events to celebrate all that is good in Cherry Orchard. The programme will be launched by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Emma Blain on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in St. Ultans School at 12:30.

The committee meets every Monday at 10:30AM in the Equine centre and all local organisations and voluntary groups have been encouraged to organise an event.

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Festival: The Council is working with the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Festival committee that will hold its first committee meeting of 2025 on Tuesday 4th February at 7:00PM in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre to confirm the steering committee to coordinate this year's event.

#### Seachtaine Na Gaeilge

The City Council is supporting Coiste Bhaile Thormaid to organise a programme of events to promote Seachtain Na Gaeilge. Events will include:

#### Scoileanna:

- Tráth na gCeist,
- Ceilí,

- Scríobh Leabhair,
- Ceolchoirm,
- Postaeir le Seanfhocail,
- Rince

#### **Ongoing Events in the Community:**

- Caife Glic gach Máirt 10.30 -12.30
- Cómhrá Gaelach gach 2nd Déardaoin 6.30 -8.30
- Conradh na Gaeilge in Inchicore Cómhrá gach Máirt

The City Council supported the promotion of these ongoing events through the creation of an informational poster to be distributed throughout the community.



#### **Sheltered Housing Complexes**

During the months of February and March the City Council will be holding meetings with residents from the sheltered housing complexes to re-establish committees in the complexes where necessary and to organise a programme of events. Community Staff are working with the older peoples groups to once again encourage activities in the Common Rooms.

The partnership between Community Development, Slaintecare, Ballyfermot

Community Civic Centre and the Ballyfermot Housing Department to purchase and install new laptops in the sheltered housing complexes should be complete by the end of February 2025 with Kylemore College TY students confirmed for training sessions for the senior Citizens.

#### **Environment**



Community Development have reached out to local environmental groups to inform them that registrations are open with An Taisce for the National Spring Clean 2025.

# Social Inclusion Cruinniú na nÓg

Community Development Staff are in contact with local groups to encourage their involvement in this year's Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for children and young people which will take place on Saturday 15th June 2025 across Dublin City.

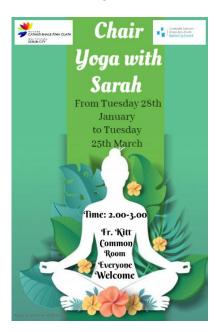
Familiabase are in planning stages for their annual Unsung Youth Music Event and workshops.

#### **AGE Friendly Programme**

The Spring Age-Friendly Activity Programme for

Walkinstown/Drimnagh/Bluebell and Linkage is currently being developed and is due to commence in Mid-February 2024.

WSAF Moeran Road Hall and Fr Kitt Common Room Committees have agreed to participate in joint initiative where activities at both venues will be made available to the wider community and in particular those living at Fr Kitt Court.



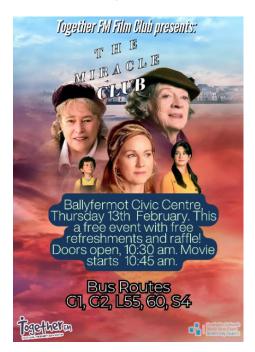
The Age Friendly Programme of events for the Ballyfermot area began on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and will run every week until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Activities range from Bingo, Line Dancing, table quiz and two themed tea dances (Valentines and Rock n Roll). We are also including a new mindfulness afternoon, which was suggested by the participants.





#### Together FM Film Club

Together FM in partnership with the Dublin City Community Development Team are also delighted to host two films *The Miracle Club* which takes place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and *Life's a Breeze* on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 10.30am in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.





#### 1st Annual Fleadh

Initial meetings have been held to discuss the proposed first annual community Fleadh. This cross border initiative spear headed by Together FM and Raidio Failte seeks to showcase everything the area has to offer. The aim is to celebrate the Irish language and its role in bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together in positive, friendly and engaging way.

#### Grants / Funding Community / Informal Adult Education Grants

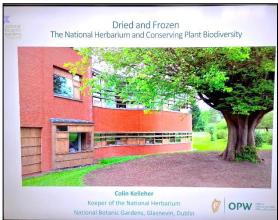
2024 Community and Informal Adult Education Grants are currently in the process of being paid to the community groups. Awaiting dates for 2025 grants.

The Orchard Community Centre has partnered with CDETB & Liffey Area Partnership for a D10 biodiversity course running for 10 weeks and that was well attended by local people from the area.

For some of the February sessions we are delighted to welcome Rd. Colin Kelleher, National Botanic Gardens as a welcome addition to the course.

Many thanks to Liz Smith from Liffey Area Partnership & Catherine Twomey, CDETB for teaming up and creating this very worthwhile course.





#### **Cherry Orchard Paddies Day Parade**

We are thrilled to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Patricks Day Parade on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10am in Cherry Orchard. Plans are well in motion and appreciation must go to St. Ultans Primary School for driving this novel approach to being green on our national Holiday!

#### **Public Domain**

#### New Urban Wildlife Sign for Benmadigan Green



Following a request from the Benmadigan Residents Association, it was agreed, with the support of the local councillor's discretionary fund that the Public Domain Office, in consultation with our Parks Department, would arrange for the installation of an Urban Wildlife sign highlighting the wildlife that can be consistently found on Benmadigan Green.

The sign highlights the areas vital biodiversity, Dublin City Council has a Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025 which sets out Dublin City Council's strategy for the conservation of the city's biodiversity. It is hoped that this sign will help raise awareness and understanding of biodiversity in the city and the local area.

# Repairs to Ballyfermot Civic Centre Plaza now complete

Repair works to the Ballyfermot Civic Centre plaza, to damage caused by trees and their route systems resulting in a potential trip hazard, have now been completed. The Public Domain Office has now replaced the trees removed during the repair works, with 3 large planted tree boxes, similar to those already sitting on the plaza.



#### <u>Hedge cutting – Road & footpath safety</u>

"Don't let your private hedge be a hazard to public footpath or road users" this is the message the Public Domain Office would like to advice householders in our community. Overgrown hedges, bushes and trees can be a serious hazard to road and footpath users, be it cyclists, people

with disabilities especially those with a visually impairment, or those on mobility scooters, or children in buggies.





Under the terms of the Roads Act 1993, it is the landowners/householders responsibility to carry out any necessary tree or hedge cutting where their lands abut a public road or footpath.

Landowners/householders should be reminded that they are obliged, under the Roads Act, to take all reasonable care to ensure that trees, hedges or other vegetation growing on their land/property are not a danger to people using or working on a public road or footpath.

All necessary work should be carried out while hedges are dormant, between the start of September and the end of February.

If a member of the public hurts themselves on a protruding bramble from a hedge, the hedge owner could be held liable, Negligence, acts or omissions falling short of the reasonable standard are a prerequisite for most personal injury claims.

Now is an ideal time, before spring is upon us and before gardens begin to bloom with flowers, and trees and hedges growing at pace, to carry out the necessary maintenance of hedges.

If a hedge is protruding onto a public footpaths or roadway causing a potential hazard, please report it on Citizen Hub, under Road Maintenance Requests or to ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie.

Fines of up to €5,000 and or imprisonment of up to 6 months can be faced for failure to comply with these obligations.

#### **OPW** - Hedge cutting

The Public Domain office, on foot of a complaint from a member of the public, recently engaged with the OPW with regard to overgrowth emanating from the Phoenix Park causing a hazard for cyclists and pedestrians using the footpath along Chapelizod Road. The OPW have confirmed that they have engaged a contractor to carry out these works and are just waiting on a licence from Dublin City Council before commencing.



Reported faulty public lighting along the Chapelizod Road was also reported into our Public Lighting section for investigation and repair.

#### Storm Éowyn

Hoarding around the Development site on Chapelizod Main Street came down during storm Éowyn.

The Public Domain Office, on foot of a report from local residents, arranged with the Roads "on call" emergency team to clear the road and footpath of the fallen hoarding, to ensure the road was safe for road users and pedestrians as soon as possible.

However the remaining hoarding, surrounding the site, collapsed onto the community garden area, leaving the development site exposed.

The Public Domain Office has contacted the Development Department requesting that they remove the old hoarding and reinstate hoarding around the site as soon as possible.





# <u>Errigal Field improvement works -</u> <u>Phase 2 new seating & tree planting</u>

The Public Domain Office is delighted to inform members that Phase 1 of the Errigal Field improvement works are complete and Phase 2, the installation of a park bench and picnic table is complete

and additional seating upon the boundary wall at the hospital end is planned. The new tree planting was commenced by Parks, with member of the community involved in the planting.

New path network and Natural Playground











# Illegal Kerb dishing/depositing of material on a Public Road

The Public Domain Office have commenced a survey of the illegal practice by some households in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area of depositing material on a public road. Some householders have taken it upon themselves to create illegal kerb dishing on public roads, by depositing concreate, tarmacadam, a concrete cill, wooden plank or some other material, into the public roadway, to create a ramp. This has been done to facilitate access for off street parking in their front gardens. This is not only affecting the character and amenity of the streetscapes, and detracting from the visual character of the area, it is also creating a potential hazard for other motorist's pedestrians, and cyclists.



Under the Roads Act 1993, Section 13, it is an offence to place or deposit any material or thing on a public road. The local authority can remove any material, thing to reduce any hazard, potential hazard, obstruction on a road or footpath and can recover from such person, as a simple contract debt in any court of competent jurisdiction, any costs reasonably incurred.



Fines up to €5,000 and or imprisonment of up to 6 months can be faced for failure to comply with these obligations.

If a member of the public hurts themselves on one of these protruding illegal kerbs or deposits, the owner themselves could be held liable. Negligence, acts or omissions falling short of the reasonable standard are a prerequisite for most personal injury claims.







Planning permission is required for the alteration of front gardens in order to provide car parking by creating a new access, or for the material of widening of an existing access. Once permission is granted householders can then apply to the Roads & Traffic Dept. for vehicular dishing.

For properties with an existing vehicular entrance, if the vehicular entrance to the property has been in existence for seven or more years the householder can seek permission to retain it, by obtaining a sworn affidavit instead of planning permission. This affidavit must certify that the entrance has been used for vehicle access for at least 7 years. Where a sworn affidavit is provided, the width of the dishing that can be provided by Road Maintenance Services is a maximum of 3.6m. Please note a 'sworn affidavit' is a letter of declaration signed and witnessed by a solicitor or a peace commissioner.

Once a householder has planning permission or a sworn affidavit, they householder can then contact Road Maintenance Services to request the footpath to be dished. A Roads inspector will then arrange to call out to do an inspection and give the householder a quote for the vehicular dishing. Charges for vehicular dishing are as follows;

€611.60 total for a standard domestic vehicular dishing (up to 7 square metres in size)

€87.40 per square metre for larger domestic vehicular dishings

An extra charge is applied if granite kerbs or other specialist materials are needed. In these circumstances the extra charges can be significant.

Road Maintenance will arrange for work to begin at an appropriate time.

If there is a tree and/or grass margin present, Parks and Landscape Services should be contacted at parks@dublincity.ie to arrange an inspection.

Contact Details for Road Maintenance Services;

Telephone Number 012222507

Email Address: roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie

#### **Parking Enforcement**

Public Domain Office following reports from local Councillors and local residents

groups liaised with Parking Enforcement regarding the serious illegal parking in and around the Drimnagh & Chapelizod Areas. A DSPS crews were sent out to investigate illegal parking in these Areas and serious issues where identified, in particular Cooley Road/Sperrin Road junction at the rear of the Children's Hospital and then Galtymore Road / Sperrin Road and Galtymore Road / Benbulbin Road junctions/roundabouts.

Fines were issued to offending motorists and going forward the area will be continually monitored by DSPS.

# <u>Chapelizod – Reinstatement of double</u> yellow lines

Following representation by local residents to the Public Domain Office, the Traffic Department have repainted the Line Markings at Martin's row just before Knockmaroon Hill.

#### Le Fanu Shops - Section 9 issued

The Public Domain Office have engaged with Waste Management Services with regard to the excessive litter/illegal dumping that has accumulated on the Le Fanu Shop site. Under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 there is a duty on occupiers of a public place (not being a public road or a building or other structure) to keep that place free of litter, that is to any extent visible from a public place. A person who contravenes this is guilty of an offence.



Public Domain Office did try and proactively engage with the occupiers of the units in this complex, but unfortunately it was to no avail. It was at this point we passed on the issue to the Litter Management Office for enforcement

action. A notice has been served on all the unit occupiers requiring them to remove this litter/illegal dumping otherwise the City Council will arrange for its removal and recover the expenditure incurred as a simple contract debt from each unit/occupier.

#### **Colepark Shops**

Serious illegal dumping continues in and around this roadway located behind Colepark Shops on the Ballyfermot Road. This is a serious hazard to the environment while also detracting from the visual character of the area. This roadway is earmarked for inclusion on the new CCTV scheme for the purposes of Prevention, Detection & Prosecution of Litter Offences. In the meantime the Public Domain Office will continue to liaise with the Litter Management office requesting regular Litter Warden Inspections and request continued support from the Waste Management in keeping this area clear of illegal dumping.









#### <u>The Grotto – Tyrconnell Road – Section</u> 20 notice issued

The Public Domain Office requested a Section 20 notice be served on the owners of the Grotto site on Tyrconnell Road after a number of failed attempts to actively engage with the owners to remove graffiti from the hoarding surrounding the site. The Litter Prevention Office have now served the Section 20 notice, the notice required the owners to remove the defacement which is visible from a public place. Failure by the owners to comply will allow Dublin City Council or its agents to carry out these works and recover the costs.

<u>Dublin Canvas</u> The annual selection of traffic utility boxes for painting will shortly be upon us, if councillors or their constituents would like to forward traffic signal utility boxes in the area that they feel would be a good location for some street art please email

<u>ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie</u> identifying the location and we will forward them for consideration.







#### **Dog Poo bin pilot - Markievicz Park**

Public Domain Office and the Parks
Department have agreed to pilot a dog
poo bin in Markievicz Park. A number of
request have come in from residents and
environmental groups stating that there
are only 2 bins in the park, both located to
the west of the park near Garryowen Rd.
The Public Domain have agreed with
Parks to trial a Dog Poo only bin at the
Eastern side of the Park off O' Hogan Rd.



It is hoped that this facility will encourage safe/sustainable disposal of dog poo by dog owners, rather that people leaving dog poo bags on the ground or hanging them from railings or trees or hedges.

Dog owners are reminded that under The Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009 owners of a dog are require to clean-up after their pets fouling in public place. If their dog poos in a public place, they, or the person in charge of the dog, must remove the poo and dispose of it in a proper and clean way. Otherwise, it is an

proper and clean way. Otherwise, it is an offence. If their dog poos in a public place and they don't pick it up, they can receive a €150 on-the-spot fine.

## Graffiti Removal – Glenaulin Park on Drumfinn Avenue

Public Domain Office engaged SDCC to arrange for the removal of Graffiti from the entrance walls to Glenaulin Park on Drumfinn Avenue.





The Public Domain Office also arranged for the graffiti on the boundary walls between Rossaveal Court and Glenaulin Park to be removed



<u>Graffiti Removal – Jamestown Road</u> <u>Inchicore</u>



#### **Illegal Dumping**

Public Domain continue to liaise with Waste Management & Parks to address

the serious issue of illegal dumping in the area.





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