

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Following complaints on social media by members of the public, will the Minister advise whether there are any plans to address the state of repair of the public park at South Hill gardens, Mount Bingham and, if not, why not?”

Answer

INITIAL REPAIRS FOLLOWING STORM CIARÁN

Storm Ciarán caused significant damage to South Hill Park and La Collette Gardens. During the storm, 30 mature trees were damaged or came down. These trees, and their associated roots and stumps, have been cleared and areas relevelled for replanting. There has been damage to paths and steps from falling trees and the large vehicles required to remove them. Safety repairs to the paths and walls are underway, with these repairs being completed to a level that allows safe access to the public.

HISTORIC PARKS RESTORATION

Initial proposals for restoration of South Hill Park and La Collette Gardens were developed in 2022. These have not been developed further due to a lack of available funding for further design work and construction. A request for funding through the Government Plan 2024 – 2027 was made. However, no funding was allocated.

The Department is now considering how this project can be progressed with funding allocated either from ‘Infrastructure Rolling Vote – Public Realm’ funding identified in the Government Plan or a separate request for funding through the Government Plan 2025 – 2028.