



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD IN JULY 10/07/2023

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a written update on progress on ongoing issues with discharges to the Loughmore Canal that will address sources of discharges and engagement to date with those responsible, awareness among businesses in Raheen Business Park with the issues and involvement of the IDA and EPA in finding a solution.

Response:

Limerick City and County Council currently have a live investigation underway following a complaint received in the Environmental Enforcement Section of Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) in June 2021. The complaint related to a suspected pollution event from the storm sewer to the Loughmore Canal. In response, LCCC initiated an investigation into this complaint as required under the terms of reference of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977.

This investigation has been undertaken with the cooperation of IDA Ireland, the Estate Manager of the Raheen Industrial Estate. The scope of this investigation includes the examination of all businesses discharging to the IDA storm sewer from the Business Park and other businesses and connections on the R526.

Extensive desktop studies, site surveys, dye testing and CCTV surveys have been undertaken. Additionally substantial sampling was undertaken by LCCC at the discharge point at the canal. Concurrently the IDA also carried out sampling and flow monitoring at multiple locations within the business park. Out of hours sampling was also made available to the landowners to capture unusual events outside of business hours. Of the 40+ parameters being assessed, the results have highlighted a pattern of exceedances in two parameters.

In Autumn 2022 the IDA carried out further targeted sampling to try and identify a focus area for the investigation and the results of this were made available to LCCC in February 2023. LCCC are continuing to carry out sampling on a monthly basis at 2 locations on the canal in order to monitor the ongoing water quality.

Throughout this investigation, meetings have been scheduled and communications issued to the EPA, IDA and Landowners on a regular basis to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the investigation progress.

The IDA and LCCC have been actively engaging with Businesses within the Industrial Estate to try and establish a possible source of the exceedances and also to highlight awareness of the issues and ensure correct practices and procedures are in place for the use of Storm systems.



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These communications are still ongoing and will continue until a source/sources of the exceedances has been located or a resolution identified. LCCC and the IDA are actively working to establish a long-term solution to this issue.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much is the average fee to businesses and voluntary organisations for road closures for events.

Response:

The fee charged for road closures for events is the cost of the advertisement of the two statutory notices in a newspaper.

This cost will vary for each road closure depending on the number of words required in the notices.

The typical cost would not exceed €1,500 if advertised in a local newspaper, please note this cost would significantly increase if the notices are advertised in a national newspaper.

Liam Browne

Senior Executive Engineer

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

6th July 2023



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 10th July 2023.

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, the new development at Woodlawn Park called Woodlawn Close are experiencing flooding issues, what measures are being taken by the Council to rectify this issue.

REPLY:

On the 19th June 2023, sugar cases were logged by tenants of 2 properties in Woodlawn Close with the case description "house flooding over rain". On inspection, there had been no flood damage to the properties, although there was evidence that some localised flooding had occurred in the gardens of both properties in the aftermath of the very heavy rain that occurred in the city that afternoon. The Housing Maintenance section are liaising with the Roads Department with regards the drainage in the area.

Caroline Curley
Director of Service, Housing

6th July 2023



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Council engage with the Limerick Civic Trust regarding funding as they are looking after our graveyards in Limerick City and Limerick Civic Trust have very limited resources.

REPLY:

The Council provides ongoing payments to Limerick Civic Trust for works undertaken in Cemeteries. However, it is the Council's intention to enter into a new Service Level Agreement with the Civic Trust that will capture all areas where works are undertaken and to reach agreement on an appropriate annual grant.

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Council advise how many dog wardens are in Limerick City and County, their functions and hours of work, and if their phone number has been published publicly.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council employs two full-time dog wardens, who work a standard 39-hour week. The powers of the dog wardens are specified in Section 16 the Control of Dogs Act 1986. A dog warden may:

- Request the name and address of a person thought to be offending, and confirmation of same.
- Seize any dog from any premises (other than a dwelling).
- Enter premises (other than a dwelling) to prevent a dog attack on persons or livestock.
- Enter premises (other than a dwelling), where more than five dogs over five months are thought to be kept, and examine such dogs.
- Request a dog owner to produce a dog license within 10 days of the request being made.

The dog wardens also implement the Dog Breeding Establishment Act 2010. In this regard, they carry out certification inspections of dog breeding establishments, based on a risk assessment, to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Dog Breeding Establishment Guidelines 2018 (made under the Act). The dedicated phone number for the dog warden service is 061 301604. This is advertised on the Council website www.limerick.ie and on the Limerick Dog Shelter Facebook page. Queries regarding dog control can be made to this number, or through Customer Services at 061 556000.

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Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Question submitted by Councillor S.Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress has been made on the Markets Field, what stakeholders are involved and what timelines should be expected.

The Council has had preliminary discussions with the Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) in relation to the future of the Markets Field Stadium. There is no outcome to these discussions at this point but engagement will continue with a view to concluding discussions by the end of the year.

**Brendan Troy,
Senior Executive Officer
Regeneration Directorate.**



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Question submitted by Councillor S.Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many homes are in "demolition zones" in Regeneration areas and what is the breakdown by geography and private/ Council ownership.

In order to deliver the objectives of regeneration within the statutory Development Plan, and to facilitate further the development and enhancement of the Regeneration Areas, including delivery of new roads, better accessibility, new housing schemes, community infrastructure, enhanced public realm and safer overlooked spaces, some targeted demolitions will still be required. There are currently 188 new dwellings / major refurbs either under construction or at an advanced stage of planning in the Regeneration Areas and there is a significant amount of residential zoned land in the areas where demolitions help unlock significant potential for mixed tenure housing growth. A breakdown proposed demolitions is provided below.

Moyross

Tenure	Units
Private	10
LA - Occupied	14
LA - Unoccupied	7
Community Use	3

Southill

Tenure	Units
Private	14
LA - Occupied	19
LA - Unoccupied	11
Community Use	2

St. Mary's Park

Tenure	Units
Private	9
LA - Occupied	4
LA - Unoccupied	8
Community Use	0



Ballinacurra Weston

Tenure	Units
Private	6
LA - Occupied	0
LA - Unoccupied	0
Community Use	0


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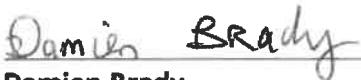
Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the mobile library service Clarina retirement village.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council – Having reviewed the mobile Library schedule I can confirm that there is scope to provide a Mobile Library Service to Clarina Retirement Village.

We will make contact with the retirement village and arrange the introduction of a Mobile Library Service to this location.



Damien Brady
City & County Librarian

Date: 4th July 2023



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD IN JULY 10/07/2023

Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the operational plan is to manage and maintain the natural environment, such as management of reeds, trees and other, and social amenities, such as the paths and the viewing platform, in Westfield Wetlands.

REPLY

The Westfield Management Plan is in the final stages of drafting and we will be in a position to present the Westfield's Management plan, AA screening and Natura Impact Assessment to the next meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee and thereafter to the Metropolitan District.

The plan will address overall management of the Westfield's Wetland with particular emphasis on the preservation and enhancement of an important habitat and ecosystem. It will outline recommended maintenance, amenity enhancement and the addition or removal of additional features. In addition the plan will outline options in various categories, such as bulrush removal, water levels, invasive alien species, tree management, community engagement which will require further study and whose implementation will be dependent on compliance with the Habitats Directive and funding. Once in place the Westfield's Management Plan will be the reference document for all future works in the Westfield's Wetlands and park.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
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Metropolitan District of Limerick
Meeting to be held on Monday, 10th July, 2023.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the progress update on the King's Island Flood Relief scheme and associated infrastructure development, such as a new pathway around St. Mary's Park.

Reply

There is currently a conservation contractor on site, carrying out test repairs to the quay walls on George's Quay and the rear of the civic offices. This information will be used to finalise the tender package. Subject to OPW approval, the project will be tendered in Q3 2023 with a contractor on site in Q1 2024. The proposed works comprise a new landscaped flood defence embankment to the north of King's Island with new public lighting and shared footpath/cycleway. The existing sheet piles will be cut down to ground level and the existing outer walkway will be resurfaced from the handball alley to Star Rovers FC, where the path joins the new flood embankment. To the south, the existing quay walls will be upgraded with glass flood walls provided at amenity locations. Public realm improvement plans include public lighting and paving upgrades to the riverside walkway along Merchant's Quay, George's Quay and Sir Harry's Mall.

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the details on the dog fouling bins present in Limerick City and who is responsible for emptying these bins.

REPLY

The Domestic Waste & Litter Team manage three dog bins located at Dooradoyle Road, Church Road, Raheen and Father Russell Road. Each bin is serviced weekly by an authorised waste collector. Any of the general waste litter bins provided by Limerick City and County Council's Cleansing Team may be used for disposing of dog waste.

Limerick City and County Council promotes the 'Any Bag, Any Bin' approach and request dog owners to take responsibility for the removal their pets' waste from public places and dispose of it in a proper manner

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on how many parking fines have been issued in Limerick city in 2022 and to date this year.

Response:

In 2022, 10,147 parking fines were issued in Limerick City.

In 2023 up to 4th July, 7,216 parking fines have been issued.

Liam Browne
Senior Executive Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
6th July 2023



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on water quality testing at Loughmore Canal and recent testing results from same.

Response:

Limerick City and County Council and the IDA have undertaken extensive sampling in the Loughmore canal and within the Industrial estate over the past 18 months. Samples were tested and compared with the Surface water standards that are presently in place in Ireland at the European Union and are contained in the 'European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations 2009 – S.I. No. 272 of 2009, as amended'.

For parameters where there were no emissions limit values in the 2009 Surface Water Regulations, samples were compared to the limits set in the EPA document; 'Parameters of Water Quality – Interpretation and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency, 2001 (EPA Surface Water Guideline limit)'.

Of the 40+ parameters being assessed, the results have highlighted a pattern of exceedances in two parameters. LCCC are continuing to sample at 2 locations in the canal on a monthly basis to monitor the water quality. The samples to date indicate that there continues to be exceedances in both parameters. We are actively engaging with the Businesses in the area and the IDA to try and identify a source of these exceedances.

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