

## Dublin City Councils draft Litter Management Plan 2020-2022

I wish to acknowledge the work done by the staff and management of Dublin City Council Waste Management department who along with voluntary and residents group work tirelessly to tackle litter in our City and make it look its best. Despite their best efforts Dublin's north inner city is a persistent litter blackspot and the prevalence of dog excrement in residential is unacceptable.

I would ask that the following suggestions be considered before finalising the plan:

- DCC's Litter Management Plan is greatly impacted by Dublin City Council's Waste Management and Climate Action Plan and as such should reference both.
- It should acknowledge the commitment from the elected members of Dublin City Council to re-municipalise the domestic waste collections in Dublin City.
- Year on year Dublin's North Inner-City features as the worst littered area in the country. The Litter Management Plan must set-out an action plan with target date for it to rank as "clean to European norm"
- Illegal dumping is a major source of litter in the inner city. It is caused in part by irresponsible landlords and low-income households which cannot afford domestic waste collections. A major compliance and enforcement programme should be undertaken in key districts experiencing chronic and persistent illegal dumping and litter. Action must be taken to have landlords pay for clean-up arising from their property mismanagement. A waiver should be re-introduced for low income households.
- A programme should be specified to replace existing street bins with segregated on-street recycling bins
- Bottle banks and recycling centres are few and far between in the north inner city where there is a low level of car ownership. The availability of both should be reviewed and a plan agreed to ensure adequate access to such facilities within easy walking distance for all city residents
- DCC should partner with industry/sector groups to introduce a deposit/refund scheme in the city for all glass bottles and cans to encourage recycling
- Street sweeping has all but disappeared in Dublin City outside of the main commercial streets of Henry, Grafton and O'Connell Street. A regular weekly street/footpath sweeping, and cleaning programme must be introduced for all urban villages.
- Large truck/mechanical sweepers are highly ineffective on paths, on narrow streets and in any areas where on-street parking operates. Manual/human sweepers with street cleaning equipment should be re-introduced.
- Dublin City Council should introduce byelaws to facilitate the introduction of "alternate side of the street parking" to allow for proper street and shore cleaning on streets with "on street" parking.
- An annual review and report detailing target achievement and challenges of the Litter Management Plan should be presented at the Environment SPC and full City Council.

Thank you for considering my submission, I look forward to working with you to making our city litter free.

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