Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 8th November, 2021 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Burtchaell, John	Manton, Brigid
Butler, Darragh	McCamley, Mary
Carey, Ian	Mulligan, Dean
Conroy, Pamela	Mulville, Paul
Dennehy, Brian	Murphy, Tony
Dennison, Kieran	Newman, Joe
Doyle, Tania	O'Brien, Eoghan
Graves, Ann	O'Donoghue, Robert
Guerin, Jimmy	O'Leary, Tom
Hanaphy, Breda	Onwumereh, JK
Healy, David	O'Rourke, Aaron
Henchy, Adrian	Power, Karen
Humphreys, James	Rane, Punam
Kitt, Tom	Shovlin, Siobhan
Lavin, Anthony	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Leddy, Ted	Treacy, Natalie
Maguire, Grainne	Walsh, John
Mahony, Howard	Whooley, Daniel

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor B. McDonagh

The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Corporate Affairs & Governance); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/EETCD); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Mobility); Mary T. Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water Services); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Planning & Strategic

Infrastructure); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Liam Burke (A/Director of Services/Housing and Community), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks Superintendent), Michael Staunton (Executive Parks Superintendent), Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer); Mary Egan (Senior Executive Officer; Natalie Dineen (Senior Staff Officer).

F/456/21 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of County Council meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th October 2021 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th October 2021 be **ADOPTED."**

F/457/21 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor Daniel Whooley and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 2 to 14 be ADOPTED."

F/458/21 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Henchy - Heritage Grants

F/459/21 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor H. Mahony - Disputed Ownership of Public Property

F/460/21 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor B. Manton - Grass Cutting

F/461/21 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor B. Manton - Additional Engineering Posts

F/462/21 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Tree Relocating Equipment purchased by Fingal County Council

F/463/21 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Autism Parking Spaces

F/464/21 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Full Time Vacant Homes Officer

F/465/21 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Whooley - Current Operational Status with Cyc-Lok.

F/466/21 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Walsh - Strategic Housing Development

F/467/21 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Litter picking

F/468/21 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor D. Healy - Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit system

F/469/21 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor D. Healy - Information on Sewage Overflows and Unplanned Discharges

F/470/21 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Council run craft apprenticeship schemes

F/471/21 (Agenda Item No 15)
Report of Committees

a Report of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 26th October 2021

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED.**

b Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 3rd November 2021

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 4th November 2021

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **AGREED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services (B) meeting held on 4th November 2021, are hereby **APPROVED.**"

F/472/21 (Agenda Item No 16)

Financial Matters

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading

F/473/21 (Agenda Item No 17)

Proposed Disposal of Properties.

a Proposed lease of land at Oldtown, Co. Dublin to Oldtown Community Council

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor B. Dennehy and seconded by Councillor B. Manton and **RESOLVED:**

"That the land referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Proposed disposal of land including Right of way at lands at rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland

This item was **DEFERRED** to the December meeting of the County Council.

F/474/21 (Agenda Item No 18)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Proposed Dwelling at No. 50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Existing Shop Site), Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor N. Treacy and **RESOLVED**:

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the proposed dwelling at No. 50 Sheepmoor Avenue (existing shop site), Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/475/21 (Agenda Item No 19)

The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal

The report of the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

It was **AGREED** to take Motion Item No. 30 in conjunction with this item.

The following motion, in the name of Cllr. J. Newman, was proposed by Cllr. J. Newman and seconded by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh.

"That the Chief Executive, prior to the adoption of the Tree Strategy, introduce a process which will inform local area Councillors on a regular basis of the intent to remove trees or hedgerows in their local areas, (except in emergency situations) and that the system of documenting requests or plans to remove trees in the Fingal area are transparent and accessible to Councillors on request."

Following discussion, the motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was **PASSED**.

The following motion, in the name of Councillor I. Carey, was proposed by Councillor I. Carey and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

"That the trees in residential areas that are within 5 metres of public lighting standard and obstructing light to an unreasonable level may only be removed as a last resort if it is not feasible to 1) reduce the height of the light so that light is no longer obstructed, or 2) extend the arm of the light so that light is no longer obstructed".

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor I. Carey, seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and AGREED:

"That the foregoing motion be amended to read as follows:
That the trees in residential areas that are within 5 metres of public lighting standard and obstructing light to an unreasonable level may only be removed as a last resort if, following consultation with the public lighting section, it is not feasible to 1) reduce the height of the light so that light is no longer obstructed, or 2) extend the arm of the light so that light is no longer obstructed".

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Carey, seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and AGREED; "That the foregoing motion, as amended, is hereby PASSED."

It was then proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor H. Mahony;
"That the Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal is hereby ADOPTED."

F/476/21 (Agenda Item No 20)

Mayor's Business: Councillor

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh referred to the successful recent trip to Utrecht by a number of Members and staff.
The Mayor also commented on the Celtic Lighting Event held in Millennium Park and the anti-social behaviour that took place at the Event.

F/477/21 (Agenda Item No 21)

Chief Executive's Report

The report of the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED.
Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

F/478/21 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conferences

a LAMA Autumn Training Seminar 3/4/5 November 2021

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED

F/479/21 (Agenda Item No 23)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter dated 14th October 2021 from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re: Strategic Housing Development

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED.

F/480/21 (Agenda Item No 24)

Correspondence

a Letter from Dublin City Council dated 6th October 2021 Re: Dublin Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED.

b Letter from South Dublin County Council dated 14th October 2021 Re: Boycott of Israeli Goods

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED.

c Letter dated 19th October 2021 from Kerry County Council re: Palestine Flag

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED.

F/481/21 (Agenda Item No 24d)

Letter dated 20th October 2021 from Tipperary County Council re: Group Water Schemes

The correspondence, which had been circulated, was NOTED.

F/482/21 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor A. O'Rourke - Leasing Part V units

The attached motion, in the name of Cllr. A. O'Rourke, was proposed by Cllr. A. O'Rourke and seconded by Cllr. N. Treacy.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 17 SEVENTEEN
AGAINST: 18 EIGHTEEN

FOR: Burtchaell, John; Carey, Ian; Conroy, Pamela; Doyle, Tania; Graves, Ann; Hanaphy, Breda; Healy, David; Humphreys, James; McCamley, Mary; Mulligan, Dean; Mulville, Paul; Newman, Joe; Ó Rodaigh, Séana; O;Rourke, Aaron; Power, Karen; Treacy, Natalie; Walsh, John.

AGAINST: Butler, Darragh; Dennehy, Brian; Dennison, Kieran; Guerin, Jimmy; Henchy, Adrian; Kitt, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Leddy, Ted; Maguire, Grainne; Mahony, Howard; Manton, Brigid; Murphy, Tony; O;Brien, Eoghan; O;Donoghue, Robert; O'Leary, Tom; Onwumereh, JK; Rane, Punam; Shovlin, Siobhan.

The Mayor then declared the motion LOST.

F/483/21 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor N. Treacy - Land Development Agency Bill

The attached motion, in the name of Cllr. N. Treacy, was proposed by Cllr. N. Treacy and seconded by Cllr. R. O'Donoghue.

It was AGREED to take item no. 31, Motion in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue in conjunction with this item.

The attached motion in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the motion in the name of Councillor N. Treacy and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 13 THIRTEEN
AGAINST: 21 TWENTY ONE

FOR: Councillors Burtchaell, John; Doyle, Tania; Graves, Ann; Hanaphy, Breda; Humphreys, James; McCamley, Mary; Mulville, Paul; Newman, Joe; O'Donoghue, Robert; Ó Rodaigh, Séana; O'Rourke, Aaron; Treacy; Natalie; Walsh, John.

AGAINST: Councillors Butler, Darragh: Carey, Ian; Conroy, Pamela; Dennehy, Brian; Dennison, Kieran; Guerin, Jimmy; Healy, David; Henchy, Adrian; Kitt, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Leddy, Ted; Maguire, Grainne; Mahony, Howard; Manton, Brigid; O'Brien, Eoghan; Murphy, Tony; O'Leary, Tom; Onwumereh, JK; Rane, Punam; Shovlin, Siobhan; Whooley, Daniel.

The Mayor then declared the motion LOST.

Following discussion, the report to the motion in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue was **NOTED**.

F/484/21 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor A. Henchy - Functions of Active Travel Department

The attached motion, in the name of Cllr. A. Henchy, was proposed by Cllr. A. Henchy and seconded by Cllr. H. Mahony.

It was **AGREED** at this stage to extend the meeting by 20 minutes to complete the discussion on this motion.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**

The Meeting concluded at 8.20pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th November, 2021 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9, at 2.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Boland, Cathal	Mahony, Howard,
Butler, Darragh	Manton, Brigid
Dennehy, Brian	McCamley, Mary
Dennison, Kieran	Mulligan, Dean
Doyle, Tania	Mulville, Paul
Graves, Ann	Murphy, Tony
Guerin, Jimmy	Newman, Joe
Hanaphy, Breda	O'Donoghue, Robert
Healy, David	O'Leary Tom
Henchy, Adrian	Onwumereh, JK
Humphreys, James	O'Rourke, Aaron
Kitt, Tom	Power, Karen
Lavin, Anthony	Rane, Punam
Leddy, Ted	Shovlin, Siobhan
Maguire, Grainne	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Whooley, Daniel	Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John	

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors J. Burtchaell, and B. McDonagh.

The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive), Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance), John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Corporate Affairs & Governance), Mary T. Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water Services), David Storey (Director of Services/ Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel), Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/EETD), Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Planning & Strategic

Infrastructure), Liam Burke, A/Director of Services/Housing & Community), Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Egan (Senior Executive Officer) Natalie Dineen (Senior Staff Officer)

F/283/21 (Agenda Item No 1)

Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year Ending 31st December 2022

Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year Ending 31st December 2022

The Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year ending 31st December 2022 which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor gave a brief introduction and outlined the proposed format for the meeting, whereby an address would first be given by the Chief Executive followed by an overall presentation on the Budget by the Head of Finance, Mr. Oliver Hunt. Each Division would then be examined individually and Members would be afforded an opportunity to pose questions in relation to each division. The Mayor advised that the Members were required by law to consider and note each Division and votes would be taken on the various motions.

The Mayor also reminded Members that if there are any motions submitted which call for an increase in expenditure, that it must also be demonstrated as to which areas of expenditure would be decreased.

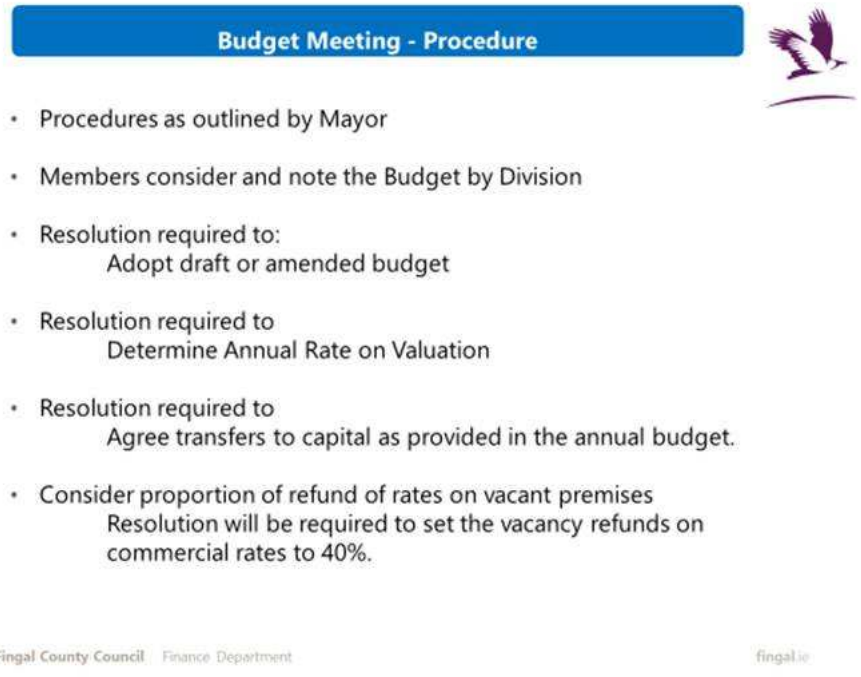
The Chief Executive then introduced the Budget for the Council on behalf of the Executive. She advised the Members that this Budget provided a €13m increase on the 2021 Budget and that the Government's Rates Waiver Scheme had provided a support to the Council in preparing the budget being presented. The Chief Executive said that the Executive was committed to improving and enhancing the services provided to match the growing needs of County. She acknowledged the work of staff during the last year and their adaptability during the pandemic.

The Chief Executive expressed her thanks to the Mayor, the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and to all of the Members for their support during the preparation of the budget.

Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, also thanked his colleagues in Fingal County Council and his team in the Finance Department for their work in the compilation of this Budget.

Mr. Hunt then gave the following presentation to the meeting:

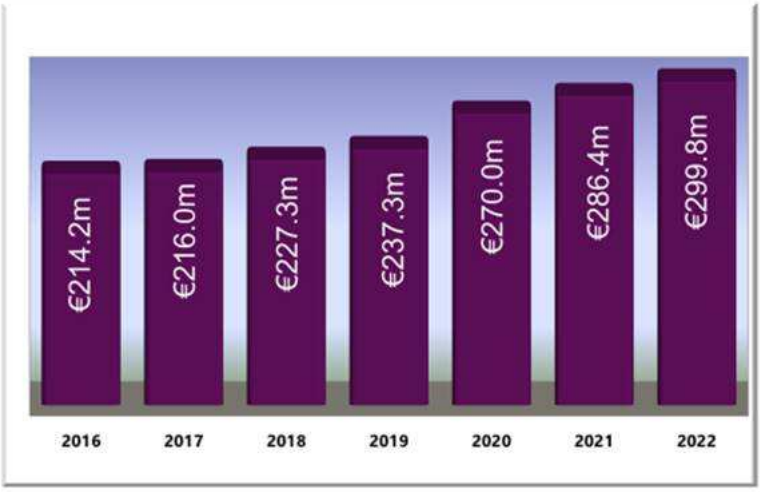




2022 Budget – Members Engagement

- Regular updates to members through OP&F on financial issues.
- Meetings with all party groupings and independents during June and July.
- LPT decision in July.
- Regular engagement with CPG on budgetary strategy.
- Budget was recommended for approval as presented by the CPG at its meeting 8th November.

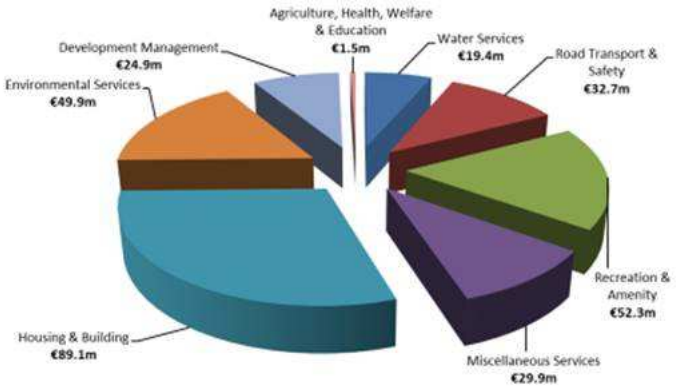
Revenue Budget Growth 2016 - 2022



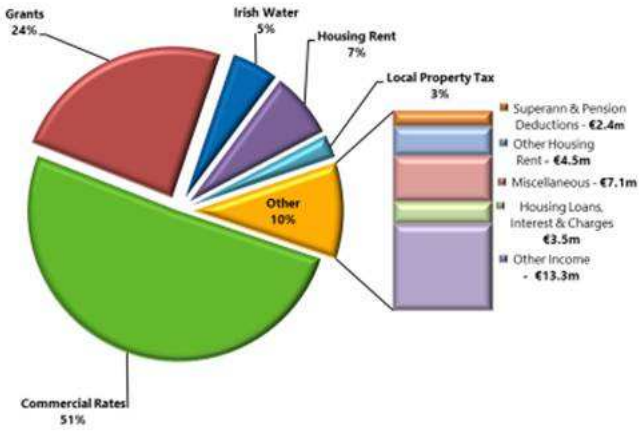
2022 Budget

Description	Budget 2021	Budget 2022	Net
Housing & Building	80,220,400	89,124,800	8,904,400
Road Transportation & Safety	30,284,300	32,743,900	2,459,600
Water Supply & Sewerage	18,923,700	19,385,000	461,300
Development Incentives & Controls	22,212,200	24,902,800	2,690,600
Environmental Protection	47,532,400	49,435,000	1,902,600
Recreation and Amenity	47,990,400	52,295,400	4,305,000
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,340,600	1,525,000	184,400
Miscellaneous Services	37,870,700	30,374,700	-7,496,000
	286,374,700	**299,786,600**	**13,411,900**
Housing & Building	-74,728,000	-85,374,400	-10,646,400
Road Transportation & Safety	-7,906,600	-8,313,800	-407,200
Water Supply & Sewerage	-17,677,600	-18,043,700	-366,100
Development Incentives & Controls	-4,942,000	-5,554,200	-612,200
Environmental Protection	-6,511,700	-7,274,700	-763,000
Recreation and Amenity	-2,827,300	-2,675,600	151,700
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-235,600	-307,800	-72,200
Miscellaneous Services	-14,407,400	-12,488,800	1,918,600
	-129,236,200	**-140,033,000**	**-10,796,800**

Expenditure Breakdown by Division



Analysis of Income

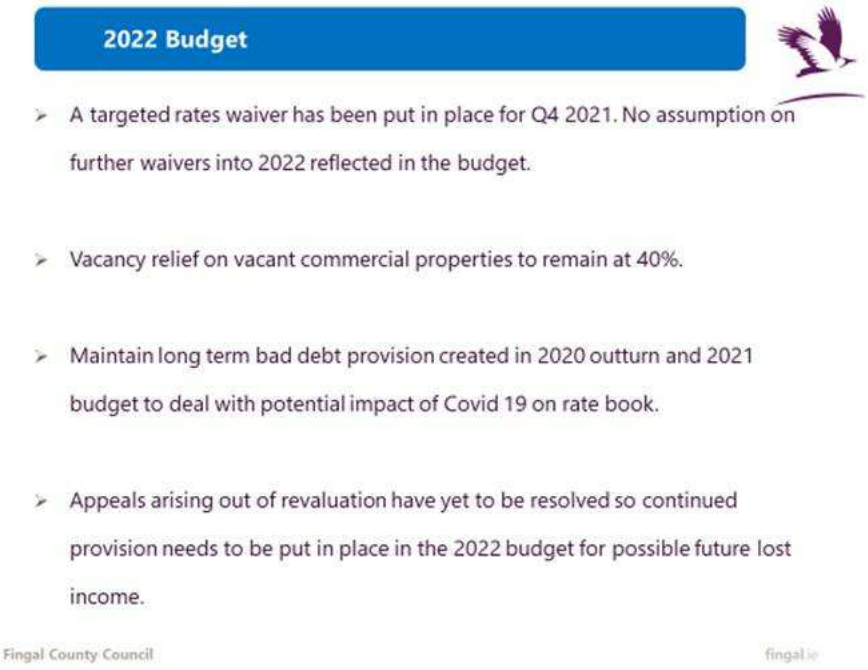


2022 Budget key increases

Housing	€8.90m
Payroll	€2.70m
Operations	€3.30m
EETCD	€1.50m
SCQ	€1.00m
Our Balbriggan	€0.36m
Recycling Centres	€0.63m
Fire Service costs	€0.50m
Active Travel	€0.31m
Pensions & retirement gratuities	€1.00m

- Also increases in community, libraries, arts etc.





DIVISION A – HOUSING AND BUILDING

Liam Burke, A/Director of Services and Mary Egan, Senior Executive Officer gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budge for Division A – Housing and Building, under the following headings:

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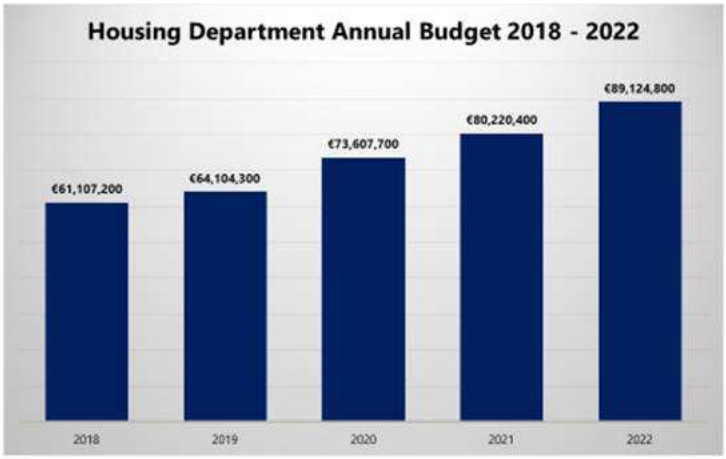
Division A

Housing and Building

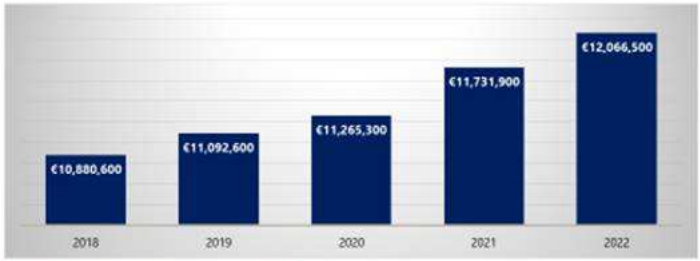
Budget 2022

Expenditure	€89.1m
Income	€85.4m

Housing Department Annual Budget



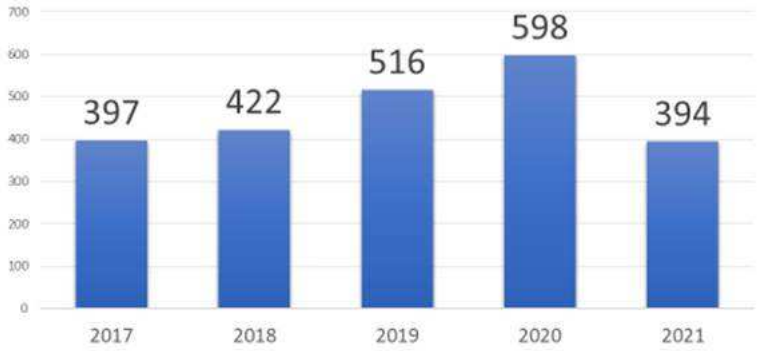
Housing Maintenance Expenditure





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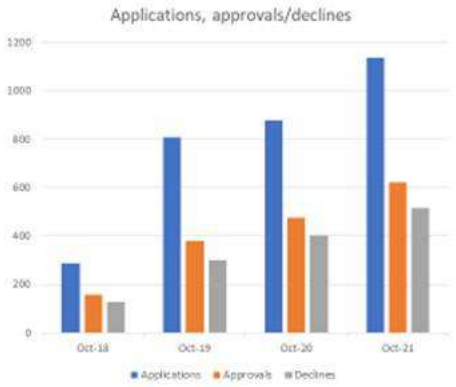
Homeless Households housed each year



- 2021 includes total up to 29/10/2021
- Total since 2017 = 2,327

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Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan



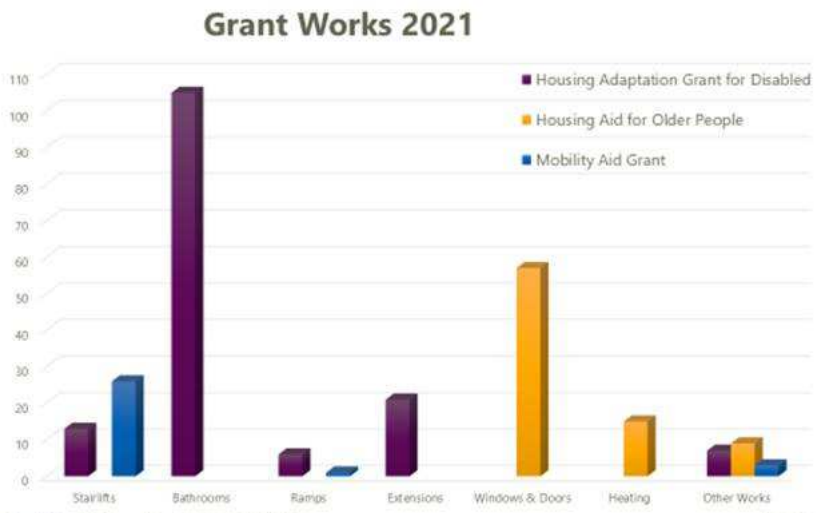


Housing Support for AHB's



Adaptation Grants

- Budget **€3.4m** – 263 grants approved to mid November 2021



Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division A is as follows:-

Budget 2021	Revised 2021	Budget 2022
€2,980,000	€2,980,000	€2,980,000



The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division A – Housing and Building. The Members asked questions on several aspects of the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Mr. Liam Burke and Mary Egan.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building.

DIVISION B – ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Mary T. Daly, Director of Services and David Storey, Director of Services gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety under the following headings:





Road Transport and Safety









Road Transport & Safety

Main Elements of Expenditure

B03 and B04 - Regional & Local Road Maintenance	**€18.1m**
- Non-Discretionary Roads Work Programme (Local and Regional)	
- Discretionary Roads Works Programme 2022 (Area Works Programme)	
B05 - Public Lighting (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€ 5.1m**
B06 - Traffic Management (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€ 3.5m**
B08 - Road Safety & School Wardens	**€ 2.3m**
B09 - Car Parking	**€ 0.8m**

Road Transport & Safety

- Main Sources of Income

- Anticipated Net Income from
- Pay & Display Schemes
  €0.5m

- Local Property Tax
  €3.9m

- National Transport Ireland and TII
  €1.5m

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Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Active Travel

Road Transport & Safety









Road Safety Promotion & Education

Main items of Expenditure

School Wardens	**€839,100**
<u>Publicity & Promotion</u>	
Bike Share	**€150,000**
Active Travel	**€254,300**
Active Travel Staff (Service Support)	**€830,800**

Road Safety Promotion & Education

Main Sources of Income

- Publicity & Promotion **€115,000**
  **Bike Week, School Streets
- Active Travel (NTA Funded) **€830,800**

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Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division B is as follows:-

Budget 2021	Revised 2021	Budget 2022
€665,000	€665,000	€665,000



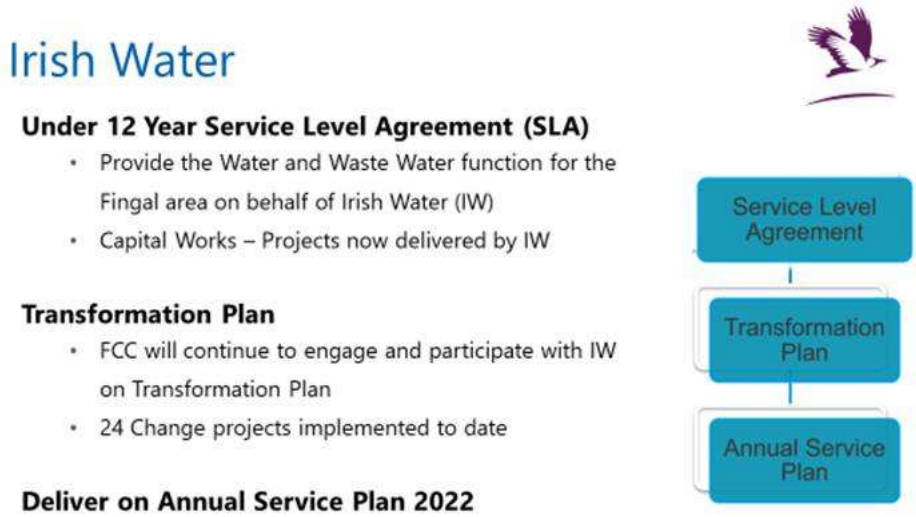
The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division B – Road Transportation and Safety. The Members asked questions on several aspects of the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly and Mr. David Storey.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety.

DIVISION C – WATER SERVICES

Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services, under the following headings:





Water Services

- Payment for Goods and Services is done directly by IW via SLA;
- Payroll and Central Management Charge costs recouped monthly from IW via SLA;
- Capital Projects managed directly by Irish Water;
- Surface Water Drainage Network & Public Conveniences remain with the Council.

Public Conveniences

C04 – Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences
€389,000

- New Eco Toilets, Touchless Modular Toilets and Changing Places units (Millenium, Santry, Ardgillan and Newbridge)
- Cleaning and Ongoing Maintenance
- Longer Opening Hours.









The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division C – Water Services. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services.

DIVISION D – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Ms. Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D relating to Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development and Mr. Liam Burke, A/Director of Services gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D relating to Community, Culture & Sports Division:

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Division D

Development Management Budget 2022

Revenue Expenditure	€24.9m
Revenue Income	€5.5m

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Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Expenditure 2022	**€11.28m**
Major element of expenditure is Payroll	€8.8m
Total Income 2022	**€2.78m**
Planning application fees	€1.3m
Fire Certs	€900k
Commencement Notices	€160k

Development Management 3

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning Applications / Decisions:

There has been a continued strong level of submissions of planning applications and the number of applications based on current trends is estimated to approach 1,500 by year end.

Strategic Housing Developments:

8 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications (for 4,592 units) have been made to date to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted permission for 3 SHD's (1,748 units). The Board refused permission for 3 SHD's (732 units) in March, June and July. There is a total of 3 SHD's (2,687 units) currently in the formal application process.

Development Management 4

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE HOUSING ACTIVATION FUND (LIHAF)

- Donabate Distributor Road
- Rathbeale Road Upgrade
- Baldoyle/Stapolin

2 LIHAF projects were delivered in 2020 (Donabate Distributor Road and Rathbeale Road) and they will provide infrastructure including a distributor road, footpaths and cycle tracks. The Hole in the Wall Road is due to be completed in late 2021.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

E-PLANNING PORTAL

- Work is ongoing both nationally and locally to progress the delivery of the national on-line planning portal with all LA's due to go live throughout 2022.

- Work is progressing with Fingal's new pre-planning Module which is currently at testing stage. This Module is due to go live Q1 2022.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Transportation Planning – Forward Planning
- Lissenhall East LAP;
- Dunsink Feasibility Study;
- Sustainable Swords Transportation Study.

Transportation Planning – Road Projects
- Snugborough Interchange – on site;
- Hole in the Wall Road – on site;
- Park Road Upgrade – complete;
- Church Fields Link Road – contractor appointment;
- Donabate Green Routes – Turvey Avenue CPO published;
- N3 Upgrade – public consultation complete.

Transportation Planning Greenway Projects
- Fingal Coastal Way – public consultation on route options, landowner consultation;
- Royal Canal Urban Greenway – public consultation on preferred route;
- Sutton-Malahide – landowner consultation;
- Broadmeadow Way – ongoing advance works and design development.

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Planning & Strategic Infrastructure



Parks and Open Spaces
- Bremore Regional Park
- Rivervalley Park Swords All-weather sports facilities
- Rogerstown Estuary Plan
- Coastal Defence Works
- Porterstown Park D15
- Ballymastone Recreational Hub
- Beechpark Gardens
- Rogerstown Park / Former Balleally Landfill
- Lanesborough Park, Meakstown
- Naul Village Park
- Garristown Library Garden
- Howth Playground



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Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Economic Development**
  - Promote the development of Industrial Lands at Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) & Stephenstown;
  - Progress road and green infrastructure enhancements in DEZ & Stephenstown;
  - Support Fingal Skills Strategy implementation Group;
  - Focus on sustainability of existing businesses;
  - Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.





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ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Enterprise Promotion**
  - Promote economic stimulus measures to revitalise the local economy
  - Progress implementation of URDF funded Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan
  - New Local Economic and Community Plan commencing - implementation of actions
  - Local Enterprise Office (LEO) – Deliver suite of enterprise supports
  - Work with stakeholders to ensure economic vibrancy of towns and villages
  - Lead implementation of the Dublin LEADER Programme to support economic development in expanded range of rural areas.
  - On-going management of the Enterprise Centres at Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Swords













ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



- **Tourism Development & Promotion**
  - Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county;
  - Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food & drink tourism destination;
  - Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties;
  - Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.





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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Events**
  - Supporting Artists & Events Industry
  - Supporting Indigenous Businesses

Development Management



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Community Development & Sports Division

Fingal PPN (Funding €46,000)

- Fingal PPN Strategic Plan Review and Extension of Plan until the end of 2022;
- Fingal PPN Handbook Review to bring Fingal PPN in line with the PPN Handbook issued by Department of Rural and Community Development;
- Fingal PPN Plenary taking place virtually on 10th November;
- Fingal Inclusion Week in partnership with Fingal County Council taking place 15th – 21st November.

Comhairle na nÓg (Funding €30,000)

- Comhairle na nÓg in 2021 picked the topic of Mental Health and COVID-19 Impact - Devising and implementing work plan in consultation with Youth Council;
- Participated in 11 consultations on relevant topics and a number of meetings/presentations with various stakeholders.;
- Hosting a virtual AGM November 11th 2021 - engaging with schools and youth organisations across the county.

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Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division D is as follows:-

Budget 2021	Revised 2021	Budget 2022
€400,000	€428,000	€728,000



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The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division D – Development Management.

DIVISION E – ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Mr. David Storey, Director of Services, and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services under the following headings:





Environment Division

Waste Management (€3.9m)

- Landfills : Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt and other Historic Sites;
- Recycling Facilities Collection Contract : Estuary, Coolmine and Bring Banks.

Environmental Enforcement

- Litter Enforcement; (**682K**)
- Waste Regulations – Permitting and Monitoring Waste Recovery Facilities, Monitoring and controlling movement of waste;
- Water Pollution : Bathing Waters, Farm and Septic Tank Inspections, Water Framework Directive Measures and Operational Monitoring and Trade Effluent Licencing;
- Air and Noise Pollution.

Transformation of Balleally Landfill to Rogerstown Park,



End of Life Vehicles Project



- 65 Illegal ELV sites have been cleared and closed down
- 100 ELV inspections undertaken by enforcement officers during 2021
- Section 55 Notices issued and legal files prepared for more difficult sites
- Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATF's) inspected and enforcement action taken

Water Protection – Bracken/Matt River Quality Improvement as part of the "Our Balbriggan" Strategy



Environment Division

Climate Action

The budget allocation under this division covers costs associated with the following:

- Costs associated with the Climate Action section which co-ordinates activities associated with the implementation of the Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) include Salaries, Training and ancillary staff costs. Reporting on progress on the implementation of the CCAP €450,000;
- Climate action awareness activities and promotional material – advertising, media, consultancy, events.

Environment Division

Climate Action Cont'd.

- A financial contribution to City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema) who are financed by the four Dublin local authorities and provide technical assistance in relation to energy efficiencies and local-level energy policy, planning and projects; €140k support annually towards additional projects.
- Implementation of a number of actions under the Environment division; enhancement of existing actions, and development and implementation of new actions under the CCAP; and to cover funding shortfalls - €407,000

Dublin Climate Action Week 2021

13 - 19 September 2021

DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Local Authorities Leading on Climate Action



Environment Division

Environmental Awareness (257k)

- Regional & environmental awareness campaigns in waste prevention, ReUse, Recycling, Instruments Project and Biodiversity.;
- Supporting communities in transitioning to a more sustainable way of living; Keen to be Green Community Centres Project;
- Green Schools programme, Picker Pals, ReLove Fashion;
- Online classes for community groups;
- Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Projects; Litter kit through Community Centres; Anti litter & dog fouling campaigns;
- Adopt-a-Patch support to communities;
- Total expenditure under Environmental Awareness is €297,000.

Environmental Awareness Program



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Projects in Schools



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Fire Service

- Provided by Dublin City Council
- Costs apportioned by population, households, rateable valuation
- Provision in Fingal Budget 2022 - €23m
- 2022 Budget includes provision for recruit class.

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Division E

Environment Division

Budget 2022

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Division E

Operations

Budget 2022

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Street Cleaning, Recycling and Burial Grounds

Expenditure - €12.9m

Increased Provision for Street Cleaning - €600,000

- E02 - Recycling Facilities and Bring Centres €3.5m
- E06 - Operation of Street Cleaning Service €7.3m
- E09 – Operation and Maintenance of Burial Grounds €2.1m

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Division E

Operations

Budget 2022



The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division E – Environmental Services. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly, Mr. David Storey and Mr. Oliver Hunt.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services.

DIVISION F – RECREATION & AMENITY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services and Ms. Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services and Mr. Liam Burke, A/Director of Services, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation & Amenity under the following headings:





Libraries

- Revenue budget 2022: €10.6m (excluding central management charge);
- Book fund: €850,000;
- New National Library Management System: €50,000 in first year;
- Average opening hours in Fingal Libraries: 45 hours per 6 day week;
- Libraries open for borrowing, studying and for printing services;
- Mobile library and cocooning/housebound services operating;
- Currently no in person events due to COVID but extensive online programming and e-services available.

Libraries

- IT Infrastructure:-
  - Improved Wi-Fi access in branches;
  - Eduroam Wi-Fi for students;
  - Library App – self service function for borrowers.
- Development of Maker Space area at Blanchardstown Library, €95k in 2022 budget for Creator in Residence, equipment and STEAM events;
- Baldoyle Library to be first 'My Open Library' site in Fingal – extended opening hours from 8.00 am to 10.00 pm daily from Spring 2022.

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Libraries

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ARTS OFFICE & CREATIVE IRELAND

- Arts Centres Subvention €710,000
  -Draiocht & Seamus Ennis Centre
- Youth & Educational Programme €225,000
- Support to Professional Artists €200,000
- Arts Grants €150,000
- Music Generation €70,000
- Creative Ireland Programme €268,900

ARTS OFFICE & CREATIVE IRELAND





Swords Cultural Quarter



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Heritage Properties





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Heritage Properties

Visitor Attractions

- Malahide Castle & Gardens
- Newbridge House & Farm
- Skerries Mills
- Ardgillan Castle
- Swords Castle
- Casino Model Railway Museum

Heritage Properties

Development Projects 2022

- Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House – Roof & Electrical Repair Works;
- Swords Castle – Phase III conservation works – full electrical upgrade;
- Malahide Castle – Heating Upgrade and completion of conservation works to the Great Hall;
- Skerries Mills – Re-development of Red Barn;
- Bremore Castle – Appointment of design team for Part M compliance works;
- Skerries Martello Tower – Conservation works to Tower;
- Completion of Conservation Plans for Ardgillan and Shackleton's Mill;
- Guinness Bridge – Conservation works for preservation of bridge.

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Heritage Properties





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Events

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EVENTS SECTION

- **EVENTS BUDGET 2022 - €1.64m**
- As we return to events we have re-imagined our approach allowing for hybrid/blended events this year and into 2022 while adapting to Covid.
- Supporting Communities through the Festivals and Events funding scheme.





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Events

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Community Development & Sports Division

Community, Development & Sports Division

Community Development Support

- Support provided for new and existing residents and wide range of community groups;
- Fingal Communities in Focus Webinar;
- Community Clean-ups continued;
- Summer Projects;
- Bringing the inside out: promote outdoor activities;
- Safer Halloween;
- Establishment of Community Development Hubs at 3 locations;
- Community Development Office: Building Stronger Communities Report.

Community Development & Sports Division



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Community Development & Sports Division

Strategic Support

- International Women's Day: 'Women in Leadership – Community Development';
- Fingal Pride 2021: Pride at work training;
- Pride of Place 2021 took place virtually;
- Fingal Africa Day 2021 took place virtually;
- Community Facilities "Keen to be Green" Climate Action Initiative



Interagency Support

- Tyrrelstown Development Group - Tyrrelstown Our Future;
- Mulhuddart Priority Task Group application for CDP funding;
- Balbriggan Integration Forum;
- Supported local projects across the county.



Community Development & Sports Division



Community Facility Support

- Board of Management - volunteer support;
- Remedial works - facilities management;
- Facility operator tender;
- Governance - continue to build legal framework ;
- Master classes continued online;
- Covid specific training developed and delivered to staff and volunteers;
- Fingal Management Facilities Network continued to meet online;
- Climate Action - Keen to be Green.

Covid-19

- Covid-19 Community Response Helpline continues to operate and is manned by CDO staff;
- Virtual community centres;
- Community Engagement Programme;
- Community Facility Remobilisation Steering Group.

Community Development & Sports Division

Age Friendly Programme

- Older Peoples Council's Meetings held virtually;
- Age Friendly Alliance Meetings held virtually;
- Fingal Age Friendly Guide 2021;
- "Give it a Go" taster sessions to encourage re-engagement/Coffee mornings
- Positive Ageing Week – A number of outdoor events to encourage older people to re-connect;
- Information Dissemination Directory;
- Ageing Awareness Training with Community Centre Managers.



Integration

- Support the delivery of actions included in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy;
- Building a sense of belonging for those that live, work or visit Fingal.



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Operations

Outdoor Leisure Areas

Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches

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Parks & Playgrounds









Parks, Playgrounds & Beaches

F03 – Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations
Expenditure - €20.78m

- Regional, Neighbourhood and Town Parks;
- Residential Open Space;
- Street Trees (Approx 45,000);
- Sports Pitches; Multi-Use Games Areas; All-weather Pitches; Tennis Courts; Cricket Grounds; Bowling Greens;
- Playgrounds and Skate-Parks;
- Day to day maintenance of Beaches;
- Lifeguard Service;
- Increased Discretionary Parks Works Programme across the 3 areas.

Beaches



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Operations

Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division F is as follows:-

Budget 2021	Revised 2021	Budget 2022
€3,984,900	€4,309,800	€5,464,900



The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division F – Recreation and Amenity. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly, Ms. Emer O'Gorman and Mr. Liam Burke.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation and Amenity Services.

DIVISION G – AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services and Mr. David Storey, Director of Services, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare under the following headings:







The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly and Mr. David Storey.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare.

DIVISION H – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Mr. John Quinlivan, Directors of Services and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budged for Division H – Miscellaneous Services under the following headings:





Corporate Services

- Members' Expenses / Allowances
- Electors/Voters Draft Register Nov 2021
- Continuous development of Corporate Systems
- Building Facilities

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CORPORATE SERVICES

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology

Budget 2022 - €7.5m : Budget 2021 - €6.9m

Priorities

- Corporate Document and Records Management System;
- CRM system replacement;
- Asset Management & Field Work system;
- Meeting Room Technologies;
- Meeting Management System;
- Library Management System replacement;
- Housing System upgrade;
- Financial System upgrade;
- ePlanning system.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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HUMAN RESOURCES

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Human Resources

- The Human Resources Department will continue during 2022;
- To ensure sufficient staff are in place for the continued provision of services;
- To implement the Public Service national agreements;
- To ensure that the staff of Fingal are continually upskilled and cross-skilled so that they can carry out their duties in a safe and competent manner;
- To implement a rigorous regime of safety inspections in order to ensure the safety of our employees and also the safety of the public affected by the delivery of Local Authority Services .

Recruitment

Recruitment Programme 2021 – end of October 2021	
Recruitment Campaigns Completed / Pending	81
Applicants to date	2820
Interviews Held to date	909
Number of Appointments	246
Number of New Starters	169
Number of Leavers / Retirements	148
Number of Current Job Offers to Candidates	99

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Miscellaneous Services

Finance

- Administration of rates including:- €26.1m
  - provision for rates leakage arising out of valuation appeals process;
  - refund of rates on vacant properties (40%);
  - Bad debt provisioning;
  - Rates administration.

- NPPR Income €0.5m

Commercial Rates – Vacancy Refund

Rates on vacant premises

- Setting of the vacancy refund rate is a reserved function to be voted on at the Annual Budget Meeting.
- The Legislation requires that the Members consider the matter each year and it is recommended that a refund rate of 40% be adopted for 2022.
- An proposal to reduce further would result in increased costs to owners of vacant premises.

Recommendation

- That a refund rate of 40% apply for **2022.**

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval for Miscellaneous Services is as follows:-

Budget 2021	Revised 2021	Budget 2022
€30,121,200	€30,121,200	€21,969,200



The Mayor, Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division H – Miscellaneious Services. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Mr. John Quinlivan and Mr. Oliver Hunt.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services.

The following Motion was proposed by Councillors David Healy, Pamela Conroy, Ian Carey, Karen Power and Daniel Whooley:

"That the Budget be amended by

a) Reducing the rates refund component within H0303 to 35% with a resulting increase in net income by €225,000
b) Allocating an additional €100,000 in Division B to deal with ice on footpaths and other active travel; infrastructure in a targeted manner to include areas important to vulnerable pedestrians, bridges and other problem locations;
c) Allocating an additional €125,000 in Division E to a pilot of a bulky waste collection similar to that run in Dublin City with a view to reducing the problem and expense of fly-tipping."

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 7 Seven

AGAINST: 29 Twenty-Nine

FOR: Councillors Carey, Ian; Conroy, Pamela; Healy, David; Mulville, Paul; Newman, Joe; Power, Karen; Whooley, Daniel.

AGAINST: Butler, Darragh; Dennehy, Brian; Dennison, Kieran; Doyle, Tania; Graves, Ann; Guerin, Jimmy; Hanaphy, Breda; Henchy, Adrian; Humphreys, James; Kitt, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Leddy, Ted; Maguire, Grainne; Mahony, Howard; Manton, Brigid; McCamley, Mary; Mulligan, Dean; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan; O'Donoghue, Robert; O'Leary, Tom; Onwumereh, JK; Ó Rodaigh, Séana; O'Rourke, Aaron; Rane, Punam; Shovlin, Siobhan; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Treacy, Natalie; Walsh, John.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

BUDGET – RESOLUTION 1

The following resolution, which was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and RESOLVED:

"That the County Council adopts for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2022, the Annual Budget set out in Tables A to H".

ANNUAL RATE OF VALUATION – RESOLUTION 2

The following resolution, which was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and RESOLVED:

"That the County Council determines in accordance with the budget as adopted the rate as set out in Table A to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the Financial Year ending 31st December in 2022 for the purposes set out in Table A".

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT – RESOLUTION 3

The following resolution, which was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and RESOLVED:

"That the County Council approves of the transfer to the Capital Account of the sums provided for various Capital purposes in the Annual Budget for 2022 as adopted."

RATE OF REFUNDS ON VACANT PROPERTIES – RESOLUTION 4

The following resolution, which was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 31 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Part V of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, it is hereby resolved to vary the level of rates refunds on vacant properties within the administrative County of Fingal that applies to eligible persons from 100% to 40% for the financial year ending 31 December 2022"

The Meeting concluded at 20.40hrs.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 03

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTE

Following the resignation of Cllr Ted Leddy as Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC a vacancy now arises.

As the nomination of Chairs of SPCs is subject to group voting, and Cllr Leddy was nominated by the Fine Gael group, it is a matter for this grouping to nominate a replacement.

Given that the Members must be a member of at least one SPC and can only be a member of one SPC, Cllr. Leddy is to be nominated to the membership of the SPC on which the vacancy arises following the nomination of the new Chairperson.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 04

ERDF FUNDING 2022

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if any of the major projects in the County will be put forward for the ERDF Funding Scheme in 2022 as since 2018, it appears that only 3 projects have received money from this funding-stream and I would wish this Council to maximise its access to these monies?"

Reply:

The goals of the ERDF 2021 - 2027 Programme focus on "Investment for jobs and growth" and "European Territorial Co-operation". ERDF themes concentrate on support for innovation, the digital economy & SME's delivered through a smart specialisation strategy and a greener, low-carbon and circular economy.

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department's European and International Relations Section is working to build capacity within the Council and with key stakeholders to increase participation in European Programmes which share common themes with the Council's corporate priorities such as regional and urban development, climate action, digital and smart innovation and social and cultural development. Projects under these themes are encompassed by a wide range of European Programmes including Horizon Europe, Interreg, Urban Innovative Actions, URBACT, Erasmus+, Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe and the EU Green Deal.

The Council is currently involved in a number of European funded Projects including collaborations with Smart Dublin, Codema and URBACT and is strengthening relationships with European and Regional Partners and building capacity to proactively access future funding streams.

The Council liaises on an ongoing basis with national, regional and European partners and through these networks keeps informed about funding streams that may be of benefit to the County. The Council continues to keep all available funding streams under review with project teams across all Departments considering the potential to submit project applications under the eligibility criteria of relevant funding streams and in accordance with EU regional priorities. The Council will submit applications as appropriate for projects in the county as calls for proposals issue in 2022 in relevant funding streams and will advise Councillors of the submission of such funding applications.

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ITEM NO. 05

SPORTS CLUBS AND DIVISION OF RESOURCES

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if areas could be identified inside parks and grounds that we already own, to facilitate the building of premises for smaller clubs such as boxing, karate etc which would allow them build permanent homes and apply for available funding?"

Reply:

Provision of permanent welfare/changing facility buildings for single use commercial sports clubs cannot be accommodated on public open space lands. It is more appropriate for these clubs to make arrangements within existing community buildings or schools that have the capacity to rent space in a commercial arrangement.

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ITEM NO. 06

NEW PUBLIC TOILETS IN FINGAL COASTAL AREAS

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the delivery of new public toilets in the Fingal coastal areas?"

Reply:

A provision of €2m is provided in the 3-year Capital Programme for the refurbishment of public conveniences across the County over the next 3 years. The Council has completed Stage 1 of the tender selection process to procure a design/build operator to rebuild/refurbish all 13 public toilets in the coastal areas in Fingal.

It is hoped to have the preferred design/build operator selected in the middle of Q1 2022. Once the preferred design/build operator is in place the Part VIII process in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2021 will be commenced on a phased basis in 2022. Subject to the approval of the Members of the Part VIII, it is hoped to have new toilets in place at the identified priority locations.

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ITEM NO. 07

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRACTICES IN PROCUREMENT

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive if, during the procurement process efforts are made to engage the services of providers who only use environmentally friendly products such as paint and if a process exists, what efforts are being made to ensure it is being adhered to?"

Reply:

Where there is a formal procurement process, green eligibility criteria are included as appropriate in tender documentation as well as part of the evaluation process. This is in line with the Corporate Procurement Policy which contains a section on sustainable procurement which is informed by current guidance provided in the main by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform through the Office of Government Procurement detailed in their Circular 20/2019 as well as the Environmental Protection Agency the latter of which published Green Public Procurement – Guidance for the Public Sector a couple of months ago.

Recent examples include the textiles concession where, as part of the award criteria, the tenderers had to describe how they intended to ensure that the environmental impact of the project remained as low as possible. Where equipment is involved in the delivery of a project, energy consumption details must be provided as part of the tender.

The Council will continue to employ the most appropriate actions in order to comply with all green procurement obligations.

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ITEM NO. 08

PUBLIC TOILETS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list, in tabular form, of the public toilets in the County, showing their normal opening times, whether each toilet is normally seasonal or open all year round and any special opening hours due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic emergency period?"

Reply:

Seasonal times for the opening of public toilets is 1st June to 1st September.

During the CoVid pandemic, all the seasonal toilets opened from March through to the middle of October. In addition, the seasonal toilet at Harbour Road Skerries remained open to 10pm during the summer months.

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords			
Town	Location	Opening Hours	Seasonal or Full Time
Balbriggan	George's Hill- Wheelchair access	8am - 8pm	Full Time
Donabate	Between the Shoreline Hotel and Martello Tower	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
Skerries	Skerries Harbour	8am -	Full Time

		8pm	
	Harbour Road (walkway by Skerries Sailing Club)	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
	South Beach-Wheelchair access	8am - 8pm	Full Time
Loughshinny	Main Road (behind property 'Cove Cottage')	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
Rush North Beach	off Lower Main Street/ Harbour Road	8am - 8pm	Full Time
Rush South Beach	behind car park on Convent Lane	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
Portrane	Located behind Piper's Takeaway on Burrow Road	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
Portrane	Tower Bay Beach, close to Martello Tower, off Quay Road	8am - 8pm	Seasonal
Heritage Parks			
Ardgillan Demesne -	• Brambles Café • Playground	Park Hours	Full Time
Newbridge Demesne-	• Adjacent to the Coach House Café • Playground	Park Hours	Full Time
Santry Demesne	Playground	Park Hours	Full Time
Blanch-Mul/Castleknock/Ongar			
Town	**Location**	**Opening Hours**	**Seasonal or Full Time**
Dublin 15	St. Catherine's Park	Park	Full Time

		Hours	
Blanchardstown	Millennium Park	Park Hours	Full Time
Howth/Malahide			
Town	**Location**	**Opening Hours**	**Seasonal or Full Time**
Howth	East Pier, Claremont	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Howth	Summit Car park	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Howth	West Pier	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Malahide	Beside Malahide Lawn, Tennis Courts	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Howth	Balscadden Car Park	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Malahide	Muldowney, Coast Road Wheelchair access	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Portmarnock	Velvet Strand	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Portmarnock	Golf Links Road	8.00am to 8.00pm	Full Time
Sutton	Burrow Beach	8.00am to	Full Time

		8.00pm	

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ITEM NO. 09

PEDESTRIANISATION OF SWORDS MAIN STREET

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the hugely successful pedestrianisation of New Street, Malahide, whether pedestrianisation of Swords Main Street will be included as part of the Sustainable Swords Project as this would transform the Main Street of our County Town which has become severely congested by through-traffic and would demonstrate that this Council has a vision to provide people-focused public realm for our citizens to enjoy and in which local businesses will thrive?"

Reply:

The Sustainable Swords project is ongoing and is a 15month project which began earlier this year. The purpose of Sustainable Swords is to produce a place-making strategy focused on the strategic regeneration and compact, sustainable development of Swords. The goals are to increase the resilience of the local economy, and to provide for an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child-friendly, and healthy urban environment. The ambition for Sustainable Swords is to form a coordinating device that will establish a package of measures and projects that are prioritised, programmed, and impactful. The aim is to identify a coordinated range of 'pipeline' projects that can be funded as part of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

A second round of public consultation was carried out in October, focusing on the emerging themes and projects. Theme 2 relates to reimagining the public realm. This envisages a change in the quality of the urban realm of Swords town centre, to encourage people to stay longer and have a more enjoyable experience. The focus is upon a phased enhancement of the urban realm that

provides space for all. Six projects were outlined, including Main Street Transformation. This could include pedestrianisation of the Main Street. Traffic modelling is currently ongoing to assess this and to consider other opportunities for creating a more pedestrian friendly environment throughout the town. The results of this will be published as part of the draft Strategy which will be published early next year.

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ITEM NO. 10

CYCLE LANES FROM THE M1 HOLYWELL JUNCTION INTO AND THROUGH AIRSIDE

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive if the cycle lanes running from the M1 Holywell junction into and through Airside will be inspected with a view to making them safer for users as many parts of the route have been damaged by tree roots as well as certain sections that have been narrowed by grass growing into the cycle lanes?"

Reply:

"A preliminary assessment of the cycle lane indicates that certain sections will require a more detailed assessment to be carried out. This assessment will be carried out as soon as possible and a detailed response will issue."

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ITEM NO. 11

GRADUATES IN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive how many graduates Fingal County Council has received from the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Graduate Scheme in 2021 and how many of these graduate posts were filled and how does this compare to 2018, 2019, and 2020?"

Reply:

There was a graduate intake of six in 2018 who were employed until 2020 and the graduate intake for 2021 is 14 and they will be employed until 2023.

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ITEM NO. 12

HIGH AMENITY ZONED LANDS

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of areas zoned high amenity for a decade or more that remain derelict and underutilised, and to provide details of plans or policies to ensure that landowners are required to provide the amenities desperately needed by communities in Fingal?"

Reply:

The areas within the County that are covered by the High Amenity zoning objective include the Garristown uplands, Naul Hills, the Liffey Valley and the Coastal Corridor. These high amenity areas, and particularly the Coastal Corridor, contain the County's most important EU, national and local resources in terms of natural environment, landscape and heritage. The sensitive development and conservation of these environmental resources is critical to their long-term sustainability.

At present details of landownership are not available. However, it is considered the policies within the Development Plan protect these natural areas from inappropriate development, reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place and investigate opportunities for public access, where possible and appropriate, in recognition of the amenity potential of these areas.

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ITEM NO. 13

SOCIAL HOUSING

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate in tabular format the number of social housing units delivered across the County and broken down by each Local Area Committee in 2021?"

Reply:

The following table outlines the delivery of social housing solutions up to 30th November 2021. Further delivery is scheduled for the month of December.

Delivery Mechanism	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	BlanchMul/Castleknock/Ongar	Howth-Malahide	Totals
New Build	19	167	35	221
Acquisitions	15	9	3	27
Leasing	73	99	6	178
HAP	390	439	66	895
Total	497	714	110	1321

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ITEM NO. 14

TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE PROJECT

Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Traffic Control Centre Project?"

Reply:

A provision of €550,000 has been made in the 3Year Capital Programme for the delivery of the Traffic Control Room. Construction works are required to be carried out at the location of the Control Room which is in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown. These works are due to commence in 2022.

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ITEM NO. 15

VAS DATA COLLECTIONS

Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the VAS installed within Fingal have a data collection facility that is capable of collecting the following information, time and date, actual speed, average and max speed, speed reduction, 85th percentile and if so, why does Management consider the data to be of limited accuracy and therefore limited value?"

Reply:

The VAS deployed in Fingal do not have all, and in some cases, any of the listed functionality. They use radar to detect vehicles and speed and are uni-directional. Radar does not have the capability to distinguish between different vehicles or different vehicle types and erroneous readings can be obtained when there is more than one vehicle within the radar target range. Rain can also introduce errors. Furthermore, the data storage is limited and quickly gets full. Data is not collected centrally but instead requires manual download at each site.

The accepted engineering standard for conducting bi-directional vehicle counts and speed measurements and distinguishing between types of vehicles is to use pneumatic counters. These have already been used in various locations to conduct surveys and many people will have noticed the pneumatic tubes laid out across roads. The Council engages with specialist contractors to carry out these surveys and to categorise and present the information.

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ITEM NO. 16 (a)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE BABRIGGAN/SWORDS/RUSH-LUSK AREA COMMITTEE (SERVICES B) 11TH NOVEMBER 2021

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	**Eligible Funding Amount**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Ashton Broc Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€494.00	Bark for Bio Diversity Garden	Yes	2021 - €808.44 2020 - €640.37 2019 - €648.00	€395.37
Ballyboughal Tidy Towns (Activities Funding)	€340.00	Shelving for Polytunnel	No	€0	€270.00
Ballyboughal Community Council (Activities Funding)	€1200.00	Defibrillator Heated Weather Proof Box	Yes	2019 - €270.24	€1000.00
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	€433.00	Insurance Renewal	Yes	2021 - €264.00	€346.00

(Activities Funding)				2020 - €664.00 2019 - €558.40	
Churchfield Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€439.00	2 x Goalposts	Yes	2021 - €1208.00	€351.20
Rathbeale Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€452.00	Insurance Renewal	Yes	2020 - €414.00 2019 - €1328.00	€361.60
The Hills Cricket Club (Sports)	€2950.00	Bowling Machine	No	€0	€2000.00
Skerries Hockey Club (Sports)	€2615.00	Bibs, Mats, Target & Board, Protective Gear	No	€0	€2000.00
Balbriggan Golf Club (Sports)	€2545.70	5 x Practice Chipping Nets, Pop-up Driving Net, 10 Water-filled Plastic Distance markers for practice grounds. 15 Golf Alignment Sticks, 5 Putting Tracks & Arcs, 3 Putting Mats & 6 Tempo Sticks.	Yes	2019 - €2000.00	€2000.00
Balbriggan Rugby Football Club (Sports)	€2979.02	Flags Pole Pads Poles & Audio-Visual	No	€0	€2000.00
Skerries Golf Club	€2631.00	5 Teaching	No	€0	€2000.00

(Sports)		Mats & IMAX Keepers			

APPLICATION FOR ARTS FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Arts Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**
Lusk Tidy Towns Association	€627.30	Production of annual Christmas card, depicting a local scene.	Y	2020 - €600 2019 - €450 2018 - €400 2016 - €400 2015 - €400 2014 - €400 **€2,650**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy

That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Tony Murphy
Cathaoirleach

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ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Name of Applicant Group	**Eligible Funding Amount**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Evora Park Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€1,114.58	Festive Lights, Spring Planting & Insurance	Yes	2021 - €729.00	€891.20

Malahide Basketball Club (Sports Funding)	€2,660.94	Shot basketball ring, backboards, outdoor poles and pole padding.	No	N/A	€2,000.00

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins:
"That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE the funding in the foregoing report."

Signed: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien
Area Cathaoirleach

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (NON-FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL OWNED) REMEDIAL WORKS SCHEME FUNDING

The Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme for Community Centres scheme focuses on enhancing the existing (non-Fingal County Council owned) Community Centres throughout the County of Fingal.

Applications are considered for funding under this scheme in order to carry out essential remediation works/repairs to (non-Fingal County Council owned) Community facilities.

An application has been received from the Mid-Sutton Community Centre to carry our essential electrical upgrades and installation of new fire doors to meet the H&S standards required for a community facility at a cost of €12,942.67

In order to facilitate the payment of the grant to the community centre before Christmas an informal report, detailing the application details, was issued to all members by email on 24th November 2021.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey:
"That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE the funding in the foregoing report."

Signed: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien
Area Cathaoirleach

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ITEM NO. 16c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART-CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE (SERVICES B) MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMEBR 2021

The following report, by the Manager, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED:

Application for Community and Arts Scheme Funding

An application for funding under the Council's Community Activities Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out here under:

Name of Applicant Group	**Eligible Funding Amount**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Meakstown Tidy Towns (Activities Funding)	€700.00	Insurance, Artist Materials & Facilitation & Bedding Plants.	No	N/A	€560.00
Meakstown Community Council (Activities Funding)	€2199.00	Gazebo, Fold-up tables, Portable outdoor chairs & Santa suit for Community event.	Yes	2020 - €300.00	€1759.72

Huntstown Ladies Club (Activities Funding)	€1415.00	Group Insurance, Air Purifier, Karaoke Machine, Sanitizing Equipment, Education & Training, Keep Fit Class, Art Supplies.	No	N/A	€1132.00
Whitestown Estate Management (Activities Funding)	€1805.00	Shed for Community Maintenance Equipment.	Yes	2019 - €1487.44	€1444.00
Mountview Fortlawn Community Youth & Sports Hub (Activities Funding)	€350.00	CCTV Upgrade/ repair/ service	Yes	2021 - €1640.00	€350.00

The Application for Funding which was received, was NOTED

"It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor N. Treacy"

That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the funding in the foregoing report.

Signed:

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Councillor Pamela Conroy
Area Cathaoirleach

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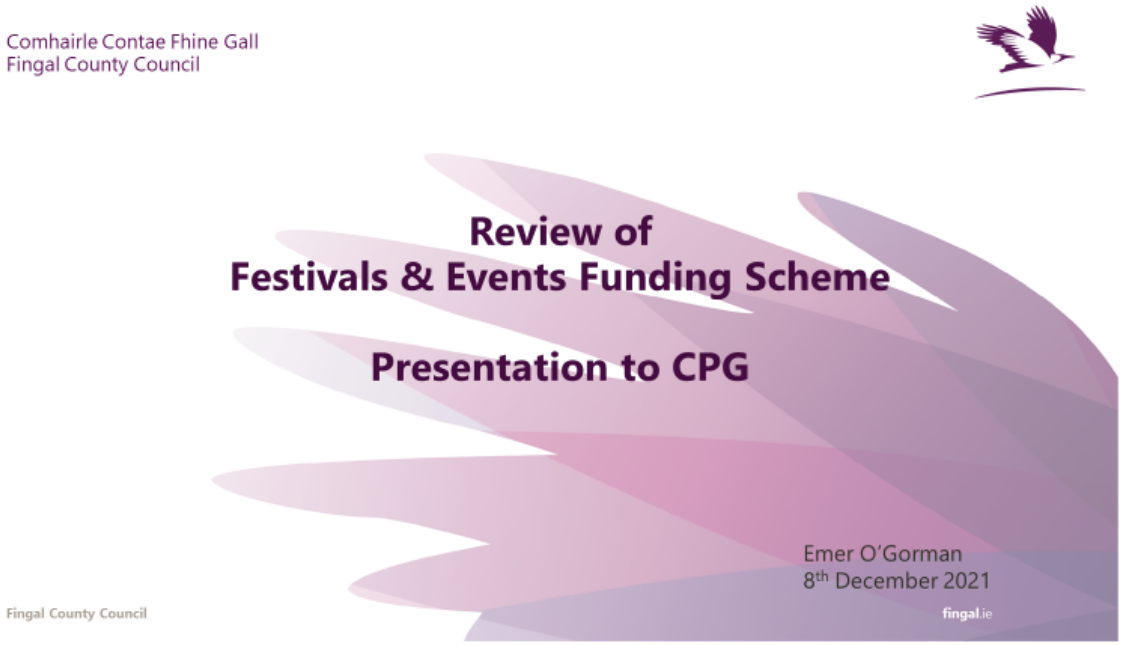
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ITEM NO. 16d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMEBR 2021

1. Festivals and Event Funding Scheme

Emer O'Gorman introduced this item and made the following presentation to the CPG:



BACKGROUND

- Events Units established 2010
- Tourism Development Office established 2015
- Review 2016 of Events Team and role for events delivered by other organisations
- Established a defined funding model for Festivals & Events
- Scheme presented to SPC for 2017
- "Call for Proposals" for funding in early 2017 from organisations and event organisers seeking to hold an event in Fingal

Summer Festivals
Mayfest
St Patrick's Day Parades
Christmas lights
Rush Air Display

BACKGROUND



Year	Amount	No of Events
2017	€211,360	40
2018	€276,000	45
2019	€281,500	45
2020	€262,750	43
2021	€213,000	48
TOTAL	**€1,244,610**	**221**

BACKGROUND

- Have a general audience appeal and be socially inclusive.
- Clearly demonstrate potential to generate economic, social and/or cultural benefits including tourism impacts where appropriate.
- Complement the County's calendar of events in relation to attracting overseas' visitors.
- Meet the Events Units objective of compiling a varied programme of events throughout the year including content, seasonal and geographical spread.
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County.
- Demonstrate financial sustainability and the capacity to develop the event.
- Have a clear PR and marketing plan including a social media strategy to actively promote the event.

REVISED SCHEME

- Strengthen governance
- Criteria clearly set out
- Sets out Eligible/Ineligble costs
- Ease of application
- Terms & Conditions

REVISED SCHEME

Three Strands for Festivals and Events

- **S1:** Delivery and Programming of Small Scale and New Festivals & Events
- **S2:** Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals & Events
- **S3:** Festival and Events Economic Development and Sustainability

Strand 1

Delivery and Programming of Small Scale & New Festivals & Events

- The **maximum** amount of financial support under this strand is **€4,500**
- Small scale festivals and events are classed as those with previous, or expected audiences less than **1,000** people

Strand 2

Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals and Events

- The **maximum** amount of financial support under this strand is **€15,000**
- Strand 2 festivals and events area classed as those with previous or expected audiences of more than **1,000** people

Strand 3

Strand 3 seeks to fund actions to support the long-term sustainability of festivals/events

- The **maximum** amount of financial support under this strand is **€7,500**
- Support the development of organisational structures such as the carrying out of feasibility studies; business plan development; reviews of governance structures; development of new festival/event concepts; marketing and audience development strategies; brand development; clustering initiatives.



Next Steps

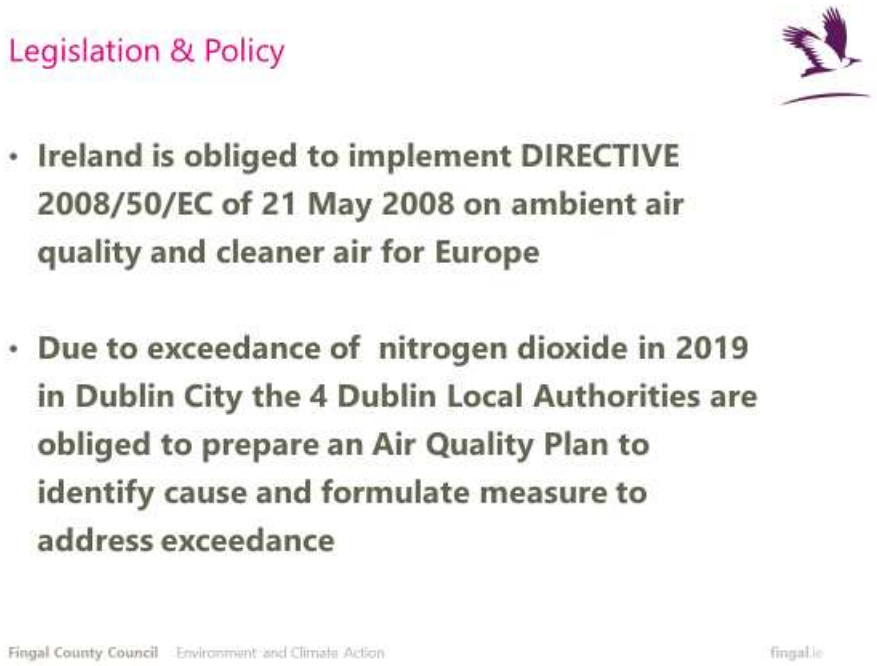
Recommendation of CPG to Full Council Meeting on **13th December 2021**
Proposed Advertisement of Call for Proposals – **14th December 2021**
Circulate to all groups & briefing session with groups
Closing Date **4th February 2022**
Evaluation by end February
Full Council Meeting March/April 2022
Notification to all groups

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. S Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Cllr. T. Murphy and **AGREED** that the Corporate Policy Group recommend that the County Council approve of the recommendations set out in the foregoing report.

2. Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan

David Storey introduced this item and made the following presentation to the CPG:





Summary of legislation

- Sets air quality standards
- Requirement for a network of monitors
- EPA has monitoring role
- Air Quality Zones
- Alerts for poor air quality
- Short term action plans for short term exceedances
- Long term action plans for other exceedances

AQP process

- Draft plan to full Council meeting in October for noting
- Briefing on Draft plan to 3 area committees during consultation
- Public Consultation period 18th of October to 15th of November
- Report on Submissions Environment & Climate Change SPC - 7th December
- Council meeting in December noting
- Issue Plan to EPA 17th on December

Air Quality Plan Measures

- Integrate "15 Minute Neighbourhoods" concept in City and County development Plans
- Public Parking Controls
- Residential Parking Standards
- Workplace Parking Standards
- Continue delivery of the Active Travel Programme
- Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy
- Publication of National Clean Air Strategy
- Air Quality Enabling Legislation
- Introduction of Clean Air Zones / Low Emission Zones
- Remote / Flexible Working
- Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling
- Air Quality – Citizen Engagement
- Air Quality and Health Research
- Behavioural Change Campaigns to Cleaner Fleet

Number of responses by LA area

Option	Total	Percent
Dublin City Council	108	51.92%
Fingal County Council	38	18.27%
South Dublin County Council	22	10.58%
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	32	15.38%
Other	8	3.85%
Not Answered	0	0.00%



Following discussion, it was **AGREED** by the Corporate Policy Group recommend that the Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan be brought to the County Council for noting.

3. Establishment of Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

John Quinlivan introduced this item and presented the following report to the CPG Members:

Following discussion with Members a new, additional, Strategic Policy Committee is proposed to be established. It is proposed that the SPC would be established on the following basis -

Proposed Remit -

Marine & Coastal Management	Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including: - Harbours - Sports, Recreation & Leisure - Blue Economy - Coastal Erosion - Bathing Water Quality - Renewable Energy

Proposed Membership -

Given the potential wide-ranging interests in the business of this SPC it is proposed that membership be comprised as follows –

Elected Members - 10

It is proposed that Members of this SPC will be permitted to be Members of 2 SPCs. A resolution will be brought to Council to amend Standing Orders to permit this.

Nominated External Members – 5

It is proposed that 5 nominations be sought from the nominating bodies. Should any nominating body not wish or be in a position to take up a nomination, the nomination may be offered to the other bodies. The initial nominations will be offered as follows -

1. Environment Pillar
1. IFA
1. Chamber of Commerce
1. ICTU
1. PPN

SPC Scheme

Given that the establishment of this SPC is to address a specific objective regarding the Marine and Coastal areas and may cross-over but will not specifically impact on the business of the other SPCs, it is not considered that there is a fundamental change to the SPC Scheme as adopted and it is not therefore necessary to go to public consultation.

The following updates will be made to the Membership and Remit Sections of the Scheme –

Membership by Committee	Elected Members	Sectoral Interest	Total
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	6	3	9
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity.	6	3	9
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	8	4	12
Housing	8	4	12
Planning and Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	6	3	9
Transport & Infrastructure Management	6	3	9
Marine & Coastal Management	10	5	15
Grand Total	50	25	75

Sectoral Nominees by Committee	Environment Pillar	Chambers / Business	ICTU	IFA	PPN	Total
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	1	1		1	1	4
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity.					2	2
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	1	1	1		1	4
Housing	1	1			2	4
Planning and Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	1	1			1	3
Transport & Infrastructure Management	1	1			1	3
Marine & Coastal Management	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total	6	6	2	2	9	25

SPC	Remit
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	Fingal Climate Action Plan 2019 - 24 Flood Risk & Water Quality Management Coastal Erosion Recycling, Waste Minimisation and Management Control of Animals Tree Management Policy Biodiversity Policy *While elements of the Climate Action Plan fall within the remit of all SPCs, the Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment is the lead SPC in this regard and can engage with DOS and staff across all Departments identified as 'Lead Departments' for various action points across the Plan.*
Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity	Community Development Creative Ireland Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 Creative Ireland Programme Arts Plan 2019-2025 Promotion of Arts Culture and Heritage.
Housing	Social Housing delivery and supports. Homeless Strategy Strategy Estate Management Accommodation Programme for Travelling People Allocations / Transfers Architecture and Design of Social Housing. Refurbishment Programme Models of delivery
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	Tourism Strategy and Economic development. Enterprise support functions. Preparation of the economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), Implementation and review of the economic elements of the LECP. Local Enterprise Office (LEO).
Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. Development of New Strategic Infrastructure – • Strategic Greenway Infrastructure • Strategic Transport Routes • Recreational open space • Metrolink Building Control and Building Standards Planning and Development Urban Design Conservation Development Contribution Scheme

Transport & Infrastructure Management	Sustainable Transport Modes & Cycling policy Movement & Open Space related Strategy & Bye-Laws Permeability & Retrofitting Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities Public Transport, Road Safety issues and Traffic Management Electric vehicle charging points Car sharing schemes, Park and Ride provision Burial Grounds Strategy & Management Bye-Laws
Marine & Coastal Management	Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including: - Harbours - Sports, Recreation & Leisure - Blue Economy - Coastal Erosion - Bathing Water Quality - Renewable Energy

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Corporate Policy Group would recommend that the County Council resolve as follows -

"In accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2001 (as amended), it is hereby resolved that Fingal County Council establish a Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee and that membership and remit of this SPC be included within the Strategic Policy Scheme 2019 – 2024 as set out in the foregoing report."

It was further **AGREED** to recommend to the County Council that Standing Order Nos. 14 i) and 19 g) each be amended to read as follows -

14 i) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

19 g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 6 Members, three of whom shall be Councillors

To give effect to the amendment, it is required that a majority of the Members of Fingal County Council agree to the following:

"It is hereby resolved that the amendment contained in the draft Fingal County Council Standing Orders (Dec 2021) be made and that the amended Standing Orders be adopted as the Standing Orders of Fingal County Council."

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 16 (e)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE BABRIGGAN/SWORDS/RUSH-LUSK AREA COMMITTEE (SERVICES B) 9th DECEMBER 2021

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	**Eligible Funding Amount**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Castleland Park Neighbourhood Watch (Activities Funding)	€676.00	Text Alert System and Insurance for Neighbourhood Watch Signage and Events.	No	N/A	€541.00
Naul Community Council (Activities Funding)	€2,275.90	Gazebo/Cover for Naul Village Farmers Market	No	N/A	€1,820.00
Ravenswell Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€1,598.00	Shed, Lawnmower & Spring Bulbs	Yes	2019 - €964.00	€1,278.40
Mourne Celtic Football Club	€8,000.00	Portacabin for use as a	No	N/A	€2,000.00

(Activities Funding)		temporary dressing room facility.			
Chapelgate/Pineridge Residents Association (Activities Funding)	€598.00	Purchase of Lawnmower & Strimmer.	No	N/A	€478.00
Ballyboughal Mens Shed (Activities Funding)	€1,799.00	Purchase of Table Saw.	Yes	2019 - €1,033.26	€1,439.20
ICA Lusk (Activities Funding)	€1,167.00	Laptop, Christmas Tree, 4 Folding Tables, Fee for Scout Hall (for 2 days use) Christmas Lights for Hall & Santa Suit.	No	N/A	€933.60
Garristown Community Council (Activities Funding)	€2,600.00	Group Insurance	No	N/A	€2,000.00
Rush Tidy Towns (Activities Funding)	€1,873.00	Gardening Equipment & Items for Zero Waste Strategy.	No	N/A	€1,498.00
Donabate/Portrane Tennis Club (Activities Funding)	€1,000.00	Coaching Costs for Tennis Programme	No	N/A	€800.00
Fingallians GAA (Sports Funding)	€2,530.84	Goalposts, Bibs, Parachute.	Yes	2019 - €2,000.00	€2,000.00
Malahide/Swords Canoe Club (Sports Funding)	€2,670.00	Canoe Paddles	No	N/A	€2,000.00

APPLICATION FOR ARTS FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Arts Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder:-

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Pennywish Recordings	€3,000	Production costs of film production – location rental, cast & crew, production costs over 10 day period.	N	N/A	€2,000
Donabate Portrane Dramatic Society	€2,000	Drama rehearsals and workshops mentored by a drama professional.	Y	2019 - €2,000 2018 - €3,000 2017 - €3,000 2015 - €3,000 2014 - €2,100 **€13,100**	€2,000
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	€1,000	Winter Miscellany Concert & Nativity Crib display	Y	2020 - €400 2019 - €9,500 2018 - €5,000 2017 - €6,000 2016 - €5,000 2015 - €2,500 **€28,400**	€1,000

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor C. Boland.

That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community and Arts funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Tony Murphy
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 16f

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT

Transport & Infrastructure Management

Strategic Policy Committee

Council Members	Cllr. Ted Leddy, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien
Non-Council Members	Doreen Keaney PPN, Raymond Ryan Environmental Pillar, Sinead Kavanagh Eirebus

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy issue	Update
1st March 2021	2021 SPC Work Programme	Following discussion, it was agreed a follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss additional items to be added to the Annual Programme. The Report was Noted.
1st March 2021	Presentation on Draft Casual Trading Bye-Law	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. Draft Bye-Laws to go to Area

		Committees and on public display The Report was Noted.
1st March 2021	Active Travel Strategy	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. The report was Noted.
1st March 2021	Councillor A. Graves - Work Programme.	Taken with No 1 above.
1st March 2021	NTA Sustainable Transport Measure Grants	Cllr. Joan Hopkins requested the Committee Members receive regular updates throughout the year on the various projects being undertaken. Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
1st March 2021	Public Lighting in Parks & Open Spaces	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.

17th June 2021	Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws	Report noted on public consultation and draft bye-laws Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws recommended by SPC to Council for approval
17th June 2021	Proposed Work Programme 2021	Presentation on agreed work programme for 2021 noted and agreed by the SPC
17th June 2021	Regional Parks & Open Spaces Bye-Laws	It was agreed by the Members to extend an invitation to

		Fingal DOG to present to the next SPC in September. The SPC members agreed to extend the invitation on condition that Fingal DOG agree and accept that the Council will not be reviewing Bye-Law 4.7(d).
17th June 2021	Trial of Car Free Zones	Report Noted
17th June 2021	Parking Practices in Fingal County Council	Report Noted
17th June 2021	Review of Protected Cycle Lane in Rivervalley	Report Noted
17th June 2021	Liaise with Consultants of the Fingal Coastal Way	Report Noted
16th September 2021	Draft Burial Policy Review.	A discussion followed a presentation and it was agreed to progress the draft Fingal Burial Ground Bye-Laws to each Area Committee Meeting and then to public consultation.
16th September 2021	Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws – Invitation to Fingal DOG	The SPC agreed that an invitation be issued to Fingal DOG requesting that they present their proposals, with regards to off-leash areas within the Council area, at the next SPC meeting in

		November. The Committee agreed that it be outlined to Fingal DOG that the Council's position on Bye Law 4(7)(d) not being reviewed has not changed
16th September 2021	National Transport Authority Quarterly Report	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was Noted.
16th September 2021	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was Noted.
16th September 2021	Town Bus Service for Swords	The report was Noted.
16th September 2021	Segregated Cycle Tracks in Urban Areas	Item not reached.
16th September 2021	Kerb Protected Cycleways	Item not reached.
22nd November 2021	Presentation from Flexibus	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to.
22nd November 2021	Presentation from Fingal DOG	Following the presentation by Fingal Dog a detailed discussion took place. Questions and clarification on Bye-Law 4.7(d) raised by the Members were responded to

		and the Director of Services confirmed that going forward proposal for on/off leash areas will go to relevant Area Committee as agreed by Council in June
22nd November 2021	Programme of Works – Update on Programme of Works 2021	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
22nd November 2021	Programme of Works – Discussion on Programme of Works 2022	Following discussion, the Report and proposals for Programme of Works for 2022 was Noted.
22nd November 2021	R. Ryan – Fingal Coastal Greenways	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
22nd November 2021	Cllr. A. Graves – Retrofitting of Pedestrian & Cycling facilities at Balheary Road	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
22nd November 2021	Cllr. K. Power – Third level Education Partnership	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.

Council Members	Councillors B. Dennehy (Chair), T. Doyle, D. Mulligan, P. Rane, T. Kitt, B. Mc Donagh.	
Non Council Members	Mr. Greg Farrell and Mr. K. O' Neill	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Action
10th March 2021	SPC Work Programme for 2021	A presentation on the Work Programme for 2021 was given at the Meeting. Following the presentation, the programme was NOTED.
	Development Plan 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper was NOTED.
	MaJor Studies/LAP's	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and NOTED.
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	A presentation was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the presentation was NOTED.
	Space for Play – Draft Fingal Play Policy	A presentation was given to the Members on the Draft Fingal Play Policy and following discussion the presentation was NOTED.
	Taking in Charge Policy	A presentation was given at the Meeting and NOTED.
	Motion – Councillor D.	The Chief Executive Report

	Mulligan – Feasibility of extension of Luas Line	on the Motion was **NOTED.**
	Motion – Councillor P. Rane – Cycling infrastructure needed in Hollystown	The Chief Executive Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**
15th June 2021	Guest Speaker – Mr Tim Gaston Director of Public Transport Services NTA	A presentation and update on the Bus network redesign and Bus Connects was given at the Meeting. The presentation was **NOTED.**
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways Development Plan 2023-2029	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was **NOTED.** An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and **NOTED.**
	MaJor Studies/LAP's	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and **NOTED.**
	Universal Design	A presentation was given to the Members on Universal Design and following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**

	The Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy	A presentation was given to the Members on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy and following discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**
29th September 2021	Development Plan 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and **NOTED.**
	Major Studies/LAP's Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	An update on current Studies and LAP's. A discussion on Sustainable Swords Project and the public consultation for the project was given to the members and **NOTED.** An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was **NOTED.**
	Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)	A presentation was given to the Members on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Derelict Sites Register	A presentation was given to the Members on Derelict Sites Register. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**

	Space for Play: A Play Policy for Fingal The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal	A presentation on the Space for Play Policy was given to the Members. The Committee was advised that the Policy was due to be considered at the County Council Meeting in October. The presentation was **NOTED.** An update on the Tree Strategy for Fingal was given to the Members. The Members were advised that the Tree Strategy for Fingal was due to be considered at the Council Meeting in October 2021 this was **NOTED.**
29th November 2021	Draft Biodiversity Action Plan	A presentation on the draft Biodiversity Action Plan was given to the Committee and **NOTED.**
	Development Plan 2023 - 2029	An update on the Development Plan and the upcoming stages in the process were discussed and **NOTED.**
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on studies and upcoming LAP's were discussed and **NOTED.**
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the

		update was **NOTED.**
	Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	An update on studies including Sustainable Swords and Dunsink feasibility study were discussed and **NOTED.**
	Vacant Site Register	A presentation on the Vacant Site Register was given to the Committee and following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Motion – Councillor T. Doyle – Update on proposals to link the N3 and N4	The Chief Executive Report on the motion was **NOTED.**

Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity

Strategic Policy Committee

Council Members	Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor Freddie Cooper Councillor Grainne Maguire Councillor Seána O'Rodaigh Councillor Aaron O'Rourke Councillor John Walsh
Non-Council Members	Abbi Wise, Liz Madden

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy issue	Update
24/03/2021	SPC Workplan 2021	Agreed
	Headed Items	
24/03/2021	FCC 4th Language Scheme	Agreed

24/03/2021	Climate Action Programme – Facilities Network- New Project *"Keen to be Green"*	Noted
24/03/2021	Virtual Community Centre Project	Noted
	Provision of Community Meeting Rooms to voluntary, non-profit & start-up community groups – free of charge	Noted & Agreed

Council Members	Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor Grainne Maguire Councillor Seána O'Rodaigh Councillor Aaron O'Rourke Councillor John Walsh
Non-Council Members	Abbi Wise, Liz Madden

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy issue	Update
23/06/2021	Fingal Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy	Noted – Training to be provided for Councillors on the Strategy
23/06/2021	Libraries Summer Programme & General Update	Noted
23/06/2021	Fingal Celebrates Strategy	Noted

23/06/2021	Age Friendly Healthy Homes Programme	Agreed
23/06/2021	Active Cities Programme	Noted

Council Members: Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor Grainne Maguire Councillor Seána O'Rodaigh Councillor Aaron O'Rourke Councillor John Walsh Councillor Onwumereh
External Members: Abbi Wise, Liz Madden

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Action
27/09/2021	Review of Community Amenity Grants	Agreed
27/09/2021	Review of Scheme for Non Council Owned Facilities	Not agreed. Executive to revert to future SPC with revised proposal
27/09/2021	Update on Creative Ireland Fingal Programme	Noted
27/09/2021	Update from Libraries Division	Noted

Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

Strategic Policy Committee

Council Members: Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Darragh Butler, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Anthony Lavin. Mr. Anthony Cooney, Mr. Eric Fleming, Mr. David Normoyle, Mr. Kesava Gollapalli **External Members:** Mr. Anthony Cooney, Mr. Eric Fleming, Mr. David Normoyle, Mr. Kesava Gollapalli

Meeting Date 2020	Theme/Policy Issue	Action
9th June 2021	LEADER Transition Programme	Eilish Harrington gave a presentation on the LEADER programme
9th June 2021	Update on Outdoor Summer Plans	Emer O'Gorman gave a presentation on the Outdoor Sumner Plans for 2021
9th June 2021	Motion - Cllr. S. Shovlin – Tourism Office in Dublin 15	Motion was noted.
8th September 2021	Presentation by Dundalk IT on why it should become a Campus of a Multi-Campus Regional Technological University.	Agreed to explore ideas
8th September 2021	Presentation on Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation	Need support of SPC and business community
8th September 2021	Presentation on Fingal Celebrates and related events	Paul Barnes gave a presentation on Fingal Celebrates and upcoming events for 2021

8th September 2021	Presentation on Bremore Castle	Emer O'Gorman gave a presentation on Bremore Castle. Council to bring the Castle to Part M compliance but planning and ministerial consent required. Opportunities for funding to be explored
24th November 2021	Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 – 2024	Oisin Geoghegan gave a presentation on Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 - 2024
24th November 2021	Broadmeadow and Ward River Trails Economic Appraisal	Report was welcomed by Cllr. Butler and noted by members.
24th November 2021	Event Funding Scheme	Scheme to go to full Council (via the CPG) for noting.
24th November 2021	Motion - Cllr. Anthony Lavin – Outdoor Dining Initiatives in Fingal	Motion was noted and agreed
24th November 2021	Motion - Cllr. Breda Hanaphy – Tourism Map for Dublin 15	Motion was noted and agreed

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment

Strategic Policy Committee

Council Members: Councillor David Healy (Chair), Councillor Ian Carey, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Joe Newman, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey **External Members:** Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry, Seamus McGrath

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Action
23rd March 2021	RMCEI Plan 2021 and 2020 Plan update	Presentation given
	Decarbonisation zones	Presentation given
	Review Carbon emissions	Motion agreed
	Protection & Conservation of Hedgerows	Motion Agreed
	Fly Tipping	Motion agreed
	Waste Water networks	Motions to be brought to Irish Water
22nd June 2021	Abandoned Car Pilot Scheme	Presentation given
	Rapid Testing of Bathing Water using the Collisense sensor	Presentation given
22nd June 2021	Fingal Tree Strategy	Adjourned until 5th July 2021
22nd June 2021	Motion	Motion Agreed

	Joining KIMO	
22nd June 2021	Motion Fit and Fun in Fingal	Motion Agreed
22nd June 2021	Motion Information on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	"Forest of Fingal" A Tree Strategy For Fingal	Presentation Given
5th July 2021	Motion Fingal County Council will work with community-based organisations to support local initiatives to plant trees or support tree-planting including Miyawaki forests/ microforests/ pocket forests, community nurseries and community orchards.	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	Motion Where damaged to paths is resulting from tree roots, the Council will explore options to retain trees while	Motion Agreed

	repairing paths including taking more space from the carriageway and/or path to facilitate a green verge, planting area or rain garden.	
5th July 2021	Motion Review the provision of street trees and the potential for extra street trees within a year to set out a programme for additional planting over the subsequent 4 years	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	Motion The analysis of tree provision will include street trees per km of street and road in Fingal, and tree cover by neighbourhood.	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	Motion The Council will undertake a proactive programme of Tree Preservation Orders, at a rate of 10 per year per ward over the next year, for review after that complement is achieved.	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	Motion The Tree Strategy to	Motion Agreed

	include protecting young trees from weed competition by means of mulching rather than herbicide.	
5th July 2021	Motion The Tree Strategy to include an annual implementation report.	Motion Agreed
5th July 2021	Motion Trees in residential areas that are within 5 meters of public lighting standard and obstructing light to an unreasonable level may only be removed as a last resort if it is not feasible to 1) reduce the height of the light so that light is no longer obstructed, or 2) extend the arm of the light so that light is no longer obstructed.	Motion Agreed
22nd September 2021	Draft Fingal Tree Strategy	
	Draft Electric Vehicle Strategy	Presentation given
	Briefing on Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan	Presentation given

	Motion Support local initiatives to plant trees	Motion Agreed
	Motion Retention of trees while repairing paths	Motion Agreed
	Motion Review the provision of street trees	Motion Agreed
	Motion Analysis of tree provision	Motion Agreed
	Motion Tree preservation orders	Motion Agreed
	Motion Protecting young trees from weed competition	Motion agreed
	Motion Annual implementation report	Motion Agreed
	Motion Public lighting	Motion Agreed
	Motion Hedgerows Survey	Motion Agreed
	Motion 'Seed Fund' for Communities to initiate	Report Noted

	Climate Action	
7th December 2021	Report on submissions on Draft Dublin Agglomeration Air Quality Plan	Presentation given
	Climate Change Action Plan Annual progress report	Presentation given and approved
	National Draft River Basin Management Plan	Presentation given
	Motion 'Forest of Fingal'	Motion noted

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Council Members: John Burtchaell, John, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley, Robert O' Donoghue, Kieran Dennison Brigid Manton, Adrian Henchy **External Members:** Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Ms. Adeline O'Brien

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Action
30th March 2021	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 1st December 2020	

	Housing Delivery Streams	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	Choice Based Letting update	Presentation on the proposed plan to offer an online service for choice-based lettings
	Update on the new Plan for Disability	Presentation on Fingal's strategic plan for housing people with a disability
	Social Housing Application form	Presentation on the new application form which comes into effect on the 16th April 2021 and explaining next steps for applicants
30th June 2021	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 30th March, 2021	
	Housing Delivery Update	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	Cost Rental	Presentation on the proposed cost rental imitative under the Affordable Housing Bill 2021
	Administration of the new HAP Scheme	Presentation outlining the current HAP scheme and the plan to move the service online in Quarter 3 2021
21st September	Minutes of the meeting of the Housing SPC held on the	

2021	30th June 2021	
	Housing for All – A new Housing Plan for Ireland	Presentation outlining the recently published Housing for All plan
	Draft strategy for Housing Disabled people 2021-2026	Presentation on the current five-year strategy
	Cllr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly – Two Bedroom Apartments	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
	Cllr. J. Burtchaell – Fingal Targets under the Housing for All Plan – AI069482	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
	Cllr. N. Treacy – Infill Spaces across the county	Following discussion, the report was NOTED
30th November 2021	Minutes of the meeting of the Housing SPC held on the 30th November 2021	
	Housing for All Update	Presentation on the delivery streams in the Housing for All plan
	Housing Delivery Action Plan	Following discussion, the report was NOTED
	Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024	Presentation on the roll out of the new Action Plan

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ITEM NO. 17a

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVED HOUSING BODIES UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME - CALL FOR CAS 2017 TO PROVIDE UNITS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION IN THE FINGAL AREA

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

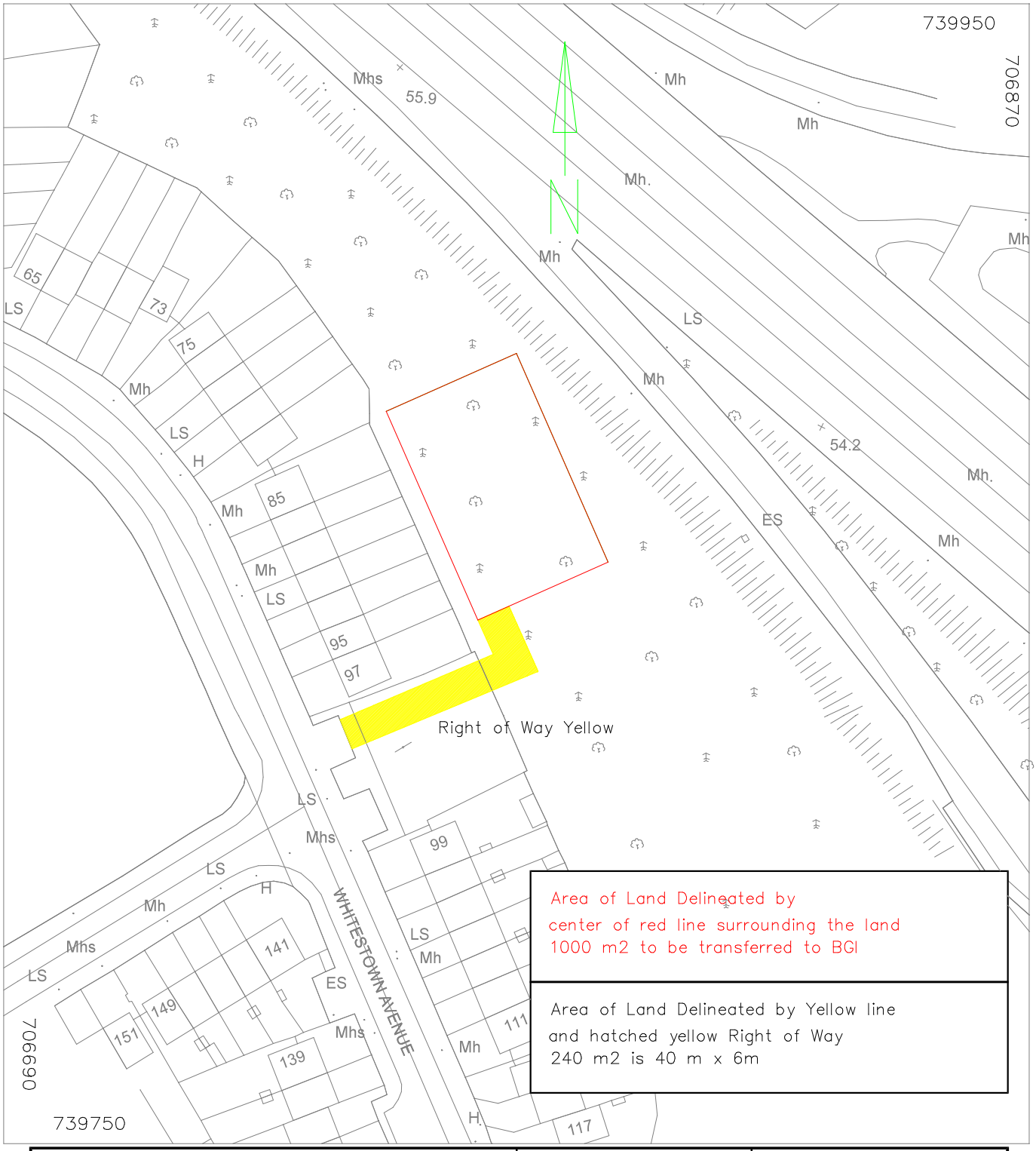
Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies who are signed up to the Voluntary Regulation Code are considered by the Council. An application has been received for the following project in the Fingal area and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for this project:

Approved Housing Body	Location	Category of Need	No. of Housing Units Accommodation	Approved Funding €
Marillac Housing Association	Alderwood, Hollystown, Dublin 15	Disability	5	€590,000

The Housing Body listed in the above table is an Approved Voluntary Housing Body for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6, Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council

may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6, Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

This loan is subject to a mortgage agreement on the property for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loan will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreement are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A capital grant for the full amount of the loan will be received from the Department of the Housing, Local Government & Heritage.



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Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

Project:
Land at Whitestown Avenue Dublin 15

Land to be transferred to :
BGI

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Property Services Division,
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Cultural Development
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1381

1st December 2021

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land at rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15 and the granting of a Right of Way to Gas Networks Ireland

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An application has been received from Gas Networks Ireland to acquire land together with a Right of Way at lands to the rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15 to facilitate an Above Ground Installation.

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to dispose of lands as shown outlined in red and including a Right of Way coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-056-21, to Gas Networks Ireland at lands to the rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions.

1. That the subject site is shown outlined in red comprising 1,000 metres squared approximately, together with a right of way shown coloured yellow comprising 240 metres squared approximately as shown on Drawing No. LA-056-21.

2. That the purchase price shall be the sum of €275,000 (two hundred and seventy-five thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable), payable in the following conditions:

a) 20% upon signing of contracts, which is conditional on receipt of satisfactory planning permission for an 'Above Ground Installation'. The Purchaser shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

b) 80% upon completion of the disposal.

3. That the Applicant shall apply for full planning permission for development no later than 4 months from the binding contract for sale.

4. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure compliance with Planning Permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant Statutory bodies in relation to works.

5. That the Applicant shall be responsible for all costs in relation to the planning process and for the payment of Stamp Duty.

6. That the Applicant shall pay the Council's reasonable legal fees and Valuer's fees of €4,250.00 (four thousand, two hundred and fifty euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

7. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The lands to be disposed of were transferred to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government Dublin Act 1993 on the 1st January 1994.

A report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) scheduled to be held on 2nd December 2021.

Aoife Brennan

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Swords,
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26th November, 2021

TO: Each Member of the Council

PROPOSED LEASE OF PROPERTY AT THE CASINO MODEL RAILWAY MUSEUM, MALAHIDE TO MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED

Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Limited (a company limited by guarantee and wholly owned and within the control of Fingal County Council) currently facilitates the management of Malahide Castle & Gardens and Newbridge House & Farm on behalf of the Council.

Following the termination of the operator contract by Shannon Heritage in respect of Malahide Castle & Gardens and Newbridge House & Farm, the Council sought a new operator for both properties including the Casino Model Railway Museum.

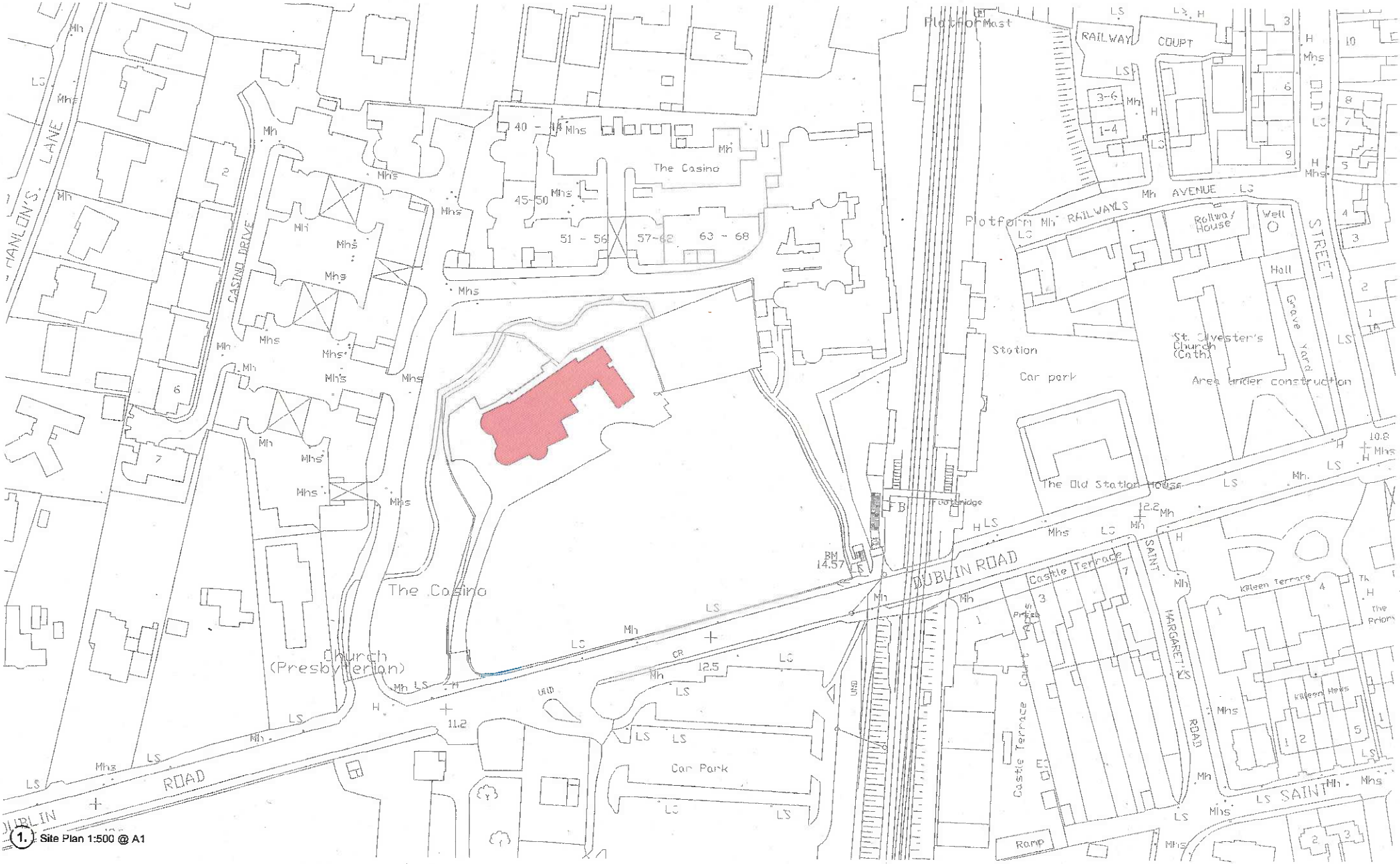
It is intended that Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Limited will facilitate the management of the museum going forward, and, therefore, it is proposed that the Council will lease property at the Casino Model Railway Museum to Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd. as shown shaded in red and identified on map drawing no. 15-189-L-03 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The property, the subject of the proposed lease is shown shaded in red and identified on map drawing no. 15-189-L-03.

2. The term of the lease is 15 years. (The lease will expire at the same time as the leases which have been already granted to the company in respect of Malahide Castle & Gardens and Newbridge House & Farm).

The lands to be leased forms part of Land Registry Folio DN244673F County Dublin and were acquired by the Council from Mr. Gerard Gannon on 23rd December 2014 to house the Fry Model Railway.

Senior Executive Officer



1. Site Plan 1:500 @ A1

Casino Model Railway Museum, Malahide, Co. Dublin

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, Fingal County Council Architects Department, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin. County Architect: Fionnuala May Tel: 01 890 5050 architects@fingal.ie	Client: EETCD/MC&NH Ltd	Project Title: Casino Model Railway Museum	Drawing Title: Site Plan	Project Stage: LEASE	Project Architect: BRID RYAN MRIAI	Rev. No. / Date / Revision	
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File Ref: LD 1338

1st December 2021

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed exchange of lands at Shoreline Hotel, Donabate, Co. Dublin between Fingal County Council and Shoreline Hospitality Limited (formerly known as Waterside Hospitality Limited)

Agreement has been reached for an exchange of lands with Shoreline Hospitality Limited in order to regularise boundaries at Shoreline Hotel, Donabate, Co Dublin, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The lands being acquired comprise a total area of 155 square meters approximately, as shown hatched in purple on Drawing No. LA-002-20, from Shoreline Hospitality Limited.

2. The Council will dispose of lands to Shoreline Hospitality Limited comprising a total area of 845 square meters approximately as shown hatched in orange on Drawing No. LA-002-20, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

3. The consideration in full and final settlement, under all heads of claim, shall be the sum of €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro) plus VAT and stamp duty, if applicable, payable to the Council.

4. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure, if applicable, compliance with planning permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to works.

5. The Applicant will be responsible for boundary treatment, if applicable, to be agreed in advance with the Council.

6. All outstanding charges, rates and taxes due on the property being acquired up to and including date of close of sale shall be paid by the Vendor.

7. The Vendor will be responsible for discharging any burdens which may affect the property to be transferred to the Council prior to completion of this transaction.

8. Each party shall be responsible for its own professional fees.

9. Each party shall be responsible for its own V.A.T, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

10. These terms are subject to satisfactory proof of title.

11. Any other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired from Corballis Golf Club in 1971 for Housing and General purposes.

The proposed exchange of lands at Shoreline Hotel, Donabate, Co. Dublin between Fingal County Council and Shoreline Hospitality Limited (formerly known as Waterside Hospitality Limited) will be brought before the meeting of the County Council scheduled to be held on 13th December 2021.

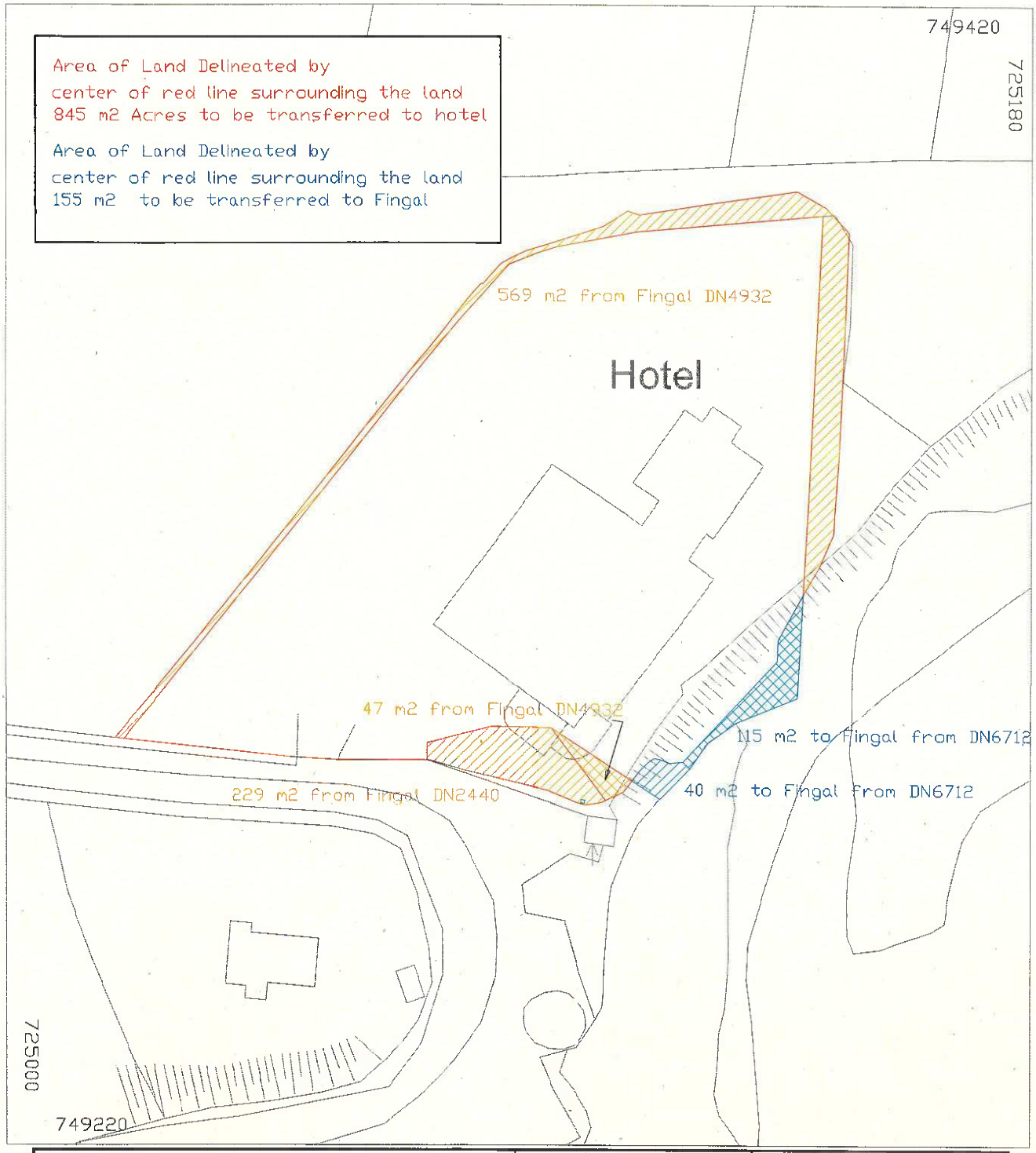
A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 8th November 2021.

Aoife Brennan

Senior Executive Officer,

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Project:
Land at Waterside Hotel Donabate

Land to be transferred to :
Rectification

Gross Area :		
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File Ref: LD 1384

1st December 2021

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Ballyhavil, Loughshinny, Co Dublin to Irish Water

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An application has been received from Irish Water for a permanent wayleave over lands coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-055-21 comprising 0.0039 hectares (0.00964 acres) approximately for the purposes of inspecting, repairing and maintaining a Vent Stack at Ballyhavil, Loughshinny, Co. Dublin.

It is proposed, subject to the necessary statutory approvals, to grant a permanent wayleave over lands as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-055-21 to Irish Water, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave over the lands coloured yellow on the attached Drawing No. LA-055-21, comprising 0.0039 hectares (0.00964 acres) approximately.

2. The consideration in full and final settlement, under all heads of claim, shall be the in the amount of €500.00 (five hundred euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

3. That Irish Water shall bear the full costs of the works required.

4. It is the responsibility of Irish Water to ensure, if applicable, compliance with planning permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to works.

5. That Irish Water carry out all necessary reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council.

6. The Council reserves the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to such interests not interfering with the apparatus of Irish Water.

7. In the event that the subject lands are required for road-widening purposes, Irish Water shall relocate the vent stack to an alternative location, to be agreed in advance with the Council and that the costs of relocation shall be borne by Irish Water.

8. That Irish Water shall have access to the wayleave area for the purposes of inspecting, repairing and maintaining the vent stack. Irish Water shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council, such notice period to be waived in the event of an emergency. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

9. That Irish Water shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €800.00 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's reasonable legal fees plus VAT and the Council's surveyor's fees plus VAT in respect of the wayleave agreement.

10. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

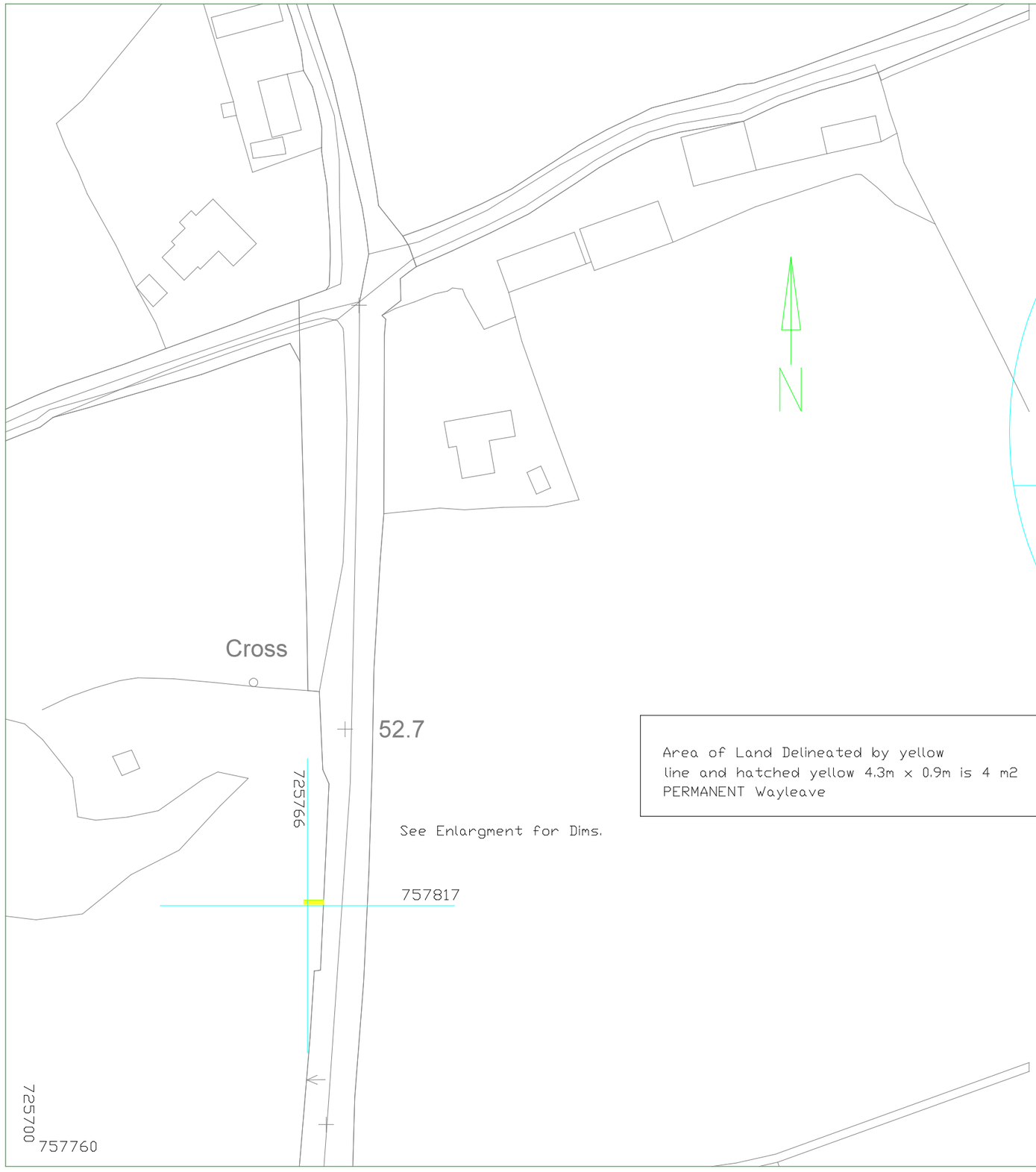
The land to be disposed of was acquired from Mr. Andrew Butler in 1964 for the purpose of providing water services.

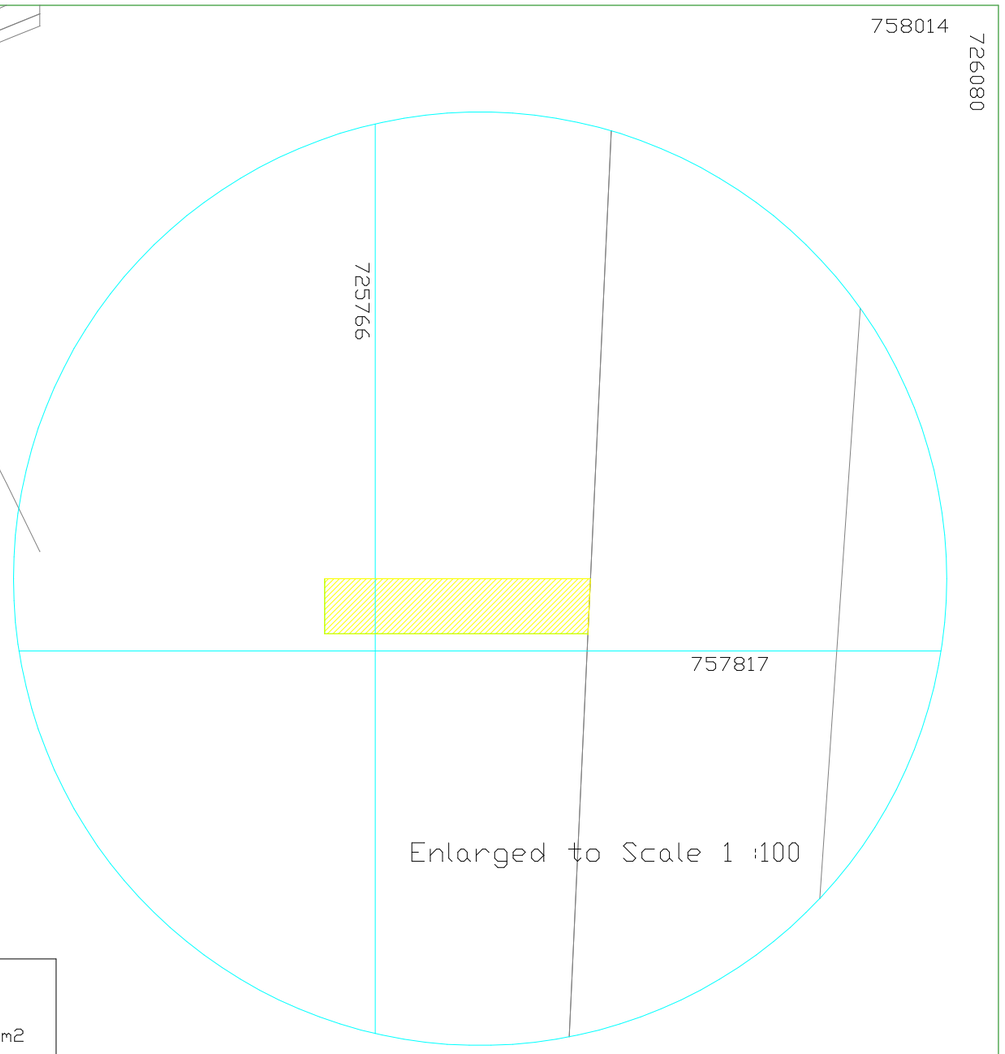
A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 11th November 2021.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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See Enlargment for Dims.

Area of Land Delineated by yellow line and hatched yellow 4.3m x 0.9m is 4 m2 PERMANENT Wayleave

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		Dev. File No: L.D. xxx	Job No. SM/55/21
Project: Land at Thomastown Loughshinny, County Dublin		Gross Area :	
		Road Area :	
Wayleave to Irish Water		Nett Area :	

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File Ref: LD 1348

2nd December 2021

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of lands at Clarehall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17 to Claregrove Developments Ltd.

An application has been received from Claregrove Developments Ltd. to acquire lands comprising 264 metres squared approximately, outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-018-21 at Clarehall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17 in order to facilitate a housing development.

Portions of the land at this location are in the ownership of Fingal County Council, comprised in Folios DN85639L, DN8587 and DN55905F.

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to dispose of lands as shown outlined in red on Drawing No LA-018-21 to Claregrove Developments Ltd. at Clarehall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The Council will dispose of lands to Claregrove Developments Ltd. shown outlined in red on Drawing No LA-018-21, comprising a total area of 264 metres squared approximately as follows:
    a. Plot A – 206 metres squared approximately in Folio DN85639L
    b. Plot I – 50 metres squared approximately in Folio DN8587
    c. Plot K – 8 metres squared approximately in Folio DN55905F

2. The consideration in full and final settlement, under all heads of claim, shall be the sum of **€50,000 (fifty thousand euro)** plus VAT and Stamp Duty (if applicable) payable to the Council.

3. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure, if applicable, compliance with planning permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to the works.

4. The Applicant shall be responsible for discharging the Council's reasonable legal, valuation and surveyor's professional fees in this matter together with the VAT at the appropriate rate if applicable.

5. Each party shall be responsible for its own VAT, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

6. All other terms will be set out in the legal documentation

The lands to be disposed of were acquired as follows: land comprised in Folio DN85639L were transferred in 1993 to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government Dublin Act 1993; land comprised in Folio DN8587 was purchased in 1957 from William F. Phillips for transportation purposes and land comprised in DN55905F was purchased in 1984 from Charles Gallagher for transportation purposes.

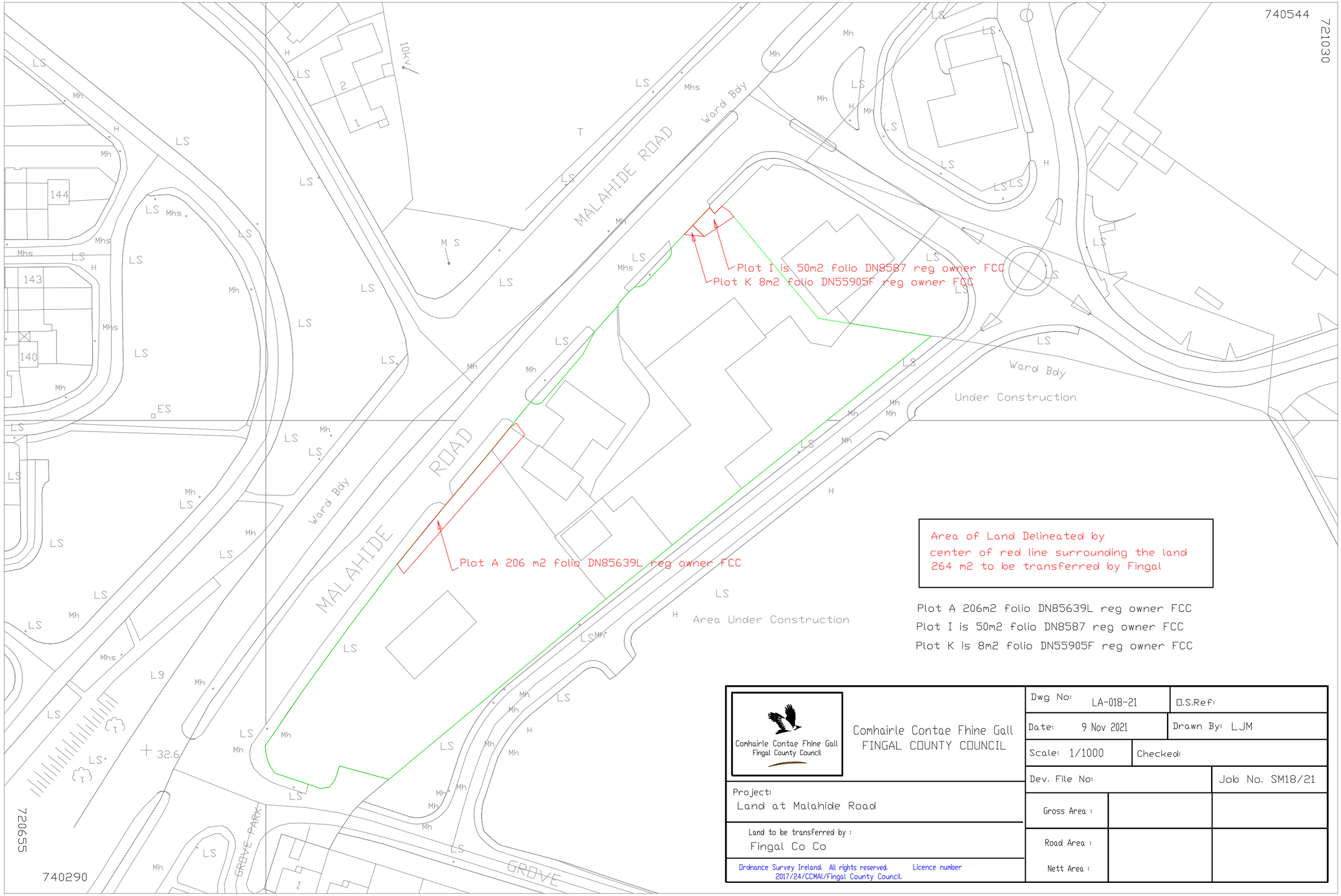
The proposed disposal of lands at Clarehall, Malahide Road, Dublin 17 to Claregrove Developments Ltd. will be brought before the meeting of the County Council scheduled to be held on 13th December 2021.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services B) held on 1st December 2021.

Senior Executive Officer

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Area of Land Delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
264 m2 to be transferred by Fingal

Plot A 206m2 folio DN85639L reg owner FCC
Plot I is 50m2 folio DN8587 reg owner FCC
Plot K is 8m2 folio DN55905F reg owner FCC

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Project:
Land at Malahide Road

Land to be transferred by :
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File Ref: LD 1376

2nd December 2021

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave on lands at Remount Roundabout, Rathmore Road, Rush Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

An application has been received from ESB Networks for a wayleave and associated works over lands coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-059-21 comprising 194 meters squared (37 meters long x 5 meters wide) approximately, for the placement of a new electricity pole and the alternation of an existing electricity pole on lands at Remount Roundabout, Rathmore Road, Rush, Co Dublin.

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approvals to grant a wayleave over lands at Co. Dublin as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-059-21 to ESB Networks, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the Council shall grant a wayleave over the land coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-059-21, comprising 194 meters squared (37 meters long x 5 meters wide) approximately.

2. That the Council shall retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

3. That the compensation payable to the Council shall be in the amount of €3,000 (three thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. The full costs of the works shall be borne by the Applicant.

5. That the Applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if required), and obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to the works.

6. That the wayleave agreement shall only be completed provided that reinstatement works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

7. The Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

8. The Applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The Applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

9. That if the Council develop the surrounding site, the Applicant will divert any of the services, if required to do so by Council at no cost to the Council.

10. That the proposed route for the underground cable will follow the route of the Council's 450/225mm foul sewers maintaining a minimum of 500mm lateral distance between this service and the Council's existing service at all times. The Applicant must confirm the exact location of this service and take its location into account when laying ducting. The proposed service is under no circumstances to be laid on top of the Council's service. If the proposed underground cable needs to traverse the Council's foul sewer, it is not to be encased in concrete without the prior approval of the local inspector / drainage engineer.

11. The Applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's reasonable legal fees plus VAT at the appropriate rate, if applicable, in respect of the wayleave agreement.

12. This proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

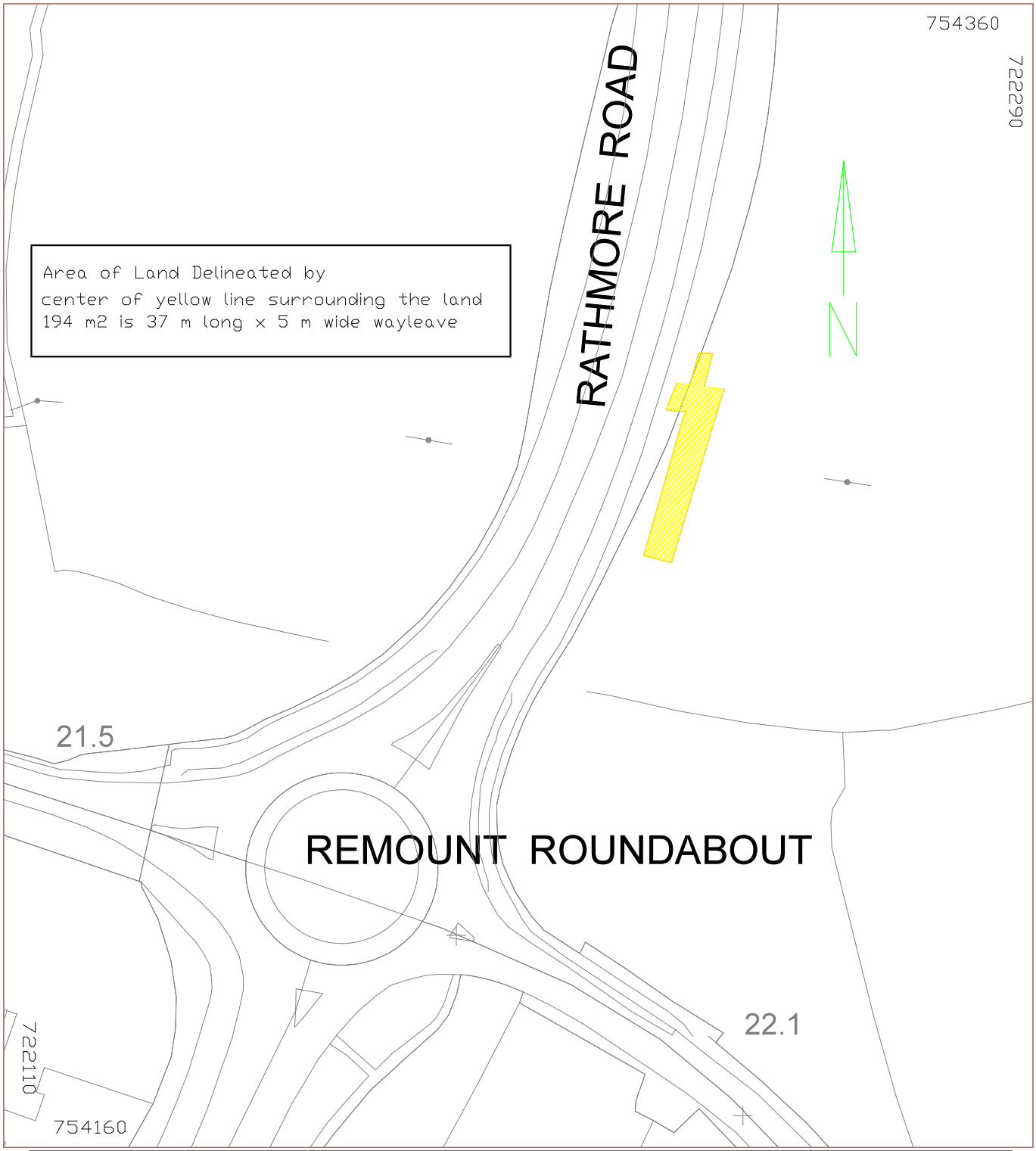
The land to be disposed of was acquired from Mr. Matthew Sweetman in 1975 for housing purposes.

The proposed grant of wayleave over lands at Remount Roundabout, Rathmore Road, Rush, Co Dublin. to ESB will be brought before the meeting of the County Council scheduled to be held on 13th December 2021.

A report on this matter will be included on the agenda of the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 9th December 2021.

Hoyle Sheridan

SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Project: Land at Rathmore Road Rush		Gross Area :	
Wayleave to be granted by Fingal Co Co		Road Area :	
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Ref: LD 1389

2nd December 2021

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of land at Dun Emer, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee.

Fingal County Council Housing policy is to facilitate the delivery of social and affordable housing on lands within Council ownership. As part of the implementation of such policy, the Council adopted and approved the Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme in November 2020. The purpose of the scheme is to provide households that meet the eligibility criteria with the opportunity to purchase a home provided by the Council at a discount to market value.

The Council successfully obtained approval under the 2018 Serviced Site Fund (SSF) funding process to provide enabling infrastructure on lands at Dun Emer in Lusk. The site was acquired by Fingal County Council from Modelwave Limited for housing purposes in 2018.

The Council lands which measure c 1.3 Hectares (3.21 acres) approximately are zoned "RS Residential: Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" and are located in Lusk, Co. Dublin, to the West of Lusk Village (Sat Nav Co-ordinates 53°31'25.9"N 6°10'32.8"W). The site has full planning permission (Planning Reference F16A/0577 granted with 25 no. Conditions) for 51 no. units which also includes delivery of infrastructure and associated civil and utility services. The site is bounded to the north by an area of open space adjoining Dun Emer Avenue, to the northwest by residences at Dun Emer Glade and southwest by agricultural lands, to the South by vacant lands and to the east by the junction of Kilhedge Lane, Dun Emer Avenue and Chapel Farm Road, Lusk.

A procurement process was instigated by Fingal County Council to appoint a Development Partner with a view to progressing the enabling road infrastructure along with a mixed tenure development of 39 no. Affordable and 12 no. Social homes comprising of 16 no. Duplex units and 35 no. Houses.

Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee were appointed as the Development Partner and have formed an unincorporated joint venture for the purposes of tendering in the public procurement process, to design and construct the residential development in Dun Emer, Lusk, Co Dublin.

Planning permission (Planning Reference F16A/0577) has been granted for the provision of 51 no. units at Dun Emer, Lusk, Co. Dublin, with a tenure mix of 39 no. Affordable Units, 12 no. Social Units, inclusive of 5 no. Part V units, inclusive of the development of services, infrastructure and road delivery on Kilhedge Lane as per Drawing No. 15-050-LA-9001, to Fingal County Council's Taking-In-Charge and taking into maintenance requirements.

The development will provide for the following accommodation:

16 No. Duplex Units – 2 & 3 Bedroom Duplex Apartments
35 No. Houses – 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom Units.

The types of residential units in this development are as follows:

9 No. 3 bed mid terrace, 2 story houses (c.105m_2)
6 No. 3 bed end of terrace, 2 story houses (c. 105 m_2)
4 No. 3 bed semi detached, 3 story houses (c. 124.66 m_2)
4 No. 3 bed semi detached, 3 story houses with porch (c. 127.62 m_2)
9 No. 4 bed mid terrace / semi detached, 3 story houses (c. 139.12 m_2)
2 No. 4 bed semi-detached/end of terrace, 3 story houses with porch (c.141.64 m_2)
1 No. 4 bed semi-detached/end of terrace, 3 story houses with porch (c.141.64m_2)
8 No. 2 bed apartment, 1 story (c.78 m_2)
8 No. 3 bed duplex, 2 story (c. 105.3 m_2)

In accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, it is proposed to dispose of the land to Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The land to be disposed of comprises 0.936 Hectares (2.37 acres) approximately and is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-067-21 (copy attached).

2. Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee have been identified as the preferred tenderer as a result of the procurement process. The Project must be developed, in accordance with the final tender and the Terms and Conditions in the Development Agreement dated 4th February 2021.

3. The developer shall carry out the Development on the development site in accordance with Fingal County Council's Employers Requirements, the planning permission (Planning Reference F16A/0577) and the Developer's Tender.

4. Fingal County Council has agreed with the developer, following practical completion of the affordable units, to transfer title to Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee save and except for the Fingal County Council's units (12 no. in total), in accordance with the Development Agreement dated 4th of February 2021.

5. The term of the Development Agreement shall be for a duration of 19 months from the date of execution of the Development Agreement with an option to extend at Fingal County Council's discretion.

6. Planning permission (Planning Reference F16A/0577) has been granted for the provision of 51 no. units at Dun Emer, Lusk, Co Dublin, with a tenure mix of 39 no. Affordable Units, 12 no. Social Units, inclusive of 5 no. Part V units, inclusive of the development of services, infrastructure and road delivery on Kilhedge Lane as per Drawing No. 15-050-LA-9001 to Fingal County Council's Taking-In-Charge and taking into maintenance requirements.

7. The development shall be subject to the Council's Development Contribution Scheme in operation at the time.

8. The affordable units shall be marketed in line with Fingal County Council's Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme.

9. Fingal County Council will nominate qualifying purchasers for the affordable units.

10. The Developer shall be responsible for compliance with the Multi Unit Development Act 2011.

11. The Developer shall adhere to Schedule 4 of the Development Agreement in respect of insurance obligations.

12. That both parties will be responsible for their respective fees in the transaction.

13. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

14. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the Development Agreement and associated legal documentation.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired in 2018 from Modelwave Limited for housing purposes.

The proposed disposal of lands at Dun Emer, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Ó Cualann Co-housing Alliance Company Limited by Guarantee will be brought before the meeting of the County Council scheduled to be held on 13th December 2021.

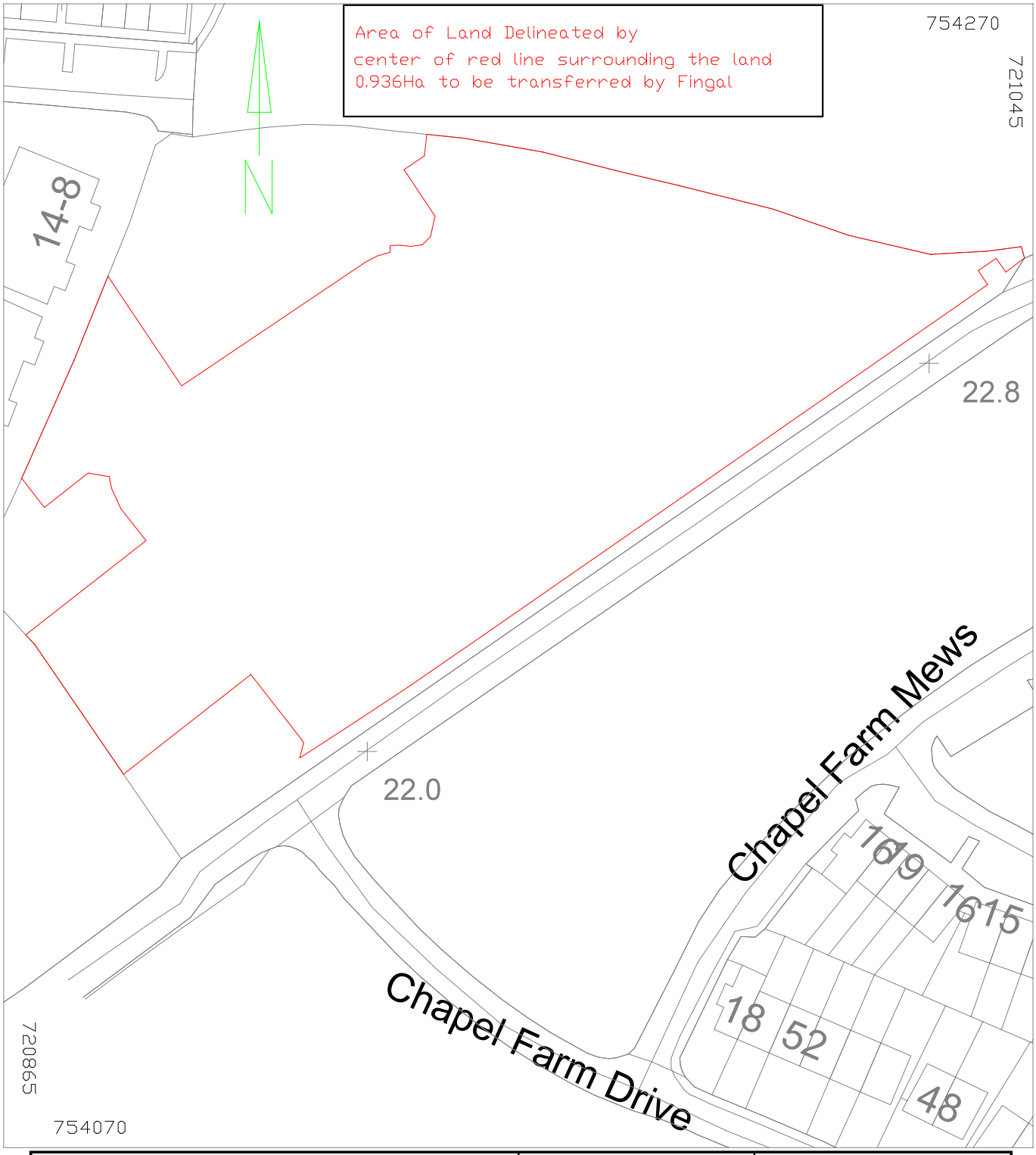
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 19a

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS HAMPTON GREEN, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the roads set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the roads be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

DED –Balbriggan TL Balbriggan

Road Name	Length	Description
Hampton Green, Balbriggan.	22m	From outside No.70/71 Hampton Green head East for 22m to end to include turning head.
Total Length of Road = 22m Number of Units = 2		

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ITEM NO. 19b

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS
RAHILLION ESTATE, PHASE 1, DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the roads set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the roads be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

DED –Donabate

TL Burrow: Donabate

Road Name	Length	Description
Rahillion Drive	215m	From outside No.1 Rahillion Drive Head North East follow the road for 80m to outside No.13 Rahillion Drive, Head East for 135m to outside Nos.42/43 end of road, to include turning head.
	65m	From outside No.31 Rahillion Drive head South for 65m to outside No.4 junction of Rahillion Crescent.
Rahillion Crescent	113m	Turn Left at junction of Rahillion Crescent Heading East for 28m and then turning right head South for 30m to outside No.18 and to include turning Circle Turn Right at junction of Rahillion Crescent heading West for 55m To outside No.12 and to include Turning circle.
Total Length of Road = 393m No. of Units = 61		

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MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 20

ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Following discussion with Members a new, additional, Strategic Policy Committee is proposed to be established. It is proposed that the SPC would be established on the following basis -

Proposed Remit -

Marine & Coastal Management	Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including: - Harbours - Sports, Recreation & Leisure - Blue Economy - Coastal Erosion - Bathing Water Quality - Renewable Energy

Proposed Membership -

Given the potential wide-ranging interests in the business of this SPC it is proposed that membership be comprised as follows –

Elected Members - 10

It is proposed that Members of this SPC will be permitted to be Members of 2 SPCs. A resolution will be brought to Council to amend Standing Orders to permit this.

Nominated External Members – 5

It is proposed that 5 nominations be sought from the nominating bodies. Should any nominating body not wish or be in a position to take up a nomination, the nomination may be offered to the other bodies. The initial nominations will be offered as follows -

1. Environment Pillar
1. IFA
1. Chamber of Commerce
1. ICTU
1. PPN

SPC Scheme

Given that the establishment of this SPC is to address a specific objective regarding the Marine and Coastal areas and may cross-over but will not specifically impact on the business of the other SPCs, it is not considered that there is a fundamental change to the SPC Scheme as adopted and it is not therefore necessary to go to public consultation.

The following updates will be made to the Membership and Remit Sections of the Scheme –

Membership by Committee	Elected Members	Sectoral Interest	Total
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	6	3	9
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity.	6	3	9
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	8	4	12
Housing	8	4	12
Planning and Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	6	3	9
Transport & Infrastructure Management	6	3	9
Marine & Coastal Management	10	5	15
Grand Total	50	25	75

Sectoral Nominees by Committee	Environment Pillar	Chambers / Business	ICTU	IFA	PPN	Total
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	1	1		1	1	4
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity.					2	2

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	1	1	1		1	4
Housing	1	1			2	4
Planning and Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	1	1			1	3
Transport & Infrastructure Management	1	1			1	3
Marine & Coastal Management	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total	6	6	2	2	9	25

SPC	Remit
Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment	Fingal Climate Action Plan 2019 - 24 Flood Risk & Water Quality Management Coastal Erosion Recycling, Waste Minimisation and Management Control of Animals Tree Management Policy Biodiversity Policy *While elements of the Climate Action Plan fall within the remit of all SPCs, the Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment is the lead SPC in this regard and can engage with DOS and staff across all Departments identified as 'Lead Departments' for various action points across the Plan.*
Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity	Community Development Creative Ireland Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 Creative Ireland Programme Arts Plan 2019-2025 Promotion of Arts Culture and Heritage.
Housing	Social Housing delivery and supports. Homeless Strategy Strategy Estate Management Accommodation Programme for Travelling People Allocations / Transfers Architecture and Design of Social Housing. Refurbishment Programme Models of delivery
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	Tourism Strategy and Economic development. Enterprise support functions. Preparation of the economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), Implementation and review of

	the economic elements of the LECP. Local Enterprise Office (LEO).
Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development	Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. Development of New Strategic Infrastructure – • Strategic Greenway Infrastructure • Strategic Transport Routes • Recreational open space • Metrolink Building Control and Building Standards Planning and Development Urban Design Conservation Development Contribution Scheme
Transport & Infrastructure Management	Sustainable Transport Modes & Cycling policy Movement & Open Space related Strategy & Bye-Laws Permeability & Retrofitting Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities Public Transport, Road Safety issues and Traffic Management Electric vehicle charging points Car sharing schemes, Park and Ride provision Burial Grounds Strategy & Management Bye-Laws
Marine & Coastal Management	Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including: - Harbours - Sports, Recreation & Leisure - Blue Economy - Coastal Erosion - Bathing Water Quality - Renewable Energy

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Corporate Policy Group would recommend that the County Council resolve as follows -

"In accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2001 (as amended), it is hereby resolved that Fingal County Council establish a Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee and that membership and remit of this SPC be included within the Strategic Policy Scheme 2019 – 2024 as set out in the foregoing report."

It was further **AGREED** to recommend to the County Council that Standing Order Nos. 14 i) and 19 g) each be amended to read as follows -

14 i) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

19 g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 6 Members, three of whom shall be Councillors

To give effect to the amendment, it is required that a majority of the Members of Fingal County Council agree to the following:

"It is hereby resolved that the amendment contained in the draft Fingal County Council Standing Orders (Dec 2021) be made and that the amended Standing Orders be adopted as the Standing Orders of Fingal County Council."

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

1. In these Orders "Council" means "The Council of the Administrative County of Fingal."

2. "Councillor" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor of the Administrative County of Fingal.

3. "Representative" means a person nominated by their organisation and appointed to the position of representative of Strategic Policy Committee by the elected Members of Fingal County Council.

4. "Member" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor or selected to the position of representative of a Strategic Policy Committee.

5. “Mayor/Méara” means Mayor/Méara so elected at the Annual Meeting.

6. "Cathaoirleach" means the Councillor presiding at any meeting of the Council or of a Committee or Sub-Committee, Corporate Policy Group, Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee.

7. The "Chief Executive" means the Chief Executive for the Administrative County of Fingal or, in their absence, their duly appointed deputy.

8. The membership of the Council shall consist of the Councillors of Fingal County Council.

9. The membership of the Corporate Policy Group shall consist only of the Mayor of the Council and each Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committees.

10. The membership of each Area Committee shall consist only of the Councillors for the electoral area represented by that Area Committee.

11. a) Each Member of the Council shall be a member of at least one Strategic Policy Committee.

    b) The membership of each Strategic Policy Committee shall consist only of the Councillors selected by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee and the representatives nominated by their organisations and appointed by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee.

12. In counting clear days, where the number of days’ notice does not exceed seven, Sundays and Christmas Day are not counted. If notice exceeds seven days, Sundays and Christmas Day are to be counted. Unless otherwise stated, the word "month" when used in resolutions of the Council, Standing Orders and regulations of the Council, shall mean a calendar month.

MEETINGS

13. The Members of Fingal County Council will meet as set out below –

a) Annual General Meeting - Annually
b) Budget Meeting – Annually and as required
c) Ordinary Meeting – Monthly
d) Special Meetings – As required / requisitioned as per these Standing Orders

14. The Standing Committees of the Council are established as follows:

a) Corporate Policy Group.
b) The Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee
c) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee
d) Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Infrastructure Policy Committee
e) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee
f) Housing Strategic Policy Committee
g) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
h) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee
i) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee
j) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
k) Howth/Malahide Area Committee
l) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

Standing Committees will meet as set out in these Standing Orders, as agreed by resolution of the Council and as may be agreed by the Committees

15. An Audit Committee is established as per the Regulations governing the business of Audit Committees and is subject to such Standing Orders specific to the Audit Committee as agreed by resolution of the Council.

QUORUM

16. At meetings of the Council, eleven Councillors shall be a quorum.

17. At meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, three Members shall be a quorum.

18. At meetings of the Area Committees the quorum will be as follows:
a) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords – 6 Councillors
b) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar – 5 Councillors
c) Howth/Malahide – 3 Councillors

19. At meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    b) Housing SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    c) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    d) Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    e) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    f) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 6 Members, three of whom shall be Councillors

20. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order Nos. 18, 19 and 20, the quorum for any other committee of the Council (including sub-committees) shall be not less than one quarter of the membership of such committee or three Members, whichever is the greater, two of whom must be Councillors; provided however, that should the membership of any such committee be less than eight, the quorum shall be two, one of whom shall be a Councillor.

21. When, during any meeting, it is stated by a Member to the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor, that less than the quorum of Members are present, the Meetings Administrator shall, after a maximum of five minutes, call the roll and shall record the names of the Members in attendance, and when it appears that the number of Members present is less than the quorum the meeting shall rise and the business not disposed of by such meeting shall be set down to be disposed of at the next meeting.
    In the of case of Members attending a meeting remotely, and in the event of any apparent failure of the video, telephone or conferencing connection, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach should immediately determine if the meeting is still quorate. If there is no quorum, then the meeting shall adjourn for a period of no more than 5 minutes, to allow the connection to be re-established.

ATTENDANCE / RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

22. Every Member physically attending a meeting shall sign their name in the attendance book provided for the purpose. Members attending remotely will have their attendance recorded by the roll call and / or by record of the virtual forum being used for the meeting.

    The Mayor/ Cathaoirleach will at the outset and at any reconvening of a meeting call for a roll call of participating members and ensure that they can see and/or hear those in attendance. Any Member participating remotely shall also confirm at the outset and at any reconvening of the meeting that they can see and/or hear the proceedings. The minutes of each meeting shall be the official record of such attendances.

    Each Member participating remotely shall ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings, in accordance with standing orders that apply.

    Members leaving the meeting should advise the Mayor / Cathaoirleach.

Should a Member's remote connection fail, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may call a short adjournment to determine whether the connection can quickly be re-established.

If the connection cannot be restored or an alternative method of communication established within the time specified by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, the meeting should continue, provided the meeting remains quorate. If the connection is successfully re-established, then the remote member(s) will be deemed to have returned at the point of re-establishment.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

23. Any Member of the Council acting as a Member of Council, a committee or sub-committee whether by themselves or by their partner, proposing in their private or professional capacity to act in any matter against the Council, shall notify the fact to the Chief Executive for report by them to the Council, committee or sub-committee concerned.

24. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a committee or sub-committee or section of a sub-committee during the consideration of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or professional interest.

25. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a committee or sub-committee or section of a sub-committee during the consideration of any matter in which any person, with whom the member has any immediate family relationship, is concerned

ANNUAL MEETINGS

26. In every year in which a local election is held, the Annual meeting shall be held on the 14th day after polling day. In every other year the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held, in the month of May or June as the Members of the Council shall by resolution agree.

27. At an Annual Meeting in an election year the Meetings Administrator shall read out the names of the persons duly elected as Members of the Local Authority.

ELECTION OF MAYOR / CATHAORLAIGH

28. The first business at every Annual Meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Mayor/Méara and Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara and they shall come into office immediately after their election and shall, unless they earlier resign, continue in office (subject to their death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Council) until their successor has been elected. The procedure for the election of the Mayor/Méara is set out in Section 36 and 37 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.
29. At each Annual Meeting, or at such meeting as may be agreed by resolution of the Members, the election of Chairs/Cathaoirlaigh for each of the Area Committees shall take place.
30. At the first Annual Meeting following the election of the Council, the election of Cathaoirlaigh for the Strategic Policy Committees shall be listed on the Agenda.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING TIMES

31. Ordinary monthly meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 5.00 p.m. or at such other day or time as the Council, by resolution, may decide.

32. The Council shall meet not less than once a month, but no ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held in August. A Budget Meeting shall be held during the period prescribed by regulation.

33. Ordinary meetings of the Standing Committees shall meet as follows, and on such days as agreed by the Council, unless otherwise determined by the Council:

a) Corporate Policy Group shall meet at such days and times as agreed by the Committee and Mayor.
b) Strategic Policy Committees quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.
c) Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee quarterly prior to a Council Meeting and at a time deemed necessary by the Mayor for the business of the meeting to be concluded.
d) Area Committees
    i) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords monthly at 2.00pm. to conclude at 6.00pm
    ii) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar twice monthly at 3.30pm to conclude at 6.00pm
    iii) Howth-Malahide monthly at 3.00pm to conclude at 6.00pm.

34. When at a meeting of the Council, Corporate Policy Group or Strategic Policy Committee all of the business set down for such meeting has been transacted, the meeting shall then conclude without question from the Cathaoirleach/Mayor, subject to the proviso that all meetings of the Council shall terminate at a time not more than three hours from the time appointed for the commencement of that meeting. Business not reached shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. Any motion included in such business may be withdrawn by the proposer on notification.

35. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, voting in pursuance of proposals to put the motion or decisions to vote made before the time appointed for the termination of a meeting shall proceed. In such circumstances, the meeting shall terminate on declaration by the Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the results of such voting.

36. The Mayor/Méara of the Council may decide, before the end of the Council meeting, and with the agreement of the majority of the Members present, to extend the current meeting or adjourn the Council meeting to a date before the next Council meeting, for the purpose of concluding some or all of the business set down for the Council meeting that has not been transacted. Any extension to a meeting should be for a specific time period.

37. An ordinary meeting of an Area Committee or the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee shall finish when all of the business for such meeting has been transacted, and if all of the business has not have been transacted by 6.00 p.m., the meeting shall end and any outstanding business shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the committee.

CONSTITUTION OF MEETINGS

38. The Chair at every meeting shall be taken within ten minutes after the time set for the meeting. In the absence of the Cathaoirleach of an Area Committee at its meeting, the majority vote of Councillors present shall decide who shall be Cathaoirleach. In the case of meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committee or in their absence some other Councillor - Member will take the Chair. At all other meetings, in the absence of the Mayor/Méara or Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara, a Councillor chosen by a majority of the Councillors present and voting at the commencement of business shall preside as Acting Cathaoirleach, and in that capacity shall have the same powers, rights and duties as are, under Standing Orders, possessed by the Mayor/Méara.

39. If, after fifteen minutes after the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Cathaoirleach of that committee on the day of the meeting that has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a motion signed by a quorum of the committee, giving at least five days notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the motion.

40. All meetings of the Council shall be at County Hall, Swords or at such other place as the Council may decide.
Such other place may be at:

- an external venue used to accommodate meetings of the Council
- an electronic, digital or virtual location, web address or a conference call telephone number or a combination of the above to provide for physical and/or remote attendance by Elected Members.

41. A meeting to be valid must be:

(a) Properly convened after proper notice from the Meetings Administrator
(b) Properly constituted; that is
  (i) With properly appointed person in the Chair
  (ii) With a quorum present
  (iii) Must be held in accordance with Standing Orders, Articles or Regulations governing its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

42. Public Notice of the place, date and time of a meeting, other than a Local Authority Budget meeting, shall be displayed not less than three clear days before the day of the meeting in, or at the principal offices of the Local Authority in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

The Notice shall include the agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the agenda can be inspected and in the case of a Special Meeting shall include or be accompanied by a copy of the requisition.

43. An agenda paper setting out the business to be transacted shall be furnished to each Member three clear days before the date of a meeting. Members shall notify the Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.

44. If a Member does not receive notice of a meeting it shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

45. A Special Meeting of the Council may be called at any time by the Mayor/Méara, or if the office of Mayor/Méara is vacant or the Mayor/Méara is unable to act by the Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara, of their own motion or upon a request addressed to them and signed by at least five Members of the Council.

If the Mayor/Méara does not act on such request within seven days after its presentation, a Special Meeting for the purposes defined in it may be called by any five Members of the Council, on the expiration of these seven days, provided that not less than three clear days shall elapse between the date of the summons convening a Special Meeting and the date of the Special Meeting, and the meeting may be called for the time that the Mayor/Méara or Members request.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

46. The Order of Business at all but Special, Budget or Annual Meetings shall be as herein set down and shall only be altered in cases of urgent and important business and only then by a majority vote on suspension of standing orders or at the discretion of the Mayor. The functions of meetings of the Council shall be comprised solely of reserved functions and policy matters affecting the whole county.

a) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
b) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001.
c) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
d) Confirmation of Minutes.
e) Appointment of Members to various committees.
f) Questions
g) Consideration of reports of the Corporate Policy Group and committees.
h) Other business prescribed by Statute, Reserved Functions, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council for transaction at that meeting.
i) Business arising from the implementation of Section 44 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or such other business as may, from time to time, become urgent for the implementation of the Council's powers in accordance with Statute.
j) Headed Items/Business submitted by the Chief Executive.
k) Chief Executives report – Will be taken as the last Headed Item on the Agenda
l) Business submitted by the Mayor/Méara.
m) Correspondence and matters not for discussion.
n) Notices of motion – Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;

(i) Business not reached at previous meeting;
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer;
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt;

o) Notices of motion – Non-Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are not within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;
(i) Business not reached at previous meeting;
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer;
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt;

p) Other business as set forth in the agenda paper.

47. All items appearing on Council agendas and which require to be proposed and seconded, other than those items specifically entered by Members, shall be taken to be proposed and seconded by the Mayor/Méara and Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara unless there is a particular reason why the item should not be proposed and/or seconded by the Mayor/Méara and/or Deputy Mayor/Leas-Mhéara.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

48. Minutes of every meeting shall be drawn up in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001. The Minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Mayor/Méara, or Cathaoirleach at such meeting, and shall be kept by the Council, and no Minutes shall be submitted for confirmation unless a copy thereof shall have been previously, and at least one day before the meeting, transmitted to every Member of the Council/Committee after which such Minutes shall be taken as read when the question that they be confirmed shall be put from the Chair, unless a Member requests that any part be read in order to determine whether it is an accurate record, provided that no entry shall be made in the minutes of any protest or expression of dissent, save in the form of a motion or amendment.

49. Any discussion of the Minutes except as to their accuracy is out of order, and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible on matters arising out of the Minutes, and for information only and not for discussion.

QUESTIONS

50. Written questions by Members, which are received in advance, are permitted to be put to the Chief Executive relating to the business of the Council or the executive functions of the Chief Executive.

51. Each Councillor may submit one question for the Council meeting, and one additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a motion. Each Councillor may submit seven questions for an Area Committee meeting and two questions shall be allowable in lieu of two motions.

52. Before being formally put and answered, questions must be approved by the meeting on motion without debate. Questions shall be framed in such a way as to elicit information or a report on a matter.

53. Questions shall not involve argument, nor contain any matters, except such as are strictly necessary to explain such questions. Questions must relate to a specific subject or aspect of a service only and if applicable to a locality, must be confined to a single instance or application and may not be omnibus.

54. Matters referred to in Questions will not be discussed or debated and any further information or clarification may be followed up outside of the meeting's agenda either directly with the relevant Department or through the Corporate Services Department who will follow up with the relevant Department. Supplementary questions are not allowed. A question which has been fully answered may not be renewed.

55. Where the subject matter relates to a Local Area and not to Policy issues, questions and motions in connection with these issues should be submitted only to the Area Committees.

56. Any questions which in the opinion of the Meetings Administrator are unreasonable, unsuitable in form, frivolous, or derogatory to the dignity of the Council may be disallowed.

57. With the consent of the Cathaoirleach/ Mayor, urgent and important questions may be put without notice in exceptional circumstances, if the information required is readily available.

58. The latest day for submission of questions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council or any one of its committees shall be nine clear working days before the date of the meeting. Only those questions which are received before midnight on that day will appear on that agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

59. A copy of every report of the Corporate Policy Group or of a committee to be submitted to the Council shall, before the submission thereof, be transmitted to every Member of the Council at least three days before the Council meeting, save in cases of urgency when the reading of the report to the Council shall suffice.

60. Where several items are dealt with in a Report it shall be in order to submit by reading any item or items requiring urgent consideration.

61. A Report may without notice:

    (a) Be adopted
    (b) Be postponed for consideration
    (c) Be referred back to the committee from which emanated for re-consideration and further report with or without instructions
    (d) Be amended.

62. Every report of a committee of the Council shall be signed by the Cathaoirleach of the committee or by the Councillor in the Chair when the report was adopted. A motion to adopt a report of a committee or to sanction any proceeding or recommendation of a

committee shall be proposed by the Cathaoirleach of that committee or, in their absence, by one of its Members. A report recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless it shall contain or be accompanied by a statement setting out the expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS / CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

63. (a) Under the item Chief Executive's report members shall be allowed ninety seconds to make a contribution. Within their contribution Members shall only be allowed to refer to matters of policy / county wide relevance. No area specific matter shall be allowed to be raised by Members during their contribution.

(b) The Management Report (Chief Executive Report) shall be circulated 3 days prior to the ordinary meeting of the Council.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR/CATHAOIRLEACH

64. At each monthly meeting of the County Council, the Mayor may submit, two motions in addition to their right, as a Member, to submit one question and one motion in the ordinary way.

65. At each meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee and the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, the Cathaoirleach may submit one motion in addition to their right, as a Member, to submit two motions and seven questions in the ordinary way.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

66. The agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain Notice of motions where Notice is submitted in advance of the Meeting and in accordance with these Standing Orders.

67. The Agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain no more than one notice of motion from any one Councillor, including an adjourned motion.

68. The Agenda paper for an Area Committee meeting shall not contain more than two motions for any one Councillor, including an adjourned motion.

69. Each Member of the Council may submit an original motion relevant to the business of the Council on giving notice through the Modern.Gov Meetings Management System, to the Meetings Administrator. The latest date for submission of motions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council, or any one of its committees, shall be nine clear working days before the day of the meeting, except for County Development Plan meetings where, because of the nature and volume of the motions, additional time may be required to allow for consideration by the Chief Executive. Only those notices of motion which are received before midnight of that day will appear on the agenda paper.

70. A notice of motion recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless the Council has before it at the same time a report from the proper officer setting out the estimated expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the motion.

71. Each Council Member and each representative on the Strategic Policy Committees will be confined to submitting one motion only for each Strategic Policy Committee meeting agenda. The submission of questions for such agendas will not be permitted.

72. Every notice of motion (and any notice of amendment thereto) shall be relevant to some question which affects, or may affect, the services of the Council, the administration of the County or the interests of the people of the County. Motions should not be omnibus in nature, relate to a particular subject only and shall not apply to a variety of services affecting a single area.

73. If any Notice of Motion of which notice has been duly given relates to a matter normally dealt with by a Committee or comes within the terms of reference of any Area Committee or Committees, it shall be referred to such Area Committee or Committees as the meetings administrator may determine. Any dispute on such reference shall be determined by the Mayor/An Méara.

74. Any notice, which is seriously technically out of order, or contains unbecoming expressions, may be excluded from the agenda by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

75. The following motions may be made without notice at a meeting:

a) On matters expressly required by Statute to be done at the meeting;
b) On matters arising directly out of a Report presented at the meeting;
c) For, or on, the appointment of a committee to which business specified is to be referred;
d) For the resolution of the Council into a committee of the whole Council;
e) For a variation of the order of business;
f) For the adjournment of the meeting;
g) For the suspension of a Standing Order or of Standing Orders in respect of any specified rule or rules;
h) For the appointment of a Cathaoirleach of the day, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and/Deputy Mayor being absent.
i) Motion to Reconsider
j) Emergency Motions

MOTIONS

76. The proposer of a motion or an amendment not printed in the agenda paper shall, before moving the same, deliver a copy in writing to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. For a Member attending a meeting by remote means the motion or amendment not printed in the agenda paper shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and the Meetings Administrator.

77. A motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the meeting.

78. Discussion on any motion is restricted to the subject of the motion put to the Council. Members may not, under cover of any motions authorised by these Orders, discuss any other subject.

79. If a Member is not present at a meeting when their motion is reached on the agenda paper, the Member may move the motion, when duly seconded, without debate before the end of the meeting when they are present at the meeting. The Chief Executive's report is accepted in such cases and is subject to the agreement of the Members

EMERGENCY MOTION

80. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders a motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent or emergency business related to a function of the local authority and where due to its seriousness and the imminence of the matter gives rise to an unexpected, urgent and/or potentially dangerous situation requiring immediate action of Council within its statutory functions. Any such motion must set out the clear reasons why the motion cannot be dealt with by way of motion to an ordinary meeting of the Council or a committee.

Any such proposed motion requires the support of two thirds of the Members present subject to the number voting in favour of the motion being not less than half of the total number of Members of the Authority and no such motion may be considered until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

SIMILAR OR RESCINDING MOTIONS

81. When any motion or resolution has been disposed of by the Council, it shall not be for any Councillor to propose a similar or rescinding motion within a period of six months without the consent of not less than three-fourths of the Councillors of the Council.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

82. A Member may move a motion to reconsider a motion of which they were the proposer and where the Chief Executives report was accepted by the proposer and where no vote has taken place. Such a motion, if seconded, may only be considered where a clear misunderstanding of the content of the Chief Executive's report is explained by the Member. The consent of three quarters of the members of the whole Council, will be required for a motion to be reconsidered. Such a motion may only be proposed during the meeting at which the original motion was considered.

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

83. An Amendment may:

a) Omit certain words
b) Omit certain words and insert or add others
c) Insert certain words
d) Add certain words.

84. An amendment shall not involve such substantial alteration of the motion as to make it a new motion.

85. An amendment shall not commit the meeting to anything more onerous than the original motion.

86. An amendment must be formally moved and seconded before any discussion or vote can be taken.

87. At a physical meeting an amendment must be in writing clearly stating the proposed alteration and signed by the proposer and handed to the Cathaoirleach/Mayor. If the amendment is submitted by a Member attending a meeting by virtual means it shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and the Meetings Administrator.

88. An amendment shall not be moved after the original motion is put to the Council

89. The proposer of an amendment may be permitted by the Mayor/ Cathaoirleach to reply.

90. If there is an equality of votes and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach does not exercise their casting vote the Amendment is deemed not carried.

91. When a motion and an amendment remain before the Chair, the amendment shall be first put, and shall be disposed of before any other amendments can be moved. When an amendment is agreed, the original motion shall disappear and the Amended motion shall become the motion under consideration, upon which a new Amendment may be moved. When an Amendment is lost, another amendment to the original motion may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any one time before the Chair. Notice of any number of amendments may, however, be given.

92. A Member may propose an amendment to any amendment being considered to a motion before the Council. Any amendment proposed to an amendment under consideration is subject to Standing Orders Nos. 84 to 92.

    In such cases, the question of making an amendment to the amendment shall be considered and put first. When affirmed, the amendment stands amended and is then considered as the proposed amendment. When lost, the first proposed amendment is considered.

RULES OF DEBATE

93. All Members are bound to act in accordance with the Ethics Framework and Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members, to co-operate with the orderly conduct of meetings, the direction of the Mayor/Cathaoirlaigh and in a manner that is respectful of colleagues.

94. Members must bear in mind that discussions at Council Meetings are not privileged. No Member may make false statements, impute improper motives or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the Council, employee of the Council or any other person. Any Member having made such statements or used such objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when requested by the Cathaoirleach/Mayor to do so shall be called upon by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to withdraw from the meeting.

95. A Member while speaking shall address themselves to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. Any Member participating in a meeting remotely must, when they are speaking, be able to be heard (and seen, where practicable) by all other Members in attendance, and the remote

participant must, in turn, be able to hear (and see, where practicable) those other Members participating.

96. A Member speaking is not to be interrupted except on a point of order, but they shall give way to a Member desiring to make a personal explanation with the consent of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. A Member who speaks shall confine their speech strictly to the matter under discussion. A ruling of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach on a point of order, or on the admissibility of a personal explanation, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

97. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed to speak to the motion for not more than three minutes and for a further three minutes in reply to the debate; the speech of any other contributor shall not exceed two minutes.

98. On matters of exceptional importance, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may consent to the continuation of a speech for an additional three minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the meeting and shall be for a definite period.

99. Members of the Council shall address and speak of each other in the Council by the respective titles of “Mayor/Méara”, “Cathaoirleach" or "Councillor".

100. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach may allow a Member to speak a second time, but only after every Member who desires to do so shall have spoken once.

101. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall call a Member to order for irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language, imputations of motives, reflections of a personal character upon another Member or employee, or any breach of order, and may direct such Member, if speaking, to discontinue their speech.

102. In the event of a grave disorder at the meeting, or of persistent disregard to the authority of the Chair, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall protect the meeting in the conduct of its business by directing the Member or Members causing such disorder, or disregarding such authority, to retire for any period up to and including the remainder of the meeting or for a shorter period.

103. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach so directs a Member to retire, and the Member does not retire immediately, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall give directions for the removal of the Member and such other directions as are necessary for restoring order to the proceedings.

104. If the Mayor/Cathaoirleach considers that the meeting, owing to disorder, cannot continue, they shall have power to adjourn the meeting for a short interval.

DETERMINATION/ VOTING

105. Subject to any statutory provision requiring the recording of the names of Members voting for or against a motion, voting may be:

(a) By voice when it is obvious that the meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting.
(b) By show of hands. If any objections as to the correctness of the results are made a poll may be demanded
(c) By a division, i.e. a regular count of the Members for or against the motion.

106. Every matter at a meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Members of the Council voting on the matter, unless otherwise stated by Statute or included in Standing Orders, and, in the case of an equal division of votes, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

If a connection to a Member is lost during a vote, every effort will be made to re-establish a connection. If a connection cannot be restored within a reasonable timeframe, as determined by the Mayor, the Member shall be allowed to vote by calling the Mayor or Meeting Administrator by phone and then calling out of their vote so as to allow the other Members to hear that Member's vote.

107. When voting on a motion is by a roll-call division, there shall be an interval of three minutes between the decision to take the vote and the actual vote itself should any Member so request. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall determine when this interval has elapsed.

108. No motion or amendment shall be put to the Council unless it has been duly proposed and seconded. A motion may be proposed either by the Member in whose name it stands, or in their absence, by any Member authorised by them to propose it on their behalf. If a Councillor is not present to propose their motion at a full Council meeting, the motion shall retain its position on the schedule of motions for the next full Council meeting unless removed by the Councillor concerned.

109. Verbal/Written reports to motions will be presented as such by the Chief Executive only where a motion has been proposed and seconded. Once the motion is put to the Council, reports will be made available to Members for the purpose of discussion at the meeting and are only published to the public record where Members have concluded consideration, debate and decided/voted on the motion in question.

110. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach has not formally declared the result of a vote or is in doubt as to whether their declaration is right or wrong, they are entitled to take a second vote on the matter especially if they consider that through some misunderstanding the first vote did not properly represent the sense of the meeting.

111. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach cannot give their first vote after they have ascertained the number of votes for or against a motion. They can only then give their casting vote.

COMMITTEES

112. The Council and every committee are authorised to furnish to the Press reports of its proceedings.

113. The Chief Executive shall summon a meeting of any standing or special committee on the request of its Cathaoirleach, or any three of its Councillors, or whenever they shall deem it necessary that such committee shall meet.

114. In the event of the Council deciding to empower any special committee to do any act without further reference to the Council the resolution of appointment shall be in conformity with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001.

115. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of every committee by such officer of the Council assigned to attend the Committee. Such minutes shall give the names of each Member present.

116. All questions in committee shall be determined by a majority of such Members of the Committee as vote and in case of an equal division of votes the Cathaoirleach shall have a casting vote in addition to their vote as a Member of the Committee.

117. Committees may appoint sub-committees of their number for facilitating the transaction of business, who shall report to the committee, but such sub-committee shall not have power to transact any business without express authority from the Committee.

118. Each Member of a committee is to be notified of every meeting of that committee.

119. The Council may from time to time appoint any special committee for specific purpose, and may, set out terms of reference for this committee.

120. The Council may, at any time, resolve itself into a committee of the whole Council for the transaction of business, to be specified in the resolution. The quorum of a Committee of the whole Council shall be eleven.

121. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 145, meetings of any standing or special committee shall not, without the authority of the committee, be open to the public.

122. A meeting of the Council shall take precedence over a meeting of any committee.

123. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 125, recommendations of the standing committees numbered (a) to (k) inclusive, as set out in Standing Order No. 15, on reserved functions and policy matters shall come before the Council for consideration by way of report; otherwise the proceedings of each committee shall come before the committee for confirmation and re-affirmation at its next meeting.

124. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees, numbered c) to h) in Standing Order No. 15, shall come before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

125. Vacancies in Committees shall be filled by the Council at any ensuing meeting of the Council.

126. Members of Standing Committees numbered i), j) and k), in Standing Order No. 15 may submit two motions and seven questions for each meeting of the committee subject to the proviso that an additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a motion.

127. Save where the Council otherwise directs, it shall be a function of the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee to fix periodically the dates and times of meetings of the Council and its committees.

128. Site visits within the County shall be approved by the County Council, or by the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee, as the case may be.

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

129. In any consideration of the making of the Development Plan, all amendments suggested by the Chief Executive or the Members shall be specifically listed on the agenda for the relevant meeting as headed items or motions as appropriate and in such way as clearly to identify the area or purpose involved.

VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

130. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 132, or of any other Standing Order relating to the submission of motions, at a meeting held to consider submissions/observations and the report of the Chief Executive made under Section 12(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, or to make the proposed plan in accordance with the provision of Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, motions to make such proposed plan with or without amendments (including motions for a specific amendment or amendments) as provided for in the aforesaid Section 12(10), as amended, may be made without notice at such meeting.

131. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 70 and 76(b) in any consideration of a Variation to the County Development Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in Section 13 the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all modifications proposed by the Members shall be by way of motion submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such a way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Variation has commenced no further motions can be submitted or proposed.

LOCAL AREA PLANS

132. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 70 and 76(b) in any consideration of a Local Area Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all amendments suggested by the Members shall be by way of motion, submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Local Area Plan has commenced no further motions can be submitted or proposed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, RESIGNATION, VACANCIES, ETC.

133. A Councillor may, at any time, in writing, signed by them, and delivered to the Chief Executive of the Council, resign their membership of the Council.

134. If a Councillor is absent from meetings of the Council for more than twelve months, except in case of illness, or for some reason approved of by the Council, the Councillor will be deemed to have resigned.

135. A Member of any committee who is absent from all meetings of the committee in any twelve months shall, except in case of illness, or for some reason approved by the Council, be disqualified and be ineligible for re-election.

136. A casual vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

137. Where a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party Member, the vacancy shall, be filled by a person nominated by the Member. In the case of a casual vacancy being caused by the death of a non-party Member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of the Member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the member or a child of the member.

MAKING OF APPOINTMENTS

138. Subject to observance of any statutory requirements in relation to the making of appointments, the following procedure shall apply:

a) If the number of nominees, duly proposed and seconded, exceeds the number of appointments to be made, then each Councillor will be entitled to vote by ballot for not more than the number of appointments to be made.

b) Nominees securing the greatest number of votes shall then be declared to be appointed in order until the number of vacancies has been filled. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees for one or more remaining vacancies, there shall be a further ballot or ballots as necessary, on the basis set out in sub-paragraph (a) above, between the tied nominees for the vacancy or vacancies have been filled.

c) If following a ballot or a number of ballots there remains two or more tied candidates for one or more vacancies, the remaining vacancy or vacancies shall be filled successively by a ballot between the remaining tied candidates, each Councillor having a single vote, and in the event of a further tie, the Mayor/Méara shall have a casting vote after each such ballot. Should the Mayor/Méara following such ballot not exercise their casting vote, the person to be appointed shall be determined by lot.

d) If the number of nominees duly proposed and seconded is equal to or less than the number of appointments to be made, the nominees shall be declared to be appointed.

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONGRESS, ETC.

139. Councillors and representatives attending on behalf of the Council at meetings of associations, conferences, or congresses shall report to the Council upon any matter discussed at such meetings, which, in their opinion, is of interest to the Council.

DEPUTATIONS

140. The Council may set aside days on which deputations shall be received.

141. Any person/ persons wishing to address the Council, must apply in writing to the Chief Executive at least seven clear days before the day for deputations, setting out the matters they wish to discuss. No deputation shall exceed five persons in number and the maximum duration of discussion between a deputation and the Council Members and officials shall be forty minutes. A person/persons may only meet with the Council once within any six month period, unless the Council specifically agrees to same.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

142. Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order.

143. A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council.

144. Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council.

145. Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council.

146. At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members.

COMMON SEAL

147. The Common Seal of the Council shall be kept securely by the Council. The Seal shall only be affixed to any document either by resolution of the Council or a signed order of the Chief Executive. Whenever the Seal is affixed the Mayor/Méara or an employee of the authority nominated in writing for that purpose by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Mayor, shall be present and shall testify the fact by their signature to an entry in the Seal Book specifying the document or documents sealed.

148. The Common Seal may be affixed by the Mayor/ Méara to any documents going abroad which do not in any way relate to the Council, at any time, without resolution of the Council.

VISITORS

149. Attendance of the public and media at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Visitors and representatives of the Press may be present at meetings of the Council in the visitor's area, unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines and they may report and publish the proceedings of the Council. Representatives of the Press and visitors may also be present at all meetings of the standing committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i) j) and k) of Standing Order No.15.

150. Visitors shall only be admitted to any meeting of the Council or standing committee after they have been signed in by a Councillor. A Councillor may only sign in one visitor to any meeting, if the visitor's area has available capacity. When, upon the expiration of a quarter of an hour after the time for which any meeting is convened, accommodation for visitors is not fully occupied, further visitors, not exceeding the number for which accommodation is available, may be admitted at the direction of the Meetings Administrator.

151. Visitors are to maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance. Visitors are the responsibility at all times

of the Councillor who has signed them in. Disorderly persons may be removed by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

152. In the event of a disorderly person refusing to leave the public gallery, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may invoke the sanction provided for in Standing Order Nos. 103 and 104, against the Member who has signed the visitor in.

GRANTING OF CIVIC HONOURS

153. Nominations for a person or persons to be granted a civic honour/ reception will be made by the Mayor/Méara to the Council, and the decision to confer a civic honour/reception on any person or persons will be made by resolution of the Council.

MOBILE PHONES

154. The use of mobile phones during Council or committee meetings is strictly prohibited and are to be turned off/on silent upon entry to the Council Chamber. Failure to comply with this order will result in the following penalties:-

(i) **For Members:** A fine of €50 for every time a Member's mobile phone rings during a meeting, this to be automatically deducted from their expenses.

(ii) **For Visitors:** The removal of the visitor from the Chamber and their non re-admission.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

155. A ruling of the Cathaoirleach on any question or their interpretation of the Standing Orders shall be final. Should any question, doubt or dispute arise as to the area or functions or functioning of a committee or as to the application (save at a meeting) of standing orders to a committee, the matter shall be determined by the Mayor/Méara of the County Council whose decision shall be final.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

156. Any standing order or standing orders may, at any time by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present at the meeting of the Council or standing committee, such meeting consisting of not less than one-half of the Members of the whole Council or standing committee then present, be suspended, on a motion duly made, for the purpose of any specific business then before the Council or standing committee, and defined in the suspensory motion, save that no such motion may be made until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

Subject to the Mayor's consent the decision whether or not to suspend standing orders should go to a vote without debate.

MATTERS NOT COVERED BY STANDING ORDERS

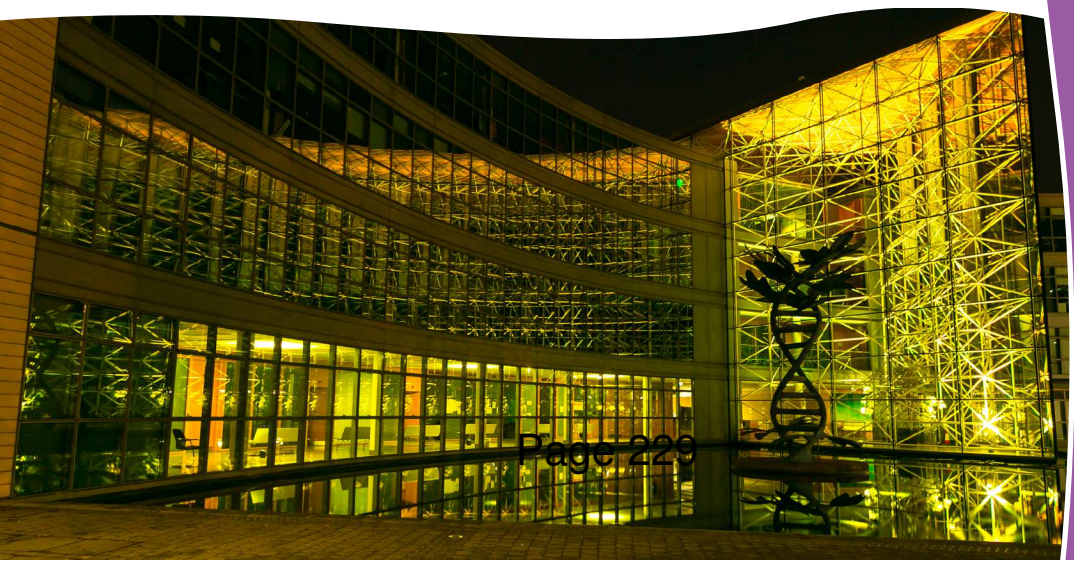
157. The Mayor shall have power to deal with any matter not covered by Standing Orders.

DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS

158. These Standing Orders may only be amended or repealed by motion of the Council and agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council.

Fingal County Council

Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022





Our Mission

To be vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity



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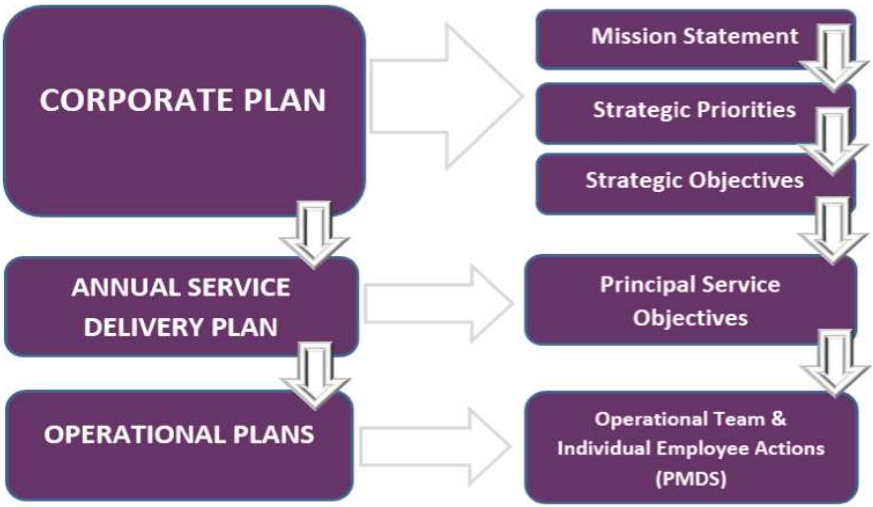
Fingal County Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022 is formulated and adopted by the Members of the County Council in the context of the overarching vision of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024.

The Service Plan sets out the principal services the Local Authority intends to provide to the public in the period to the end of 2022. Alongside these principal services, the Plan sets out the service funding, service delivery objectives, performance measurements of these services. In doing so, the Plan is a reference point for the citizens of Fingal for information on the services and performance standards that they can expect from their Local Authority

Organisational Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives of Fingal County Council over the five year term of office of the Council. The Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal service delivery objectives and priorities for each individual year. These service objectives then cascade into Operational Team Plans and the Objectives and Actions of individual staff members through the PMDS Process.

The figure below sets outs of the Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives in the business planning structure:





The Priorities and Objectives set out in the Corporate Plan provide the framework within which services are to be delivered by the Executive of the Council. This Service Delivery Plan sets out how these priorities and objectives will be progressed in 2022.

Organisational Structure

Fingal County Council's services are arranged around a number of main functional Departments. The principal services are provided through the following service delivery Departments:

- Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development
- Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel
- Housing and Community
- Libraries
- Operations and Water Services
- Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

These Departments are supported by enabling departments within the organisation which, though not charged with direct service provision, provide essential supports across all Departments in order to facilitate the service provision and work programmes.

The Support Departments are:

- Architects
- Corporate Affairs and Governance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Law

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Organisational Resources

The Budget for the year ending 31st December 2022 was presented to and approved by the Members on 9th November 2021 and it provides for a total expenditure of €299.8m.

Division	Service Description	Expenditure €	% of Budget	Spend per head of population €
A	Housing and Building	89,124,800	29.73	300.88
B	Road Transportation and Safety	32,743,900	10.92	110.54
C	Water Supply and Sewerage	19,385,000	6.47	65.44
D	Development Incentives and Controls	24,902,800	8.31	84.07
E	Environmental Protection	49,435,000	16.49	166.89
F	Recreation and Amenity	52,295,400	17.44	176.55
G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,525,000	0.51	5.15
H	Miscellaneous Services	30,375,000	10.13	102.54
Total		299,786,900	100	1,012.06

The Council's overall objective for the 2022 budget is to maintain the delivery of key services while being cognisant of the financial challenges arising due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The budget also factors in a number of areas for increased expenditure while also including additional provisioning to allow the Council to mitigate the effect of a possible increased level of uncollectable rates in the future arising out of the economic consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and its economic disruption continues to create uncertainty into 2022. The Budget reflects a balance between continuing to deliver our key services while creating provision to help to mitigate against the possible longer-term financial implications for the Council. The Council will continue to monitor the financial implications of the pandemic as we work through 2022.

Staffing resources available to the Council as at December 2022 are as follows:

Employee Category	Total
1. Managerial	10
2. Clerical/Admin	631
3. Professional Technical	294
4. Outdoor	615
	1550

Recruitment activity has continued this year with a total of 97 competitions held in 2021. Opportunity to progress within the sector, the public service generally and the private sector in a highly competitive recruitment environment has continued and significant levels of staff turnover have arisen.

Implementation and Monitoring

This Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal services the Council proposes to deliver by the end of December 2022 within existing constraints on funding and resources.

The Plan will be monitored by the Executive Management Team and progress on matters will be reported through the monthly Chief Executive Report at the Council Meetings.

Performance will be measured through the Baseline Data Measurements set out in the Corporate Plan.

Service Departments

Community

The Community & Sports Division is responsible for a range of services including Community Development, Sports Development, the Fingal Age Friendly Programme and the Integration Office. The Community Development Office provides support to 33 community facilities.

Principal Services & Financial Resources –

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	1,710,800
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	6,186,200
Total		7,897,000

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Community Development	• Number of Community Development • Number of Community Funding • Number of Strategic Projects • Number of Community Facilities • Number of Inter-agency supports



Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	• Number of Community facilities supported • Number of meetings attended
Continue to manage the up keep and renovation of old facilities	• Number of cross departmental meetings • Number of allocations of remedial funding for non-council owned facilities
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities	• Number of Summer Project funding Schemes awarded • Number of activities funding programmes awarded • Number of community training programmes provided
Fingal Public Participation Network	• Number of PPN member groups • Number of Council consultations issued to PPN • Number of Council consultations carried out via the PPN as main vehicle • Number of LA Boards/Committees in which community representation is facilitated through PPN • Number of training days for Council staff and Elected Members in public participation and the PPN • Percentage of local schools in the Youth Council / Comhairle na n-Óg
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy	• Number of meetings held • Number of Pillars established • Number of actions completed
Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg	• Percentage of local schools engaged with the youth council • Delivery of AGM • Number of meetings held • Number of consultations

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland	• Percentage of Five-Year Strategy 2018 – 2023 recommendations implemented • Develop Annual Action Plan 2022 • Number of Older Peoples Council meetings supported • Number of Alliance meetings supported • Number of training sessions carried out • Number of regional meetings attended
Devise and implement a new Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2022-2024	• Number of specific programmes with emphasis on target groups (school/ youth sports; women in sport; older adult programmes and disability sports)

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (EETCD) promotes local employment, productivity enhancement and export-led growth by working in partnership with local businesses, chambers of commerce, state agencies for enterprise and tourism, community groups and higher education institutes.

The Department develops and implements policy initiatives across key areas of investment promotion and facilitation, local economy recovery and renewal, sustainable business, tourism product development and marketing, and local enterprise support. The Department is also responsible for the Library Service and for the Arts Office which supports the County's two arts centres, Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Centre and the Creative Ireland programme.

Fingal's Local Economic & Community Plan was adopted by Elected Members in December 2015 and sets the overarching framework for the work of the Department, the consultation will commence with relevant stakeholders in 2022 on a new Local Economic & Community Plan. In 2022 the LEADER Development Strategy will also be reviewed. A further key policy document is the Statement of Tourism Strategy 2017-2022. These strategies complement the Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021-2024, which is delivered by the Local Enterprise Office with funding provided by Enterprise Ireland under a Service Level Agreement with Fingal County Council (co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund).

The Department supports the ongoing work programme of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the EETCD Strategic Policy Committee which contributes to the development of policy initiatives and assesses the impact and implementation of initiatives.

From the perspective of investment attraction and facilitation, the Department has an active role in monitoring and responding to demand for appropriate investment land within Fingal. In addition, the Department oversees the operation of three enterprise centres to support start-ups and emerging businesses. Added to these functions, the Department supports the wider work of the Council through its Property Services Section.

Principal Services & Financial Resources

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	441,300
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	1,191,200
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	515,100
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	4,632,900
D10	Property Management	947,500
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	7,000
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	310,000
FO5	Operation of Arts Programme	7,491,500
J101	Property Management	431,500
Total		15,968,000

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
T2.SP4.SO25 **T2.SP5.SO29** **T3.SP6.SO32** **T3.SP6.SO33** **T3.SP6.SO34** **T3.SP6.SO35**	**AP-ED-1**	Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business	• Support economic recovery and resilience in County • Support environmentally sustainable economic development in County • Implement Fingal Skills Strategy Objectives

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
T3.SP6.SO32 **T3.SP6.SO33** **T3.SP6.SO34** **T3.SP6.SO35**	**AP-ED-2**	Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro & small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	• Economic Impact - Number of jobs created • Financial Activity – Number of grants approved • Training – Number of participants on Start your Own Business Courses
T1.SP2.SO16 **T1.SP3.SO19** **T1.SP3.SO20**	**AP-ED-3**	Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER	• Programmes delivered effectively
T1.SP2.SO14 **T1.SP3.SO19** **T1.SP3.SO20** **T3.SP6.SO33** **T3.SP6.SO34** **T3.SP6.SO35**	**AP-ED-4**	Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development	• Support LCDC and implement LECP Objectives • Review Local Economic & Community Plan • Review LEADER Development Strategy • Implement Urban Playful Towns Project in Rush
T1.SP1.SO5 **T1.SP2.SO11** **T1.SP2.SO12** **T1.SP2.SO14**	**AP-ED-5**	Implement Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan	• Progress & Implement the Rejuvenation Plan's Objectives
T3.SP7.SO36 **T2.SP4.SO26** **T2.SP4.SO27**	**AP-ED-6**	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county	• No. of visitors to the county (Fáilte Ireland) • Revenue from Tourism (Fáilte Ireland) • Delivery of a marketing/ Social Media Campaign • Delivery of 2022 actions in the Dublin Coastal Plan • Delivery of Fáilte Ireland funded initiatives • Review of Fingal Growth Tourism Strategy 2017-2022

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
T3.SP7.SO37 **T3.SP6.SO33**	**AP-ED-7**	Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food & drink tourism destination	• Deliver actions for 2022 in the Fingal Food Tourism Action Plan • Facilitate the Network group • Build on the marketing & promotional campaign for Dublin Coast & Fields Brand
T3.SP7.SO38	**AP-ED-8**	Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties	• No. of visitors to Heritage Properties • Continued Capital Investment in 2022 in line with Capital Programme • No. of heritage led tourism related events across the properties in collaboration with our Operators
T3.SP7.SO39 **T2.SP5.SO29** **T2.SP5.SO30** **T3.SP6.SO33**	**AP-ED-9**	Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events	• Continued Capital investment in 2022 in line with Capital programme • No. of events being run online and onsite across the properties • Cross selling strategies and visitor satisfaction surveys • No. of events at the Heritage Properties • No. of events funded under the Council's Scheme of Financial Assistance • Delivery of a quality programme of cultural, educational, recreational and family fun events • Support environmentally sustainable events in the County

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
T1.SP1.S06	**AP-ED-10**	Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025	• No of Arts Programmes delivered • No of Artists Support Scheme Grant • No of Arts Grants • Subsidies for Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Arts Centre paid • Work with the Steering Committee to progress the arts and cultural elements of the Swords Cultural Quarter
T1.SP1.S06	**AP-ED-11**	Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	• Percentage of Actions of the framework agreement delivered
T1.SP1.S06	**AP-ED-12**	To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal	• Cruinniu na nÓg is delivered. • Fingal Commemorations Programme is delivered • 100% Creative Ireland core funding is allocated

Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

The Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department provides a wide range of services principally in the area of Environmental Protection and Enforcement, Control of Dogs & Horses, Active Travel initiatives and Climate Action.

The Department also manages closed and historic landfills, a network of Bring Banks (bottle & textiles) and Environmental Awareness activities including the Green Schools' Programme.

It supports the regional waste management planning offices in the preparation of the Regional Waste Management.

Active Travel is a priority for the Department as part of its ongoing commitment to Climate Action. The Departments also manages a road safety section and the School Warden Service.

Principal Services & Financial Resources –

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	3,932,000
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	3,568,600
E05	Litter Management	1,413,900
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,487,800
E08	Waste Management Planning	420,000
G04	Veterinary Service	933,600
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	865,100
E11	Operation of Fire Service	23,091,700
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,633,400
E15	Climate Change & Flooding	1,165,000
B08	Road Safety Promotion & Education	2,389,000
Total		41,900,100



Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Implement the Eastern - Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021	• See EPA annual report
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	• Compliance with EPA Licence
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution	• See EPA Annual Report on Air Quality and Fingal Annual Report on Noise Action Plans
Enforce Waste Regulations	• Percentage of Target for inspections, year to date
Operate dog and horse control service	• Number of dogs rehomed or
Operate Litter Warden Service	• Number of patrols completed
Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	• Percentage of Target for inspections, year to date
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme	• Number of green flags awarded • Number of awareness campaigns year to date
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW	• Progress and deliver OPW approved schemes
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Planw	• See quarterly and annual reports
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	• Tonnes of Glass Collected and recycled



Active Travel

A strategy for the Active Travel Unit is currently being developed. The strategy will focus on a number of key elements which will include:

- Provision of protected cycle lanes,
- Review of Towns and Villages for Active Travel measures,
- Providing connectivity to facilitate and encourage Active travel
- Provision of bicycle parking throughout the county
- Collecting and analysing data pertaining to Active Travel projects
- Mapping and recording Active Travel infrastructure such as bike parking and cycle network.
- Tracking and recording requests for Active Travel measures for consideration on future programme of works.
- Researching, promoting and delivering mobility projects including:
    - -Bike Sharing
    - -Mobility Hubs
    - -Promotion of Active Travel initiatives
- Road safety:
    - -Safe Routes to School programme
    - -School Warden
    - -Preparation of and implementation of Fingal's Road Safety Plan
    - -Publicity of Road Safety
    - -Cycle training

A programme of works is being rolled out and further developed for future years which will be allocated across the county in a fair, transparent and equitable manner.

Principal Services & Financial Resources

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total
B0801	Road Safety School Wardens	839,100
B0802	Road Safety Publicity & Promotion	33,300
B0802	NTA Funded Projects Awareness	106,000
B0802	Bike Share	150,000
B0899	School Warden Support Costs	235,100
Total		1,363,500

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objectives	Performance Measurement
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design & construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects	• Progress and deliver protected cycle lanes from NTA funded works programme 2022
Towns & Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel	• Progress and deliver active travel review/public realm projects from NTA funded works programme 2022
Connectivity/Permeability – review & enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users	• No. of infrastructure interventions delivered on foot of a request for connectivity enhancements which promote active travel for all users
Strategic planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy	• Publication of an Active Travel Strategy

Service Delivery Objectives	Performance Measurement
Inputs to statutory planning processes such as the current review of the County Development Plan	• Submissions to County Development Plan process
Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the school wardens	• No of schools signed up to the Safer Routes to School Programme and percentage of projects completed. Recruitment of School Wardens to ensure the service is provided to schools in the County
Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan	• Publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan
Mobility & Behavioural Change – rolling out various Active Travel projects & event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift	• Support Bike Share/Bike Week and all events which promote active travel in the County

Housing

The Housing Department is responsible for the implementation of the actions set out in the Government's "Housing for All" a New Housing Plan for Ireland.

The plan has four pathways to achieve housing for all and plans to deliver a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system. It plans to deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs. This will require the Council to work in collaboration with the construction sector and other important stakeholders who will be key to its success.

The Council is also committed to the delivery of appropriate housing solutions for people with disabilities and the delivery of homeless services including prevention services remains a priority for 2022.

The Housing Department is cognisant of its statutory obligations and is committed to ensuring that it adheres to the current legislation and regulatory frameworks.

The management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock including efficient turnaround of vacant units is key to our housing service delivery.

The Housing Department carries out its statutory functions in relation to Private Rented Standards in the private rented market and further services are provided to private householders by way of housing loans and adaptation grants.

The Housing Department is also responsible for the implementation of specific actions in accordance with the following:

- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024
- Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021- 2026
- Equality Action Plan 2021
- Migrant, Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2021- 2022

While the capital investment in the provision of social housing is contained in the Council's Capital Programme, the revenue budget also plays a part in the delivery and support of social housing under the under the four pathways of "Housing for All".



Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2021 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
A01	Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	12,066,500
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,746,000
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	1,832,300
A04	Housing Community Development Support	2,157,800
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	3,381,600
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	9,523,300
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	46,887,400
A08	Housing Loans	4,966,600
A09	Housing Grants	3.917,000
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,002,900
A12	HAP Programme	643,400
Total		89,124,800



Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objectives	Performance Measurement
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with Housing For All	• Combined total number of dwellings provided and data for each delivery type
Delivery and management of homeless services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2021	• Number of adult individuals considered to be long-term homeless as percentage of the total number of adult individuals either using emergency accommodation or sleeping rough in a given period • The number of adult individuals, families and their dependants accessing emergency accommodation in a given period • The number of those individuals who, at a given time, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuosly, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months • The number of households who exit emergency accommodation to a tenancy on a quarterly basis
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	• Housing First National Implementation Plan 2018-2021
Management and maintenance of Housing Stock to include Voids & Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programmes	• Percentage of local authority housing vacant • Number of Voids • Average re-letting times and costs • Expenditure and maintenance costs for Council owned stock
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 -2024	• Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 - 2024
Facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme	• Percentage of private rented tenancies inspected
Deliver sufficient and appropriate housing solutions for disabled persons	• Achieve national targets for the provision of suitable housing for people with disabilities
Support the provision of mixed tenure, quality and affordable housing	• Planning approvals granted for mixed tenure schemes

Libraries

The Libraries Department operates 10 Branch Libraries, 4 Mobile Library Vans, Local Studies & Archives and a cocooning/housebound service. Library staff organise an extensive programme of cultural, educational and recreational events and activities throughout the year, with a particular focus on literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths).

The COVID 19 pandemic resulted in the curtailment of services and the closure of libraries for several months during 2020 and 2021, as reflected in the latest available NOAC Measurements:

NOAC Measurements 2020:

- No of Library visits per head of pop: 0.85
- No of items issued: 646,138
- Active membership per head of pop: 0.11
- Registered members: 68,518

Principal Services & Financial Resources –

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	€10,663,600
Total		€10,663,600

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023	• Successful implementation of actions within the Libraries Development Plan over the 5 year period

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Provide high quality, welcoming, accessible spaces which meet the needs of library users	• Development and enhancement of library infrastructure, including: -Planning for the new County Library in the Swords Civic and Cultural Centre -The renovation and extension of Skerries Library -Opening of a 'My Open Library' at Baldoyle Library
Ensure that libraries are staffed with well trained, informed and customer focused staff	• Adherence to the agreed workforce plan, and the provision of training, educational opportunities and continuing professional development for library staff at all levels
Recognise and meet the changing needs of library users, in accordance with our Collection Development Policy	• Effective management and development of library stock, using Collection HQ, an electronic evidence-based stock management system
Reinforce the position of libraries in the community as key points of access to information technology and digital services	• Enhancement of digital learning and meeting spaces in libraries. Delivery of a makerspace at Blanchardstown Library
Encourage the community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries	• Delivery of a quality programme of cultural, educational, recreational and informational events throughout the library network, reflective of the diverse and specific needs of communities, groups and individuals
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County	• Successful engagement by library staff with key stakeholders, including elected representatives, local and national organisations, community groups, businesses, schools and colleges
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the community through collaboration and partnerships	• Networking resulting in new library initiatives and new audiences

Operations

The Operations Department is responsible for the general maintenance and improvement for the following:

- Regional & local roads maintenance
- Regional parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports facilities
- Public open spaces
- Harbours
- Beaches
- Burial grounds
- Fleet Management
- Public Lighting

It also undertakes tree maintenance, street cleaning and litter collection in all public areas in Fingal including the operation of two Recycling Facilities.

The Operations Department provides for the implementation of traffic management measures. It is also responsible for the making of bye-laws, the management of road opening licences and temporary road closure orders and the operation of car parking services.

The above services will be delivered by the Operations Department through the implementation of the 2022 Programme of Works, a variety of planned and response work programmes, as well as, dealing with the day to day operational challenges which cover the diverse range of services and functions carried out by this Department.

Principal Services & Financial Resources

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	9,158,400
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	8,956,200
B05	Public Lighting	5,182,600
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	3,580,000

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B09	Car Parking	809,600
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	33,900
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	2,533,100
E06	Street Cleaning	7,371,100
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	2,139,300
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	739,400
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	20,783,500
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	512,300
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	500,100
D10	Property Management (Allotments)	59,300
H06	Weighbridges	19,900
Total		62,378,300

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Management & Maintenance of Regional & Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety	Delivery of adopted roads and traffic programme of works and delivery of works programme related to: • Improved rating provided in the Pavement Surface Condition Index • Flooding • Road Safety • Management and maintenance of street lighting • Car parking services

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Management & Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches & Recreational Facilities	• Delivery of adopted special works programme • Management of regional parks and open space in accordance with the Open Space Strategy for Fingal • Management of street trees in accordance with the Tree Strategy
Management & Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences	• Ensure safe use of the harbours and maintenance of the harbour structures • Management and development of existing and new burial grounds
To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate	• Provide the necessary supports through the licencing and other statutory processes of major commercial and community events in Fingal

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department plans and supports the sustainable development of the County though the Fingal Development Plan and the development management process. The Department also plans and delivers strategic infrastructure.

The Department manages the planning application, planning enforcement and building control functions of the Council. It develops the parks and green infrastructure of the County and progresses transportation and water services planning functions to deliver strategic infrastructure. It liaises with regional and national bodies on an ongoing basis to advance this delivery. It is responsible for the preparation of plans to enable the medium to long term development of the County.

These include the Fingal Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Masterplans, strategic roads and regional open space proposals. It carries out building inspections in respect of new development and derelict sites. It has objectives relating to the assessment of strategic flood risks and the protection of the built heritage of the County. It also maps and compiles data in respect of development in the County to inform policy and decision-making at local and national level.

Principal Services & Financial Resources –

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
D01	Forward Planning	1,429,400
D02	Development Management	4,492,900
D03	Enforcement	468,700
D08	Building Control	1,083,200
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	467,200
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	165,000
Total		8,106,400



Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County	• Implementation of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Capital programme • Ongoing progression of Parks Infrastructure Projects • Recreational Park facilities , greenways • and roads infrastructure etc
Promote & Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations	• Support and advise the building industry in the promotion of a culture of compliance and enhancing climate action in the County. • Manage BCMS, Targeted inspections, Enforcement
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development	• Continued activity in planning enforcement i.e. number of warning letters and enforcement notices issued, cases referred to Court
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	• All planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process	• Taking-in-charge process managed and standards met for areas to be taken in charge • Continued implementation of the new taking in charge policy
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County	• Commencement of 2023-2029 County Development Plan process • Delivery of agreed Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Studies to deliver housing • Contribute to the economic and social development of the County

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens	• Contribute to the development of sustainable transport policies • Ongoing progression of Part 8 projects and FCC capital programme • Engagement with other stakeholders. Facilitate the delivery of MetroLink, BusConnects and DART Expansion • Sustainable development at Dublin Airport
Promote and Protect Biodiversity	• Implement actions of: The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, The All Ireland Pollinator Plan, "Keeping it Green -an Open Space Strategy for Fingal", "Forest of Fingal – a tree strategy for Fingal • Implement the Dublin Bay Biosphere Programme of Works
Support Rebuilding Ireland	• Develop a program that supports increased housing output. Delivery of LIHAF projects (delivery of critical infrastructure to support housing delivery
Develop a Coastal Management Policy	• Work with the Coastal Liaison Group to address costal management in Fingal including costal erosion and coastal flooding
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County	• Implement actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 -2023 • Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023 • Work cross departmentally to develop integrated promotion of heritage • Continue supporting Heritage as an amenity for Fingal

Water Services

Water Services will continue to implement the 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) on behalf of Irish Water. As agents for Irish Water, it is the Council's objective to safeguard the provision and distribution of the highest quality drinking water supply and to manage the treatment and disposal of waste water in accordance with the annual budget and the agreed Annual Service Plan.

Ongoing maintenance and cleaning of all public conveniences in the county will be delivered by the operational crews in each area.

Stormwater network operation and maintenance will continue to be managed by the drainage crews.

Principal Services & Financial Resources

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
C01	Water Supply	11,286,500
C02	Waste Water Treatment	6,035,200
C04	Public Conveniences	389,000
C05	Grants for Individual Installations	15,500
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	395,200
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	1,263,600
Total		19,385,000

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Operation & Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Services as per Service Level Agreement with Irish Water	• Delivery of agreed Water Services Annual Service Plan
Management & maintenance Public Conveniences	• Restoration, maintenance and cleaning of all public conveniences throughout the county ensuring that facilities are safe and available to the public
Management and maintenance of the Stormwater Network	• Operation and maintenance of all stormwater infrastructure including pumping stations, storm water pipes and manholes and stormwater outfalls and screens

Support Services

Architects

The Architects Department is responsible for the provision of Architectural Services to Fingal County Council. This consists of architectural design, conservation, urban design, building procurement, project management, quantity surveying and cost management services. In addition, the Department promotes architectural standards and advises on issues related to the built environment.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives	• Annual work programme agreed with client Departments
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives	• Built heritage of the County protected
To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council	• The interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection	• Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	• Painting, joinery maintenance and other planned maintenance programmes completed • Response maintenance services completed • Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance carried out • Void houses are inspected, tendered and repaired promptly • Climate Change and retrofit initiatives implemented

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly	• Accurate professional budgeting of projects • Accurate recording of tender prices and claims • Accurate recording and processing of payments within set timelines

Corporate Affairs and Governance

Corporate Affairs provides services to the Members so as to allow them perform their duties as elected representatives of the citizens of Fingal. The preparation and circulation of all agendas, Council minutes, payment of Members expenses, preparation of the Register of Electors and dealing with customer complaints will all continue during 2022.

Services to the public through the Council's Customer Care Unit will continue to be enhanced during 2022 and the Communications Section will develop its role further in internal and external communication. The coordination of the activities of the Major Emergency Management Unit will also continue throughout 2022.

Facilities Management will continue to maintain and improve the Council's offices and libraries.

The Corporate Governance Unit provides support to the Executive Management Team and other Council Departments. The Unit includes Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Internal Audit and supports the work of the Executive Management Team in achieving Corporate Governance objectives.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council	• The number of Council and Committee meetings serviced and statutory requirements adhered to
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation through Customer Care Unit (CCU)	• All customer contacts dealt with and council properties maintained to required standards • Number of interactions by CCU by phone, email and in person
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service	• Number of complaints processed within required timeframes
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	• Implementation of Communications Strategy • Number of Page Visits to the Council's Website and social media accounts

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme	• Delivery of the Irish Language Scheme Implementation Plan and improved availability of services through the Irish language
To ensure all Corporate Buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard	• All upgrades and maintenance requirements are carried out within agreed timelines, budget and in Health and Safety requirements
To promote best practice in corporate governance	• Full support to Executive Management Team
To ensure that data and information held by the Council is protected and accessible	• Number of requests processed within required timeframes
To promote good governance through effective internal audit functions and provide assurance to the Council, Management and the Audit Committee through the delivery of the Annual Internal Audit (IA) Plan	• Number of IA reports completed • Number of Audit Committee meetings held • Number of governance meetings with departments
To provide Major Emergency Management	• Number of meetings with regional working/sub groups • Number of training events arranged

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both of a Revenue and Capital nature. This involves monitoring and control of income and expenditure in all areas, arranging borrowing and leasing requirements and investment of funds. It also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all monies paid by or to the Council, are complied with.

The Department's Insurance Section is responsible for the effective management of liability claims and insurance policies and aims to minimise the risk of financial losses through insured losses and liability claims.

The Department is divided into a number of distinct areas:

1. Revenue Collection (Rates/PEL/NPPR)
2. Expenditure (Accounts Payable/Procurement)
3. Financial Management & Control, Capital/Asset Management/ Agresso MS4 support
4. Insurances

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR/)	• Ongoing % collected
The Management of Accounts Payable, Procurement and Treasury Management Cash Outflows	• Ensure all outgoing payments are valid
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies	• Have a robust claims management process in place
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored	• Quarterly Budget Reviews/Budget is on line at year end
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	• To Members by 31st December at year
Production of Annual Budget	• By Statutory Date
Production of Annual Financial Statement	• Publication of the Annual Financial Statement by 1st April
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	• Council is compliant with Public Procurement requirements

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department's core activities include recruitment, staff training and development, staff welfare, industrial relations, health and safety; and superannuation.

During 2022 the Department will continue to promote staff training and development, good attendance and a safe and healthy work environment. Targeted recruitment campaigns will be utilised to fill necessary posts.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation	• PMDS implemented as normal business process driven by competency frameworks
To implement a program that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace	• Staff Well Being, Equality and Diversity Programme Continued
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources	• Recruitment of staff • Training & Development Programme • Proactive attendance management
To promote a safe and healthy work environment	• A reduction in the number of Serious Workplace Accidents. • At least 400 safety inspections/audits per annum

Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) Department is responsible for the strategic use of information technologies in the Council to support business areas in delivering their objectives through improved efficiencies and effectiveness.

The provision of services to citizens, staff and elected representatives is enabled through multiple channels such as front desks, mobile devices, Internet and using technologies such as GIS and Web services. These digital technologies are enabling transformational change in the delivery of the Council services.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management	• Innovative solutions provided for corporate value, citizen value and value for Elected Members
To implement best practice in IT governance	• Best practice achieved in IT procurement, data protection and IT governance
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services	• Implementation and management ofvrequired infrastructure for IT systems and services
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public	• Provide support service for c. 1600 Staff, 40 Councillors, other public representatives and members of the public
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society	• Digital Strategy deliverables will support Fingal's digital transformation and improve the way we will work and do business in Fingal
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes	• Analyse requests and deliver approved IT systems efficiently
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals	• Develop & implement an Enterprise Architecture framework which will provide a strategic context for the evolution of IT in the Council

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council	• Provision of a Digital Workplace that will improve employee engagement and enable us to continuously improve the way we work
Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing	• Develop & implement a portfolio governance process and project methodology processes which will form the structure for the management and prioritisation of IT projects
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected	• Information assets and technologies are adequately protected

Law Department

The Law Department provides an in-house legal service to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments in relation to the Council's statutory functions.

The principal services are in the areas of:
- conveyancing and property management
- litigation
- code enforcement
- debt recovery
- legal advice

Ongoing training continues to be provided to staff in the areas of professional development, legal knowledge and IT.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments	• High quality legal advice and services provided

Competent Authority

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority is responsible for ensuring that the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with EU and Irish legislation which provides for the application of the Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management where a noise problem at the Airport is identified.

The Competent Authority will research and provide for the implementation of international best practice as part of its statutory regulatory and oversight functions to promote the sustainable development of air transport and to improve the noise environment around the Airport.

Principal Services & Financial Resources –

All costs incurred by the Competent Authority are fully recoupable from daa. The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2022 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,633,400
Total		2,633,400

The Competent Authority shall prescribe by regulation the airport levy to be paid having regard to the costs incurred or reasonably expected to be incurred in the performance of its statutory functions and any surplus of airport levy income shall be offset against costs for the subsequent such year or returned to the airport authority.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2022:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified	• Noise situation at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with statutory requirements and regulatory decision published
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed	• Planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed within statutory timeframes
Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions	• Compliance with statutory requirements



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YOUTH SPORTS GRANTS 2021

The Sports Office invited sports clubs throughout Fingal to apply for a grant under the Youth Sport (Small Grant) Scheme, which is part funded by Sport Ireland. This year's Funding Scheme focuses on funding the purchase of equipment to enable sports clubs working with young people to return to safely to their sport following Covid-19 restrictions.

Every sports club, who qualified under the scheme and those on the Fingal Community Network and Sports Office databases were written to and invited to apply. A promotional campaign was run through Fingal's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and the grant scheme was promoted by the Sports Office's Sports Development Officers.

Successful applicants were required to meet the following criteria:

- be situated within the boundaries of Fingal
- be a member of the Fingal PPN
- 80% of members residing in Fingal
- have sport for young people (under 18yrs) as its primary focus
- operate as a 'not for profit' club or organisation that is open to public membership
- have a voluntary management committee with elected officers
- be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised National Governing Body
- have a bank account in its own name and adequate insurance cover for all aspects of their activities
- carry out their activities ensuring compliance with current legislation

- have policies and practices that are inclusive and encourage participation regardless of gender, race or ability
- operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport, any club member involved with the youth activities of the club must have attended or be registered to attend a Safeguarding Child Protection & Awareness Course and the club's designated Children's Officer must hold the Sport Ireland/ Irish Sports Council accredited Children's Officer Certificate and provide certificate number.
- keep written records and registration of members. The records must be available to the Fingal County Council Sports Office on request.
- be established a year or more.
- the club was not awarded Sports Equipment or Community Activities Funding in 2021
- the club did not have an open application for Sports Equipment in 2021.

In addition, we require clubs to acknowledge funding received from Fingal County Council to club members and the wider community in media outlets including newsletters / facebook and twitter.

51 applications were received and 5 of these were ineligible for the following reasons:

- Sport Equipment or Community Activities Funding was awarded in 2021
- Had an open application for Sports Equipment Funding in 2021
- Not a member of Fingal PPN
- Only 25 – 50% members living in Fingal

Having examined all eligible applications, it is recommended to award a grant of €425 to the following 46 sports clubs at a total of €19,550 from the Sport budget.

Once approved the payments will be made before the end of December.

Organisation Name
Activmultisport
Balbriggan table tennis club
Balrothery Football Club
Balrothery Tennis Club
Balscadden FC

Castleknock Cricket Club
Coolmine Swim Club
Donabate Portrane Tennis Club
Donabate Portrane Special Olympics club
Dublin Sonics Basketball Club
Erin go Bragh GAA Club
Fingal Triathlon Club
Glebe North Football Club
Grove Lawn Tennis Club
Innis Fails Karate Club
Irish Viking Balbriggan Basketball Club
Lambay Sports and Athletics Club
Lir Swim Club
M & F United
Malahide Cricket Club
Malahide Golf Club
Malahide Lawn Tennis Club
Malahide United FC
Malahide Yacht Club
Man O'War GFC
Naomh Barróg CLG
North County Cricket Club
PSLC Badminton Junior Club
River Valley Rangers
Skerries Athletics Club
Skerries Junior Badminton Club
Skerries Lawn Tennis Club
Skerries Sailing Club
St Colmcilles GFC
St Ita's AFC
St.Vincent's Water Polo Club
Starlights GFC
Sutton Lawn Tennis Club
Suttonians Hockey Club
Swords Manor FC
Trackside Lawn Tennis Club

TOTAL FUNDING	€19,550

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2022

Presentation to be given at the Meeting

Festival & Events Funding Scheme

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Guidelines

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An Roinn Forbartha Eacnamaíochta, Fiontraíochta agus Turasóireachta
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

1. IMPORTANT DATES

SCHEME OPENS	**1st December 2021**
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS	**4th February 2022**

2. Introduction

Fingal County Council's Events Unit was established in 2010 to organise and support events happening within the County. Since its establishment, applications for events have increased substantially. The support programme is a combination of Fingal County Council's own events, events in partnership with other bodies that have similar objectives, and events organised by external organisations who receive funding directly from Fingal County Council through a financial assistance programme.



70 events

Every year, nearly 70 events occur across the county

Festivals and Events are a celebration of creativity and diversity and have an immensely positive impact on the cultural wealth of Fingal. Every year, nearly 70 events occur across the county, from major music and theatre festivals to seafood festivals, local summer festivals, community run events and parades. They provide a platform for the arts, sports, food, history and entertainment and celebrate a wealth of lifestyle and passions. They offer a host of economic, social, and cultural benefits to communities. Economically, events stimulate the growth of the local economy and socially, embrace community pride, provide education and strengthen community relationships.

The scheme offers an opportunity for funding under three Strands for Festival & Events taking place in 2022.

The three strands of Events and Festivals funding are:
S1: Delivery and Programming of Small Scale & New Festivals & Events
S2: Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals and Events
S3: Festival and Events Economic Development and Sustainability

2020 & 2021 challenged us all to think differently about how we serve our community.



3. Response to Covid-19

A note on Covid-19 Related Public-Health Guidance

In preparing your proposal, you should base it on the best public-health advice and guidance available at the time you are making your application.

You should ensure that what you are proposing is feasible or adaptable should social distancing and/or other public-health measures impact on all or part of the period to which this proposal applies.

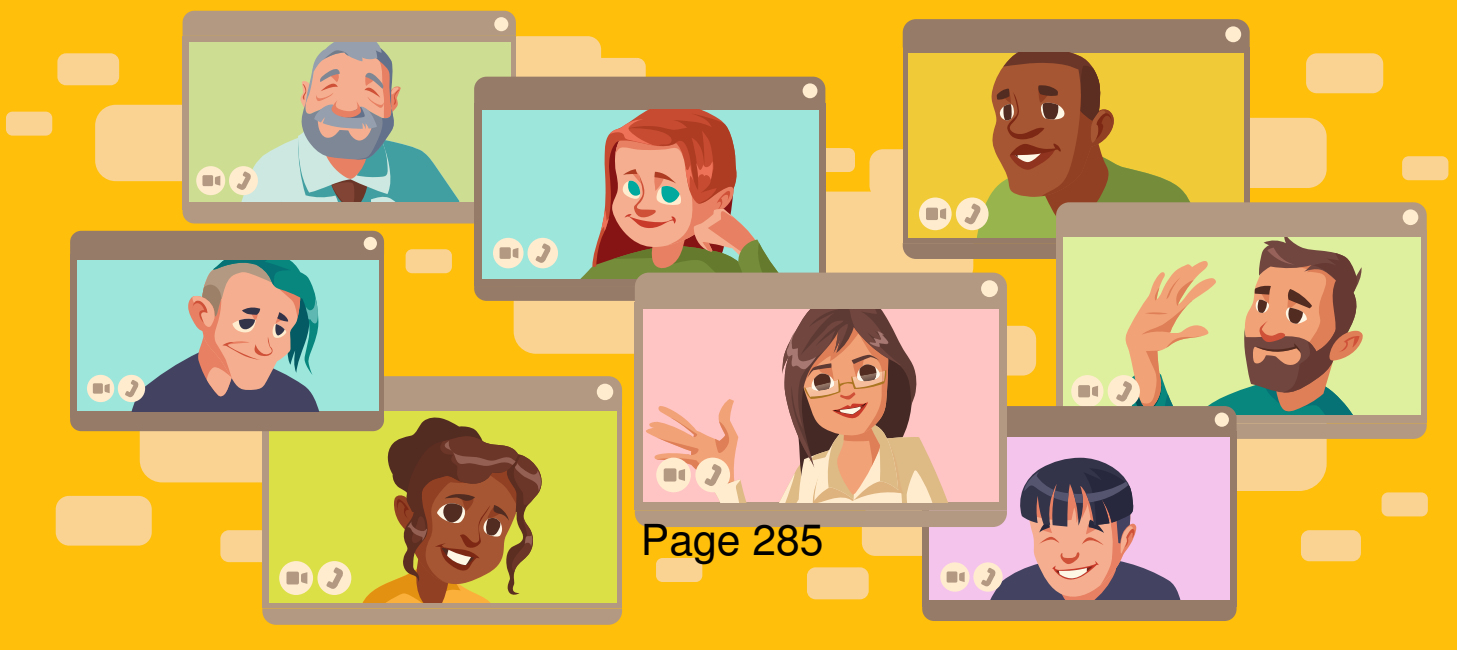
In the event that your application is successful and you subsequently need to change or alter some or all of your proposal on the basis of changed pub-lic-health advice, you should contact Festivals & Events in advance to discuss.

Further information on Public Health Guidance is available on the HSE and Government websites and is updated frequently.
https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/



In response to COVID-19, applicants should also consider and set out elements that may be digitized in order to help mitigate against the risk of complete cancellation of a festival/event.

All applications must demonstrate consideration to the COVID-19 national guidelines and restrictions and have clear risk assessment procedures and implementation of Health and Safety method statements, which account for COVID-19 risk management.



4. Festival and Events Funding Scheme Strands

Strand 1 – Delivery and Programming of Small Scale & New Festivals and Events

The objective of Strand 1 is to support a diverse range of Festivals and Events from small, voluntary and community focused festivals and events. While the range of activities might be expressed in a variety of forms, the schemes focus is placed on public engagement and amination of public spaces.

The scheme will consider applications from Festivals and Events organisers seeking funding to be invested directly in cultural activities which complement and provide additional programming to other pre-existing Festival or Event activities which may not on their own be eligible.



Strand 1 – Delivery and Programming of Small Scale & New Festivals and Events

General Information

- All applications must be made before the closing date. Late/ incomplete applications will not be accepted
- The **maximum** amount of financial support which can be applied for under this grant is **€4,500**
- Small scale festivals and events are classed as those with previous, or expected audiences less than **1,000 people**

The scheme is open to groups or organisations that are organising Events and Festivals in 2022. To be eligible for funding the event must:

- Have a general audience appeal and be socially inclusive.
- Clearly demonstrate potential to generate local economic, social and/or cultural benefits
- Complement the County's calendar of events in relation to attracting overseas' visitors
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County
- Demonstrate financial sustainability and the capacity to develop the event.
- Have a clear PR and marketing plan including a social media strategy to actively promote the event
- Recognition of support on all promotional material (see brand guidelines)

Funding Criteria

Funding Criteria - Total mark available – 100 marks (min 50 marks)

Festival or Event must prioritise opportunities for people to experience and access cultural activities in their local area.

- Overall merit and benefit to the provision and development of Festivals and Events in Fingal County – 25 marks
- Track Record: Professionalism, Partnerships and Management Capacity – 15 marks
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County – 15 marks

  Feasibility of proposed budget and production schedule – 15 marks
- Impact - 20 marks
  - (i) Social/Community
  - (ii) Cultural
  - (iii) Economic
  - (iv) Environmental
- Marketing, social media & Branding - 10 marks

Information required to draw contribution if successful

1. A completed Post Festival/Event evaluation form along with copies of any press and media coverage
2. A detailed statement of the related income and expenditure
3. Proof the event took place, e.g., programme/brochure, press cuttings, photographs, promotional material etc. Maximum 3- 5 pages of examples
4. Proof of acknowledgement of the support of Fingal County Council- e.g., website screenshot/press cuttings/copy of posters etc
5. Any further particulars or information as requested

Festival and Events Funding Scheme Strands

Strand 2 – Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals and Events

Fingal has experienced the transformative effect of festivals and events in communicating a new set of values, offerings and identity to the world. Therefore, the objective of **Strand 2** is to support a diverse range of festivals and events to enhance the programming and delivery of festivals and events in Fingal. While these might be expressed in a variety of forms, the scheme's focus is firmly placed on public engagement and activities that feature culture strongly in their overall programme.

The scheme seeks applications from medium and large organisations, festivals and events including those proposing new festivals or events. The scheme will accept applications from those seeking funding to be invested directly in cultural activities which complement and provide additional programming to other pre-existing festival/event activities which may not on their own be eligible.



Strand 2 – Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals and Events

General Information

- All applications must be made before the closing date. Late/ incomplete applications will not be accepted
- The **maximum** amount of financial support which can be applied for under this grant is **€15,000**
- Strand 2 festivals and events area classed as those with previous or expected audiences of more than **1,000 people**
- Applicants must have a proven track record in the engagement of audiences, delivery of high-quality programmes that attract and support tourism development and the local economy



- Have a general audience appeal and be socially inclusive.
- Clearly demonstrate potential to generate local economic, social and/or cultural benefits
- Complement the County's calendar of events in relation to attracting overseas' visitors
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County
- Demonstrate financial sustainability and the capacity to develop the event.
- Have a clear PR and marketing plan including a social media strategy to actively promote the event
- Local economic benefit and tourism activity must feature strongly in the overall programme or the funding applied for must be specifically towards activities of this type. Local artisan markets that are a key objective of the festival or event must be to prioritise opportunities for locally sourced produce.
- Recognition of support on all promotional material (see brand guidelines)

Funding Criteria

Funding Criteria - Total mark available – 100 marks (min 50 marks)



- Overall merit and benefit to the provision and development of Festivals and Events in Fingal County – 25 marks
- Track Record: Professionalism, Partnerships and Management Capacity – 15 marks
- Originality / innovation - 15 marks
- Feasibility of proposed budget and production schedule – 15 marks
- Impact - 20 marks
  - (i) Social/Community
  - (ii) Cultural
  - (iii) Economic
  - (iv) Environmental
- Marketing, social media & Branding - 10 marks

Information required to draw contribution if successful

1. A completed Post Festival/Event evaluation form along with copies of any press and media coverage
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4. Proof of acknowledgement of the support of Fingal County Council- e.g., website screenshot/press cuttings/copy of posters etc
5. Any further particulars or information as requested

Festival and Events Funding Scheme Strands

Strand 3 – Festival and Events Economic Development & Sustainability

Strand 3 seeks to fund actions to support the long-term sustainability of festivals/events. This strand aims to support the development of organisational structures such as the carrying out of feasibility studies; business plan development; reviews of governance structures; development of new festival/event concepts; marketing and audience development strategies; brand development; clustering initiatives which support collaboration through shared resources and/or expertise amongst two or more festivals/ events and training opportunities.

Seeking applications for Strand 3 does not bind Fingal County Council to allocating this funding.



Strand 3 – Festival and Events Economic Development & Sustainability

General Information

- All applications must be made before the closing date. Late/ incomplete applications will not be accepted
- The **maximum** amount of financial support which can be applied for under this grant is **€7,500**
- If you wish to ONLY apply for Strand 3: Festival and Events Economic Development & Sustainability without applying for Strand 1 or 2, we ask you to contact our office directly. Please email: events@fingal.ie to register your interest

Culture, arts and / or spectacle activity must feature strongly in the overall programme or the funding applied for must be specifically towards activities of this type

- Have a general audience appeal and be socially inclusive.
- Clearly demonstrate potential to generate economic, social and/or cultural benefits including tourism impacts where appropriate.
- Complement the County's calendar of events in relation to attracting overseas' visitors
- Meet the Events Unit objective of compiling a varied programme of events throughout the year including content, seasonal and geographical spread
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County
- Demonstrate financial sustainability and the capacity to develop the event.
- Have a clear PR and marketing plan including a social media strategy to actively promote the event
- Recognition of support on all promotional material (see brand guidelines)

Funding Criteria

Funding Criteria - Total mark available – 100 marks (min 70 marks)

A key objective of the Festival or Event must be to prioritise opportunities for people to experience and access cultural activities in their local area.

- Overall merit and benefit to the provision and development of Festivals and Events in Fingal County – 25 marks
- Track Record: Professionalism, Partnerships and Management Capacity – 15 marks
- Originality / innovation - 15 marks
- Feasibility of proposed budget and production schedule – 15 marks
- Impact - 20 marks
  - (i) Social/Community
  - (ii) Cultural
  - (iii) Economic
  - (iv) Environmental
- Marketing, Social media & Branding - 10 marks

Information required to draw contribution if successful

1. A completed Post Festival/Event evaluation form along with copies of any press and media coverage
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3. Proof the event took place, e.g., programme/brochure, press cuttings, photographs, promotional material etc. Maximum 3- 5 pages of examples
4. Proof of acknowledgement of the support of Fingal County Council- e.g., website screenshot/press cuttings/copy of posters etc
5. Any further particulars or information as requested

5. Priorities of the Scheme

Priority will be given to proposals which:

- Demonstrate an overarching impact socially, culturally, and economically
- Nurture and encourage diversity and inclusion to ensure all members of our communities are equally valued.
- Reflect Fingal's Brand https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-county-council-brand-guidelines
- Have a proven capacity to engage with diverse audiences through high quality programming
- Is focused on developing demonstrable, measurable local economic, social and/or cultural benefits including tourism impacts where appropriate
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County
- Meet the Events Unit objective of compiling a varied programme of events throughout the year including content, seasonal and geographical spread
- Include Covid contingency planning and consider elements that may be digitized in order to help mitigate against the risk of complete cancellation of a festival/event
- Adhere to the COVID-19 national guidelines and restrictions and have clear risk assessment procedures and implementation of Health and Safety method statements, which account for COVID-19 risk management.
  See Covid Officer guide:
  https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-02/event-covid-officer-role.pdf
- Promote the Irish language in particular during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Support the delivery of the Fingal Tourism Development Strategy
  https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-03/Fingal%20Tourism%20Statement%202017-022%20%283%29.pdf
- Demonstrate and promote Green Festival delivery methodologies towards the preservation of our environment https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-05/green-festival-fingal_ver3.pdf
- Reflect Fingal County Council's commitment to supporting fair and equitable remuneration of artists and culture professionals in our funding programmes and schemes and in our partnerships and working relationships

6. Assessment Process: What happens when you submit your application?

An Assessment Panel will assess all applications

Your application will be initially categorised and reviewed to ensure that it meets with the criteria and eligibility criteria of the funding scheme. Any applications that clearly fall outside the eligibility guidelines will be eliminated at this point. Applications will then be assessed by an Assessment Panel appointed by Fingal County Council.



The Assessment Panel will meet to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications. Their recommendations will be brought to Full Council for approval before any formal offers will be issued. Applicants will be contacted directly in writing and notified of the outcome of their application.

The Assessment Panel, at their discretion, may redirect any applications to another appropriate Fingal County Council Department for consideration, should it be deemed beneficial to the applicant to do so.

Fingal County Council endeavours to assess applications as quickly as possible, applicants will be informed in an appropriate period of time.

Those awarded funding will have their Festival/ Organisation name along with the sum allocated published on Fingal.ie and will be included on the Council's Calendar of Events for 2022.



7. Eligible Costs

Statement of Principles for Funding

Fingal County Council are governed by the *Statement of Principles for Grant Aid* issued by the Government Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. This is in place to ensure the management and accountability for grants from Exchequer Funds.

Eligible Costs

1. Festivals and Events located in Fingal County Council administrative area only.
2. The activities proposed must take place in **2022**
3. **Programming** – the cost of selected programming activity where the programme element has not received other Grant Aid and is considered to deliver benefits to the local area.
4. **Marketing** – the cost of selected marketing activities that have not received Grant Aid from other organisations
5. **Cross County Boarder Events** – only that portion of the project that takes place in Fingal can be considered for funding
6. **Clustering** - Two or more festivals seeking to cluster or pool resources may apply to be considered on their application
7. **Insurance** - Cost relating to the event are allowable

Ineligible Costs

1. Proposals from commercial organisations that share out profits to members.
2. Activities that have been or are being grant-aided by other sources of funding.
3. Charity fundraising events
4. Festivals/Events with the sole purpose of celebrating a religious or political event/commemoration
5. Sporting events which cannot be classified under cultural heritage
6. Festivals/Events intended to take place outside of Fingal County
7. Day to day operational costs and overheads, specifically salaries, rent, non-festival related phone, supplies, postage, photocopying and food for staff or accommodation
8. Capital Costs - for example:
   a. Building expenses including purchase, works and maintenance
   b. Purchase of equipment, which is not solely for the purpose of producing and delivering the Festival/Event.
9. Travel and related accommodation costs incurred by or on behalf of the event delivery teams/organisers unless expressly approved in writing in advance by Fingal County Council
10. Activities which do not relate directly to the festival/event or which do not have clearly identifiable benefits for social, cultural, environmental and economic benefit to Fingal.
11. Unpaid expenditure or loans
12. Cash expenditure
13. In-kind contributions. Expenditure paid for by a person other than the Grantee, unless and to the extent that such expenditure has been reimbursed by the Grantee
14. Fines, penalty payments, legal costs, audit fees, financial consultancy fees, trade association membership fee or equivalent
15. Payment of a contribution may not be in respect of payment of former debts

Appendix 1: Terms and Conditions & Submitting your application

Terms and Conditions of Funding

- All grants awarded in this round are for Festivals/Events taking place in 2022
- You must demonstrate in your application efforts to secure income from other sources
- Where a funding is awarded under this scheme, Fingal County Council will seek evidence of insurance of that festival or event. Fingal County Council recommends that festival and event organisers ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of any festival or event
- Where a contribution is awarded under this scheme, Fingal County Council will not be responsible for the Health & Safety arrangements of that festival or event. Fingal County Council recommends that festival and event organisers ensure that they are in compliance with all relevant Health & Safety legislation and relevant codes of practice
- Where a contribution is awarded under this scheme, Fingal County Council will not be responsible for the Public Health arrangements of that festival or event. Fingal County Council recommends that festival and event organisers ensure that they are in compliance with all relevant Public Health Advice in place at the time of the event, particularly in relation to COVID-19. Further information is available at **www.hse.ie**
- Applicants should please note that there are always more applications for funding than it is possible to support and this is a competitive scheme. Fingal County Council reserves the right not to support festivals and events that may have received funding in the past
- All Fingal County Council Funding must be identified as 'Fingal County Council Festival and Events Funding' and shown separately on the income/receipts side of the accounts.
- Any granted proposals for which it becomes necessary to re-schedule the activity to another date within the approved timeframe or require a significant change to the planned activity should contact Fingal County Council at **events@fingal.ie** immediately with the revised proposal. Activities that cannot be rescheduled in the approved timeframe will not be entitled to draw down funding
- Please note the only method of payment of any funding contribution will be by Electronic Funds transfer to the organisation's named bank account
- A list of successful applicants will be published on www.fingal.ie
- Fingal County Council is proud to support and be associated with high quality work produced by festival and events practitioners based in Fingal. Our logos will be provided to successful applicants, and we ask that it is included on all print and online material, including websites, apps, videos, blogs, posters, brochures, invitations and advertisements associated with the project being funded. Fingal County Council and Fingal Events have a large following on our social media channels i.e. Facebook and Twitter. Please forward or tag us in any posts you would like us to share on social media, remembering to include photographs
- Fingal County Council may publicly share information about all funded festivals/events and include information about these projects in reports, publications and publicity. All creative rights remain with the applicants

Guidelines for Submitting your application

- Before making an application, read the Guidelines Document carefully to ensure you understand the criteria and terms of the three strands in the funding scheme. By reading and understanding the Criteria and eligibility Guidelines, you give yourself the best chance of being successful
- Each section and requested supporting material items are related to specific marking criteria, make sure you provide the assessment panel with relevant information that will allow them to evaluate your proposal and assign marks for each section
- Read all questions thoroughly before you answer them
- Do not assume the assessment panel know you or your Festival/Event – treat each application as if it were your first
- Remember that several people will be involved in the decision-making so ensure your application is clear
- Please ensure you complete both the income and expenditure sections of the application
- Remember your application is assessed on the basis of all information supplied within a competitive context of many other applications. Therefore, it is important to provide evidence of any claims made in the application e.g. audience figures, secured funding, partnerships
- Have a clear and realistic idea of what you want and how much your proposal costs
- Provide a timeline if appropriate and evidence that the project will be fully realised within the stated time frame
- Ensure that you attach/upload all requested documentation
- A second opinion is always welcome so ask someone else to read over your application before submitting!

Technical Requirements

Applications are to be made on the on-line portal at www.submit.ie/XXXX You will need to create an account in the first instance. Please note that only applications that have been fully completed and **submitted** online to Fingal will be considered. Therefore, please ensure that you receive an **email** of receipt of your application. If you experience any technical issues please contact events@fingal.ie

Checklist for Support Documentation

We strongly recommend that additional support materials that are relevant to your application are included (a list of suggested support materials is provided below)

List of suggested support materials:

- Where your proposal involves collaboration with others, you should submit details with their permission/support for your application
- Detailed project proposal
- Project timeline
- Budget breakdown (P & L account)
- Portfolio of previous Festivals/Events delivered; Portfolio of previous work (in the case of new festival's/events)
- Business Plan/Strategy Plan
- Memorandum and Articles of Association (for new organisations)
- Audience Evaluation/Audience Development Strategy/Marketing Strategy
- Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Statement

Successful & Unsuccessful Applicants

Successful Applicants

Following Fingal County Council's selection process of applications, successful applicants will receive an email and must submit the following documentation **at least six weeks in advance of the event**.

- Form SAG002 – Event Application Form
- Form SAG003 – Event Management Safety Plan
- Indemnification of Fingal County Council on all Event Insurance including site specific location details. Evidence that adequate insurance cover will be provided / obtained for all aspects of the event, if successful.
- Engagement with your relevant Fingal County Council Operation Teams

Balbriggan/Swords	**BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie**
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	**CasMulOpArea@fingal.ie**
Malahide/Howth	**HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie**

Successful applicants must also attend Fingal County Council's Festival and Events training module (to be held in March 2022) which will include topics such as marketing, communications and insurance, Fingal County Council brand guidelines, Submission of SAG documentation and health and safety.

Post Event

The approved contribution will be released by Fingal County Council when the following documentation has been submitted by the event organisers to Fingal County Council's Events Unit:

1. Completed Post Event Report.
2. Evidence that the event has taken place, e.g., photographic evidence

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notice of the outcome of their application electronically.



Appendix 2: Processing of Personal Data

Freedom of Information

Fingal County Council is covered by Freedom of Information Act 2014, which provides members of the public with the rights to access information held by public bodies to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest and right to privacy. This means that details contained in applications and supporting documents may, on request, be released to third parties.

Data Protection Statement

Any personal information you give us will be processed, stored and managed in strict accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

The purpose for processing your data is to process your application for the Festivals and Events Financial Assistance Funding Scheme 2022, in line with the criteria of this award. The information you provide will be assessed by an Assessment Panel. Your information will be retained in accordance with the Fingal County Council GDPR policy and the National Retention Policy for Local Authority Records. If you do not furnish the personal data requested, Fingal County Council will not be able to process your application.

You have the following rights, in certain circumstances and subject to applicable exemptions, in relation to your personal data:

- the right to access the personal data that we hold about you, together with other information about our processing of that personal data
- the right to require us to rectify any inaccuracies in your personal data
- the right to require us to erase your personal data
- the right to request that we no longer process your personal data for particular purposes
- the right to object to our use of your personal data or the way in which we process it

Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please submit a request to our Data Protection Officer outlining the specific details of the request. Email: **dataofficer@Fingal.ie** or visit **https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/data-protection**

All valid requests will be processed without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. This period may be extended by up to two further months where necessary.



HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted via our online portal.

Closing Date for applications - 4th February 2022

Late / Incomplete Applications will not be accepted

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 24

AGREEMENT BETWEEN KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL AND FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOR THE REMEDIAL WORKS AT N3/M50 INTERCHANGE FOOTBRIDGE AS PART OF LEINSTER BRIDGES REHABILITATION CONTRACT 2022

In summary, Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 allows one Local Authority to act as lead client for a contract within the other Local Authority's jurisdiction.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Regional Bridge Manager for Leinster who is employed by Kildare County Council, based in the Kildare National Roads Office in Kildare County Council has identified the need to carry rehabilitation works at 8 number of footbridges located in Fingal, South Dublin, Louth and Kildare County.

It is proposed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the works be undertaken by Kildare County Council.

Kildare County Council/ NRO notified FCC on 5TH November 2021 that they are planning to carry out some remedial works in Fingal at the FG-M50-015.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge North and the FG-M50-018.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge South as part of a larger scheme involving 8 other bridges in other Local Authorities and they require a Section 85 approved to act as client, which needs to be passed by the councillors and captured on the minutes at the Council Meeting on the 13th December 2021.

Please see the Section 85 Introduction and the agreement below

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

AGREEMENT made this day of 2021,

BETWEEN THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KILDARE (hereinafter called Kildare County Council) having its principal offices at Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Newbridge Road, Naas in the County of Kildare of the One Part

AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF FINGAL (hereinafter called Fingal County Council) having its principal offices at County Hall, Main Street, Swords in the County of Dublin of the Other Part.

WHEREAS:

(a) Fingal County Council is desirous to carry out works at FG-M50-015.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge North & FG-M50-018.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge South.

(b) FG-M50-015.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge North and FG-M50-018.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge South as described in the Schedule hereto and is hereinafter called "the project", in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015, the Local Government Acts 2001-2016, Roads Act 1993 to 2015 and all other Acts thereby enabling:

(c) Transport Infrastructure Ireland has approved the project be undertaken by Kildare County Council because the TII Regional Bridge Manager is an employee of Kildare County Council and Kildare County Council would be best placed to implement any consent and/or approval for the project and to administer the contract.

(d) Fingal County Council being of the opinion that, in relation to the design, construction and completion of the project, it would be more convenient if all statutory powers, functions and duties which may be exercised and performed by it to this extent were exercised and performed by Kildare County Council on behalf of Fingal County Council and Kildare County Council being able and willing to exercise and perform the functions, powers and duties,

(e) The parties hereto have agreed by resolution of each said Council and in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) to enter into this agreement, as provided for by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:-

1. Kildare County Council shall obtain all necessary statutory consent/approval and/or authorisation for the proposed works to which this Agreement relates.

2. The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Agreement under the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993, and Fingal County Council is of the opinion that it

would be more convenient that the powers, functions and duties relating to the carrying out of all the relevant statutory procedures, procuring the necessary design work and construction work and any other powers, function and duties necessary for the design and construction of The Project within the functional area of Fingal County Council should be exercised and performed by Kildare County Council and Kildare County Council is able and willing so to exercise and perform the said powers, functions and duties.

3. Kildare County Council shall serve such notices, complete such contracts and agreements, pursue such negotiations and, generally do and perform all such matters and things as are necessary to the planning, appraisal, design, construction, and procurement of The Project. In particular, Kildare County Council shall acquire, by agreement or compulsorily, any land in the functional area of Fingal County Council that may be necessary for the execution, implementation and development of The Project.

4. Subject to and in accordance with any necessary statutory consent/approval and/or authorisation as is required, Fingal County Council hereby agrees to Kildare County Council exercising and performing on its behalf the functions, powers and duties of, Fingal County Council, which are now, or may hereafter be vested in, Fingal County Council, to the extent necessary to enable Kildare County Council to carry out the construction and completion of The Project.

5. Kildare County Council shall take all necessary steps to acquire the land in the functional area of Fingal County Council for the purpose of The Project.

6. Any land acquired in the functional area of Fingal County Council shall on being so acquired be transferred into the name of Fingal County Council.

7. Kildare County Council shall design, construct and complete the project, in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, and shall incur such costs or expenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Cost”) as it may decide is necessary for the cost of designing, constructing and completing the project and as may be ancillary and consequential hereto.

8. Kildare County Council shall be responsible for and shall apply to the appropriate Authority for an allocation of the funds necessary to cover the

Cost and this Agreement is subject to funds being made available to Kildare County Council.

9. The actual cost of the design, construction and completion of the project shall include the costs and expenses necessary, consequential and ancillary thereto which shall be ascertained and certified by the Director of Services, Directorate of Transportation or other person as may be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of Kildare County Council.

10. Kildare County Council shall consult with and shall provide Fingal County Council and its officers with all information currently available to it which Fingal County Council may require from time to time in relation to the design, construction and completion of the Project.

11. Fingal County Council shall provide Kildare County Council and its officers with all information currently available to it which Kildare County Council may require in relation to the design, construction and completion of the Project

12. Fingal County Council shall co-operate fully with Kildare County Council in all respects and where and when necessary, in relation to the exercise and performance by Kildare County Council of the Statutory powers, functions and duties to the extent undertaken by it under this agreement.

13. In the event of a dispute arising between the parties hereto as to the effect or interpretation of this agreement or as to the respective rights or liabilities of the parties hereto same shall be referred to and decided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland or by such other person as the said Authority may appoint and in that respect the decision of the said Authority or the person so appointed shall be final and binding on the parties hereto.

14. Reference to any statutory provision in this Agreement shall include reference to any amendment thereof and any regulation introduced in respect of any regulation or amendment to such statutory provision.

IN WITNESS whereof Fingal County Council and Kildare County Council have caused their respective Seals to be affixed hereto on the day and year first hereinbefore WRITTEN

PRESENT when the Corporate Seal of the COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF KILDARE was affixed hereto:-

_____

(Nominated member)

_____

(Chief Executive Officer)

_____

(County Secretary)

PRESENT when the Corporate Seal of the COUNTY COUNCIL OF FINGAL was affixed hereto:-

_____

(Nominated member)

_____

(Chief Executive Officer)

_____

(County Secretary)

SCHEDULE HEREINBEFORE REFERRED TO

The Rehabilitation works at:

1. FG-M50-015.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge North
2. FG-M50-018.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge South

In accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 to 2007 and in accordance with the design referred to in paragraph (2) of this agreement.



Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



AGREEMENT

between

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

and

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

For the

LEINSTER BRIDGES REHABILITATION CONTRACT 2022

1.0 Introduction

Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Regional Bridge Manager for Leinster who is employed by Kildare County Council and is based in the Kildare National Roads Office in Kildare County Council has identified the need to carry rehabilitation works at the following structures;

Laois County Council

1. LS-M07-044.00 Ballydavis Interchange

South Dublin County Council

1. SD-N07-002.00 Tay Lane Footbridge

Kildare County Council

1. KE-M07-023.00 Great Connell Overbridge
2. KE-M07-025.00 Corbally Road Overbridge
3. KE-M07-028.00 Newbridge Road Bridge
4. KE-M07-030.00 Newhall Road Bridge
5. KE-M09-053.00 Kineagh Road Overbridge

Kilkenny County Council

1. KK-N10-008.00 Ossary Bridge

Fingal County Council

3. FG-M50-015.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge North
4. FG-M50-018.00 M50/N3 Interchange Bridge South

2.0 Proposal

It is proposed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the afore-mentioned works be undertaken by Kildare County Council for the following reasons:-

a) The TII Regional Bridge Manager who is an employee of Kildare County Council, will be Project Manager for this scheme therefore Kildare County Council would be best placed to administer the contract.

b) The TII Regional Bridge Management Section, located in Kildare County Council, have vast experience in project managing and administering bridge rehabilitation and improvement contracts on National Roads therefore Kildare County Council would be the most experienced Authority, in terms of in-house resources, to undertake these works.

c) Considerable cost savings would be made if all road bridge works were carried out under a single works contract i.e. economies of scale.

d) Considerable cost saving would be made in design and procurement as only one Tendering process would be required for the road bridges as opposed to four for a contract let by the five individual Local Authorities.

e) There would be considerable time savings as a consequence of only having to go through a single tendering processes for the road bridge works and only having to assess a single contractor for the role of Project Supervisor Construction Stage.

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Fingal County Council

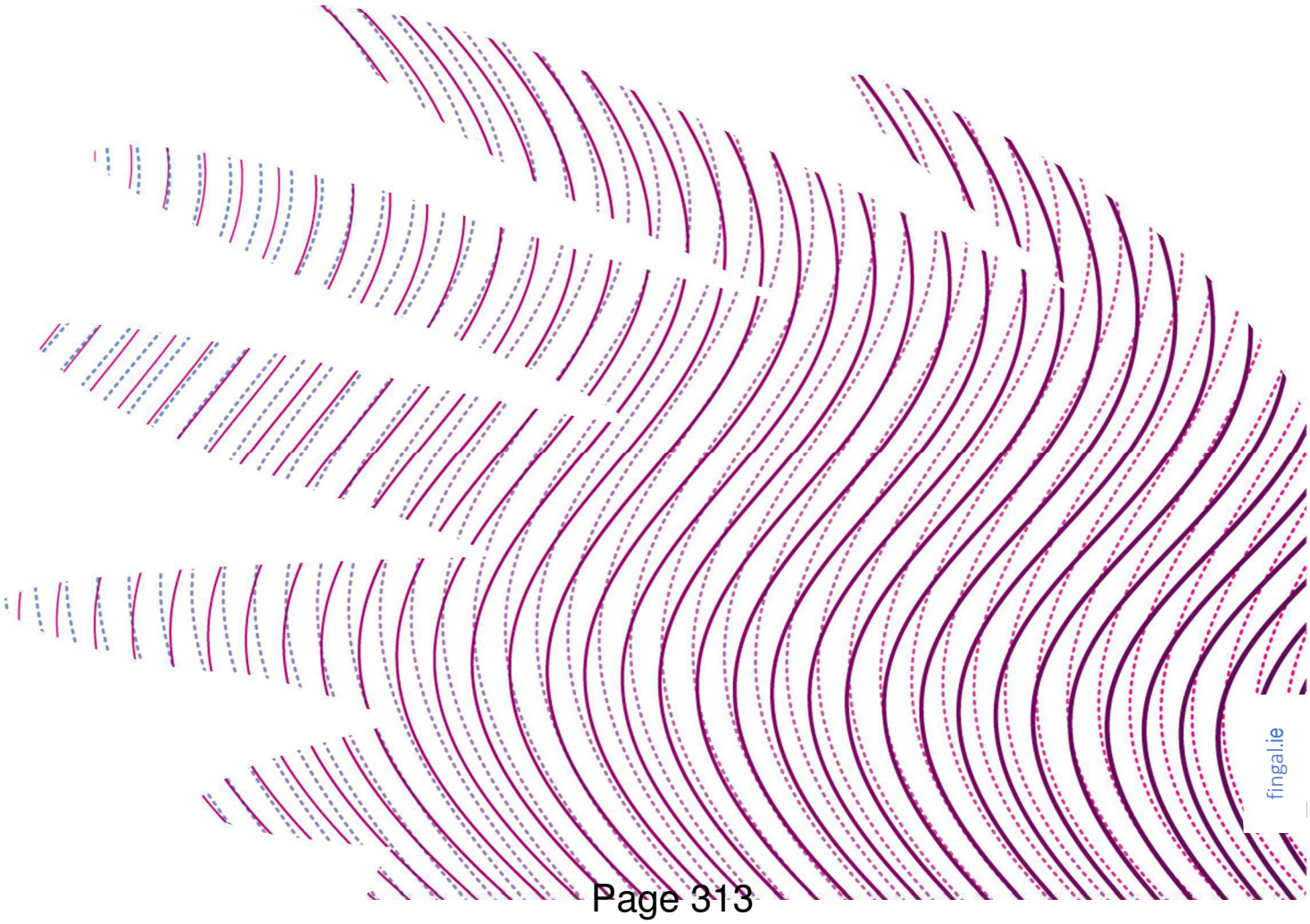
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

Item No. 25

Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project



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5.0 **Summary of the issues** with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated and the response of the manager thereto
- 5.1 Submissions received from statutory consultees
- 5.2 Submissions received from public consultation

6.0 **Recommendation** whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be

Appendix 1. **Planning Report**

Appendix 2. **List of submissions or Observations made**

1. Introduction

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the Park Development Project for Lanesborough Park.

Following consultation with local community groups and representatives during 2020 & 2021, Fingal County Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division prepared a Park Development Project for Lanesborough Park.

The proposal was placed on public display (from Thursday 9th September up to and including Thursday 7th October 2021) online at https://consult.fingal.ie. Notice of the public consultation on the proposal was placed in the press and council social media accounts. During the public consultation phase the Council encouraged submissions/observations on the proposal either online or in writing (prior to the closing date of 21st October 2021).

A total of 30 submissions were received within the consultation period. All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions and observations received highlights the public interest in the proposal.

2. Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof

The proposals for Lanesborough Park Development Project incorporate the following amenities:

The Lanesborough Park Development Project and main ancillary infrastructure

- Community Garden
- Terrace seating
- Fitness area / trim trail
- Upgraded path network
- Bicycle parking: 44 no. bicycle parking spaces
- Extensive landscape planting using predominately native tree and shrub species
- Sustainable urban drainage infrastructure (SuDS) to ensure surface water is attenuated within the site
- Biodiverse meadows
- Kickabout and picnic area
- Sensory garden trail
- All ancillary site works

Main Playground

- Sand and water play area
- 30 metre zip line
- Nature trail
- Sensory play
- Active play
- Toddler play zone
- Adventure play
- Seating
- Talking tube
- Earth mound with embankment slide
- Swings

Toddler playground

- Log pile
- Water base play
- Embankment slides
- Seating
- Sand play area

Site Boundary

- Upgraded and realigned park entrances with the option to install accessible kissing gates if required.



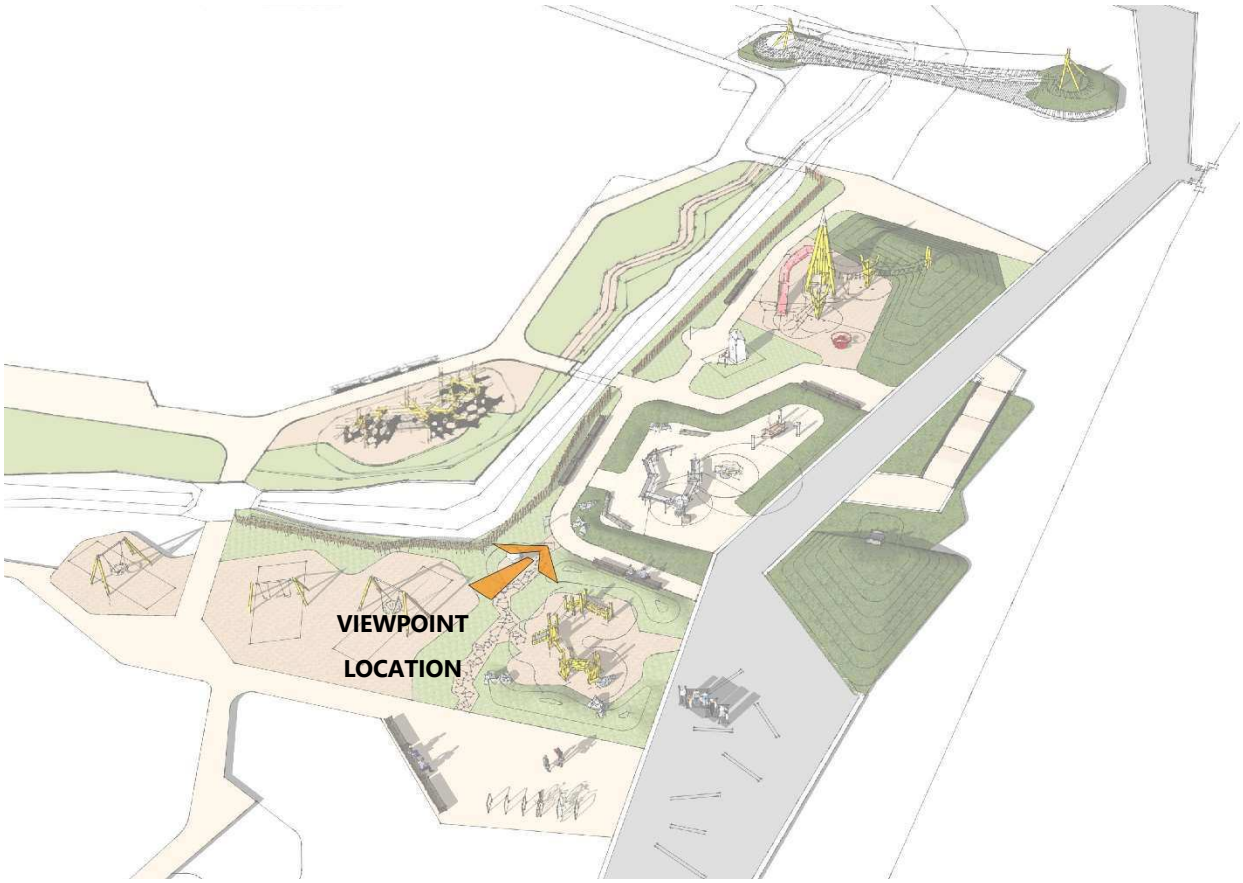
Location of Proposal



Park Development Project Landscape Plan

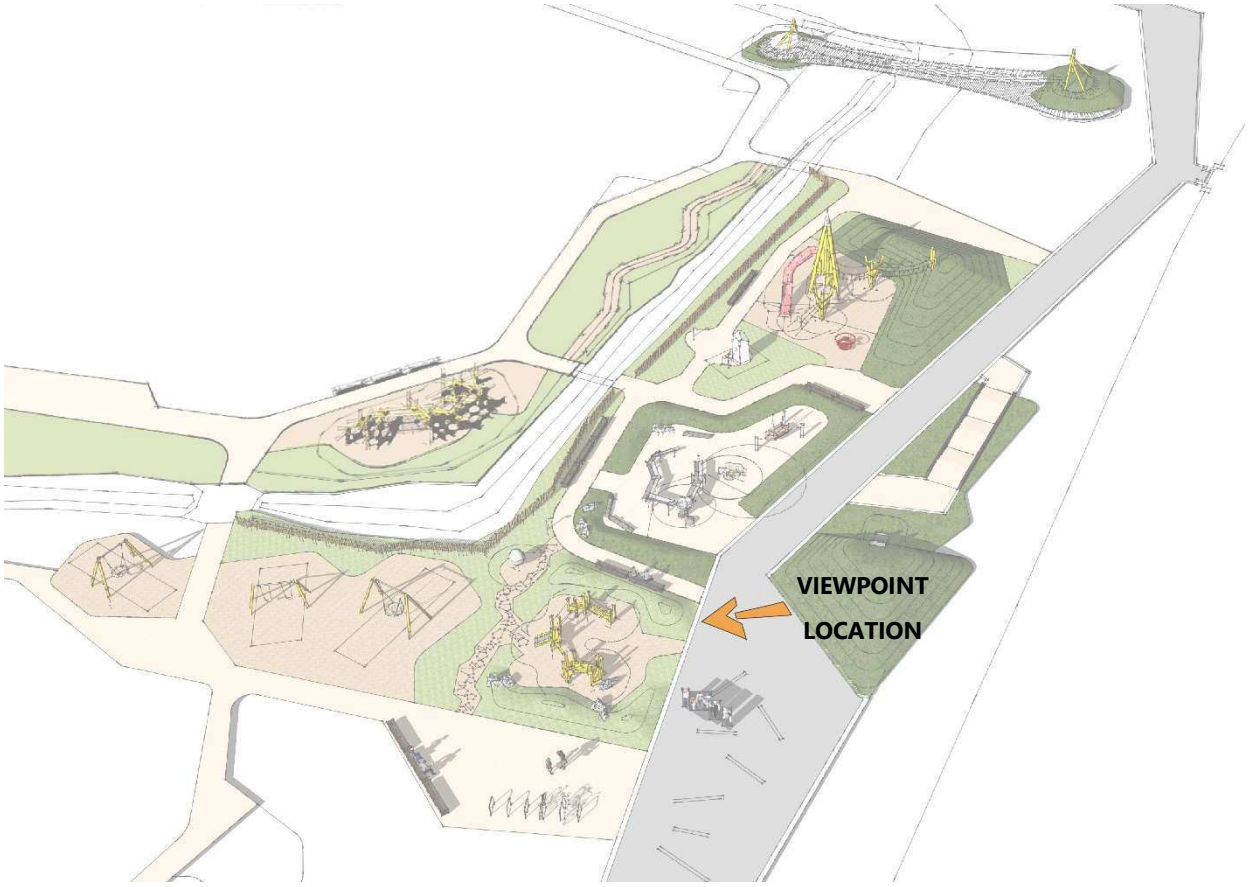


Conceptual Perspective: Sand Play Area





Conceptual Perspective: Toddler Play Area





Conceptual Perspective: Adventure Play





Conceptual Bird's-Eye Perspective: Community Garden, Community and Sensory Garden Trail. Toddler Playground



3. Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

It is considered that the proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

For further detail see Appendix 1. Planning Report
(*note the current proposal has been updated as per the recommendations of the planning report where applicable and appropriate*)

4. List of the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development

See Appendix 2.

5. Summary of the issues with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated and the response of the manager thereto

5.1. Submissions received from statutory consultees

The following statutory consultees were notified of the proposed development and invited to make a submission:

- Irish Water
- Dublin City Council

A submission was received from Irish Water as outlined below.

Irish Water (IW)
FIN-C419-30

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this submission can be summarised as follows:

- No issue in principle to the proposed development
- To engage with IW ahead of proposed works
- Access for future maintenance to IW services is maintained
- Approval to be sought from IW if proposing to divert or build over existing water services
- Existing access covers must be reset to proposed finish levels
- Distances between proposed structures and IW assets to be in accordance with the Irish Water Codes of Practice and Standard Details
- All development shall be carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practices

Response:

- The procurement and construction phase of the project will take account of the requirements to ensure adequate provision of water and wastewater facilities is maintained.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submission, no changes are recommended.

5.2 Submissions received from public consultation

Approach to Consideration of Submissions

Following the initial recording of all submissions, each submission was read first to allocate the planning issues raised to the appropriate themes listed below.

List of themes:

1. **General Support of the Project**
2. **Playgrounds**
3. **Anti-Social Behaviour**
4. **Kissing Gates**
5. **Drainage**
6. **Age Provision**
7. **Community and Sensory Garden / Trail**
8. **Park Maintenance**
9. **Wildflower Meadow**
10. **Sports Facilities**
11. **Universal Access**
12. **Dog Off-Leash Area**
13. **Existing Hedgerow**
14. **Previous Consultation**
15. **Community Centre**
16. **Project Timeline / Costs**
17. **Additional Facilities**
18. **Park Name**
19. **Trim Trail**
20. **Noise & Traffic**
21. **Seagrave Open Space**
22. **Viewing Area**

Theme: 1. General Support of the Project
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (10).

FIN-C419-2, FIN-C419-4, FIN-C419-6, FIN-C419-7, FIN-C419-17, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-27, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues
The main support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Acknowledgement positively expressed that at the core of this park upgrade is diversity, inclusiveness, universal access, and a community facility for all in Meakstown.
- Positive feedback given as to the overall plans and design
- The project caters to the needs of the community.
- Investment into the park is welcomed.
- The inclusion of fitness equipment is welcomed.
- The inclusion of a linked play trail is welcomed.
- The widening of footpaths, alternative routes, and play areas is welcomed.

Response:
The comments above are noted.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 2. Playgrounds
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (14).

FIN-C419-3, FIN-C419-7, FIN-C419-10, FIN-C419-11, FIN-C419-14, FIN-C419-15, FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-21, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-27, FIN-C419-28

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised regarding the size of the proposed playground. Submissions suggested that one large playground would serve the park better than several smaller ones.
- Suggestions were submitted for the playgrounds to be moved away from the boundaries of the park near resident's homes.

- Concerns were raised regarding the safety and sanitation of water and sand play for children.

- Observations were submitted regarding the requirement for fully accessible play equipment that caters to children of all ages.

- A submission was received suggesting that the playground equipment should be easily maintained.

- An observation was submitted stating that there is potential for better types of adventure playground equipment, such as a large spider web-type climbing frame.

- A submission was received suggesting that log-type adventure play equipment should be reconsidered.

- A submission was received requesting that the play trail should be safe for children.

Response:

- A large playground is provided in the northern half of the park. The overall vision for the playground is to offer high play value and inclusivity within a setting that avails of borrowed landscape elements in pursuit of an experience that is close to nature. The playground is divided into zones that accommodate different age ranges, including a toddler play area, a swing play area, a sand play area, and an adventure play area. A sensory play trail ties the zones together and weaves its way throughout. The locations of the zones will be overlooked by an array of facilities and equipment to allow passive surveillance and supervision.

- The setback distance between the edge of the play area to the nearest residential dwelling is over 27 metres and is separated by Lanesborough Road. This distance exceeds the recommended set back guidelines within Fingal County Council's play policy 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', which states that *'a minimum of 25 metres should normally be provided between the activity zone and the nearest dwelling'*. Existing trees, newly planted trees and landscaping will further integrate the proposals

- The sand and water play elements will be provided in line with best practices. Sand and water play are enduringly popular amongst children, it is an immersive experience and inherently social. In line with international research and best practice, children benefit from playing with non-prescriptive play materials such as sand, through which they develop motor skills, hand-eye coordination, social skills, and develop creativity and imagination.

- The council is committed to improving accessibility. The recommendations above are noted and universal access ('access for all') will be a guiding principle for the procurement and construction phase of the proposed playground facilities and furniture. The play areas will be surfaced in materials that children with disabilities or

wheelchair users can access. The sand tables will also be set at a height that facilitates wheelchair users.

- The maintenance of the playground equipment will form part of the park management plan.

- Responding to the requests for significant play provision during the non-statutory consultation process, the playgrounds will provide for a wide age range and includes the following features,
    - A toddler play area - catering for children under 3 years of age.
    - A swing play area - catering for all ages.
    - A sand play area - catering for 3 to 8-year-olds.
    - An adventure play area - catering for 6 to 12-year-olds.
    - A 30metre zipline - catering for 6 to 12-year-olds.
    - Aural, visual, and tactile sensory features are scattered throughout the play area - catering for all ages.

- The adventure play area features a play pyramid that offers similar and additional play opportunities to a large spider web-type climbing frame. The pyramid provides a high level of play value that includes platforms installed at several levels to invite children to get engaged in various exercise and imaginative games. They can climb up to and explore the individual playing levels. When finished, a large twisting slide allow for a swift getaway to the ground. The tower connects to ladder nets and rope bridges that lead to a large play mound.

- With reference to Fingal County Council's 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', research has shown that children gain a greater appreciation and understanding of nature through play in natural spaces and that playing in a natural environment adds a new dynamic to their play opportunities as well as providing more enjoyable settings and prolonged play episodes. Providing access to the experience of natural environments through the incorporation of natural features within play spaces is a priority for Fingal and it is the Council's goal to maximise this benefit by incorporating natural play spaces for children within the Fingal area, particularly urban areas. The log-type adventure play incorporates the benefits of natural materials and play provision while furnishing the area with a more challenging climbing and balancing experience which will appeal to older age groups.

- The proposed sensory play trail will be designed according to best practice and will offer an appropriate level of risk a level at which children and young people can play in a self-determined way whilst developing self-protecting behaviour. Playgrounds constructed by Fingal County Council are subject to a detailed post installation inspection by a qualified RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) inspector before they are opened to the public to ensure they meet the required standards and have been correctly installed.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 3. Anti-Social Behaviour (11).
FIN-C419-3, FIN-C419-8, FIN-C419-9, FIN-C419-12, FIN-C419-13, FIN-C419-18, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-28

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received suggesting that providing additional facilities may prevent anti-social behaviour, such as sports facilities and a skatepark.

- An observation was submitted stating that the proposed equipment for the park is located too close together which may attract anti-social gatherings. The proposed equipment should be more equally dispersed.

- A submission was received requesting that all proposed park furniture and equipment should be vandalism proof.

- A submission was received requesting that CCTV should be installed to prevent anti-social behaviour.

- A submission was received requesting that public lighting should be installed to prevent anti-social behaviour.

- Concerns were raised regarding the kickabout / picnic area may be used for annual bonfires.

- A submission was received requesting a park ranger/staff to oversee the security of the park.

Response:

- It is anticipated that the diversity of uses within the proposed park development and increased legitimate use will introduce activity into the area in line with improved access which will allow for passive surveillance and address potential anti-social behaviour.

- The locations of the various park equipment have been carefully considered in order to achieve a balance that is required in any park between facilities and open space. The rationale for the locations chosen for each piece of equipment is utilise landscape features as a backdrop as a means to create a sense of place, as well as providing the right equipment for the right place. The locations of the play areas are overlooked by an array of facilities and equipment to allow passive surveillance and supervision.

- In the detailed specification and procurement stage of the project the provision of Skateable elements such as kerbs or upstands will be explored in the interests of inclusivity and to increase the play value and range of the park. It is deemed that the provision of a dedicated skate park is not appropriate for a neighbourhood park due to its scale and its proximity to residential areas.

- FCC does not presently provide lighting to parks. Ducting provision for CCTV and public lighting will be installed to allow for installation in the future if required.

- The request for park ranger supervision is noted. The level of park supervision appropriate for the park will be reviewed with the Operations Department in the context of the completion of the park redevelopment works.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 4. Kissing Gates
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (11).

FIN-C419-1, FIN-C419-2, FIN-C419-5, FIN-C419-6, FIN-C419-11, FIN-C419-12, FIN-C419-17 FIN-C419-22, FIN-C419-23, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Submissions were received requesting that the proposal for kissing gates to the park's entrances to be removed.

Response:

- Kissing gates will be removed from all park entrances and replaced with a mountable kissing gate solution to be installed only if there is a requirement to do so. In an event where the kissing gates are required, the mountable solution has been designed to comply with the relevant universal accessibility standards and Irish Wheelchair Association Guidelines.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 5. Drainage
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (10).

FIN-C419-13, FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-20, FIN-C419-21, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-28, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Submissions were received requesting that the issue of waterlogging to the existing pitch be addressed.

Response:

- The pitch is located within a water detention basin designed to function primarily as a Sustainable Urban Drainage System and a flood mitigation measure. The detention basin is designed to hold storm water during periods of prolonged heavy rainfall to protect the surrounding residential areas from flooding. The Flood Risk Assessment advises that an upgrade of the existing pitch to a synthetic playing surface would be inappropriate.

- Notwithstanding the above, it is proposed to explore what improvements can be made to the management regime of the pitch to enhance the surface and playability throughout the year.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 6. Age Provision
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (6).

FIN-C419-3, FIN-C419-8, FIN-C419-11, FIN-C419-12, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-28

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised that the proposals do not cater for older children / teenagers.

- Concerns were raised that the proposals do not cater for the elderly. A boules court should be considered.

Response:

- The council is committed to meeting the needs of older residents. Walkways and exercise equipment will be fully accessible to all ages and uses. In addition, the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division are available to meet with a representative group interested in the development and use of a boules facility on site.

- The playground is intended to cater for a wide age range and be an inclusive amenity for Meakstown's diverse community. It is divided into five main sections as follows:

- Toddler play area – catering for children under 3 years of age.
- Swing play area – catering for all ages
- Sand Play Area – catering for 3 to 8-year-olds
- Adventure Play area – catering for 6 to 12-year-olds.
- Sensory Trail – catering for all ages.

- The proposed viewing area to the existing pitch will function as a spectating area for the existing pitch as well as a year-round seating area for park users, particularly for older children, teenagers and young adults for informal activities / recreation.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 7. Community and Sensory Garden / Trail
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (6).
FIN-C419-3, FIN-C419-8, FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised that the proposed Community and Sensory Garden will not be maintained and will become overgrown.

- A suggestion was submitted stating that this space would be better used as an exercise area.

- A submission was received requesting the proposed garden to be enclosed.

- A submission was received requesting the proposed garden to be accessible to all residents of different experience levels and abilities.

- An observation was submitted expressing that the addition of a community vegetable garden would be welcomed.

- A concern was raised over potential vandalism to this area.

- A concern was raised over potential disputes relating to who is responsible for looking after this area.

- An observation was submitted stating that the park may be too small to accommodate this proposal.

- A submission was received requesting that this area should not intrude into the area proposed for the Community Centre.

Response:

- The area in question is designed to provide for a wide range of experiences as part of the design brief.
- Provision is made for boundaries between the community garden and the park.
- The allocation of proposed exercise facilities in the park is deemed appropriate within the park in order to achieve a balanced use amongst users.
- The height of the raised planters in the Community and Sensory Garden will be constructed to facilitate wheelchair users.
- The Community and Sensory Garden is proposed as complimentary to the proposed community centre.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 8. Park Maintenance
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (6).
FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-27, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised over the maintenance of the park and proposed gardens.
- Submissions were received requesting that the grass lawns and wildflower meadows should be maintained on a more regular basis.
- A submission was received requesting that more dog bins should be provided in the park.

Response:

- Fingal County Council is committed to managing parks in line with the All-Ireland pollinator plan, including the provision of wildflower meadow areas – successfully introduced at a number of parks around the county. Lanesborough park will be maintained and managed for biodiversity in line with the relevant Fingal County Council policies. The creation of marginal areas that are seeded with robust meadow varieties and subsequently managed for biodiversity would involve allowing grass and meadow varieties to establish and cutting them twice a year with the cuttings removed. The provision of these additional habitats in the park landscape design will increase the overall biodiversity of the site.

- As part of the park management, bins will be provided as appropriate to enable park users to dispose of litter and dog waste.

- Regular grass-cutting will form part of the park management plan.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 9. Wildflower Meadow
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (5).
FIN-C419-11, FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised suggesting that the proposed wildflower meadow may not be maintained and will become an eye sore.

- Concerns were raised over relocating the existing wildflower meadow rather than maintaining it.

- A submission was received requesting that the percentage of open space allocated to the wildflower meadows should be kept to a minimum where the space is usable by the public.

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Response:

- Responding to the demand for the provision of biodiversity, interpretive signage, which educates park users about meadows and biodiversity, will be provided to reiterate that areas are managed purposefully to increase ecological support.

- Fingal County Council is committed to managing parks in line with All-Ireland pollinator plan, including the provision of wildflower meadow areas – successfully introduced at a number of parks around the county. Lanesborough park will be maintained and managed for biodiversity in line with Fingal County Council policy. The creation of marginal areas that are seeded with robust meadow varieties and subsequently managed for biodiversity would involve allowing grass and meadow varieties to establish and cutting them twice a year with the cuttings removed. The provision of these additional habitats in the park landscape design will increase the overall biodiversity of the site.

- The council supports the opportunity to increase the ecological potential of the park, that is provide areas in which biodiversity can be increased in parallel with decreased human interference.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 10. Sports Facilities
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (5).
FIN-C419-8, FIN-C419-12, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-27

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Requests were received for more sports facilities in the park, including basketball courts, tennis courts, all-weather football and GAA pitch, and a ball wall

- An observation was received stating that a running track around the external perimeter of the park would be a welcomed addition to the project.

Response:

- The plan as presented provides for upgrade of the existing sports pitch and includes additional exercise equipment. The scale and configuration of Lanesborough Park provides limited opportunity for the inclusion of significant additional sports facilities and in particular the ancillary infrastructure required to service such facilities. The Council is currently examining opportunities to provide additional active recreational facilities in the Meakstown/Lanesborough area with a view to addressing the demand for these facilities.

- The allocation of proposed exercise facilities in the park is deemed appropriate within the park in order to achieve a balanced use amongst users.

- The scope of this project is limited to the area within the park boundary as delineated by the existing fence line. Any works outside this area are beyond the project scope.

- The provision of a running track will be facilitated through the proposed substantial widening and reorienting of the internal perimeter path. It is also envisaged that it might be used for park run events and so distance markers could be included as a practical design feature to complement this activity.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 11. Universal Access
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (4).
FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Submissions were received requesting play areas to be universally accessible by all children with disabilities.

- Concerns were raised regarding a lack of universally accessible facilities in the park.

Response:

- The council is committed to improving accessibility. Universal access ('access for all') will be a guiding principle for the procurement and construction phase of the proposed playground facilities and furniture. The play areas will be surfaced in materials that children with disabilities or wheelchair users can access. The sand tables will also be set at a height that facilitates wheelchair users.

- It is proposed that a substantially widened and reoriented path be constructed around the park perimeter as a means to harmonious use by pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users etc.

- The provision of fitness equipment will be examined to ensure there is an appropriate mix for different exercise types and universal accessibility.

- The council is committed to improving accessibility. The recommendations above are noted and universal access ('access for all') will be a guiding principle for the detailed design of the proposed park facilities and furniture.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 12. Off-Lead Dog Run
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (4).
FIN-C419-10, FIN-C419-16, FIN-C419-25, FIN-C419-26

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- An observation was received stating that the park will benefit from having an off-leash dog park.

- A concern was raised suggesting that the park is not big enough to accommodate an off-leash dog park.

- Concerns were raised over whether the size of the proposed off-leash dog park is sufficient.

Response:

- The park bye-laws provide for off-lead areas within parks as appropriate.

- The provision of an off-lead dog run will be provided and managed in line with best practice and guidance.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 13. Existing Hedgerow
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (3).
FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-24, FIN-C419-26

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A concern was raised suggesting that too much emphasis is being put into keeping the existing hedgerow, rather than providing other facilities for park users.

- Suggestions were received for the exiting hedgerow / ditch to be removed and replaced with a wildflower meadow that can be accessible to park users.

Response:

- The historic hedgerow is valued as a heritage and ecological feature and will be retained and maintained. The locations of the proposed playground areas are chosen as an opportunity to borrow landscape features, such as trees and hedgerows, and this is looked upon as a unique backdrop for the playgrounds, particularly as a means to create a sense of place. It also allows the open space west of the hedgerow to retain its flexibility for non-prescriptive park activities etc.

- In line with Fingal policy, existing trees and hedgerows shall be maintained so far as possible. The hedgerow network throughout Fingal is a valuable natural resource and should be protected. The retention of trees and hedgerows is critical in protecting the positive attributes of landscape character and heritage features and providing for an attractive living environment. Existing trees, hedgerows, and townland boundaries which are of amenity, historic or biodiversity value shall be protected and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management in future development proposals.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 14. Consultation Method
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (3).
FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-28

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised suggesting that the public feedback from the previous consultation was not visible to the public.

- A concern was raised suggesting that the Community Centre area has been reduced with no consultation.

- A concern was raised suggesting that the playground area has been moved with no consultation.

- Concerns were raised suggesting that public submissions from the previous consultation have not been taken on board.

Response:

- The project has been planned in acknowledgement of and in response to the needs expressed to the Council in the context of the extensive public consultation process undertaken as part of the park planning process. An introductory meeting was held with stakeholders on the 26th November 2020, during which site analysis was presented and further steps in the process outlined. Preliminary design proposals were presented to stakeholders on the 24th March 2021. The preliminary design proposals for Lanesborough Park Development Project were uploaded to the Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal from the 9th March 2021 to the 31st March 2021 to enable non statutory public consultation. 76 submissions were received over the course of this consultation period. A detailed report and analysis of this non-statutory consultation highlights in detail the issues that were raised. This comprehensive report was published as part of the planning pack for the formal Part 8 stage. The responses from the consultations and online submissions on the community's preferred uses, features & character for the park, have informed the current design proposals for the park.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 15. Community Centre
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (3).

FIN-C419-19, FIN-C419-26, FIN-C419-29

Summary of Issues

The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A concern was raised that the location of the proposed Community Centre is too close to residential homes.

- A concern was raised over the omission of the proposed Community Centre from the plans.

- A concern was raised that the plans for the Lanesborough Park Development Project intrude on the lands designated for the proposed Community Centre.

Response:

- The proposed community centre is subject to a separate dedicated design and planning process. Appropriate provision has been made within this application to allow for the future delivery of the community centre.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 16. Project Timeline / Costs
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).

FIN-C419-4, FIN-C419-16

Summary of Issues

The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received requesting that the park project should not extend beyond the end of 2022.

- A submission was received requesting that the costs for the park project be made public.

Response:

- The delivery of large public works projects involves a series of milestones, including consulting with stakeholders, Design, Planning Approval, Project Specifications, Procurement, Contract Award and Construction.

- The current focus is on achieving planning consent for the project. In the event of planning permission being granted for the proposed development work will then begin on cost and programme projections. Updates will be provided on these elements as appropriate as the work progresses. All capital works and supporting technical services will be procured in line with public procurement requirements.

- The 2021-2023 Capital Programme for Fingal is available to view on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 17. Additional Facilities
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C419-4, FIN-C419-13

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received requesting the addition of 'love heart' bicycle stands and 'pizza' bins.
- A submission was received requesting requesting a mobile café.
- A submission was received requesting a segregated cycle path.

Response:

- Details of cycle stands and bin provision will be reviewed during the project specification /procurement phase of the project
- There is scope for a mobile café and other trading stalls along the widened central avenue during the operational phase of the project subject to the appropriate permissions
- It is proposed that a substantially widened and reoriented path is constructed around the park perimeter as a means to connect the proposed play and recreation areas. The paths width would allow for harmonious use by pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users etc. It is also envisaged that it might be used for park run events and so distance markers could be included as a practical design feature to complement this activity.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 18. Park Name
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C419-4, FIN-C419-16

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received requesting that the name of the park to be reconsidered to represent the wider Meakstown area.

Response:

- The naming of the park does not fall within the scope of this Part VIII planning application. However, it should be noted that the accepted name of the park in common usage is 'Lanesborough Park'. Any change of the accepted name of the park is a separate process in agreement with the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee of Fingal County Council.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 19. Trim Trail
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C419-13, FIN-C419-24

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Observations were submitted stating that exercise equipment dotted through the park, such as free-standing stations for pull ups, dips and suspensions training, would be a welcomed addition to the project.

Response:

- The above comments are noted. The area west of the hedgerow boundary includes a flexible open space that will receive a new perimeter path, along which exercise equipment will be dispersed in the form of a trim trail. The provision of fitness equipment will be examined to ensure there is an appropriate mix for different exercise types and universal accessibility.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 20. Noise & Traffic
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C419-18, FIN-C419-25

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Concerns were raised regarding the noise level and its potential impact on residents facing the park.

- Concerns were raised over the impact of the development project may have on the traffic levels coming to / from the estate.

Response:

- The setback distance between the edge of the play area to the nearest residential dwelling is over 27 metres and is separated by Lanesborough Road. This distance exceeds the recommended set back guidelines within Fingal County Council's play policy 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', which states that *'a minimum of 25 metres should normally be provided between the activity zone and the nearest dwelling'*. Existing trees, newly planted trees and landscaping will further integrate the proposals

- The requirements of the Transportation Planning Section will be adhered to in the improvement works to access and egress points to and from the park including provision for traffic calming & pedestrian crossings as appropriate.

- Lanesborough Park is designed and will be delivered as a neighbourhood park, primarily for the use of the local community. The proposed bicycle parking provision is 44 in total and this will be strategically located to encourage active and sustainable travel to and from the park.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 21. Seagrave Open Space
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).

FIN-C419-19

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A concern was raised regarding the omission of the large green area at Seagrave from the project.

Response:

- This green area is designated as residential open space in association with Seagrave development and is subject to a separate general consultation process with residents

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 22. Viewing Area
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).

FIN-C419-28

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- An observation was received expressing opposition to the proposed viewing area to the existing pitch.

Response:

- The proposed viewing area to the existing pitch will function as a spectating area for the existing pitch as well as a year-round seating area for park users, particularly for older children, teenagers and young adults for informal activities / recreation.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submission, no changes are recommended.

6. Recommendation whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be

It is considered that the proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report (Appendix 1). It is recommended that the Council approve the Proposed Park Development Project for Lanesborough Park as proposed.

Appendix 1. Planning Report

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	Part XI/006/21
Proposed Development:	Redevelopment of Lanesborough Park
Location:	Lanesborough Park, Meakstown, Dublin 11.
Proposing Department:	Parks and Green Infrastructure Division
Application Type:	Part XI/ Part 8

Site Location

The subject site, known as Lanesborough Park, is located in Meakstown and is set within the Lanesborough residential development. It is bounded by Lanesborough Road to the north, east and south and by Charlestown Avenue to the west. On the far side of each of these roads to the east and west is located a line of terraced two and three storey houses which face onto the respective roads and overlook the park. To the immediate south of the park is a local centre of retail and other commercial outlets. To the north is open space. Meakstown is an established residential area north of Finglas and to the immediate south of the M50 motorway.

Proposed Development

The proposals for the Lanesborough Park Development Project incorporate the following amenities:

- A revised perimeter path that is widened to improve functionality and the enjoyment of all users.
- A playground that incorporates a toddler play area, a sand play area, an adventure playground and a zipline.
- A flexible open space that can be used for general amenity and community gatherings/ events in the northern portion of the site.
- A trim trail.
- Park and open space margins that are meadow seeded and managed for biodiversity.
- A widened central avenue that can be used for public events such as markets and which proceeds from east to west across the centre of the subject development.
- Park furniture such as benches and bins etc.
- A sports pitch located in the southern portion of the site.
- A terraced seating area that acts as a gathering space and a viewing area for the sports pitch.
- A communal garden featuring raised planters.
- A sensory garden trail.
- An additional play area for younger children adjacent to the proposed Community Centre.
- The park boundary treatments will remain in in-situ. Kissing gates will be removed from selected park entrances and replaced with a demountable kissing gate solution to be installed only if there is a requirement to do so.

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Zoning Objective

The zoning objective applying to the subject site is 'OS' 'Open Space' i.e. 'preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'.

The vision applying to this zoning objective is, '*provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses and will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority*'.

Strategic Policy

Development Plan Strategy Policy 7 Develop a strategy to promote and deliver an enhanced identity and link with Fingal for the wider communities of Santry, Ballymun, Meakstown/Charlestown, Finglas and Lanesborough

The development strategy for Charlestown and Meakstown is to Consolidate their development in a coordinated manner, promoting and enhancing the role of the Charlestown Centre as a focal point of the community, while improving integration and linkages with Finglas and neighbouring industrial areas.

Objective Charlestown and Meakstown 1

Develop an enhanced community identity within Fingal through the improvement of social, cultural, community and residential amenities. Support the development of a sense of identity for the area including improvements to signage, landscaping and physical appearance and through the promotion of mixed uses, including residential, in Charlestown Centre.

Objective Charlestown and Meakstown 2

Continue to improve and deliver enhanced community and recreational amenities to the area with particular emphasis on a community centre to provide for the community and sporting needs of the area including the provision of changing rooms if required and improvements to the quality of open space.

Chapter 3 Placemaking

Fingal has a well-defined network of open spaces and recreational facilities that are accessible to significant numbers of the County's population...The provision of accessible open space is an integral part of the provision of high-quality green infrastructure for communities and forms a core element in the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County.

Open spaces must by designed to a high specification. Great emphasis must be placed on the quality of open space and details of the proposed landscaping, hard and soft, of these spaces will be required at the planning application stage. Public open spaces should be overlooked and designed in such a way that anti-social behaviour is reduced through passive surveillance. Potential for anti-social behaviour associated with open spaces and associated screen planting must be designed out.

Objective PM60

Ensure public open space is accessible and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

Objective PM61

Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

Objective PM62
Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

Green Infrastructure – Chapter 8
The Council has identified a number of key Green Infrastructure (GI) themes. These are:

- Biodiversity,
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation,
- Sustainable Water Management, Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Landscape

Objective GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

Objective G127
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

Chapter 12.8 Community Infrastructure, Facilities and Services
As a general principle, the location and provision of community facilities is a prerequisite to the creation and enhancement of viable, sustainable and successful local communities.

Objective DMS93
Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community-oriented developments, shall have regard to the following:

- Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.
- Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.
- Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.

Development Management Standards
Objective DMS77
Protect, preserve and ensure the effective management of trees and groups of trees.

Objective DMS78
Ensure during the course of development, trees and hedgerows that are conditioned for retention are fully protected in accordance with '*BS5837 (2012) Trees in relation to the Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations*' or as may be updated.

Objective DMS79
Require the use of native planting where appropriate in new developments in consultation with the Council.

Objective DMS80
Ensure trees, hedgerows and other features which demarcate townland boundaries are preserved and incorporated where appropriate into the design of developments.

Planning History
There is the following planning history associated with the subject site as follows:

Reg. Ref. F99A/0582
Permission was granted for a planning application for a site including the subject site for 734 no. unit residential development and the construction of a 563 sqm (6,080 sq. ft.) local service centre on 19.83 ha (49 acres) land between St. Margaret's Road (R104) and Jamestown Road in Meakstown, Dublin 11. The development incorporates site development works including two vehicular access points to St. Margaret's Road, internal roadways, cycle paths, water supply including temporary on-site storage, a temporary on-site foul sewage storage and treatment plant facility, foul sewage pumping station, surface water drainage, gas supply, open space and all associated infrastructural and landscaping works. A revised Environmental Impact Statement was included and the application was on land between St. Margaret's Road (R104) and Jamestown Road in Meakstown, Dublin 11. Final permission was granted by An Bord Pleanala on the 3rd May 2000.

Reg. Ref. F02A/0484
Permission was granted for alterations to the permitted plans for the construction of a mixed use a 734 no. unit residential development (Reg. Ref. F99A/0582/PL06F.116825) involving the reconfiguration of the courtyard areas of two of the proposed apartment/duplex groups (blocks C, D, E and F and blocks J, K and L) to provide surface car parking and private amenity areas and alterations to the surrounding access roads to provide additional on-street parking spaces; the adjustment of the proposed public open space to the north of blocks J, K and L. This proposal was granted final permission on the 31st July 2002.

Reg. Ref. F04A/0066
Permission was granted for development of 189 residential units comprising (1) Type A, duplex units with 4 no. 3 bedroom ground and first floor apartments with garden and 4 no. 3 bedroom second floor and attic accommodation over in 3.5 storey blocks. (2) Type B, duplex units with 27 no. 2 bedroom apartments at ground floor, 27 no. 2 bedroom apartments at first floor and 27 no. 3 bedroom apartments at second floor and attic accommodation in 3.5 storey blocks. (3) Type C, 4 no. semi-detached 4 bedroom 2.5 storey townhouses. (4) Type D 30 no. 3 bedroom 2.5 storey townhouses. (5) Type E 8 no. 1 bedroom apartments in 1 no. 4 storey blocks. (6) Type F, 56 no. 2 bedroom apartments in 7 no. 4 storey blocks. (7) Type G, 2 no. semi-detached 5 bedroom 2.5 storey townhouses. (8) Associated site development works comprising 1 no. access road from existing access road, boundary treatment, stormwater attenuation works, foul and stormwater drains, (9) Landscaping. All on circa 4.15 hectares (circa 10.25 acres) on a site which included part of Lanesborough Park. Final permission was granted on the 15th April 2004.

Reg. Ref. F04A/0164
Permission was granted for retention of modifications to the approved plans for the construction of a 734 no. unit residential development (Register Reference F99A/0582; PL06F.116825), involving the variation of the profile and construction of the roof of apartment / duplex Block A (unit nos. 1-12 incl.), minor alterations to the design of the front and rear elevations and the provision of roof lights on the front and rear faces of the roof and construction of a new section of roof to the full extent of apartment/ duplex Block A at a site including the subject development. Final permission was granted on the 30th June 2004.

Pre-Application Consultations
A pre-application consultation was held on 23rd June between the external consultants and Parks and Green Infrastructure and internal departments of Fingal County Council. The Planning Section, Water Services Section, Community Section and the Architects Department were represented as this meeting.

Discussions focused on the strategic need for the proposed development and the specific way in which proposals for the Park addressed both the needs of the local community and Fingal County Council.

Departmental reports
Water Services Department: A report was received from Water Services which addresses flood risk, surface water drainage and water services infrastructure within the site. There is no objection raised to the proposed development.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Department: This report states that there is no objection to the proposed development.

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development: Report received which states that no conditions are required.

Transportation Planning: Report received which discuss access into the Park, circulation, cycle parking, pedestrian crossings, road safety audits and construction management plan.

Assessment
The proposed scheme has been considered in the context of the following issues:

- Drawings prepared
- Principle of the development
- Interface with proposed community centre
- Impact on the amenities of the area
- Flood risk
- Water and drainage
- Ecology
- Access

Drawings Prepared
Article 83(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, detail the drawings and particulars required to be made available for Part 8/Part 11 projects. These include a site layout plan, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:500, showing the boundary of the site on which it is proposed to carry out the proposed development and the buildings or other structures, and roads or other features, in the vicinity of the site. A 'Proposed Landscape Plan' drawing has been prepared to a scale of 1:500. It is recommended that the extent of this drawings be expanded to include the adjoining development, in particular the roads beside the park and housing which fronts onto the park. It is also recommended that dimensions are added to the drawing.

Principle of Development
The proposed Part XI scheme concerns the redevelopment of Lanesborough Park. The lands are subject to the 'OS – Open Space' zoning in the Fingal Development Plan where the objective is to 'preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'. The scheme

involves enhancing the range of facilities on offer in the park, including playgrounds, trim trail, jogging path, off-lease dog area, landscaping and seating.

Objectives Charlestown and Meakstown 1 and 2 specifically aim to develop an enhanced community identity within for these areas within Fingal through the improvement of social, cultural, community and residential amenities and to improve and deliver enhanced community and recreational amenities to the area with particular emphasis on improvements to the quality of open space.

The proposed scheme is consistent with the zoning objective and would support the achievement of the above objectives which relate to this area. It would also be in accordance with the broad policies for open space and recreational facilities in the county which are outlined in Objectives PM62, GI26 and GI27 by virtue of representing an upgrade of existing facilities, accommodating new uses in park and providing accessible features. The principle of the proposal is therefore acceptable.

Interface with proposed community centre

Consultants have been appointed for the design of the proposed community centre in Lanesborough Park, which will be delivered through a separate Part 8 process. This would be located in the south east corner of the site. The drawings in the 'Proposed Landscape Plan' document illustrates the building footprint and car parking configuration for the centre and an internal building layout is shown on the landscape drawing on Page 29 of the Park Development Plan report. In the interests of clarity, it is recommended that the detailed plans/layout for the community centre are not shown on the drawings associated with the park redevelopment project unless confirmation has been received from the lead department overseeing the community centre project that the details on the drawings are accurate and in such cases, the drawings should be clearly annotated to state that Part 8 consent has yet to be approved for the community centre (similar to that shown on Page 35).

Impact on the Amenities of the Area

The proposed development relates to works within Lanesborough Park. The proposals contain limited built structures, which consist of playgroup equipment, trim trail fitness equipment, a terraced seating area beside the playing pitch. The proposals are not considered to give rise to adverse impacts on the visual amenities of the area. They would enhance the amenity value of the park and consequently the amenities of the area and would benefit residents in this community. There is the possibility that increased use of the park which may arise due to the expanded facilities there would impact on the area, for example, through noise or traffic generated by visitors. It is not proposed to provide any public car parking as part of the proposals which would discourage people from travelling to the park by car. In addition, the park zoning supports the use of the lands for these purposes and the broader Development Plan objectives support the enhancement of facilities in Lanesborough Park. Therefore, within this context the proposals are acceptable, in terms of impacts on the area.

An Arboricultural Assessment & Impact Report has been prepared for the scheme. It outlines the results of a tree survey and identifies the trees on site which will be removed, a number of which are proposal for removal on the basis of their poor condition. Tree protection works are also proposed. The existing hedgerow on the site, which is a townland boundary, will be retained. This would be consistent with Objective DMS80 of the Fingal Development Plan which relates to the preservation of features which demarcate townland boundaries. The Development Plan aims to protect, preserve and ensure the effect management of trees and groups of trees (Objective DMS77). While it is proposed to remove some existing trees in the park, the proposals are considered acceptable given that in some instances, removal relates

to very low value specimens in poor condition. The removal of other trees is taking place within the context of the upgrade of facilities in the park which is in accordance with the strategic objectives for this area set out in the Development Plan and which would provide improved facilities for the community in this area and, on this basis, there is no objection.

The park boundary treatments are stated to remain in in-situ. These consist of round top metal railings and, although some edges of the park are currently heavily planted, there is generally good visibility into the park from the surrounding road/footpaths. The proposed landscape plan illustrates proposed tree planting on the western side of the park. It is recommended that the detailed design and planting scheme for this area ensures that visibility into the park is retained in order to provide passive surveillance.

Flood Risk

A site-specific flood risk assessment has been conducted by McCloy Consulting Ltd which considered all sources of flooding at the site including fluvial, pluvial, urban drainage and groundwater flooding. The assessment identified the site as being wholly located within Flood Zone C (<0.1%AEP) as per 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities'. Regardless, the development of a park would be classed as 'Water Compatible' and would therefore be permissible even within Flood Zone A (<1% AEP).

According to the Flood Risk Assessment, part of the site may be at risk of pluvial flooding. The area in question relates to the southern half of the site, approximately where the existing playing pitch/detention basin is situated. The report advises that any significant changes to ground levels within an area identified as being at risk of pluvial flooding should be subject to a more detailed Stage 3 Flood Risk Assessment. It is stated that there will be no off-site surface water effects if ground levels within the existing detention basins are not changed and if impermeable area on the site is not increased. The update of the existing pitch to a synthetic playing surface would be inappropriate.

The report received from the Water Services Section has no objection to the proposed development in terms of flood risk.

Water and Drainage

Lanesborough Park was within the application site boundary for a number of housing developments. Areas of the park function as part of the surface water drainage network for the surrounding area. It is therefore important to ensure that any proposals to redevelop the park do not impact on these functions. Consideration also should be given at this preliminary stage to the surface water management for the community centre, as it could affect the land take required for that project and hence impact on the park redevelopment plans.

The pre-existing football pitch has been identified as an area of surface water attenuation. It is crucial that the attenuation volume capacity of this facility be retained. The report received from the Water Services Section advises that the design/ construction/operational details of the facility are unknown at this stage and should be further investigated to avoid any potential negative impacts.

Reference is made in the Flood Risk Assessment to a smaller detention basin being located in the southmost extent of the site (page 4). This area appears as a depression in the park. This should be further investigated to establish if there is a surface water detention basin at this location, and if so, what area the basin serves and what impact would the development of the park upgrade proposals or community centre have on it. The Flood Risk Assessment also stated that would be no off-site surface water effects if ground levels within the existing

detention basins are not changed and if impermeable area on the site is not increased. Therefore if the area in the southeast corner of the site functions as a detention basin, the implications of building on that area for surface water management and the conclusions of the Flood Risk Assessment are not clear.

Similarly, reference is made in the same document to an open ditch/swale in the northern end of the site and this should be investigated further to ensure that there are no impacts on drainage infrastructure serving the wider area.

The report received from the Water Services Section has advised that existing public drainage infrastructure exists along the western extremes of the site and that it is expected that this forms part of the attenuation facility in the location of the football pitch but is unlikely to be affected by the proposal. The land at the south west corner of the site is indicated as an overflow attenuation area in the documentation submitted with Reg. Ref. F4A/0066. The presence of this infrastructure should be considered and accommodated within any proposed surface water drainage scheme.

Public consultation has identified the desire for improved drainage to the pitch. The impact of this on the surface water functions of the site would need to be ascertained. It is noted that the Flood Risk Assessment deemed it inappropriate. Any proposed drainage improvements should incorporate SuDS. Further design details are required in this regard and should be provided prior to development.

Areas of impermeable surfacing should be avoided or at least minimised within the subject site area. Infiltration should be promoted through the use of appropriate construction methods, materials and products. Additional hardstanding areas appear to be small and ideally suitable for SUDS techniques.

An existing 160mm ND and 450mm ND watermains are present within the southern part of the site. It is unlikely that these services will be impacted by the proposal. However, their presence should be considered and accommodated in accordance with Irish Water requirements.

Ecology

An ecological assessment has been prepared as part of the development proposals. This outlines that the biodiversity interest of the park is currently low. No signs were found of feeding by Brent geese (survey time January 2021) and no sign of badger usage was found at the park. The trees proposed for felling were not considered to be potential bat roosts. There was no suitable habitat observed for amphibians and reptiles. It was concluded in the report that the redevelopment will integrate the principal features of interest, the hedgerows, into the landscaping scheme and that biodiversity in the park will improve as a result of redevelopment. Based on the information available, the redevelopment of the park will not adversely impact on biodiversity.

Access

Access for all should be considered and the removal of the existing kissing gates where possible would be welcomed. Access that accommodates cyclists (cargo bikes), buggies and wheelchairs without undue difficulty should be provided.

Pedestrian crossing points across the existing road network to the main entrance points should consider raised ramped crossings on the road.

Short term cycle parking in the form of Sheffield stands are acceptable. However, there is scope to provide more creative forms of short term parking for cyclists. Parking for scooters and cargo bikes should also be considered closer to the playgrounds where appropriate. Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations where there is passive surveillance. Should CCTV be provided in the park, consideration could be given to providing coverage for parking areas.

The perimeter path is to be widened to improve functionality and the enjoyment of all users. In accordance with DMURS, the desirable space for two people to pass comfortably in areas of low to moderate pedestrian activity is 2.5m and the minimum space for larger groups to pass comfortably in areas of high pedestrian activity is 4.0m. The minimum shared area for both pedestrians and cyclist is 4.0m. The widths of the proposed paths should be considered in terms of the above uses.

Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 in the vicinity of all crossing points and entrances

A final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction of the proposed development.

Appropriate Assessment
An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report has been submitted with the subject planning application. This report states that the Proposed Project site is not directly connected with any European (Natura 2000) site and there is no realistic pathway between the Proposed Project site and any European sites and there will be no direct, indirect, or secondary impacts which will occur to Natura sites.

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Project, in comparison with the existing baseline, it is considered that there is no likelihood of significant effects on any European sites during the construction or operation of the Proposed Project, and it is further considered that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with the Proposed Project to have a significant effect on European sites. It is considered that the Proposed Project, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

Environmental Impact Assessment
An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report is included with the submission. The proposed development concerns the upgrade of an existing suburban park of stated area of 4.6 hectares. The Screening Report concludes that Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the project.

The conclusions are considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the park area, nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area. The proposal is not of a scale which would fall within the fifth schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring an EIA. It is also noted that of the environmental receptors detailed in the seventh schedule of the same regulations, that significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the proposed development and that there are no characteristics of the proposed development which would require an EIA to be undertaken.

It is noted that there are a number of typographical errors in the Environment Impact Assessment Screening Report prepared by KPMG Future Analytics. These include reference to an NIS report prepared by Tubridy & Associates (section 6.2). It is presumed this should refer to the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report. Section 6.3 also refers to the NIS detailing mitigation measures to address pollution from construction works on site. This text appears to be referring to a different document or project rather than the Lanesborough Park project. Section 7.6 also refers to an NIS. These should be corrected in the final document.

Conclusion

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to Charlestown and Meakstown, place making, green infrastructure, community infrastructure and development management standards in respect of the management and retention of trees and hedgerows. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the park. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The following points could be taken in to consideration in drafting of the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part XI and should be clearly set out on any revised drawings where appropriate.

1. It is recommended that the 'Proposed Landscape Plan' drawing (is amended as follows:
   a) The extent of this drawing should be expanded to include the adjoining development, in particular the roads beside the park and housing which fronts onto the park.

   b) Key dimensions should be included on the plan, for example, width of the proposed perimeter path to demonstrate how the proposal complies with DMURS.

2. It is recommended that the detailed plans/layout for the community centre are not shown on the drawings associated with the park redevelopment project unless confirmation has been received from the lead department overseeing the community centre project that the details on the drawings are accurate and, in such cases, the drawings should be clearly annotated to state that Part 8 consent has yet to be approved for the community centre (similar to that shown on Page 35).

3. The report received from the Water Services Section advises that the design/ construction/operational details of the existing surface water detention basins are unknown at this stage and should be further investigated to avoid any potential negative impacts. The conclusions of the Flood Risk Assessment assume that no changes are made to existing detention basins. It is recommended that the surface water management features on the site are investigated further and it should be clear that either no changes are being made to this infrastructure or that any works proposed would not impact on the functions of the infrastructure.

4. In conjunction with the above, it is recommended that the depression in the south east corner of the site referred to in the Flood Risk Assessment be investigated further to ascertain whether it is a detention basin and part of the surface water infrastructure.

5. Any proposed drainage improvements should incorporate SUDS. Areas of impermeable surfacing should be avoided/minimised. Infiltration should be promoted through the use

of appropriate construction methods, materials and products. Further design details would be required in this regard and should be reviewed by the Water Services Section.

6. It is advised to liaise with the design team for the community centre at this stage particularly in respect of surface water management.
7. It is recommended that the detailed design and planting scheme for the proposed tree planting along the western boundary of the park ensures that visibility into the park is retained in order to provide passive surveillance of the area.

8. Parking for scooters and cargo bikes should also be considered closer to the playgrounds (where appropriate). Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations where there is passive surveillance.

9. Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 in the vicinity of all crossing points and entrances

10. A final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction of the proposed development.

11. An existing 160mm ND and 450mm ND watermains are present within the southern part of the site. It is unlikely that these services will be impacted by the proposal. However, their presence should be considered and accommodated in accordance with Irish Water requirements.

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Senior Executive Planner
11th August 2021

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/006/21
Registration Date:

Development: The proposals for Lanesborough Park Development Project incorporate the following amenities,

- A revised perimeter path that is widened to improve functionality and the enjoyment of all users.
- A playground that incorporates a toddler play area, a sand play area, an adventure playground and a zipline.
- A flexible open space that can be used for general amenity and community gatherings/events.
- A trim trail.
- Park and open space margins that are meadow seeded and managed for biodiversity.
- A widened central avenue that can be used for public events such as markets etc.
- Park Furniture such as benches and bins etc.
- A terraced seating area that acts as a gathering space and a viewing area for the sports pitch.
- A communal garden featuring raised planters.
- A sensory garden trail.
- An additional play area for younger children adjacent to the proposed Community Centre.
- The park boundary treatments will remain in in-situ. Kissing gates will be removed from selected park entrances and replaced with a demountable kissing gate solution to be installed only if there is a requirement to do so.

Location: Lanesborough Park, Meakstown, Dublin, DUBLIN 11
Applicant: Architects Department
Application Type: Part VIII (Dev by Plan Auth)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development.

Officer: Gemma Carr Endorsed:

Date: 13/07/21 Date:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/006/21
Registration Date: 08-Jul-2021
Development: The proposals for Lanesborough Park Development Project incorporate the following amenities:

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Report

Flood risk: No objection

1. A site specific flood risk assessment has been conducted by McCloy Consulting Ltd, identifying the site as being wholly located within Flood Zone C (<0.1%AEP). No development restrictions therefore apply, however it is worth noting that the proposed development is classed as 'Water Compatible' and would therefore be permissible even within Flood Zone A (<1% AEP).

Foul drainage:

1. Refer to separate Irish Water report.

Surface water drainage: No objection subject to:

1. The pre-existing football pitch has been identified as an area of surface water attention. It is crucial that the attenuation volume capacity of this facility be retained. Design/construction/operational details of the facility are unknown at this stage and should be further investigated to avoid any potential negative impacts.

2. Existing public drainage infrastructure exist along the western extremes of the site. It is expected that these form part of the attenuation facility mentioned above, but is unlikely to be affected by the proposal. Their presence should however be considered and accommodated accordingly.
3. Public consultation has identified the need for improved drainage to the pitch. Any proposed drainage improvements should incorporate SUDS. Further design details are required in this regard.
4. Areas of impermeable surfacing should be avoided/minimised. Infiltration should be promoted through the use of appropriate construction methods, materials and products. Additional hardstanding areas appear to be small and ideally suitable for SUDS techniques.
5. It may be beneficial to consider the drainage of the future community centre and parking area at this stage.

Water supply:

1. An existing 160mm ND and 450mm ND watermains exist within the southern part of the site. It is unlikely that these services will be impacted by the proposal, however their presence should be considered and accommodated in accordance with Irish Water requirements.
2. Refer also the separate Irish Water report.

Engineer: ***pg*** Date: ***19.7.21***

Fingal County Council

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Transportation Planning Section

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Location:	Lanesborough Park, Meakstown, Dublin, DUBLIN 11
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	8 July 2021

General

The proposed development is located in a 50km/hr speed limit.

Pedestrian and Cycle Access Points

Access for all should be considered and the removal of Kissing gates where possible would be welcomed. Access that accommodates cyclists (think! cargo bikes), buggies and wheelchairs without undue difficulty should be provided.

Pedestrian Crossing Points across the existing road network to the main entrance points should consider raised ramped crossings on the road.

Cycle Parking

Short term cycle parking in the form of Sheffield stands are acceptable. However, there is scope to provide more creative forms a short term parking for cyclists. Parking for scooters and cargo bikes should also be considered closer to the playgrounds where appropriate. Some form of sheltered parking should also be considered at these locations where there is passive surveillance. Consideration of CCTV for parking areas.

Revised Perimeter Path

The perimeter path is to be widened to improve functionality and the enjoyment of all users.

In accordance with DMURS the desirable space for two people to pass comfortably in areas of low to moderate pedestrian activity is 2.5m and the minimum space for larger groups to pass comfortably in areas of high pedestrian activity is 4.0m. The minimum shared area for

both pedestrians and cyclist is 4.0m. The widths of the proposed paths should be considered in them of the above uses.

Sightlines and Access for future community centre

The entrance to the proposed indicative community centre element of the development will be subject to future design and a separate application. However, it should be noted that the any future entrance would be subject to sightlines in accordance with DMAURS for a speed limit of 50km/hr speed limit, i.e. 45m from setback of 2.4m to the near side kerb edge in both directions. Consideration should be given at that time to a set-down area to serve drop off and collection at the centre.

Road Safety Audit

Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at the relevant stages as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027 in the vicinity of all crossing points and entrances

Construction Management Plan

A final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction of the proposed development.

Signed: Niamh O Connor

Date: 09/08/2021

Endorsed: _____

Date: _____

From: Mary Godwin <Mary.Godwin@fingal.ie>
Sent: 08 July 2021 15:25
To: Planning Department <Planning@fingal.ie>
Subject: RE: FINGAL CO.CO. Notification re: Planning Application Ref. PARTXI/006/21 at Lanesborough Park, Meakstown, Dublin, DUBLIN 11

No conditions required from Arts perspective.

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Appendix 2. List of submissions or Observations made

CVQ ID	AUTHOR	SUBMISSION TYPE
FIN-C419-1	Thomas Kerin	User
FIN-C419-2	Conor Brennan	User
FIN-C419-3	Samantha Warren	User
FIN-C419-4	Active volunteer in my community and director cityside 1 estate	User
FIN-C419-5	Peter Walker	User
FIN-C419-6	David Sheedy	User
FIN-C419-7	Paul Walsh	User
FIN-C419-8	Aoife Hill	User
FIN-C419-9	Gemma Smullen	User
FIN-C419-10	Anne-Marie Kirby	User
FIN-C419-11	Marina Jackson	User
FIN-C419-12	Stephen Redmond	User
FIN-C419-13	Shane Murray	User
FIN-C419-14	Gemma Smullen	User
FIN-C419-15	Caroline Bradley	User
FIN-C419-16	Edel McDonnell	User
FIN-C419-17	Paul Corcoran	User
FIN-C419-18	Fiona Stafford	User
FIN-C419-19	Meakstown Community Council	Organisation
FIN-C419-20	Johnny Keenaghan	User
FIN-C419-21	Vanessa Espinet Dorney	User
FIN-C419-22	Feljin Jose	User
FIN-C419-23	National Transport Authority	Organisation
FIN-C419-24	Steven Dodd	User
FIN-C419-25	Susan Hickman	User
FIN-C419-26	Lanesborough Residents Association	Organisation
FIN-C419-27	Noel McManus	User
FIN-C419-28	Robert Loughlin	User
FIN-C419-29	Róisín Shortall	TD
FIN-C419-30	Irish Water	Organisation

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 25

Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project

Agenda

- Brief recap summary of proposal
- Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*
- Overview of the Statutory Public Consultation
- Summary of key themes from submissions received and response
- Recommendation

Non Statutory Public Consultation

Nov' 2020

An introductory meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams on the **26th November 2020**, during which initial site analysis was presented and further steps outlined.

March 2021

Preliminary design proposals were presented, again via Teams, on the **24th March 2021**.

Preliminary design proposals for Lanesborough Park Development Project were uploaded to the Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal from the **9th March 2021** to the **31st March 2021**.

76 separate submissions were received over the course of this consultation period

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Part VIII Landscape Development Plan

Design Proposals



Playground Design

The playground is divided into five main sections as follows….

- **Toddler play area** – catering for children under 3 years of age.
- **Swing play area** – catering for all ages
- **Sand Play Area** – catering for 3 to 8-year-olds
- **Adventure Play area** – catering for 6 to 12 year olds.
- **Sensory Trail** – catering for all ages.





Perspective Image - Sand Play Area



Perspective Image – Toddler Play Area





Perspective Image – Adventure Play Area

Perspective Image – Community Garden





Perspective Image – Central Avenue

Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

It is considered that the Proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023

Public Consultation

- Placed on public display on 9th September 2021
- Advertised in press & social media
- Submissions encouraged prior to closing date of 21st October
- **30** Submissions received





Summary of Observations

- A total of **30 submissions** were received.
- Planning support & issues allocated to **22 themes**, e.g.

- General Support of the Project
- Playgrounds
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Kissing Gates
- Drainage

- Including submission received from prescribed body:

- Irish Water

Theme 1:
General Support of the Project

- **10 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Sample of support related to this theme:

➢ The plans for the park look great.

➢ The project caters to the needs of the community.

➢ The inclusion of various facilities such as fitness equipment and a linked play trail is welcomed.

➢ The widening of footpaths, alternative routes, and play areas is welcomed.

Theme 2: Playgrounds

- **14 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Playground size, separation distance, health & safety, universal access, play provision.

Response:

- A large playground is provided, consisting of several zones to cater to various ages – tied together by a sensory play trail.
- The setback distance is over 27m, exceeding FCC play policy guidelines.
- The sand and water play elements will be provided in line with best practices.
- 'Access for all' will be a guiding principle for the procurement and construction phase of the playground.
- Feature play equipment will provide high levels of play value.
- Nature-based play provides children with a greater appreciation and understanding of nature, increased play opportunities and prolonged play episodes.

Theme 3:
Anti-Social Behaviour

- **11 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Park facilities to deter anti-social behaviour, CCTV and public lighting, annual bonfires, Park Ranger.

Response:

- Activity from proposed facilities and improved access which will allow for passive surveillance and address potential anti-social behaviour.
- FCC does not presently provide lighting to parks. Ducting provision for CCTV and public lighting will be installed to allow for installation in the future if required.
- The level of park supervision appropriate for the park will be reviewed with the Operations Department in the context of the completion of the park redevelopment works.

Theme 4:
Kissing Gates

- **11 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Kissing gates to the park's entrances to be removed.

Response:

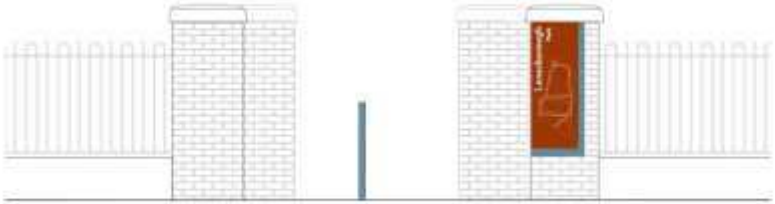
Kissing gates will be removed from all park entrances and replaced with a mountable kissing gate solution to be installed only if there is a requirement to do so. In an event where the kissing gates are required, these will be specified in compliance with the relevant universal accessibility standards and Irish Wheelchair Association Guidelines.

Theme 4:
Kissing Gates – removed as proposed

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ELEVATION - Secondary Entrance Example - scale 1:25

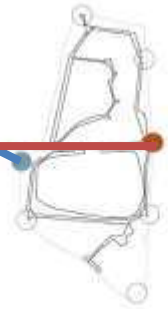


ELEVATION - Eastern Main Entrance - scale 1:25



KEY PLAN with gates location

- Western Main Entrance
- Eastern Main Entrance
- Secondary Entrance

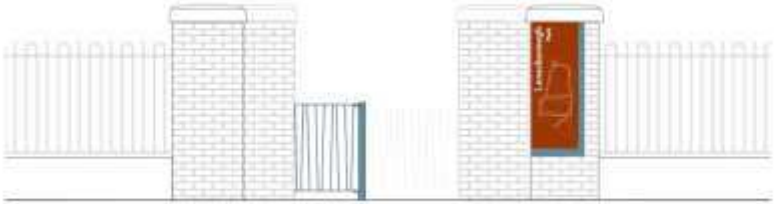


Theme 4:
Kissing Gates – mountable option

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ELEVATION - Secondary Entrance Example - scale 1:25

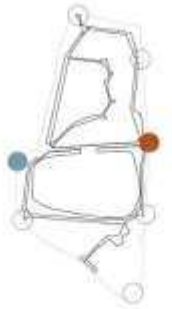


ELEVATION - Eastern Main Entrance - scale 1:25



KEY PLAN with gates location

- Western Main Entrance
- Eastern Main Entrance
- Secondary Entrance



Theme 5: Drainage

- **10 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Waterlogging to the existing pitch to be addressed.

Response:

- The pitch is located within a water detention basin designed to function primarily as a Sustainable Urban Drainage System and a flood mitigation measure. The detention basin is designed to hold storm water during periods of prolonged heavy rainfall to protect the surrounding residential areas from flooding. The Flood Risk Assessment advises that an upgrade of the existing pitch to a synthetic playing surface would be inappropriate.

- It is proposed to explore what improvements can be made to the management regime of the pitch to enhance the surface and playability throughout the year.

Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Lanesborough Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

It is recommended that the Council approve the Lanesborough Park Development Project as proposed.

Questions?











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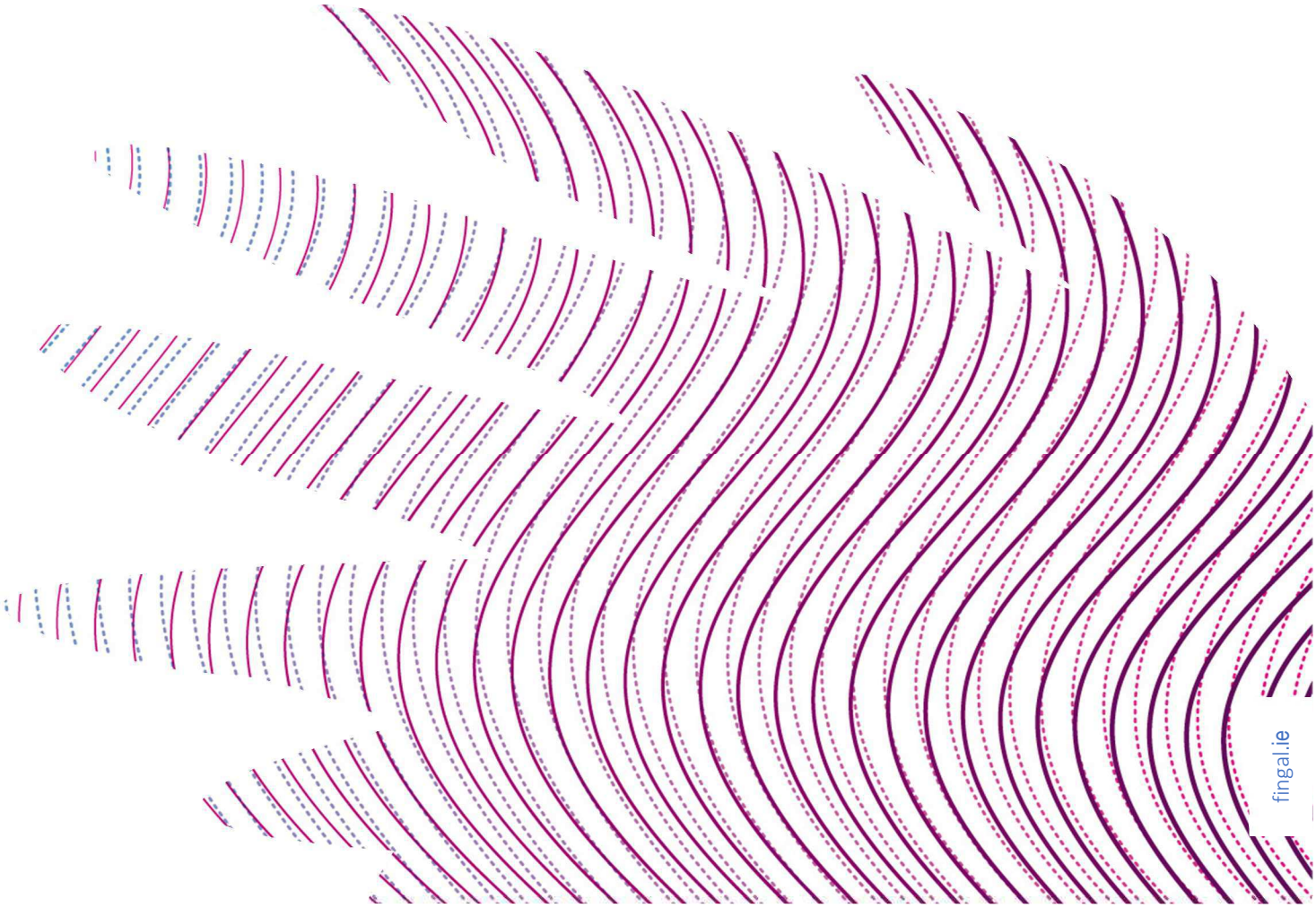
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Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project, Naul, Co. Dublin



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Appendix 1. **Planning Report**

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1. Introduction

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project, Naul, Co. Dublin.

Following consultation with local community groups and representatives Fingal County Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division prepared a Development Project for Naul Village Park to deliver a vision for the sustainable development of a Village Park which is sensitive to and reflective of the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the site.

The proposal was placed on public display (from Tuesday 14th September 2021 up to and including Tuesday 12th October 2021, excluding bank holidays and weekends) online at https://consult.fingal.ie. Notice of the public consultation on the proposal was placed in the press and council social media accounts. During the public consultation phase the Council encouraged submissions/observations on the proposal either online or in writing (prior to the closing date of 27th October 2021).

A total of 13 detailed submissions were received within the consultation period. All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions and the detailed observations highlight the level of public interest in the proposal.

2. Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof

The proposals for Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project incorporate the following amenities:

The Naul Village Park Development Project and main ancillary infrastructure:

- Universal access to events space at Seamus Ennis Centre
- 17 no car parking spaces
- Ducting for EV charging
- Extensive landscape planting using predominately pollinator friendly trees, shrubs and perennials
- 12 no. Bicycle parking spaces
- Recreation and fitness area
- Drinking fountain
- Reflective garden
- New path network
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Infrastructure (SuDS) to ensure surface water is attenuated within the site
- Boundary treatments
- New vehicular entrance
- All ancillary site works

Heritage and Music Themed Playground:

- Sand based play
- Hill slide
- Log ladder
- Castle themed playhouse
- Basket swing
- Speaking tube
- Musical play pieces
- Cliff sided mound with climbing wall



Location of Proposal



Landscape Plan for the Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project



Conceptual Bird's-Eye Perspective: Naul Village Park



Conceptual Perspective: Playground



Conceptual Perspective: Reflective Garden

3. Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

It is considered that the proposed Naul Village Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

For further detail see Appendix 1. Planning Report
(note the current proposal has been updated as per the recommendations of the planning report where applicable and appropriate)

4. List of the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development

See Appendix 2.

5. Summary of the issues with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated and the response of the manager thereto

Conceptual Perspective: Reflection Garden

5.1. Submissions received from statutory consultees

The following statutory consultees were notified of the proposed development and invited to make a submission:

- The Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage
- Heritage Council
- The Arts Council (An Comhairle Ealaionn)
- Irish Water
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland

With the consultation period a submission was received from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage as outlined below.

The Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage

Summary of Issues

The main issues relevant to this submission can be summarised as follows:

- It is noted that the proposed development is close in proximity to Naul Church and Graveyard, Recorded Monuments protected under the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994. As it is possible the proposals could encounter subsurface archaeological remains, the following is requested:

- That the applicant engages the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out pre-development testing at the site and no sub-surface work to be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his / her consent.

Response:

- Having regard to the previous ground disturbance of the site, the report from the Heritage Officer notes that no Archaeological Mitigation Measures are required.

Recommendations:

With respect to the above submission, no changes are recommended.

5.2 Submissions received from public consultation

Approach to Consideration of Submissions

Following the initial recording of all submissions, each submission was read first to allocate the planning issues raised to the appropriate themes listed below.

List of themes:

1. **General Support of the Project**
2. **Bicycle Facilities**
3. **Playground**
4. **Car Park**
5. **Gently Sloped Access Pathway**
6. **Drainage & Water Supplies**
7. **Lighting**
8. **Sculptural Elements / Carvings**
9. **Soft Landscape**
10. **Arrival Space**
11. **Park Maintenance**
12. **Site Furniture & Equipment**
13. **Séamus Ennis Arts Centre (SEAC)**
14. **Site Boundaries**
15. **Park Name**
16. **Road Crossing**
17. **Market Area**
18. **Park Study**

Theme: 1. General Support of the Project
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (9).

FIN-C422-1, FIN-C422-3, FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-5, FIN-C422-6, FIN-C422-7, FIN-C422-9, FIN-C422-10, FIN-C422-12

Summary of Issues

The main support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Submissions deemed the proposals to be both exciting and welcome. There were statements to the effect that the plans will be beneficial to the community of Naul and that the proposal for a new playground is appreciated. Responses have been positive to the development of the entire village park.

- Sentiments were received that this project will be a fantastic amenity for residents and visitors to Naul village and support expressed for the project proposals.

- Comments that the provision of an exercise and table tennis area with the moveable chairs will work well as something to be used by all age groups particularly teenagers.

- The proposed development is very positive and will greatly enhance the centre of Naul Village. The focus on accessibility and provision for all age groups is welcomed.

- The reflective garden and its features such as the pergola have received positive responses as a quiet/calm space.

- The proposed Entrance / Market Space and Village Green are deemed as great features of the plan, which will provide for multiple opportunities for the community and park users.

- The absence of proposed lighting will benefit the protection of bat roosts and light pollution.

- References to Naul's historical and musical heritage within the design were welcomed.

- Positive acknowledgement given to the evolution of the project to its current form, taking account of the previous community stakeholder consultation and feedback since 2019. Submissions have acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the design team and the Council for the hard work on the project to date.

- The theme of the playground is great because it reflects the heritage of Naul. The slide, mound, climbing wall and tower house with rope bridge are complimented in the way they reflect a sense of adventure and risky play. The elevated position of the mound and tower will provide a view of the Black Castle to the north of the site and raise awareness of Naul's heritage. The mound and tower will provide a sculptural focal point within the centre of the park, complimented by the paths, routes and journeys which will provide a sense of adventure.

- Landscaping behind the outdoor stage will improve the audience perspective of the stage while the development of arrival space, parking and sloped paths will make the space more accessible and user-friendly.

- It was stated that the addition of a park and playground will create greater awareness of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and encourage more people to enjoy the arts activities that it offers.

Response:
The comments above are noted.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 2. Bicycle Facilities
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (6).
FIN-C422-3, FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-6, FIN-C422-7, FIN-C422-10, FIN-C422-12

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Submissions were received regarding the quantity of bicycle parking provision in relation to the scale of the park.

- An observation was made for the need for increasing the cycling facilities within this plan as well as ensuring that the future potential permeability between the Naul, other surrounding rural towns and the Fingal Coastal Way is considered in the bigger picture for the Naul.

Response:

- The Council recognises the popularity of cycling within Naul and its hinterland and this is reflected in the proposals. The plans for the development project provide for 12 bicycle parking spaces within the village park as well as a drinking fountain / refill station that can be used by cyclists. The provision of additional bicycle parking facilities will be explored during the detailed specification and procurement stage of the project as appropriate in consultation with Fingal's Active Travel Section to ensure there is a sufficient capacity.

- The park will be an attractive destination/stopping off point for cyclists. In consultation with the Council's Transportation Planning Section and as part of the park's resilient design, the proposals include for the set back of the boundary along the Balbriggan Road, providing sufficient space to facilitate the future continuation of a cycleway to the village.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 3. Playground
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (6).

FIN-C422-1, FIN-C422-2, FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-6, FIN-C422-10, FIN-C422-12

Summary of Issues

The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Sentiments of welcome and appreciation were expressed in relation to the new playground.

- Submissions were received regarding the scale of the proposed playground relative to local demand.

- A suggestion was made to increase the number of play pieces in the design, substituting the proposed table tennis table was given as an option to make way for more play equipment.

- Concerns were raised regarding the safety of sand play and its suitability for children with sensory issues.

- Concerns were raised regarding the proposed grass surface to the playground and the lawn at the Village Green potentially becoming too muddy for children.

- Queries were raised whether the play equipment is universally accessible. A request was made for a wheelchair accessible roundabout play piece.

- Observations were made regarding the requirement for the provision of play elements for older age groups and teenagers.

Response:

- The playground is a major component and design consideration of the village park
  The area dedicated to play exceeds the level of play provision recommended in the Council's Play Policy – 'Space for Play'. Further additional space within the park is allocated to active amenity and general exercise for all age groups such as callisthenics and table tennis. Play opportunities are not limited solely to the proposed play areas. The design intent for the village park is to provide natural, non-prescriptive outdoor play experience throughout the site.

- The playground inspired by the rich history of Naul will provide extensive play opportunities for a wide age range of users and includes the following features,

    - A castle play area, referencing the historic black castle.
    - A cliff climbing wall and mound including a slide, inspired by Naul as gaeilge 'an aill', meaning cliff
    - A sunken quarry play feature, referencing an old quarry north of the village
    - A basket swing
    - Natural elements such as logs and boulders

- Aural, visual, and tactile sensory features; music play tubes, music play percussion and tubes, music play xylophone, and play equipment will be constructed from bark-peeled logs so that they retain a natural appearance in line with the Council's Play Policy, *A Space for Play*.

- The proposed natural play features were chosen over traditional play pieces due to their open-ended play value and opportunities, allowing children to instinctively run, jump and use their imagination through the play areas. This natural play allocation will also cater for more users during higher periods of demand because of their non-prescriptive nature. Research has shown that children gain a greater appreciation and understanding of nature through play in natural spaces and that playing in a natural environment adds a new dynamic to their play opportunities as well as providing more enjoyable settings and prolonged play episodes. Providing access to the experience of natural environments through the incorporation of natural features within play spaces is a priority for Fingal and it is the Council's goal to maximise this benefit by incorporating natural play spaces for children within the Fingal area.

- A balance is required in any park between facilities and open space. In line with Fingal County Council's 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', the play locations were chosen to benefit from borrowed landscape features, such as trees and hedgerow, and this is looked upon as a unique backdrop for the playgrounds, particularly as a means to create a sense of place. It also allows the open space west of the hedgerow to retain its flexibility for non-prescriptive park activities etc.

- With reference to 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', natural, moveable materials such as sand are being increasingly used in new playgrounds across the county, in line with best practices and research. Sand facilitates sensory, constructive and non-prescriptive play opportunities. The quantity of sand will be small relative to the size of the playground with woodchip surfacing proposed for much of the space. Creative play spaces with moveable materials such as sand stimulate younger children and engages their imagination while helping with the development of fine motor skills. The proposed play space is spatially diverse to reflect the diverse nature of the users, with materials offering a mix of interesting textures, shapes, solidity, weight, flexibility, sound and touch to provide such diversity. The range of non-prescriptive, natural play opportunities on offer will benefit all children including those with additional needs and sensory issues, this is in recognition of the Play Policy's guiding principle of Inclusive, Accessible and Equitable Play for All.

- Specialised safety surfacing will be provided within the safety zones of play areas surfaced in the lawn as well as areas that may experience higher levels of use from the playground. The safety surfacing protects the grass from excess wear and tear.

- The council is committed to improving accessibility. Universal access ('access for all') has been a guiding principle in the design of the proposed play facilities and will be a fundamental requirement in the detailed project specification and procurement phase of the project. The play areas will be surfaced in materials that children with additional needs or wheelchair users can access.

- Immediately south of the playground is a proposed exercise and active amenity area. It will function as a multi-generational space for age groups from teenagers up to older adults to use the area for callisthenics, table tennis and prescribed exercises. In line with 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal' the Council recognise the demand of facilities for older children and teenagers. It is envisaged that as the younger children become older, they will move on to this multi–generational space where they can exercise, socialise, participate in healthy competitive activities such as table tennis and feel welcome to do so.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 4. Cark Park
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (5).
FIN-C422-3, FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-7, FIN-C422-10, FIN-C422-12

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Observations were made in relation to the quantity of car parking provision in relation to the scale of the park.
- Submissions were received regarding the quantity of Electric Vehicle charging points proposed
- A submission was received suggesting that the vehicular entrance should not be moved.
- A submission was received requesting that the car park should feature a form of acknowledgement of the site's former history and significance.

Response:

- The proposals increase parking availability appropriate to the scale of the site. 17 parking spaces are proposed. It is intended the car park will serve the graveyard, alleviate on-street parking in the village, provide parking for the proposed park and additional parking for the Séamus Ennis Centre. The Council's Transportation Planning Section has assessed the proposed parking provision proposed as appropriate for the site.

- The proposed location of the car park and entrance is the optimum configuration to provide people friendly space for the village green, arrival area and playground in the central area of the park. The car park will be naturally screened by the existing mature hedgerow on site.

- Sustainability and resilience were key considerations for the park design, the proposed car park includes for the provision of ducting to facilitate the future installation of Electric Vehicle charging point infrastructure as required. 'Grasscrete' parking bays add to the resilient vision of the park in accordance with the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).

- The site access has been designed to comply with road safety requirements. The Transportation Planning Section has assessed the proposed vehicular access and found it had improved sightlines when compared to the existing entrance location.

- The site's former history and significance are referenced throughout the proposals. Within the main body of the paving located at the Arrival Space, contrasting bands are proposed as a tribute to Séamus Ennis, with engraved lyrics of Easter snow, which is a traditional air that he made famous.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 5. Gently Sloped Access Pathway
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (3).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-5, FIN-C422-9

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- An observation was made regarding the requirement of the gently sloping pathway to comply with building regulations.
- A suggestion was made to slightly revise the layout of the gently sloping access path to ensure appropriate access for users of the stage.
- An observation highlighted that sufficient space must be provided to facilitate the movement of heavy equipment from the access path to the stage for the purpose of logistics and movement of equipment.
- A concern was raised that too much of the space is being allocated to the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre for a gently sloping pathway that should be used for car parking with wheelchair access along the footpath.

Response:
- One of the primary challenges that the site has presented is the pronounced level change that occurs between the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and the proposed Village Park. The linkage and connectivity between both sites have been an important consideration. A detailed topographical survey was commissioned to inform the design of the proposed access and to ensure the optimum configuration.

- The proposed access has been designed to be universally accessible. The proposed access features both a stepped and a universally accessible gently sloping pathway. Compliance with all relevant building regulations and universal access will be a fundamental requirement in the construction of the proposed access.

- The provision of space behind the stage will allow for the movement of heavy equipment from the access ramp to the stage and will be addressed during the

procurement and construction stage of the project in consultation with the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre.

- Having regard to the site topography, the proposed location of the car park is the optimum configuration to provide people friendly space for the village green, arrival area and playground in the central area of the park.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 6. Drainage & Water Supplies
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Consideration should be given for a tap in this area for park watering during dry periods and for establishing planting.

- Consideration should be given for the installation of a French drain adjacent to the historic outbuildings forming the boundary.

- A submission was received requesting that siting of the proposed water refill station should avoid obscuring locally important vistas of heritage sites and the preserved views north of the proposed development.

- A query was raised whether an old-style water pump type water fountain be included in the plans.
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- A submission was received requesting consideration for water harvesting in the reflection garden.

Response:

- The provision of elements required for water taps, pumps and harvesting will be explored and provided as part of the park operational and management regime as appropriate.

- Existing views to the monuments and vistas will be preserved from within the park.

- The surface water drainage proposals are designed in accordance with the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). These proposals have been assessed by the Water Services Department and have been found to be satisfactory.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 7. Lighting
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-12

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- An observation was made suggesting the provision lighting the access path and stairs which links the park and the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre.
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- An observation was made in relation to light pollution; any public lighting associated with the development should be proportionate and account for the need to avoid unnecessary light pollution and the need to protect species such as bats which are highly sensitive to artificial light.

Response:

- FCC does not currently provide lighting to parks. Naul village park will close at dusk Monday-Sunday with the exception of future managed events. Ducting provision for public lighting will be installed to allow for installation in the future if required. Provision for lighting to accommodate managed events shall be made on a temporary basis, subject to discussion with the public lighting section.

- The preliminary ecological assessment for the park concluded that the proposals will not have a significant long term negative impact on biodiversity values in the locality including bat species.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 8. Sculptural Elements / Carvings
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Suggestions were made to repurpose the remains of the old 'Big Tree' and incorporate into the park, such as a sculpture and bench.
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- A suggestion was submitted for the reuse of an historic architectural stone fragment onsite and incorporate into the park.

Response:

- The repurposing of the remains of the old 'Big Tree' and the architectural stone within the park will be considered as part of the detailed specification and construction stage of the project as appropriate.

- The proposals include for the planting of a large specimen tree within the park to reference the 'Big Tree'.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 9. Soft Landscape
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A concern was raised regarding the height of the trees. The submission suggested that the trees should not be over tall because, as they mature, they may overshadow the park and open spaces.
- Submissions suggested that the shrubs and perennials in the park should give all year-round interest with examples of plants given.
- A submission suggested that overly formal, symmetrical planting schemes should be avoided to retain the character of Naul Village.
- A submission was received suggesting that the hedgerow should be retained and not to be completely fenced off post-completion and that maintenance is also required.

Response:

- The approach for the soft landscaping is to retain the existing hedgerows and provide a high-quality landscape setting with native tree planting throughout the interior and boundary of the park mitigating where possible any potential visual impacts on the surrounding monuments and vistas. Proposed parkland trees along the boundaries of the park will be clear stemmed species and mature height will be a key consideration.

- A planting palette is proposed for the park that appropriately responds to its location and setting with consideration given to year-round interest and biodiversity. Proposals for trees, ornamental grasses, perennials, and woodland planting can be seen in Section. 4.4 of the Part 8 Planning Application report.

- FCC recognises the character of Naul Village and will respond to this appropriately through its landscaping and planting specifications.

- The findings of the Arboricultural Assessment & Impact report state that the hedgerow is to remain virtually intact, with recommendations as to the retention, protection and management of the hedgerow to improve its biodiversity and amenity value. It is the intention of the Council that the hedgerow will not be fenced off. Continued monitoring and maintenance of the historic hedgerow will form part of the park management plan in line with Council policy to protect and retain hedgerows in developments as appropriate.

- In line with Fingal County Council's play policy 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal', the location of the proposed playground was chosen to benefit from borrowed landscape features, such as the existing hedgerow. This is looked upon as a unique backdrop for the playground, particularly as a means to create a sense of place. It will also allow the open space west of the hedgerow to retain its flexibility for non-prescriptive park activities.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 10. Arrival Space
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A suggesting was made that consideration should be given to an electrical access point at the perimeter of the arrival space to allow a power source for community events and Christmas lighting.

- A submission was received suggesting that consideration be given to the etching of the park name into the face of the proposed bench at the front elevation of the park.

- A submission was received suggesting that the setts shown at the front of the park could include local colloquialisms or a map featuring the park in relation to heritage sites/amenities in the village.

- A submission was received suggesting that the vehicular entrance should not be moved as it works better at its existing location opposite the lane way at the side of the graveyard.

- An observation was made that the decision to provide a further set back from the road edge (west of the proposed north pedestrian entrance to the existing stone wall) does not fully consider an important quality that defines the distinct character of Naul's historic village square

- A submission was received suggesting that a line of trees on the exterior of the boundary wall / adjacent to the path edge should be reinstated to provide a sense of enclosure when entering Naul Village from the east.

Response:

- The site's former history and significance are referenced throughout the proposals. Within the main body of the paving located at the Arrival Space, contrasting bands are proposed as a tribute to Séamus Ennis, with engraved lyrics of Easter snow, which is a traditional air that he made famous. Further options of engravings and etchings to reflect the sites heritage will be explored during the detailed specification stage.
- Ducting provision for power sources will be installed to allow for installation in the future if required. Provision for lighting to accommodate managed events may be made on a temporary basis, subject to discussion with the public lighting section.
- In the planning report the Transportation Planning Section has assessed the relocated vehicular access to have improved sightlines when compared to the existing entrance location.
- In the interest of active travel, the proposals for the set back of the boundary along the Balbriggan Road is for the provision of sufficient space to accommodate the future continuation of a cycleway to the village. The Arrival Space will be paved in a high-quality natural stone that complements the materials palette of the church and graveyard on the opposite side of the road.
- A condition from the Transportation Planning Section is that no objects shall be placed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm at the car park entrance, this limits the scope for a line of trees to the exterior of the boundary wall. No permanent elements are to be within the setback area for the future provision of the continued cycleway. Several trees are proposed along the inside of the boundary wall to the north of the site which will create a sense of arrival when they reach maturity.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 11. Park Maintenance
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received suggesting that a maintenance regime/plan for the proposed park, post-completion, should be made.
- A concern was raised over potential insurance issues if volunteers from the local community are expected to take on responsibility for some or all the planting and maintenance.

- A submission raised a concern that there are not enough dog bins provided.

Response:

- Maintenance and management of the park will form part of the park's management plan and will be the responsibility of the Council.

- As part of the park management plan, bins will be provided as appropriate.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 12. Site Furniture & Equipment
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (2).
FIN-C422-4, FIN-C422-10

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received suggesting that there should be more seating in the Reflective Garden.

- A submission was received regarding the safety of the site furniture, suggesting that the seating in Naul Park and Playground must avoid sharp angled edges of wood, stone, concrete seats and be free of trip hazards.

- A suggestion was received regarding the visual impact of the proposed furniture and requesting that there are not too many competing elements to avoid visual clutter.

- An observation was made on whether the proposal of two chess tables is necessary.

- An observation was made that the angular raised beds seem very formal and queried whether they can be softened.

- An observation was made that the pergola needs to be tall and wide enough to allow wheelchair access.

- An observation was made that it is necessary that there is a separate storage area for Naul Tidy Towns. The submission also suggested that the shed needs to be equipped with a security alarm system.

Response:

- The bespoke hardwood timber clad benches to the perimeter of the reflective garden have the capacity to seat up to 26 people. Additional seating is allowed for in the form of chess tables and moveable furniture. In the event of increased demand, additional seating will be catered for in the operational phase of the project.

- The seating elements have been designed with due regard for safety, comfort and functionality.

- Play equipment and materials used will incorporate elements that occur in nature. An example of this is the replacement of rubberised safety surfacing with woodchip surfacing, this does not compromise on impact absorption and complies with European playground standards. Similarly, play equipment will be constructed from bark-peeled logs so that they retain a natural appearance.

- Chess tables will also function as standard seating and park tables in addition to chess.

- The design rational has taken account of locations and allocation of site furniture, equipment has been specified to avoid visual clutter within the proposals.

- The angular raised beds are chosen as a best practice solution for accessibility and buildability for the design of the garden and are typical for a community garden.

- The council is committed to improving accessibility. Universal access ('access for all') will has been a guiding principle for the design of the proposed park facilities and furniture.

- A cladded storage container is included in the proposals, this will be located adjacent to the reflective garden for community use as appropriate and in liaison with the relevant groups. Site security will be reviewed as appropriate during the operational phase of the project

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 13. Séamus Ennis Arts Centre (SEAC)
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).
FIN-C422-5

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A concern was raised regarding the interface between the proposed access path and the SEAC stage. It was requested that at the detailed construction stage, consideration is given to the practical requirements of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre to run events and use of the stage and canopy cover.

- A submission was received requesting that the existing fence that runs from the front of the toilet block to the front of the stage, or a suitable replacement, be included in the final design.

- A submission has raised an issue regarding flooding caused by an existing toilet container on-site. A request has been made to re-install the toilet container as advised by the supplier.

Response:

- The items raised are noted and the Council will continue to liaise with the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre during the detailed construction and procurement stage to creatively and permanently address the requests made and concerns raised.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 14. Site Boundaries
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).
FIN-C422-4

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received requesting improvements to the visual amenity of the boundary wall.

- A submission was received requesting that the southern boundary of the reflection garden be made good and conserved.

- A submission was received requesting that the section of the proposed boundary, between the existing stone boundary wall at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and the proposed railing junction (red line of railing on site plan) be revised and replaced with an extension of the existing stone wall.

Response:

- The boundary wall treatment will be constructed of high quality stone and materials to reflect the rich historical and architectural context in the vicinity such as the Black Castle and Naul Church and Graveyard.

- Conservation and repair works will be addressed as appropriate during the specification and construction phase of the project.

- The design rational for the boundary treatment of the site is to provide passive surveillance into the park. Appropriate planting and landscaping will form a visual screen, providing privacy for the users of Pipers Garden, the outdoor stage area of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 15. Park Name
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).

FIN-C422-4

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was made received regarding the name of the park.

Response:

- The naming of the park does not fall within the scope of this Part VIII planning application. Any change of the accepted name of the park is a separate process in agreement with the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee of Fingal County Council.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 16. Road Crossing
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (3).

FIN-C422-4

Summary of Issues
The main issues and support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission expressed the need for safe access between the proposed development and Naul Graveyard.

Response:

- Site access has been improved via the new vehicular entrance which is designed to comply with road safety requirements. The Transportation Planning Section has assessed the proposed vehicular access and found it had improved sightlines when compared to the existing entrance location.

- Access has been further improved by the set back of the boundary along the Balbriggan Road, providing sufficient space to facilitate the future continuation of a cycleway to the village.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 17. Market Area
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).

FIN-C422-9

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was made regarding the space allocated for the farmers' market

Response:

- There is scope for the accommodation of market stalls in the car park to the East of the site allowing for vendors smaller size vans and cars being parked between the stalls. On regular days the car park has a provision for 17 car parking spaces and during the market for approximately 9 market stalls and 8 vendors cars. The second location that can work as complementary or additional alternative market space is the paved meeting area at the entrance of the park and adjacent village green.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme: 18. Park Study
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).

FIN-C422-4

Summary of Issues
The main issues relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A suggesting was received that consideration should be made for undertaking a Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE) on the park.

- A submission was received suggesting using the proposed pocket park as a research study.

Response:

- The comments are noted. Usage of the completed park will be monitored as appropriate going forward.

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

6. Recommendation whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be

It is considered that the Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report (Appendix 1). It is recommended that the Council approve the Naul Village Park Development Project as proposed.

Appendix 1. Planning Report

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Register Reference:	PART XI/008/21
Proposed Development:	Naul Village Park
Location:	Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin
Proposing Department:	Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department
Application Type:	Part XI/ Part 8

Purpose of report

The following report has been prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (P&SI) Department to assess the proposal with regard to the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and outlines the planning considerations relating to the impact of the proposal on the amenities of the receiving area. The report is based on the information provided to P&SI by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division of the P&SI Department. The information includes plans, particulars, an Arboricultural Assessment and Impact Report, a Preliminary Ecological Assessment, a Flood Risk Assessment, an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, an Appropriate Assessment Screening report and a draft Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The comments of other sections of the P&SI Department and any other Department of the Council are also considered.

Nature of development

Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering.
- A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point.
- A medieval herb garden.
- Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park.
- A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not.
- Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking.
- A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars.
- Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals.

- Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road.

Site Location & Description
The subject site is located on the southern and eastern sides of the R122 which runs through Naul rural village and to the rear (east) of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre (SEAC). The site is presently in a disused and unkempt state, with gravel surfacing on parts of the site. Vehicular access to the site is presently available from the Balbriggan Road at the northern site boundary, which is denoted by close board type fencing. A rendered and capped blockwork wall forms the eastern boundary and the majority of the southern boundary; the south-west corner of the site is bounded by farm buildings of rubble stone construction. The eastern and south-eastern site boundaries adjoins the Delvin Banks residential estate, while part of the southern boundary adjoins Seamus Ennis Terrace which is a residential development of 4 no. dwellings. There is a pronounced level change between the rear of the SEAC and the subject site. A historic hedgerow runs through the site which corresponds to an old field boundary.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023
Development Plan description of Naul
Naul village is located in north Fingal, near the boundary with County Meath, it functions as a key village within the Hinterland area and is part of the network of rural villages which function as small local service centres for the surrounding rural hinterland. The Village Square and Main Street provide the focus of the built form of the village and are located within a designated Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The Square contains a range of nineteenth and twentieth century buildings, including the re-thatched Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. Naul has significant potential to develop further as an attractive destination given its charming village form, its scenic landscape setting, notable archaeological, architectural and musical heritage and its proximity to archaeological sites in County Meath.

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre located in the heart of the village hosts many of today's foremost musicians, songwriters and artists and attracts considerable interest from around the country. The centre already has a major local role as well as further potential for regional, tourism and consequential local economic development. Fingal County Council is committed to building upon the success of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. It is the Council's intention to develop a Recreational Hub on lands adjoining the existing Clann Mhuire GAA grounds, providing active recreational facilities for the wider area. Naul has a current population of around 450. A Local Area Plan for Naul was adopted on 9th May 2011 and extended for five years in April 2016 until 10th April 2021.

Relevant Development Plan objectives

Natural Heritage
In respect of Appropriate Assessment:

Objective DMS01
Ensure that all plans and projects in the County which could, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a European site or sites are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Objective DMS02
Ensure Local Authority development proposals are subject to environmental assessment, as appropriate, including Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

DMS163
Ensure Screening for Appropriate Assessment and, where required, full Appropriate Assessment is carried out for all plans and projects in the County which, individually, or in

combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant direct or indirect impact on any European site or sites.

In respect of design criteria for urban development:

Objective PM33
Enhance and develop the fabric of existing and developing rural and urban centres in accordance with the principles of good urban design, including the promotion of high quality well-designed visually attractive main entries into our towns and villages.

In respect of Public Open Space:

PM51
Provide a wide variety of accessible public open spaces, including allotments, community gardens, permaculture parklands and sporting facilities, on a hierarchical basis throughout the County in order to achieve a choice of open space facilities. Best practice Green Infrastructure Guidelines should be used to determine the location and type of open spaces to be provided.

PM55
Ensure coherent clustering of recreational and open space facilities into a recreational hub arrangement unless a more practicable solution is demonstrated.

PM58
Ensure intensive recreational/amenity facilities are not used exclusively by any one group.

PM60
Ensure public open space is accessible, and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

PM61
Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

PM62
Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

NH02
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI25
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active, by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

GI27
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

GI28

Provide attractive and safe routes linking key green space sites, parks and open spaces and other foci such as cultural sites and heritage assets as an integral part of new green infrastructure provision, where appropriate and feasible.

GI29
Provide opportunities for food production through allotments, community gardens and permaculture food forests in new green infrastructure proposals where appropriate.

GI31
Ensure the provision of new green infrastructure addresses the requirements of functional flood storage, the sustainable management of coastal erosion, and links with provision for biodiversity, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and provision for parks and open space wherever possible and appropriate.

In respect of Archaeology, Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs):

GI34
Ensure, wherever possible and appropriate, that elements of the archaeological and architectural heritage are fully integrated into proposals for new developments at the project design stage.

GI36
Ensure green infrastructure provision responds to and reflects landscape character including historic landscape character, conserving, enhancing and augmenting the existing landscapes and townscapes of Fingal which contribute to a distinctive sense of place.

CH07
Ensure that development within the vicinity of a recorded monument or zone of archaeological notification does not seriously detract from the setting of the feature, and is sited and designed appropriately.

CH20
Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

Land-use zoning:
The subject site is zoned 'RV' Rural Village with the Objective to '*Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure.*

Vision: *Protect and promote established villages within the rural landscape where people can settle and have access to community services. The villages are areas within the rural landscape where housing needs can be satisfied with minimal harm to the countryside and surrounding environment. The villages will serve their rural catchment, provide local services and smaller scale rural enterprises. Levels of growth will be managed through Local Area Plans to ensure that a critical mass for local services is encouraged without providing for growth beyond local need and unsustainable commuting patterns.*

With the exception of a strip of land at the eastern side of the site, the subject site is located within the Naul Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The site is subject to a highly sensitive landscape designation and its landscape character is indicated as 'High Lying Agricultural.'

There are a number of Recorded Monuments in the vicinity of the subject site including the following:

- SMR No. DU004-045002: Castle – tower house
- SMR No. DU004-045003: Ritual site – holy well
- SMR No. DU004-045004: Church
- SMR No. DU004-045005: Graveyard
- SMR No. DU004-045009: Enclosure

There are also a number of Protected Structures in the area including:

- RPS No. 104 Church in ruins and graveyard located at the Naul Road, Naul village
- RPS No. 105 The Black Castle at Main Street in Naul
- RPS No. 106 Naul Bridge at Main Street, Westown in Naul
- RPS No. 107 The Old Mill at Main Street, Westown in Naul
- RPS No. 108 Seamus Ennis Centre at Main Street in Naul
- RPS No. 109 Church of the Nativity of Our Lady at Chapel Lane, Westown in Naul

Objective GIM 5 as indicated on Green Infrastructure Map No. 14 is relevant to the proposal and states the following: 'Maintain and develop the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre as a significant traditional arts venue.'

The Naul Local Area Plan (LAP)
The duration of the Naul LAP 2011-2017 was extended in 2016 until 10th April 2021 and has therefore expired. However it remains relevant as a guidance document for the development of the subject site. The LAP identifies 12 potential development areas, including Development Area 1 which comprises the subject site. Section 4.1 of the LAP relates to the subject site, which is described as follows:

Development Area 1 (0.78Ha.)
This is a key development site in the heart of the village adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre and linking to Delvin Banks. The site is owned predominantly by the Council, with a small area in private ownership. A new civic/recreational building, extending the capacity of the SEC Centre and a children's/elders playground and village parking are proposed for this area. Limited commercial/retail development will be considered within this development area together with the reuse of the existing courtyard outbuildings as residential accommodation for visiting musicians and other artists. The development of this site will also afford an opportunity to develop a pedestrian link from Delvin Banks to the Main Street, avoiding the Balbriggan Road. It is an objective of this LAP that proposed development shall accord with the following development parameters:

- *The development of this area is envisaged as a new civic quarter with high quality buildings and an enticing public realm, providing for the creation of civic/recreational building, auditorium and rehearsal rooms, extending the capacity of the SEC Centre, together with children's/elder's playground and village parking.*
- *Pedestrian/cycle access routes, permitting a high degree of permeability, shall be provided, throughout the development area, linking the development area with Main Street, Devlin Banks and the proposed Naul Park to the north.*
- *Vehicular access shall be from the Balbriggan Road. No vehicular through route to either Delvin Banks or to the Main Street shall be permitted.*
- *An amphitheatre, suitable for outdoor events is proposed as a link between the existing SE centre and the new auditorium, having regard to the significant difference in ground levels.*

- *Ensure the protection of existing trees and hedgerows, in particularly, along the Balbriggan Road frontage and to the south of the development area. Substantial tree planting is proposed as a buffer to the existing housing at Devlin Banks.*
- *Provision of adequate off-street parking.*

A Specific Objective relating to the subject site as identified on the LAP map relating to the subject lands are as follows:

1. To provide for a children's and elder's playground in association with the proposed expansion to the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre.

Proximate to the south-eastern part of the subject site the LAP indicates a Specific Objective, set out as follows:

8. To provide pedestrian access to the south of Seamus Ennis Centre site from Delvin Banks housing estate

Planning History

Subject site and adjoining lands to the south and east

F03A/0923 and PL06F.204573 – Permission REFUSED for a mixed residential/commercial development on a site of 4.04 hectares, comprising 45 no. 2-storey houses (6 no. 2 bed terraced, 8 no 3 bed terraced and 31 no. 5 bed detached houses), 93 sqm of retail space and 775 sqm of commercial space (office and business incubator units) arranged in a block of 2 and part 3 floors, associated car parking spaces, boundary walls and fences, an ESB substation (22 sqm.), and all associated site works on and under land, including a new vehicular entrance from the Balbriggan Road. Location: Westown Lands, Balbriggan Road, Naul, Co. Dublin

Adjoining lands to the south and east

F05A/0837 – Permission GRANTED for a residential development comprising 80 houses including 28 no. 4 bed detached houses; 3 no. 4 bed detached houses with garage; 14 no. 4 bed semi-detached houses; 6 no. 4 bed semi-detached houses with garage; 7 no. 3 bed semi-detached houses adjoining 7 no. 2 bed semi-detached houses; 15 no. 2 bed terraced houses in 5 no. blocks; internal roads, footpaths, boundary walls/fences; R.C. attenuation tank; an E.S.B. substation and switch room (area 25sqm); and all associated site and landscaping works, including a new vehicular entrance from the Balbriggan Road, on an overall site of area 4.046 Hectares including lands reserved for Fingal County Council(0.47 Hectares). Location: Westown Lands, Naul, Co. Dublin.

Under Reg. Ref. F05A/0837/E1 permission was GRANTED to extend the duration of F05A/0837 by 18 months as 76 units had been completed.

Lands to the south

F15A/0116 – Permission GRANTED for 4 no. 4 bedroom detached dwellings, minor realignment works to an internal cul de sac road, perimeter boundary walls/fences and all associated drainage, site and landscaping works. Location: Delvin Banks, Westown lands, Naul, Co. Dublin.

Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department:

Water Services Engineering Section: Additional information recommended
Transportation Planning: No objection
Parks and Green Infrastructure Division: No objection
Community Archaeologist: No archaeological mitigations recommended
Conservation Officer: Point to note

Details of Proposed Development:
The proposal comprises the development of a landscaped Village Park to incorporate the following elements:

- A centrally located 'lawn / kickabout' area within which a large sized feature tree will stand to act as a landmark/focal point. This area is adjoined to the south by a heritage and music themed children's playground.
- Proximate to the southern site boundary a recreation area accommodating an 'elders playground' including adult exercise equipment and boules court are proposed.
- At the south-western part of the site a medieval herb garden with storage facility (container) is proposed.
- At the western side of the site ornamental grass planting, a stepped path and a gently sloping landscaped ramp both leading to the adjacent stage and outbuildings associated with and located to the rear of the SEAC is proposed. There is a significant level change between the proposed park and the adjoining stage and outbuildings. It is proposed that the route connecting both spaces will be designed to facilitate universal access and by reference to Part M of the Building Regulations.
- A vehicular access point from the north of the site leading to 17 grasscrete car parking spaces located along the eastern site boundary.
- 2 no. pedestrian entrances to the proposed Village Park from the northern boundary of the site. A proposed pedestrian access point immediately north of the SEAC.
- An existing pedestrian entrance to the subject site from the Delvin Banks residential estate to the south is retained and opened up / unblocked to facilitate access to the Village Park.
- The existing historic hedgerow on the site which was an old field boundary is to be retained.
- At the north of the site a new boundary comprising a round bar black galvanised railing atop a stone faced plinth wall is proposed.
- Opportunities for sitting and picnicking throughout the proposed Village Park.

Assessment:
The primary issues for consideration include:

- Compliance with Development Plan objectives
- Impact on amenities of the area
- Water & drainage
- Transportation considerations
- Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Heritage
- Archaeology
- Ecological issues
- Appropriate Assessment;
- EIA Screening.

Compliance with Development Plan objectives
The subject site is zoned 'RV' Rural Village with the objective to 'Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure.' While development of a village park is not listed within the 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Not Permitted' use classes associated with the 'RV' zoning objective, it is considered that the proposal accords with both the 'RV' Zoning Objective and its associated Vision, and is therefore acceptable in principle at the proposed location.

The proposal involves development of a village park on a disused site to incorporate a number of recreational uses in Naul rural village. In this respect, the proposal is considered to accord

with Development Plan objectives in respect of public open space, as set out above. The proposal also generally complies with the recently expired Naul LAP within which the subject site was designated as a proposed civic and recreational area.

Impact on amenities of the area

The proposed Village Park is to be located on a derelict site within the centre of Naul Village. The development of this unused village centre site as a Village Park is welcomed. The proposed facility will comprise various elements including a central kickabout area, playground areas for children and adults, a herb garden, connectivity to the adjoining site which accommodates the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and approximately 17 no. car parking spaces. The nearest dwellings to the subject site are 2 no. housing units in the Delvin Banks residential estate; their gable walls adjoin the site to the east. 4 no. detached dwellings at Seamus Ennis Terrace are located to the south of the subject site and overlook the proposed park. While car parking is proposed proximate to the eastern site boundary, it is considered that the majority of activity associated with the proposed development will be concentrated centrally and to the south western and western parts of the site. Having regard to the separation distance of the elements within the proposed park which will be in closest proximity to adjoining residential property and the nature of the uses within these areas of the park, no undue impacts on the residential amenity of adjoining property or on the amenity of the adjoining area are anticipated.

It is considered that the proposed diverse uses within the proposed Village Park will enhance and increase activity in the area which will in turn facilitate passive surveillance and address potential anti-social behaviour. The proposed new boundary treatment at the northern edge of the site is of high quality and constitutes a major improvement in terms of the existing fenced boundary treatment. The proposal will also facilitate connectivity to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and increased permeability to Naul Village generally. The submitted Landscape Plan informed by a tree survey including an Arboricultural Assessment and Impact Report and details of proposed replacement planting and tree protection measures is considered appropriate to the subject site and the proposed development. The retention of the historic hedgerow within the site is also to be welcomed. Two shipping containers are proposed to be retained on site, one located adjacent to SEAC toilet for storage of performance equipment and another located beside the proposed herb garden for storage of gardening equipment. Having regard to the scale of the containers and their location on site this is considered acceptable. In conclusion it is considered that the proposition will enhance the amenity of the area and provide quality recreational opportunities to the public. An outline/draft Construction Environmental Management Plan has been prepared to address potential construction phase environmental effects and identify control measures.

Water and Drainage

The submitted Flood Risk Assessment prepared by McCloy Consulting indicates that the subject site is not considered to be at significant risk of flooding from any source, that it is within Flood Zone C and as such, the proposed development will not cause an increase in flood risk elsewhere. The Water Services report recommends that the proposed development incorporates a surface water drainage proposal which follows the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Furthermore, additional detail in terms of the water supply and foul drainage proposals is recommended. It is noted that there is no proposal to connect to foul sewer. There is an existing mains water supply available on the site.

Transportation considerations

The Transportation Planning Section states no objection to the proposed development subject a condition that no objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Heritage
The conservation officer report does not raise any objection to the proposed development. The report states that it should be noted in the description of the public notice that the Seamus Ennis Centre is a protected structure. This can be addressed by way of recommendation.

Archaeology
As set out above, there are several recorded monuments and protected structures located in the vicinity of the subject site. The proposed development is partially located within the zone of notification for the archaeological complex DU004-004/5 centred on Naul church and graveyard, which is not referred to in the submitted EIAR screening report. The Heritage Officer's report considers that the current topography, separation by road and previous impact of disturbance indicate a low potential for impact on archaeological remains. Historical maps demonstrate that the subject site was in use as garden plots from the 19th century. The retention of the historic hedgerow visible on the First Edition Ordnance Survey Map is welcomed. The Heritage Officer notes that aerial photography show ground disturbance on the proposed site from at least 1995; additionally a programme of archaeological monitoring of the development immediately adjacent to the subject site did not record the presence of any archaeological material or deposits. Given that the proposed works will not involve extensive ground works or excavations and having regard to the previous ground disturbance identified, the Heritage Officer notes that there are no archaeological mitigation measures recommended at this time.

It is considered that the submitted EIAR screening should be updated to reflect that the proposed development is partially located within the zone of notification for Naul church and graveyard.

Ecological issues:
A Preliminary Ecological Assessment conducted by Mary Tubridy and Associates finds that with the exception of the existing hedgerow, the habitats affected by the proposed park development are common types of low biodiversity value. There is no evidence that the area subject to proposed landscaping is important for bat roosting, and/or trees proposed for felling are considered to be potential bat roosts; therefore it is considered that there is no need for bat surveys to be undertaken. No badger activity was detected and therefore a badger specific survey was not carried out. The Assessment concludes that while there will be a short term impact on biodiversity values due to construction activities, the proposed development of the site as an amenity area will not have a significant long term negative impact on biodiversity values in the locality. The conclusions of the Preliminary Ecological Assessment are considered reasonable and are accepted.

Appropriate Assessment
The closest Natura 2000 site is the River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA which is located approximately 9 kilometres from the subject site. A Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment has been prepared by Mary Tubridy and Associates and it identifies all Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius of the site. There are no hydrological links between the site and Natura sites. The Screening Report concludes with a finding of no significant impacts on Natura 2000 sites. The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted. Having regard to the information contained in the Screening Report, the nature and location of the proposed development and the absence of a hydrological link between the subject site and any Natura 2000 site, it is considered that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

EIA Screening
An EIAR Screening Report has been prepared for the proposal by KPMG Future Analytics. The Screening Report finds that the proposed development does not fall within the projects or

classes of development as defined by the parameters set out in Annex I and Annex II of the EIA Directive and Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and as such the proposal is considered as a sub-threshold development for the purposes of EIA Screening. The Screening Report concludes that significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the proposed development and therefore there is no requirement for an EIAR to be submitted. The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted.

Conclusion:
The use of a public Village Park is considered to accord with the 'RV' Rural Village land use zoning of the subject site and is also considered to comply with the applicable objectives contained in the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.* The proposal will make a positive addition to the area, providing both active and passive recreation opportunities within a landscaped setting. The proposal also provides for a good degree of connectivity with the adjoining site accommodating the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and Naul village generally. Subject to the recommendations indicated below, the proposed development is acceptable in principle and is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation:
The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has no objection to the principle of the proposed development at this location subject to the implementation of the recommendations below.

1. Prior to commencement of development details of (i) the foul sewer drainage proposal, (ii) the water supply proposal, and (iii) the surface water drainage proposal to include design calculations and which follows the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and complies with the principles outlined in the GDSDS (Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study) Regional Drainage Policies Volume 2 New Development, Aug 2005, shall be agreed with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.

2. The EIAR Screening Report should be updated to reflect that the proposed development is partially located within the zone of notification for Naul church and graveyard.

3. The description of the proposed development set out in the public notice shall state that the Seamus Ennis Centre is a protected structure (RPS No. 108).

4. No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

5. A Construction Management and Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed with the Planning Authority (Operations Department) prior to construction of the proposed development. The Plan shall include the construction phasing of development and haul routes.

Kevin Halpenny
Senior Parks and Landscape Officer

David Murray
Senior Planner (Acting)

Matthew McAleese
Director of Services
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

Appendix 1

Copies of Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/008/21

Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021

Development: Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering.

- A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point.

- A medieval herb garden.

- Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park.

- A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not.

- Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking.

- A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars.

- Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals.

- Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road.

Location: Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

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Report

Foul Sewer: Additional Information:

1. The foul sewer drainage proposal is not clear. The applicant is asked to submit more detail.

Surface Water: Additional Information:

1. The submission does not include a drainage strategy. Requirements with regard to water/foul requirements are also not clear. The applicant is requested to submit a surface water drainage proposal, including design calculations, following the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and in compliance with the principles outlined in the GDSDS (Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study) Regional Drainage Policies Volume 2 New Development, Aug 2005.

2. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.

3. The surface water drainage must be in compliance with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

Flooding:

The site is deemed to be located within Flood Zone C, where the probability of flooding is low (i.e. less than 0.1% AEP or 1 in 1,000 years).

Water Supply: IW

2. The water supply proposal is not clear. The applicant is asked to submit more detail.

Officer: DC Endorsed: _____

Date: 03/08/2021 Date: _____

Officer: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Fingal County Council

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:	PARTXI/008/21
Development:	Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities; - A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering. - A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point. - A medieval herb garden. - Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park. - A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not. - Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking. - A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars. - Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals. - Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road.
Location:	Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	15 July 2021

General

The proposed development is located in a 50km/hr speed limit.

Parking

There are 17 parking spaces provided with the proposed development. This is acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section.

Sightlines

There is an existing access to the site that is to be relocated to the east of its current position as part of the proposed development. The relocated access has improved sightlines over the existing entrance. The sightline drawing provided is incorrect. The setback is required from the road edge and not the back of the footpath. This means that the actual sightlines will be better than those shown on the drawing. Sightlines can also be measured to the centreline of the road to the left of the access for emerging vehicles i.e. towards the centre of the village as there is a continuous white line in the centre of the road that prohibits overtaking in the immediate vicinity of the proposed entrance. Consequently, sightlines at the relocated entrance are in excess of the required 45m in both directions.

Cycle facilities

There is a cycleway and footpath with a verge the front of the adjoining residential development to the east (Delvin Banks). Sufficient space should be provided along the frontage of the proposed development with the R108 to facilitate a continuation of this facility towards the village centre.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

Signed: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/008/21
Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021
Development: Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering.
- A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point.
- A medieval herb garden.
- Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park.
- A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not.
- Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking.
- A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars.
- Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals.
- Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road.

Location: Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin
Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development.

Officer: Mark Finnegan
Date: 27/07/21

Endorsed: Gemma Carr
Date: 27/07/21

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/008/21

Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021

Development: Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering.

- A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point.

- A medieval herb garden.

- Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park.

- A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not.

- Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking.

- A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars.

- Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals.

- Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road.

Location: Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Officer for comment. The proposal is for the development of a village park and play facilities In Naul on a site adjoining the Protected Structure (RPS No. 108) of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and opposite the protected site of the old church and graveyard which is both a Protected Structure (RPS No. 104) and a Recorded Monument under National Monument legislation.

The Conservation Officer did input into pre-planning consultations on the proposal. The scheme primarily consists of landscaping works with some public seating/furniture and outdoor play structures. It seeks to enhance an area in the village for public use and will improve the setting of the surrounding buildings.

The only comments that the Conservation Officer has is that it should be noted in the description of the public notice that the Seamus Ennis Centre is a protected structure.

Signed:	
	Helena Bergin
Position:	**Conservation Officer**
Date:	**09/08/2021**

Archaeological Report

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department
Fingal County Council

Register Reference:	**PARTXI/008/21**
Proposed Development:	Landscape Development Plan for a Village Park incorporating a play space. The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;- A playground that can cater for a wide age range and which is inclusive in its offering.- A village green and large size feature tree to act as a focal point.- A medieval herb garden.- Defined entry points for pedestrians from the public footpath and a new footpath and open space offering within the park.- A universally accessible route that connects the park and the area to the rear of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. A pronounced level difference separates both areas and so the corresponding route is designed with reference to Technical Guidance Document M: Access and Use, of the Building Regulations. Part M is applied as a standard to all accessible routes whether they directly access a building entrance or not.- Multiple opportunities for sitting and picnicking.- A car park with capacity for approximately 17 cars.- Relocation and incorporation of existing shipping containers within redevelopment proposals.- Revised boundary treatment along the R122 Balbriggan Road
Location:	Adjacent to the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, The Naul, Co. Dublin
Report Type:	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Planning Officer:	John Duffy
Lodged:	15/07/2021

The proposed development is partially located within the zone of notification for the archaeological complex DU004-004/5 centred on Naul church and graveyard. This is not recognised in the EIAR Screening Report submitted. However, the current topography, separation by the road and previous impact of disturbance indicate a low potential for impact on archaeological remains. A cursory examination of the historical maps shows that the site was in use as garden plots from the 19th century-the retention of the hedgerow visible on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map is welcomed. Aerial photos show ground disturbance on the proposed site from at least 1995. In addition, a programme of archaeological monitoring of the development immediately adjacent to the proposed site did not record the presence of any archaeological material features or deposits[1]

As proposed works will not require extensive ground works or excavations and given the previous ground disturbance identified, there are no archaeological mitigations recommended at this time.

[1] Moore Group 2007, Archaeological Monitroing at Westtown, Naul
https://heritagemaps.ie/documents/Therefore_ArchaeologyReports/06E0063.pdf

Signed:	
	Christine Baker
Position:	**Heritage Officer**
Date:	**21/07/2021**

Appendix 2. List of submissions or Observations made

CVQ ID	AUTHOR	SUBMISSION TYPE
FIN-C422-1	Siobhan Murphy	User
FIN-C422-2	John Murphy	User
FIN-C422-3	Darragh Butler	Councillor
FIN-C422-4	Ian Lennon	User
FIN-C422-5	The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre	Organisation
FIN-C422-6	Robert O'Donoghue	Councillor
FIN-C422-7	Duncan Smith	TD
FIN-C422-8	Roger Blackburn	User
FIN-C422-9	Naul Community Council & Tidy Towns	Organisation
FIN-C422-10	Roger Blackburn	User
FIN-C422-11	Roger Blackburn	User
FIN-C422-12	Joe O'Brien	TD
FIN-C422-13	Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage	Organisation

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 26

Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project

Agenda

- Brief recap summary of proposal
- Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*
- Overview of the Statutory Public Consultation
- Summary of key themes from submissions received and response
- Recommendation

Non-Statutory Consultation

April 2021 → A meeting was held on the 1st April 2021 to present preliminary designs to representatives of the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre.

July 2021 → A meeting was held on the 7th July 2021 to present progressed design proposals to representatives of Naul Community Council.



Part VIII Landscape Development Plan

Design Proposals

Proposals and Ancillary Infrastructure

The proposals incorporate the following amenities….



- All **Inclusive Playground** for a wide range of ages and users
- **Arrival space** & **Village Green**
- **Universal access** to events space at Seamus Ennis Centre
- 17 no car **parking** spaces
- Ducting for **EV charging**
- Extensive **landscape planting** using predominately pollinator friendly trees, shrubs and perennials
- 12 no. **Bicycle parking** spaces
- **Recreation** and **fitness** area
- **Drinking fountain**
- **Reflective garden**
- New **path network**
- **Sustainable Urban Drainage Infrastructure (SuDS)** to ensure surface water is attenuated within the site
- **Boundary treatments**
- New **vehicular entrance**

Design Proposals



Design Proposals







Perspective Image - Playground

- **Hill slide**
- **Log ladder**
- **Castle themed playhouse**
- **Basket swing**
- **Musical play pieces**
- **Cliff sided mound with climbing wall**
- **Natural materials – logs, boulders**

Perspective Image - Reflection Garden



- Raised planters / herb garden
- Pergola entrance
- Seating
- Chess tables
- Cedar cladded community storage
- Passive recreation in a relaxing setting

Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

It is considered that the Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023

Public Consultation

- Placed on public display on 14th September 2021
- Advertised in press & social media
- Submissions encouraged prior to closing date of 27th October
- **13** Submissions received





Summary of Observations

- A total of **13 submissions** were received.
- Planning support & issues allocated to **18 themes**, e.g.

➢ General Support of the Project

➢ Bicycle Facilities

➢ Playground

➢ Car Park

➢ Gently Sloping Pathway

- Including submission received from a prescribed body:

➢ Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Theme 1:
General Support of the Project (1 of 2)

- **9 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Sample of support related to this theme:

- Sentiments of welcome expressed for the exciting proposals and the proposal for a new playground is appreciated.

- Sentiments that this project will be beneficial to the Naul community, a fantastic amenity for residents and visitors to the village

- Proposed elements within the plan referencing Naul's historical and musical heritage are welcomed.

- The park will increase awareness of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, encouraging more people to enjoy the arts activities on offer.

Theme 1:
General Support of the Project (2 of 2)

- The park will increase awareness of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, encouraging more people to enjoy the arts activities on offer.
- The Reflective Garden, Village Green and Playground were commended.
- Acknowledgement and appreciation expressed as to the consultation with stakeholders which is reflected in the plans.
- Appreciation expressed for the work to date by the Council and design team.

Theme 2: Bicycle Facilities

- **6 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Quantity of bicycle parking provision, the need to increase cycling facilities.

Response:

- As part of the park's resilient design, the plans for the development project provide for 12 bicycle parking spaces within the village park as well as a drinking fountain / refill station that can be used by cyclists.
- The proposals include for the set back of the boundary along the Balbriggan Road, providing sufficient space to facilitate the future continuation of a cycleway to the village.
- The possibility of additional bicycle parking will be explored during the procurement and detailed specification stage of the project in consultation with Fingal's Active Travel Section.

Theme 3: Playground (1 of 2)

- **6 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Welcome the play proposals, playground size, sand play, play surface, universal access, age provision.

Response:

- The positive observations are noted.
- The area dedicated to play exceeds the level of play provision recommended in the Council's Play Policy – 'Space for Play'. Further additional space within the park is allocated to active amenity and general exercise for all age groups such as callisthenics and table tennis
- Play opportunities are not limited solely to the proposed play areas. Natural, non-prescriptive play experience opportunities are provided throughout the site.
- The playground inspired by the rich history of Naul will provide extensive play opportunities for a wide age range of users and includes the following features:

  Castle themed play area, A **Cliff Climbing Wall** and **Mound** with a **Slide,** A **Basket Swing, Natural Elements** including **Logs** and **Boulders, Musical Play Pieces.**

Theme 3: Playground (2 of 2)

Response:

- Sand facilitates sensory, constructive and non-prescriptive play opportunities for children, engaging their imagination. It is used across Fingal's new playgrounds in line with research and best practice. Moveable materials such as sand adds to the diversity of textures, shapes, sound and touch for the benefit of the diverse range of users.
- The council is committed to improving accessibility. Universal access ('access for all') has been a guiding principle in the design of the proposed play facilities and will be a fundamental requirement in the detailed project specification and procurement phase of the project. The play areas will be surfaced in materials that children with additional needs or wheelchair users can access
- The Council recognise the demand of facilities for older children and teenagers, a separate and dedicated exercise and active amenity area will function as a multi-generational space for use of teenagers and up to older adults. Features include exercise equipment, callisthenics and table tennis. The users of this space can exercise, socialise and participate in healthy competitive activities and feel welcome to do so.

Theme 4: Car Park

- **5 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Car park size and location, quantity of EV charging points

Response:

- 17 parking spaces are proposed to increase parking availability appropriate to the scale of the site. The Council's Transportation Planning Section has assessed the proposed parking provision proposed as appropriate for the site.
- The proposed location of the car park and entrance is the optimum configuration to provide people friendly space for the village green, arrival area and playground in the central area of the park
- Sustainability and resilience were key considerations for the park design, the proposed car park includes for the provision of ducting to facilitate the future installation of Electric Vehicle charging point infrastructure as required
- The site access has been designed to comply with road safety requirements. The Transportation Planning Section has assessed the proposed vehicular access and found it had improved sightlines when compared to the existing entrance location.

Theme 5: Gently Sloping Pathway

- **3 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of Issues: Stage access, building regulations, space allocation.

Response:

- Connectivity has been a key consideration in the design. One of the primary challenges the site presented was the pronounced level change that occurs between the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and the proposed Village Park.
- A detailed topographical survey was commissioned to inform the design of the proposed access and to ensure the optimum configuration. The proposed access features both a stepped and a universally accessible gently sloping pathway which will comply with all building regulation requirements.
- Sufficient space behind the stage will be allowed for to accommodate the movement of heavy equipment from the access ramp to the stage. The Council will continue to liaise with the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre in this regard.

Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Naul Village Park Development Project is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

It is recommended that the Council approve the Naul Village Park Development Project as proposed.

Questions?









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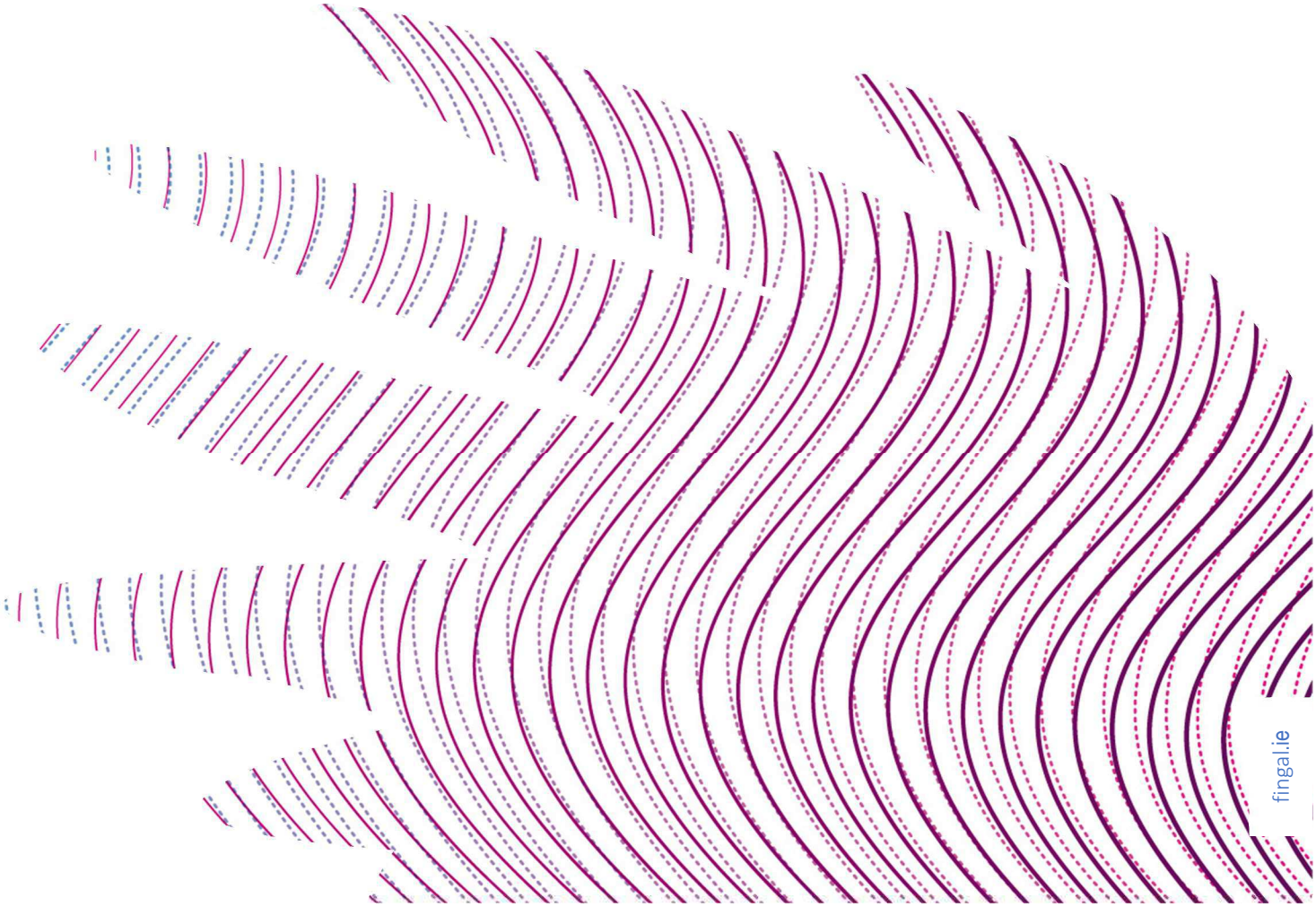
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

Item No. 27

Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library



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6.0 **Recommendation** whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be

Appendix 1. **Planning Report**

1. Introduction

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library.

Following consultation with local community groups, representatives during 2020 & 2021, Fingal County Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division prepared a Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library.

The proposal was placed on public display (from Tuesday 14th September 2021 up to and including Tuesday 12th October 2021, excluding bank holidays and weekends) online at https://consult.fingal.ie. Notice of the public consultation on the proposal was placed in the press and council social media accounts. During the public consultation phase the Council encouraged submissions/observations on the proposal either online or in writing (prior to the closing date of 27th October 2021).

2. Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof

The proposals for the Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library incorporate the following amenities:

Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library and main ancillary infrastructure

- Outdoor classroom/picnic area
- Universal set down/parking space
- Feature seating
- Refurbished entrance space with high quality paving treatment
- Extensive landscape planting using predominantly pollinator friendly shrubs, bulbs and perennials
- 6 No. Bicycle parking spaces
- Upgraded path network
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Infrastructure (SuDS) to ensure surface water is attenuated within the site.
- Boundary treatments
- All ancillary Site Works

Woodland Themed Play Garden

- Basket swing
- Raised play trail with slides, bridges and climbing and balance ropes
- Bespoke chainsaw wood carvings
- Talking tube
- Swing set
- Timber stepping stones



Location of Proposal



Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library



Conceptual Bird's-Eye Perspective: Entrance Plaza Space





Conceptual Perspective: Woodland Themed Play Garden

3. Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

It is considered that the proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

For further detail see Appendix 1. Planning Report
(note the current proposal has been updated as per the recommendations of the planning report where applicable and appropriate)

4. List of the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development

CVQ ID	AUTHOR	SUBMISSION TYPE
FIN-C423-2	Gerald O'Halloran	User

5. Summary of the issues with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated and the response of the manager thereto

5.1. Submissions received from statutory consultees

The following statutory consultees were notified of the proposed development and invited to make a submission:

- The Dept of Housing Local Government & Heritage
- Heritage Council
- The Arts Council (An Comhairle Ealaionn)
- Irish Water
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland

There were no submissions received from the statutory consultees listed above

5.2 Submissions received from public consultation

Approach to Consideration of Submissions

Following the initial recording of all submissions, each submission was read first to allocate the planning issues raised to the appropriate themes listed below.

List of themes:

1. **Bicycle Parking**

Theme: 1. Bicycle Parking
Submissions Received Relevant to this theme (1).
FIN-C423-2

Summary of Issues
The main support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- A submission was received regarding the provision of additional bicycle parking and accessibility. The submission expressed a preference that the bicycle parking provision should be covered.

Response:

- The site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area. The adjacent Carnegie Library building is listed as a protected structure in the Fingal County Development Plan. Six fully accessible bicycle parking spaces are proposed to reflect both the relatively small scale of the site and the sensitive built heritage that surrounds it. However, provision of limited additional bicycle parking facilities will be explored during the detailed specification and procurement stage of the project as appropriate in consultation with the Council's Conservation Architect and Active Travel Section

Recommendations:
With respect to the above submission, no changes are recommended.

6. Recommendation whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be

It is considered that the Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report (Appendix 1). It is recommended that the Council approve the Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library as proposed.

Appendix 1. Planning Report

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Register Reference: PARTXI/007/21

Proposed Development:

The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

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- An outdoor classroom and picnic area.
- An entrance space that is refurbished but respectful of the library setting and the streetscape frontage.
- Improvements to the ogham stone location to make it more attractive and accessible.
- Street furniture in the form of bicycle stands and seating benches throughout the site.
- Improved paving treatments to the front of the library.
- Universally accessible parking space to be retained and improved.
- New boundary treatments.

Location: Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown, Co. Dublin

Proposing Department: Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Application Type: Part XI/ Part 8 (Dev by LAs)

Purpose of report

The following report has been prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (P&SI) Department to assess the proposal with regard to the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and outlines the planning considerations relating to the impact of the proposal on the amenities of the receiving area. The report is based on the information provided to P&SI by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division of the P&SI Department. The information includes plans, particulars, an Arboricultural Assessment and Impact Report, a Preliminary Ecological Assessment, a Flood Risk Assessment, an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and a Part 8 Planning Application (version July 2021 (F)). The comments of other sections of the P&SI Department and any other Department of the Council are also considered.

Nature of development

The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A woodland-themed play area that can cater for 4 to 12-year-olds and which is inclusive in its offering. The playground will be sensitive to the setting of the garden and appropriately light-touch in its implementation, particularly in the context of existing trees.
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- New boundary treatments.

Site Location & Description
The subject site is located on the eastern side of the R130 (the Main Street), that runs through Garristown rural village.

On the site is Garristown Library which is listed on the Record of Protected Structure (RPS No. 123) and adjacent to the side(north) of the site is the Church of the Assumption which is also a protected structure (RPS No. 122).

The Main Street stretches from north to south. It is the principal thoroughfare in the village accommodating a number of detached and terrace structures of varying design and buildings heights.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023
Development Plan description of Garristown
Garristown is an attractive rural village with a distinct rural ambience, located in the north-west of the County approximately 18 kilometres from Swords, 6kms north east of Ashbourne and just inside the County boundary with Co. Meath. The village is situated at one of the highest points in the County. Garristown is a key village within the Hinterland and forms part of a network of rural villages which functions as local centres, with a small but significant retail/commercial base that provides services to the village and a large rural hinterland.

The village consists of a wide main street running north-south, the most distinguishing feature is the tree lined Mall which runs along the western side of Main Street. It consists primarily of nineteenth and twentieth century buildings comprising generally well maintained, short, two storey terraces and detached dwellings, forming a compact village settlement focused on a linear village green. The busier part of the village is at the juncture of the Naul Road and Main Street. The main landmarks are the Church of the Assumption and Carnegie library on Main Street, and the former Church of Ireland [in ruins] and graveyard. The village core of Garristown has been identified as an area of high quality vernacular architectural character and is designated as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA).

Limited development has occurred within the village in recent times with new residential development mainly to the west and east of the village. There are considerable areas of undeveloped land within the village boundary. The downturn in the economy has resulted in the closure of a number of long established agribusinesses in the centre of the village. These lands have considerable potential for future employment and enterprise uses and are important for the economic development of the village. Given its attractive village form and scenic landscape setting, the village has considerable potential for tourism and leisure based enterprises.

Garristown has a current population of circa 450 people. A Local Area Plan for Garristown was adopted on 13th September 2010 and extended for five years in July 2015 until 12th July 2020.

Relevant Development Plan objectives

Natural Heritage
In respect of Appropriate Assessment:

Objective DMS01
Ensure that all plans and projects in the County which could, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a European site or sites are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Objective DMS02
Ensure Local Authority development proposals are subject to environmental assessment, as appropriate, including Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

DMS163
Ensure Screening for Appropriate Assessment and, where required, full Appropriate Assessment is carried out for all plans and projects in the County which, individually, or in combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant direct or indirect impact on any European site or sites.

In respect of design criteria for urban development:

Objective PM33
Enhance and develop the fabric of existing and developing rural and urban centres in accordance with the principles of good urban design, including the promotion of high quality well-designed visually attractive main entries into our towns and villages.

In respect of Public Open Space:

PM51
Provide a wide variety of accessible public open spaces, including allotments, community gardens, permaculture parklands and sporting facilities, on a hierarchical basis throughout the County in order to achieve a choice of open space facilities. Best practice Green Infrastructure Guidelines should be used to determine the location and type of open spaces to be provided.

PM55
Ensure coherent clustering of recreational and open space facilities into a recreational hub arrangement unless a more practicable solution is demonstrated.

PM58
Ensure intensive recreational/amenity facilities are not used exclusively by any one group.

PM60
Ensure public open space is accessible, and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

PM61
Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

PM62
Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

NH02
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI25
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active, by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

GI27
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

GI28
Provide attractive and safe routes linking key green space sites, parks and open spaces and other foci such as cultural sites and heritage assets as an integral part of new green infrastructure provision, where appropriate and feasible.

GI29
Provide opportunities for food production through allotments, community gardens and permaculture food forests in new green infrastructure proposals where appropriate.

GI31
Ensure the provision of new green infrastructure addresses the requirements of functional flood storage, the sustainable management of coastal erosion, and links with provision for biodiversity, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and provision for parks and open space wherever possible and appropriate.

In respect of Archaeology, Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs):

GI34
Ensure, wherever possible and appropriate, that elements of the archaeological and architectural heritage are fully integrated into proposals for new developments at the project design stage.

GI36
Ensure green infrastructure provision responds to and reflects landscape character including historic landscape character, conserving, enhancing and augmenting the existing landscapes and townscapes of Fingal which contribute to a distinctive sense of place.

CH07
Ensure that development within the vicinity of a recorded monument or zone of archaeological notification does not seriously detract from the setting of the feature, and is sited and designed appropriately.

CH20

Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

Land-use zoning:
The subject site is zoned 'RV' Rural Village with the Objective to '*Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure.*

Vision: *Protect and promote established villages within the rural landscape where people can settle and have access to community services. The villages are areas within the rural landscape where housing needs can be satisfied with minimal harm to the countryside and surrounding environment. The villages will serve their rural catchment, provide local services and smaller scale rural enterprises. Levels of growth will be managed through Local Area Plans to ensure that a critical mass for local services is encouraged without providing for growth beyond local need and unsustainable commuting patterns.*

The subject site is located within the Garristown Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The site is subject to a highly sensitive landscape designation and its landscape character is indicated as 'High Lying Agricultural.'

The subject site is in the curtilage of Garristown Library (RPS No. 123) described as an early 20th century single storey limestone Carnegie library building and adjacent to the side(north) of the site is the Church of the Assumption (RPS No. 122) described as an early 20th century Roman Catholic Church.

Garristown Graveyard (Recorded Monument No. DU003-011003) is located to the north-west of the subject site.

It is noted that the Garristown Local Area Plan expired in July 2020.

The Garristown Local Area Plan (LAP)
The duration of the Garristown LAP 2010-2015 was extended in 2015 until 12th July 2020 and has therefore expired. However it remains relevant as a guidance document for the development of the subject site. The LAP identifies, inter alia, the Church of the Assumption and Carnegie library on Main Street as main landmarks within Garristown.

Section 7.3 (Biodiversity) and Section 7.4 (Trees/Woodlands and hedgerows) refer to the Copse of trees to rear of library i.e.;

- *A significant group of tall trees stand to the rear of the library and these contribute to the character of views from the main street.*

Section 8.3 (New designated Open Space), states:

- *A Village Park, children's playground and viewing area incorporated into the woodland setting behind the existing Carnegie Library, i.e. within Residential Development Area 1 within the eastern section of the village centre. This park would not only protect these existing mature trees and their setting but would also provide a valuable recreational and amenity resource for the future and existing residents within this area and the village as a whole. This space offers exceptional views eastwards towards the surrounding countryside.*

One of the 'Open Space and Recreation Objectives' states the following:
'To promote and facilitate the development of:

- *a 'Village Park', children's playground and viewing area incorporated into the woodland behind the existing Carnegie Library, i.e. Within Residential Development Area 1, east of the village centre.*

It is noted that a Warehousing area to the south is identified as part of a potential New 'civic Space'.

Planning History
No recent planning history, although it is noted in the Garristown LAP 2010-2015 that the Carnegie Library had been refurbished and extended.

Lands to the north
F13A/0214 – Permission GRANTED for the provision of a new access ramp to the north side porch and circulation paths, and the provision of disabled toilet room in the existing rear extension and will include the relocation of the boiler to the existing storage room. The building is a Protected Structure and located in an Architectural Conservation Area. Location: Church of the Assumption, Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Lands to the south
F12A/0249 – Permission REFUSED for an extension to existing warehouse to the front west facing elevation. Location: W Kinsella Haulage & Storage, Main Street, Garristown, Co Dublin.

There were four Reasons for refusal:
Reason 1
Having regard to the RV zoning of the area and the long term vision for this area as set out under Garristown Local Area Plan, which pertains to the subject site, the provision of additional warehousing at the proposed location is unacceptable and, if permitted, would contravene materially the aforementioned RV zoning of the Fingal Development Plan 2011 - 2017 and would also pre-empt or prejudice the delivery of the vision as set out in the LAP for these lands.

Reason 2
The proposed development would have a significant negative impact on the existing architectural and historic character of Garristown. The subject site abuts Garristown Architectural Conservation Area and is adjacent to Garristown Library & Church, both of which are protected structures. The proposed development would contravene Development Plan objectives, which ensure that any development affecting a protected structure, adjoining structure or structure within or adjoining an ACA are sited and designed appropriately, and are not detrimental to the character of the structure or to its setting or the general character of the ACA. (i.e. Objectives AH13 and AH17 refer). The proposed warehouse extension would contravene Development Plan objectives, would set an undesirable precedent and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Reason 3
The proposed vehicular parking arrangement detailing an under-provision of spaces to serve the proposed development together with a lack of appropriate turning space would result in a substandard development which would be contrary to Table T03b of the Fingal Development Plan, 2011 – 2017, which outlines the required level of car parking for developments.

Reason 4
The applicant has submitted insufficient information in relation to the foul sewer, surface water and water supply. In the absence of such information the development as proposed would be prejudicial to public health and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department:
Water Services Engineering Section: Additional information recommended
Transportation Planning: No objection subject to conditions
Parks and Green Infrastructure Division: No objection
Community Archaeologist: No archaeological mitigations recommended
Conservation Officer: No objection

Details of Proposed Development:
The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan (for a Garden (incorporating a Public Play Space)) incorporate the following amenities;

- A woodland-themed play area that can cater for 4 to 12-year-olds and which is inclusive in its offering. The playground will be sensitive to the setting of the garden and appropriately light-touch in its implementation, particularly in the context of existing trees.
- An outdoor classroom and picnic area.
- An entrance space that is refurbished but respectful of the library setting and the streetscape frontage.
- Improvements to the ogham stone location to make it more attractive and accessible.
- Street furniture in the form of bicycle stands and seating benches throughout the site.
- Improved paving treatments to the front of the library.
- Universally accessible parking space to be retained and improved.
- New boundary treatments.

Assessment:
The primary issues for consideration include:

- Compliance with Development Plan objectives
- Impact on amenities of the area
- Water & drainage
- Transportation considerations
- Conservation
- Archaeology
- Ecological issues
- Appropriate Assessment;
- EIA Screening.

Compliance with Development Plan objectives
The subject site is zoned 'RV' Rural Village with the objective to 'Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure.' While development of a Garden (incorporating a Public Play Space) is not listed specifically within the 'Permitted in Principle' and 'Not Permitted' use classes associated with the 'RV' zoning objective. However, the following use classes listed as 'Permitted in Principle'; *Community Facility, Cultural Facility, Education, Open Space and Recreational Facility/Sports Club* relate to the proposal and therefore it is considered that the proposal accords with both the 'RV' Zoning Objective and its associated Vision and is therefore acceptable in principle at the proposed location.

The proposal involves development of a garden/play space on the site of an existing community facility to incorporate a number of recreational uses in Garristown rural village. In this respect, the proposal is considered to accord with Development Plan objectives in respect of public open space, as set out above.

Impact on amenities of the area
The proposed Village Park is to be located within the curtilage of the Garristown Carnegie Library on the Main Street of Garristown Village. The development of this area as a Village Park/Garden is welcomed. The proposed facility will comprise various elements including improved paving treatments and street furniture in the form of bicycle stands and seating benches throughout the site. To the rear and south is the notable addition of a woodland-themed play area. The playground will be sensitive to the setting of the garden and appropriately light-touch in its implementation, particularly in the context of existing trees.

The nearest dwellings to the subject site are to the west across Main Street (c30-40m away) and adjacent to Gormley's pub. Kinsella warehousing lies to the south and the Church of the Assumption lies to the north.

While retention of accessible car parking is proposed to the south western corner of the subject site, it is considered that the majority of activity associated with the proposed development will be linked to library/village centre's activity. Having regard to the separation distance of the elements within the proposed park which are some distances from the nearest residential properties (35-70m) and the nature of the uses within these areas of the village park, no undue impacts on the residential amenity of adjoining property or on the amenity of the adjoining area are anticipated.

It is considered that the proposed diverse uses within the proposed village park/garden will enhance and increase activity in the area which will in turn facilitate passive surveillance and address potential anti-social behaviour.

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development.

The proposal will also facilitate future connectivity to the Church of the Assumption and increased permeability within Garristown Village generally. The submitted Landscape Plan informed by a tree survey including an Arboricultural Assessment and Impact Report and details of proposed replacement planting and tree protection measures is considered appropriate to the subject site and the proposed development. The retention of the historic hedgerow within the site is also to be welcomed. In conclusion it is considered that the proposition will enhance the amenity of the area and provide quality recreational opportunities to the public.

No outline/draft Construction Environmental Management Plan has been prepared/submitted to address potential construction phase environmental effects and identify control measures. This could be requested, although it is noted that much of the potential impact relates to the existing trees and a Tree Protection plan has been submitted.

Water and Drainage
The submitted Flood Risk Assessment prepared by McCloy Consulting indicates that the subject site is not considered to be at significant risk of flooding from any source, that it is within Flood Zone C and as such, the proposed development will not cause an increase in flood risk elsewhere. The Water Services report recommends that the proposed development incorporates a surface water drainage proposal which follows the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Furthermore, additional detail in terms of the water supply and foul drainage proposals is recommended. Details in this regard can be requested to be agreed prior to commencement of development.

Transportation considerations
The Transportation Planning Section notes that the proposed development maintains the existing parking for up to 2 cars. Sightlines and inter-visibility between vehicles leaving site

and pedestrians using the footpath are adequate. There are therefore no objections to the development on transport safety grounds.

Conservation
The proposal is for the development of play facilities within the grounds of the Protected Structure (RPS No. 123) of Garristown Library which is also within the boundaries of the Architectural Conservation Area for Garristown. During pre-planning consultations on the proposal, the Conservation Officer Section underlined the importance to maintain the undeveloped foreground area to the front of the library building, this advice, for the most part has been followed. Therefore, the Conservation Officer Section report has no objection to or requirements for changes to the proposal.

The report does note the need to indicate that Garristown Library is a protected structure within the public notice description.

Archaeology
The Heritage Officer notes that the proposed development within the grounds of Garristown Library will have no impact on archaeological material. There are therefore no objections to the development on archaeological grounds.

Ecological issues:
A Preliminary Ecological Assessment conducted by Mary Tubridy and Associates finds that the habitats affected by the proposed park development are common types of low biodiversity value. There is no evidence that the subject area to be affected by landscaping is important for bat roosting, and that development would not affect this value it was considered that bat surveys did not need to be carried out. No badger activity was detected and therefore a badger specific survey was not carried out. A reptile and amphibian survey was not carried out as suitable habitats for these groups were not noted. The Assessment concludes that while there will be a short term impact on biodiversity values due to construction activities, the proposed development of the site as an amenity area will not have a significant long term negative impact on biodiversity values in the locality. The conclusions of the Preliminary Ecological Assessment are considered reasonable and are accepted.

Appropriate Assessment
The closest Natura 2000 site is the River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (004158) which is located approximately 15.3 kilometres from the subject site, while Rogerstown Estuary SPA (004015) and SAC (000208) are located approximately 16.7 kilometres from the subject site. A Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment has been prepared by Mary Tubridy and Associates and it identifies all Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius of the site. There are no hydrological links between the site and Natura sites. The Screening Report concludes with a finding of no significant impacts on Natura 2000 sites. The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted. Having regard to the information contained in the Screening Report, the nature and location of the proposed development and the absence of a hydrological link between the subject site and any Natura 2000 site, it is considered that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

EIA Screening
An EIAR Screening Report has been prepared for the proposal by KPMG Future Analytics. The Screening Report finds that the proposed development does not fall within the projects or classes of development as defined by the parameters set out in Annex I and Annex II of the EIA Directive and Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and as such the proposal is considered as a sub-threshold development for the purposes of EIA Screening. The Screening Report concludes that significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the proposed development and

therefore there is no requirement for an EIAR to be submitted. The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted.

Conclusion:
The use of a public Village Park/Green is considered to accord with the 'RV' Rural Village land use zoning of the subject site and is also considered to comply with the applicable objectives contained in the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.* The proposal will make a positive addition to the area, providing both active and passive recreation opportunities within a landscaped setting. The proposal also enhances the setting and amenities available at Garristown Library and Garristown village generally. Subject to the recommendations indicated below, the proposed development is acceptable in principle and is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation:
The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has no objection to the principle of the proposed development at this location subject to the implementation of the recommendations below.

1. Prior to commencement of development details of (i) the foul sewer drainage proposal, (ii) the water supply proposal, and (iii) the surface water drainage proposal to include design calculations and which follows the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and complies with the principles outlined in the GDSDS (Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study) Regional Drainage Policies Volume 2 New Development, Aug 2005, shall be agreed with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.

2. The description of the proposed development set out in the public notice shall state that Garristown Library is a protected structure (RPS 123).

3. No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

4. A Construction Management and Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed with the Planning Authority (Operations Department) prior to construction of the proposed development. The Plan shall include the construction phasing of development and haul routes.

Kevin Halpenny
Senior Parks and Landscape Officer

David Murray
Senior Planner (Acting)

Matthew McAleese
Director of Services
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

Appendix 1

Copies of Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Appendix 2 - EIA Screening:

Preliminary Screening:

Is size of site exceptional in context of existing environment?	**No**
Will proposed development result in any significant waste, or significant emissions or pollutants?	**No**
Is the proposed development located on, in or adjoining or have potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site/location?	**No**
Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?	**No**
Conclusion	
There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No (EIAR not required)**
There is a significant and realistic doubt as regards to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No**
There is a real and significant likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No (EIAR not required)**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the absence of any significant environmental sensitivity in the vicinity, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for an environmental impact assessment can therefore be excluded at preliminary examination stage.

Archaeological Report

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department
Fingal County Council

Register Reference:	**PARTXI/007/21**
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Location:	Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown, Co. Dublin
Report Type:	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Planning Officer:	Chris Garde
Lodged:	15/07/2021

The proposed development within the grounds of Garristown Library will have no impact on archaeological material. There are therefore no objections to the development on archaeological grounds.

Signed:

Christine Baker

Position: **Heritage Officer**

Date: **19/07/2021**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/007/21

Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021

Development: The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

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- New boundary treatments.

Location: Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Foul Sewer: IW

Surface Water: Additional Information:

1. The submission does not include a drainage strategy. Requirements with regard to water/foul requirements are also not clear. The applicant is requested to submit a surface water drainage proposal, including design calculations, following

the principles of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and in compliance with the principles outlined in the GDSDS (Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study) Regional Drainage Policies Volume 2 New Development, Aug 2005.

2. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.

3. The surface water drainage must be in compliance with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

Flooding:

The site is deemed to be located within Flood Zone C, where the probability of flooding is low (i.e. less than 0.1% AEP or 1 in 1,000 years).

Water Supply: IW

Officer: DC Endorsed:

Date: 20/07/2021 Date:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/007/21
Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021
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- An entrance space that is refurbished but respectful of the library setting and the streetscape frontage.
- Improvements to the ogham stone location to make it more attractive and accessible.
- Street furniture in the form of bicycle stands and seating benches throughout the site.
- Improved paving treatments to the front of the library.
- Universally accessible parking space to be retained and improved.
- New boundary treatments.

Location: Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown, Co. Dublin
Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development.

Officer: Mark Finnegan Endorsed: Gemma Carr

Date: 27/07/21 Date: 27/07/21

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/007/21

Registration Date: 12-Jul-2021

Development: The proposals for the Landscape Development Plan incorporate the following amenities;

- A woodland-themed play area that can cater for 4 to 12-year-olds and which is inclusive in its offering. The playground will be sensitive to the setting of the garden and appropriately light-touch in its implementation, particularly in the context of existing trees.
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Applicant: Parks - Denis Flannery

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Officer for comment. The proposal is for the development of play facilities within the grounds of the Protected Structure (RPS No. 123) of Garristown Library which is also within the boundaries of the Architectural Conservation Area for Garristown. The description of the development for the public notices must indicate that Garristown Library is a protected structure.

The Conservation Officer did input into pre-planning consultations on the proposal. The scheme primarily consists of landscaping works with some public seating/furniture and outdoor play structures. It seeks to enhance an area in the village for public use and the proposal is sympathetic to its setting within the grounds of a protected structure.

The undeveloped foreground area to the front of the library building is a distinctive part of the special character of Garristown and not found in other settlements in Fingal. It is repeated within the grounds of the adjoining protected Catholic Church and on the opposite side of the main street where the deep set back of the building line has an open area to the front. It is important that insertions into this distinctive space are limited and so it is appropriate that the play structures are contained further back to the side of the building and that relatively few elements are proposed to be placed to the front of the building. The Conservation Officer has no objection to or requirements for changes to the proposal.

Signed:	
	Helena Bergin
Position:	**Conservation Officer**
Date:	**10/08/2021**

Fingal County Council

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department
Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:	PARTXI/007/21
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Location:	Garristown Library, Main Street, Garristown, Co. Dublin
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	15 July 2021

General

The proposed development is located in a 50km/hr speed limit.

Parking

There is an existing space that facilitates parking for up to 2 cars which is to be maintained as part of the proposed development.

Sightlines

Sightlines at the entrance are in excess of the 45m requirement of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets in both directions. Inter-visibility between vehicles leaving site and pedestrians using the footpath along the street frontage are adequate.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

Signed: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Appendix 2 - EIA Screening:

Preliminary Screening:

Is size of site exceptional in context of existing environment?	**No**
Will proposed development result in any significant waste, or significant emissions or pollutants?	**No**
Is the proposed development located on, in or adjoining or have potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site/location?	**No**
Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?	**No**
Conclusion	
There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No (EIAR not required)**
There is a significant and realistic doubt as regards to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No**
There is a real and significant likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	**No (EIAR not required)**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the absence of any significant environmental sensitivity in the vicinity, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for an environmental impact assessment can therefore be excluded at preliminary examination stage.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 27

Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library

Agenda

- Brief recap summary of proposal
- Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*
- Overview of the Statutory Public Consultation
- Summary of key themes from submissions received and response
- Recommendation

Non Statutory Public Consultation

Nov' 2020 → An introductory meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams on the **26th November 2020**, during which initial site analysis was presented and further steps outlined.

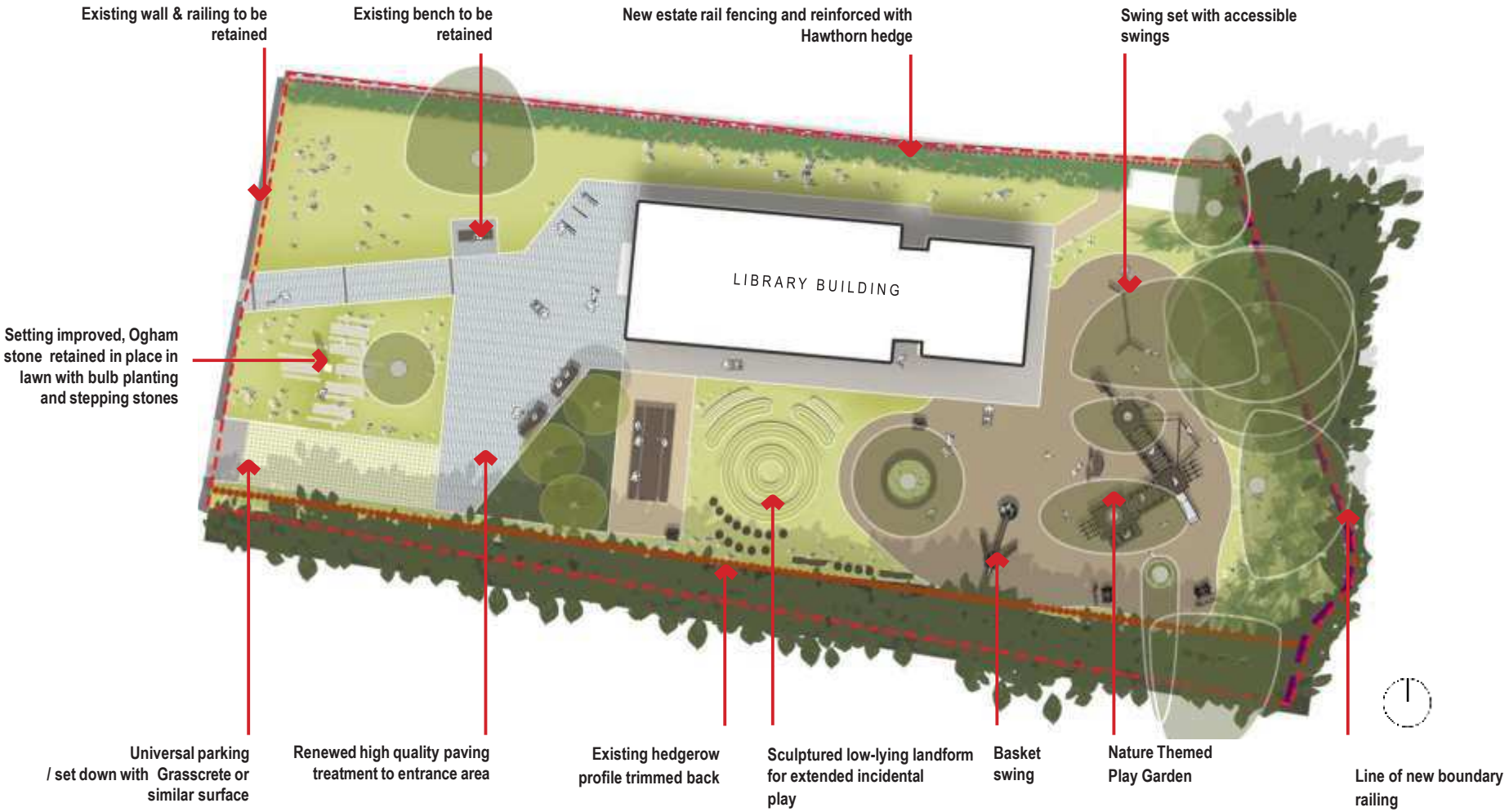
April 2021 → Preliminary design proposals were presented to the Garristown Community Group via Teams on the **29th April 2021.**

May 2021 → Preliminary design proposals were presented to the Garristown Library Group via Teams on the **10th May 2021**.

July 2021 → Design proposals were discussed with the Garristown Community Group on site on the **7th July 2021**.

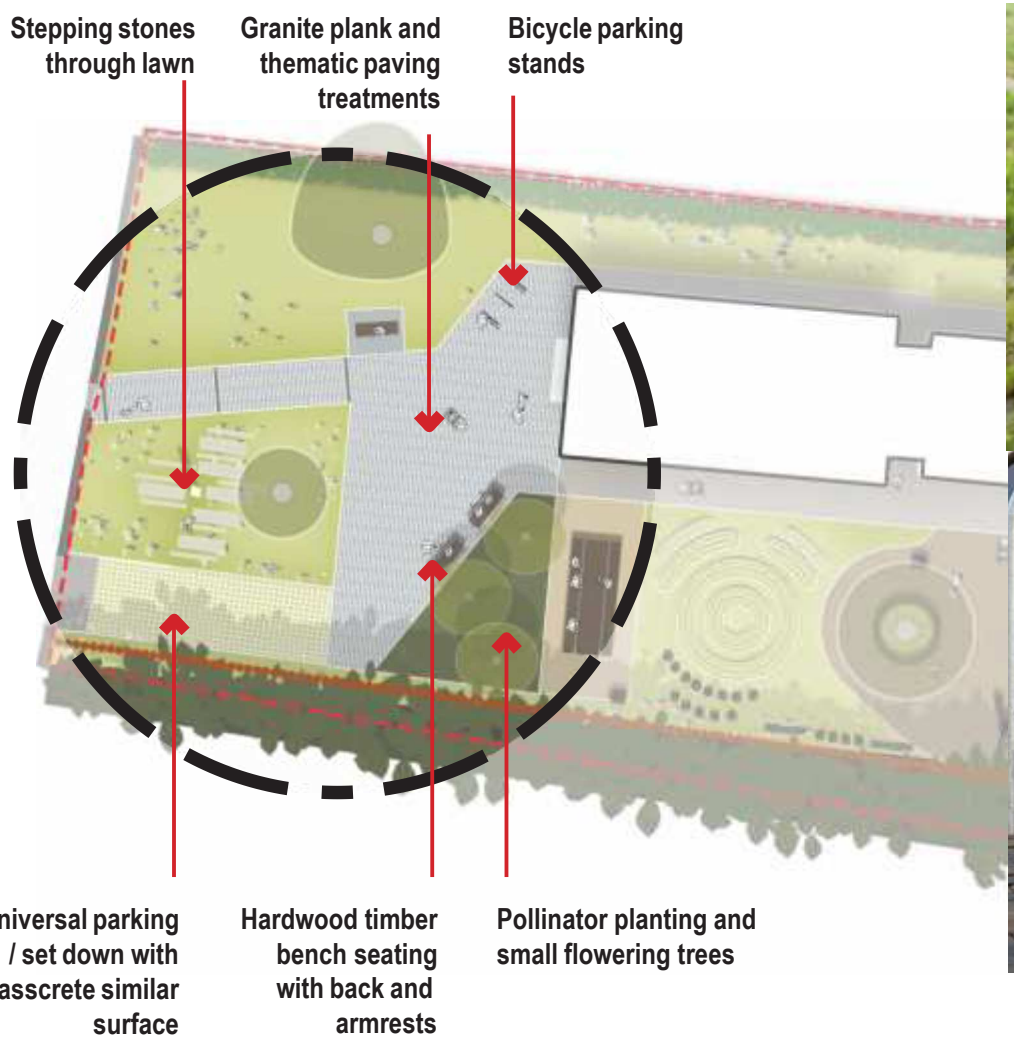
Part VIII Landscape Development Plan

Design Proposals



Part VIII Landscape Development Plan

Entrance Plaza Space







Perspective Image - Entrance Plaza Space

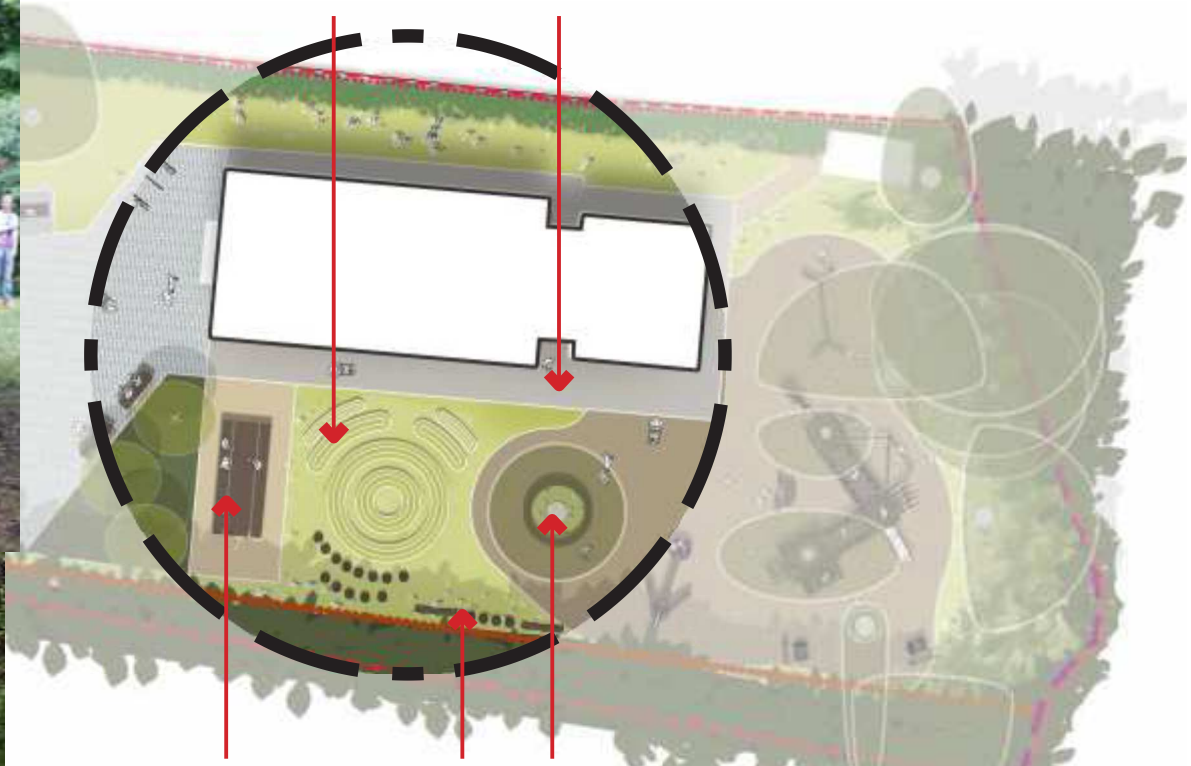


Part VIII Landscape Development Plan

Picnic & Sculptured Lawn Space







Perspective Image - Picnic & Sculptured Lawn



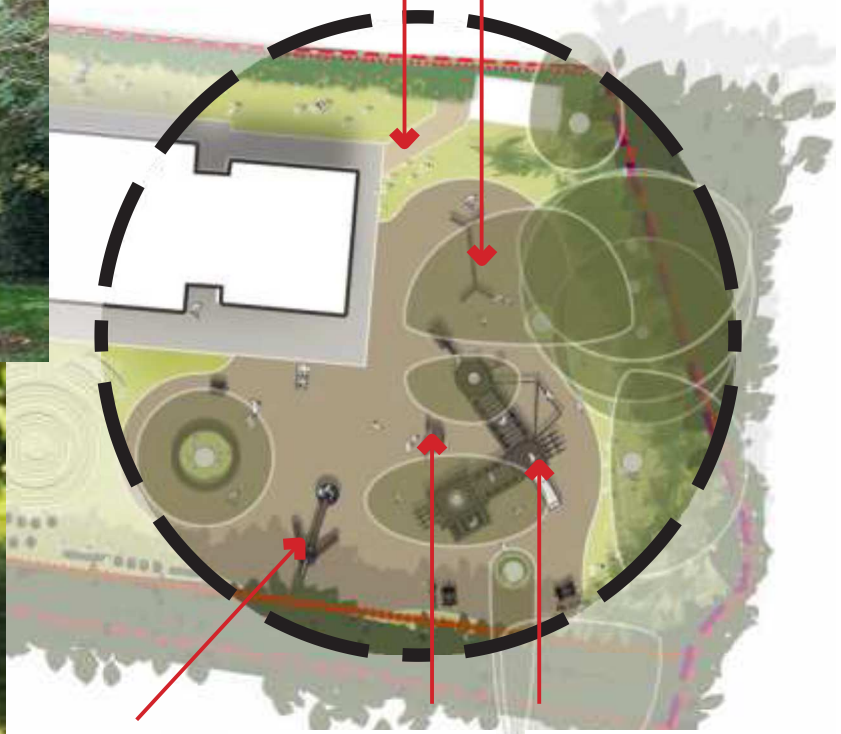
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Woodland Themed Play Garden









Perspective Image - Woodland Themed Play Garden



Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

It is considered that the Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023

Public Consultation

- Placed on public display on 14th September 2021
- Advertised in press & social media
- Submissions encouraged prior to closing date of 27th October



Theme 1:
Bicycle Parking

- **Submission** received relevant to this theme.
- Summary of issue: Quantity of bicycle parking provided.

Response:

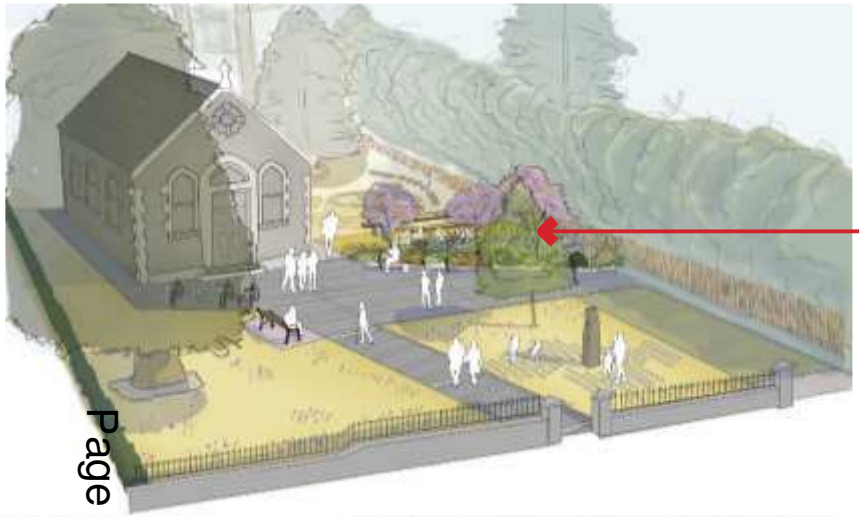
- The site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area and the adjacent Carnegie Library building is listed as a protected structure.
- Six fully accessible bicycle parking spaces are proposed to reflect both the relatively small scale of the site and the sensitive built heritage that surrounds it.
- Provision of limited additional bicycle parking facilities will be explored during the detailed specification and procurement stage of the project as appropriate in consultation with the Council's Conservation Architect and Active Travel Section.

Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the lands set out in the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023. The proposal is also considered to accord with the relevant and applicable objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, 2017-2023, as set out in the planning report.

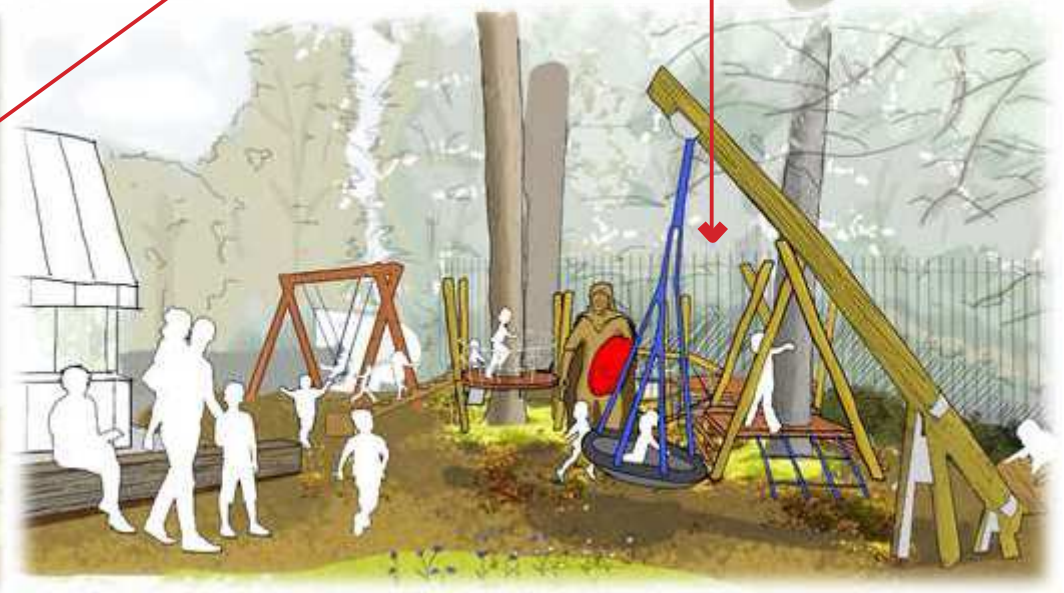
It is recommended that the Council approve the Public Play Space Project at Garristown Library as proposed.

Questions?









Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 28

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, KILHEDGE LANE, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN

Chief Executive Report

pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

INTRODUCTION

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council, of 31 no. dwellings at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin and all associated site development works including access road, footways, site boundaries, open space, drainage, public lighting, utilities and services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice:
In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in The Herald on 18th October 2021. Four copies of the Site Notice were erected on site on the same date.

Prescribed Bodies:
The following Prescribed Bodies were notified and provided with the plans and particulars of the proposal:

- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Irish Water
- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council.

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:
Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Monday 18th October 2021 to Tuesday 16th November 2021, online through the website at http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse, and at two locations - Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

Submissions were accepted from Monday 18th October 2021 to Tuesday 30th November 2021, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: A/Director of Housing and Community Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.

The notice, plans and particulars which were made available for inspection and which describe the nature and extent of the proposed development are included in Appendix A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. One submission was received during the statutory timeframe; the submission has been considered in the preparation of this report.

This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, which states that a report shall:

(i) ***"Provide a description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".***

(ii) ***"evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan andgiving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".***

(iii) ***"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2".***

(iv) ***"Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto".***

(v) ***"Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be".***

(i) ***<u>"Provide a description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".</u>***

Site location and access:

The proposed site for the development is a rectangular site located a quarter of a kilometre from Lusk Village Centre, adjacent to the Dun Emer housing estate. The boundaries of the site are defined by roads, with Kilhedge Lane traversing the northern boundary, Chapel Farm Road and Chapel Farm Mews bounding the site to the east and Chapel Farm Drive adjoining the site to the west. The site is an elongated rectangular shape and slopes gently from the north-eastern boundary to the south-western boundary of the site.

The site has an extent of 0.86Ha and is adjacent to the existing housing developments of Kilhedge Lane and Chapel Farm Mews. These developments consist of exclusively 2-Storey primarily terraced housing with some detached, and semi-detached units also present. To the north-west of the site, construction of a new housing estate at Dun Emer and associated upgrading works of Kilhedge Lane commenced in May 2021. Thus, the current proposed development is an infill development between established housing and housing under construction. The area to the south-west is to remain an open green space.

Site zoning:

The site has Zoning Objective*: RS-Residential Area (Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity)* in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023.

The development proposal:



As depicted above, the design groups the units into two blocks around a centrally located public open space. Within the blocks, the units are arranged around shared gardens and all units are directly accessible from public roads or the proposed public open space. The block on the east side includes the Communal Facility, facing public open space which allows direct access to the adjoining shared garden space. The public open space which is located at the centre of the two groups of units provide a total of 1,085.9 sq.m, representing 12.6% of the total site area. 41 no. car parking spaces are proposed which include 31 no. car parking spaces for the dwellings (29 of which will be located off street), 8 no. visitor parking spaces and 2 no. accessible spaces associated with the Communal Facility.

The following mix of unit types are included in the proposal:

Units 1, 7	2 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	64.4 m^2
Units 2-6	5 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	64.5 m^2
Units 8-11	4 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	66.4 m^2
Units 12,17	2 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	66.9 m^2
Units 13-16	4 no.	1-bedroom, 2-person, single-storey houses	51.7 m^2
Units 18-26	9 no.	1-bedroom, 2-person, single-storey houses	50.0 m^2
Units 27	1 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	66.7 m^2
Units 28-30	3 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	66.7 m^2
Units 31	1 no.	2-bedroom, 3-person, single-storey houses	66.7 m^2
Communal Facility	1 no.	single-storey building	99.0 m^2

Space standards within dwelling and provision of private amenity space for each dwelling, meet the requirements of the Fingal County Council Development Plan and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage guidelines. The communal amenity space requirement for the proposed mix of units is more than satisfied by the provision of landscaped communal space within the curtilage of the proposed site boundary.

The development will be designed and constructed to comply with current Building Control and Building regulations. The proposed houses and Communal Facility will be single-storey buildings, with pitched, concrete tiled roofs, triple glazed windows and doors, and will be finished with a palette of facing brick and pigmented render to selected colours. Boundary treatments will comprise of matching low brick walls with railings. The buildings will be constructed to NZEB (Near Zero Energy Building) standard incorporating high standards of insulation.

Pedestrian and vehicular access to units will be spread across from all four roads: Chapel Farm Road, Chapel Farm Drive, Chapel Farm Mews, and Kilhedge Lane.

Utilities and services:

The site will be serviced by ESB, EIR, GNI utilities which are available adjacent to the site. Public lighting to adjoining public pavements will be to the standards of the Operations Section of Fingal County Council. Surface Water design consists of a combination of permeable paving and gravity feed drainage system discharging to a modular attenuation system on site, in addition to a swale within the green open space, and all in accordance with SuDS requirements. The surface water system is designed to take the runoff generated by a 1 in 100 year storm event (+20%). New connection to existing main at Chapel Farm Mews.

Landscape design:

An overall landscape and planting proposal will be implemented at construction stage; it will include native plants to enhance biodiversity. The design will also utilise existing road levels, thereby blending with context and character of the location.

EIA and AA:

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and a Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report have been prepared in order to assess the potential impact of the development on the environment. The proposed development is below stated thresholds requiring mandatory EIA and it has been concluded that the nature and characteristics of the proposed development are not such as to give rise to significant effects on the environment.

The AA screening concluded that the proposal will not adversely impact European Sites or sensitive habitats either on its own or in combination with other projects. No significant negative effects on the environment have been identified, either during construction or operational phases. Therefore, the overall conclusion of these reports is that there is no requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development.

Details relating to the plans and particulars which were made available for inspection during the Public Consultation Period, are included in **Appendix A.**

(ii) <u>"evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".</u>

An assessment of the proposed development was undertaken at the initiation of the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and reviewed in light of submissions and observations received, to determine if the proposal would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates.

Please refer to the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report Part XI/005/21, in **Appendix C**, which concludes that:

"The proposed development has been reviewed and assessed by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department (with supporting reports from internal sections). Subject to the recommendations indicated, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

In considering issues raised in the submission, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure made no further recommendations in regard to the proposals.

(iii) <u>"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2:</u>

A total of 1 submission with respect to the proposed development was received during the statutory consultation period. The person who made the submission is:

- Cllr Paul Mulville

(iv) <u>"Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the Manager thereto"</u>

The issues raised in the submission and the responses of the Chief Executive thereto are summarised in **Appendix B**.

(v) <u>"Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"</u>

No additional recommendations or amendments to the proposed design arise from the Public Consultation.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars listed in **Appendix A** and subject to recommendations contained within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report included in **Appendix C** and the undertakings detailed in this report.

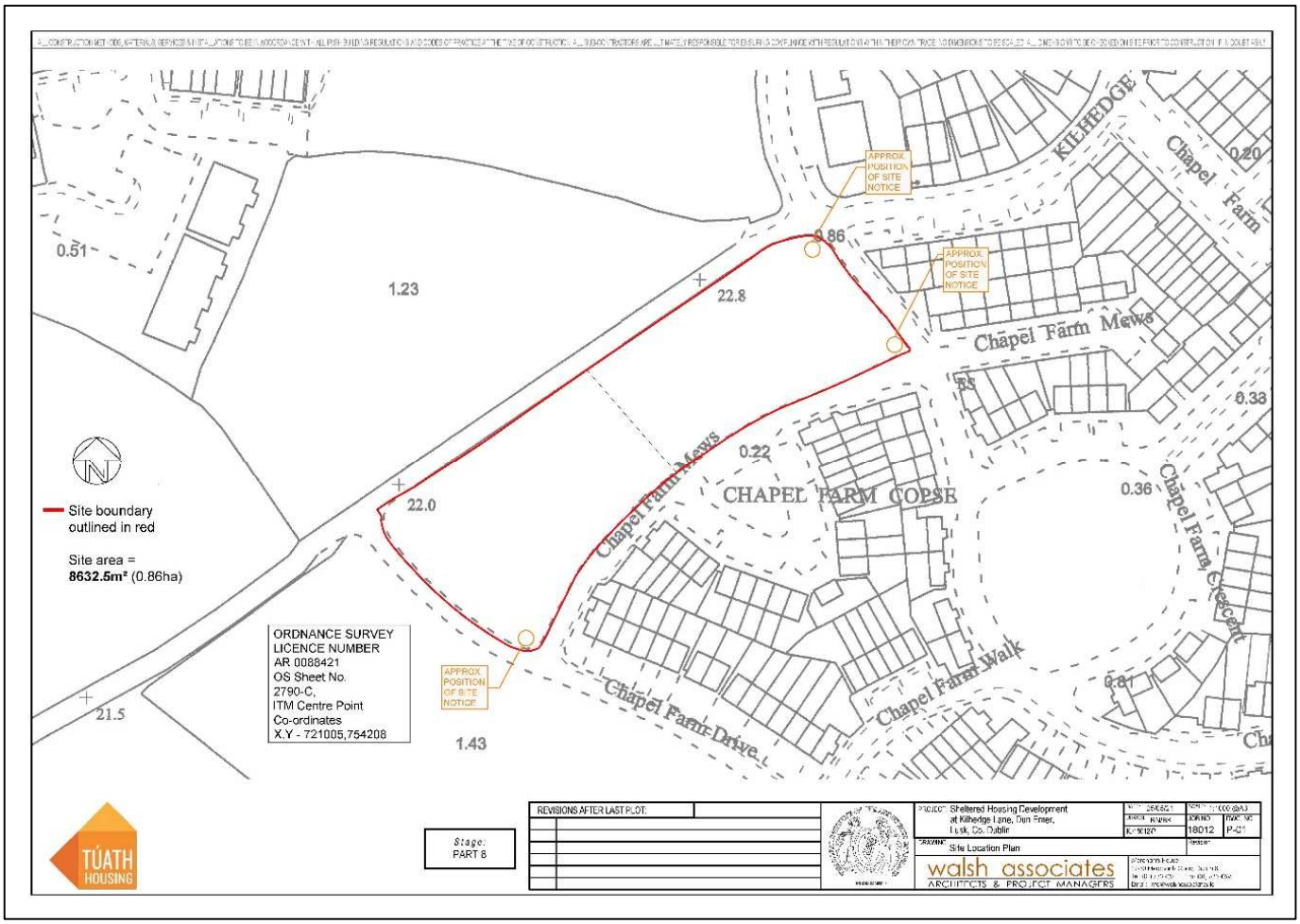
APPENDIX A:

Plans and Particulars describing the nature, extent and principal features of the proposed development, made available for inspection during Public Consultation, are as follows:

No	Title
01	Kilhedge Lane - Part 8 - Architects Design Statement
02	Kilhedge Lane - Part 8 - Documents List - 27-05-2021
03	P-10 Proposed Typical Floor Plans
04	P-11-Proposed Floor Plans - Communal Facility
05	P-12 Proposed Floor Plans
06	P-15 Typical Sections
07	P-16 Elevations - of West Block 1 of 3
08	P-17 Elevations - of West Block 2 of 3
09	P-18 Elevations - of West Block 3 of 3
10	P-18 Elevations - of West Block 3 of 3
11	P-19 Elevations - of East Block 1 of 3
12	P-20 Elevations - of East Block 2 of 3
13	P-21 Elevations - of East Block 3 of 3
14	P-22 Elevations - Site Sections
15	P-23 3D Views 1 of 2
16	P-24 3D Views 2 of 2
17	21532-1-100 Landscape Masterplan
18	21532-1-120 Open Space Management Plan
19	21532-1-200 Landscape Sections
20	21532-2-D01-Landscape Strategy
21	18D062_01_Rev P_Site Layout
22	18D062_02_Rev P_Proposed Drainage Layout
23	18D062_03_Rev P_Proposed Watermain Layout
24	18D062_04A_Rev P_Irish Water Watermain Details - Sheet 1 of 4
25	18D062_04B_Rev P_Irish Water Watermain Details - Sheet 2 of 4
26	18D062_04C_Rev P_Irish Water Watermain Details - Sheet 3 of 4

27	18D062_04D_Rev P_Irish Water Watermain Details - Sheet 4 of 4
28	18D062_05A_Rev P_Irish Water Foul & Surface Details - Sheet 1 of 4
29	18D062_05B_Rev P_Irish Water Foul & Surface Details - Sheet 2 of 4
30	18D062_05C_Rev P_Irish Water Foul & Surface Details - Sheet 3 of 4
31	18D062_05D_Rev P_Irish Water Foul & Surface Details - Sheet 4 of 4
32	18D062_Kilhedge Lane_Planning Report
33	18D062_Kilhedge Lane_Planning Report
34	18D062_Planning report Appendices
35	18ME031-ME-1000-(C)
36	RPT_211013_ Final EIAR Screening_Kilhedge Lane, Lusk
37	Screening for Appropriate Assessment - Kilhedge Lane 06-10-2021
38	KILHEDGE LANE LUSK - Archaeological AIR - FINAL - 11-08-2021
39	Signed Site Notice.pdf
40	P-02 Existing Site Plan
41	P-03_Proposed Site Layout
42	P-01 Site Location Plan
43	Scanned newspaper notice.pdf

Site Location Plan:



Site Development Plan *(as displayed):*



Appendix B		
No.	Issue	Response of the Chief Executive
1	This is an important open space which is being lost to the local community. The Council must increase & improve the provision of open amenity spaces for the residents of Chapel Farm / Dun Emer.	The site has zoning objective RS, Residential. The current proposal is consistent with this zoning and includes 1086sqm of Class 2 Open Space (Pocket Park) which is 12.5% of the site area. There are other similar Pocket Parks (Class 2) within adjoining housing such as: Chapel Farm Copse, Chapel Farm Place and Chapel Farm Green. In the immediate neighbourhood there are: Class 2 Small Parks: • 1.2 Hectares at Dun Emer Lawn. • 0.35 Hectares at Chapel Farm Crescent and, Class 1 Local Parks: • 3 Hectares on Chapel Farm Drive; • 2.4 Hectares at Chapel Farm Park.
2	Local residents must be protected from further disruption caused by construction traffic; many people already feel they are living in a construction site for many years.	Prior to commencement of works the developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department a Construction and Environmental Management Plan. This plan will contain details of measures to mitigate impacts on the amenity of adjoining areas and the receiving environment. Also, the works will be carried out, in accordance with recommendations included in the Planning Report regarding hours of operation, construction traffic management, construction noise, nuisance and pollution controls.
3	Existing trees and hedgerow on the site should be retained, with further tree planting in addition to that shown on displayed plans. Long-	The development proposals include a comprehensive landscape plan with a diverse planting schedule which adequately compensates for the loss of existing tree

	standing hedgerow along Kilhedge Lane has already been lost due to housing under construction; destruction of this important habitat goes against the Council's own plans.	clusters across the site.
4	There must be safe cycling routes from this proposed development, and on Kilhedge lane, as previously announced by the Council under Covid-19 active mobility plans; older people are more active now than in the past.	Active Travel Section are currently working on detailed design of Protected Cycle lanes and Traffic Calming along the R132 from Blakes Cross to Ministers Road Junction. These works will be linked via a quiet zone along Kilhedge lane which will provide connectivity back to Dun Emer and Lusk Village. These works are planned for the first half of 2022.
5	There must be a safe cycle route provided from Lusk to the train station, and to the planned Fingal Coastal Way, before further large-scale housing is built in the town.	Rogerstown Park Development Plan, currently in preparation, is on the route of Fingal Coastal Way and incorporates a walking cycling route linking the park to the town of Lusk via Lusk Train Station. It is expected that this plan will be lodged with An Bord Pleanála for approval in the second half of 2022.
6	Lusk is lacking sporting, exercise and recreational amenities, to serve existing and future development, e.g. football all-weather pitches, skate parks, swimming pools, gyms;	In their Report, (Appendix C) Planning and Strategic Infrastructure state that the proposal for Public Open Space in the development meets relevant planning objectives, in terms of landscape quality and quantum for sheltered housing. The Planning Report also states that semi-private open space to the rear of the dwellings, within landscaped courtyards is acceptable in terms of providing an amenity space to serve the recreational requirements of residents. Open space and recreational amenities are required to be provided in all planning applications for residential development within

		Lusk in accordance with the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. Furthermore, within Lusk, land has been zoned to facilitate such uses, including, amongst other zoning objectives, land zoned 'Community Infrastructure' and 'Open Space'.
7	If this development is to be built to sustainable standards, heat pumps should be provided to all the housing units.	In compliance with Building Regulations and management requirements of the developer, renewable sources of energy will be incorporated in the detailed design.
8	There is a need for traffic calming along the adjacent Chapel Farm through road.	Traffic calming on roads immediately adjoining the proposed development will be considered at detailed design stage in consultation with Fingal County Council Operations Section.
9	The proposed community space should be available for existing residents of the area and residents of this proposed accommodation; to ensure intergenerational solidarity and understanding.	The community facilities will initially be for the use of the elderly residents living in the proposed scheme. The Community section is in negotiations with various community groups in the Lusk area with a view to making the various existing community facilities more widely available to all the local community.
10	24 hour live-in warden must be provided for the future residents of this development to ensure their safety; medical services must be integrated into the development e.g. expansion of the existing public health nurse service.	There will also be a **Scheme Co-ordinator** appointed when it is fully occupied, and their contract hours will be agreed closer to the time of allocations. Tuath have a **Housing Services Co-ordinator** who manages all Tuath homes in the Fingal area, this scheme will fall within their remit. There will also be a **Tenant Engagement Officer** who covers the Fingal area and they will assist with tenant interaction in the area.

APPENDIX C:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Register Reference: PART XI/005/21

Proposed Development: Residential Development

Location: Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin

Proposing Department: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI/ Part 8 (Stage 1b Internal Consultation)

Nature of development:
The proposed development comprises the construction of sheltered housing for the elderly, consisting of

(a) 31 no. dwellings (i.e.13 no. 1-bedroom, 2-person, single-storey houses (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 50 sqm - 56 sqm), 18 no. 2-bedroom, 4-person, single-storey houses (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 75 sqm – 77 sqm).

All dwellings will be provided with access to a secure private shared garden area including shared bin store and bicycle parking areas.

(b) A single-storey Communal Facility (gross floor area 99 sqm).

(c) 41 no. car parking spaces (i.e. 1 no. spaces per house, 8 no. visitor spaces and 2 no. spaces at the Communal Facility).

Site Location & Description:
The subject site is located at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin. The subject site has a stated area of 0.86 ha, is irregular in shape and is located south of Kilhedge Lane, west of Chapel Farm Road and north of Chapel Farm Mews. The lands to the north, beyond Kilhedge Lane are currently under grass (with permission for a residential development – see planning history). The subject site comprises a piece of undeveloped land, surrounded by the internal road network of the Chapel Farm housing estate, south-west of Lusk Village. Topographical levels on the subject site are indicated as c. 21 metres (OD Malin) to the west of the site and c. 23 metres (OD Malin) to the east of the site, in general there is a c. 1 metre fall across the site. The northern boundary of the subject site is formed by hedgerow. The adjoining area is predominantly residential in character. The predominant house type in the vicinity is two storey.

Planning History:
Subject site

F05A/0127 – Permission GRANTED for 93 houses, a creche building and associated development works on lands at Chapel Farm Residential Development with access from Dublin Road. Applicant – Manor Park Homebuilders Ltd.

F03A/1378 - Permission GRANTED for amendments to planning permissions Reg. Ref. F00A/1446, F02A/0772, F02A/0964, consisting of the relocation of approved Class 1 Open Space Provision for Phases 1A, 1B and 2, and Class 2 Open Space Provision for Phases 1A and 1B, from the western portion to the northern portion of lands at Chapel Farm Residential Development (under construction) to concur with approved amendments to Action Area Plan for Lusk. Applicant – Manor Park Homebuilders Ltd.

F02A/0964 – Permission GRANTED for 98 houses at Dublin Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Applicant – Manor Park Homebuilders Ltd.

F02A/0772 – Permission GRANTED for 73 houses and associated development works at Dublin Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Applicant – Manor Park Homebuilders Ltd.

F00A/1446 – Permission GRANTED for 151 two storey houses and associated development works and associated temporary sewage treatment works with access from Dublin Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin and upgrading of existing sewerage treatment works by means of temporary treatment works at Dublin Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Applicant – Manor Park Homebuilders Ltd.

Lands to north:
F21A/0217 – Permission GRANTED for amendments to 8 no. semi-detached houses previously approved under Reg. Ref. F16A/0577 as follows: 1) relocation of side entrance for 4 no. houses to front with new canopy to all 8 no. semi-detached houses 2) new pair of gable windows at first floor in 4 no. houses 3) Increasing the depth of all 8 no. houses by 0.5 metres with increased floor areas of 9.00 sq, 4) internal layout changes with minor changes to window positions shown on elevations at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Applicant – O' Cualainn Housing Association.

F16A/0577 – Permission GRANTED for 54 no. dwellings, comprising 36 no. 1-3 storey houses and 18 no. 3-storey duplexes/apartments consisting of 11 no. 2-beds, 32 no. 3-beds and 11 no. 4-bed dwellings ranging from c.77 sq.m.-133 sq.m. in size; Provision of two vehicular accesses onto Kilhedge Lane and upgrade of a portion of the lane adjoining the site; Provision of an electricity sub-station (c.6sq.m. in size); All associated site development works, site services provision, drainage, access points, open space' landscaping, car parking and boundary treatment works at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Applicant – Modelwave Limited.

Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department:
Water Services Engineering Section – no objection subject to requirements.

Transportation Planning Section - no objection subject to requirements.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division – no objection subject to requirement.

Community Archaeologist/Heritage Officer – no objection.

Housing Department – no report received.

Biodiversity Officer – no report received.

Environmental Health Officer – no report received.

Environment Department - no report received.

Public Lighting – no report received.

Architects Department - no report received.

Relevant Policy:
Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

Map Sheet 6 A:
Land-use zoning:

The site is zoned '*RS*' '*provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity*' in the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023*.

The subject site is located within the Lusk Development Boundary.

Local Objective 22 pertains to the lands to the south-west of the subject site (i.e. require the provision of good pedestrian and cycle links between the Chapel Farm Estate, the school site and the open space).

Annex 1 Habitat is indicated as being located along the northern site boundary (this appears to coincide with hedgerow).

Written Statement:

In respect of Appropriate Assessment:

Objective DMS01
Ensure that all plans and projects in the County which could, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a European site or sites are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Objective DMS02
Ensure Local Authority development proposals are subject to environmental assessment, as appropriate, including Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

In respect of residential development:
The Development Plan has a range of applicable objectives associated with the provision of residential development, in particular for accommodation standards in terms of sizes and widths (*Objective DMS24*); separation distances between dwellings (*Objective DMS29*); and private open space (*Objective DMS87*). *Objective DMS03* requires the submission of an urban design

statement for developments in excess of 5 no. dwellings. Development Plan policy on public open space is guided by the requirements of *Objectives DMS57*, *DMS57A/ DMS57B and DMS59.*

The Fingal Development Plan emphasises the importance of sustainable communities and place making. The strategy of the Development Plan addresses urban design and urban development and design criteria for residential development. Objectives in this respect include:

Objective PM37 Ensure a holistic approach, which incorporates the provision of essential and appropriate facilities, amenities and services, is taken in the design and planning of new residential areas, so as to ensure that viable sustainable communities emerge and grow.

Objective PM38 Achieve an appropriate dwelling mix, size, type, tenure in all new residential developments.

Objective PM39 Ensure consolidated development in Fingal by facilitating residential development in existing urban and village locations.

Objective PM40 Ensure a mix and range of housing types are provided in all residential areas to meet the diverse needs of residents.

Objective PM41 Encourage increased densities at appropriate locations whilst ensuring that the quality of place, residential accommodation and amenities for either existing or future residents are not compromised.

In respect of sheltered housing;

Objective PM48 (mirrored in *Objective DMS46*)
Require that residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation be located in towns and villages for reasons of sustainability, accessibility, social inclusion, and proximity to the availability of services, except where a demonstrated need to locate in a rural environment because of the nature of the care required can be clearly established.

Objective PM49
Consider the existing (and anticipated) character of the area in which a proposed residential care home, retirement home, nursing home or sheltered accommodation is to be located and the compatibility of the use to such an area.

Objective DMS47
Require that applications for residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation consider and demonstrate the following:

- *The potential impact on residential amenities of adjoining properties.*
- *Adequate provision of open space*
- *Provision of adequate parking facilities.*
- *The design and proposed materials.*
- *The size and scale of the proposal must be appropriate to the area.*

- *A location within close proximity of high-quality public transport links and the site should be well served by good footpath links.*

In respect of sheltered accommodation, the *Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023* states that '*it is essential that adequate and suitable open space area and other facilities are provided for……sheltered accommodation. It is recognised that reduced quantity standards may be appropriate in some cases due to the level of care that is provided or by virtue of the location of the facility. Planning applications for such development should include detailed open space and landscaping plans that take account of the location of the facility, the availability/ suitability of existing open space and the needs of the residents of the facility'.*

Objective DMS48
Accept reduced open space quantity standards for certain developments, namely residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation where a reduction is deemed appropriate by virtue of the specific open space needs of the residents and where suitable accessible open space is available. High quality open space and landscaping plans shall be submitted with planning applications for these developments.

Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas:
The Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (DoEHLG May 2009) emphasises the importance of orientation, overshadowing, privacy, parking, amenity space and proper provision for refuse storage and collection when assessing/designing residential development within urban areas. An accompanying document *Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide* (May 2009) also provides more detailed guidance in respect of urban design at both neighbourhood and home level. Themes dealt with in the Urban Design Manual include, connectivity, inclusivity and variety at neighbourhood level and efficiency, distinctiveness and privacy/amenity at home level.

Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities:
Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DOEHLG 2007) provides guidance on providing architecturally appropriate, secure, assessable and adaptable developments and provides indicative guidance in respect of room sizes and internal layout.

Details of Proposed Development:
Layout:
The proposal comprises a development of 31 no. sheltered housing units and a single-storey communal facility to serve the needs of the residents. In terms of layout, the proposal is comprised of two clusters of dwellings (to the east and west of the site) with a centrally located area of public open space between the clusters. The units within each cluster back onto an area of private shared garden area.

Building design:
The dwellings within the scheme are all single storey with deep pitched roofs and ridge heights ranging between c. 6 metres and c. 7.5 metres. Material finishes comprise brick and render for the external walls and tile (unspecified colour) for the roof. The gable elevations of terrace units accommodate entrances. A number of the dwellings have pitched roof projections on the front elevations.

The design and appearance of the proposed community building is similar to the dwellings.

Car parking and access:
Being an island site within an established residential area, access is provided via the existing road network. The majority of the units are provided for with in-curtilage car parking, some dwellings appear to be served by car parking adjoining the area of public open space and within a lay-by to the north of the site. Visitor car parking is also provided within the scheme.

Bin and bicycle storage:
A bin store is indicated within each of the private shared garden areas. Similarly, bicycle storage is indicated within each of the private shared garden areas.

Private amenity space:
None of the dwellings within the scheme are served with private amenity space. The recreational needs of the dwellings/residents will be meet within the private shared garden areas.

Public open space:
A centrally located area of public open space is proposed (c.1,086 sqm). It is proposed that this area (in addition to the footpath along Kilhedge Lane) will be taken in charge. The drawings submitted also indicate that the footpath around the scheme will be taken in charge.

Boundary treatment and landscaping:
Based on the particulars submitted, boundary treatments comprise a 2.1-metre-high brick faced wall with railings mounted atop and 2.1-metre-high brick walls. The front of the dwellings are open plan.

The proposal entails the removal of a row of hedgerow along the northern site boundary. A scheme of landscaping is proposed for the site. Amenities including seating is indicated at locations throughout the shared open space (this area is indicated as being managed and is not to be taken in charge).

Assessment:
The primary issues for assessment include;

- Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan objectives/Relevant Guidelines:
- Impact on amenity of property and amenity of adjoining area:
- Parks & Green Infrastructure considerations:
- Transportation issues:
- Water & drainage issues:
- Archaeology:
- Impact on Natura 2000 Sites/EIA Screening:
- Issues arising.

Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan objectives/Relevant Guidelines:
The subject site is zoned '*RS*' in the *Fingal Development Plan 2017–2023*. 'Residential' use class as proposed is considered 'permitted in principle' under the '*RS*' zoning objective.

The proposed community building, being ancillary to the residential use proposed is considered to accord with the '*RS* zoning objective.

The proposed development is considered to comply with the requirements of *Objective PM48* in relation to the location of sheltered accommodation, *Objective PM49* in respect of the compatibility of the proposed development with the character of the area and *Objective DMS47* in relation to the impact of the proposal on the residential amenity of the adjoining area, the provision of open space, parking, design etc.

Unit mix & Internal Standards:
The proposal accords with *Objective DMS24* in terms of internal areas.

Noting the intended use of the dwellings, that being sheltered accommodation for the elderly the result mix/unit typology (i.e. 13 no. 1 bedroom units and 18 no. 2 bedroom units) is considered acceptable.

Separation Distances:
Objective DMS29 of the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023* provides that a minimum separation distance of 2.3 metres is provided between houses. The proposal accords with this requirement.

Private Amenity Space:
The proposed dwellings are not provided for with an area of private amenity space however noting the intended use of the dwellings, that being sheltered accommodation for the elderly, the proposal is considered acceptable in this regard. The proposal provides an area of semi-private open space to the rear of the dwellings within a landscaped courtyard which is considered acceptable in terms of providing an amenity space to serve the recreational requirements of residents.

Public Open Space:
In terms of public open space, the proposed development comprises 31 no. 1 and 2 bedroom units. In accordance with *Objective DMS57* the proposed development will have an overall calculated occupancy of 46.5 no. bed spaces (i.e. 31 x 1.5) and a total public open space requirement of 1,162.5 sqm/0.11625 ha (i.e. 46.5 no. bedspaces x 25 sqm), which would be divided on a Class 1: 75% (871.875 sqm)/ Class 2: 25% (290.625 sqm) basis.

Public open space of c. 1,086 sqm is being provided at a location in the centre of the site (i.e. c. 77 sqm below the required quantum).

Objective DMS48 allows for a reduced open space quantity standard for certain developments, including sheltered accommodation, subject to meeting specific requirements, namely having regard to the open space requirements of the residents, the accessibility of the open space and the quality of the open space provided with regard to landscaping. The proposal is considered acceptable in this regard.

Objective DMS57B requires that 10% of the overall development site area must be designated for use as public open space. The subject site has an area of 0.86 ha, accordingly a minimum

area of 860 sqm of public open space is required on the site. The proposal therefore complies with *Objective DMS57B.*

Density:
In terms of the *Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas* (DoEHLG May 2009) the proposal comprises 31 no. dwellings and results in a density of c. 36 dpha (based on a site area of 0.86 ha).

The subject site would be considered an 'Outer Suburban/Greenfield Site' under the *Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas* (DoEHLG May 2009) and a net density of 35 – 50 dwellings per hectare is considered appropriate for lands of this nature under the Guidelines. The Guidelines refer to 'gross' density and 'net' density and provide guidance in respect of the difference between the two. In calculating the 'net' density of a proposal, the land area taken up by a distributor road, schools, and open spaces serving a wider area should be discounted from the site area. In the case of the subject site/current proposal in determining what the 'net' and 'gross' density of the proposal is, given that the proposal does not include a distributor road, a school or an open space serving a wider area the density figure of c. 36 dpha would be the same for 'net' and 'gross'. The density of the proposed development at this location is considered acceptable.

Impact on amenity of adjoining area (including property):
Having regard to the single storey nature of the proposal, its design and separation distance to adjoining property, no significant impacts are anticipated on the residential amenities of the area or on adjoining property arising from the proposal. No significant overshadowing or overlooking is anticipated (within the scheme or on property outside the scheme) having regard to the layout and design of the dwellings.

In terms of visual amenity, the dwellings within the proposal generally relate well with one another in terms of scale and design. The proposal includes active elevations facing public areas within the scheme. The proposal provides for variation in the design of the dwellings (for example some dwellings have gables features) which provides for a degree of visual interest. Internally permeability/connectivity is provided, primarily by way of multiple entrances into the private shared garden areas. Within the centrally located area of public open space the path connectivity is provided diagonally and also around the perimeter of the area. This area of public open space is also adequately surveilled by the dwellings it serves. Additionally, the communal facility building will serve to anchor the scheme, serving as a hub of activity.

Within the scheme it is considered that the amenity of the residents would be improved through the provision of privacy screening. For instance, as proposed the internal pathway within the private shared garden would allow people to walk past/close to bedroom windows. Screening in the form of planting or planter structures/build-outs could address this issue.

Additionally, the location of the entrance to the westernmost block along the southern boundary/east of unit 9 would result in people passing in close proximity to the car parking for unit 9 and in bins being taken past cars etc. The repositioning of this gate eastwards would address this issue.

A bin repository is provided within both clusters, to the side of unit 9 and to the side of unit 21. In the interests of residential amenity, it is considered that a more centrally located bin store should be provided within each cluster, located a sufficient distance from dwellings and allowing for a greater degree of accessibility to the units.

Parks & Green Infrastructure:
A detailed landscape plan has been furnished with the proposal. The proposal is generally considered acceptable to the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division subject to a number of requirements including, that prior to commencement of development a revised Landscape Plan is submitted (indicating SuDS features within the area of public open space with slopes no greater than 1:5; a flat grassed area (minimum of 1.8 metres) provided at the top of this slope to allow for grass maintenance; sectional drawings of the proposed SuDs features; services clearly depicted; that lamp standards located on grassed areas and a minimum distance of 7 metres between lamp standards and tree planting). Additionally, the report requires that street tree planting located in front gardens/in front of houses have a small growing trees species; that *Tilia* is omitted from street tree planting and that where *Acer campestre sp.* are proposed, a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres is provided and constructed tree pits used where required in order to avoid the potential for structural damage issues into the future.

Transportation issues:
The proposal is generally considered acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section in terms of car parking provision, permeability, bicycle parking etc. The report however notes that Kilhedge Lane is sub-standard, is due to be upgraded as part of the adjoining development to the north (i.e. Reg. Ref: F16A/0577) and recommends that the proposed residential units requiring access off Kilhedge Lane are not occupied until such time as the upgrade of Kilhedge lane is complete.

Water & Drainage issues:
The Water Services Section has no objection to the proposed development. The Statutory Consultee in relation to foul sewer and water supply is Irish Water and pre-connection enquiries have been made. The report recommends that a contingency plan is submitted given that the proposal is partially reliant on a third party for the provision of foul sewer and water supply. A Flood Risk Assessment has been submitted. The subject site is located within Flood Zone C. The proposal is acceptable from a flood risk perspective.

Archaeology:
An Archaeological Heritage Assessment Report was submitted which concluded that the site is of no archaeological potential and that accordingly no additional archaeological interventions are required. A report has been received from the Community Archaeologist/Heritage Officer stating that the Archaeological Heritage Assessment Report submitted has demonstrated that the proposed development will have no direct impact on archaeological remains and consequently there are no objections to the proposed development on archaeological grounds.

Impact on Natura 2000 Sites/EIA Screening:
An Appropriate Assessment Screening report has been submitted with the application. The closest Natura 2000 site (i.e. Rogerstown SAC and SPA c. 2 km south-east of the subject site, Skerries Islands SPA c. 7.8 km to the north-east of the subject site and Malahide Estuary SAC and SPA c. 5.5 km to the south- east of the subject site). The Appropriate Assessment Screening

report identifies a watercourse (i.e. Palmerstown Stream) c. 300 metres east of the subject site. The Palmerstown Stream flows into Rogerstown Estuary c. 2 km south of the subject site. Development, including roads and housing estates are located between the subject site and Palmerstown Stream. In addition, there is an agricultural drainage ditch c. 130 metres south of the site. This ditch does not appear to connect to the Palmerstown Stream, being culverted at the closest point. There is no realistic pathway between the subject site and Palmerstown Stream. Furthermore, the subject site slopes in the opposite direction of Palmerstown Stream. Given the distance between the subject site and Palmerston Stream, the absence of a pathway between the subject site and a Natura 2000 site and having regard to the nature of the proposed development, the project is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

Class 10 (b) (i), Schedule 5 (Part 2) of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001* as amended i.e. 'Infrastructure Projects' refers to 'construction of more than 500 dwelling units'. The proposal comprises 31 no. residential units. The proposal therefore falls within the category of sub- threshold projects. An Environmental Impact Assessment screening report in accordance with Schedule 7A of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001* as amended has been submitted. The screening report examines the characteristics of the proposed development, the location of the proposed development and the type and characteristics of the potential impacts. The screening report submitted concludes that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on the environment. Separately, the Planning Authority has carried out a screening of the proposed development (see Appendix 2 of the Planning report). In summation, in terms of the nature, scale and location of the proposal, the proposed development does not result in the production of any significant wastes, emissions or pollutants, the proposed development is limited in size/scale and is removed from sensitive sites. Based on the forgoing, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is therefore not required.

Issues arising:
A Preliminary Construction and Environmental Management Plan should be submitted. This plan should contain details of measures to mitigate impacts on the amenities of the adjoining area and the receiving environment

Conclusion:
The proposed development has been reviewed and assessed by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department (with supporting reports from internal sections). Subject to the recommendations indicated below, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendations:
The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has no objection to the principle of proposed development at this location subject to the implementation of the recommendations below.

1. Prior to commencement of development the following amendments (and details of same) shall be submitted to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department for its written agreement;

    (i) Privacy screening for the rear of the dwellings within the private shared gardens (screening in the form of planting or planter structures/build-outs should be considered in this regard).

    (ii) The location of the entrance serving the private shared gardens at the westernmost block along the southern boundary/east of unit 9 shall be repositioned eastwards so as to be equidistance between unit 9 and unit 17.

    (iii) The scheme shall incorporate the provision of centrally located and appropriately screened bin repositories within the private shared gardens.

2. The following requirements in relation to access shall be carried out in full;

    (i) The proposed residential units requiring access off Kilhedge Lane shall not be occupied until such time as the upgrade of Kilhedge lane is complete;

    (ii) A Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department prior to commencement of development.

3. The following requirements in relation to drainage shall be carried out in full;

<u>Foul Sewer:</u>

(i) The applicant/developer shall enter into wastewater connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of development.

(ii) The applicant/developer shall prepare a contingency plan in respect of the 8 no. dwellings along the north of the development which are dependent on the delivery of a public sewer by a third-party.

<u>Surface Water:</u>

(i) The overall site discharge shall not exceed 2 l/s.

(ii) Prior to commencement of development, a SuDS strategy (providing details of the permeable paving, detention basin/swale, bio-retention areas, filter/infiltration drains, etc.) shall be agreed in writing with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

(iii) Prior to commencement of development, the applicant/developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department for its written agreement, details of how the proposed swale/detention basin is to be connected to the drainage network.

<u>Water Supply:</u>

(i) The applicant/developer shall enter into a water connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of development.

(ii) The applicant/developer shall prepare a contingency plan in respect of the 8 no. dwellings along the north of the development which are dependent on the delivery of a watermains by a third-party. A single mains loop around the overall site development will suffice.

4. Prior to commencement of development the applicant/developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department a Preliminary Construction and Environmental Management Plan. This plan should contain details of measures to mitigate impacts on the amenities of the adjoining area and the receiving environment

5. The external finishes of all buildings shall be agreed with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department prior to commencement of development.

6. All bathroom/en-suite windows shall be fitted and permanently maintained with obscure glass, the use of film is not acceptable.

7. No residential unit shall be occupied until all the services have been connected thereto and are operational.

8. Each house shall be used as a single dwelling unit apart from such use as may be exempted development for the purposes of the Planning and Development Regulations.

9. The following requirements in relation to landscaping and green infrastructure shall be carried out in full;

(i) Prior to commencement of development the applicant/developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department a revised Landscape Plan indicating/providing for;

(a) SuDS features within the area of public open space with slopes no greater than 1:5 and a flat grassed area (minimum of 1.8 metres) provided at the top of this slope;

(b) Sectional details of SuDS features;

(c) Services clearly indicated;

(d) Lamp standards shall not be located on grassed areas;

(e) A minimum distance of 7 metres maintained between lamp standards and tree planting;

(ii) Street tree planting located in front gardens/in front of houses shall have a small growing trees species.

(iii) *Tilia* shall be omitted from street tree planting.

(iv) Where *Acer campestre sp.* are proposed, a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres shall be provided.

(v) Constructed tree pits shall be used where required.

(vi) The revised Landscape Plan shall be fully implemented in the first planting season following practical completion of the development.

10. All areas indicated as public open space shall be fenced off during construction work and shall not be used for the purpose of site compounds or for the storage of plant, materials or spoil.

11. During the construction phase, the applicant/developer shall provide adequate off-carriageway parking facilities for all traffic associated with the proposed development, including delivery and service vehicles/trucks. There shall be no parking along the public road.

12. All public services to the proposed development, including electrical, telephone cables and associated equipment be located underground throughout the entire site.

13. The following requirements shall be met in full;

    (i) The hours of operation on all construction sites shall be restricted to 0800 to 1900, Monday to Friday, and 0800 to 1400 on Saturdays.

    (ii) No activities shall take place on site on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

    (iii) No activity, which would reasonably be expected to cause annoyance to residents in the vicinity, shall take place on site between the hours of 1900 and 0800.

14. The following requirements in relation to environmental health shall be complied with in full;

(i) During the construction phase, no heavy construction equipment/machinery (to include pneumatic drills, construction vehicles, generators, etc.) shall be operated on or adjacent to the construction site before 0800 hours or after 1900 hours, Monday to Saturday. No activities shall take place on site on Sundays or Bank Holidays. No activity, which would reasonably be expected to cause annoyance to residents in the vicinity, shall take place on site between 1900 hours and 0800 hours. No deliveries of materials, plant or machinery shall take place before 0800 hours or after 1900 hours.

(ii) During the construction phase the applicant/developer shall minimise noise from construction operations and shall have regard to *B.S.5228: Part 1:1997 "Noise and Vibration control on construction and open sites – Code of practice for basic information and procedures for noise and vibration control."*

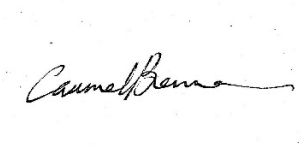
(iii) All necessary steps shall be taken to contain dust and airborne pollutants arising from the site and to prevent nuisance to persons in the locality. This shall include; covering skips; netting of scaffolding, regular road and pavement damping and sweeping and use of water spray to suppress dust.

(iv) The development shall be operated that there will be no emissions of malodours, gas, dust, fumes or other deleterious materials, no noise vibration on site as would give reasonable cause for annoyance to any person in any residence or public place in the vicinity. Noise emissions from the site shall be broadband in nature and free from audible tonal characteristics.

(v) All necessary measures shall be taken to prevent the spillage or deposit of any materials including clay rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of development. In the event of any such spillage or deposit, immediate steps shall be taken to remove the material from the road surface.

(vi) Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant/developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department for its written agreement, details of the various waste streams, including expected tonnages, which will be generated during site clearance/demolition and construction phases. The applicant/developer shall also confirm any proposed exportation/importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under Article 27.

15. An acceptable naming and numbering scheme for the development shall be submitted for the agreement of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the development. The naming scheme shall reflect local historical place names and shall be bilingual. Road name signs shall be located at prominent positions within the development and shall be bilingual. Dwellings shall be numbered and these numbers shall be affixed to the dwellings in a prominent position.



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Appendix 1 - Copies of Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/005/21 – Stage 2

Registration Date:

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Location: Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report - Stage 2

Flood risk:

A site specific flood risk assessment has been conducted. The development site is wholly located within the low risk area which is Flood Zone C (<0.1% AEP), in accordance with the OPW's guideline "The Planning System and Flood Risk Management". The development (classed as highly vulnerable) is therefor considered appropriate.

In order to mitigate against residual risk attributed to climate change the FRA recommends that finished ground levels be elevated by 150mm above existing levels, and finished floor levels by a further 150mm. This is a general recommendation to safeguard against the effects of climate

change and residual flood risk. In this instance though the development site is an infill site (i.e surrounding roads and kerbs are already constructed) and the existing finished road levels are therefore considered to be the existing ground levels. Within the constraints associated with accessibility requirements, finished floor levels will be 370mm (125mm kerb height + 145mm) above the existing road, which is considered acceptable as the primary and direct fluvial and pluvial flood risk is low.

Foul drainage:

The development proposes to connect to the existing Irish Water drainage network via gravity, as follows:

- A new network of 225mm ND sewers to connect the western and SW part of the site to the existing 225mm ND IW network,
- Individual house connections to the existing 225mm ND and300mm ND IW network, connecting the SE and eastern part of the site,
- Connection of the northern units via individual house connections to a proposed 225mm ND public sewer that is to be constructed under permitted development (Reg Ref F16a/0577) to the north of the development site.

A pre-connection enquiry was submitted to Irish Water. Feedback was issued 29th February 2020 confirming feasibility of the proposed development to connect to the Irish Water network.

In accordance with standard Irish Water protocol the developer shall be required to enter into a connection agreement with Irish Water.

The connection of 8 no. units along the north of the development site is dependent on the successful delivery of a public sewer by a third-party developer. In the event that this sewer is unavailable the provision of same will have to be incorporated into the scope of this development in order to facilitate connection of all units.

Surface water drainage:

A detailed geotechnical investigation has revealed the subsoils as being clayey/clay, with a groundwater strike at 1.5m below ground level in the centre of the site. The percolation test failed with no noticeable infiltration.

The development proposes 2 no. gravity connections to an existing 225mm ND public drainage sewer in Chapel Farm Mews road to the south of the site.

A surface water drainage proposal has been developed incorporating the follow SUDS principles and components:

1. Source control
    a. Grass and soft landscaping
    b. Permeable paving to private in-curtilage parking areas
    c. Permeable paving to private footpaths
    d. Rainwater butts (TBC subject to agreement with Tusla)
2. Filtration/Infiltration
    a. Perforated pipes within landscaped areas
    b. Filter drains
    c. Bio-retention areas / tree pits
3. Retention/detention

a. Stormtech™ attenuation tanks
b. Swale / detention basin
c. Discharge rate control (2 l/s/ha)

The SUDS strategy is acceptable in principle, however details of the permeable paving, detention basin/swale, bio-retention areas, filter/infiltration drains, etc need to be clarified/advanced. Parks Department in particular should also be consulted with regards to the features included in the Public Open Space area.

With regards to the proposed swale/detention basin it is unclear how these features are connected to the drainage network.

It is recommended that the provision of rainwater butts to each unit be further discussed and agreed with Tusla.

Water supply:

The development proposes to connect to the existing Irish Water network, as follows:

- Connection of the northern units via individual house connections to a proposed mains that is to be constructed under permitted development (Reg Ref F16a/0577) to the north of the development site.
- A new network of 100mm ND mains to connect the remainder of the units to the existing 100mm ND IW network through a single connection located in the south western corner.

A pre-connection enquiry was submitted to Irish Water. Feedback was issued 29th February 2020 confirming feasibility of the proposed development to connect to the Irish Water network.

In accordance with standard Irish Water protocol the developer shall be required to enter into a connection agreement with Irish Water.

The connection of 8 no. units along the north of the development site is dependent on the successful delivery of a watermain by a third-party developer. In the event that this watermain is unavailable the provision of same will have to be incorporated into the scope of this development in order to facilitate connection of all units.

Engineer: _____*pg*_____ Date: _____*05.10.21*_____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/005/21

Registration Date:

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Location: Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

General & Access

The proposed development is located on Kilhedge Lane c1.2km from turning off the R132, in what is assumed to be a 60km/hr speed zone (unconfirmed). However, Kilhedge Lane is a very narrow overgrown road c.3m in width with low speeds in the region of 30-40km/hr. Kilhedge Lane also serves as access to the *Chapel Farm Residential Development.* Continuing eastwards through the Chapel Farm estate, Kilhedge Lane joins onto *Ministers Road,* there are numerous roads interconnected through a web of residential access roads, with access also available off the R127, to the proposed development. Construction works are under way for a residential development (reg.ref: F16A/0577) to the north of the subject site on the opposite side of Kilhedge Lane, consisting of 54 no. residential units. Works to this site (reg.ref: F16A/0577) also include the upgrading of a section of Kilhedge Lane in & around said site and will see the introduction

of traffic calming measures along this section, which will be beneficial to the site in question. It's unclear if the remaining section of Kilhedge Lane towards the R132 is to be upgraded as part of reg.ref F16A/0577 or in the future.

The proposed development is an extension like development of the Chapel Farm Residential Development and is to consist of 13 no. 1-bedroom & 18 no. 2-bedroom - single storey dwelling houses along with a communal facility. On completion the proposed development will be sided by 4 no. existing roads/internal access roads which form a loop around the site.

- Kilhedge Lane
- Chapel Farm Mews
- Chapel Farm Road
- Chapel Farm Drive

All of the roads listed above are existing however, Kilhedge lane is sub-standard and to be upgraded as part of the adjoining development to the north (reg.ref: F16A/0577). The transport planning section would recommend that the proposed residential units requiring access off Kilhedge lane, not be occupied until such time as the upgrade of Kilhedge lane is complete.
Access in and around the proposed development has good interconnectivity with permeable paving surface provided for along the internal paths and on-street & off-street parking areas.

Parking

The applicant proposes to provide 1 car parking space per unit, along with 8 no. visitor car parking spaces and 2 no. spaces have also been provided for the Communal Facility. 29 no. car parking spaces will be provided off-street with 12 no. car parking spaces provided for on-street along the new public open space.

Car Parking Standards/Requirements				
Unit Type	No. of Units	Dev. Plan Standard Rates	No. of Spaces Req'd (Dev. Plan)	No. of Spaces (Proposed)
1-bedroom unit	13	0.5 per unit	6.5	13
2-bedroom unit	18	0.5 per unit	9	18
Communal facility	1	1 per 50m2 GFA	2	2
Visitor Parking		1 per 5 units	8	8
		Total	25.5	41

Bicycle Parking

The applicant proposes to provide 20 no. *Sheffield Type Hoops* in total, which will allow for 40 no. bicycle parking spaces. 9 no. hoops will be provided in the west courtyard to cater for 17 no. units. (18 no. spaces), with the provision of 7 no. hoops in the east courtyard to cater for 14 no. units. (14 no. spaces), 4 no. hoops will be provided in front of the communal building (8 no. spaces).

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging

The applicant has stated in the *Design Statement* submitted that Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure will be provided for throughout the proposal. EV charging points shown are for the use of Units 12-17 and the Communal Facility along the south-east side of the Public Open Space as shown on drawing No. 18ME031-ME1000(C). The applicant has also stated that all other units have parking spaces in-curtilage and are suitable for the installation of a home charger fed from, and adjacent to, the ESB meter. It is not proposed to provide infrastructure for these units as a charger can be connected to the meter box relatively simply in the future, should the requirement arise.

Bins

A shared bin storage area is proposed, in the shared and secured garden area.

Taking in Charge

The applicant has illustrated the areas to be taken in charge by Fingal County Council in orange hatch on the *Open Space Management Plan* drawing submitted (ref:21532-1-120). In summary, this area includes the internal open space including 12 no. on-street parking spaces (middle section) and footpath around the outer perimeter of the site.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development at this stage of the planning application, however would recommend strongly the proposed residential units requiring access off Kilhedge lane, not be occupied until such time as the upgrade of Kilhedge lane is complete.

Officer:		Endorsed:	
Date:		Date:	

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/005/21

Registration Date: 16-Jun-2021

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Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Public Open Space Provision:

The proposed Public Open Space provision is acceptable.

Open Space design and layout:

The proposed open space design and layout is acceptable subject to the following:

Details of the proposed SuDS features located on Public Open Space to have slopes no greater than 1:5. A flat grassed area of a minimum of 1.8 metres shall be provided at the top of this slope to allow for grass maintenance.

Sections to be provided on the landscape plans for the proposed SuDs features on Public Open Space.

Services shall be clearly shown on the Landscape plans. This is to ensure that services (including man-holes, ESB boxes etc) and proposed tree planting are coordinated at design stage.

Lamp standards shall not be located on grassed areas.

A minimum distance of 7 metres shall be kept between lamp standards and proposed tree planting.

The proposed 'street tree planting' located in front gardens / in front of houses shall be small growing trees species in order to avoid issues of loss of light to front rooms.

Omit *Tilia* from street tree planting.

Where *Acer campestre sp.* are proposed, ensure that a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres is provided and constructed tree pits are used where required in order to avoid the potential for structural damage issues into the future.

Officer: __Gemma Carr_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: __01/09/21_____ Date: _____

Appendix 2 - EIA Screening:

Preliminary Screening:

Is size of site exceptional in context of existing environment?	No
Will proposed development result in any significant waste, or significant emissions or pollutants?	No
Is the proposed development located on, in or adjoining or have potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site/location?	No
Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?	No
Conclusion	
There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	No (EIAR not required)
There is a significant and realistic doubt as regards to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	No
There is a real and significant likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	No (EIAR not required)

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the absence of any significant environmental sensitivity in the vicinity, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for an environmental impact assessment can therefore be excluded at preliminary examination stage.

Meeting of Fingal County Council
13th December 2021

Proposed sheltered housing for the elderly, consisting of 31 no. dwellings, 1 no. communal facility and all associated site development works at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co Dublin

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall - Roinn Na nAiltirí
Fingal County Council - Architects Department

Tuath Housing

Public Consultation Process:

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)
Tuesday 12th October 2021

Public Display – 4 weeks
From Monday 18th October 2021 to 16th November 2021

Submissions & Observations Period – 6 weeks
From Monday 18th October 2021 to Tuesday 30th November 2021

Draft CE Report - Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)

Thursday 9th December 2021

CE Report – Fingal County Council Meeting
Monday 13th December 2021

Planning and Development Act 2000 Part XI Section 179(3):
A report prepared in accordance with paragraph (b) shall-

*"**Describe** the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area "*

*"**Evaluate** whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".*

*"**List the persons** or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under sub-section (2)".*

*"**Summarise the issues**, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the manager thereto".*

*"**Recommend** whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be".*

Site Context

*"**Describe** the nature and extent of the proposed development*

- Elongated rectangular greenfield site between Kilhedge Lane and Chapel Farm Mews, at the south-west of Lusk, comprising 0.86 hectares with RS zoning.
- Existing housing estates surround the site on north-east and south east.
- Construction of new housing at Dun Emer and associated upgrade works of Kilhedge Lane commenced in May 2021.
- Area to south-west to remain open green space.



View from North East



View from North West



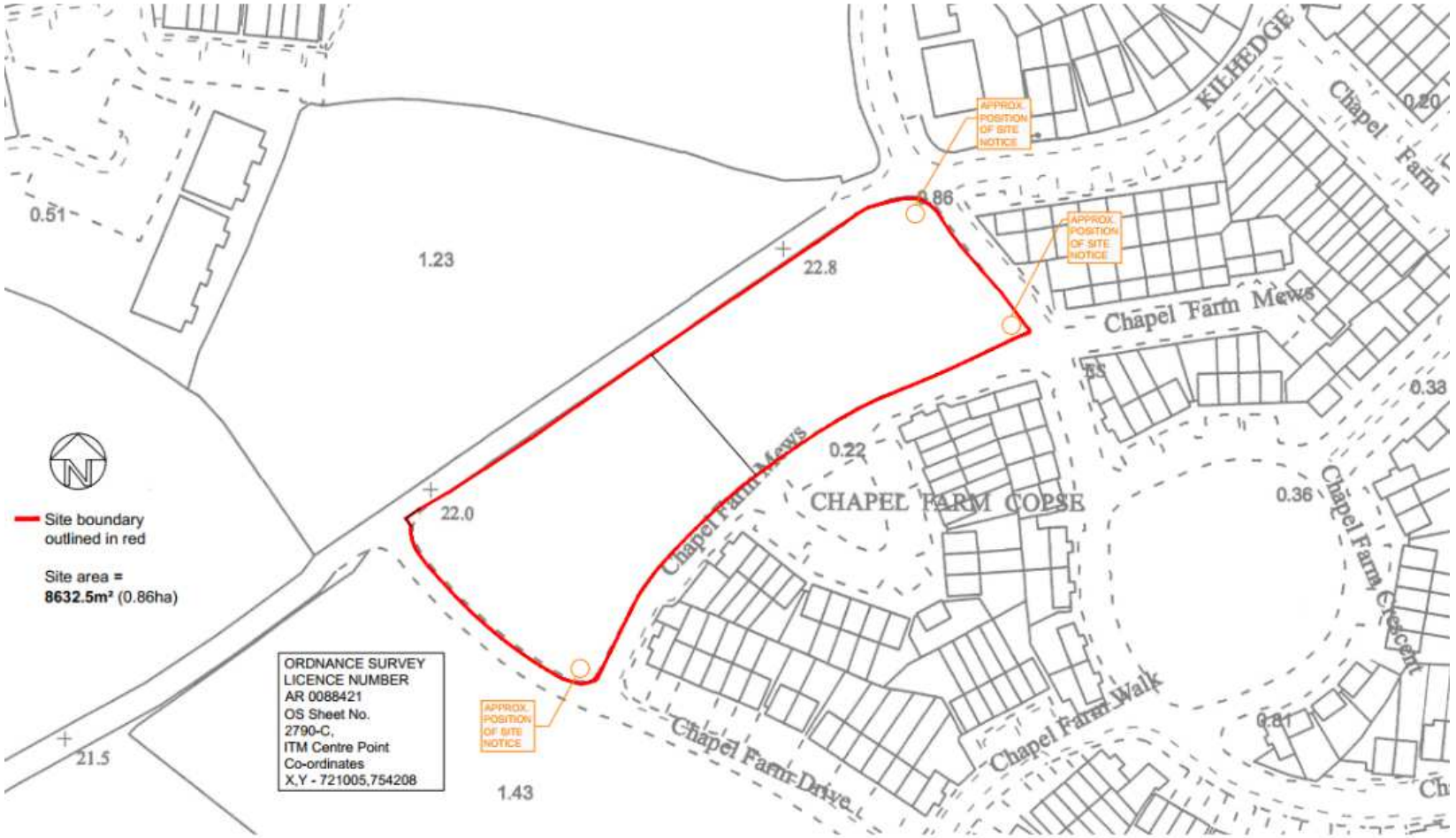
View from West

Aerial View



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Site Location



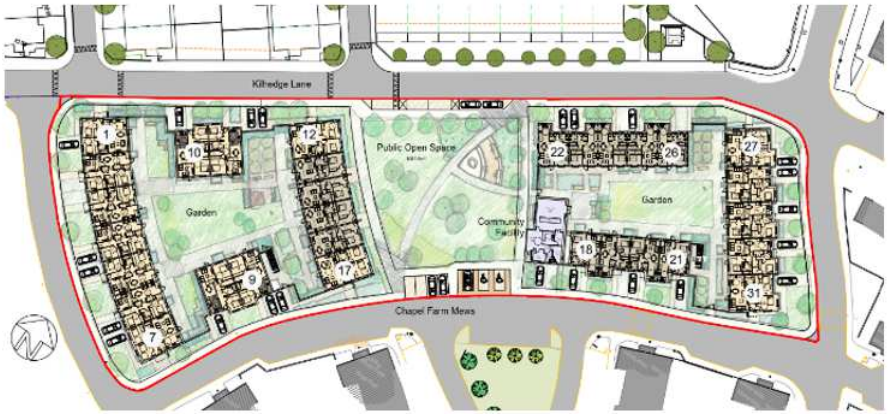
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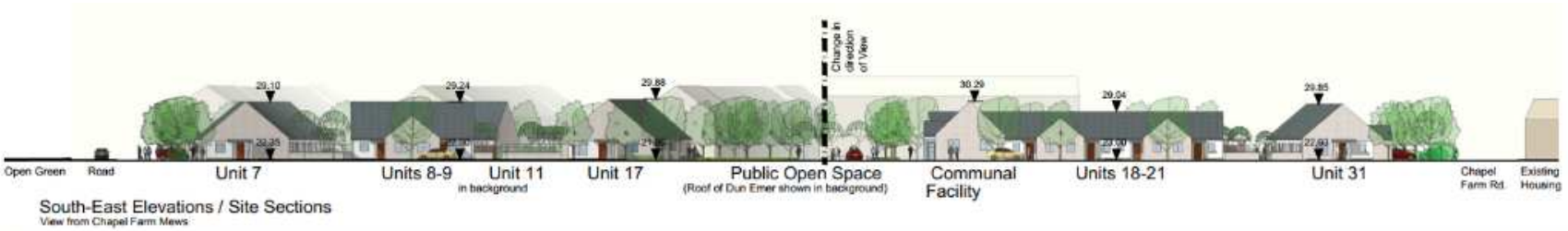
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Key Site Characteristics

- Site Area 8632.5 m^2 (0.86 ha)
- Zoning 'RS' Residential
- House Schedule 13 no. 1-Bed/2P/1S
  18 no. 2-Bed/3P/1S
- Density 36 uph
- Public Open Space 1085.9 m^2 (12.6%)
- Private Communal Garden Area: 2225.16 m^2 (26%)
- Communal Bin Storage provided
- Car Parking Spaces 33 no.
  8 no. Visitor
  (Incl. 3 no. Disabled Car Spaces)
  41 no. in total
- Electric car parking spaces: 4 no.
- Proposed Bicycle Stands: 40. no. in total.



Sections



South-East Elevations / Site Sections
View from Chapel Farm Mews



North-West Elevations / Site Section
View from Kilhedge Lane



South-East Elevations / Site Section
View bounding road at South-West



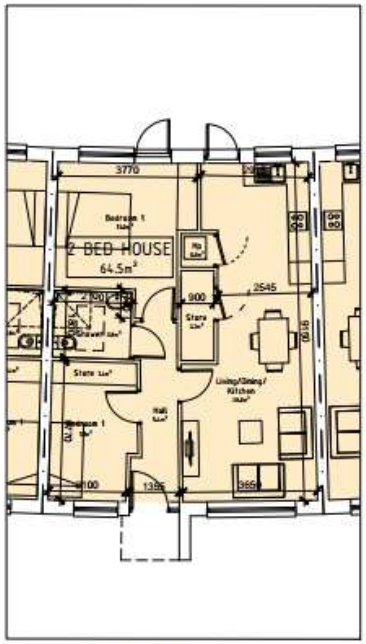
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View from Chapel Farm Road

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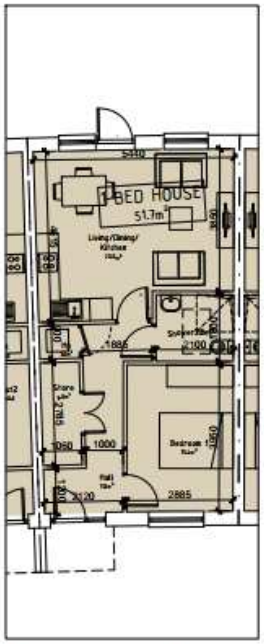


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Floor Plans - Houses



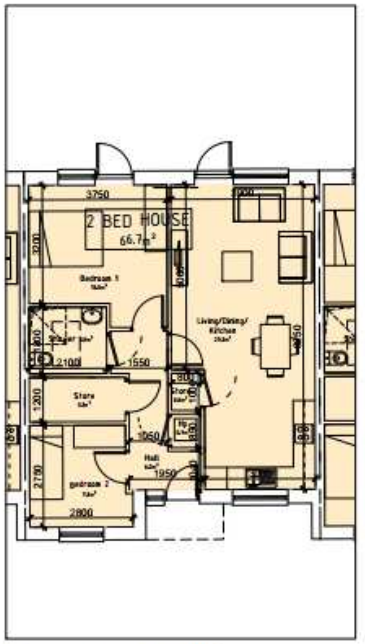
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(Unit No. 3 shown)
Units No. 2-6



One-bed House 51.7m²
(Unit No. 15 shown)
Units No. 13-16



One-bed House 50.0m²
(Unit No. 24 shown)
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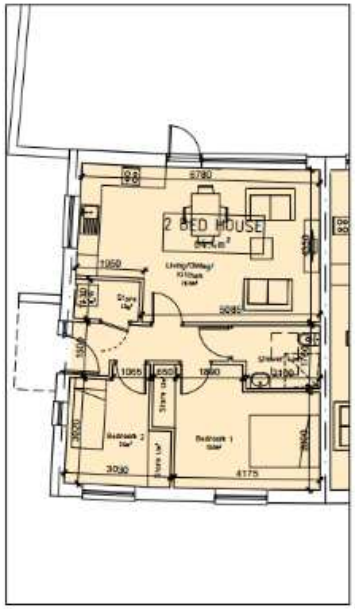


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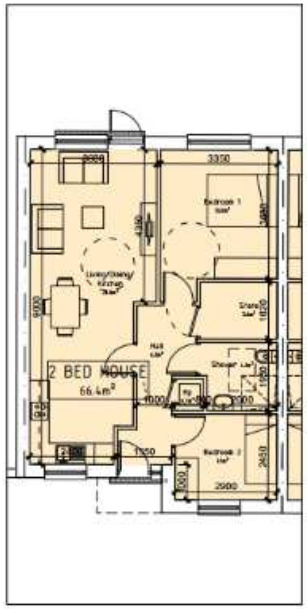


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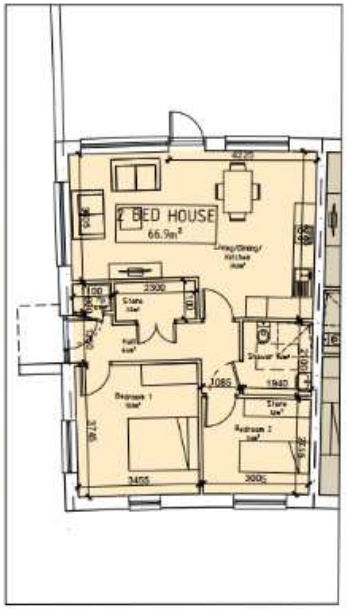
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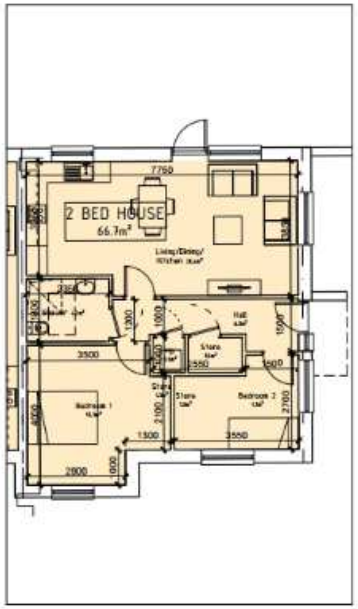
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Units No. 1 & 7



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(Unit No. 11 shown)
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Two-bed House 66.9m²
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Units No. 12 & 17



Two-bed House 66.7m²
Unit No. 27



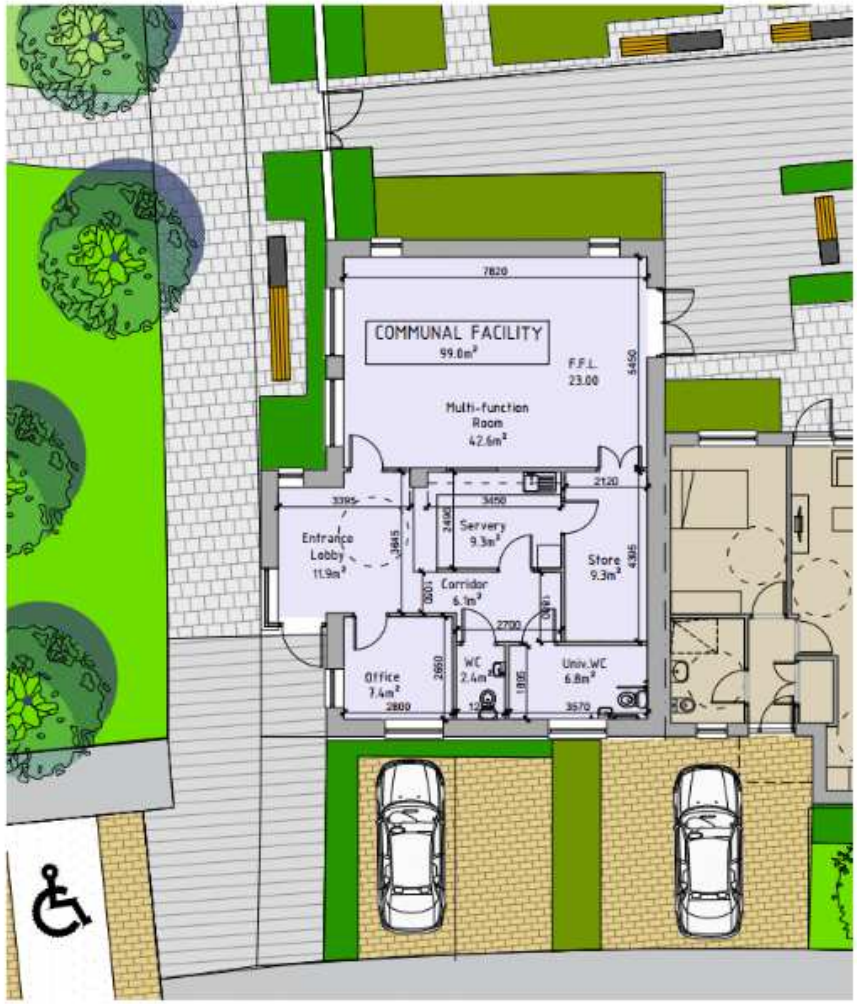
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Floor Plan – Communal Facility



Communal Facility 99.0m²



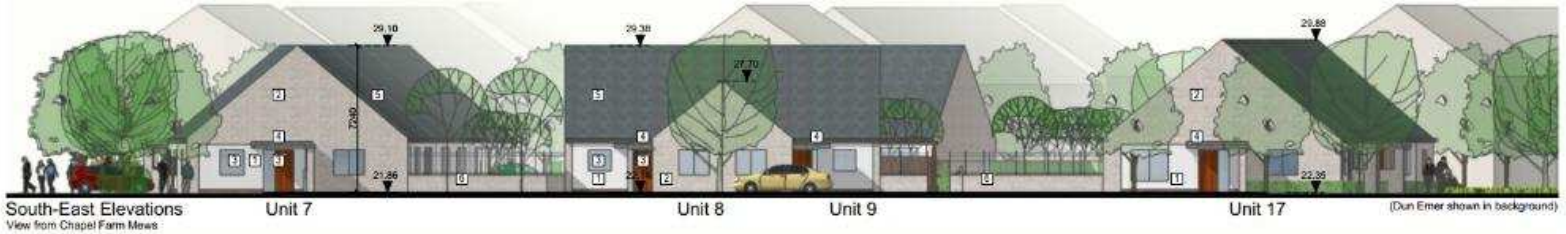
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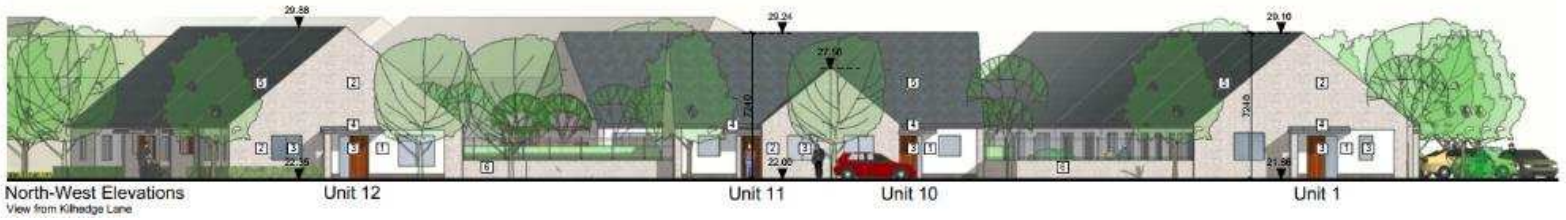
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Elevations







LEGEND

(Elevation finishes)

1. White or pigmented render finish
2. Selected brick facing
3. Selected door & window system
4. Selected finish flat roof canopy
5. Selected tile roof covering
6. Boundary wall to consist of brick faced plinth and railing on top
7. Raised planters / box hedges to Landscape Architect's details

Keyplan



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Elevations







3D view from East



3D Views



Aerial view from North



Aerial view from West



Aerial view from South



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3D Views



Eye-level view from West, towards Kilhedge Lane



Eye-level view from North
corner of Public
Open Space



Eye-level view from North, from junction of Kilhegde Lane & Chapel Farm Road

Keyplan



Landscape Masterplan



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Connections to Public Utilities:

- Foul drainage outfall to existing IW foul sewer at Chapel Farm Mews and new drainage currently being installed along Kilhedge Lane.
- New water main will connect to existing water main at Chapel Farm Mews.
- Surface Water SuDS is a combination of permeable paving and gravity drainage to a modular attenuation system, in addition to a swale within the central open space. The surface water system is designed to accommodate the runoff generated by a 1 in 100 year storm event (+20%); new connection to existing main drainage at Chapel Farm Mews.
- ESB and Telecom Utilities are available adjacent to the site along Chapel Farm Mews.
- Public lighting will be to the standards of Fingal County Council Operations Section.

The following documents have been consulted in the pre-planning stage:

- Fingal County Council Development Plan 2017-23.
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities ; (DEHLG, 2007)
- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas;
  Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG 2009)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Guidelines for New Apartments (DHPLG 2018)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013)
- Building Control and Building Regulations and the TGD's Part A to M
- The European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and
  nZEB (nearly Zero Energy Building) standards
- Fingal Age Friendly County Strategy 2018 – 2023
- Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024

The following documents are available in support of this proposal:

- Architectural, Engineering and Landscape Architect Drawings
- Architect's report including project description & Architectural Design Statement.
- Engineering Report, including SuDS Selection Strategy and Flood Risk Assessment
- Site Investigation Report
- AA & EIA Screening Reports
- Archaeological Heritage Assessment Report

*"**Evaluate** whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area..."*



Planning - Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

Zoning Objective: RS-Residential

Provide for Residential Development, protect & improve residential amenity

*"**Evaluate** whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area..."*

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department assessed the proposed development;

primary considerations for assessment were :

- Zoning Objective, Development Plan objectives and Relevant Guidelines.
- Parks & Green Infrastructure.
- Archaeology:
- Residential Development Standards
- Residential Amenity
- Vehicular Access and Car parking
- Drainage and Water Supply
- Environmental and Appropriate Assessment Screening

The assessment concluded that, subject to recommendations contained in the Planning Report, the proposed development '*is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*'.

"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations ....."

1no. Submission was received from Councillor Mulville.

"Summarise the issues....."

Issues were raised in the submission regarding:

- Provision of Open Space,
- Disruptive Construction
- Landscape design
- Cycling connectivity
- Sports facilities
- Traffic
- Management of the proposed Sheltered Housing

Responses of the Chief Executive, are included in Appendix B of the CE Report.

"Recommend……."

No modifications to the proposed development arise from the Public Consultation.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the development as proposed, subject to recommendations contained within the Planning Report.

End of presentation,

Thank you.

Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021

Air Quality Plan to improve Nitrogen Dioxide levels in Dublin Region



Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

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1.0 Introduction – Setting the context

1.1 Why is this air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide for Dublin necessary and what is its purpose?

Ireland as an EU member state is obliged to implement EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (also referred to as the CAFÉ Directive). One element of the implementation of this Directive involves carrying out air quality monitoring for a number of specified air pollutants at a network of air quality monitoring stations throughout the country. These requirements were transposed into national legislation in Ireland by the Ai1498r Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (S.I.180/2011).

In 2019, there was an exceedance of the annual permissible limit value for one of these pollutants – nitrogen dioxide - at one monitoring station in Dublin. There were no other exceedances recorded elsewhere for nitrogen dioxide or any other specified air pollutant during 2019.

Under the national legislation, if this occurs the relevant local authorities are obliged to prepare an air quality plan to identify the root causes and formulate measures to address the exceedance of that pollutant for submission to the EU within two years of the exceedance being reported. For the purposes of air quality assessment and management in Ireland, the country is divided into a number of zones, one of which is *Agglomeration A - the Dublin Conurbation*. This consists of the functional areas of Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council and most of Fingal County Council. For the purposes of readability of this plan, the term *Dublin Region* will be used in the text to describe this legally defined area. For the purposes of air quality management, this zone would be classified as a city.

The reasoning behind the legal obligation for the four local authorities preparing this plan together include:

- The root causes for an exceedance of the permissible limit for a given pollutant at one location may be influenced by regional as well as local factors.
- It is crucial that measures taken to address an exceedance in one location do not inadvertently displace the burden of pollution elsewhere.

This last point in particularly relevant in this instance as nitrogen dioxide is an air pollutant primarily associated with transport emissions. Therefore, the purpose of this plan is to address reducing nitrogen dioxide emissions from transport in the Dublin region.

1.2 Arrangement and layout of this air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide

One of the legal obligations under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 on local authorities in preparing this air quality plan is to ensure that it is “clear, comprehensible and accessible”.

Therefore the flow of this plan is to firstly give an overview of the reasons for and purpose of preparing this plan (see above); then give the a contextual overview of the area covered by the plan in terms of physical geography , demography population and climate.

The plan will then describe the policies and legislation dealing with air quality in Ireland and then address the origin, occurrence and health impacts of nitrogen dioxide.

It will also deal with relevant transport and land use plans. It will then describe the emissions and dispersion modelling carried out for this plan and from this elaborate the proposed measures and actions required to achieve the target of bringing nitrogen dioxide levels back into compliance with legal limit values.

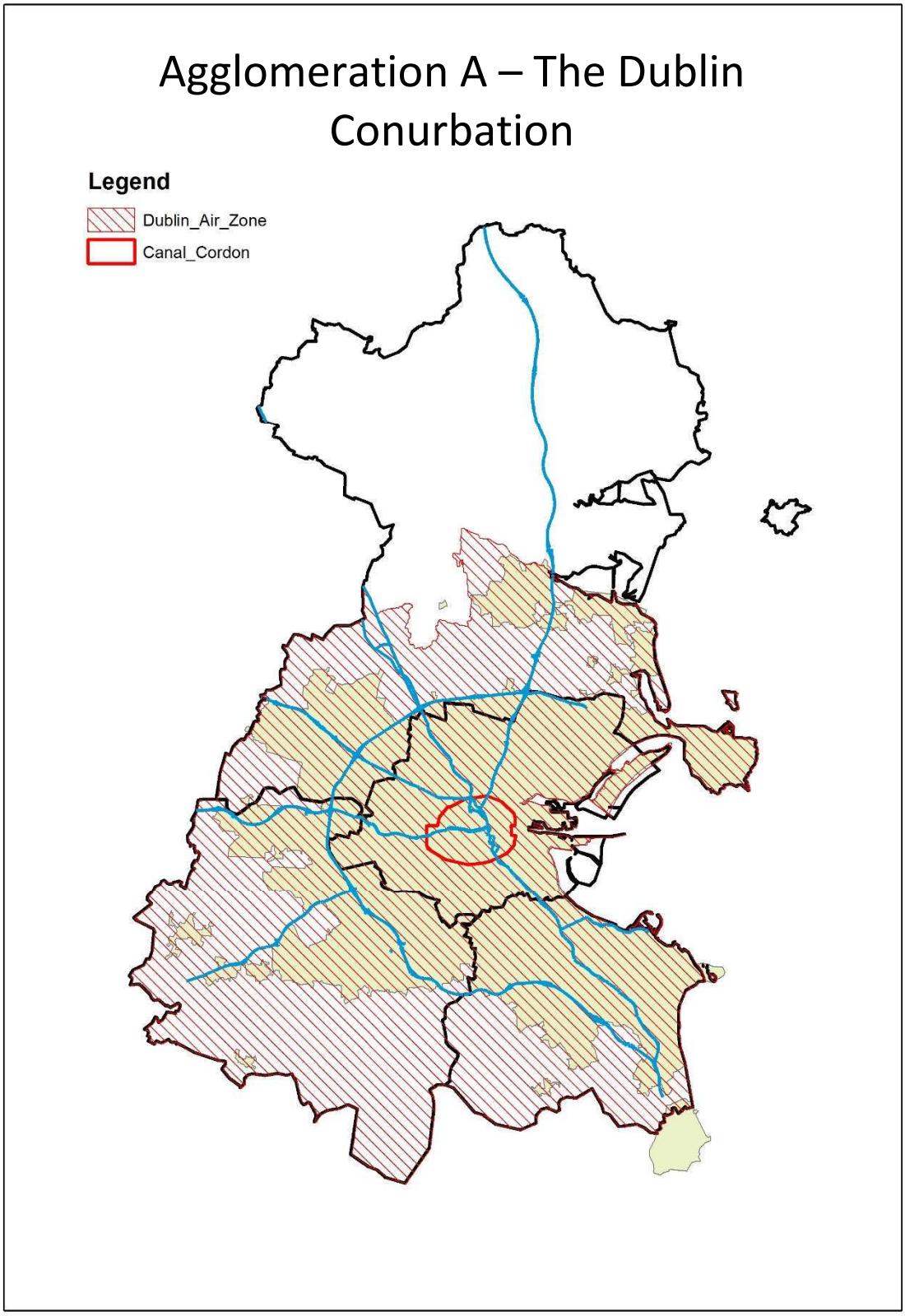
1.3 Overview of the Dublin region Geographic and Population Profile

The Dublin Region occupies an area of 922 square kilometres and is situated on the east coast of Ireland on the River Liffey, which discharges into Dublin Bay and the Irish Sea. The area of Agglomeration A - the Dublin Conurbation, which is the subject of this Plan, is 637 square kilometres. The area around St. John’s Road West, where the recorded exceedance of nitrogen dioxide occurred in 2019 is situated in the west of Dublin City. The road in question is highly trafficked and serves as a feeder route to two motor ways (M50 and M4). There is a main railway station immediately to the north of the air quality station and the area is a hub for national and urban bus services as well as the a taxi rank serving the railway station (see local map below fig.1,1) .



Figure 1.1 Local Map around Saint John's Road West Air Monitor

The region is a relatively low-lying area with rich pastures to the west and north of the city. In addition to the River Liffey, two other major rivers run through the region and include the River Tolka from the northwest and the River Dodder from the southwest. The latter rises in the Wicklow Mountains that together with the smaller Dublin Mountains are located to the south west of Dublin City. The highest peaks in the Dublin Mountains extend to around 750metres, where those in the Wicklow Mountains extend to above 1000 metres in places. The mountains are known to have an influencing effect on the weather in Dublin, primarily reducing precipitation that falls extensively over the mountain ranges. In addition, the region also contains two canals linking the city centre to the River Shannon in the Midlands. The map below shows the extent of Agglomeration A - the Dublin Conurbation relative to the overall region.



In terms of Information on the type of targets requiring protection in the zone, these are addressed in

Chapter 8 - Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening

The population of the Region was 1,347,359 in the 2016 census that represented approximately 28% of the State's population.

The overall Dublin Region consists of four local authority administrative areas - Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Fingal County, and South Dublin County. With the exception of Dublin City, each of the county administrative areas has a mix of rural and urban Electoral Districts. The population of each of these functional areas as determined in the 2016 Census is as follows:

Area	**2016 Population**
Dublin City	554,554
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	218,018
Fingal	*296,020* (161,548 inside the Dublin Region)
South Dublin	278,767

Of the above, 110,000 people live within the canal cordon formed by the Grand and Royal Canals. It should also be noted that the population living in the Electoral Areas where (or adjacent) the exceedance at St. John Rd West was recorded is 29,423 persons. (CSO Census Data 2016)
Dublin is both a vibrant and a historic region, whose heritage is complemented by being a major centre for multinational operations Information and communications technology; it has also seen significant ongoing transport and urban renewal activities over the past decade.

The Region includes an International Airport and two main seaports, one of which is the largest in the State.

As the population of Ireland increased by 3.8% between 2011 and 2016, the largest increase was at a regional level – with Dublin at 5.8% followed by the Mid-East region at 5.3%

In 2016, 28.3% of the population of Ireland lived in Dublin while 14.5% lived in the Mid-East. Thus, just under 43% of all Irish people lived in the Dublin or the Mid-East regions in 2016. Recently published data by the Central Statistics Office indicate that while the national population topped over 5 million people for the first time in over 150 years, population growth in Dublin has now actually levelled out.

Climate of the Dublin region

The climate of a region and day-to-day changes in weather profoundly influence air quality in that region. Weather determines how quickly pollutants are dispersed, diluted or blown by the wind from their source. Conversely, pollutants can also be trapped close to the ground. If wind speeds are weak

and the air close to the ground cools down this can result in warm air moving over it. This creates an "inversion" condition that keeps pollutants close to the surface. Such inversions typically occur on clear, dry, still nights.

Poor air quality can also result from high temperatures. In hot, sunny weather, photochemical smog can form through complex chemical reactions involving a range of air pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, ozone, and volatile organic compounds. Air pollution can also be washed out by rain, fog or snow.

The climate of Dublin is oceanic (due to the influences of the Atlantic Ocean), cool and humid throughout the year. Consequently, it does not experience the extremes of temperature experienced by many other countries at similar latitude.

The average temperature ranges from 5 °C in January and February to 15.5 °C in July and August. While Dublin is on the drier coast of the island of Ireland total precipitation does amount on average to a total 750 millimetres per year. This means that certain amounts of air pollutants are washed out of the atmosphere in the course of a year. The table below demonstrates the typical variation seen in terms of temperature and rainfall in Dublin over the course of a year.

Table: 1.1 Dublin - Average temperatures Dublin - Average precipitation

Month	Min (°C)	Max (°C)	Mean (°C)	Millimetres	Days of rain
January	2	8	5	65	13
February	2	8	5	50	10
March	3	10	6.5	55	11
April	5	12	8.5	55	11
May	7	15	11	60	11
June	10	18	14	65	10
July	12	20	16	55	11
August	12	19	15.5	75	12
September	10	17	13.5	60	10
October	7	14	10.5	80	12
November	5	10	7.5	75	12
December	3	8	5.5	75	13
Year	6.5	13.3	9.9	760	135

Source: Climates to travel - World climate guide

2.0 Air Quality Assessment and Management in Ireland under the CAFÉ Directive

2.1 Air Quality Assessment in Ireland

Overview

The European Commission originally launched the Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) programme in 2001, with the aim of reviewing the EU's air quality policies and assessing progress towards attainment of the EU's long-term air quality objectives. Amongst a number of milestones in this ongoing programme was the adoption by the Member States of the EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (the CAFÉ Directive)

The provisions of this Directive were transposed into Irish law by The Air Quality Standards Regulations SI 180 of 2011. These regulations established the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the competent authority for assessing air quality in Ireland.

The regulations stipulate the:

- Air quality standards to be met in common by all Member States.
- Requirements for national networks of air quality monitoring stations
- Establishment of distinct air quality zones for assessing and managing air quality
- Requirement for short- term action plans in the event of certain kinds of acute exceedances of permitted limit values
- Requirement for Air Quality Plans to be made to bring air quality into compliance in the event of more exceedances.

The Environmental Protection Agency as the competent authority, in cooperation with a number of partners, (such as some local authorities and third level institutes) operate the National Ambient Air Monitoring Programme (NAAMP). This programme includes a national network air quality monitoring stations, reporting data on a continuous, real-time basis. The raw data on air quality gathered is open to public access on a number of platforms including https://airquality.ie/. This data is subject to rigorous quality control and assurance. Following this process the final air quality data for the previous calendar year is reported on an annual basis to the EU Commission (usually in the third quarter of the year). If any exceedances of mandatory limits are recorded during a calendar year this triggers a process under the CAFÉ Directive whereby a member State has to prepare an action plan to address such exceedances.

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As well as the national monitoring stations network, there are a growing number of “local” air quality monitoring stations. These utilise lower cost monitoring equipment that give a rapid indication of air quality in a locality.

In addition to the national and local monitoring network, the EPA (again in conjunction with some partners) also carry out indicative air quality monitoring campaigns (i.e. using basic low cost sensors over a period of time varying from several months to a year) to identify potential air quality “hot spots” where it may be necessary to establish permanent monitoring stations.

As last reported by the EPA that there are 95 monitoring stations (national and local combined) in Ireland. In 2019 alone there were 24 new stations established (9 national and 15 local) and further expansion is ongoing. The map below shows the general geographical spread nationally of these monitoring stations.

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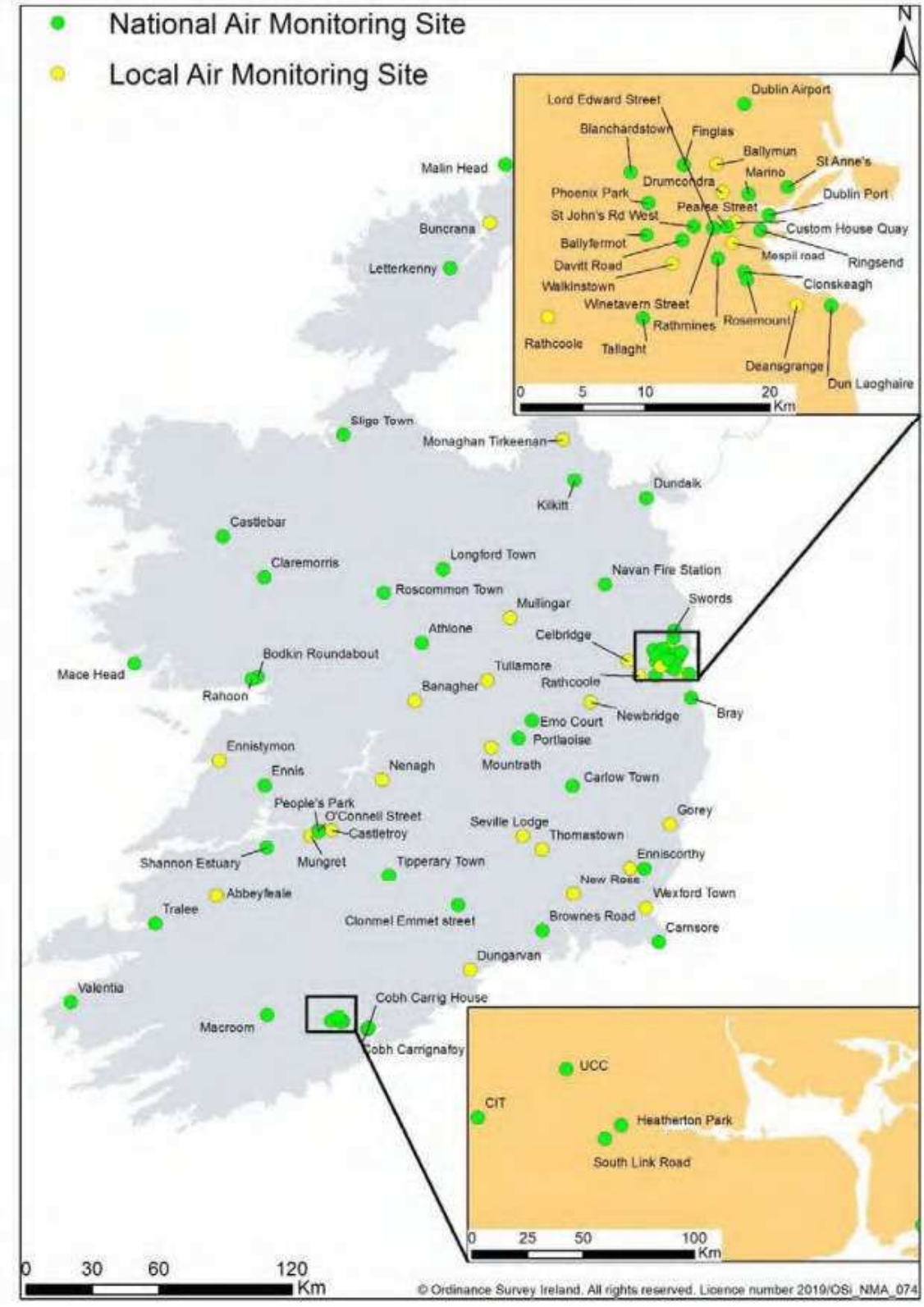


Figure: 2.1 National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network in Ireland 2020

(Source -EPA – Air Quality in Ireland 2019)

2.2 Air Quality Standards under the CAFÉ Directive

Each of the pollutants monitored in the national network in Ireland have associated EU legal limit values assigned to them, which if exceeded, require action to be taken by the relevant authorities. These legal limit values are focused on the protection of human health and are based on the World Health Organisation Air Quality Guidelines Global Update 2005. It should be noted that the World Health Organisation issued revised air quality guidelines in 2021, and these are under consideration by the European Union in terms of formulating future clean air directives (see 2.3 for more detail).

Before setting out the air quality standard for nitrogen dioxide, a very brief overview of the monitoring method is useful to explain the context.

Each nitrogen dioxide analyser in the network continuously monitors nitrogen dioxide levels in the air and every hour it calculates the one-hour average concentration of that pollutant.

Therefore in a complete calendar year, there would be a maximum 8760 one-hour results (i.e. the number of hours in a calendar year). In practice, there is some tolerance (10%) built in to allow for analyser servicing, calibrations and unscheduled stoppages (power cuts or breakdowns)

The first legal limit value stipulates that a concentration of 200 micrograms per cubic metre should not be exceeded more than 18 times in a calendar year. In other words, no more than 18 of all the one-hour values recorded in a calendar year may exceed this level. This first limit value is important if there are short episodes of very high nitrogen dioxide levels over a number of days. In practice, these kinds of pollution episodes have not been experienced in Ireland.

The second legal limit value stipulates that the average of all the one hourly results in a calendar year must not exceed 40 micrograms per cubic metre. This limit value is focused on the long-term exposure to nitrogen dioxide, and is of relevance to the air quality picture in Ireland.

Apart from nitrogen dioxide, there is a range of other air pollutants monitored under the CAFÉ Directive. While these are not the subject of this plan, for the sake of completeness they are listed below:

Sulphur dioxide, Carbon monoxide, Ozone, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, Particulates (PM10 and PM2.5), and dioxins. As stated previously in this plan, the levels of these pollutants are within legal limit values in Ireland.

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2.3 Health Effects of Nitrogen dioxide

The EU air quality standards above are based on the criteria for the protection of human health set down in the World Health Organisation Air Quality Guidelines Global Update 2005.

The World Health Organisation issued New WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) on 22 September 2021 see more here. These new guidelines recommend new air quality levels to protect the health of populations, by reducing levels of key air pollutants, some of which also contribute to climate change. The goal of the guideline is for all countries to achieve recommended air quality levels. Conscious that this will be a difficult task for many countries and regions struggling with high air pollution levels, WHO has proposed interim targets to facilitate stepwise improvement in air quality and thus gradual, but meaningful, health benefits for the population.

It has been signaled in 2021 by the European Commission that closer alignment of the EU air quality standards with improving scientific knowledge including these latest findings of the World Health Organization (WHO) are a priority action.

Nitrogen dioxide and general health effects

One of the group of air pollutants of concern are nitrogen oxide gases (or NOx for short) and from a human health perspective, one of that group - nitrogen dioxide is the one of most concern as it has been demonstrated to be associated with number of health effects including

1.1.1 increased inflammation of the airways;
1.1.2 Worsened cough and wheezing;
1.1.3 Reduced lung function;
1.1.4 Increased asthma attacks including a likely cause asthma in children
1.1.5 Greater likelihood of emergency department and hospital admissions.

Nitrogen dioxide can also react with other chemicals in the air to form other pollutants such as particulate matter and ozone.

2.4 Nitrogen dioxide and health in Ireland

Longer exposures to elevated concentrations of nitrogen dioxide may contribute to the development of asthma and potentially increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. People with asthma, as

well as young children and older adults have increased sensitivity to its effects and are generally at greater risk for the health effects of nitrogen dioxide. Asthma is of particular importance in the Irish context. The Asthma Society of Ireland in its 2019 report has estimated:

- That 1 in 13 people in Ireland have asthma.
- Asthma affects at least 1 in 5 Irish children at some stage of their life
- There are 2.4 million asthma GP consultations in Ireland annually.

Recent EPA sponsored research in Ireland among over 50's found an association between local air pollution and asthma among older adults at relatively low concentrations of NITROGEN DIOXIDE. The study drew its sample from the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) and used estimated levels of ambient pollution i.e. local nitrogen dioxide concentrations at each participant's residential address. The results found a positive association between local air pollution generally and the probability of suffering from asthma for a large representative sample of older adults in Ireland.

Another study by Quintyne et al (2019) used routine available data to examine the relationship between poor air quality and hospital admissions due to cardiovascular and respiratory diseases in Dublin City & County between 2014 and 2018. The study findings indicated significant rises in admissions with change in AQIH from good to very poor for asthma, chronic obstructive airways disease and heart failure.

A number of other Irish health studies on the relationship between nitrogen dioxide and health are either ongoing or planned, and these provide a valuable benchmark not only in terms of estimating current health burdens but will also in terms of assessing the effectiveness of interventions that will be introduced over time.

2.5 The Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH) for Ireland

This index was devised by the Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with the Health Service Executive and is accessible at www.airquality.ie where it is an integral element of how air quality monitoring data is presented to the public.

The Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH) is essentially a map of Ireland, showing the colour/number coded air quality (ranging from green for "good" to red for "poor) at each monitoring station so a viewer can quickly see what air quality is like in their area. The index has specific health advice for those who are more sensitive to air pollution – for example, people with heart or lung conditions. The advice

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includes guidance to the public on what to do if air quality is poor in their area.

2.6 Air Quality Management in Ireland

Overview

This section of the plan will provide an over view of the administrative arrangements and policies in place in Ireland regarding air quality management. There is also a wider European Union dimension to some of these polices which will also be addressed.

Role of national government and agencies

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is the government department charged with the protection of the natural environment and its impact on the health and wellbeing of citizens. It creates policies and measures to prevent and minimise activities that cause environmental damage such as air, water and land pollution.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as stated earlier, is the competent authority for all matters dealt with in the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011. The EPA also have wider enforcement powers including oversight of the performance of local authorities of their statutory functions in relation to environmental protection under the Air Pollution Act 1987 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

Role of local authorities

Local authorities are the enforcement agencies for the Air Pollution Act 1987, which covers a wide range of matters including addressing air pollution incidents, regulating sales of solid fuels, issuing permits for specified facilities and preparation of air quality plans. A number are also engaged in air quality monitoring under the auspices of the EPA.

2.7 EU Level Polices relevant to air quality

2013 Clean Air for Europe

This further iteration of the original Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) programme 2001 provides for national emission reduction targets set in the National Emission Ceilings Directive for the main transboundary air pollutants: sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter. It also addresses emission standards for the main sources of pollution, from motor vehicles and ships to power generation and industry. These standards are defined at EU level in legislative acts targeting industrial emissions, emissions from power plants, vehicles and fuels, as well as the energy

performance of products.

Fit for 55 – European Green Deal

In July 2021, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. Achieving these emission reductions in the next decade is crucial to Europe becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and making the European Green Deal a reality. With these proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform the EU economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future.

2.7.1 National Level Policies relevant to air quality

National Clean Air Strategy

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is developing a national Clean Air Strategy with the aim of promoting clean air policies to enhance and protect air quality. The National Clean Air Strategy will set out a framework for how all government departments can work to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air. It will work alongside other plans, such as the National Air Pollution Control Programme and the National Energy and Climate Plan, to tackle the key challenges of air pollution. These include:

- Transport emissions, especially road transport emissions of Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and fine particulate matter (PM 2.5)
- Emissions from industry, agriculture, and shipping
- The persistent problem of "smoky" emissions from burning solid fuel in home, it is anticipated this

Strategy will be published in 2021.

Climate Action Plan 2019 and the Climate Action Act 2021

Given the sources involved, there is an obvious synergy between developing measures to address ambient nitrogen dioxide levels and addressing the wider climate action and carbon reduction agenda. While The **Climate Action Plan 2019** deals with a wider range of issues (of which air quality is but one) , it does sets out an ambitious course of action for each sector within Ireland to achieve the targets needed to adhere to the Paris Agreement. For the transport sector, the target is a reduction of 45- 50%

in transport related emissions by 2030, with a significant reduction expected in the latter half of the decade. This will require a significant modal shift from car to public transport and active travel, as well as a significant uptake of electric vehicles and increased use of biofuels.

Action 81 of the Plan is of particular relevance to this plan as it commits to: *Develop a regulatory framework on low emission zones and parking pricing policies, and provide local authorities with the power to restrict access to certain parts of a city or a town to zero emission vehicles only. Examine the role of demand management measures in Irish cities, including low emission zones and parking pricing policies."*

The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 was signed into law on 23 July 2021. Amongst a wide range of measures, this Act provides a statutory basis for:

- The approval of plans by the Government in relation to climate change for the purpose of pursuing the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich and climate neutral economy by no later than the end of the year 2050
- Carbon budgets and a sectoral emissions ceiling to apply to different sectors of the economy;
- Local authority climate action plans
- Local authorities shall, when making development plans, to take account of their climate action plans

2.7.2 Regional level measures and policies

Dublin Regional Air Quality Management Plan for improvement in levels of nitrogen dioxide in ambient air quality.

In September 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency informed the City and County Managers in the Dublin Region that an exceedance of nitrogen dioxide levels had occurred at the Winetavern Street monitoring station during 2009. Accordingly, the four local authorities prepared a plan to address these matters, which was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2011. In the intervening decade, nitrogen dioxide levels recorded at the monitoring stations in the Dublin region were within EU limit values up to the exceedance recorded in 2019.

2.8 Air Quality Assessment in the Dublin Region – Practice and Results

While an overview of general air quality assessment in Ireland has been addressed earlier in this Chapter, the specific practice of air quality monitoring in Dublin and the knowledge gained from that is central to the narrative in this plan.

Local authorities in the Dublin region have carried out air quality monitoring since 1973. The knowledge gained from that monitoring was instrumental in providing the evidence base that led to the introduction of the bituminous coal ban in Dublin in 1990. Following the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1992, these authorities have worked closely with the EPA in developing and expanding the national monitoring network in the Dublin region as well as developing local monitoring networks.

Under the National Ambient Air Monitoring Programme (NAAMP), the following national monitoring stations have been established in the Dublin region:

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Table: 2.1 Monitor Locations and Pollutant Measured

No.	Location	Pollutants Monitored
1	Ballyfermot Library – Dublin 10	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
	Blanchardstown – Dublin 15	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
3	-Davitt Rd Inchicore Dublin 8	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
4	Dublin Airport Swords Co Dublin	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Sulphur dioxide
5	Dublin Port – Dublin 1	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide
6	Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
7	Pearse St Dublin 2	Nitrogen dioxide. Ozone
8	Ringsend Dublin 4	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide
9	Rathmines Dublin 6	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide , Ozone
10	St Johns Rd West D8	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
11	Swords Co Dublin	Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone
12	Tallaght Dublin 4	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Nitrogen dioxide
13	Winetavern St Dublin 8	Nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide, Carbon monoxide, Particulate (PM10)
14	Phoenix Park	Particulate (PM10 &2.5)
15	Marino	Particulate (PM10 &2.5)
16	St. Anne's Park	Particulate (PM10 &2.5)
17	Finglas	Particulate (PM10 &2.5)
18	Clonskeagh	Particulate (PM10 &2.5), Ozone

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The geographic distribution of these monitoring stations can be seen on the map below – this can be viewed in more detail here.



Figure: 2.2 Map of Monitoring Station Locations in Dublin Region

2.9 Nitrogen dioxide monitoring results in Dublin 2011-2019

The levels of nitrogen dioxide in an urban area can vary dramatically over a short distance (a few metres), with the highest concentrations within 10 metres of the roadside. As stated previously, nitrogen dioxide pollution is strongly linked with traffic emissions and the levels decrease significantly with distance from the road carriageway. Levels of nitrogen dioxide also vary depending on factors such as:

- Traffic volume and density
- Ages of vehicles
- Vehicle fuel (diesel vehicles are associated with higher levels of NITROGEN DIOXIDE than petrol engines)
- Speed of vehicles
- Width of streets and their buildings
- Weather conditions

In the context of the Dublin region, The Graph/Chart below illustrates the annual average nitrogen dioxide levels as measured during the period 2011-2019. There are individual graphs/charts provided for each station in the Appendices to this plan. As can be seen, while levels at all stations have been below the legal limit value of 40 micrograms per cubic metres over the period, there is the one exceedance at St. Johns Rd. West for 2019 - which was the first calendar year of monitoring at that location. However, the significance of this exceedance and the reasons for establishing an air quality monitoring station at this location are central to the ongoing efforts of assessing and managing nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin region.

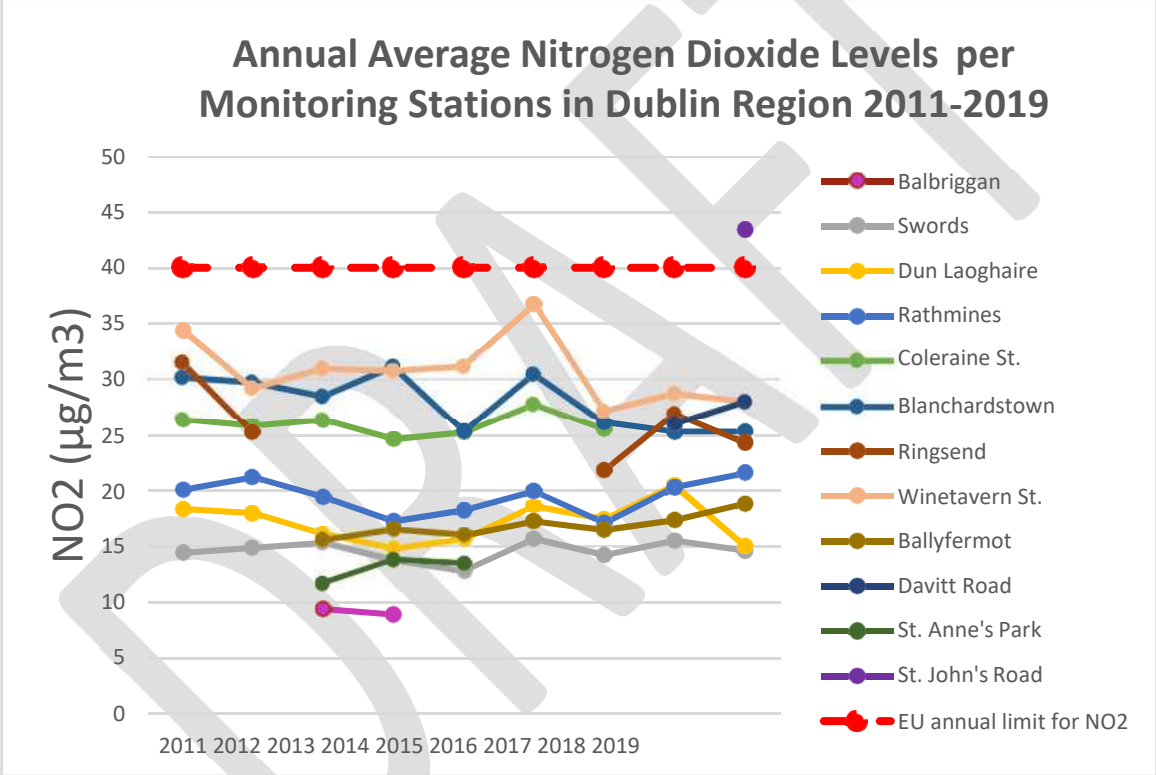


Figure: 2.3 Annual Average Nitrogen Dioxide Levels

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	Years								
Stations	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Balbriggan			9.38	8.90					
Swords	14.41	14.86	15.31	13.78	12.80	15.67	14.22	15.51	14.60
Dun Laoghaire	18.33	17.98	16.07	14.80	15.61	18.59	17.44	20.47	15.01
Rathmines	20.10	21.20	19.45	17.26	18.27	19.95	17.10	20.32	21.58
Coleraine St.	26.45	25.85	26.42	24.63	25.27	27.79	25.55		
Blanchardstown	30.14	29.71	28.47	31.11	25.37	30.43	26.17	25.31	25.31
Ringsend	31.47	25.25					21.86	26.96	24.32
Winetavern St.	34.36	29.21	30.91	30.73	31.12	36.71	27.20	28.75	28.02
Ballyfermot			15.5	16.5	16.0	17.3	16.5	17.4	18.8
Davitt Road								26.05	28.02
St. Anne's Park			11.75	13.80	13.50				
St. John's Road									43.43

Table: 2.2 Annual Average Nitrogen Dioxide levels across monitoring stations

2.10 St. Johns Rd West 2019 results

The data behind the exceedance of the EU limit value for nitrogen dioxide recorded at the St John's Road West site in 2019 is worth further analysis. The actual average nitrogen dioxide concentration measured at the site for the year was 43 micrograms per cubic metre. This level of air pollution is wholly consistent with the levels of heavy traffic passing this monitoring station. It should be stated in this instance for nitrogen dioxide the pollution is not imported from other regions. The Figure below shows the average nitrogen dioxide concentrations by hour of day observed there over the entirety of 2019. The classic pattern of pollution levels matching commuter traffic flow can be seen between two peaks in pollutant levels- one during the morning and one during the evening rush hours. Also of note is the quite high baseline level of nitrogen dioxide, which suggest quite consistent traffic volumes in this area. It should be noted that annual nitrogen dioxide levels at St. John's Rd. West were below 40 micrograms per cubic metre for 2020 and 2021 (to date) –see Appendix A. Nitrogen dioxide levels at other locations also remain below 40 micrograms per cubic metre at other monitoring locations for the same period.

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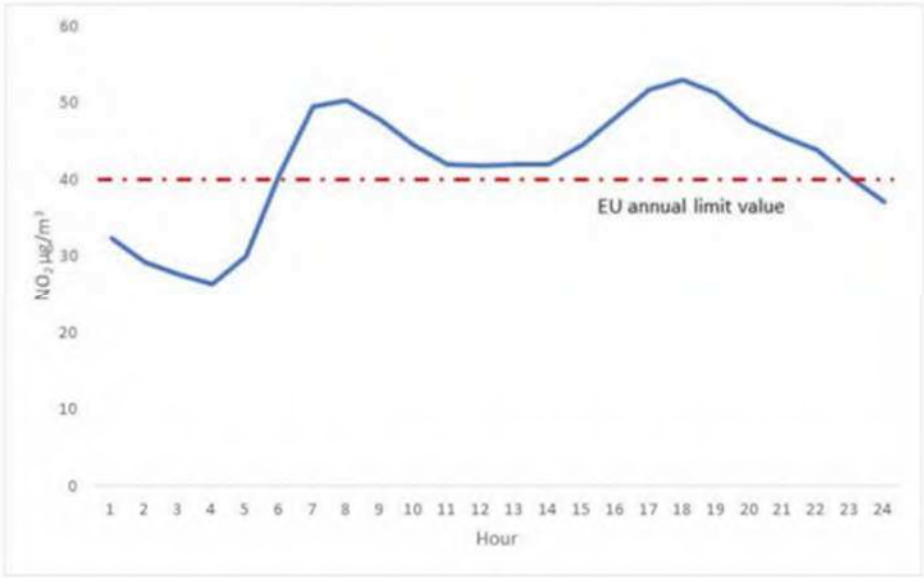


Figure: 2.4 Average NO_2 concentrations by hour of day as St. John's Road West in 2019

2.11 The EPA Urban Environmental Indicators: Nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin

Report 2019

The reasons behind establishing an air quality station at St. John's Rd West, and other locations, can be traced back to work carried out by the EPA (in collaboration with Dublin City Council) during 2016 and 2017, which was subsequently published in their **Urban Environmental Indicators: Nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin** Report 2019

This work was prompted by observation by the EPA in annual air quality reports, that nitrogen dioxide levels in urban areas have been steadily increasing and at times in some locations approached the EU limit value.

As part of the National Ambient Air Monitoring Programme, novel approaches and equipment to assess air quality are utilised to complement the national monitoring network. One of these approaches involved carrying out diffusion tube surveys in two phases during 2016 and 2017 in Dublin to investigate nitrogen dioxide levels near both traffic sites and at suburban background sites.

These diffusion tube surveys involve installing plastic tubes mounted vertically on walls or similar structures that contain a chemical that absorbs nitrogen dioxide directly from the air, which can be taken to a laboratory and analysed. They are a relatively inexpensive form of indicative sampling but only give an estimate of longer-term average nitrogen dioxide concentrations.

The national reference stations on the other hand use highly sophisticated methods to provide accurate, continuous and precisely measured nitrogen dioxide concentrations in the field.

In Phase 1, diffusion tubes were sited at 12 locations close to existing reference stations to compare their levels. Once satisfied with tube performance the numbers of sampling sites were expanded to include in phase 2 a number of heavily trafficked locations.

In Phase 2, 25 locations were used during 2017. Of these 11 locations indicated a potential breach of EU limit values. In general, concentrations of nitrogen dioxide were highest at urban traffic locations, clearly showing the impact of traffic on busy roads from nitrogen dioxide. The report also utilised mathematical modelling to predict nitrogen dioxide levels across the rest of the Dublin region.

The three key findings of the Urban Environmental Indicators Report were as follows;

1. Highest levels of nitrogen dioxide are at locations with heavier traffic. This clearly shows the impact traffic has on the levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas close to busy roads in Dublin.

2. There are many areas where nitrogen dioxide is problematic – In some locations, the NO2 levels were high which indicates an increased risk that EU limits could be exceeded. Some areas of concern include:

- certain city centre streets,
- the M50 motorway, and
- the entrance to and exit from the Dublin Port Tunnel.

3. Levels of nitrogen dioxide are well within the EU limits in many residential areas – Away from busy roads the levels of nitrogen dioxide drop significantly and are well beneath the recommended EU limits in many residential areas.

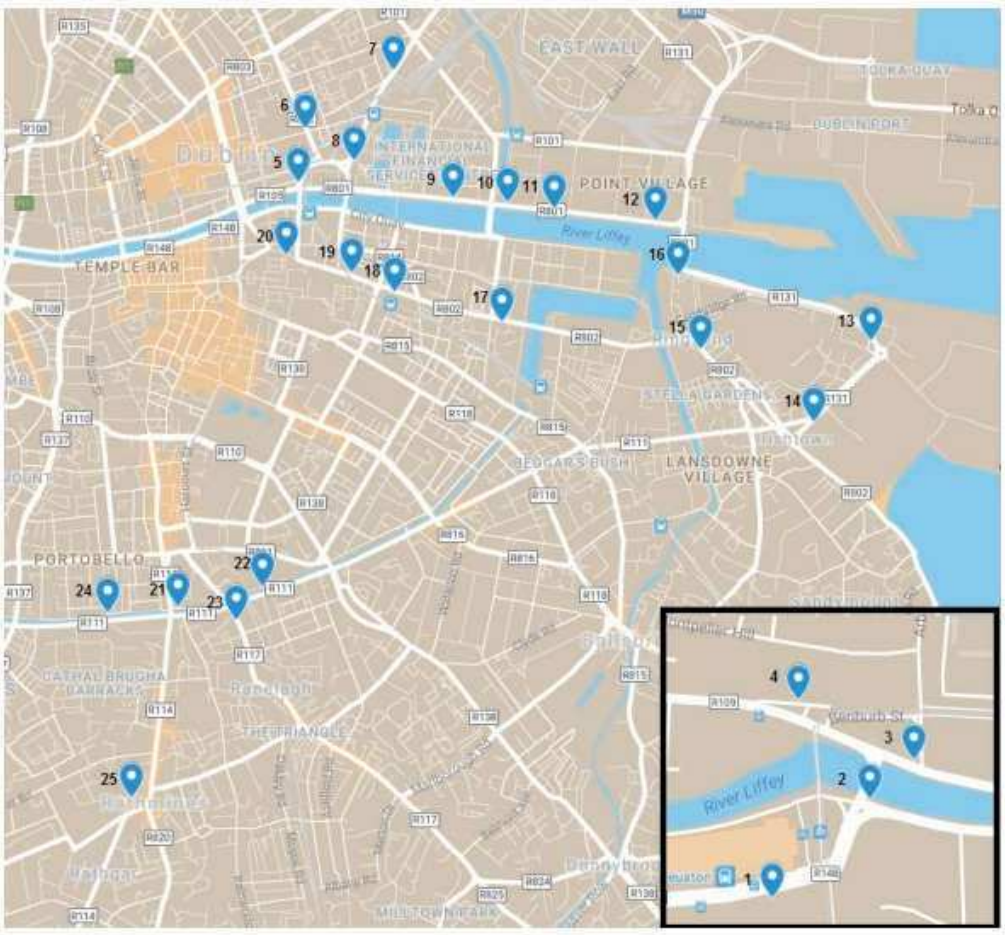
As a direct consequence of these diffusion tube studies, nitrogen dioxide monitoring stations were subsequently established at St John's Road West (commenced first full year of monitoring in 2019), Pearse Street (commenced first full year of monitoring in 2020) and Dublin Port (commencing first full year of monitoring in 2020). It is worth noting that the measured exceedance at St. Johns Rd. West in 2019 confirmed the predicted exceedance presented in the EPA's Urban Environmental Indicators Report. This in turn led to the necessity to prepare this plan and underlines the importance and value of such studies.

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The two figures below indicate

i. the geographic spread of the diffusion tubes deployed in Dublin during 2017

ii. the results obtained



1. Dr Steevens' Hospital
2. Victoria Quay
3. Wolfe Tone Quay
4. Benburb Street
5. Old Abbey Street
6. Gardiner Street Lower
7. Amiens Street North
8. Amiens Street South
9. North Wall Quay 1
10. North Wall Quay 2
11. North Wall Quay 3
12. North Wall Quay 4
13. 13 Pigeon House Road
14. Sean Moore Road
15. Ringsend Fitzwilliam Street
16. York Street
17. Pearse Street 1
18. Pearse Street 2
19. Pearse Street 3
20. Pearse Street 4
21. Charlemont Mall
22. Charlemont Place
23. Ranelagh Road
24. Kingsland Parade
25. Wynnefield Road

Figure 2.5: Location of diffusion tube sampling sites (2017)

With respect to the results below, it should be noted that the diffusion tubes were dispersed in groups (or clumps) in close proximity to each in different locations. Therefore, as might be expected, the results for each location in each group would be broadly similar. In deciding where to subsequently locate a national reference air quality monitoring station in a given general area (i.e. around St. Johns

Rd. West or Pearse St., due regard to the siting criteria in the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 was necessary.

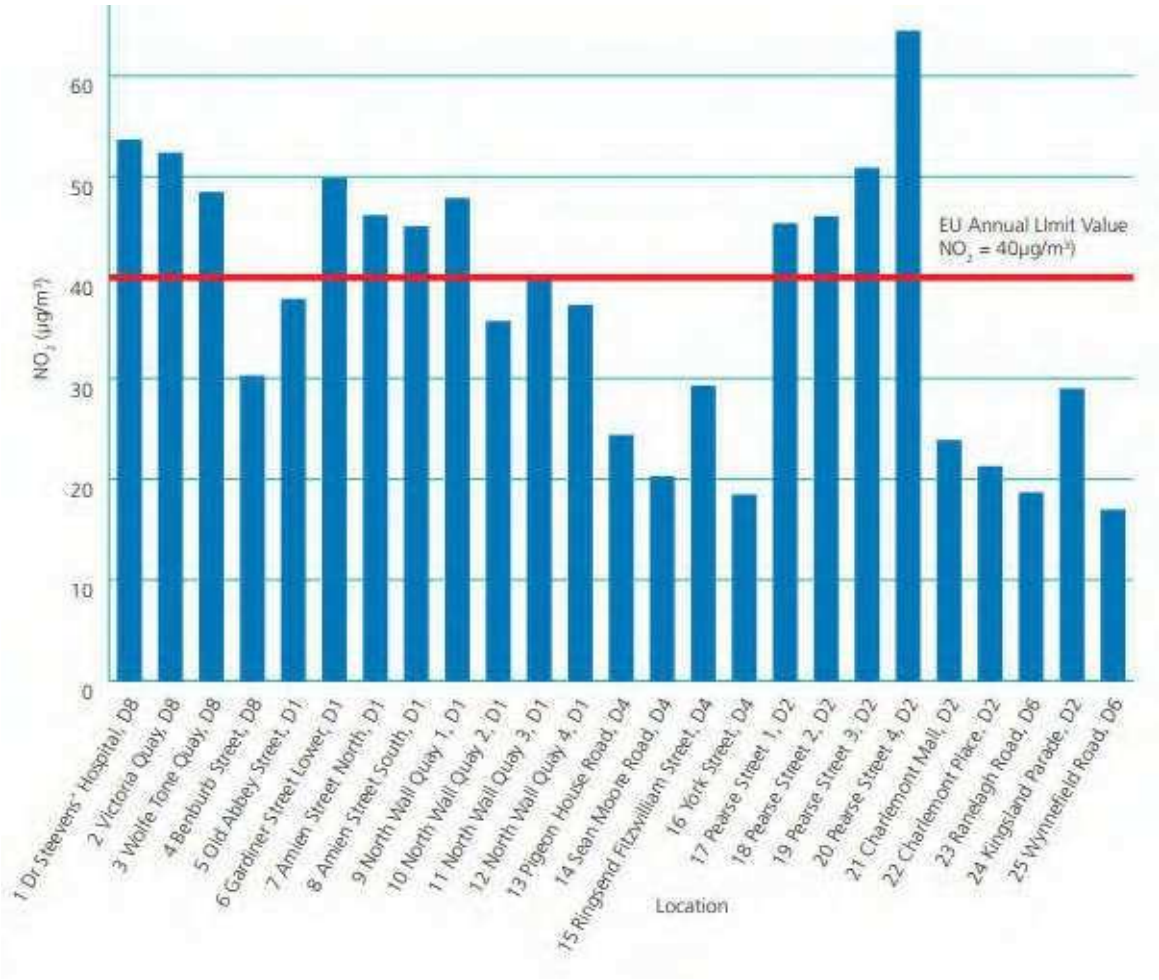


Figure 2.6: Nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube results (2017)

2.12 Follow Up Steps - Urban Transport Related Air Pollutants (UTRAP) Working Group.

The Environmental Protection Agency formally informed the European Commission on 30 September 2020 of the exceedance recorded at St. John Rd West for 2019, and outlined the procedure that would be followed to address this matter. It is crucial to make clear at this juncture, that as a direct result of the findings of the *EPA Urban Environmental Indicators: Nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin Report,* the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and the Department of Transport (DoT) established the Urban Transport-Related Air Pollution (UTRAP) Working Group in late 2019. Further information on UTRAP can be found at: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3f634-urban-transport-related-air-pollution-utrap-working-group/

The UTRAP group includes representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Finance, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Environment Protection Agency, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann, Health Services Executive, Road Safety Authority and the Climate Action Regional Office.

The Terms of Reference or UTRAP are as follows:

1. Enhance awareness of clean air legislation and its requirements generally, and specifically in relation to nitrogen dioxide and other transport related air pollutants, amongst relevant stakeholder organisations;
2. Provide a forum to enhance understanding of the causes and the health and environmental impacts of nitrogen dioxide air pollution and other transport related air pollutants in conurbations;
3. Identify developments that may impact on nitrogen dioxide levels and other transport related air pollutants in conurbations, e.g. evolving technical standards, and quantify the impact under likely future scenarios;
4. Identify examples of best practice in combatting nitrogen dioxide air pollution and other transport related air pollutants in conurbations, particularly road traffic-related air pollution, assess applicability and any barriers to their implementation in an Irish context;
5. Consider a range of options for potential measures and any associated actions and supports required to facilitate their effective uptake to address nitrogen dioxide and other air pollution; identify measures most suitable to Ireland and appropriate implementation bodies; and
6. Present the final UTRAP recommendations to both Ministers for consideration by Government.

An interim progress report has been issued and the UTRAP group will issue a final report later in 2021. This report will detail the final suite of recommendations designed to support a decrease in nitrogen dioxide levels in the urban environment and set out a timeline for implementation. The group will continue to meet to support the implementation phase. The development of the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan is an essential element in informing the conclusions of UTRAP in these matters.

This initiative of establishing UTRAP is a clear recognition that addressing nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin region involves multiple stakeholders, each playing their respective roles to the full.
The Dublin local authorities are a crucial element in preparing this plan for this purpose, have key roles in

its implementation, and as will be borne out by the measures proposed, are equally reliant on the collaboration of all the stakeholders to achieve shared goals.

3.0 Sources of NOx Emissions

3.1 Introduction

Many areas of activity impact on air quality, power plants, industry, gas and oil boilers, however in relation to urban areas it is largely transport activities and the internal combustion engine which cause exceedances of NO2. Accordingly, this plan is focused on road transport emissions.

The EPA report on national air pollution emissions as part of Ireland's obligations under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution and the National Emissions Ceiling Directive. Below is a breakdown of the sources of NOx and the trend in transport NOx emissions for Ireland as reported by the EPA to the European Environment Agency. Table 3.1 below shows the breakdown of overall national emissions. Emissions from road transport will be a higher percentage in urban Areas, which is the focus of this plan; however, it is informative of the overall emissions and sources of NOX.

Figure 3.1 2019 NOx Emissions Ireland

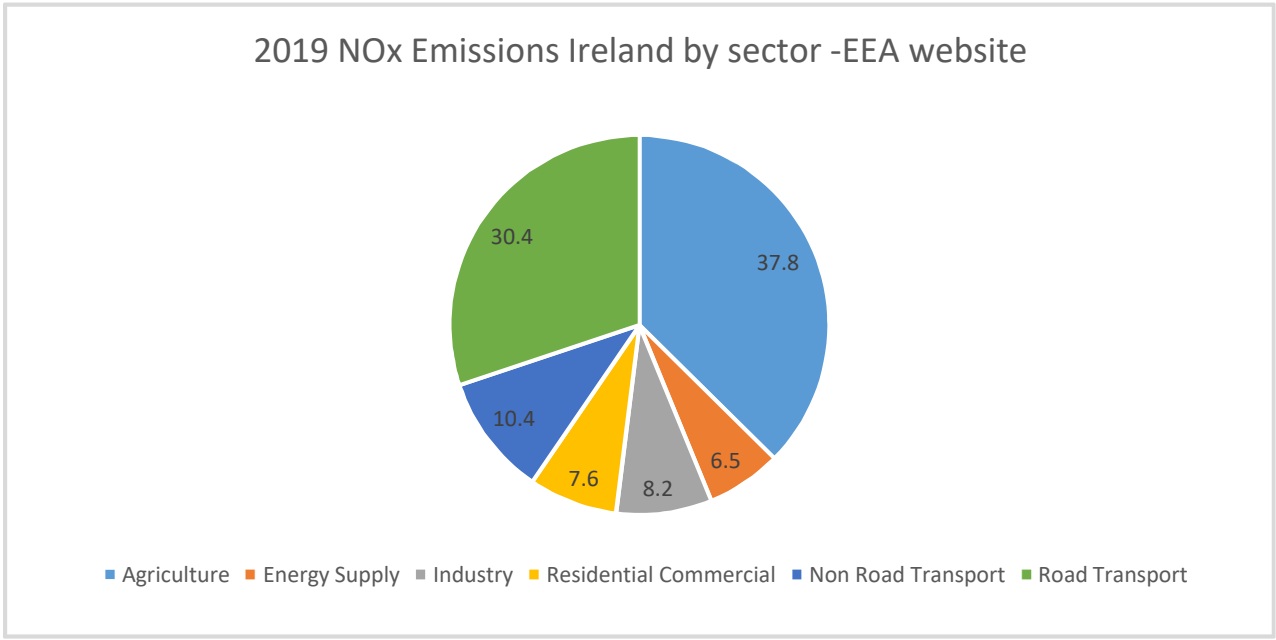


Figure 3.2 below shows transport emissions have halved over a period of 30 years despite an increase in traffic volumes.

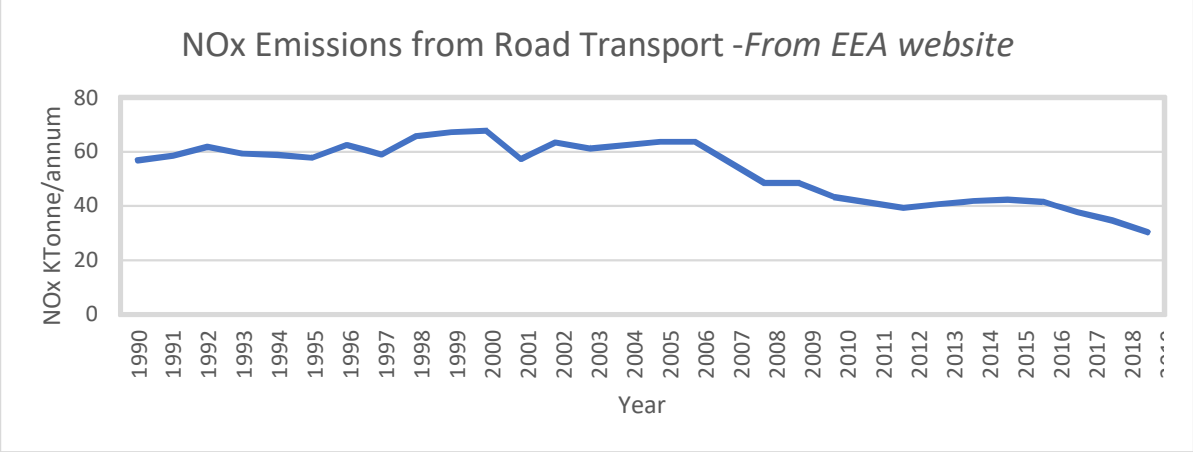
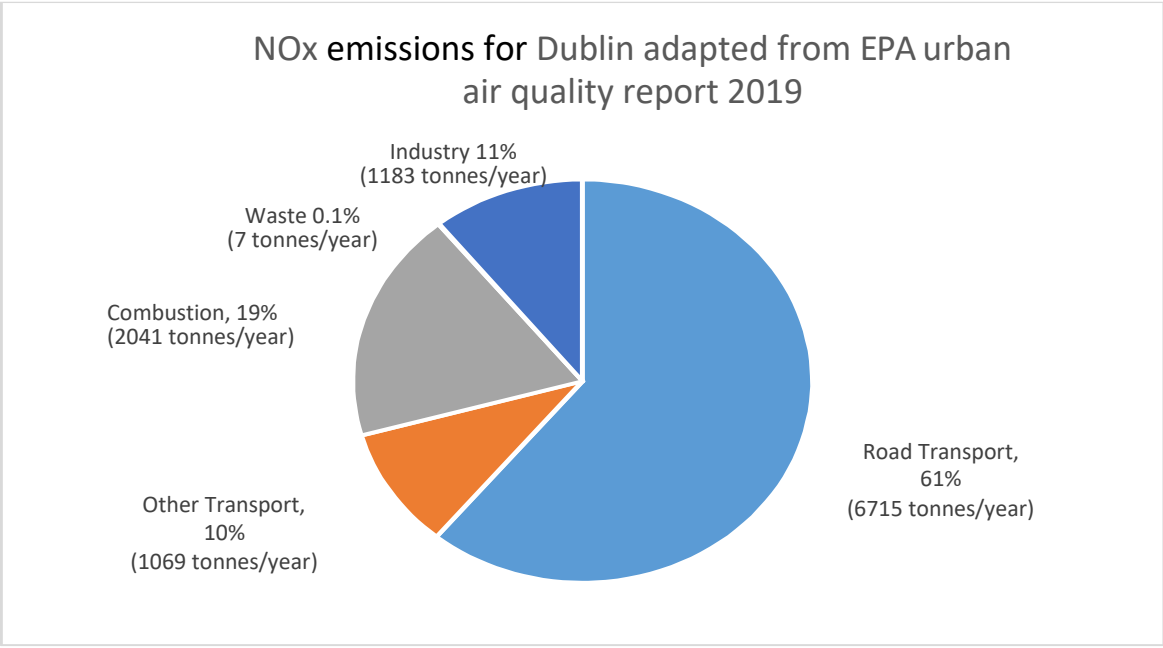


Figure 3.2 NOx Emissions from Road Transport

The EPA also published a study on Urban Air Quality Modelling of Dublin July 2019 that calculated reported on NOx emissions in the Dublin Area and is shown below in Figure 3.3

Figure 3.3 NOx Emissions for Dublin by source



3.2 Vehicle Emissions Standards

Vehicle emission standards road vehicles are governed by EU directives and regulations - Regulation (EC) No. 715/2007 and it's implementing Regulation (EC) No. 692/2008, as amended) Table 3.1 below shows the limits for the range of pollutants for the various Euro standards. There has been controversy over the NOx standards for diesel vehicles in that real driving emissions are sometimes a factor of 10 greater than the laboratory conformity test in the regulations. Figure 3.4 below shows the discrepancy. In addition, defeat devices to cheat the test were discovered to have been installed by a number of

manufacturers. This led to a revision of the standards and the inclusion of a RDE (Real Driving Emissions) conformity test. The emissions from the RDE test were allowed to exceed the standard for an interim period that expired in January this year.

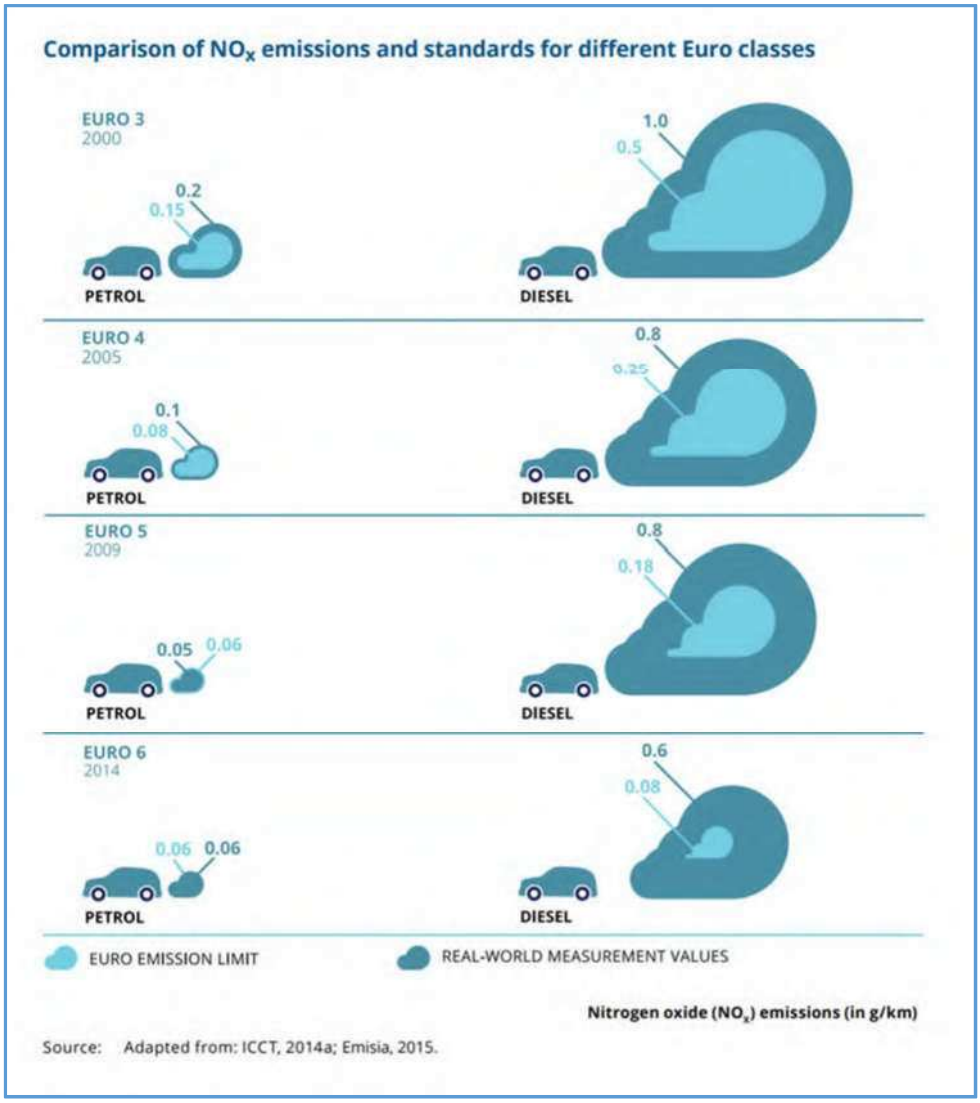
Table 3.1 from European Environment Agency 2016[1]

Emission limits (g/km) of the successively introduced Euro emission standards for passenger vehicles

Diesel	Date	CO	NMHC	NO_x	HC + NO_x	PM	PN
Euro 1	July 1992	2.72	–	–	0.97	0.14	–
Euro 2	January 1996	1.0	–	–	0.7	0.08	–
Euro 3	January 2000	0.64	–	0.50	0.56	0.05	–
Euro 4	January 2005	0.50	–	0.25	0.30	0.025	–
Euro 5a	September 2009	0.50	–	0.180	0.230	0.005	–
Euro 5b	September 2011	0.50	–	0.180	0.230	0.005	6.0×10^{11}
Euro 6	September 2014	0.50	–	0.080	0.170	0.005	6.0×10^{11}
Petrol	**Date**	**CO**	**NMHC**	**NO_x**	**HC + NO_x**	**PM**	**PN**
Euro 1	July 1992	2.72	–	–	0.97	–	–
Euro 2	January 1996	2.2	–	–	0.5	–	–
Euro 3	January 2000	2.3	–	0.15	–	–	–
Euro 4	January 2005	1.0	–	0.08	–	–	–
Euro 5	September 2009	1.0	0.068	0.060	–	0.005	–
Euro 6	September 2014	1.0	0.068	0.060	–	0.005	6.0×10^{11}

[1] Explaining road transport emissions, a non-technical guide, EEA 2016

Figure 3.4 (EEA 2016)



EU emissions standards for vehicles

A useful document explaining the revision of standards was published by the European Environment Agency "Explaining road transport emissions" 2016.

Vehicle emissions are speed dependent and congestion causing slow speeds, engine idling and acceleration can increase emissions.

Five Cities Demand Management Study

The Five Cities Demand Management Study undertook a survey of cars entering the city centre to establish the average emission factor using real driving emissions calculation, the study also predicted changes to the average emission factor over this decade based on existing policy measures and emission standards. The forecast shows a drop in the emission factor in Dublin from 0.284 g/km in 2019 to 0.123

g/km in 2030, a reduction of 57%.

Potential Changes to EU Emissions standards

The European Green Deal foresees a proposal for more stringent emission standards to be adopted in 2021 (Euro 7).

Electric Vehicles Strategy

The national climate change strategy has a target of 936,000 electric vehicles by 2030. This will require additional measures to incentivise electric vehicles or disincentivise internal combustion engine vehicles. The abovementioned reduction in average emission factors does not take into account the climate change target, the achievement of which will lead to a further substantial reduction in vehicle emissions beyond the 57% reduction forecast for 2030.

The Dublin Climate Change Action Plan has included an action to improve the roll out of electric vehicle chargers especially for dwellings without driveways to charge their own vehicles. A recent study has estimated the charging requirement based on various scenarios for the roll out of electric vehicles. Policy measures to achieve targets for EVs remain uncertain; however, a more rapid replacement of internal combustion engines by electric vehicles will lead to a more rapid improvement in air quality in the city including NO2

Low Emission zones

Low emission zones are zones that charge entry into a zone based on emission factors for individual vehicles. These are being examined by the 5 cities demand management study and have the potential to target reductions in NO2 in urban areas and are dealt with further in chapter 5

London Ultra Low Emission Zone

In 2019, a low emission zone was introduced in central London. A daily charge of £12.50 is imposed on the following vehicles

- Motorbikes that do not meet Euro 3 standards (most vehicles pre-2007)
- Petrol cars and vans that do not meet Euro 4 standards (most vehicles pre-2006)
- Diesel cars and vans that do not meet Euro 6 standards (most vehicles pre-2015)

This will in the future apply to residents of the zone and is in addition to the congestion charge

A daily charge of £100 is imposed on Buses, Coaches and Lorries that do not meet Euro VI standards
Compliant vehicles increased from 39% February 2017(announcement of the charge) to 75% after the first four months of operation. Central London Ultra Low Emission Zone - Four Month Report

Road Transport Emission Inventories

Road traffic modelling calculating, traffic flows and speeds for different classes of vehicles combined with emission factor functions are used to calculate total emissions by link, grid or area. This modelling allows for the air quality assessment of different future transport scenarios and vehicle emissions standards. Final results of recent modelling are not fully available to show the impact of proposed public transport measures to 2030; however, it is likely that there will be significantly greater reduction due to changes to the fleet emissions compared to reductions in traffic volumes.

4.0 Transport, Vehicle Emissions and Land USE and their impact on Air Quality

4.1 Introduction

Transport related emissions of NOx are the product of vehicle emission factors and volume of vehicles on the road. Vehicle emission factors are not static but are related to speed and can be increased due to traffic congestion. Table 4.1 below shows the canal cordon count for the previous 11 years and shows a small drop in car usage and a large increase in walking and cyclists and a more modest increase in buses.

Mode	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bus	1,680	1,740	1,814	1,704	1,688	1,539	1,503	1,539	1,504	1,528	1,652	1,637	1,837	1,852
Car	58,664	58,686	58,897	58,232	58,047	55,745	55,343	54,458	53,033	53,064	51,908	50,158	48,820	46,388
Taxi	3,825	4,583	5,079	4,980	4,809	4,862	5,277	5,458	4,955	4,699	4779	4,098	4,399	4,292
Walk	17,114	18,594	18,360	14,618	15,092	14,551	17,070	17,495	19,711	18,727	21,473	24,936	23,858	24,691
Cycle	4,839	5,676	6,143	6,326	5,952	6,870	7,943	9,061	10,349	10,893	12,089	12,447	12,227	13,131
Goods	2,291	1,445	1,223	1,087	993	1,176	1,099	1,045	1,087	1,096	1,093	1,024	1,153	983
M.Bike	2,395	2,429	2,375	2,060	1,656	1,485	1,425	1,423	1,372	1,390	1,464	1,532	1,477	1,485

4.2 Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 (Draft)

This Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 (Transport Strategy) replaces the previous framework, titled the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016- 2035, which was approved by the then Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2016. That prior transport strategy set out to contribute to the economic, social and cultural progress of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) by providing for the efficient, effective and sustainable movement of people and goods. It did that by providing a framework for the planning and delivery of transport infrastructure and services in the GDA. It has also provided a transport planning policy around which other agencies involved in land use planning, environmental protection, and delivery of other infrastructure such as housing, water and power, could align their own investment priorities. It has been an essential component, along with investment programmes in other sectors, for the development of the GDA, which covers the counties of Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

The outcomes of the prior Strategy implementation include:

- An increase in the use of sustainable modes for travel into Dublin City in the morning peak, from 66% (2015) to 72% (2019);
- A reduction in the use of cars to enter Dublin City Centre in the morning peak, from 65,000 (2015) to 58,000 (2019);

- Growth in daily passenger trips on Irish Rail services in the GDA, from 119,000 (2015) to 150,000 (2019);
- Increase in total passenger trips on Dublin Metropolitan Area bus services, from 120 million (2015) to 153 million (2019);
- Growth in total passenger trips on the Luas system, from 35 million (2015) to 48 million (2019);
- 87% customer satisfaction among public transport users (2019)

This latest Draft Strategy, published in November 2021 and undergoing public consultation until 17 December 2021 addresses the following challenges.

- Climate Change
- Recovery from the Covid19 Pandemic
- Servicing the Legacy Development Patterns
- Revitalisation of the City Centre and Town Centres
- Transformation of the Urban Environment
- Ensuring Universal Access
- Serving Rural Development
- Improving Health and Equality
- Fostering Economic Development
- Delivering Transport Schemes
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The Transport Strategy, in combination with other Government policies and programmes is forecast to lead to a significant reduction in air polluting emissions compared to 2016:

Table 3.2 Air-polluting Emissions 2016 and 2042 (Kg)

	NO_x	NO_2	PM10	PM2.5
2016	7,182,430	2,234,190	537,350	357,300
2042 With Strategy	1,217,850	259,640	445,270	247,590
Reduction	-83%	-88%	-17%	-31%

4.3 Five Cities Demand Management Study

The Department of Transport commissioned Systra Ltd. to undertake a study on traffic in the cities of Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford titled "Five Cities Demand Management Study. Their final report was published on 25 November 2021 to provide a *"focused and evidence based approach*

to addressing the carbon, congestion and air quality challenges facing our cities". The report list and assess options for addressing the challenges. Many of the measures discussed in chapter 5 of this Air Quality Plan are consistent with this study

4.4 Remote Working

Remote working has the potential to reduce the demand for travel and lead to a reduction in NOx emissions. Government Policy is for a degree of remote working in the public service and many firms are setting policies that would allow some remote working. It is too early to quantify the longer-term level and other impacts of remote working and therefore assess the impact on air quality. The reduction in commuting due to remote working might be offset by a reluctance to use public transport and any road space freed up by remote working might be taken up by public transport users transferring to car transport. Remote working might encourage a trend where people live further away from their place of employment, travelling to work fewer days a week but for a longer distance.

4.5 Land Use Planning

The four Dublin Authorities are responsible for the preparation of county and city development plans and local area plans at a sub county level. The development plans are required to be consistent with the GDA Transport Strategy and are assessed by the National Transport Authority in this regard. This plan has not identified any changes to land use plans.

4.6 Bus and taxis

In the city centre area buses and taxis are a significant portion of NOx emissions. On a per passenger basis

Euro 6d buses have an emission factor (Coper 5.4) of 0.597 g NOx/km compared to 0.17g/km for a small diesel car. The bus however would be much lower emitter on a per passenger basis.

Dublin Bus have a number of hybrid buses and announced a trial purchase of hydrogen buses and have a relatively modern diesel engine fleet. There is an action in the 2021 climate action plan to evaluate fully electric buses as part of bus procurement. The latter commits to a significant decarbonising of Ireland's public transport fleet and requires that all new urban buses be electric hybrid or electric. The

NOx emissions from the private bus fleet is also an area for NOx reduction especially as this fleet is likely to have a higher proportion of older diesel engines which are higher emitters of NOx.

Similarly, for Taxis. A proportion of the Taxi fleet will be higher emitters of NOx and additional regulation to remove these from the Taxi fleet in the city centre area would lead to a reduction in NOx

4.7 Heavy Duty Vehicles

Similarly to cars and buses Euro standards apply to heavy duty vehicles, however further regulation of deliveries and heavy duty vehicles in the city centre is an option to be considered in particular a low emission zone which could apply to these vehicles alone to speed up the replacement of older vehicles using the city centre which could be combined with the current regulation of 5 axle vehicles using the city centre.

5.0 Measures to be adopted to reduce nitrogen dioxide in Dublin

5.1 Introduction

This Chapter will address the measures and actions required to address nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin Region. These measure and actions are proposed are to be implemented over varying times scales and will require specific interventions by a range of stakeholders. In considering the measures required to reduce nitrogen dioxides level in the Dublin region, it must be emphasised that no single body has exclusive ownership of those measures. The measures are purposely presented in a "bottom up" fashion to support the principle that local authorities can take actions that have a definitive influence on air quality , albeit that may need using legal powers available under other legislation. This is particularly relevant in Ireland as the powers currently delegated to them in air quality plans are limited.

5.2 Measures

Measure 1

Integrate "15 Minute Neighbourhoods" concept in City and County Development Plans

The Five Cities Demand Management Study Study https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c6571-five-cities-demand-management-study/ identifies the introduction of the 15 Minute Neighbourhoods concept as the No. 1 overall ranked intervention to address demand management, decarbonisation, air quality, and urban development.

This concept has been addressed in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), which sets out the mechanism for delivering the National Planning Framework at a regional level. This concept of mixed-use development envisages a range of community facilities and services being accessible in short walking/ cycling timeframes from homes or accessible by high quality public transport in larger settlements.

In its Review of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and the preparation of a City Development Plan for 2022-2028, Dublin City Council posed the question in the Pre – Draft Consultation Process – *Is the 15-minute City an achievable goal?*

Submissions received in the pre consultation process sought a renewed focus on urban living and that the liveability of the City should be an overarching theme of the plan. Submissions sought vibrant urban

centres and also that the growth of the city is aligned with the '15 Minute City' concept whereby people's daily requirements can be reached within 15 minutes by foot, bike or public transport. City and County Development Plans are subject to their own SEA process.

PROPOSED ACTION: Dublin local authorities to adopt as appropriate "15 Minute Neighbourhoods" approach in their 2022-2028 Development Plans

Measure 2

Public Parking Controls

The Five Cities Demand Management Study identifies public parking controls as the Number 4 ranked intervention to address demand management, decarbonisation, air quality, and urban development. Typically, the average car is parked at home for 80% of the time, parked elsewhere for 16% of the time and in active use for the remaining 3-4%.

The local authorities in the Dublin region each have comprehensive policies in their respective Development Plans to control the supply of parking in their functional area to achieve sustainable transportation policy objectives. These polices will be reviewed and updated as appropriate following statutory public consultation in the next iteration of City and County Development Plans 2022-2028.

PROPOSED ACTION: Dublin local authorities to incorporate protection of air quality as appropriate in their 2022-2028 Development Plans with regard to maintaining and enhancing public parking controls.

Measure 3

Residential Parking Standards

Parking standards for residential developments stipulate the amount of parking (including both car parking and cycle parking) that must be provided as part of new developments. Parking standards for residential developments seek to balance ensuring there is an adequate amount of parking to cater

for potential demand with restricting provision in areas on account of the proximity of various locations to public transport. Reducing residential parking can have a direct impact on car ownership and hence the demand for car travel across all journey purposes.

The Dublin local authorities have developed residential parking standards in their respective City and County Development Plans. These will be reviewed and revised as necessary following statutory consultation and screening in the 2022-2028 Development Plans.

PROPOSED ACTION: Dublin local authorities to incorporate protection of air quality as appropriate in their 2022-2028 Development Plans with regard to maintaining and enhancing residential parking standards.

Measure 4

Workplace Parking Standards

Similarly to the above, The Dublin local authorities have developed workplace parking standards in their respective City and County Development Plans. These will be reviewed and revised as necessary following statutory consultation and screening in the 2022-2028 Development Plans.

It should be noted that in respect of the removal of parking at workplaces, COVID-19 provides an opportunity to consider reduce parking, as less staff are travelling to work locations. In the context of COVID-19 and greater levels of staff working from home, there may be opportunities to use staff car parking spaces for more sustainable mobility usage.

PROPOSED ACTION: Dublin local authorities to incorporate protection of air quality as appropriate in their 2022-2028 Development Plans with regard to workplace parking standards.

Measure 5

Continued Delivery of the Active Travel Programme

In February 2021, The National Transport Authority announced a total of €240m to support sustainable transport projects across the country.

The NTA will be tasked with overseeing and supporting the development of the high-quality mobility infrastructure across all projects. The state agency will also ensure that projects are accessible, age-

friendly and maximise comfort to people of all ages and abilities.

PROPOSED ACTION: The local authorities in the Dublin region to continue implementation of the Active Travel Programme

Measure 6

Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy

The Climate Action Plan 2019 has set ambitious targets for the conversion of the national fleet to EV over the coming decade and beyond.

As part of this overall strategic approach, the Dublin Local Authorities launched their Electric Vehicle Charge Point Draft Strategy.

This Draft Strategy considers the public EV charging needs for a range of vehicle types out to 2030. Detailed stock modelling shows that there would be 140k EVs in the Dublin region by 2030, but only 25% (35k) of these will be reliant on public charging. Rapid hub charging has significant benefits compared to slow on-street charging and is therefore the priority technology recommended. It is this switch to EVs, supported by an adequate EV charging network that will contribute to a significant reduction in emissions.

The Dublin region will require between roughly 500 and 4,000 residential (public) EVCPs by 2030, depending on how many rapid hubs are deployed (as preferred by each local authority).
These results back up the strategic focus on rapid charging – approximately 50 well-located 10-charger hubs could meet all residential demand, compared to thousands of on-street devices. To develop a comprehensive charging network that drives EV uptake, up to approximately 2,500 destination EVCPs and 166 en-route EVCPs will be needed and delivery is expected to be largely private sector led.

Local Authorities are well placed to have a key strategic and enabling role but would not be involved with physical infrastructure delivery or operation. The strategic approach is aligned with best practice in more developed EV markets. Evidence from other cities/regions highlights the benefits of Councils planning and coordinating deployment. It is envisaged that the Dublin LAs collaborate and play a central strategic role in enabling a region-wide charging network.

The Five Cities Demand Management Study indicates that a suite of EV charging measures could deliver

a reduction of 49% in nitrogen oxide emissions.

PROPOSED ACTION: Dublin local authorities to finalise their Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy

National - Government Level Measures

Measure 7

Publication of National Clean Air Strategy

As mentioned earlier, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is developing a National Clean Air Strategy with the aim of promoting clean air policies to enhance and protect the quality of ambient air. The introduction of these policies will be a key step in underpinning many of the measures identified in this plan. A draft National Clean Air Strategy, is due for publication in 2021 and will be the subject of a public consultation process.

PROPOSED ACTION: Awaiting publication by the Minister for Environment

Measure 8

Air Quality Enabling legislation

One of the specific measures that is of fundamental importance in the context of a National Clean Air Strategy is to provide a fit for purpose framework of measures in air quality enabling legislation. Such a framework would include providing for the delegation of legal powers to appropriate bodies, including local authorities to introduce enhanced air quality measures.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have indicated their intention to commence work on a Clean Air Act.

The Five Cities Demand Management Study indicates that air quality enabling legislation could yield a 49% reduction nitrogen oxides emissions. While legislation in and of itself will not enact measures such as Low Emissions Zones it is expected that the existence of legislation and a framework for interventions will inform the public as to what actions might be taken. This knowledge is likely to inform vehicle purchasing behaviours and result in less demand for vehicles with the poorest air quality standards, e.g. older diesel cars.

The necessity to produce this Plan by the Dublin local authorities clearly highlights that the legislative supports for delivery are complex and that legislation should be provided for the emissions-related regulation of private cars, goods vehicles, taxis and buses.

As has been mentioned earlier n this plan, one direct consequence of the breach of nitrogen dioxide levels in 2019, led to the Department of Transport, together with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Climate & Communications establishing the multi-stakeholder UTRAP (Urban Traffic-related Air Pollution) working group. The ongoing work of UTRAP will be an important element in considering the development of appropriate air quality enabling legislation.

The Dublin local authorities are represented on UTRAP and will continue to actively engage to work with all stakeholders for going and sustained improvement in urban air quality. Specifically Dublin local authorities will utilise that representation to seek the acquisition of enhanced legislative powers.

PROPOSED ACTION: The UTRAP group will publish their final report in late 2021. This report will detail the final suite of recommendations designed to support a decrease in NO2 levels in the urban environment nationally and set out a timeline for implementation. The group will continue to meet to support the implementation phase. The Dublin local authorities will advocate for enhanced legal powers in respect of air quality management be delegated to them.

Measure 9

Introduction of Clean Air Zones/ Low Emission Zones

While there is no one single additional legal power that will address all potential scenarios, one enhanced legal power deserving of detailed consideration is for local authorities to be given the authority to introduce clean air zones or low emission zones

The Five Cities Demand Management Study identifies that the introduction of clean air zones or low emission zones could reduce NOx emissions from transport by between 60-71% depending on the approach taken.

This approach has been used successfully in countries across Europe to restrict vehicles with higher emissions entering certain zones. The evidence suggests that the introduction of such legislation in itself influences consumer behaviour in terms of vehicle purchase and subsequently on air quality. Currently local authorities in Ireland do not have the legal powers to introduce such zones.

One of the targets of the Carbon Plan 2021 is to implement decarbonising zones in each local authority by 2030. Furthermore, Action 244 of the National Climate Action 2021 gives a commitment to:

- *Examine the role of demand management measures in Irish cities, including low emission zones and parking pricing policies*

The nearest existing approximation to such powers under the Air Pollution Act 1987, enable the Minister for Environment as follows:

53.—(1) The Minister, for the purpose of preventing or limiting air pollution, may make regulations in relation to—

(*a*) the standard, specification, composition and contents of any fuel of a type which is used in mechanically propelled vehicles or in mechanically propelled vehicles of a particular class or description or mechanically propelled vehicles in a particular area or a particular class of areas;
It should also be noted that under the current provisions of Part IV of the Air Pollution Act 1987, there is provision for the introduction of Special Control Areas. It is not clear however if these provisions are appropriate or provide for the introduction of clean air zones or low emission zones in relation to vehicle or transport related emissions. Therefore an appraisal of the current legal provisions to determine if they are fit for purpose regarding the introduction of clean air zones or low emission zones and identification of any potential amendment necessary is required.

The enactment of primary and secondary legislation is subject to Statutory Impact Assessment by the appropriate Government Department introducing such legislation.

PROPOSED ACTION: An appraisal be carried out of the current provisions in the Air Pollution Act 1987 to determine if they are fit for purpose regarding the delegation of powers to local authorities for the introduction of clean air zones or low emission zones and identification of any potential amendment necessary. This appraisal should include consideration of amending Section 53(1) (a) of the Act to delegate powers to local authorities as well as the current the provisions of Part IV of the Act. Furthermore, an overall appraisal into the feasibility of introducing Low Emission Zones in the Dublin region where appropriate to be carried out. These are tasks that should be undertaken by the UTRAP Working Group (which includes the Dublin local authorities) or a sub-group of UTRAP.

Measure 10

Remote/Flexible Working

Making Remote Work – National Remote Work Strategy 2021

The European Environment Agency reported that lockdown measures introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic had led to levels of nitrogen dioxide falling by more than 60% in April 2020. While this gave some insight into the potential air quality benefits of reducing work related commuting it does not reflect the impact of recent patterns of home working as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic on long-term travel demands.

Recent studies suggest that a large majority of respondents favour a hybrid model where time working remotely blended with time in the workplace.

In January 2021, the Government announced the new 'National Remote Work Strategy' to ensure that remote working is a permanent feature in the Irish workplace in a way that maximizes and balances economic, social and environmental benefits. The strategy includes proposals for the following:

- Mandating that home and remote work should be the norm for 20 percent of public sector employment.
- Reviewing the treatment of remote work for the purposes of tax and expenditure in the next Budget.
- Mapping and investing in a network of remote working hubs across Ireland
- Legislating for the right to request remote working.

PROPOSED ACTION: Implementation of National Remote Work Strategy. As part of that implementation local authorities are commencing a process to considerations for flexible work arrangements for their own work force

Measure 11

Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling

National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (AAMP)

Following a review of ambient air quality monitoring in Ireland, a national ambient air

quality monitoring programme commenced at the end of 2017. The AAMP provides real-time air quality information from a total of 95 monitoring stations (national and local combined) nationwide of which 24 were installed in 2019. This network of stations monitor a range of important air quality parameters including particulates, heavy metals, inorganic and organic gases.

The national ambient air quality monitoring programme is built around three key pillars:
A greatly expanded national monitoring network with automatic monitoring stations, providing enhanced real-time information to the public.

- Modelling and forecasting capability, to provide an ongoing air quality forecast to the public.
- Encouraging greater understanding and involvement of the public in air quality issues utilising citizen engagement and citizen science initiatives.

One of the direct results of the AAMP was the establishment of the monitoring station at St. John's Road West in Dublin.

The Five Cities Demand Management Study suggests that that increased air quality monitoring will lead to earlier action on air quality limit exceedances, which will contribute to driving a switch in the fleet away from older, more polluting vehicles. The Study further suggests this measure could contribute to a decrease of 48% in nitrogen dioxide levels as a result of driving this switch.

It is planned to establish a further multipollutant (including nitrogen dioxide) monitoring station in the Dublin north inner city area in the very near future, and ongoing indicative monitoring is being carried out to establish further suitable sites.

While air quality monitoring is a central pillar of air quality management, modelling is another important tool. In 2019, the EPA published their 'Urban Environmental Indicators Report'. This report that was based on data from the year 2015, included dispersion modelling techniques that showed that the concentrations of NO2 were highest around:

- the M50 motorway in Dublin,
- certain city centre streets,
- the entrance / exit of the Dublin Port tunnel.

The LIFE Emerald project (see below) and the expansion of the modelling carried out in preparing this Plan (see Chapter 7) will be central to enhancing air quality surveillance in the Dublin region.

PROPOSED ACTION:

1. Additional national air quality monitoring station to be established in Dublin north inner city.

2. On completion of the indicative nitrogen dioxide campaign (end 2021) being carried by the EPA carried out by, The Dublin local authorities will work with the EPA to establish additional monitoring stations in the Dublin region as required in line with findings

3. 3.The Dublin local authorities will collaborate with the EPA on ongoing indicative monitoring across the Dublin region

4. Air quality modelling - The work carried out on the limited modelling incorporated in the preparation of this plan highlights both the challenge required to complete that task and the necessity of having that level of detail available . Concurrently the Dublin local authorities are also commencing the process of gathering data for the preparation of noise actions plans in compliance with the EU Environmental Noise Directive. In order to make best use of the data available within local authorities, other public bodies and other sources, the Dublin local authorities will investigate in conjunction with the EPA the feasibility of establishing regional air quality modelling capacity within the local authorities.

<u>Measure 12</u>

Air Quality - Citizen Engagement

Ireland has a significant track record in successful citizen engagement in the area of environment, health and air quality. The successful introduction and ongoing extension of the ban on the burning of bituminous coal in cities and towns nationwide is one clear and internationally cited example of how public engagement has led and shaped public policy. In terms of building and strengthening pubic engagement in improving air quality in Dublin, it is vital to build on the high levels of support for continued roll out of air quality monitoring stations and citizen engagement programmes. The Five Cities Demand Management Study reported that stakeholders noted these measures could contribute to better quality of life, place making, improved air quality and the Smart City concept. There was also a suggestion that engagement programmes should emphasise and promote active travel as a solution to air quality issues, with awareness of such issues being high. In that context there a number of current citizen engagement initiatives that are central to the success of this plan.

LIFE EMERALD

In 2021, the EPA commenced the *LIFE EMERALD* project aimed at improving understanding of Ireland's air quality. This 3-year project that will improve the level of air quality information available to the public and policy makers in Ireland.

The main objectives are:

an operational 3-day ambient air quality forecast;

near real-time mapping of the main air pollutants throughout the country and in major cities and towns;

annual mapping of air pollutants across the country

The project will support Irish citizens in making decisions that positively benefit their health on a day-to-day basis. The LIFE EMERALD project will also improve Ireland's ambient air quality management capabilities, by using an air quality modelling system to gain a better understanding of the factors contributing to poor air quality and develop a system that will provide better information to the public.

The EPA will work with a number of main project partners, namely the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Health Service Executive, the Asthma Society of Ireland, University College Cork and the Belgian research institute VITO. The project will also involve consultation and co-operation with other national stakeholders, namely the Department of Health, the Department of Transport, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Met Éireann, Dublin City Council, An Taisce, The Central Statistics Office, Teagasc, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the ESRI and The Irish Heart Foundation.

GLOBE Project

The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment **(GLOBE) Programme** is an international science and education programme that provides school students with the opportunity to participate in citizen science. In Ireland, GLOBE is managed by An Taisce in partnership with the EPA. Participating schools learn about air quality and the weather by making scientific measurements and using their data to carry out research.

The GLOBE Air Quality Campaign is specifically a citizen science project to assess traffic-related air pollution at schools. The campaign measures nitrogen dioxide gas in the air, and is designed to raise

awareness about air pollution and showcase the potential of citizen science to gather unique datasets and insights in the r environment. To date, 100 schools have participated in the GLOBE Air Quality campaigns, collecting over 350 nitrogen dioxide measurements. The campaign also provides a collaborative platform for schools to share their research and insights.

Airview Project

In May 2021, Google and Dublin City Council launched "Airview Dublin" - a partnership initiative to capture Dublin's air quality street by street as part of the Dublin Smart Cities programme.

The initiative will see Google's first electric Street View car, deployed around the city measuring air quality for one year. In Ireland, this is the first time a Google Street View car has been used to capture air pollution measurements, in addition to Google Maps Street View imagery. The car has been equipped with specialised mobile air sensors that can measure nitrogen dioxide (NO2), nitrous oxide (NO), carbon dioxide (CO2), carbon monoxide (CO), fine particulate matter (PM2.5), and ozone(O3).

The air pollution measurements will be will be used to develop maps of street-level air pollution. These, in addition to air quality pollution data insights, will be available for use by city authorities and by the public.

This project was born from a clear and urgent need for hyperlocal insights on air quality and the overall objective of the initiative is to make air pollution data and insights available to city and government authorities, the scientific community, not for profit organizations, and the public.

Google and Dublin City Council are hopeful that access to this data will encourage more people to join the conversation around air quality and enable people to make small but informed daily changes to contribute to its improvement.

In particular, the data will provide valuable insights to walkers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts to help them find the healthiest routes and locations for their commutes, trips and activities.

Clean Air Together Project

This project aims to measure levels of nitrogen dioxide across Dublin. It will involve recruiting between 1000 and 1200 participants to deploy nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes across the region in late2021.

The five primary objectives of the project are to:

- Develop and deliver a methodology for large-scale citizen-based air quality monitoring of NO_2.
- Generate data will provide input to the validation of EPA air quality models.
- Increase public knowledge and engagement with the topic of air quality.
- Assess the impacts of citizen-based air quality monitoring on awareness, attitudes and the potential for this to lead to behaviour change.
- Inform policy-change by working in partnership with stakeholders.

PROPOSED ACTION:

1. Dublin City Council to establish public dashboard on Airview study results for Dublin City

2. Dublin local authorities to explore with other stakeholders such as An Taisce, or the Asthma Society on the establishment of a public consultative process or forum on air quality.

Measure 13

Air Quality and Health Research

As part of its range of functions the Environmental Protection Agency manages an environmental research programme to deliver essential scientific support for environmental policy development, implementation and broader decision-making. Since 1994, the EPA has funded research that has increased national understanding of the environment, the challenges it faces and responses to these. EPA Research focuses on achieving environmental objectives, informing policy and bringing together researchers and research users. In the context of this plan, there are two EPA funded research projects ongoing of particular interest, whose findings will be of particular interest in informing and shaping public discourse and policy in relation to nitrogen dioxide levels nationally and in particularity in the Dublin region.

Project 1: Impact of NO2 on Health with particular emphasis on vulnerable groups

A team of engineers, hospital consultants and environmental scientists from Trinity College Dublin are collaborating on this EPA funded project to examine the impacts of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) on health and quality of life. Although it is possible that, to some extent, NO2 acts as a marker for the effects of

other traffic-related pollutants, the epidemiological and mechanistic evidence elsewhere now suggests that it would be sensible to regard NO2 as causing some impact on health and quality of life. Research on this topic is particularly important in the context of very significant challenges across Europe in meeting targets for the reduction of NOx emissions from the transport sector.

The TCD team will assess how the recent findings elsewhere in relation to the associations between NO2 and health impacts pertain to Ireland, with particular emphasis on vulnerable groups including children, the elderly and the socio-economically disadvantaged. Using currently available air pollution measurements, and recent research results on the influence of meteorological and source parameters (including transport vehicle and population mobility demands), they will identify a set of characteristics for the locations in Ireland that are at most risk of experiencing high levels of NO2.

They will also examine the HSE-Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) prescribing database to establish much needed baseline data linking NO2 levels with the prescription of drugs used to treat asthma and chronic obstructive airways disease with the intention to consider methodologies to facilitate the collection of prospective data in the future.

Other databases, such as the Growing up in Ireland (GUI) and the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), subject to their availability, will be explored to investigate if relationships between prevalence of respiratory symptoms in vulnerable groups and NO2 levels exist. Finally, the team will review policies and strategies being implemented by other countries to bring NO2 within compliance levels and identify a set of effective and efficient solutions to reduce and mitigate the impact of the transport sector on NO2 levels in Ireland, given its predominance in the output of NO2 emissions.

Project 2: Redmap Project

This project involves measuring and modelling emissions from in-use vehicles in Dublin. The project is funded by EPA-Ireland and co-funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS). The REDMAP project team comprises engineers from Trinity, University College Dublin and Ricardo from the UK. The team will measure and model real-world emissions using Remote Sensing (RS) and Portable Emission Measurement Systems (PEMS) from more than 150,000 vehicles at four locations over a 16-week period in Dublin. Emissions from real-world driving are often higher than estimated emission levels calculated based on Euro emissions standards and laboratory tests. This has given rise to widely published controversy and consequently, the air quality in cities has not improved as much as was

originally anticipated from stringent emission regulations in European regions and associated renewals of vehicle fleets. Due to the high density of on-road vehicles and proximity of pollutant generation to high density urban dwellings the impact of air pollution is higher in urban areas such as Dublin, so it is imperative that projects such as REDMAP accurately assess the true levels of traffic emissions."

The real emission contribution of different vehicles considering Euro standard, fuel type, make, and categories and vehicle modifications will be utilised to improve the existing emission inventory generated using literature values. A new traffic-emission model and paired air quality model estimating pollutant concentrations will be formulated based on real-world emission factors (RD-EF). The modelling framework will illustrate the potential environmental, economic and health impacts of real emission due to new Real-Driving Emission (RDE) legislation, related policy changes and future growth considering scenario-based modelling. The project will generate guidelines on measures and opportunities to reduce actual vehicular emission on roads in Dublin.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Dublin local authorities to formally engage with above research teams on their emerging findings and to collaborate on the formulation of practical measures and guidelines from this research.

Measure 14

Behavioural Change Campaigns to cleaner fleets

The Five Cities Demand Management Study identifies this measure of targeted behavioural change campaigns to encourage low emission vehicle purchase as being highly effective and enjoying general support. – estimated that a 49% reduction in nitrogen oxides emissions is achievable. Stakeholder feedback to the study highlighted COVID-19 as creating an opportunity for change in behavior. These reductions refer to the percentage change in the emissions per kilometre from the average private car in city centre traffic in 2030, relative to 2019 levels, based on ANPR data collected in Cork in February 2020.

Nitrogen Dioxide Modelling

As part of the production of this Plan, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supported the four Dublin local authorities by specifically modelling nitrogen dioxide levels for a number of scenarios, involving a base year and four future scenarios.

To inform this Plan, the EPA assessed monitoring and modelling data to get a wider understanding of

the current and future air quality situation around the local area of the measured exceedance. The area of assessment within the vicinity of St Johns Road West is the area covered by the bold rectangle in Figure 5.1 below. Completing Air Quality modelling across the Dublin Region would be a significant undertaking beyond the timeframe available for the production of this Air Quality Plan and has thus not been possible at this time. However, at the time of drafting of this Plan it is known that the EPA are progressing wider air quality modelling of Dublin and this will be published in 2022.

The approach adopted for this plan thus makes best use of the work underway by the EPA and focuses output at the location of the St John's Road West monitoring station to demonstrate the positive impacts that predicted future changes to transportation fleet, and emissions from same, is likely to have on air quality in the vicinity of the St John's Road West monitoring station.

A copy of the EPA report is available in Appendix D.



Figure 5.1 – Area of Air Quality Modelling Assessment (Marked in Bold

Modelling Methodology

The EPA completed the air quality modelling of the assessment area using the urban scale model ADMS-Urban and the outputs have been evaluated and verified by the EU DELTA tool in conjunction with the model developers own model evaluation tool kit, see EPA report in Appendix D.

As noted above the modelling was completed for a base year and four future scenarios. These scenarios were chosen by the four Dublin Local Authorities and are set out below;

- 2019 Basecase scenario
- 2028 Business as Usual scenario
- 2028 Intervention scenario
- 2030 Business as Usual scenario
- 2030 Intervention scenario

A fuller explanation of these scenarios is included below.

The traffic data and emission factor forecasts in relation to fleet growth and changes have been taken from existing national traffic models (National Transport Authority (NTA) Regional Modelling System) and relevant transport fleet profiles and toolkits (based on a review of National and UK sources). As mentioned above the Five Cities Demand Management Study identified a measure of targeted behavioural change campaigns to encourage low emission vehicle purchase as being highly effective to contribute to achieving greater emission reductions. It is this behavioural change that is reflected in measure 14 and in the modelled scenarios set out above.

The business as usual case reflects the change to fleet profiles based around forecasted car sales and changes to fuel/emissions profile of this changing fleet. The intervention scenario is a sensitivity scenario to demonstrate the effect that further incentives to drive accelerated electrification of the fleet might have on air quality. The measures included in this sensitivity intervention scenario include;

- 50% electrification of the taxi fleet
- 50% electrification of the bus fleet
- 20% electrification of the passenger car fleet

Modelling Results

The modelled results for each of the five scenarios is set out in the table below;

Scenario	Modelled Annual Average NO_2 St John's Road Receptor ($\mu g/m^3$)	Measured Annual Average NO_2 St John's Road Receptor ($\mu g/m^3$)	Absolute NO_2 Concentration Reduction ($\mu g/m^3$)	Percentage NO_2 Reduction from 2019 Basecase Scenario (%)
2019 Basecase	39.0	43.4	-	-
2028 Business as Usual	31.3	-	7.7	19.7
2028 Intervention	29.4	-	9.6	24.6
2030 Business as Usual	30.6	-	8.4	21.5
2030 Intervention	29.0	-	10.0	25.6

As can be seen from the above results the model output for 2019 is very close to that which was measured at this location in 2019. The results are within 10% of the measured.

The results from the scenarios all show significant reduction in the nitrogen dioxide concentrations when compared to the 2019 basecase scenario with the results for the business as usual case showing reductions of 21.5% out to 2030 and up to 25.6% where the further sensitivity interventions outlined are achieved within this timeframe. These scenarios all bring the predicted annual average air quality values for NO_2 at this location back within the legal limit of 40 $\mu g/m^{3.}$ This would remain the case even if an allowance for the 10% discrepancy between modelled and measured values was applied as indicated by the modelling of the baseline case.

Based on the modelling results, it would be reasonable to conclude that the realisation of the anticipated "business as usual" fleet changes, together with additional interventions that may result from the range of measures proposed by this Plan and other National strategies, will have a beneficial effect on reducing NO_2 levels across the Dublin Region, although it is acknowledged that the actual reductions will vary across the region depending on local traffic patterns. The EPA modelling of the Dublin region will provide additional clarity on this in 2022.

It is thus reasonable to conclude, based on the modelling results that the Dublin agglomeration will be compliant with the NO2 limits by 2028 or earlier. Measures 1 to 13 will help to accelerate the timeline to achieve compliance, although it is not possible to quantify their benefit through modelling work. In

particular, incentives to move to lower emission vehicles such as financial incentives or the introduction of low emissions zones (Measure 9) is likely encourage a more timely transition.

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

1. **Commuter/Travel surveys carried out by public bodies to include determining public attitudes towards air quality measures and commuting behaviour.**
2. **Air quality forum (see Measure 12) to address and gauge public attitudes on behaviour change to improve air quality.**
3. **Public consultation on City and County Development Plans to include eliciting feedback on public view on introduction of cleaner fleets and clean air/low emission zones.**

5.5 Framework for Measures and Actions

The following table provides a synthesis of the measures and actions detailed above in respect of their time scale for implementation and the level (i.e. local authority, national etc.,) for that implementation.

The definition of timescales used below are referenced from the Five Cities Demand Management study whereby "Short Term" indicates implemented by 2025, "Medium Term" indicates by 2030 and Long Term indicates by 2040.

These timescales need to be considered in the context of a dynamically evolving wider environmental management priorities not least of which is the delivery of the climate action agenda.

The Five Cities Demand Management Study also provides a framework for consideration of measures in the context of an Avoid/Reduce- Shift-Improve- Manage approach as follows:

Avoid/Reduce Demand – avoid or reduce the need to travel.
Shift Demand – to more sustainable transport modes.
Improve – environmental sustainability of residual vehicular traffic.
Manage – day to day efficiency of the transport network.

Where the Five Cities Demand Management Study has predicted an estimate for the potential reduction in nitrous oxides (NOx) associate with such a measure this has also been included for information.

No.	Measure /Action	5 City Demand ref. if applicable	Time scale to implementation	Estimated NOx reduction (if available)
Local Authority Measures				
1	"15 Minute Neighbourhoods"	PP08 **Avoid/Reduce Demand & Shift Demand**	Short (commencement) To (ongoing) Long	
2	Public Parking controls	PTM04 **Avoid/Reduce Demand & Shift Demand**	Short (commencement) To (ongoing) Long	
3	Residential parking standards	PTM08 **Avoid/Reduce Demand**	Short	
4	Workplace Parking standards	PTM09 **Avoid/Reduce Demand**	Short	
5	Continued Delivery of the Active travel programme			
6	Electrical Vehicle Charging Strategy	PTM02 **Improve**		-49%
National - Government Level Measures				
7	Introduction of National Clean Air Strategy	n/a	Short (commencement) To (ongoing) Long	
8	Air Quality Enabling legislation	AQ1 **Manage & Improve**	Short	-60%
9	Clean Air Zones/ Low Emission Zones	AQ4 **Manage & Improve**	Short	-71 %
10	Flexible Working	BC05 **Manage Shift Demand**		
National Agencies in cooperation with Local Authorities				
11	Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling	AQ2 **Shift Demand**	Short	-48%
12	Air Quality Citizen Engagement	AQ3 **Shift Demand**	Short	
13	Research		Sort to medium	
14	Behavioural Change Campaigns to cleaner fleets	BC10 **Improve**	Medium to long	-60%

6.0 Measures or Project Planned or Envisaged for the Long Term

In addition to those measures dealt with in the previous chapter there are a number of other emerging or future measures that merit consideration for the long term. These include:

- Modelling capacity at local authority level
- Research Funding
- Resourcing/Capacity Building

6.1 Modelling Capacity at local authority level

The value of modelling as a predictive tool for air quality management, with inputs based on known and predicted traffic volumes, vehicle types and profiles, is universally recognised. While there are measures planned by the Environmental Protection Agency to enhance their air quality modelling within the context of the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme , as described in the previous chapter, it has become evident in the preparation of this plan that having analogous modelling capacity at local authority level would be beneficial, not only for air quality management but also across a number of other sectors such as noise mapping and city planning.

Recommendation:

The Dublin local authorities to carry to a feasibility study on developing modelling capacity for air quality management and noise mapping

6.2 Research Funding

Air quality and health research have played an important role in developing public policy in Ireland. The EPA, as part of their Research Programme 2021-2030, recently launched their Research Call 2021. Amongst the research topics included in the call, two have particular relevance to nitrogen dioxide in the Dublin region:

Topic Title: Review of emerging technologies / novel approaches for detection and quantification of the levels for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)

"In Ireland and in much of the EU, NO2 is monitored by using a certified 'Indirect Monitoring'

technique. The EU is currently reviewing the use of 'Direct Monitoring' techniques that measure only NO2. Research in emerging air quality monitoring technologies and novel approaches that are EU compliant could help further tackle Ireland's issues in relation to increases in air pollutants (existing and emerging) from transport that is resulting in exceedances in NO2. Research would allow Ireland to explore mechanisms for achieving the highest international air quality standards. This research is considered an opportunity to improve monitoring and assessment, inform regulatory decision making, assist in the development of technologies and identify solutions to reduce unnecessary exposure to poor air quality, for Ireland."

Topic Title: An international best practice review of the localised and wider pollutant contribution of large railway hubs on air quality, in large urban centres

This innovative research project will gather information on the best international practice in assessing the impact of rail emissions at large railway hubs and the impact on the localised air quality in high- density residential/urban centres. It will allow the provision of the best evidence-based advice to the public and other stakeholders. The proposed research project should also ensure alignment with the Urban Transport-Related Air Pollution (UTRAP) Working Group process.

Proposals are invited to:

• Undertake a comprehensive review of best EU practice and apply to Irish data on how to mitigate against/reduce high contributions of harmful emissions.

• Apply this assessment of best international practice to Ireland by ground truthing on selected Irish sample sectoral sites/case studies to pilot.

Recommendation: Dublin local authorities to request the EPA to grant them representation on the Technical Steering Committees of these projects

6.3 Resourcing/Capacity Building

Local Authority Resources

The Programme for Government provides a commitment to develop a regional approach to air quality and noise enforcement. This approach could also consider possibility of developing capacity for air quality monitoring, modelling and management at a regional level in the Dublin Agglomeration.

Such an approach, with appropriate resources in place could be fundamental in the successful implementation of this plan and has other positive benefits in complementary areas such as noise mapping and noise action planning.

Urban Traffic Management Centres

The Five Cites Demand Study identifies urban traffic management as an effective traffic demand management tool. Dublin City Council operate Dublin's Traffic Management Centre in collaboration with Dublin Bus, and An Garda Síochána.

Using over 300 CCTV cameras and SCATS signalling technology, traffic volumes at hundreds of junctions are monitored and junction timings are adjusted dynamically depending on traffic flows. When traffic accidents occur, traffic light timings can be overridden to reduce congestion. Investment is ongoing to use the data gathered to drive further automation and incident detection.

Further integration of traffic management with public transport operation will take place when Dublin City Council's Traffic Management Centre is co-located with the recently approved new National Train Control Centre to be constructed at Heuston Station.

This control centre will oversee management of all train traffic in the country and all road transport in Dublin. There are potential benefits for continued NTA investment in control centres for all public transport modes in each of the cities, as public transport supply increases through the delivery of the planned city strategies.

Such a traffic control centres has a key role in more efficiently managing the capacity of the existing transport network, smoothing demand through integrated partnership working and the pushing out of key disruption information combined with travel alternatives. They offer substantial congestion management benefits, with correlating benefits for reducing carbon and improving air quality and the urban environment.

These traffic management systems can also integrate environmental monitoring as one of the criteria in traffic management and the evolution of the next generation of reliable and relatively low cost air quality sensors opens up the possibility of developing this capacity.

7.0 Public & Stakeholder Consultation

7.1 Overview of legislative requirements

The Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air For Europe (CAFE) Directive (2008/50/EC) sets air quality standards for European Union member states and has been transposed into Irish legislation by the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (S.I. No 180 of 2011 as amended). The directive and regulations records air quality standards in Ireland and other member states for a number of pollutants. One element of the implementation of this Directive involves carrying out air quality monitoring for a number of specified air pollutants at a network of air quality monitoring stations throughout Ireland. These Regulations also provide for the dissemination of public information, including information on any exceedances of the target values, the reasons for the exceedances, the area(s) in which they occurred and appropriate information regarding effects on health and impact on the environment.

As mentioned in Chapter 1 of this Air Quality plan, in 2019 there was an exceedance of the annual permissible limit value for Nitrogen dioxide at one of the monitoring stations in Dublin. As a result of this exceedance, under the national legislation, the relevant local authorities are obliged to prepare an air quality plan to identify the root causes and formulate measures to address the exceedance of that pollutant. One of the legal obligations under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 on local authorities in preparing this air quality plan is to ensure that it is “clear, comprehensible and accessible”.

However, within the regulations, there is no mention of a requirement to go to Public Consultation with the Air Quality Plan. The legislation does include a requirement to consult with a list, set out in Schedule 17, of Prescribed Bodies as follows: The Minister for Health, The Health Service Executive, Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála, Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland, The Asthma Society of Ireland, Met Éireann, Teagasc.

Notwithstanding this the Dublin Local Authorities are aware of their obligations to encourage and promote public engagement and consultation and enable citizens’ voices to be heard, though such instruments as the Aarhaus Convention on Access to information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environment Matters(Directive 2003/4/EC on Public Access to Environmental Information). Therefore, in the interests of involving the public and seeking engagement and consultation with the public a decision was made to engage members of the public

and go to Public Consultation for a four-week period on the 18th October 2021. Our methodology for public consultation is set out below in Section 7.2.

7.2 Methodology adopted

One of the legal obligations under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 on local authorities in preparing this air quality plan is to ensure that it is "clear, comprehensible and accessible".

Despite there being no legal requirement for public consultation a 2-step approach to Consultation was adopted for both Stakeholder/Prescribed Bodies and with members of the Public.

Stakeholder/Prescribed Bodies Consultation:

The initial approach towards engagement with Prescribed bodies, as listed in Schedule 17 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (S.I.180/2011) involved writing to each of them to notify them of the Air Quality Plan and invite them to a consultation meeting/workshop to discuss same. In addition to the prescribed bodies an invitation was extended to An Taisce who had previously expressed an interest in the drafting of the Air Quality Plan. A positive response was received and on 1st September 2021 a consultation meeting/workshop was held with the following prescribed bodies and An Taisce;

- Asthma Society of Ireland
- Health Service Executive – Public Health
- Health Service Executive – Environmental Health
- Teagasc
- Met Eireann
- An Taisce (not a Prescribed Body)

The consultation meeting/workshop took the form of a presentation and discussion around the drafting of the Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in ambient air in Dublin. Initial feedback was sought at the workshop and the participants were advised of our plans for formal consultation with the Public later in the year.

Public Consultation:

Regarding Public Consultation, the public were initially notified through the following media, a Newspaper advert was published on 23rd July 2021 and also published on Social media. This notification advised that the four Local Authorities (Dublin City Council, Final County Council, Dun

Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and South Dublin County Council) were together preparing a new Air Quality Plan to address a single exceedance of the annual NO_2 level. It advised that the draft Plan would be subject to a period of public consultation later in the year and that it must be submitted to the European Union by the end of 2021. The notification invited members of the public at this initial stage to submit their views on the exceedance of Air Quality in the Dublin Region and the drafting of the Plan.

Following this initial step, a period of formal Public Consultation commenced on the 18th October 2021 for a 4 week period. The Public Consultation was hosted online on Dublin City Council's online Consultation hub on behalf of all four Local Authorities. Each of the four Local Authorities advertised the public consultation on their own websites and social media accounts and provided a direct link to the Dublin City Council Consultation hub.

A summary of the responses and issues raised by the public consultation process are detailed in section 7.3 below and also Appendix B.

7.3 Summary of responses and replies

Background

The public consultation on the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan, Air Quality Plan to improve Nitrogen Dioxide levels in Dublin Region was open for submissions from 18 October 2021 to 15 November 2021. A total of 219 unique submissions were received, 208 via the Consultation Portal and 11 by email.
Only a small number of submissions were specifically related to the actual draft Air Quality Plan document itself and its requirements as set out by Europe. The majority were instead comments on air pollution in general, how it can be addressed and paying for it through taxes. While these submissions could not be directly incorporated into the Air Quality Plan itself at this time, they give a valuable insight into public feelings on the issue, and will feed into ongoing work in the area including the development of many of the measures included in the plan.

Appendix B of the Plan includes details of the public consultation submissions and the analysis undertaken in relation to same. Appendix B1 includes a report with graphs produced from the Consultation Hub which contained an online survey with 25 questions relating to the Air Quality Plan. A quantitative summary of the submissions taken from that data set out in that consultation hub report is presented in the section

below. Questions 22 to 25 and emailed submissions have been reviewed, tagged by Theme and analysed against the measures in the plan. The subsequent section of this chapter, and the table in Appendix B3, deals with the review and analysis of the consultation responses which tagged them by Themes and presented responses and amendments to be made to the Plan.

Quantitative Summary of the Public Consultation Responses

There were 208 responses to the online Public Consultation on the AQP. These were mainly from private individuals, however, a list of organisations that responded is listed in Appendix B. Of those that responded approximately 52% resided in Dublin City with 18% in Fingal and 15% from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, 10% from South Dublin. 4% of those that responded reside outside of Dublin County.

By far the main reason for driving, almost 64%, was for day-to-day getting around and travelling to shops and local services.

The vast majority of people had an understanding of the health impacts of elevated NO_2 levels and vehicular emissions were considered to be a greater contributor to NO_2 levels than agriculture, power plants or heating by about half of those responding. National Government led awareness campaigns were felt to be the best way to make the public aware of the health impacts of air pollution (specifically NO_2) and these were closely followed by restricting drop off locations at schools and publicity about high transport related emissions in local areas.

Approximately half of those who took part in the Public Consultation agreed with the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly in relation to the climate actions that impact on air quality.

Almost 80% of responders support the idea of reviewing and strengthening Local Authority and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) powers in relation to dealing with air pollution.

With regard to considering Low Emission Zones, over 75% of those who took part in the Public Consultation support this, as well as the possibility of a charge being levied on those with polluting vehicles. A similar number of responders support the Government amending existing legislation to delegate powers to the Local Authorities to introduce Low Emission Zones.

Over 85% of the public involved are familiar with 10-15 minute neighbourhoods and over 70% think Local Authorities should examine the concept.

80% of those who took part in the Public Consultation want an electrical vehicle-charging network developed in Dublin.

Almost 95% of those involved feel that the Irish workforce should be given the option of remote working for a portion of the week.

Around 70% of those involved believe that consideration should be given to incorporating air quality considerations into vehicle taxation and that the NCT emissions testing should have a role in periodic assessment of air pollution emissions, to inform better regulation of 'in use' vehicle emissions.

Analysis of Public Consultation Responses

In addition to the quantitative analysis of the submissions as set out in the previous section, all the submissions that contained free text and those that were received by email where analysed for the comments, views and suggestions expressed. Rather than respond to each view within each individual submission, all submissions were reviewed to identify common themes against which all the comments and views could be captured. A response against each theme has been provided which sets out how the Air Quality Plan and/or other Plans and Strategies address the issues covered by the Theme and also whether any amendments or actions within the Plan are proposed.

For a detailed overview of the Themes identified together with the responses and actions proposed please see table in Appendix B3 at the end of this report.

7.4 Conclusions and proposed actions arising from public consultation

Many different points were raised through the Public Consultation and an analysis of the general comments and suggestions was carried out as set out in Appendix B1 and B3.

The draft Air Quality Plan included 14 measures as summarised below.

- Integrate "15 Minute Neighbourhoods" concept in City and County development Plans
- Public Parking Controls
- Residential Parking Standards
- Workplace Parking Standards

- Continue delivery of the Active Travel Programme
- Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy
- Publication of National Clean Air Strategy
- Air Quality Enabling Legislation
- Introduction of Clean Air Zones / Low Emission Zones
- Remote / Flexible Working
- Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling
- Air Quality – Citizen Engagement
- Air Quality and Health Research
- Behavioural Change Campaigns to Cleaner Fleets

These 14 measures remain within the Final Plan. While there were varying comments and levels of support for each, the responses did not warrant the removal or a significant change to any one measure. Modification to two measures are proposed as set out below;

- **Measure 9** of the Plan to be amended to include an action as follows; The UTRAP Working Group, which includes the Dublin Local Authorities, should commit to further investigations into the adequacy of current legal provisions and feasibility of Low Emissions Zones in Dublin.

- **Measure 12** to be modified to reflect Smart Cities involvement in citizen engagement project

Many of the comments and suggestions, while very valid, fall outside the remit of the Air Quality Plan but are covered by other Government and Local Authority strategies and plans.

8.0 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening

8.1 Overview of legislative requirements

The Dublin Regional Air Quality Action Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) in ambient air in Dublin has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of S.I. No. 435/2004 - European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 and Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The SEA and AA process, carried out in tandem with the preparation of the Dublin Regional Air Quality Action Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) in ambient air in Dublin, have ensured full integration and consideration of environmental issues throughout the action plan preparation process.

These are available as separate documents, to be read in conjunction with this Dublin Regional Air Quality Action Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) in ambient air in Dublin.

The SEA Screening Report and Screening Statement in support of the AA are available online on the four Dublin Local Authorities websites. The SEA Determination, AA Determination and URL to the Screening Report and Statement are available in Appendix C.

8.2 Conclusion

The Screening of the Dublin Air Quality Plan shows that the plan will not result in land use activities that have the potential to result in negative impacts to the qualifying features of interest of European Sites occurring within or surrounding the plan area and will not have the potential to compromise the achievement of the conservation objective of these European Sites. The examination of the plan has found that the plan will have the potential to contribute to the conservation management of European Sites within and surrounding the plan area and will thus have positive implications for the conservation objectives of these European Sites. In light of the findings of this report, it is the considered view of the authors of this Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment that it can be concluded by the Dublin Region Local Authorities that the Plan is not likely, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives and on the basis of best scientific evidence and there is no reasonable scientific doubt as to that conclusion.

9.0 Proposed framework for improving ambient nitrogen dioxide level

9.1 Overview

The preparation of this plan and the elaboration of measures (already in progress or proposed) highlights that addressing air quality involves a wide range of stakeholders working with common purpose as the measures identified include a raft of policy, legislative, and behavioural interventions. In practice, this requires ongoing action at national as well as regional and local level as well as a high level of engagement with the public. The following sets out the main elements of the framework required to address these matters.

9.2 National Level

As mentioned earlier in this plan, one direct consequence of the breach of nitrogen dioxide levels in 2019, was the establishment of the multi-stakeholder UTRAP (Urban Traffic-related Air Pollution) working group by the Department of Transport and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Climate & Communications

The UTRAP Working Group was established to achieve the following six objectives:

1. Enhance awareness of clean air legislation and its requirements generally, and specifically in relation to NO2 and other transport related air pollutants, amongst relevant stakeholder organisations

2. Provide a forum to enhance understanding of the causes and the health and environmental impacts of NO2 air pollution and other transport related air pollutants in conurbations

3. Identify developments that may impact on NO2 levels and other transport-related air pollutants in conurbations, e.g. evolving technical standards, and quantify the impact under likely future scenarios

4. Identify examples of best practice in combatting NO2 air pollution and other transport-related air pollutants in conurbations, particularly road traffic-related air pollution, assess applicability and any barriers to their implementation in an Irish context

5. Consider a range of options for potential measures and any associated actions and supports

required to facilitate their effective uptake to address NO2 and other air pollution; identify measures most suitable to Ireland and appropriate implementation bodies

6. Present the final UTRAP recommendations to the Minister for consideration by Government

The Interim Report issued by UTRAP in March 2021 see more here made 23 Recommendations and in the context of providing a framework for oversight of the implementation of this plan this working group provides a platform for bringing appropriate stakeholders together.

Two of the recommendations made address this specific role i.e.

Recommendation 22

UTRAP Group to reconvene and review the findings and 'Road map' of the Five Cities Traffic Demand Management Study to support local authorities in implementing suitable traffic demand management measures identified for specific cities.

Recommendation 23

UTRAP Group to continue to meet at least bi-annually to monitor the implementation of the recommendations until completed.

9. 3 Local/Regional level

Local level

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designed a performance framework to measure the performance of local authorities in delivering their environmental enforcement activities. Local authorities provide data and plans annually to the EPA for the purposes of assisting implementing programmes of continual improvement in the areas of environmental enforcement and inspection. By providing local and national comparative data, a local authority can benchmark their own enforcement processes and plan for making performance improvements.

The plan submitted to the EPA is known as the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Plan. The potential of adopting a regional approach to air quality management in the Dublin Agglomeration has been addressed elsewhere in this plan. One important consideration is the current resourcing of a quality functions within the Dublin local authorities.

The most recent evaluation published by the EPA in 2021 of the plans submitted by all local authorities

emphasises the need to enhance capacity on a regional basis in terms of air quality management in order to protect public health see more here

On the basis of data provided by each of the local authorities in Dublin to the EPA (RMCEI Plan 2021) on their respective inspection and compliance plans for 2021, a total of 603 working days will be utilised for routine air quality inspections including air quality monitoring (90% of this accounted for by Dublin City Council which maintains its own extensive air quality monitoring network) and 1175 days for reactive inspections related to public complaints for both air and noise issues (77% of this accounted for by Dublin City Council).

There is a compelling need to address capacity issues in the next iteration of RMCEI Plans for 2022 by the local authorities.

9.4 Enhancing Public Engagement

The role of the public, both individually and collectively is critical in terms of addressing air quality issues across the board. Addressing air quality issues cuts a across a wide spectrum other issue that are of public concern including climate action and transport policy. Rather than being a "tick box" exercise, enhanced public engagement can be the driver for change on matters that appear to be politically challenging. The convening of Citizen Assemblies to consider and ultimately address societal issues have been used to good effect in Ireland.

The Citizens Assembly on how the State can make Ireland a leader in tackling climate change made a number of recommendations that have a direct bearing on reducing nitrogen dioxide levels namely:

93% of the Members recommended that the number of bus lanes, cycling lanes and park and ride facilities should be greatly increased in the next five years, and much greater priority should be given to these modes over private car use.

96% of the Members recommended that the State should immediately take many steps to support the transition to electric vehicles.

92% of the Members recommended that the State should prioritise the expansion of public transport spending over new road infrastructure spending at a ratio of no less than 2-to-1 to facilitate the broader availability and uptake of public transport options with attention to rural areas.

In terms of implementing the measures in this plan, it could be argued that in terms of their thinking the public are ahead of progress on policy. A number of the measures identified in this plan are the

basis of the framework to promote informed involvement and decision making by the public.

In particular, the proposed measure to explore with other stakeholders such as An Taisce, or the Asthma Society on the establishment of a public consultative process or forum on air quality will be a crucial initiative in this plan.

9.5 Integration/Cross Cutting Actions (Noise, Climate Action etc.)

Addressing nitrogen dioxide levels in Dublin in the coming years should be considered in the context of a number of other actions that come within the remit of local authorities. These include:

Environmental Noise Directive

The four Dublin local authorities are also classed as one agglomeration for the purposes of the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018, which implements the EU Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC (END). The END requires the preparation and publication every 5 years, of strategic noise maps and noise management action plans for transport noise sources (i.e. roads, railways and airports) and industry.

Currently Round 4 of this noise mapping and action planning cycle (2020–2025) is underway which entails completing noise mapping during by mid-2022 and preparation and approval of noise action plans by mid-2023.

As this plan is primarily focused on addressing transport, related noise there is clear potential for cross over actions to promote and facilitate quieter and cleaner modes of transport.

Dublin Local Authorities Climate Change Action Plans 2019 – 2024

The urgency of the climate action agenda – as articulated in the most recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) see more here underlines the need for urgent action on climate change by all sectors of society.

The report stated, strong and sustained reductions in carbon dioxide (CO_2) and other greenhouse gases would limit change and as a result, benefits for air quality would come quickly.

Dealing with the transport sector is central to implementing climate action and while challenging it also presents opportunities to address wider environmental issues in the round including reducing nitrogen dioxide emissions

The four Dublin Local Authorities local authorities have produced Climate Action Plans for 2019 —– 2024.

The four Dublin Local Authorities launched Dublin's first Climate Action Week (DCAW21), which ran from Monday 13th to Sunday 19 September 2021

The agreed shared objectives of the initiative were:

- Demonstrate progress on the implementation of the four Dublin local authority Climate Change Action Plans, and a regional approach to climate action;
- Engage with a full range of partners to share knowledge on efforts and innovation across sectors;
- Make climate action a 'reality' allowing citizens to see what climate action looks like;
- Promote this initiative so as to fully engage with EU and international cities and our climate peers; and
- Create a legacy so that this initiative can carry forward to subsequent years in a variety of ways.

10.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

10.1 Conclusions

I. The 14 Measures set out in chapter 5 of this Plan has been screened for both Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment and the conclusions of these screening assessments are that the Plan will not result in land use activities that have the potential to result in negative impacts on the qualifying features of interest of European Sites occurring within or surrounding the plan area and will not have the potential to comprise the achievement of the conservation objectives of these European Sites. In this regard the four Local Authorities have made a determination under section 9 (3) of S.I. No. 435/2004 – European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) regulations 2004, that this Air Quality Plan for NO2 is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and thus does not require the completion of a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

II. Levels of nitrogen dioxide in the ambient air have been in compliance with European Union limit values except for an exceedance in 2009 and again in 2019, when the limit value was exceeded at one location in these years. There is no room for complacency as levels recorded at various times and locations over a number of years have approached this limit value. There is a strong possibility that the limit value could be exceeded in subsequent years unless existing initiatives continue and additional appropriate measures are considered and implemented. It should be noted that nitrogen dioxide levels for 2020 have not exceeded EU limit values, and the results to date for 2021 do not indicate an exceedance.

III. It is generally accepted that the dominant primary source of nitrogen dioxide in ambient air in the Dublin Region is vehicular traffic. While individual vehicle engines have become less polluting and more efficient over time, the population increases, the number of vehicles and their pattern of movement have given rise to continuing elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide.

IV. The overriding concern with regard to an exceedance of the European limit value for nitrogen dioxide is the public health dimension. The Clean Air for Europe Directive prioritises the need to reduce pollution to levels that minimise harmful effects on human health, paying particular attention to sensitive populations. The evidence base from previous experience in the Dublin Region of health effects from pollution from bituminous fuels is a clear reminder that timely action is of the essence to protect public health when air pollution levels are elevated. A recent 2020

study concluded that when the AQIH (Air Quality Index for Health) deteriorates, there is an impact on hospital admissions for individuals with asthma, chronic obstructive airways disease and heart failure.

V. The EU air quality standards are based on the criteria for the protection of human health set down in the World Health Organisation Air Quality Guidelines Global Update 2005. These legal limit values are focussed on the protection of human health and are based on the World Health Organisation Air Quality Guidelines Global Update 2005.

VI. The World Health Organisation issued New WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) on 22 September 2021. These new guidelines recommend new air quality levels to protect the health of populations, by reducing levels of key air pollutants, some of which also contribute to climate change. The goal of the guideline is for all countries to achieve recommended air quality levels. Whilst acknowledging that this may be a difficult task for some countries, WHO has proposed interim targets to facilitate stepwise improvement in air quality and thus gradual, but meaningful, health benefits for the population.

VII. In the 2020 "State of the Environment Report " the Environmental Protection Agency reported that "The publication and implementation of the planned National Clean Air Strategy is needed to protect Ireland's air quality. The adoption of the World Health Organization guideline values as national air quality standards within the strategy would provide for a higher level of public health protection. Integrating air pollution controls, noise mitigation measures and climate action, for example in transport management, can bring multiple benefits." The report also stated that measures to address NO2 could include those used in other European cities, such as promoting the use of public transport, cycling and walking, and restricting more polluting vehicles from central areas. The announcement that Dublin has become the first Irish city to sign up to the WHO Breathe Life campaign, which entails making a commitment to meeting the WHO guideline values by 2030 (Breathe Life, 2020), is a positive step.

VIII. Land use and transportation planning strategies to deliver sustainable living, need to be continued and supported. They will also need to rigorously demonstrate how and to what degree their air quality benefits are to be achieved.

IX. Many of the proposed transport infrastructure measures currently under consideration have considerable lead-in times, and funding for these measures needs to remain secured for these projects. Under these circumstances, there is also a need to harness public information measures

and pro-active encouragement of behaviour change in transport usage.

X. There are real choices available to individual transport users and commuters in terms of their personal contribution to air emissions. While some initiatives have clearly been successful in demonstrating this, much still remains to be done. Linking such initiatives to potential savings in transport fuel costs for individuals would strike a chord in current economic circumstances.

XI. Given the advances in technology, it is now feasible and timely to consider measures to integrate real time air quality monitoring, predictive air quality modelling, and traffic management systems.

XII. There is a compelling need for the local authorities in the Dublin region to review capacity issues in respect of air quality monitoring and management and in particular explore the added value of engaging in air quality modelling on an ongoing basis.

XIII. The emission modelling undertaken under the 5 City Demand Management Study and the dispersion modelling carried out by the EPA indicate that the agglomeration will be in compliance with the nitrogen dioxide limit by 2030 if not earlier. If the timescale to reach compliance is to be accelerated the most likely measures to achieve this acceleration will be to reduce emission factors from vehicles in particular cars. This can be achieved by:

- financial incentives to remove older diesel vehicles,
- incentives to increase the percentage of Electric Vehicles,
- or the introduction of low emission zones.

XIV. Dispersion modelling assessments complement existing monitoring techniques and can help to accurately predict pollution levels throughout the Dublin region and better inform decision making about how local areas might identify and tackle any rise in pollution levels. Any future expansion of the national monitoring network will depend on the results of nearby monitoring stations, indicative sampling and dispersion modelling assessments.

XV. Modelling capacity at local authority level would complement the EPA's modelling activities and would produce useful data not only for air quality management purposes but also for other sectors such as noise mapping and city planning.

XVI. With publicly funded research it is imperative that the Dublin local authorities have a say in precisely what areas need to be researched and must be invited to participate on research steering groups.

XVII. No one agency or authority can bring about and sustain a reduction of nitrogen dioxide levels in ambient air in the Dublin region. Each key agency needs to maintain air quality to the forefront of their programmes.

XVIII. Efforts have been made to incorporate ambient air quality considerations in a range of national, regional, and local transport strategies in the Dublin Region by a variety of agencies. It is imperative that these agencies continue to appraise their contribution to ensure air quality is prioritised, given the possibility of further exceedances of European Union limit values.

XIX. With indications that levels of NO2 were approaching EU limit values in certain areas of Dublin the Urban Transport Related Air Pollution Working Group (UTRAP) was formed in 2019. UTRAP brings together for the first time all the key stakeholders including Government departments and agencies in the transportation sphere as well as local authorities and other key stakeholders. UTRAP provides a forum to enhance understanding of the causes and the health and environmental impacts of NO2 air pollution and how to combat NO2 and other air pollution levels.

XX. The establishment of the UTRAP group is recognition that no one stakeholder can address all aspects of rising transport related pollution levels and that the activities of all the key stakeholders need to be coordinated. Any shortcomings or failures by any one key stakeholder could be detrimental to the success of this plan.

XXI. Public interest and concern in relation to air quality in Ireland is very significant and there is genuine buy in from the public in addressing air quality challenges. A number of projects and initiatives are underway to build on this public interest, and it is evident that the measures proposed in this plan depended on public cooperation and behavioural change over the long term. This plan identifies a number of ways in which public participation can be harnessed in a proactive rather than a reactive manner to reduce nitrogen dioxide levels and provide the opportunity to improve air quality generally.

10.2 Recommendations

Chapter 5 of this Plan sets out a number of specific measures and actions for consideration, this section sets out to provide a number of overarching recommendations to facilitate the further implementation and development of those measures and actions. This will require continued engagement across a range of local regional and national stakeholders.

i. The measures and actions identified in this plan highlight the absolute necessity for concerted action by the various agencies with input to national, regional, and local policy that influence reducing nitrogen dioxide levels in ambient air in the Dublin Region.
It is recommended that the Urban Transport-Related Air Pollution Steering Group (UTRAP) should remain in place to ensure that there is a forum to harness and direct that concerted action.

ii. It is recommended that a coherent framework for addressing air quality matters generally will be best served by the publication of the National Clean Air Strategy, and this strategy should incorporate reference to the most recent World Health Organization air quality guideline values for an enhanced level of public health protection.

iii. It is recommended that the incorporation of "10/15 minute neighbourhoods" (or similar) concept in City and County Development Plans be considered given the overall benefit that will accrue in terms of air quality generally and nitrogen dioxide levels in particular. **The Five Cites Demand Management Study** identifies the introduction of this concept as the No. 1 overall ranked intervention to address demand management, decarbonisation, air quality, and urban development.

iv. It is recommended that future public, residential and commercial parking controls be considered with specific reference to their impact on ambient nitrogen dioxide levels

v. It is recommended that legislation be introduced to allow local authorities to establish Clean Air Zones/Low Emissions Zones

vi. It is recommended that the Local Authorities Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy, which is currently being elaborated, be completed to support the growth of EVs to at least 800,000 by 2030 and set a target for the supply of infrastructure to stay sufficiently ahead of demand.

vii. Citizen engagement is a key element in improving air quality. As well as the initiatives currently underway it is recommended that Dublin local authorities to explore with other stakeholders such as An Taisce, the Asthma Society and others as relevant, on the establishment of a public consultative process or forum on air quality.

viii. It is recommended that local authorities in the Dublin Region intensify their collaboration with the EPA to expand real time air quality monitoring in the region and also to develop air quality modelling and forecasting capacity.

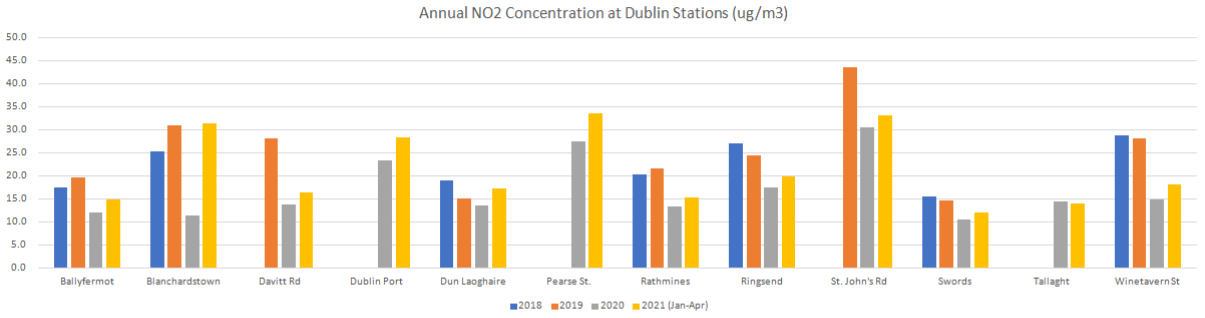
ix. It is recommended that the local authorities be engaged as partners and/or advisers in air quality research being funded by the EPA on projects in the Dublin region.

x. This plan demonstrates the wide variety of policies, strategies and initiatives that address ambient nitrogen dioxide levels. Continued delivery of the objectives of these policies and strategies needs to be maintained. It is recognised that government policy seeks to include environmental criteria in initiatives such as the National Development Plan. It is recommended that the development of air quality and other criteria needs to include input from a wide range of stakeholders including the public and local authorities.

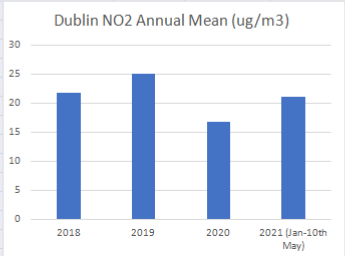
Appendix A - Air Quality Monitoring Data/Graphs

Annual Mean – Dublin Stations (ug/m3)

	Ballyfermot	Blanchardstown	Davitt Rd	Dublin Port	Dun Laoghaire	Pearse St.	Rathmines	Ringsend	St. John's Rd	Swords	Tallaght	Winetavern St
2018	17.4	25.3			18.9		20.3	27.0		15.5		28.7
2019	19.7	31.0	28.0		15.0		21.6	24.3	43.4	14.6		28.0
2020	12.1	11.5	13.7	23.3	13.5	27.4	13.3	17.5	30.4	10.6	14.4	14.8
2021 (Jan-Apr)	14.8	31.4	16.4	28.3	17.2	33.5	15.4	19.8	33.0	12.0	13.9	18.0



Annual Mean (ug/m3)	
2018	21.9
2019	25.1
2020	16.9
2021 (Jan-10th May)	21.2



Appendix B - Public Consultation Report and Analysis

Appendix B1 – Consultation Hub Responses Summary Report

Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in ambient air

https://consultation.dublincity.ie/environment/air-quality-plan-to-improve-levels-of-nitrogen-dio

This report was created on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 09:28

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Responses to this survey: **208**

1: What is your name?

Name

There were 202 responses to this part of the question.

2: What is your email address?

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There were 165 responses to this part of the question.

3: What is your organisation? (if applicable)

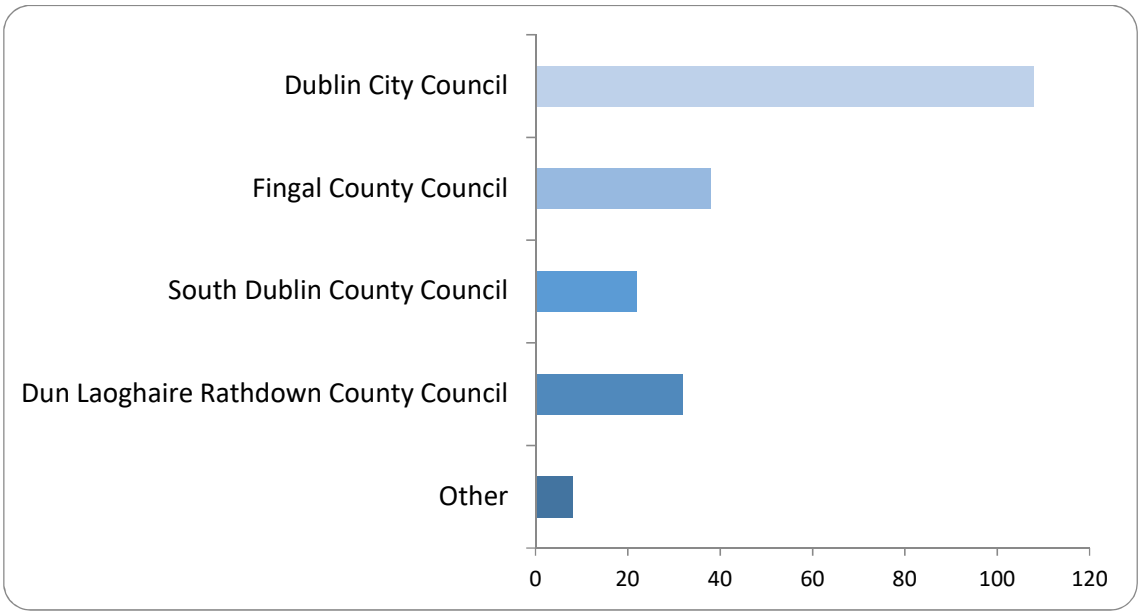
Organisation

There were 29 responses to this part of the question.

4: In which Local Authority area do you reside?

Local Authority

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Dublin City Council	108	51.92%
Fingal County Council	38	18.27%
South Dublin County Council	22	10.58%
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	32	15.38%
Other	8	3.85%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

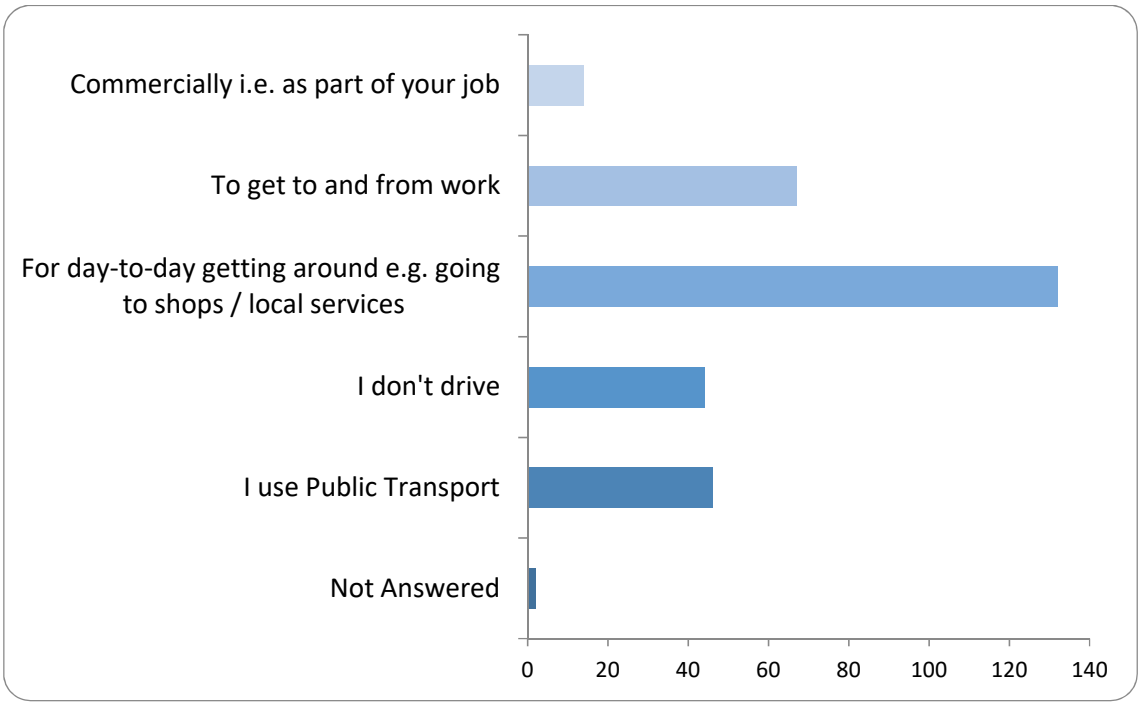
Other Local Authority

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

5: What are the main reasons you drive a vehicle in your local area / in Dublin generally? Please select as many as apply to you.

Reasons for Driving

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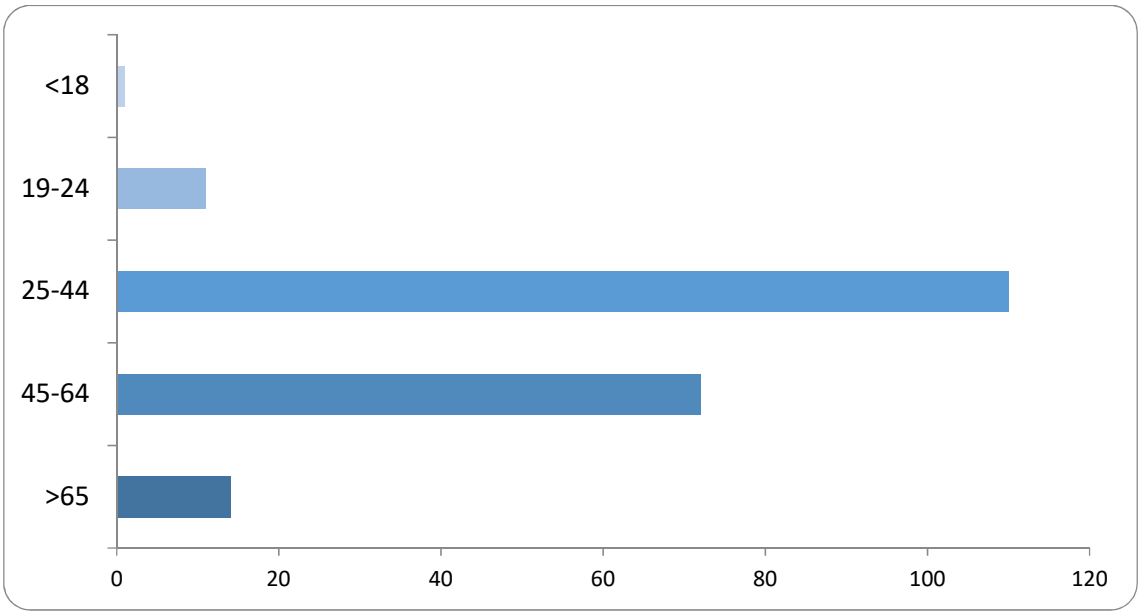


Option	Total	Percent
Commercially i.e. as part of your job	14	6.73%
To get to and from work	67	32.21%
For day-to-day getting around e.g. going to shops / local services	132	63.46%
I don't drive	44	21.15%
I use Public Transport	46	22.12%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

6: Which age bracket do you fall into?

Age Profile

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

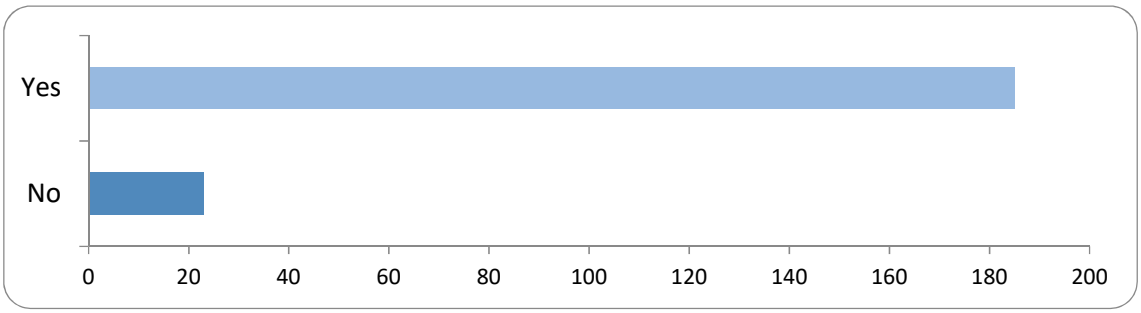


Option	Total	Percent
<18	1	0.48%
19-24	11	5.29%
25-44	110	52.88%
45-64	72	34.62%
>65	14	6.73%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

7: Do you have an understanding of the health impacts of elevated NO2 levels?

Understand health impacts of high NO2

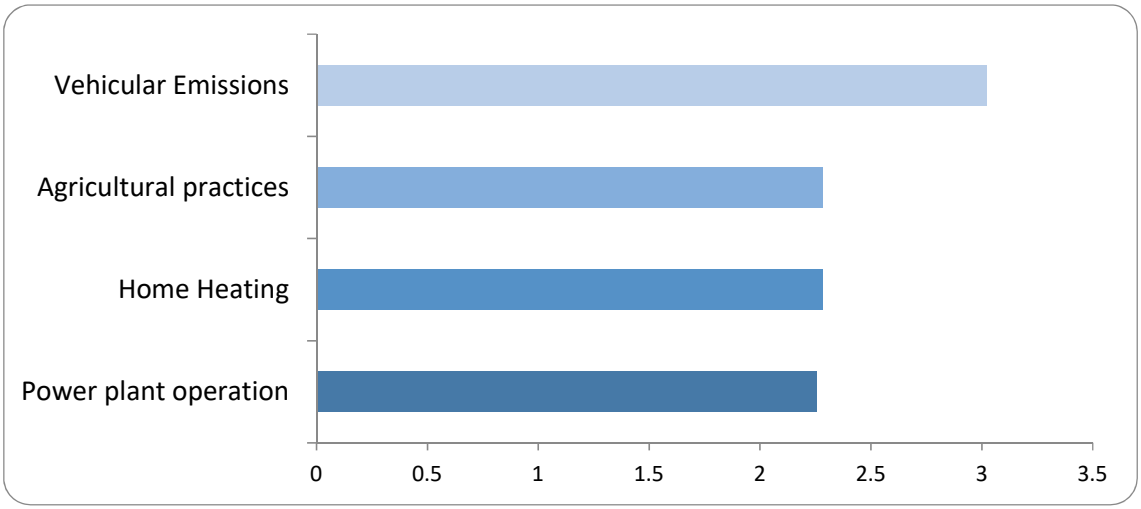
There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	185	88.94%
No	23	11.06%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

8: Rank each of the following contributors to elevated NO2 levels (with 1 being the highest contributor).

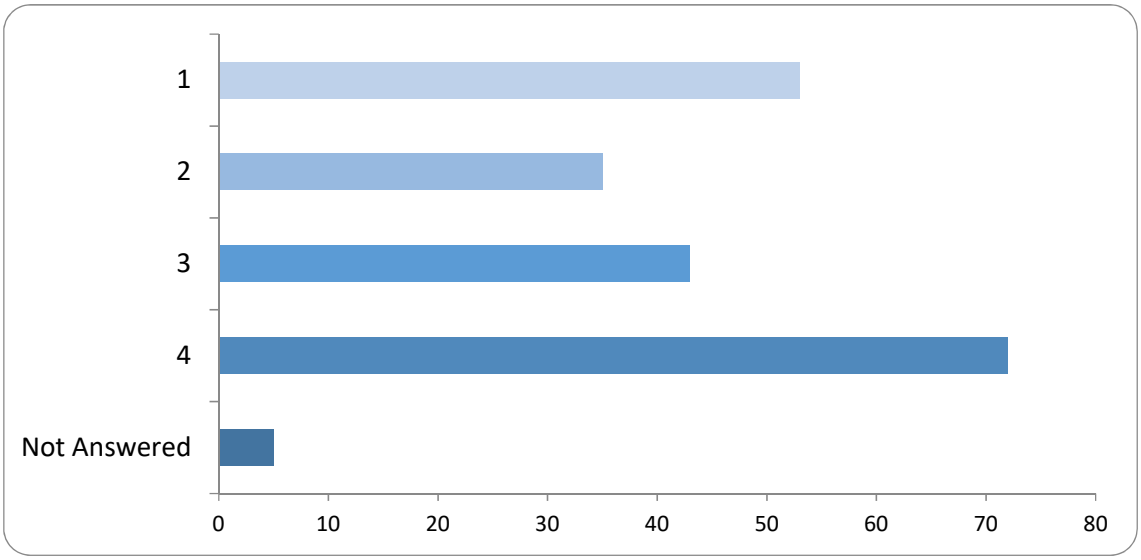
Ranking of 'Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels'



Item	Ranking
Vehicular Emissions	3.02
Agricultural practices	2.28
Home Heating	2.28
Power plant operation	2.25

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Agricultural practices

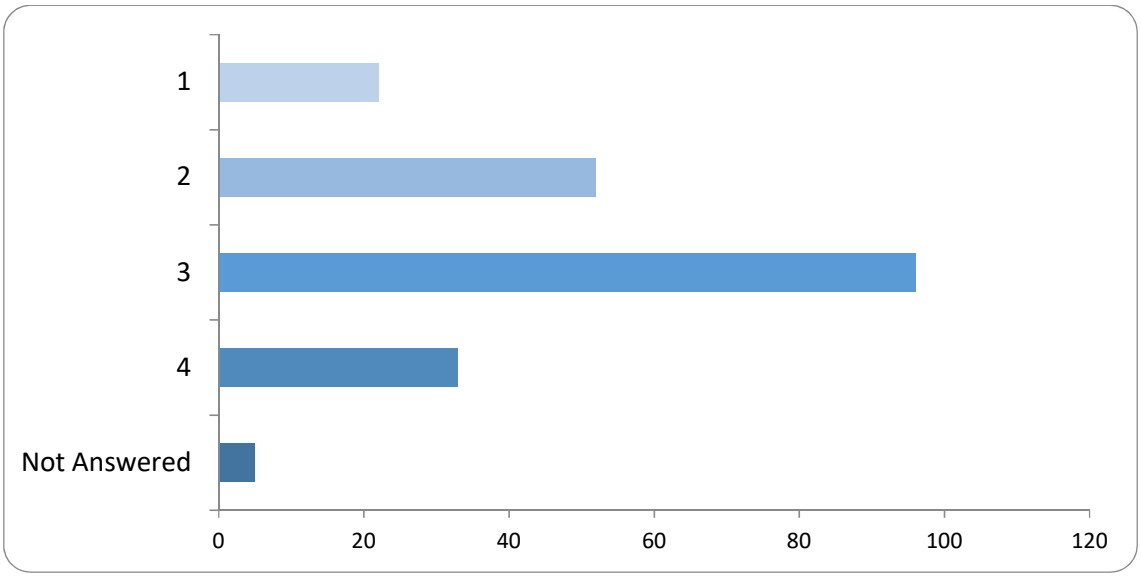
There were 203 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1	53	25.48%
2	35	16.83%
3	43	20.67%
4	72	34.62%
Not Answered	5	2.40%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Power plant operation

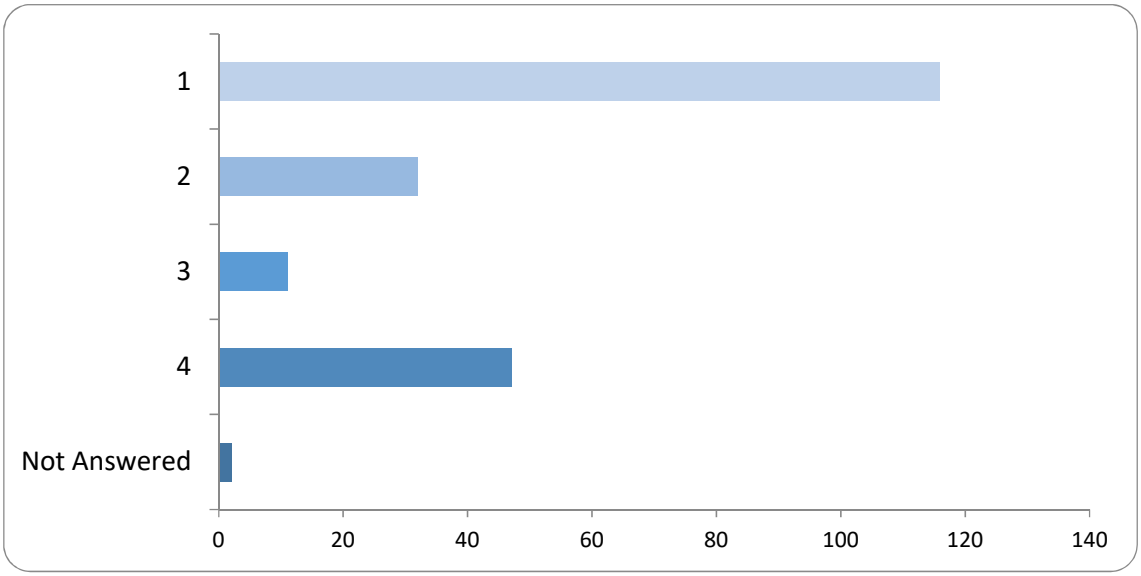
There were 203 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1	22	10.58%
2	52	25.00%
3	96	46.15%
4	33	15.87%
Not Answered	5	2.40%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Vehicular Emissions

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.

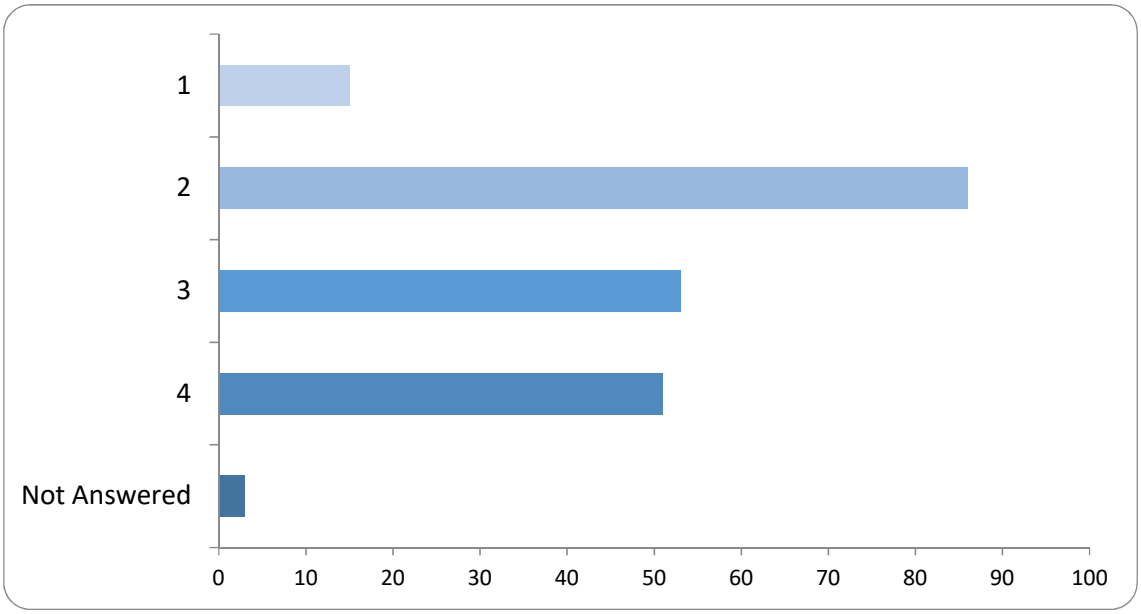


Option	Total	Percent

1	116	55.77%
2	32	15.38%
3	11	5.29%
4	47	22.60%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Home Heating

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.

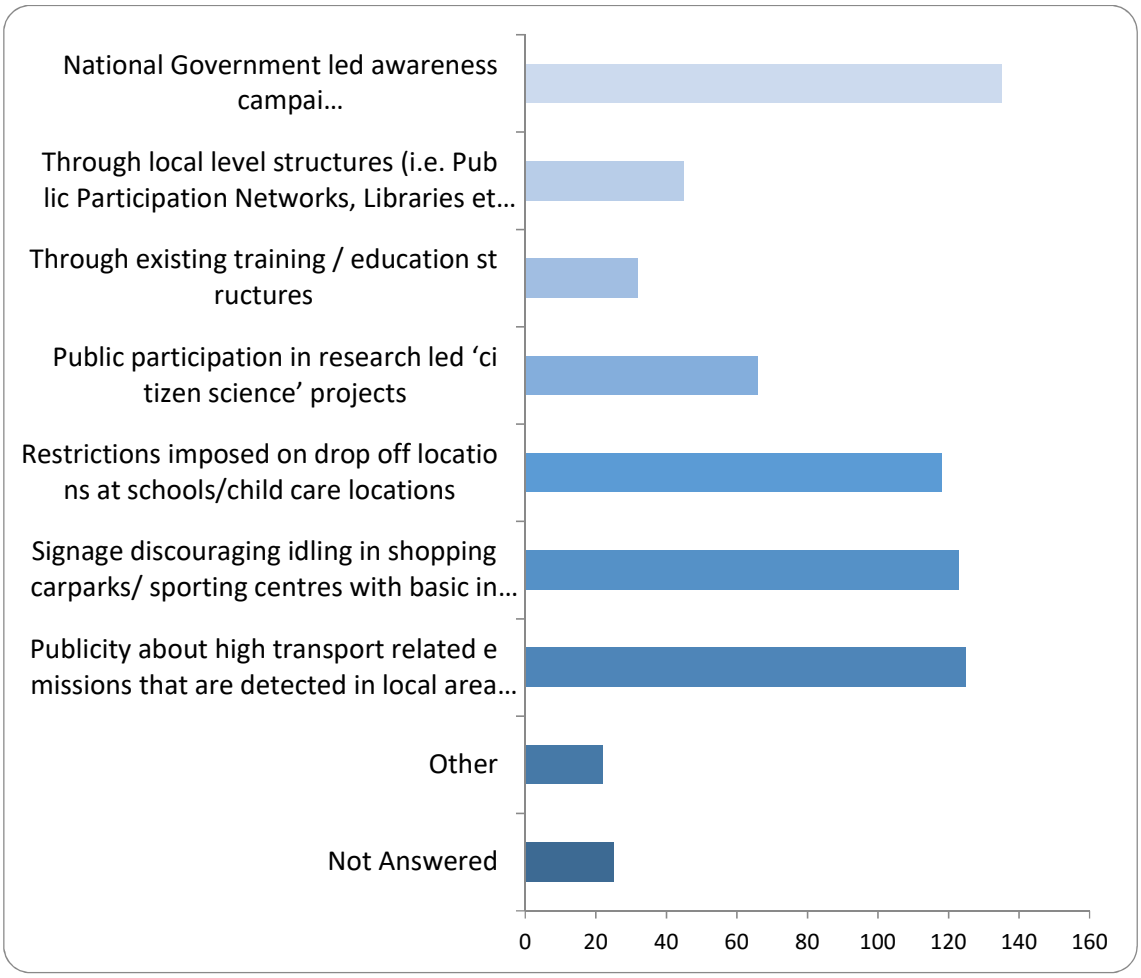


Option	Total	Percent
1	15	7.21%
2	86	41.35%
3	53	25.48%
4	51	24.52%
Not Answered	3	1.44%

9: How can the general public be best made more aware of the health impacts of air pollution (specifically NO2)?

How to make people aware of health impacts of NO2

There were 183 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
National Government led awareness campaigns	135	64.90%
Through local level structures (i.e. Public Participation Networks, Libraries etc)	45	21.63%
Through existing training / education structures	32	15.38%
Public participation in research led 'citizen science' projects	66	31.73%
Restrictions imposed on drop off locations at schools/child care locations	118	56.73%
Signage discouraging idling in shopping carparks/ sporting centres with basic info about harmful emissions from petrol/diesel vehicles	123	59.13%
Publicity about high transport related emissions that are detected in local areas	125	60.10%
Other	22	10.58%

Not Answered	25	12.02%

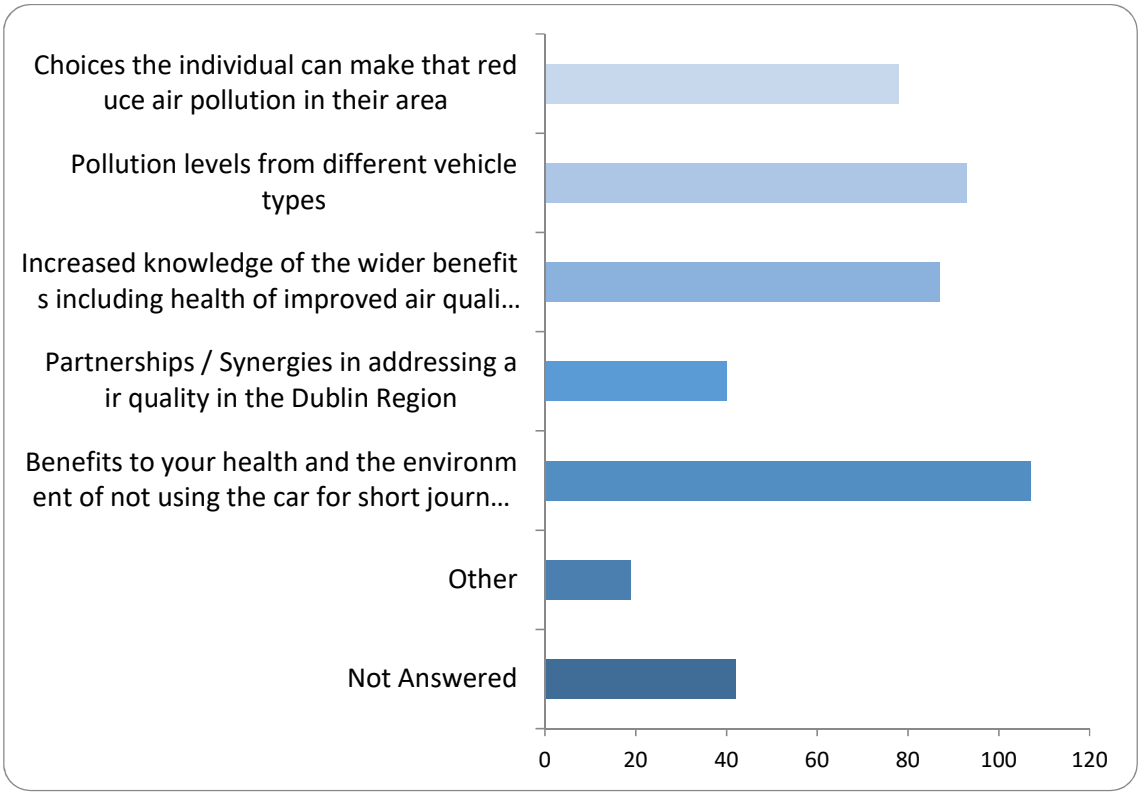
Other

There were 58 responses to this part of the question.

10: Are there particular transport related air pollution issues in your area that would benefit from an awareness raising campaign?

What awareness campaigns needed

There were 166 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Choices the individual can make that reduce air pollution in their area	78	37.50%
Pollution levels from different vehicle types	93	44.71%
Increased knowledge of the wider benefits including health of improved air quality	87	41.83%
Partnerships / Synergies in addressing air quality in the Dublin Region	40	19.23%

Benefits to your health and the environment of not using the car for short journeys/ leaving the car at home for a number of days per week"	107	51.44%
Other	19	9.13%
Not Answered	42	20.19%

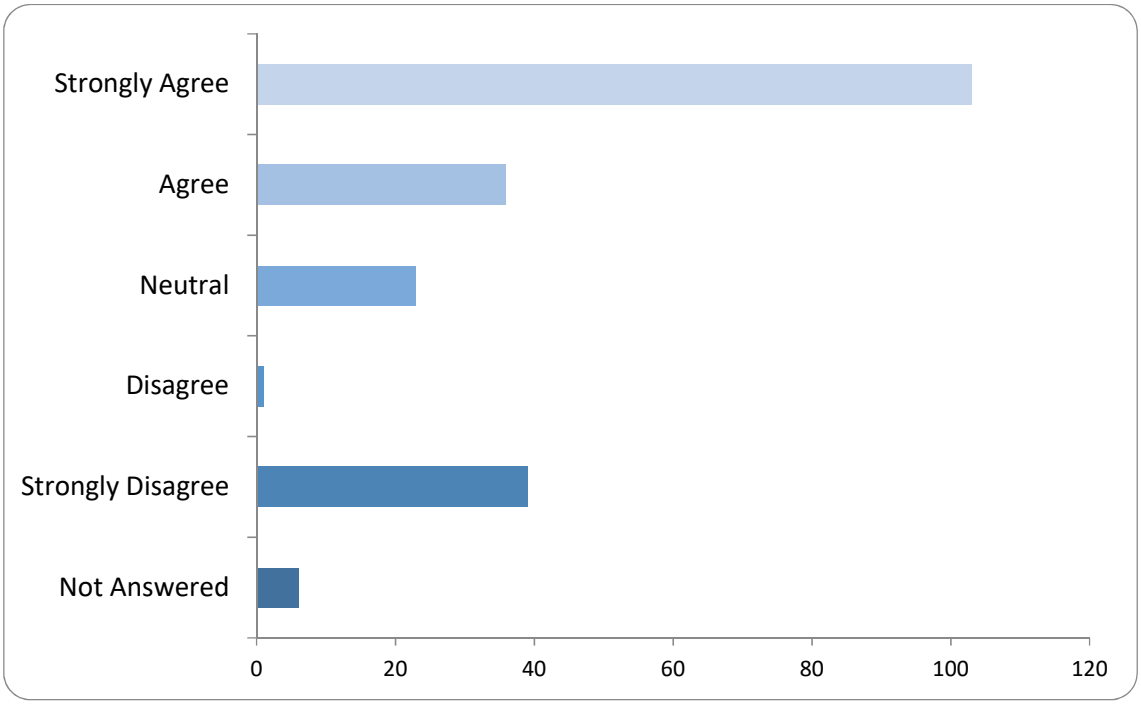
Other

There were 52 responses to this part of the question.

11: Do you agree with the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly in relation to the climate actions that impact on air quality?

Recommendations of Citizen Assembly

There were 202 responses to this part of the question.

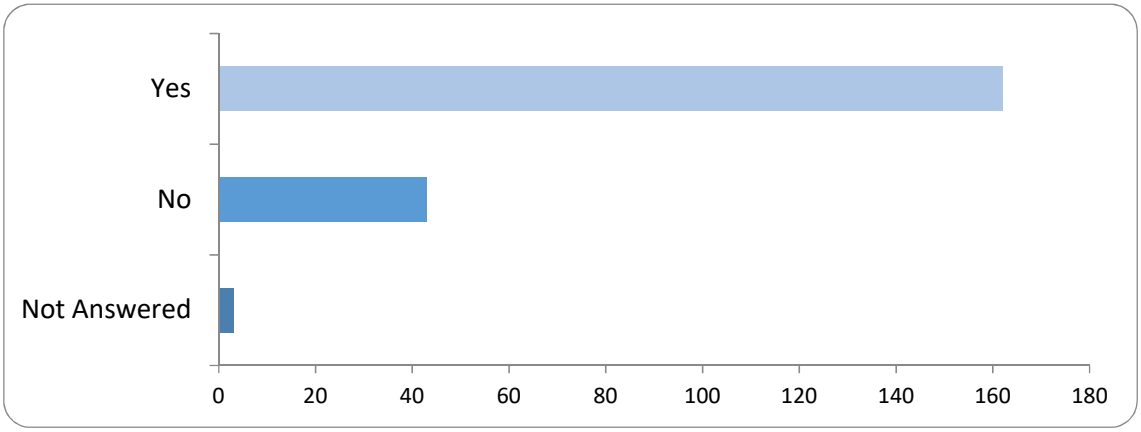


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	103	49.52%
Agree	36	17.31%
Neutral	23	11.06%
Disagree	1	0.48%
Strongly Disagree	39	18.75%
Not Answered	6	2.88%

12: Is there a need for review and strengthening Local Authority and Environmental Protection Agency EPA powers in relation to dealing with Air pollution, and in particular NO2 levels?

Need to review and strengthen powers to deal with Air Pollution

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.

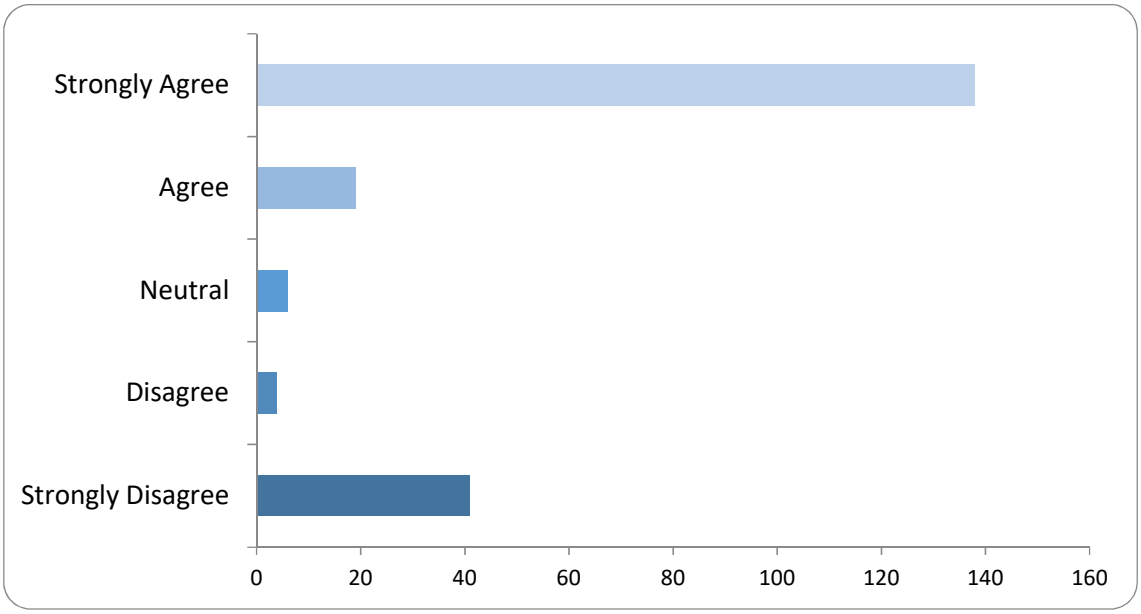


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	162	77.88%
No	43	20.67%
Not Answered	3	1.44%

13: Consideration should be given to the introduction of Low Emission Zones in urban areas.

Low Emission Zones

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



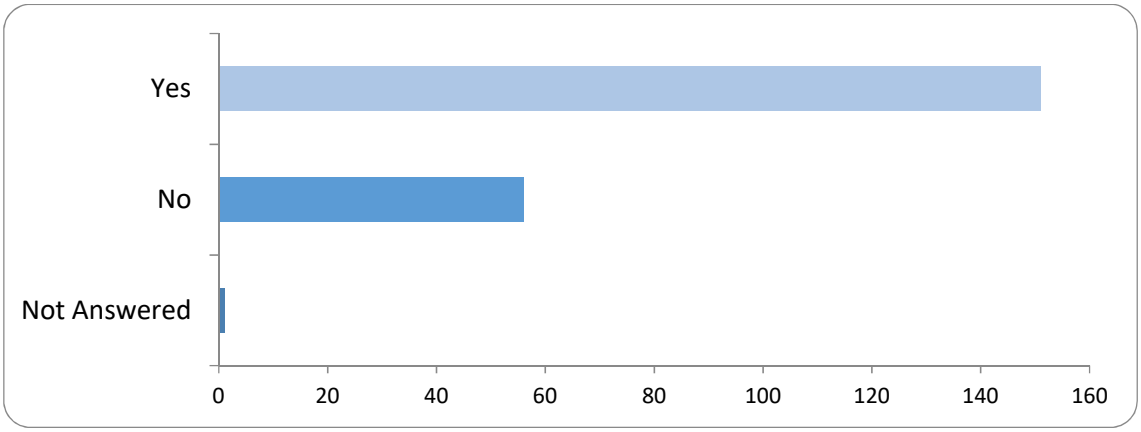
Option	Total	Percent

Strongly Agree	138	66.35%
Agree	19	9.13%
Neutral	6	2.88%
Disagree	4	1.92%
Strongly Disagree	41	19.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

14: A Low Emission Zone may involve a charge being levied on those with polluting vehicles. Is this a measure you would support?

Support Low Emission Zone Charge

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.

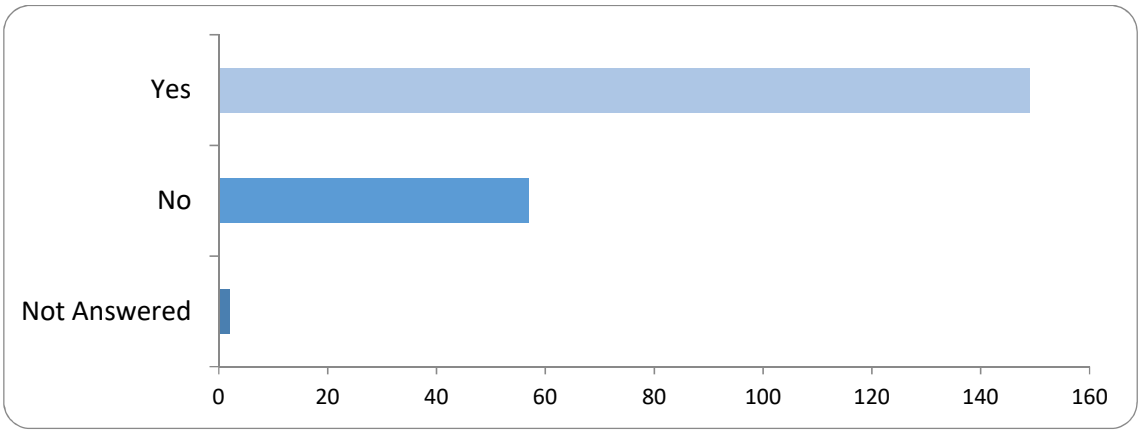


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	151	72.60%
No	56	26.92%
Not Answered	1	0.48%

15: Would you support the Government amending existing legislation to delegate powers to the Local Authorities to introduce Low Emission Zones?

Low Emission Zones

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.

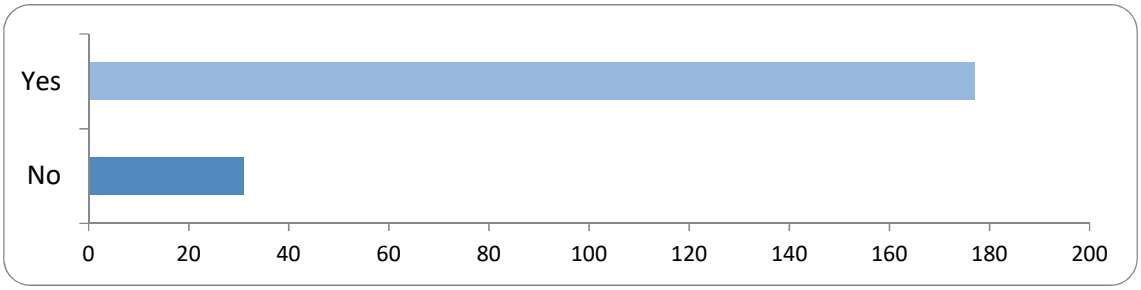


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	149	71.63%
No	57	27.40%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

16: Are you familiar with the concept of 10/15 minute neighbourhoods?

Familiar with 10-15 min neighbourhoods

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

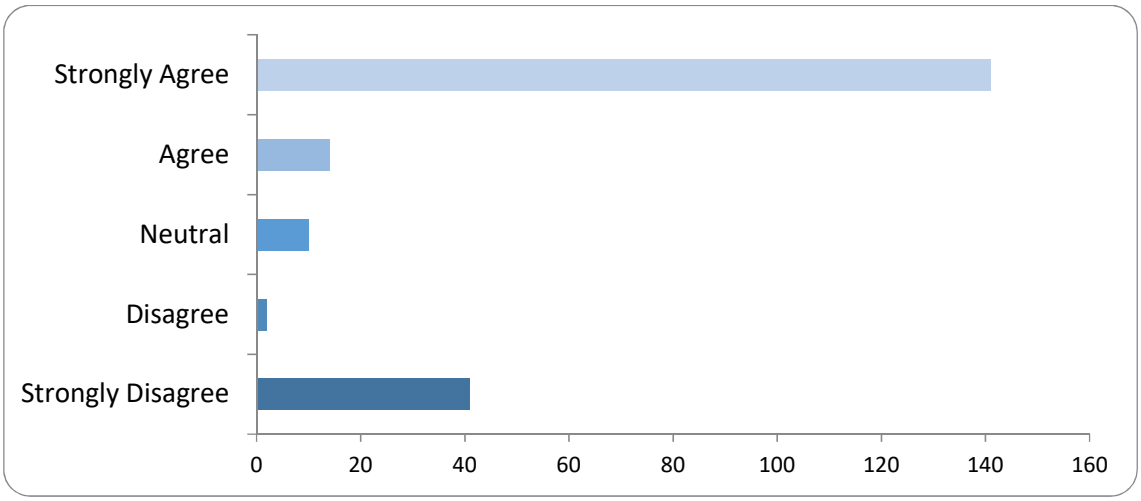


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	177	85.10%
No	31	14.90%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

17: The concept of a 10/15 minute neighbourhood, or similar, should be examined by all local authorities.

10/15 minute neighbourhoods should be examined

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

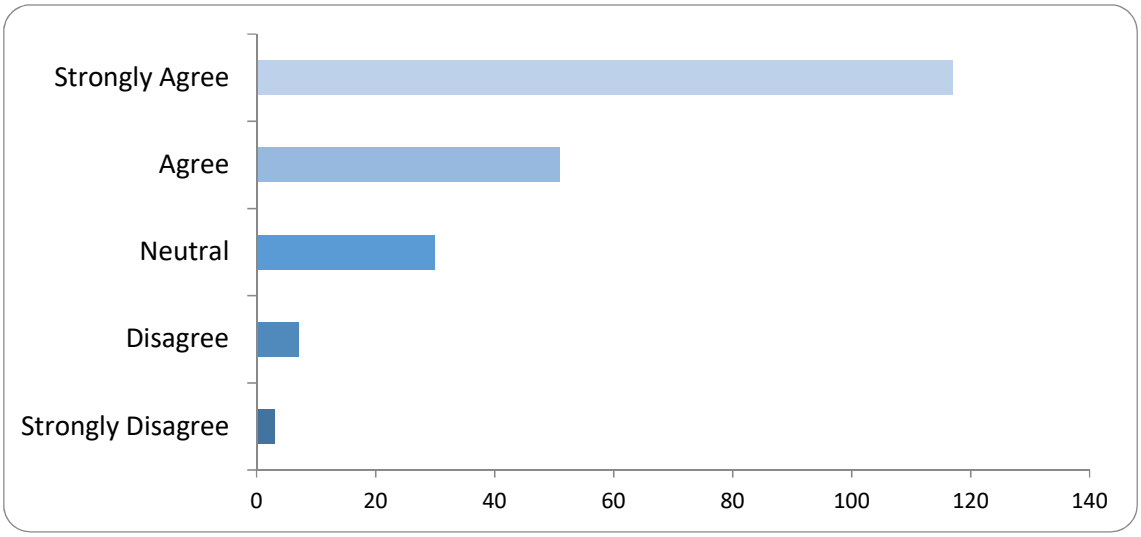


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	141	67.79%
Agree	14	6.73%
Neutral	10	4.81%
Disagree	2	0.96%
Strongly Disagree	41	19.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

18: An extensive electrical vehicle-charging network should be developed in Dublin.

Electrical Vehicle-charging

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

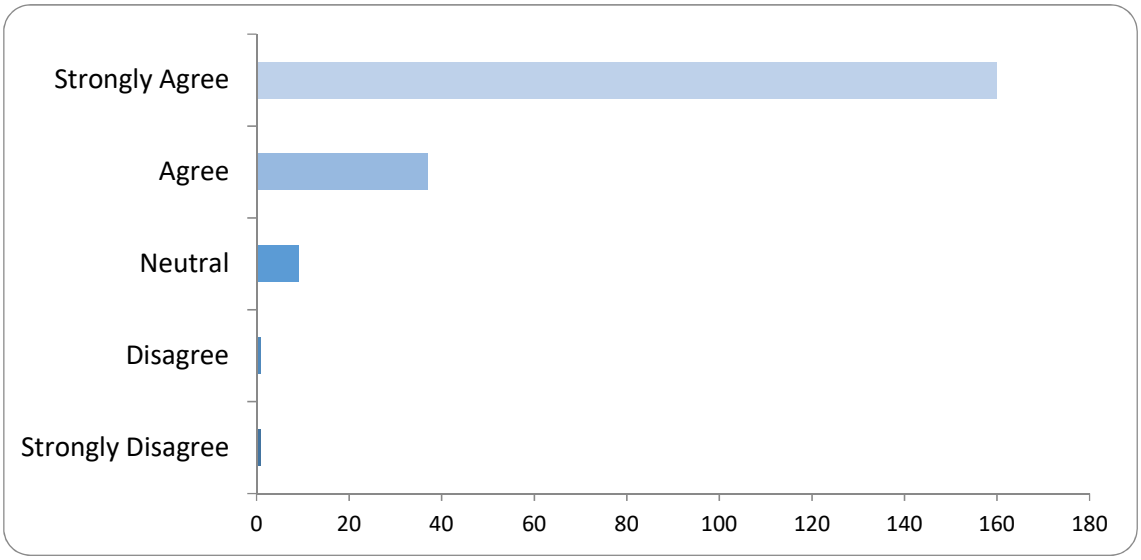


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	117	56.25%
Agree	51	24.52%
Neutral	30	14.42%
Disagree	7	3.37%
Strongly Disagree	3	1.44%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

19: The Irish workforce should be provided with the option of remote working, for a portion of the week, to reduce NO2 emissions.

Remote Working

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

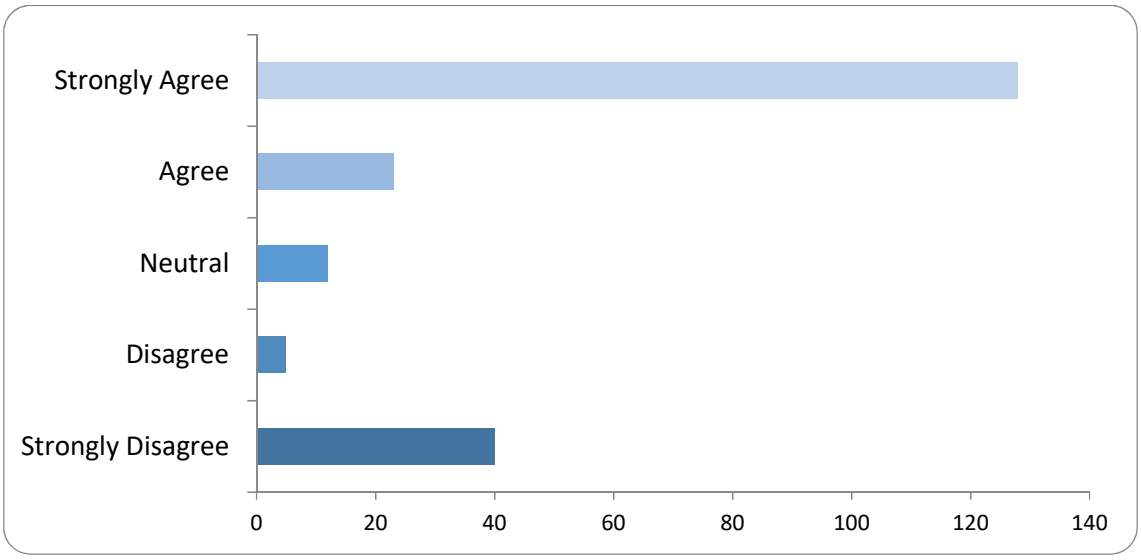


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	160	76.92%
Agree	37	17.79%
Neutral	9	4.33%
Disagree	1	0.48%
Strongly Disagree	1	0.48%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

20: Consideration should be given to incorporating air quality considerations into vehicle taxation.

Air Quality in vehicle tax

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

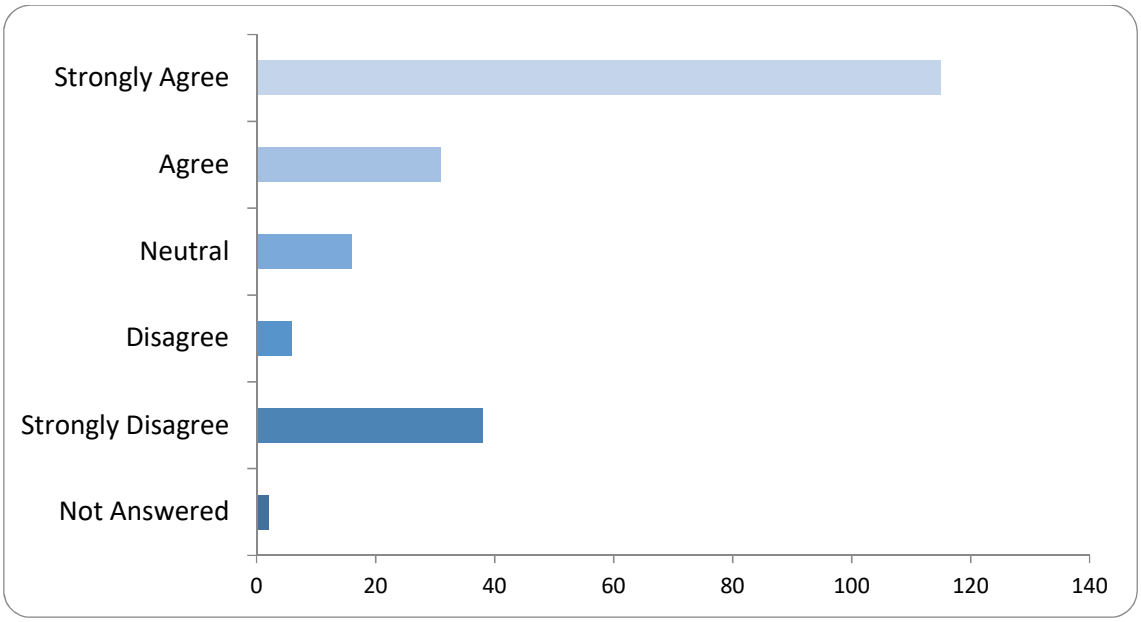


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	128	61.54%
Agree	23	11.06%
Neutral	12	5.77%
Disagree	5	2.40%
Strongly Disagree	40	19.23%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

21: The NCT emissions testing should have a role in periodic assessment of air pollution emissions, to inform better regulation of 'in use' vehicle emissions.

NCT role in assessment of air pollution

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.

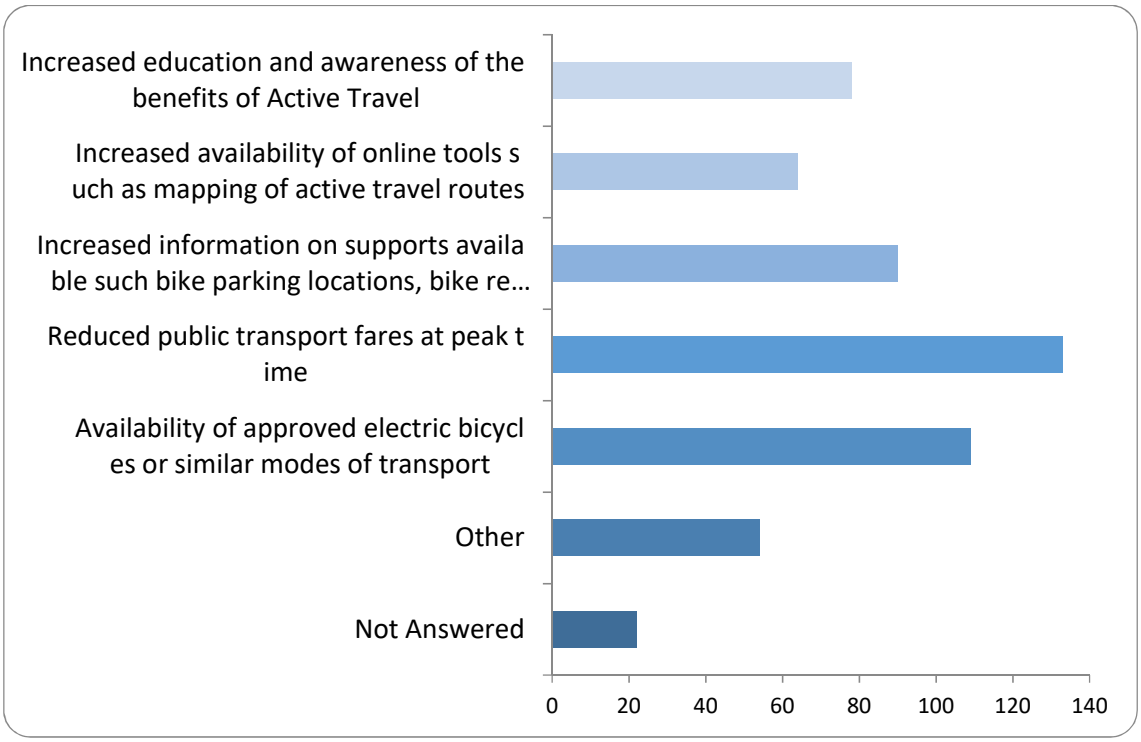


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	115	55.29%
Agree	31	14.90%
Neutral	16	7.69%
Disagree	6	2.88%
Strongly Disagree	38	18.27%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

22: What other measures would encourage and support the continued modal shift to Active Travel and Public Transport?

Measures to shift to Active Travel

There were 186 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Increased education and awareness of the benefits of Active Travel	78	37.50%
Increased availability of online tools such as mapping of active travel routes	64	30.77%
Increased information on supports available such bike parking locations, bike repair outlets etc	90	43.27%
Reduced public transport fares at peak time	133	63.94%
Availability of approved electric bicycles or similar modes of transport	109	52.40%
Other	54	25.96%
Not Answered	22	10.58%

Other

There were 93 responses to this part of the question.

23: What are the important current and emerging air quality transport related air pollution issues in Ireland that require research?

Emerging air quality issues

There were 94 responses to this part of the question.

24: How can the national research capacity that exists in Universities/educational

institutions on air quality issues be best used to achieve the reduced NO2?

Use of Research Capacity in Universities

There were 67 responses to this part of the question.

25: Do you have any additional comments / observations on the Draft Plan?

Milestone

There were 108 responses to this part of the question.

Appendix B2 – Organisations listed in Consultation Responses

Organisations which were listed by respondents

- Aeravai Autonomous Electric Road and Air Vehicle Association of Ireland
- AHAA - All Hallows Area Association
- Biodiverse Balbriggan
- Fingal bikes
- Naul Community Council
- Nuaworks
- Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme
- HES Ltd.
- UCD

Emailed Response were received from

- HSE Public Health
- HSE Environmental Health
- An Taisce
- Ciaran Cuffe MEP (Green Party)
- DAA
- Dublin Friends of the Earth
- Fingal Active Travel Group
- Ger O'Halloran
- Green Party West
- Irish Doctors for the Environment
- Met Eireann

Appendix B3 – Analysis of Public Consultation Submissions against Themes, Responses and Actions

Overview of the themes, responses and actions taken from the 219 submissions through the Public Consultation on the Draft Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan		
Theme	**Response**	**Action**
Matters raised that do not come within the remit of this Plan A number of respondents queried why this plan dealt solely with nitrogen dioxide and did not address other issues including: • Particulates (PM10 and PM2.5,), • Emissions from vehicle brake and tyre wear. • Solid fuel burning • Emissions from the Dublin Waste to Energy Plant • Noise • Reorientation of public sector and civil service mileage expenses to discourage the use of vehicles and encourage active travel and public transport • Repurposing of public sector cark parking.	**Particulates (PM10 and PM2.5,) – including emissions from vehicle brake and tyre wear** The legal obligation imposed by Section 22 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 is to produce a plan for nitrogen dioxide as there was a reported exceedance in 2019. There has not been a reported exceedance for any other air pollutants at any point. **Solid fuel burning** The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications will introduce legislation in 2022 for a national ban on bituminous coal and setting standards for wood fuel. **Emissions from the Dublin Waste to Energy Plant** This facility is subject to EPA licensing – and the emissions data indicates nitrous oxide emissions are significantly below stipulated EPA limit values **Noise** The Dublin local authorities have commenced work on the preparation of noise maps and will be preparing a noise action plan in 2022 in accordance with the EU Environmental Noise Directive. The preparation of the noise action plan will involve a public consultation process	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	Public sector and civil service mileage expenses and parking This is a matter for national government policy	
10/15/20 Minute Cities approach There was general (though not universal) support for the adaption of the 10/15/20 Minute Cities approach The points raised included the need to : Transform cities and towns to make it less likely to need cars. Increase efforts to populate the city between the canals. Reduce amount of derelict land and empty properties that could provide accommodation. One suggestion addressed the adoption of superblocks as a form of urban development, whereby residential blocks are larger than those traditionally built. These developments also give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Such developments are taking place in other European cities, including Barcelona.	The 15 minute neighbourhood concept is addressed in **Measure 1** of the Draft Plan. This concept has been addressed in both the Five Cities Demand Management Study and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). This concept of mixed-use development envisages a range of community facilities and services being accessible in short walking/ cycling timeframes from homes or accessible by high quality public transport in larger settlements. This concept is also being considered in the preparation of new City / County Development Plans.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Parking Controls and Standards **Enforcement of parking and traffic laws** A number of respondents highlighted their dissatisfaction with the level of enforcement of current speeding and parking laws by enforcement bodies and their desire for further measures in this respect including the establishment of a new	**Measures 2 to 4** in the Plan deal with Parking Controls and Standards. Enforcement of traffic and parking legislation violations including access to cycle lanes, bus lanes and footpaths is a matter for the Gardai and Traffic Wardens and is outside the scope of this report.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

enforcement body. A smaller number of respondents indicated they did not wish to see any further speed limits imposed. Other submissions suggested that parking charges be used as a deterrent to car usage.	The Draft Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 provides for comprehensive enforcement of road traffic laws in order to protect investments in transport infrastructure. It also addresses car parking standards and a move to reduce the number of spaces available in Dublin city and elsewhere.	
Active Travel A number of submissions raised issues that included the need for increased active travel choices, access for all and addressing disability in active travel, improve public transport and the need to reduce / ban the use of the private car.	These issues are addressed under **Measure 5** - Continued Delivery of the Active Travel Programme, of the Draft Plan. The Dublin local authorities, supported by Government, the National Transport Authority and other stakeholders, continue to develop and implement a range of active travel projects, in particular enhancing local walking and cycling networks. In particular, the Dublin local authorities were some of the first in Ireland, to introduce significant mobility and public realm measures, in order to respond to the COVID- 19 pandemic. In February 2021, the National Transport Authority announced a total of €240m to support sustainable transport projects across the country. The NTA will be tasked with overseeing and supporting the development of the high-quality mobility infrastructure across all projects. The state agency will also ensure that projects are accessible, age-friendly and maximise comfort to people of all ages and abilities. In November 2021, the NTA launched public consultation on the Draft Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022 - 2042, which sets out the framework for investment in transport infrastructure and services over	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	the next two decades to 2042, including transport schemes and measures needed: • to tackle climate change; • to reduce the impact of congestion; • to deliver a safe and attractive cycling environment; and • to develop sustainable communities across Dublin City and region.	
Active Travel – Continued **Improved Cycling Infrastructure** A consistent theme in the majority of responses was the desire to see significant improvement in cycling infrastructure including protected cycle ways, improved cycle facilities and overall promotion and prioritisation of active travel relative to car usage. Specific suggestions included: extending the Bike to Work Scheme to include cargo bikes to facilitate creche and school drop offs. Create more convenient exits routes from cul-de-sacs for cyclists Improve bike parking- safe and sheltered, bike lockers for example	These matters are substantively addressed in **Measure 5** in the draft plan retain to active travel and are also addressed in Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 which is currently undergoing public consultation At a local level the City and County Development Plans 2022 – 2028 set out the land use framework to guide future development within the city and county with a focus on the places we live and work and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Active Travel – Continued **Public Transport/ Vehicles** It was suggested that trialling free transport during off peak hours and free public transport for under 18 year olds on public transport be introduced. • More park and ride facilities.	These matters are substantively addressed in **Measure 5** in the draft plan retain to active travel and are also addressed in Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 which is currently undergoing public consultation	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

• Reduce national Speed limits • Prohibit Diesel vehicles from entering city centre. A number of respondents indicated they would wish to see an increase in the number and frequently of buses including more school buses with segregated routes for public transport	The issue of public transport charging does not come within the scope of this Plan.	
Electric Vehicles and EV charging Infrastructure Suggestions submitted included electrifying public and private buses; promoting taxi scrappage scheme to encourage greater uptake and more support for promoting EV for commercial vehicles. Other submissions were also received that suggest that EVs should be regarded as secondary and supplementary to active travel and public transport strategies There was broad support for expanding the EV charging infrastructure and a suggestion that new house builds should have charging points incorporated where possible.	The Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 deals extensively with these issues. The ongoing development of the EV Charging Strategy is addressed in **Measure 6** in the Plan.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging There were a wide range of diametrically opposed opinions received in respect of the potential introduction of clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging. These ranged from the point of view that air quality was satisfactory, that no interventions were required and any move to introduce any charges was a	The implications of measures in respect of the potential introduction of clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging merit careful consideration in advance of any legislation by the relevant stakeholders. **Measure 9** of the Plan to be amended to include an action as follows; The UTRAP Working Group, which includes the Dublin Local Authorities, should commit to further investigations into the	Measure 9 of Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan amended

stealth tax on motorists to those who held that immediate action was required to exclude all non EV private cars from the city centre entirely. In planning terms the following views were expressed; consider location of schools relative to main roads. Plant trees. Don't plan new schools within 10 metres	feasibility of Low Emissions Zones in Dublin.	
Remote working Remote working as a choice for those who are in a position to avail of it was favoured by most respondents. Amongst the suggestions received were to stagger work start and finish times and promoting commuter belt workspaces/ hubs	The ongoing development of the National Remote Working Strategy is addressed in **Measure 10** of the Plan	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Increased air quality monitoring There was a number of calls for increasing the number air quality monitoring stations in the Dublin region and the deployment of low cost sensors. There were suggestions on the need for , roadside testing and improved real-time NO_2 monitoring across Dublin. One suggestion received addressed lining traffic data collected more closely with air quality monitoring data	These issues are addressed under **Measure 11** - Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling, of the Draft Plan. The Five Cities Demand Management Study suggests that increased air quality monitoring will lead to earlier action on air quality limit exceedances, which will contribute to driving a switch in the fleet away from older, more polluting vehicles. The Study further suggests this measure could contribute to a decrease of 48% in nitrogen dioxide levels as a result of driving this switch. It is planned to establish a further multipollutant (including nitrogen dioxide) monitoring station in the Dublin north inner city area, and ongoing indicative monitoring is being carried out to establish further suitable sites.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	As set out in the Draft Plan, the Dublin local authorities will work with the EPA to establish additional monitoring stations in the Dublin region as required. The Dublin local authorities will investigate in conjunction with the EPA, the feasibility of establishing regional air quality modelling capacity within the local authorities. In July 2021, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. With these proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform the EU economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future. The consideration of costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement related to air quality is a national issue and as such requires a cross Government and cross sectoral approach. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is currently working to finalise Ireland's first National Clean Air Strategy. The Strategy will identify and promote the integrated measures and actions across Government, that are required to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air, while delivering on wider national objectives. Accordingly, specific measures and actions on costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement are beyond the scope of this Plan.	

	The need for the deployment of low cost sensors is acknowledged and as well as the projects such as the Clean Air Together described in Measure 12 listed in this Plan, a number of other university led projects are currently working in the area of citizen science and sensor deployment. This currently includes the UCD European funded, WeCount project. This project will carry out five different pilot projects across a number of European cities, Dublin, Cardiff, Leuven, Madrid, Barcelona and Ljubljana. The aim is to quantify local road transport, produce scientific knowledge in the field of mobility and environmental pollution, and devise informed solutions to tackle various road transport challenges.	
Citizen Engagement The submissions received encompassed a very comprehensive range of issues and suggestions including: Research the best ways to engage and inform the public; Empower community and citizen change and action; Economically nudge people and organisations to lower emissions; Get younger citizens and students involved; Enhancing political and public awareness; Consideration of Citizens Assembly findings; Provide air quality signage and real-time displays; Use easily understood data,	Citizen engagement is crucial in strengthening climate action and lowering all greenhouse gas emissions, including nitrogen dioxide, in the Dublin Region. These issues are addressed under **Measure 12** - Air Quality - Citizen Engagement and **Measure 14** - Behavioural Change Campaigns to cleaner fleets, of the Draft Plan. In terms of building and strengthening pubic engagement in improving air quality in Dublin, it is vital to build on the high levels of support for continued roll out of air quality monitoring stations and citizen engagement programmes. The Five Cities Demand Management Study reported that stakeholders noted these measures could contribute to better quality of life, place making, improved air quality and the Smart City concept. There was also a suggestion that	Measure 12 to be modified to reflect Smart Cities engagement

Use robust and well-tested messaging, Communication of local active travel projects that displace car parking etc. On the other hand, The effectiveness of awareness campaigns in changing public behaviour was queried by a number of respondents **Smart Cities link up** There were a number of queries as to there were linkages between Smart Cities initiatives and air quality monitoring activities	engagement programmes should emphasise and promote active travel as a solution to air quality issues. The Five Cities Demand Management Study also identifies the measure of targeted behavioural change campaigns to encourage low emission vehicle purchase, as being highly effective – estimating that a 57% reduction in nitrogen oxides emissions is achievable. Stakeholder feedback to the study highlighted COVID-19 as creating an opportunity for change in behaviour. The results from the modelling carried in the preparation of this plan also indicate that the graduated move towards cleaner vehicles, will have a significant influence on nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin region during the remainder of this decade. Citizen engagement is also a key action area of the Government's Climate Action Plan 2021 – Securing Our Future, published in November 2021. A National Climate Stakeholder Forum (NCSF) will be established by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, to function as a consultative forum on climate issues, with administrative support being provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. The participants will include a broad range of stakeholders from across society including elected politicians; government departments and local authorities; state agencies and national organisations; academics; representative bodies; community, local and voluntary groups; and	

	representatives of stakeholders and communities most at risk from the impacts of climate change or the transition to a carbon neutral society. It will inform stakeholders of the latest scientific and policy developments and will act as a core mechanism to facilitate inputs into the Climate Action Plan and sectoral policies relating to climate change. The Airview project cited in measure 12 was established though the Dublin City Smarts Cities team, and other similar air quality projects are at commission stage	
Research **Role of Universities in Air Quality and Transport Research** Detailed submissions on these issues included: Highlighting the exemplar role of universities in air quality research and leading by example; Need for dedicated PhD funding;, data collection and analysis;, lessons learned from on-site / campus projects; Importance of STEM degrees (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); the need for research grants, bursaries, placement programmes, linking with European ERASMUS programmes and international best practice, and graduate employment opportunities. With regard to **transport research**, the issues raised included : engaging expertise in the areas of sustainable transport/smart cities to devise action plans and	The role of universities, third level institutions and other education institutions are recognised as key enablers of air quality research in Ireland. These issues are addressed under **Measure 13** – Air Quality and Health Research, in the Draft Plan. As part of its range of functions the Environmental Protection Agency manages an environmental research programme to deliver essential scientific support for environmental policy development, implementation and broader decision-making. EPA Research focuses on achieving environmental objectives, informing policy and bringing together researchers and research users. The Draft plan outlines a number of EPA funded research projects ongoing of particular interest, the findings of which will be of particular interest in informing and shaping public discourse and policy in relation to nitrogen dioxide levels nationally, and in particularity in the Dublin region.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

transport modelling and emissions from heavy rail. With regard **to Air Quality and Health Impact** the issues raised included including the need for compelling research on the effect of air quality on health/quality of life; research on urban planting, research into NO_2 removal and the public dissemination of health research findings	Local authorities have a range of professional and technical staff working in the areas of transport, active travel and capital project delivery. It is acknowledged that local authorities engage a broad range of external expertise and advice, including consultants and third level institutions, as needed. The current round of calls for EPA funded research include funding for a study on the contribution of rail sources in urban areas to ambient air quality - See section 6.2 of Plan	
Other issues raised		
Staffing & Resources Submissions raised issues including maximising existing resources within local authorities, creation of graduate posts and the supporting role of third level institutions to local authorities in addressing air quality matters.	This matter is highlighted in the Plan in the context of commitment in the current Programme for Government. Local authorities have a range of professional and technical staff working in the areas of air quality, transport, active travel and capital project delivery. It is acknowledged that local authorities engage a broad range of external expertise and advice, including consultants and third level institutions, as needed.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Social inclusion A number of respondents urged that the needs of the elderly, those with disabilities and parents with young children be kept in mind, and raised the query to why a social inclusion assessment was not part of this plan.	The Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 places emphasis on inclusion and equality and it will be subject to a full Equality Impact Assessment prior to finalisation.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Taxation and fiscal measures to address air quality There was a very diverse range of views on these matters and many respondents were not in favour of any introduction of taxes or other similar measures. The point	In July 2021, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. With these proposals, the	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

was made by many respondents that a lack of alternative modes of transport to their private car usage was a major impediment in making other choices A number of submissions raised issues around researching the costs incurred by reduced air quality by sector and vehicle type, and related vehicle taxation	Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform the EU economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future. The consideration of costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement related to air quality is a national issue and as such requires a cross Government and cross sectoral approach. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is currently working to finalise Ireland's first National Clean Air Strategy. The Strategy will identify and promote the integrated measures and actions across Government, that are required to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air, while delivering on wider national objectives. Accordingly, specific measures and actions on costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement are beyond the scope of this Plan.	
Driver Behaviour : **Vehicle idling and using "rat runs"** A number of respondents raised the contribution of idling vehicle engines as a particular concern to overall pollution levels and use of minor roads though housing estates as shortcuts by some drivers to the detriment of low traffic neighbourhoods	The Clean Air Together project described in **Measure 12** is specifically aimed at behaviour change and raising awareness of how individual actions contribute to improved air quality	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Interaction with other Plans and Strategies A number of submissions raised concerns as to where this plan sits and interacts with other sectoral plans and strategies and the perception that this plan lacks	The Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan has been prepared concurrently with a wide range of related plans and strategies. A number of these have in-built statutory pubic consultation which are ongoing at this point .	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan

clarity and/or urgency on a number of proposed measures and actions. Specifically the sectoral plans and strategies cited include: • National Clean Air Strategy • UTRAP Working Group Final Report • City and County Development Plans • Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area	It would be premature to include proposals from such plans and strategies currently undergoing public consultations as firm measures in this plan until those statutory processes have run their course. In respect of this plan, it should be noted that the EU Commission will require that it be subject to review and report to them ,and as related measures in other sectoral plans and strategies emerge , this would be reflected in the report issued to the EU Commission. As there is a mandatory legal deadline set for the submission of this Plan, it is inevitable that not all of the related sectoral plans and strategies will align in terms of completion and publication.	
WHO Air Quality Guidelines 2021 In view of the recently published revised air quality guidelines by the World health Organisation, the concern was raised as to whether the revised standards for nitrogen dioxide could be met by 2030.	The revised WHO Air Quality Guidelines 2021 are under active consideration by the EU. It is envisaged a revised air quality directive will be prepared which will set out revised mandatory limit values and a timescale for compliance for all Member States. It should be noted that the forecasted reduction in the levels of nitrogen dioxide in the Dublin region – as per the Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 and the modelling carried out for this plan indicate substantive reduction current legal limit values. Any changes to those limit values will be addressed in the ongoing review of this plan.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan

Appendix C – SEA and AA Determinations

SEA Determination

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA Screening Determination under: European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument Number (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200/2011 - European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021

An SEA Screening determination as to whether the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument Number (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200/2011 - European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 has been tested against the relevant criteria 'requirements to carry out environmental assessment'. The first relevant criteria 9 (1)(a) relates to plans 'which are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications and tourism, and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive.

The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 does not come under any of the sectors specifically listed namely 'agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications and tourism'. Although the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 may refer to other plans and projects in order to capture the current baseline position in each of the relevant local authorities, the Plan does not identify or provide the framework for the delivery of these plans and projects.

The projects as well as the proposed measures listed in the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 can only be delivered through inclusion of dedicated objectives in the relevant statutory plans which are subject to SEA in their own right. In some cases, measures also require the provision of enabling legislation. The Plan will therefore not 'set the framework for future development consent of projects' listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive.

The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 is consistent with other key relevant higher-level plans and programmes and aligns with national environmental commitments. In this context, the relevant objectives and policy commitments of the National Planning Framework and the Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy have been considered, as appropriate.

The second relevant criteria 9 (1)(b) relates to plans 'which are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site but, either individually or in combination with other plans, are likely to have a significant effect on any such site.' The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 either individually or in combination with other plans, is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site for reasons outlined in the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report.

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying SEA Screening Report (including information provided by environmental authorities and an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the above Regulations) has been taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted — allowing a determination to be made that the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Taking into account all of the above, SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021.

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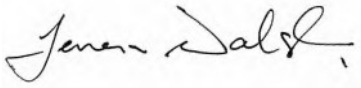
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In the matter of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and
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Appropriate Assessment Determination
Dublin Region Air Quality Plan

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Dublin local authorities (Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council) have undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the European Sites, if the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

In order to comply with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, the process of Screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken at an early stage in the drafting of the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan. The AA Screening assessed whether the plan was likely to have significant effects on any European Sites within the Natura 2000 network, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

As required under Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Dublin Local Authorities made a determination, following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. The examination of the plan has found that the plan will have the potential to contribute to the conservation management of European Sites within and surrounding the plan area and will thus have positive implications for the conservation objectives of these European Sites. The following provides the reasoning for this determination:

European Sites and their associated qualifying features and associated conservation objectives are likely to be compromised by the plan, only where the actions of the plan have the potential to result in land-use activities that could result in damage or disturbance to qualifying habitat, qualifying species and or special conservation interests and the processes that they rely upon to maintain their favourable conservation status. The Plan will not result in the implementation of land use activities that will have the potential to result in negative impacts on European Sites and their conservation objectives. On the contrary, the overall aim and the measures of the plan have been identified as having the potential to result in positive implications for the environment and air quality, in particular and neutral to positive implications for European Sites and their conservation status.

The implementation of the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan will have the potential to enhance the air quality of the four local authorities. The measures outlined in the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan that aim to effectively tackle the NO_x emissions, will also have the potential to contribute to the conservation management of the other European Sites that occur within the wider area surrounding the Dublin Region. The implementation of these measures will also ensure that a deleterious trajectory in air quality in the Dublin Region is avoided. This in turn will contribute to the conservation status of European Sites and particularly any qualifying interests of European Sites that are sensitive to poor air quality and nitrogen deposition, such as the dune habitats of the North Dublin Bay SAC and the sensitive bryophyte communities they support, which includes the Annex 2 qualifying species Petalwort and the petrifying spring habitats and their associated indicator bryophyte communities of the Glenasmole Valley SAC and Knocksink Wood SAC in the south of the region.

The Dublin local authorities, having carefully considered all of the foregoing, and in particular, the

Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement and agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion as set out in the said Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement.

The Council's hereby **DETERMINE** pursuant to of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that the adoption and publication of the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan, will not either individually or in combination with any other plan or project, adversely affect the integrity of any European Site(s) as defined.

REASONS FOR DETERMINATION

The reasons for the said determination are set out in the Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement, the reasoning and conclusions of which have been adopted in full by the Dublin Region Local Authorities. The said Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement is to be published together with this Determination.

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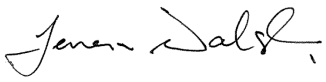
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Appendix D – Air Quality Modelling

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SUMMARY

In 2019 one of the air quality monitoring stations in the EPA managed National network, St. John's Road West, measured an exceedance of the annual nitrogen dioxide level (43.4µg/m^3 versus the EU limit value of 40µg/m^3). Under the EU CAFE Directive there is a requirement to produce an Air Quality Plan (AQP) to address the exceedance. The Dublin Local Authorities are producing the Air Quality Plan (AQP) and the EPA are supporting them by specifically modelling nitrogen dioxide levels for a number of scenarios.

Five modelling scenarios (2019 basecase and four future scenarios) were chosen by the four Dublin Local Authorities. The EPA has modelled the five scenarios using the ADMS-Urban model and the outputs have been evaluated and verified by the EU DELTA tool in conjunction with the model developers own model evaluation tool kit.

All four modelled future scenarios show a significant reduction in nitrogen dioxide concentrations. It is predicted that there will be reductions of 19.7% to 25.6% in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in the modelled area by 2030.

INTRODUCTION

The EPA have a wide range of responsibilities as the competent authority for the implementation of ambient air legislation in Ireland. The air quality monitoring network has 96 monitoring stations strategically located across the country. Information from the network is available at www.airquality.ie .

One of these monitoring stations, St. John's Road West in Dublin City Centre (Figure 1), measured an annual nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) level in 2019 of 43.4µg/m^3. The measured level is an exceedance of the EU limit value of 40µg/m^3.

There is a requirement under Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (CAFE Directive) to produce an Air Quality Plan (AQP) to address the exceedance at St. John's Road West. The Dublin Local Authorities are producing the AQP and the EPA are supporting them by modelling nitrogen dioxide levels for a number of scenarios.



Figure 1 - St. John's Road West Monitoring Station Location

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES:

To inform the AQP, the EPA assessed monitoring and modelling data to get a wider understanding of the current and future air quality situation around the local area of the measured exceedance. Figure 2 displays the area of assessment within the vicinity of St Johns Road West. The EPA is progressing wider modelling of Dublin, which will be published in 2022.

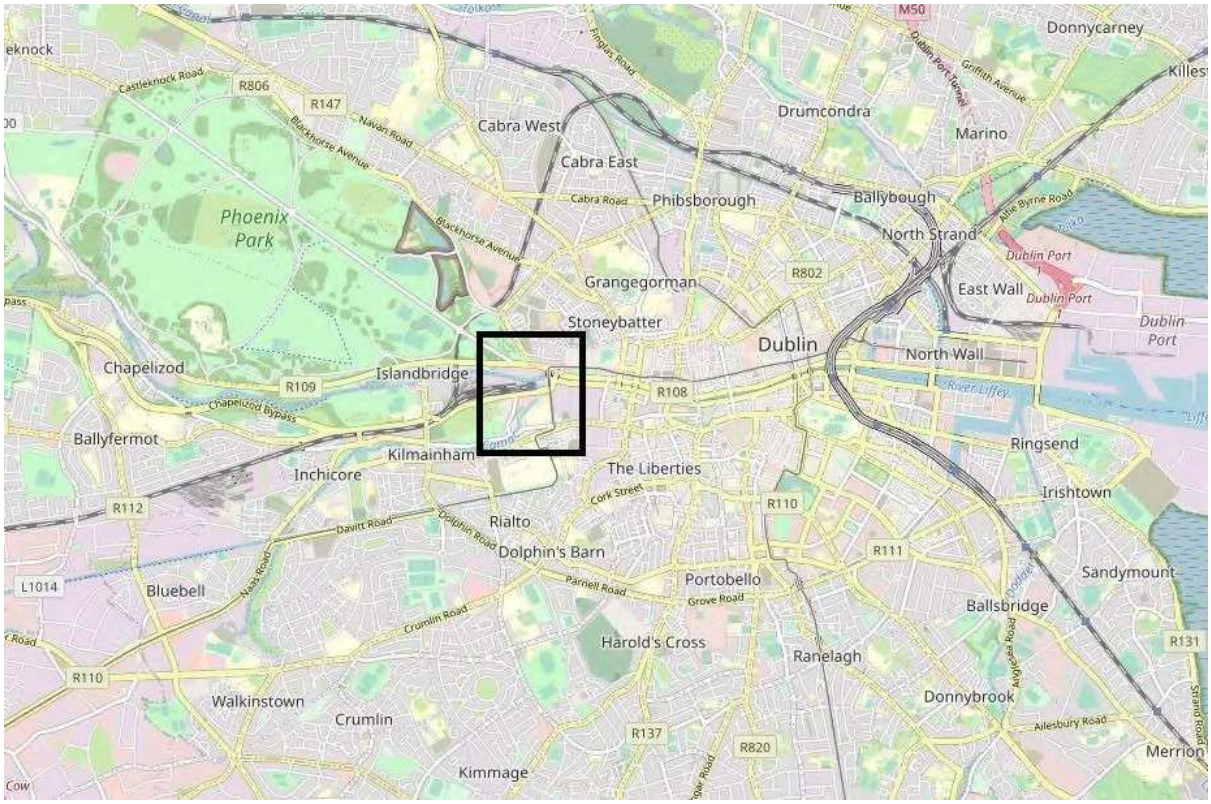


Figure 2 – Area of assessment outlined in bold

Monitored data

Monitored data from St. John's Road West monitoring station (Figure 1) for the year 2019 was examined using Programme Application R and analysis package Openair (Carslaw et al., 2012). Openair allowed a more critical assessment of the data to take place such as combining with meteorological data. This gives additional information that may be of importance in understanding the overall impacts on local air quality e.g. information on pollutant sources.

Modelled data

The EPA have used the urban scale model ADMS-Urban to carry out modelling in the area of the exceedance (Figure 1). The model uses detailed input data such as weather information, data on emissions from industry and transport, street and building layout information, and background regional air quality information to calculate nitrogen dioxide levels across the defined assessment area.

The EPA were requested by the 4 Dublin Local Authorities to provide a 2019 basecase and 4 future year scenarios. These are detailed as follows

- 2019 Basecase scenario
- 2028 Business as Usual scenario
- 2028 Intervention scenario
- 2030 Business as Usual scenario
- 2030 Intervention scenario

In the context of this report, the term 'Business as Usual' refers to the estimation of future traffic trips in the National Transport Authority (NTA) Regional Modelling System based on the available planning data and other growth assumptions for Dublin and the rest of Ireland. The 'intervention' scenarios include the business as usual projected data plus the additional measures as received from the 4 Dublin Local Authorities.

The measures included in the 'intervention' scenarios are:

- 50% electrification of the taxi fleet
- 50% electrification of the bus fleet
- 20% electrification of the passenger car fleet

Table 1 outlines the five scenarios modelled by ADMS-Urban along with the providers of the traffic data.

Scenario	Year	Description	Traffic Data Providers
1	2019	Basecase year	National Transport Authority
2	2028	Business as usual	National Transport Authority
3	2028	Intervention[1]	National Transport Authority, Dublin Local Authorities
4	2030	Business as usual	National Transport Authority
5	2030	Intervention[2]	National Transport Authority, Dublin Local Authorities

Table 1 – Scenario's modelled

Each of the scenarios were compared to the 2019 basecase situation for a number of locations in the vicinity of the measured exceedance. This allowed a percentage change in concentration to be calculated.

The EPA have worked closely with model developers, Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants (CERC), to ensure that the model was applied appropriately in the area being assessed. Verification of the model data has been completed using the EU DELTA tool for assessment. The DELTA tool was developed by the Forum for Air quality Modelling (FAIRMODE) [3]. Additional verification statistics from CERC's Model Evaluation toolkit have also been applied.

RESULTS

Assessment of Monitoring Data

Figure 3 displays the variation of nitrogen dioxide concentrations at the St. John's Road West monitoring station on an hourly, daily, weekly and monthly basis for 2019. A double peak coinciding with peak time traffic in the morning and evening is measured on weekdays. This is due to normal weekday commuting patterns. The double peak is significantly reduced for Saturday and Sunday.

[1] 2028 Intervention – NTA 'business as usual' traffic projections plus 4 Dublin LA's interventions - proposed fleet changes

[2] 2030 Intervention – NTA 'business as usual' traffic projections plus 4 Dublin LA's interventions - proposed fleet changes

[3] FAIRMODE - joint response initiative of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Commission

Highest average monthly concentrations are measured during winter, while concentrations associated with the summer months are lowest. This reflects the impact meteorological conditions, particularly temperature, have on the station.

Figure 4 displays a wind rose of the wind speed and associated wind direction at Casement Aerodrome. The overall mean windspeed for 2019 was 5.34 metres per second. The highest frequency of wind directions occurs to the South West, which is typical in Ireland.

Figure 5 displays a polar plot of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) associated with wind direction and wind speed. As a traffic classified station, the plot reveals the highest concentrations associated with winds from the north, i.e. from the closest road, St. John's Road West. A secondary contribution associated with winds from the north east is also evident in the plot. This is most likely NO_x contributions from the uncovered section of the railway station to the north of the road.

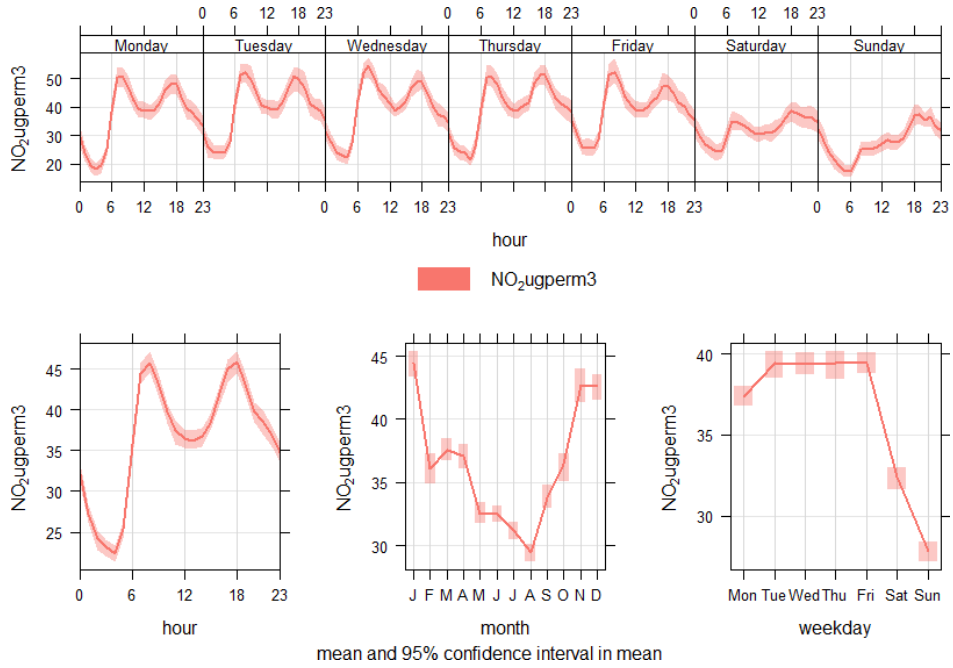


Figure 3 – Hourly, Daily, Weekly and Monthly Measured Nitrogen Dioxide Profiles at St. John's Road West

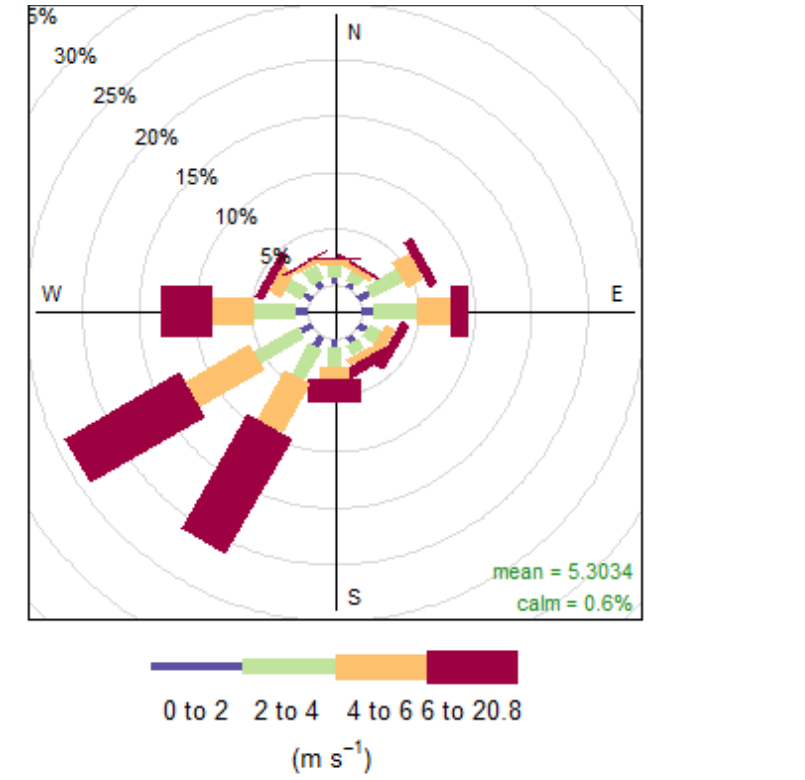


Figure 4 - Wind Rose for Casement Aerodrome 2019

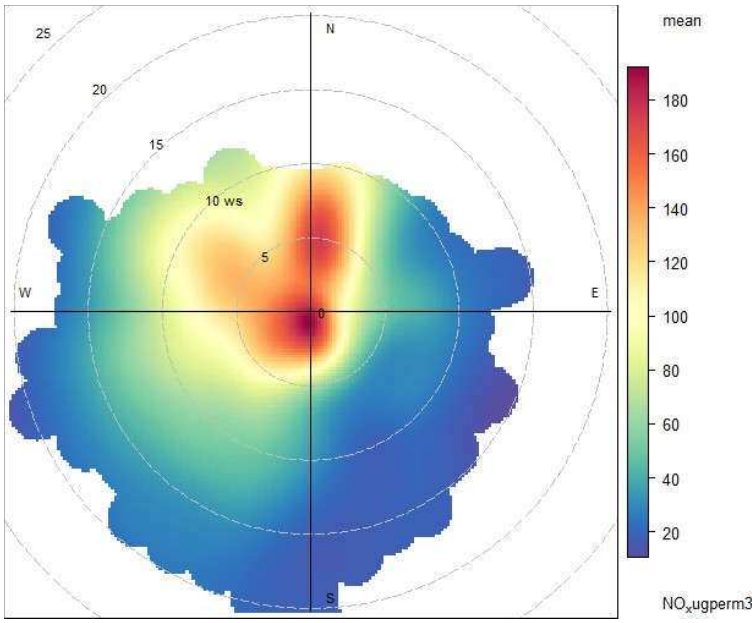


Figure 5 - Polar Plot of NO_x Concentrations at St. John's Road West 2019

Model Verification and Evaluation

To evaluate the performance of the model, the predicted concentration for the 2019 basecase was compared to the measured concentration at St Johns Road West station. The evaluation involves using recognised statistical tests and is a necessary step as it provides confidence that the model is fit for the intended purpose.

To achieve this, two modelling evaluation packages were used – the DELTA tool and the Model Evaluation toolkit. The overall result from the DELTA tool for the model quality indicator for both the hourly and annual model dataset are <1, which deems the model suitable for assessment purposes. The result from the Model Evaluation toolkit confirmed that the model passed a number of key modelling statistical indicators. Detailed results for the Model Verification and Evaluation process are outlined in Appendix 1

Assessment of ADMS-Urban Model Outputs:

Please note that this report addresses nitrogen dioxide concentrations only. Assumptions for future concentrations of other pollutants e.g. particulate matter, should not be drawn from thisreport.

- Scenario 1 – 2019 Basecase

Table 2 details the annual modelled and measured nitrogen dioxide concentration at the St. John's Road West station. The annual average limit value of 40µg/m^3 was exceeded at the St. John's Road West monitoring station in 2019. The modelled annual concentration was 39µg/m^3. The modelled result, approaching the limit value, would suggest a significant potential for exceedance in the area. This has been verified by the actual measured exceedance.

Monitoring Station	Annual Modelled NO_2 (µg/m^3)	Annual Measured NO_2 (µg/m^3)	Modelled Percentage
St. John's Road West	39	43.4	90

Table 2 - Annual Modelled and Measured NO_2 at St. John's Road West 2019

Figure 6 details a contour plot of nitrogen dioxide concentrations for the 2019 basecase for the modelled area. The model predicts elevated annual average concentrations of nitrogen dioxide along St. John's Road West, at Frank Sherwin Bridge and on sections of Conyngham Road. The maximum modelled annual average concentration of 56µg/m^3 nitrogen dioxide occurred along St. John's Road West.

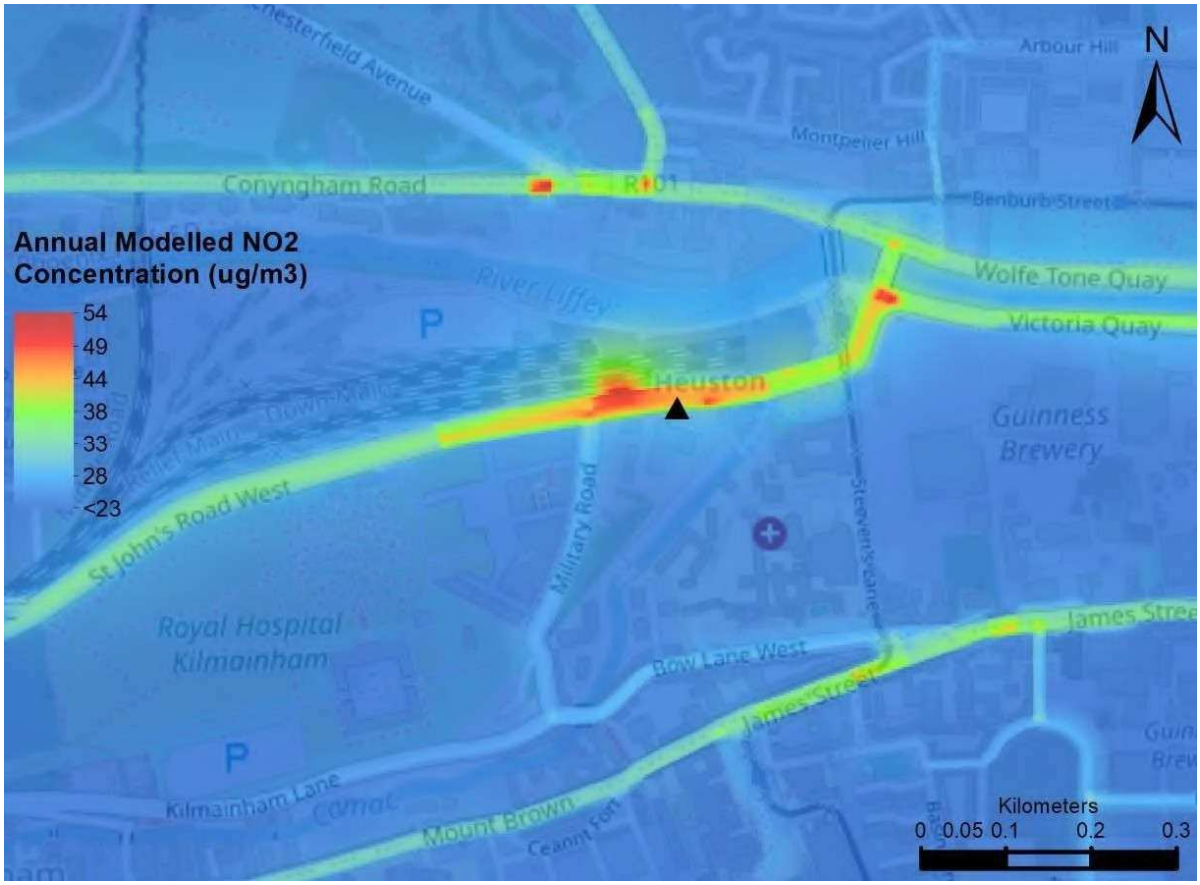


Figure 6 - Modelled Annual Average Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations, µg/m^3, in 2019

- Scenario 2 to 5 –2028, 2030 Business as Usual and interventions

The following section details the modelled results for the future year scenarios of 2028 and 2030 at the St Johns Road West monitoring station.

In the context of this report, the term 'Business as Usual' refers to the estimation of future traffic trips in the National Transport Authority (NTA) Regional Modelling System based on the available planning data and other growth assumptions for Dublin and the rest of Ireland. The 'intervention' scenarios include the business as usual projected data plus the additional measures as received from the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Table 4 details the annual average nitrogen dioxide concentrations at St Johns Road West for each of the modelled scenarios.

The predicted nitrogen dioxide concentrations for all four scenarios are less than the 2019 basecase modelled concentration. The largest decreases are seen for the intervention scenarios in 2028 and 2030, with a 24.6% to 25.6% reduction in nitrogen dioxide concentrations relative to the 2019 basecase modelled concentration. The business as usual scenarios show a reduction of 19.7% to 21.5% relative to the 2019 basecase modelled concentration.

The scenarios which included the 'interventions', electrification of the passenger fleet, taxi's and buses, are projected to yield an additional 1.6 – 1.9µg/m^3 reduction of nitrogen dioxide at the St. John's Road West monitoring station. Overall, the largest reductions in concentrations of nitrogen dioxide are attributed to the reduced nitrogen dioxide emissions for the future projected traffic fleet.

Scenario	Modelled NO_2 St. John's Road Receptor ($\mu g/m^3$)	Absolute NO_2 concentration attributable to intervention (µg/m3)	Absolute NO_2 concentration reduction ($\mu g/m^3$)	Percentage NO_2 reduction from 2019 Basecase scenario (%)
2019 Basecase	39.0	-	-	-
2028 Business as usual	31.3	-	7.7	19.7
2028 Intervention	29.4	1.9	9.6	24.6
2030 Business as usual	30.6	-	8.4	21.5
2030 Intervention	29.0	1.6	10.0	25.6

Table 4 - Modelled NO_2 concentration, $\mu g/m^3$, for each scenario

CONCLUSIONS

As part of the Dublin Air Quality plan, the EPA completed a detailed modelling study of nitrogen dioxide concentrations around the area of the 2019 exceedance at St Johns Road West.

All four future scenarios are showing a significant reduction in nitrogen dioxide concentrations compared to the 2019 basecase scenario. It is predicted that there will be reductions of between 19.7% to 25.6% in nitrogen dioxide concentrations at the St Johns Road West station for the future scenarios modelled.

Business as usual scenarios for 2028 and 2030 are projected to result in 7.7 – 8.4 ug/m^3 reduction in concentrations relative to the modelled 2019 basecase (19.7% – 21.5% reduction). The additional interventions on the traffic fleet, as proposed by the 4 Dublin Local Authorities, are projected to yield an additional 1.6 – 1.9µg/m^3 nitrogen dioxide reduction by 2030. The 2030 scenario with additional interventions as proposed by the 4 Dublin local authorities gave the highest reduction in concentrations relative to the modelled 2019 basecase of 10.0 ug/m^3 or a 25.6% reduction.

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Appendix 1

Model Verification and Evaluation

DELTA Tool

The DELTA tool (V6.0) is an application developed by the Joint Research Commission (JRC) within the FAIRMODE community. It is aimed at model users in the context of model assessment against Directive 2008/5-/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (CAFE Directive). The tool calculates a cumulative statistical indicator known as the Model Quality Indicator, which is then assessed against the Model Quality Objective value to see if it is fit for purpose. The application also includes several additional statistics, including Root Mean Square Error, Correlation Coefficient, Normalised Mean Bias and Normalised Mean Standard Deviation.

Model Evaluation Toolkit:

The model evaluation toolkit, developed by CERC, uses the programme application R, to carry out statistical assessments on the modelled and measured data.

A range of statistics are calculated which include:

- the number of valid observations;
- the measured and modelled mean concentrations;
- the normalised mean square error (NMSE), a positive number for which a value closest to zero is best;
- the correlation coefficient (R), which varies between 0 (worst) and 1 (best);
- the fraction of modelled values within a factor of two of the measured (Fac2), which varies between 0 (worst) and 1 (best);
- the fractional bias (Fb), which can be either positive or negative, with zero being the best value.

Figure 1a displays the output from the DELTA tool. It consists of a target plot and summary statistics. The model quality indicator for both the hourly and annual model dataset are <1, which deems the model suitable for assessment purposes. The model achieves the 4-time related indicators also.

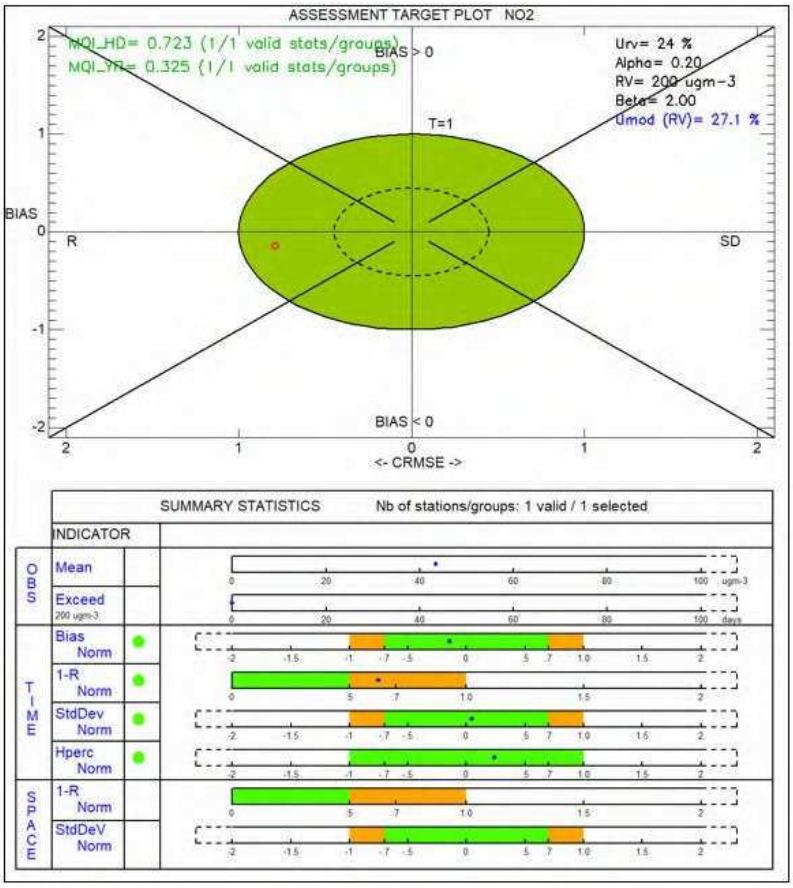


Figure 1a - DELTA Tool Output

Figure 2a displays the Model Evaluation toolkit Quantile – Quantile plot of modelled and measured hourly concentration. This plot compares the modelled and measured concentrations ordered independently from lowest to highest concentration. The dotted lines represent the factor of 2. There is good agreement between points.

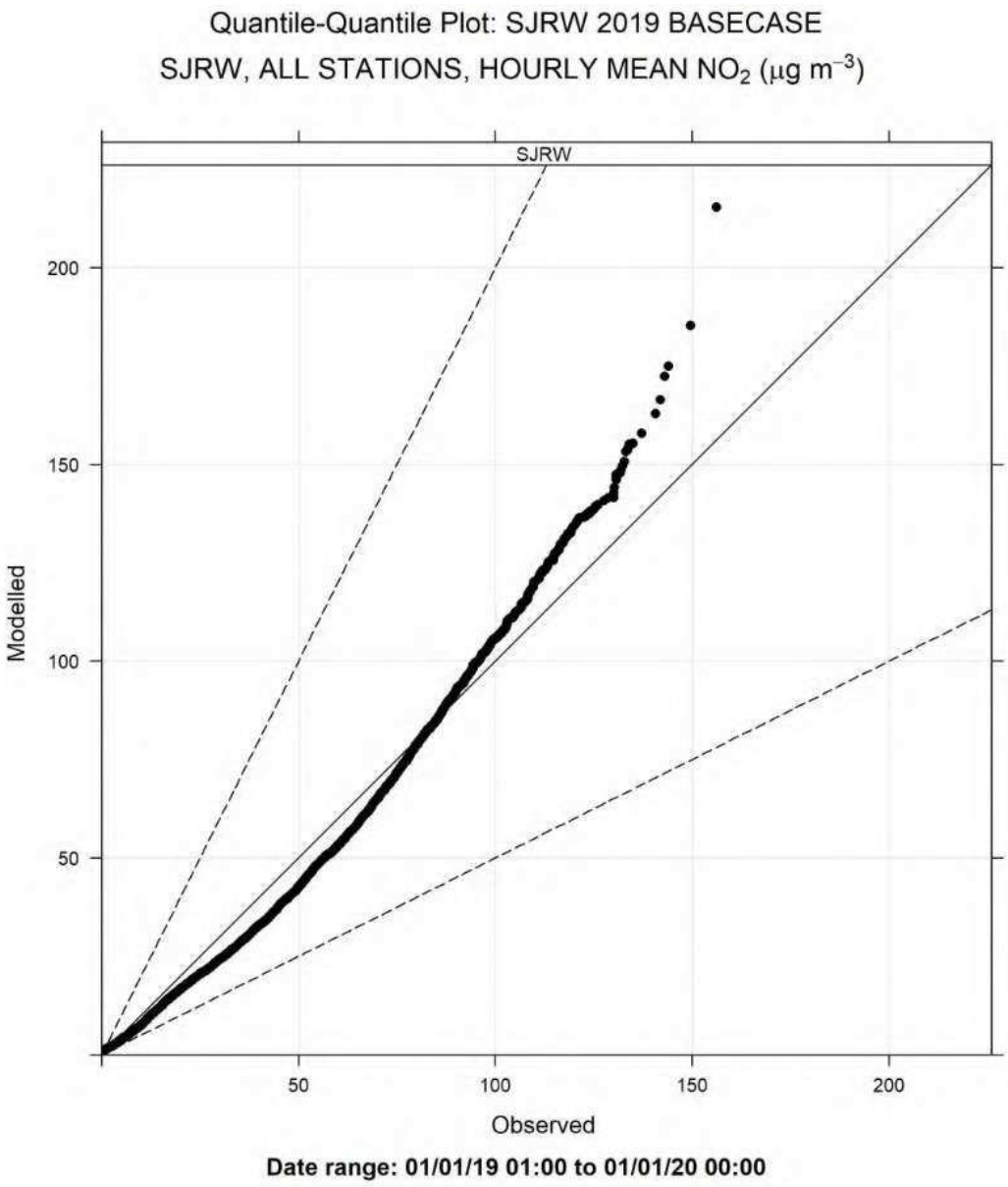


Figure 2a - Quantile Plot of Measured and Modelled Concentrations at St. John's Road West Monitoring Station

Figure 3a displays the Model Evaluation toolkit over lay of the measured and modelled concentration for 2019. Overall the model follows similar patterns to the measured concentration. One obvious deviation is for the month of June, where measured concentrations reduced dramatically.

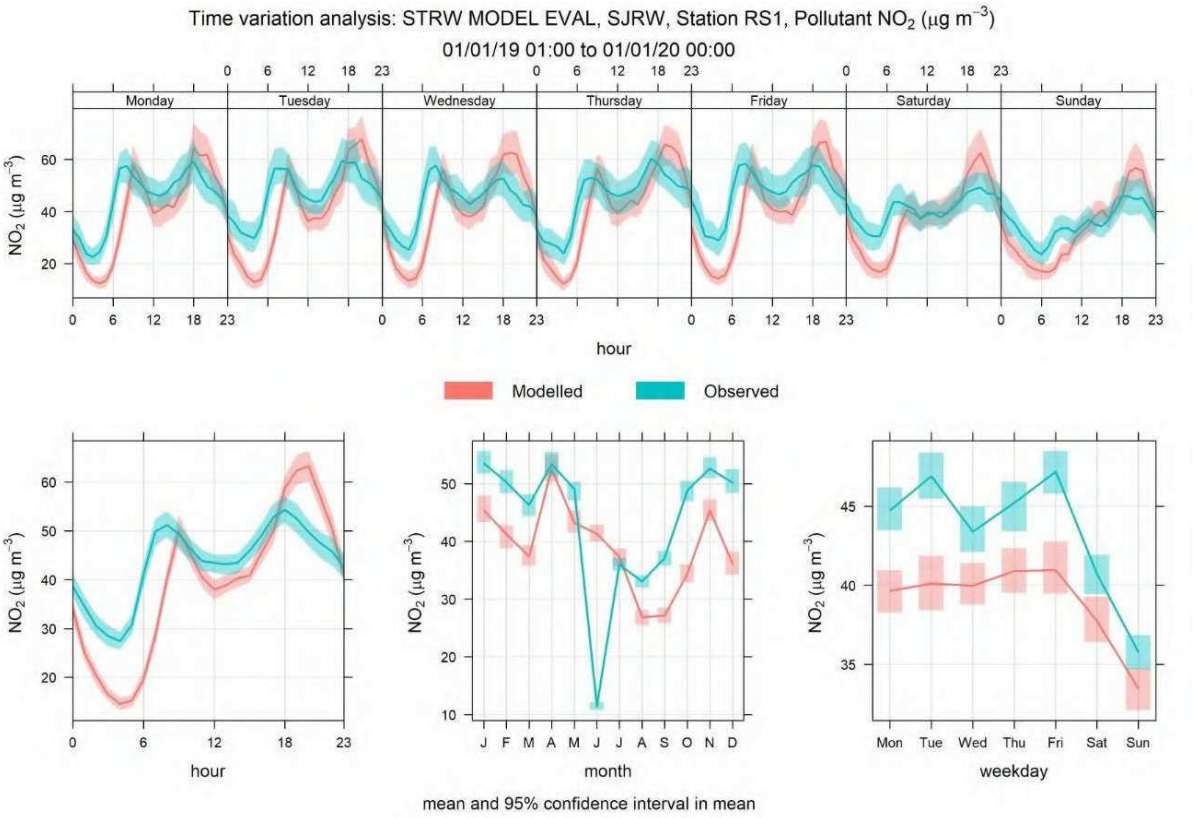


Figure 3a - Model Evaluation Toolkit Plot, Modelled and Measured, St. John's Road West 2019

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The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 Update

Introduction

Ireland is obliged to implement EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (also referred to as the CAFÉ Directive). Among other things, this Directive involves carrying out air quality monitoring for a number of specified air pollutants at a network of air quality monitoring stations throughout the country. These requirements were transposed into national legislation in Ireland by the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (S.I.180/2011).

In 2019, there was an exceedance of the annual permissible limit value for one of these pollutants – nitrogen dioxide - at a single monitoring station in Dublin. There were no other exceedances recorded elsewhere for nitrogen dioxide or any other specified air pollutant during 2019.

Under the national legislation, if this occurs the relevant local authorities are obliged to prepare an air quality plan to identify the root causes and formulate measures to address the exceedance of that pollutant for submission to the EU within two years of the exceedance being reported. In this case, the Air Quality Plan must therefore specifically relate to nitrogen dioxide and must address the exceedance in question. The relevant local authorities in this case are those that make up *Agglomeration A - the Dublin Conurbation*. This consists of the functional areas of Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown Council and most of Fingal County Council.

The submissions have been reviewed with comments and views received broken into categories across a range of common themes. Responses relating to each theme have been provided in respect of how these are accommodated within the Air Quality Plan and/or other Plans and Strategies relating to Air Quality, Transportation or land use with details of any action or amendment that have been in the Plan set out.

Update to the Plan

The draft Air Quality Plan included 14 measures as summarised below.

- Integrate “15 Minute Neighbourhoods” concept in City and County development Plans
- Public Parking Controls
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- Workplace Parking Standards
- Continue delivery of the Active Travel Programme
- Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy
- Publication of National Clean Air Strategy
- Air Quality Enabling Legislation
- Introduction of Clean Air Zones / Low Emission Zones
- Remote / Flexible Working
- Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling
- Air Quality – Citizen Engagement

- Air Quality and Health Research
- Behavioural Change Campaigns to Cleaner Fleets

These 14 measures remain within the final Plan. While there were varying comments and levels of support for each, the responses did not warrant the removal or a significant change to any one measure. Modifications have been made to two of the measures as set out below;

- **Measure 9** of the Plan to be amended to include an action as follows; The UTRAP Working Group, which includes the Dublin Local Authorities, should commit to further investigations into the feasibility of Low Emissions Zones in Dublin.

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A 2nd draft of the Air Quality Plan is currently underway taking into account the feedback from the consultation. This version remains draft subject to amendments given the tight timeframe to completion. Although significant modifications and changes are not anticipated with most amendments resulting from proof reading of the final document and are likely to be minor in nature.

The revised Plan will also need to be rescreened for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) for the changes now proposed. The draft for public consultation had concluded that a SEA and an AA was not required. This rescreening has not been completed at the time of writing this report.

Next Steps

A copy of the updated Draft Air Quality Plan (subject to amendment) has been issued with the Information Pack for the full Council meeting on the 13th December 2021. The Air Quality Plan (subject to amendment) will be placed as an agenda item for discussion and noting.

The Plan will in the coming weeks be subject to final proof reading and finalised with a view to issuing to the EPA on the 17th December 2021.

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The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021

Public Consultation Submissions Report

Introduction

The public consultation on the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan, Air Quality Plan to improve Nitrogen Dioxide levels in Dublin Region was open for submissions from 18 October 2021 to 15 November 2021. A total of 219 unique submissions were received, 208 via the Consultation Portal and 11 by email. Only a small number of submissions were specifically related to the actual draft Air Quality Plan document itself and its requirements as set out by Europe. The majority were instead comments on air pollution in general, how it can be addressed and paying for it through taxes. While these submissions could not be directly incorporated into the Air Quality Plan itself at this time, they give a valuable insight into public feelings on the issue, and will feed into ongoing work in the area including the development of many of the measures included in the plan.

Appendix A to this report includes a report with graphs produced from the Consultation Hub which contained an online survey with 25 questions relating to the Air Quality Plan. The notes in the next section of this report cover questions 1 to 21 of the online survey. Questions 22 to 25 and emailed submissions have been reviewed, tagged by Theme and analysed against the measures in the plan. The subsequent section of this report, and the table in Appendix C, deals with the analysis of the consultation responses against these Themes and presents responses and any amendments made to the Plan.

Quantitative Summary of the Public Consultation Responses

There were 208 responses to the online Public Consultation on the AQP. These were mainly from private individuals, however, a list of organisations that responded is listed in Appendix B. Of those that responded approximately 52% resided in Dublin City with 18% in Fingal and 15% from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, 10% from South Dublin. 4% of those that responded reside outside of Dublin County.

By far the main reason for driving, almost 64%, was for day-to-day getting around and travelling to shops and local services.

The vast majority of people had an understanding of the health impacts of elevated NO_2 levels and vehicular emissions were considered to be a greater contributor to NO_2 levels than agriculture, power plants or heating by about half of those responding. National Government led awareness campaigns were felt to be the best way to make the public aware of the health impacts of air pollution (specifically NO_2) and these were closely followed by restricting drop off locations at schools and publicity about high transport related emissions in local areas.

Approximately half of those who took part in the Public Consultation agreed with the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly in relation to the climate actions that impact on air quality.

Almost 80% of responders support the idea of reviewing and strengthening Local Authority and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) powers in relation to dealing with air pollution.

With regard to considering Low Emission Zones, over 75% of those who took part in the Public Consultation support this, as well as the possibility of a charge being levied on those with polluting vehicles. A similar number of responders support the Government amending existing legislation to delegate powers to the Local Authorities to introduce Low Emission Zones.

Over 85% of the public involved are familiar with 10-15 minute neighbourhoods and over 70% think Local Authorities should examine the concept.

80% of those who took part in the Public Consultation want an electrical vehicle-charging network developed in Dublin.

Almost 95% of those involved feel that the Irish workforce should be given the option of remote working for a portion of the week.

Around 70% of those involved believe that consideration should be given to incorporating air quality considerations into vehicle taxation and that the NCT emissions testing should have a role in periodic assessment of air pollution emissions, to inform better regulation of 'in use' vehicle emissions.

Analysis of Public Consultation Responses

In addition to the quantitative analysis of the submissions as set out in the previous section, all the submissions that contained free text and those that were received by email where analysed for the comments, views and suggestions expressed. Rather than respond to each view within each individual submission, all submissions were reviewed to identify common themes against which all the comments and views could be captured. A response against each theme has been provided which sets out how the Air Quality Plan and/or other Plans and Strategies address the issues covered by the Theme and also whether any amendments or actions within the Plan are proposed.

For a detailed overview of the Themes identified together with the responses and actions proposed please see table in Appendix C at the end of this report.

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Appendix A – Consultation Hub Responses Summary Report

Air Quality Plan to improve levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in ambient air

https://consultation.dublincity.ie/environment/air-quality-plan-to-improve-levels-of-nitrogen-dio

This report was created on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 09:28

The activity ran from 18/10/2021 to 15/11/2021

Responses to this survey: **208**

1: What is your name?

Name

There were 202 responses to this part of the question.

2: What is your email address?

Email

There were 165 responses to this part of the question.

3: What is your organisation? (if applicable)

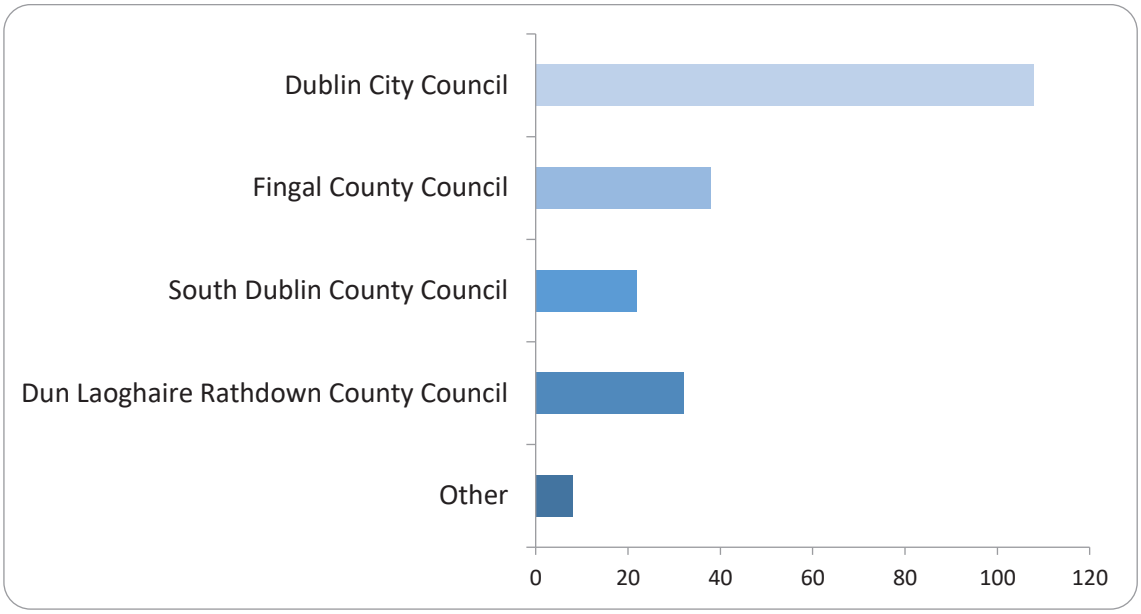
Organisation

There were 29 responses to this part of the question.

4: In which Local Authority area do you reside?

Local Authority

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Dublin City Council	108	51.92%
Fingal County Council	38	18.27%
South Dublin County Council	22	10.58%
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	32	15.38%
Other	8	3.85%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

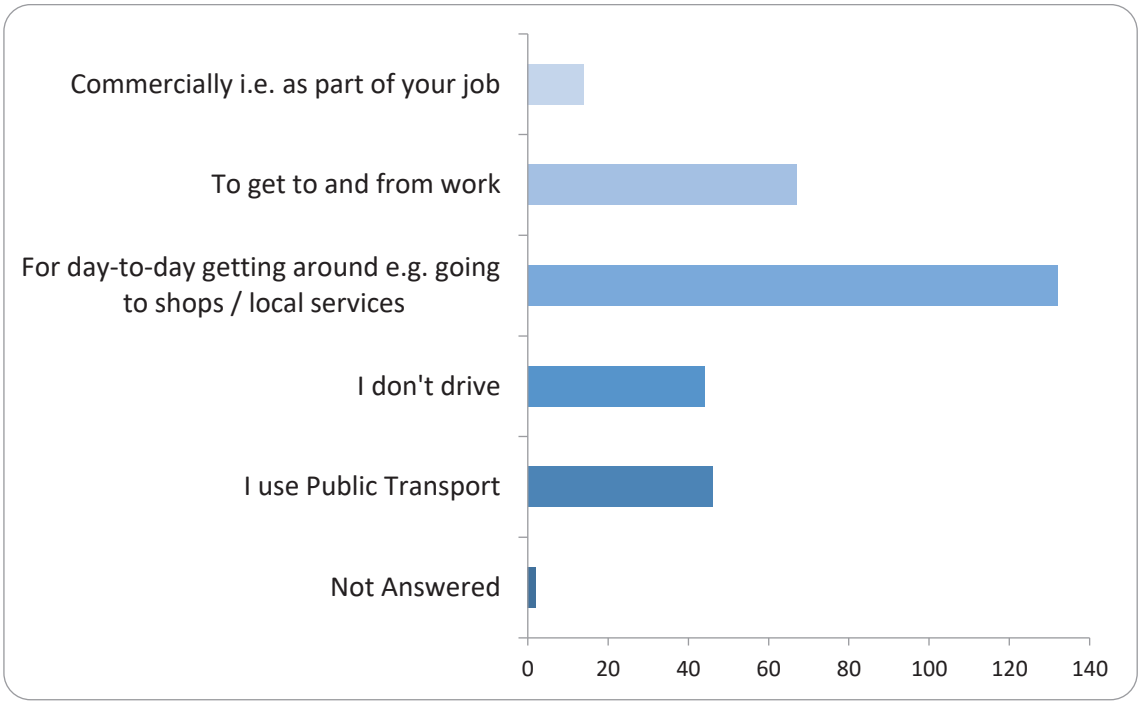
Other Local Authority

There were 8 responses to this part of the question.

5: What are the main reasons you drive a vehicle in your local area / in Dublin generally? Please select as many as apply to you.

Reasons for Driving

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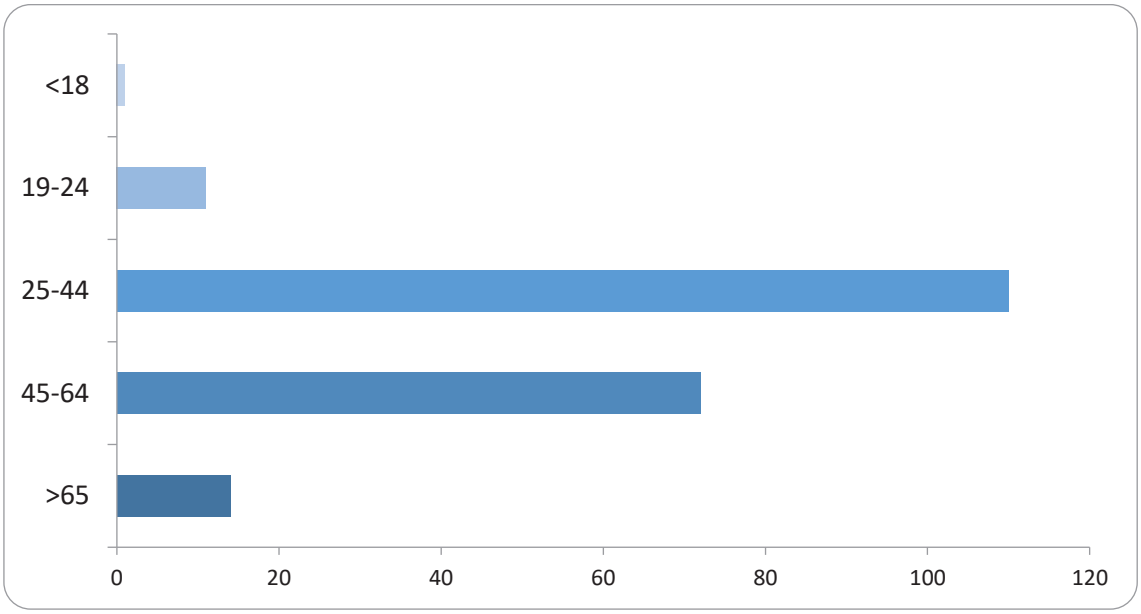


Option	Total	Percent
Commercially i.e. as part of your job	14	6.73%
To get to and from work	67	32.21%
For day-to-day getting around e.g. going to shops / local services	132	63.46%
I don't drive	44	21.15%
I use Public Transport	46	22.12%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

6: Which age bracket do you fall into?

Age Profile

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

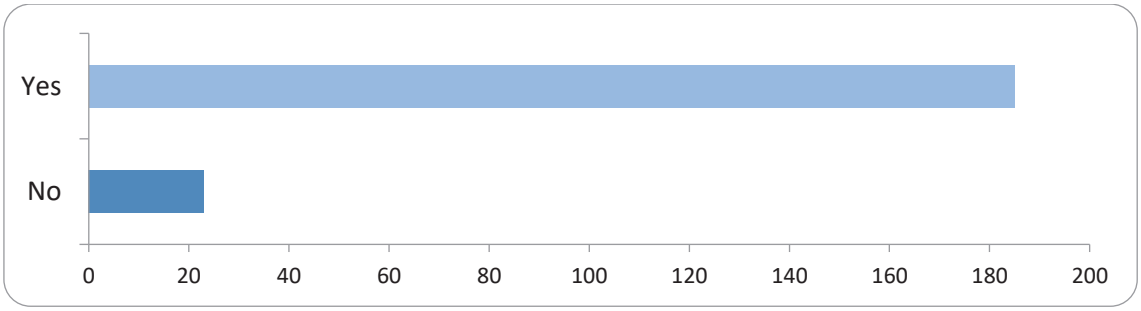


Option	Total	Percent
<18	1	0.48%
19-24	11	5.29%
25-44	110	52.88%
45-64	72	34.62%
>65	14	6.73%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

7: Do you have an understanding of the health impacts of elevated NO2 levels?

Understand health impacts of high NO2

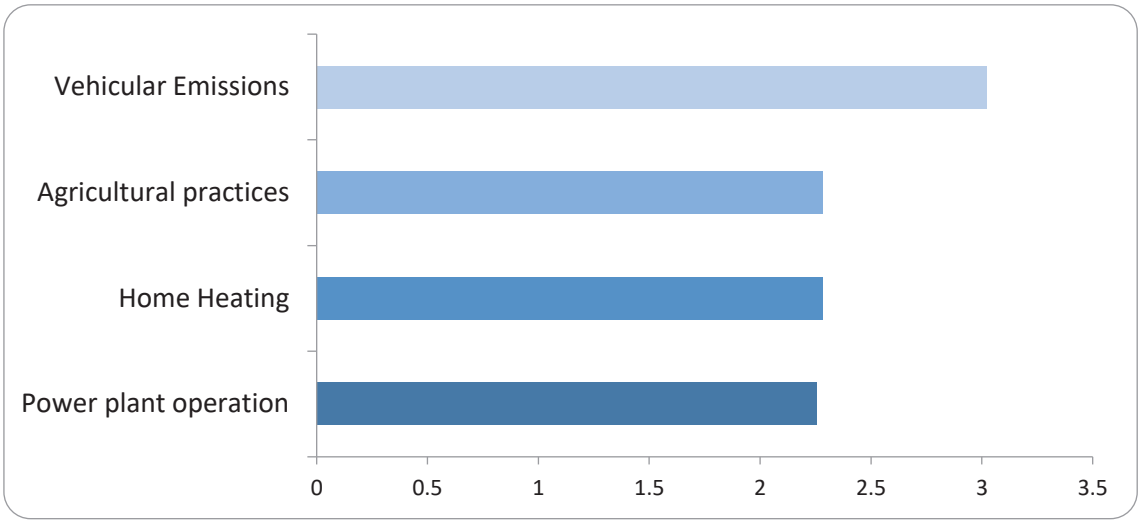
There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	185	88.94%
No	23	11.06%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

8: Rank each of the following contributors to elevated NO2 levels (with 1 being the highest contributor).

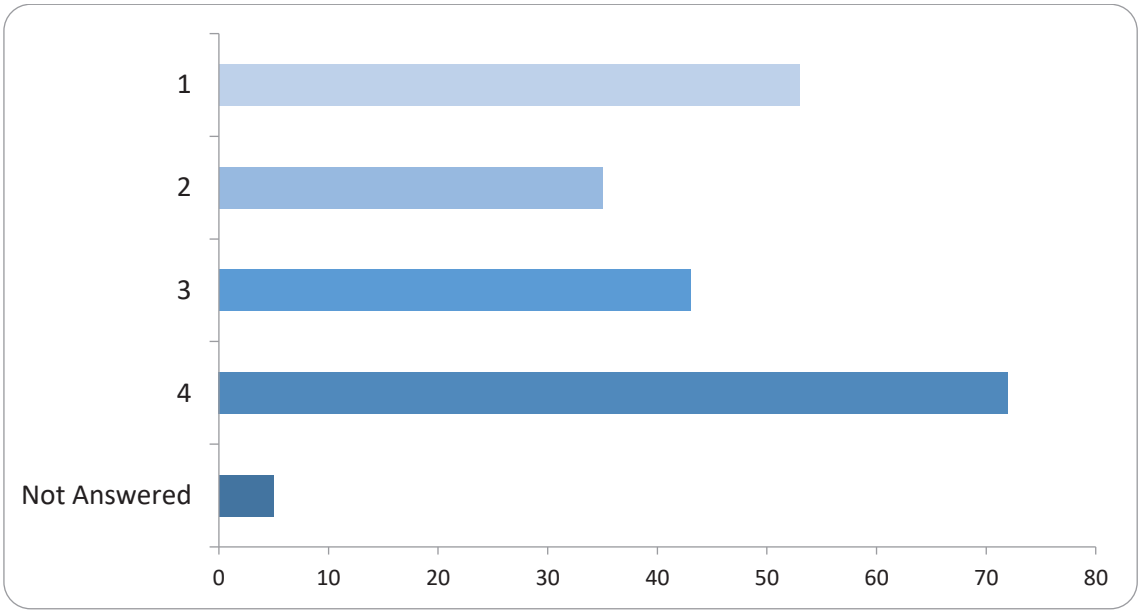
Ranking of 'Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels'



Item	Ranking
Vehicular Emissions	3.02
Agricultural practices	2.28
Home Heating	2.28
Power plant operation	2.25

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Agricultural practices

There were 203 responses to this part of the question.

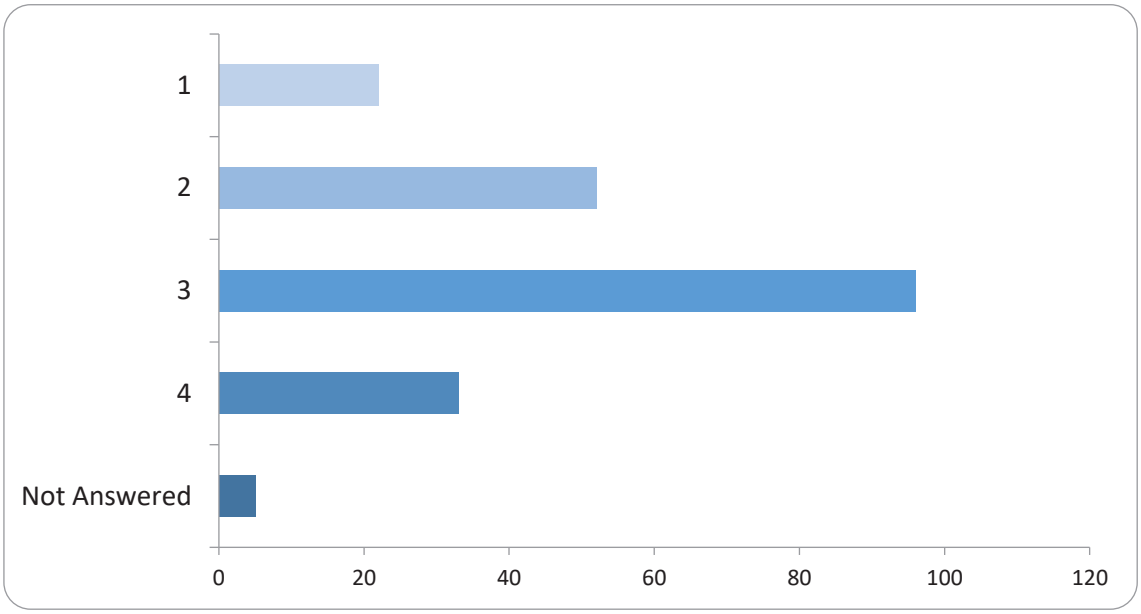


Option	Total	Percent

1	53	25.48%
2	35	16.83%
3	43	20.67%
4	72	34.62%
Not Answered	5	2.40%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Power plant operation

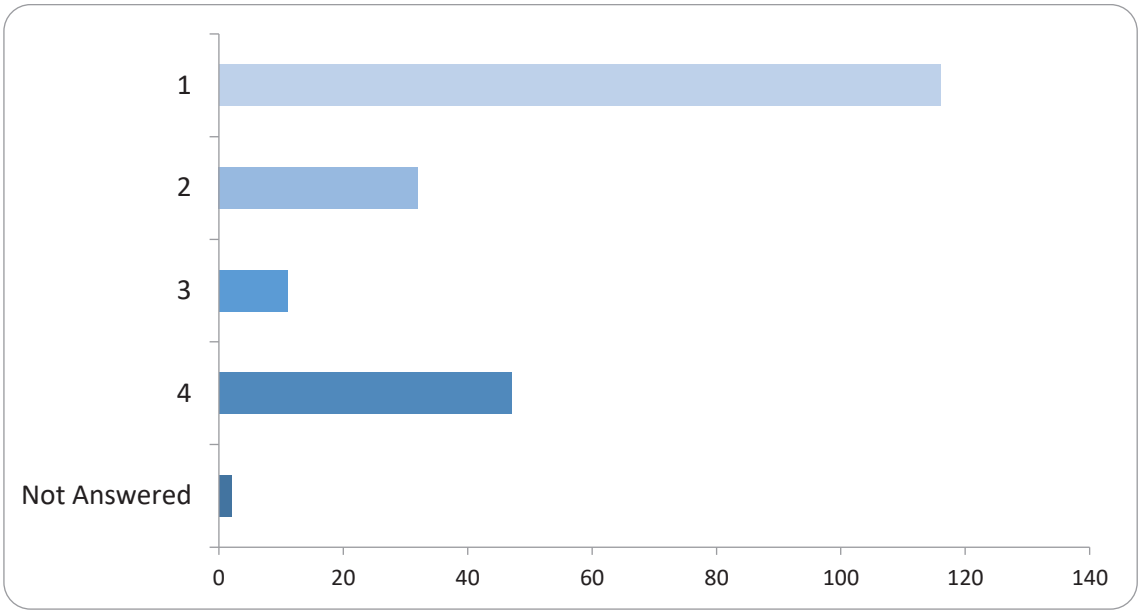
There were 203 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1	22	10.58%
2	52	25.00%
3	96	46.15%
4	33	15.87%
Not Answered	5	2.40%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Vehicular Emissions

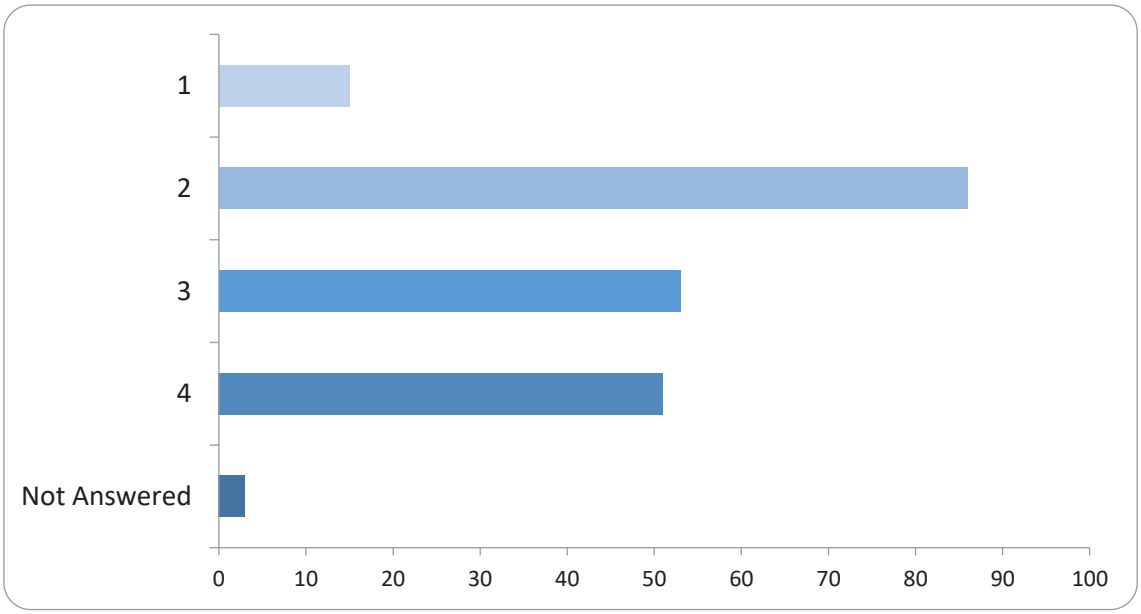
There were 206 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1	116	55.77%
2	32	15.38%
3	11	5.29%
4	47	22.60%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

Ranking of contributions to NO2 levels - Home Heating

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.



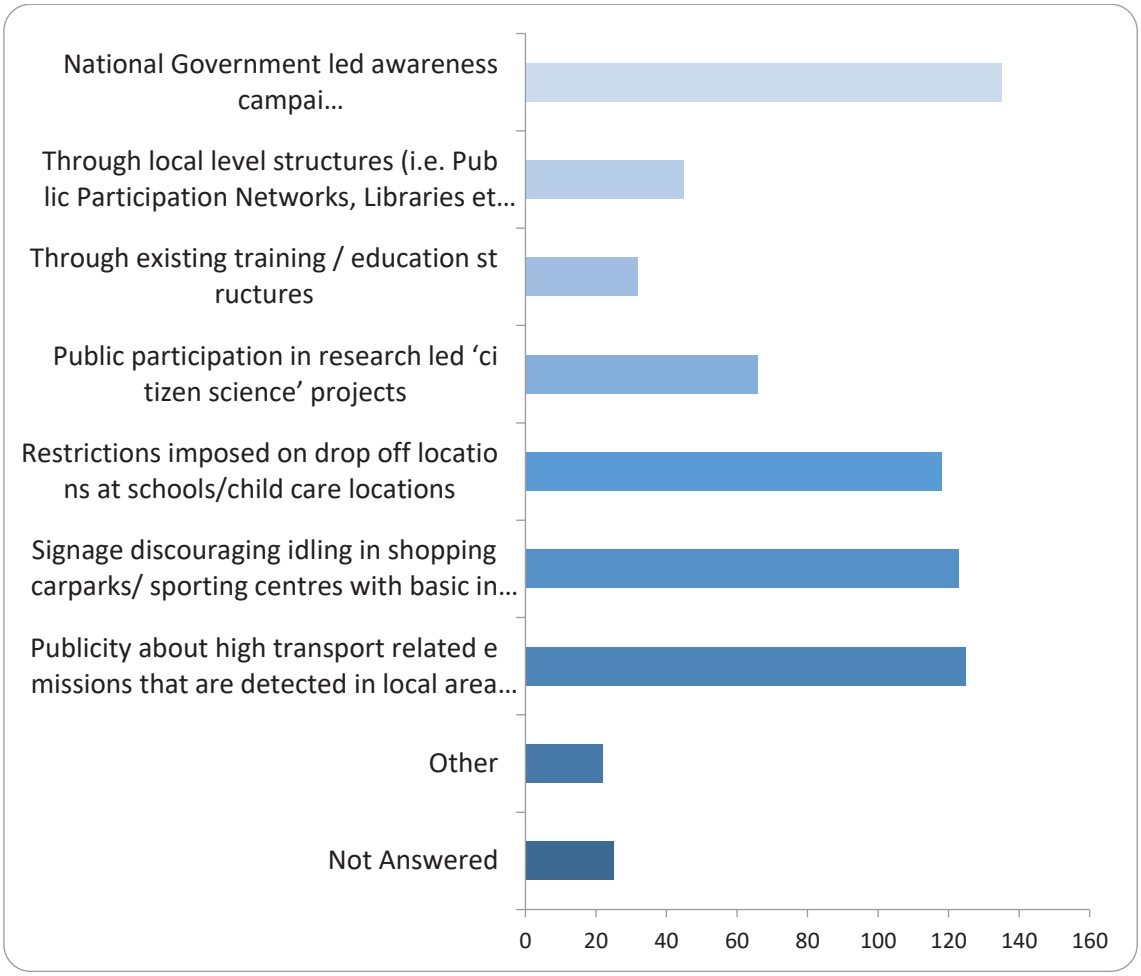
Option	Total	Percent
1	15	7.21%
2	86	41.35%

3	53	25.48%
4	51	24.52%
Not Answered	3	1.44%

9: How can the general public be best made more aware of the health impacts of air pollution (specifically NO2)?

How to make people aware of health impacts of NO2

There were 183 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
National Government led awareness campaigns	135	64.90%
Through local level structures (i.e. Public Participation Networks, Libraries etc)	45	21.63%
Through existing training / education structures	32	15.38%
Public participation in research led 'citizen science' projects	66	31.73%
Restrictions imposed on drop off locations at schools/child care locations	118	56.73%

Signage discouraging idling in shopping carparks/ sporting centres with basic info about harmful emissions from petrol/diesel vehicles	123	59.13%
Publicity about high transport related emissions that are detected in local areas	125	60.10%
Other	22	10.58%
Not Answered	25	12.02%

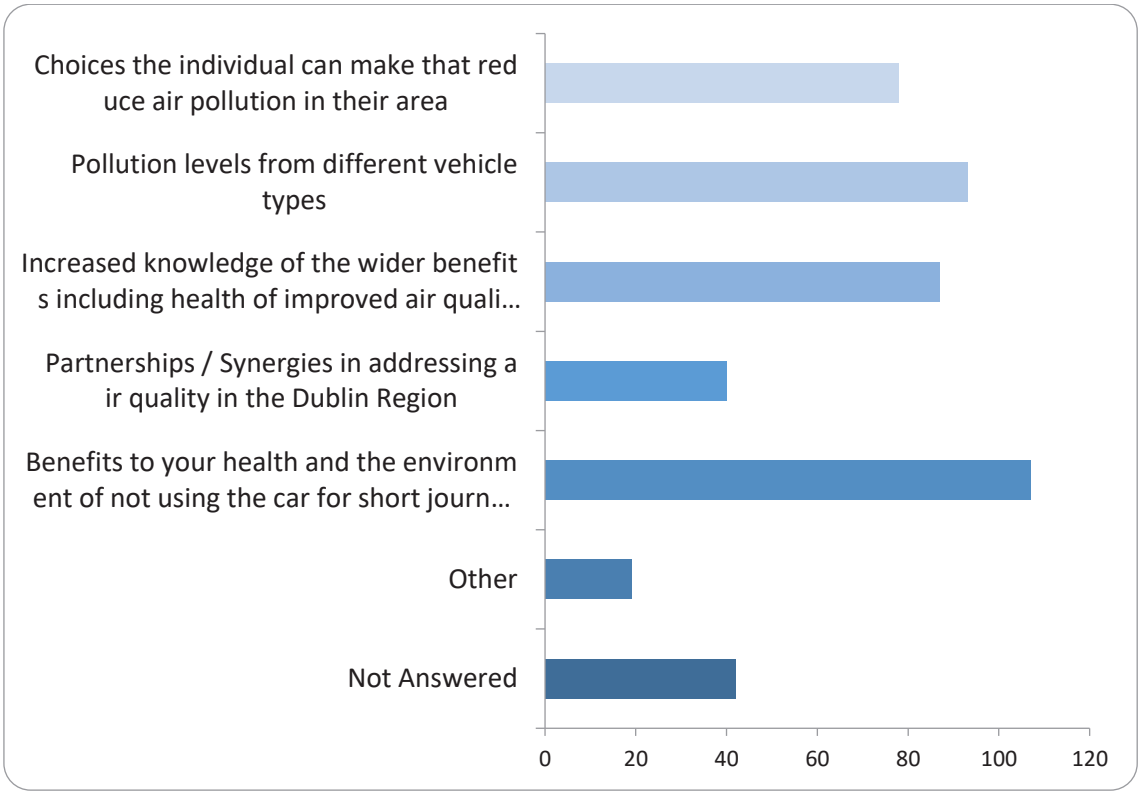
Other

There were 58 responses to this part of the question.

10: Are there particular transport related air pollution issues in your area that would benefit from an awareness raising campaign?

What awareness campaigns needed

There were 166 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Choices the individual can make that reduce air pollution in their area	78	37.50%
Pollution levels from different vehicle types	93	44.71%

Increased knowledge of the wider benefits including health of improved air quality	87	41.83%
Partnerships / Synergies in addressing air quality in the Dublin Region	40	19.23%
Benefits to your health and the environment of not using the car for short journeys/ leaving the car at home for a number of days per week"	107	51.44%
Other	19	9.13%
Not Answered	42	20.19%

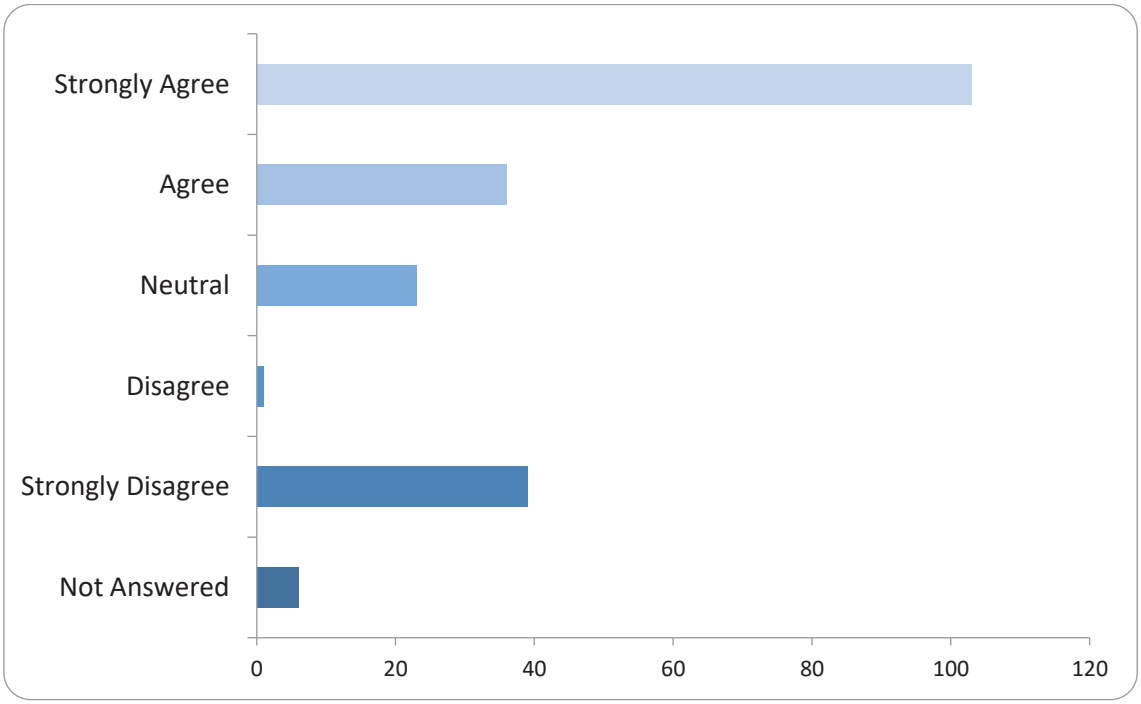
Other

There were 52 responses to this part of the question.

11: Do you agree with the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly in relation to the climate actions that impact on air quality?

Recommendations of Citizen Assembly

There were 202 responses to this part of the question.



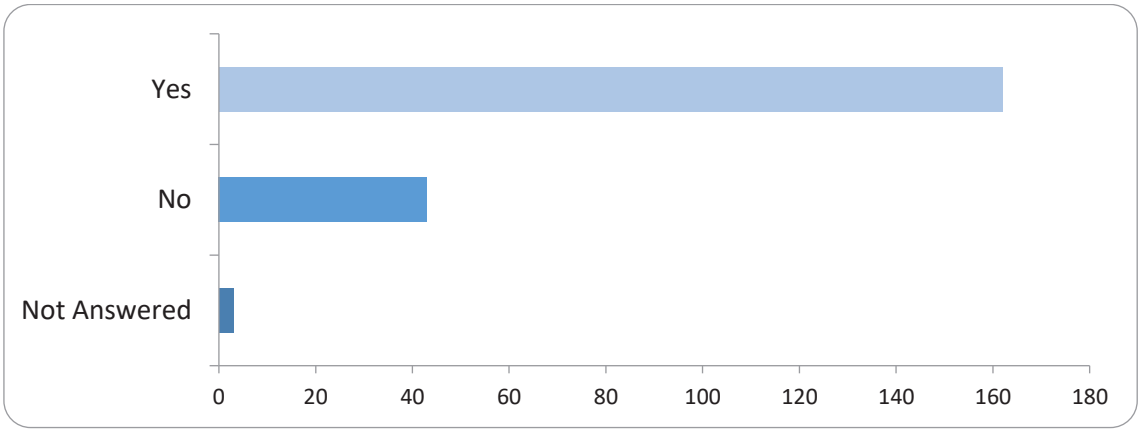
Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	103	49.52%
Agree	36	17.31%
Neutral	23	11.06%
Disagree	1	0.48%

Strongly Disagree	39	18.75%
Not Answered	6	2.88%

12: Is there a need for review and strengthening Local Authority and Environmental Protection Agency EPA powers in relation to dealing with Air pollution, and in particular NO2 levels?

Need to review and strengthen powers to deal with Air Pollution

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.

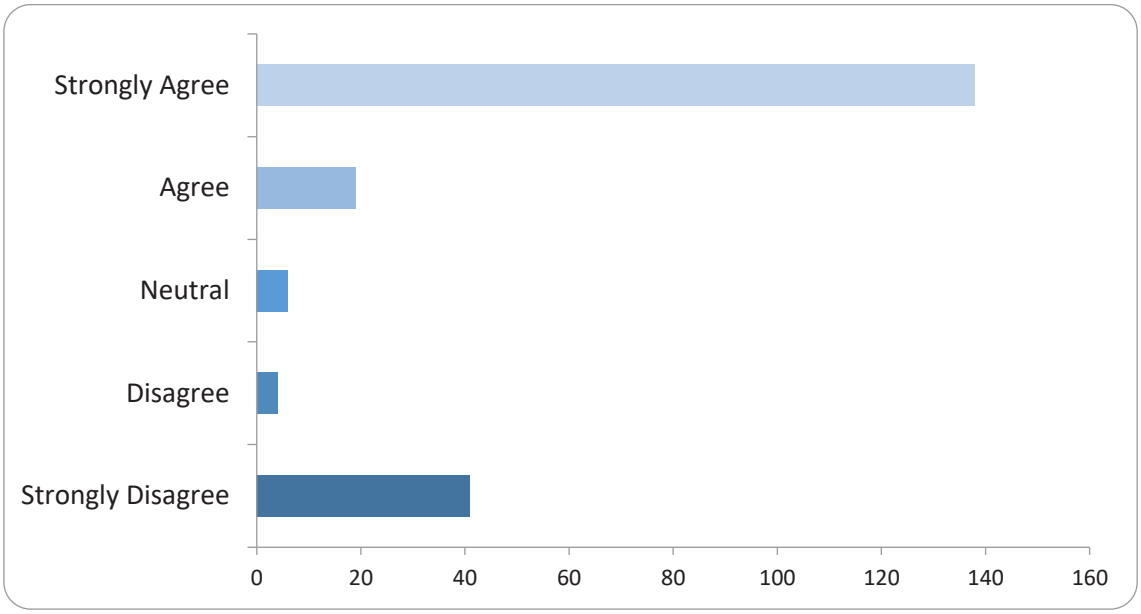


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	162	77.88%
No	43	20.67%
Not Answered	3	1.44%

13: Consideration should be given to the introduction of Low Emission Zones in urban areas.

Low Emission Zones

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

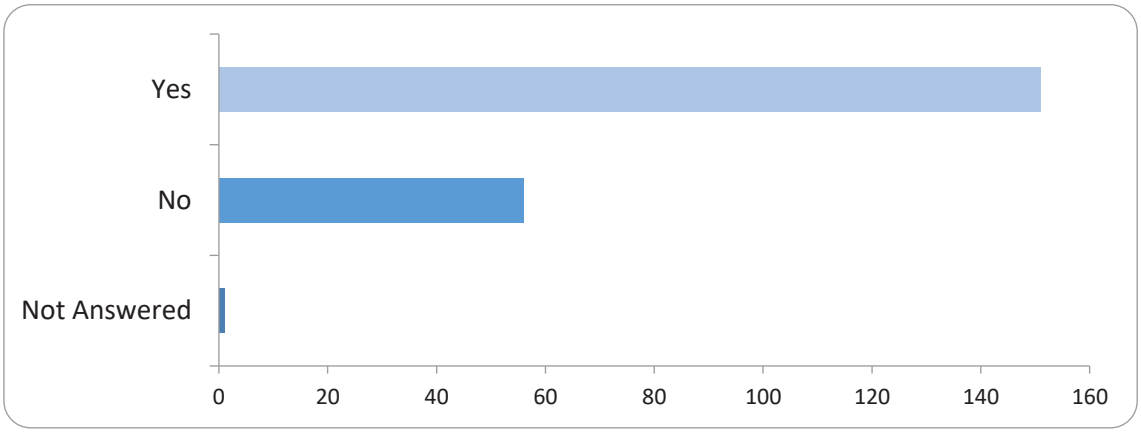


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	138	66.35%
Agree	19	9.13%
Neutral	6	2.88%
Disagree	4	1.92%
Strongly Disagree	41	19.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

14: A Low Emission Zone may involve a charge being levied on those with polluting vehicles. Is this a measure you would support?

Support Low Emission Zone Charge

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



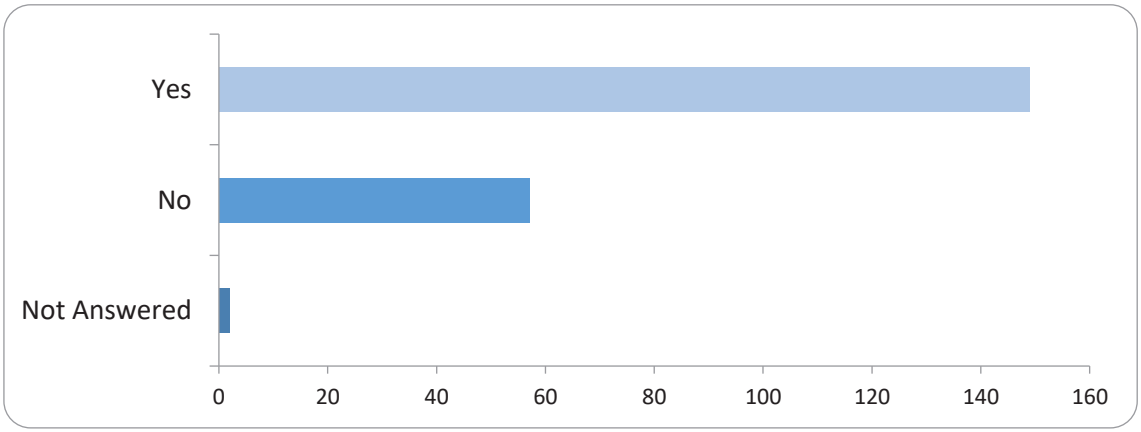
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	151	72.60%

No	56	26.92%
Not Answered	1	0.48%

15: Would you support the Government amending existing legislation to delegate powers to the Local Authorities to introduce Low Emission Zones?

Low Emission Zones

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.

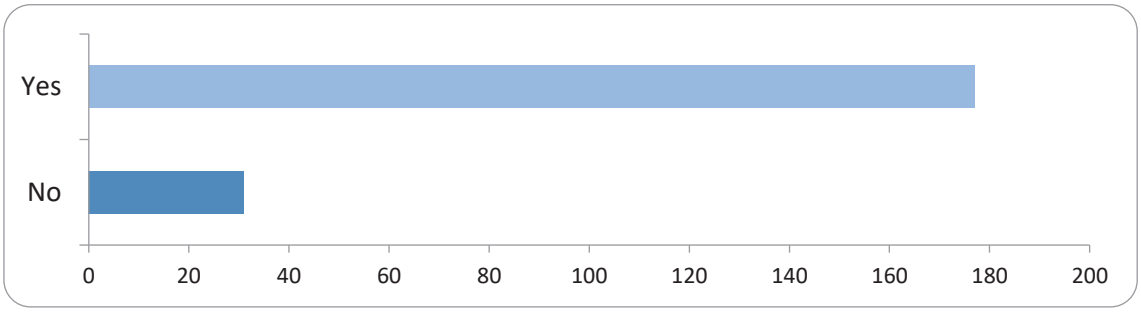


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	149	71.63%
No	57	27.40%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

16: Are you familiar with the concept of 10/15 minute neighbourhoods?

Familiar with 10-15 min neighbourhoods

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



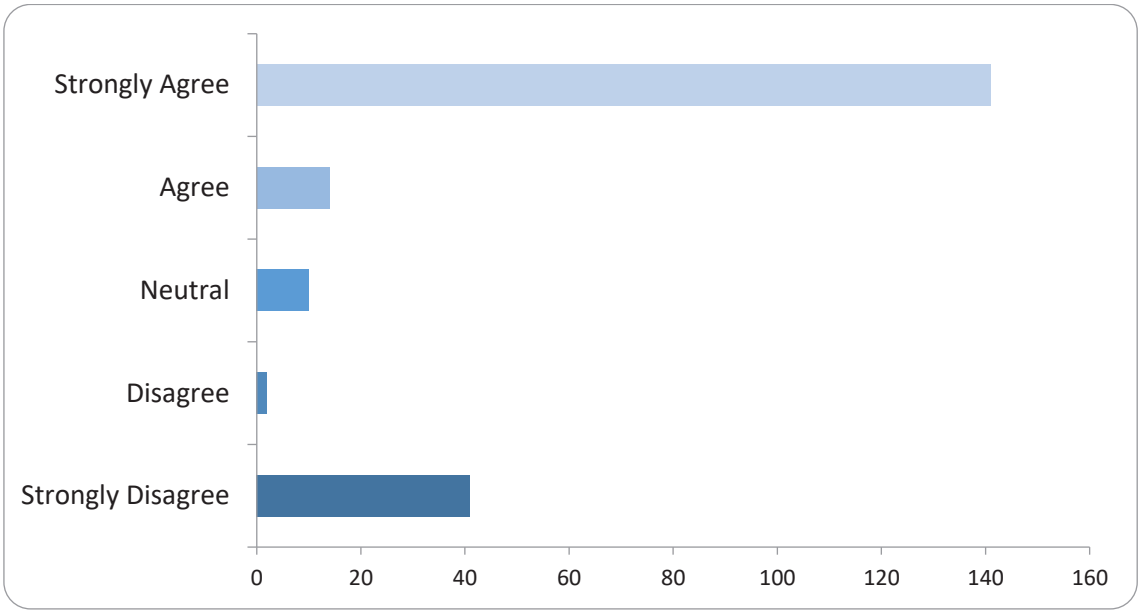
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	177	85.10%
No	31	14.90%

Not Answered	0	0.00%

17: The concept of a 10/15 minute neighbourhood, or similar, should be examined by all local authorities.

10/15 minute neighbourhoods should be examined

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

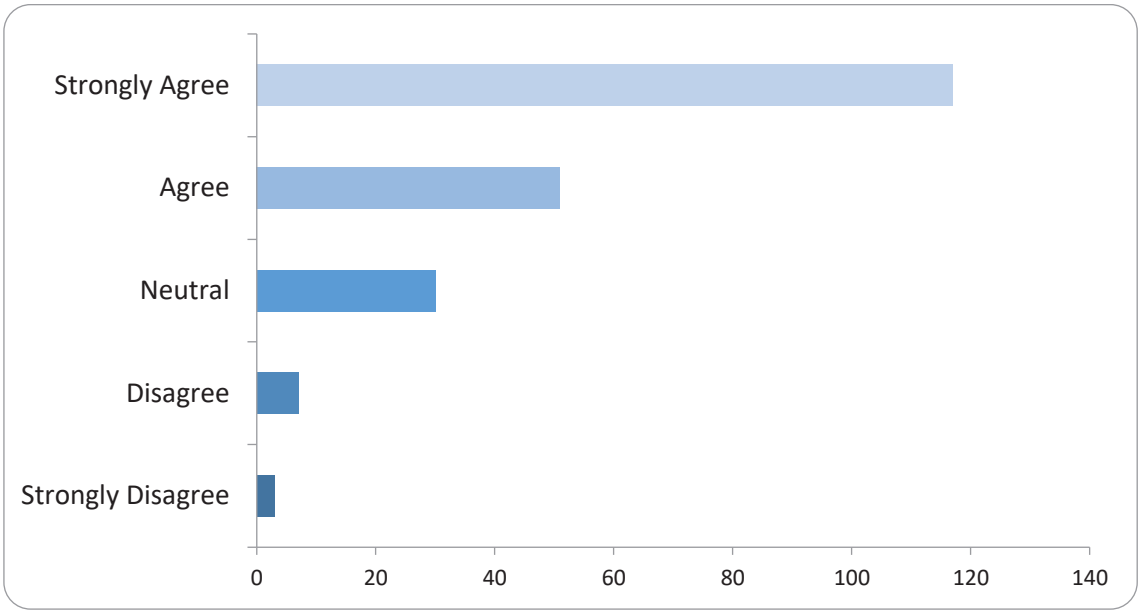


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	141	67.79%
Agree	14	6.73%
Neutral	10	4.81%
Disagree	2	0.96%
Strongly Disagree	41	19.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

18: An extensive electrical vehicle-charging network should be developed in Dublin.

Electrical Vehicle-charging

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

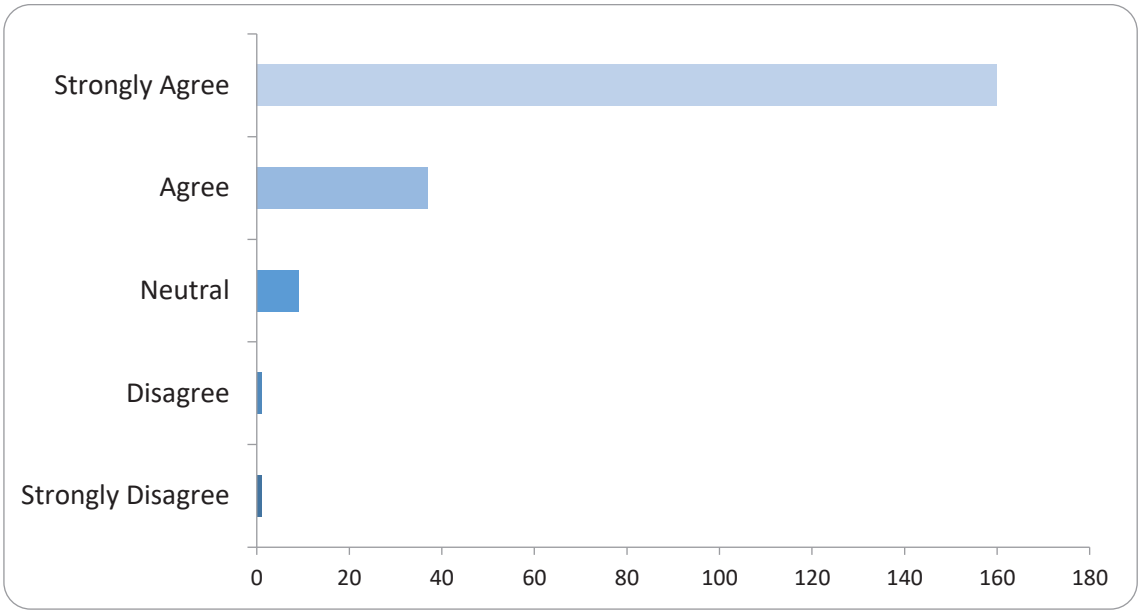


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	117	56.25%
Agree	51	24.52%
Neutral	30	14.42%
Disagree	7	3.37%
Strongly Disagree	3	1.44%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

19: The Irish workforce should be provided with the option of remote working, for a portion of the week, to reduce NO2 emissions.

Remote Working

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.

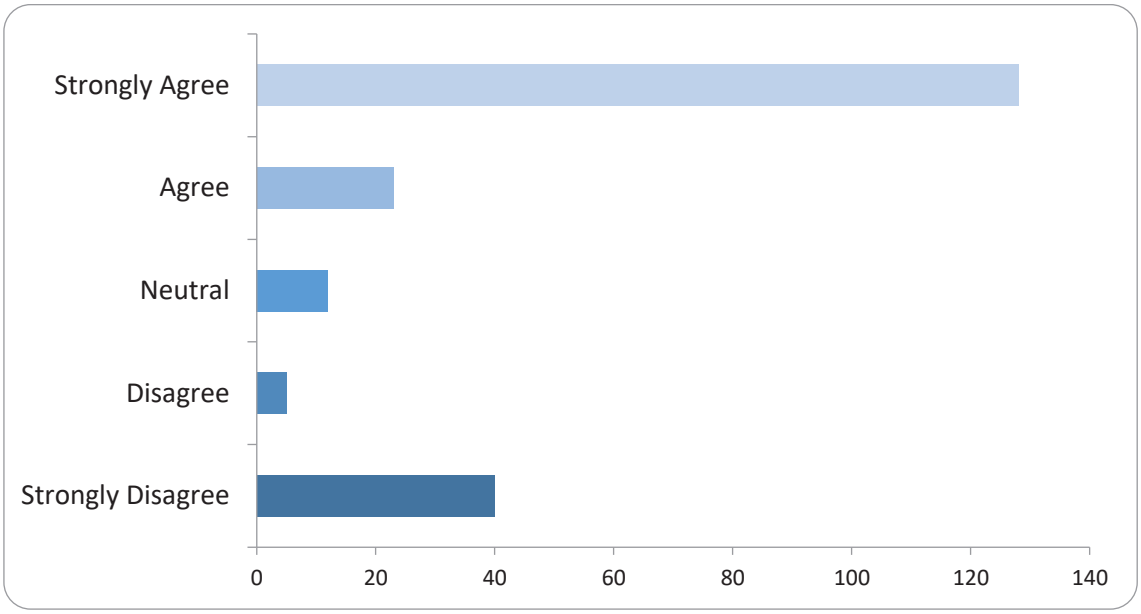


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	160	76.92%
Agree	37	17.79%
Neutral	9	4.33%
Disagree	1	0.48%
Strongly Disagree	1	0.48%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

20: Consideration should be given to incorporating air quality considerations into vehicle taxation.

Air Quality in vehicle tax

There were 208 responses to this part of the question.



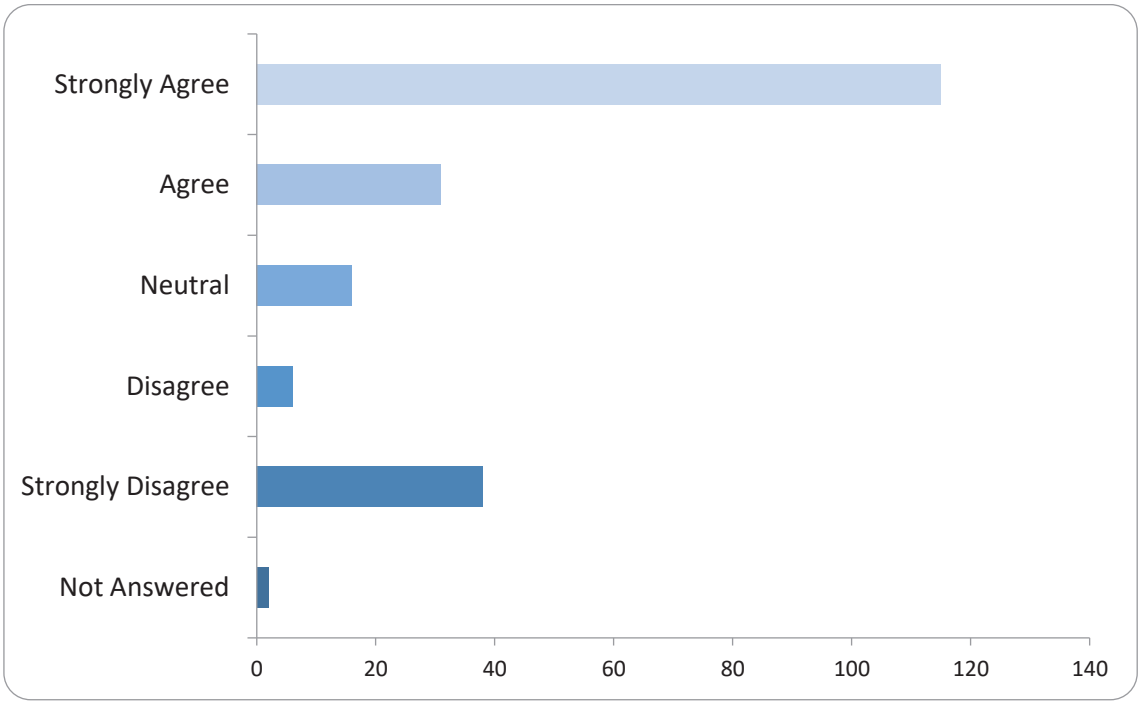
Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	128	61.54%
Agree	23	11.06%
Neutral	12	5.77%
Disagree	5	2.40%
Strongly Disagree	40	19.23%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

21: The NCT emissions testing should have a role in periodic assessment of air pollution

emissions, to inform better regulation of 'in use' vehicle emissions.

NCT role in assessment of air pollution

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.

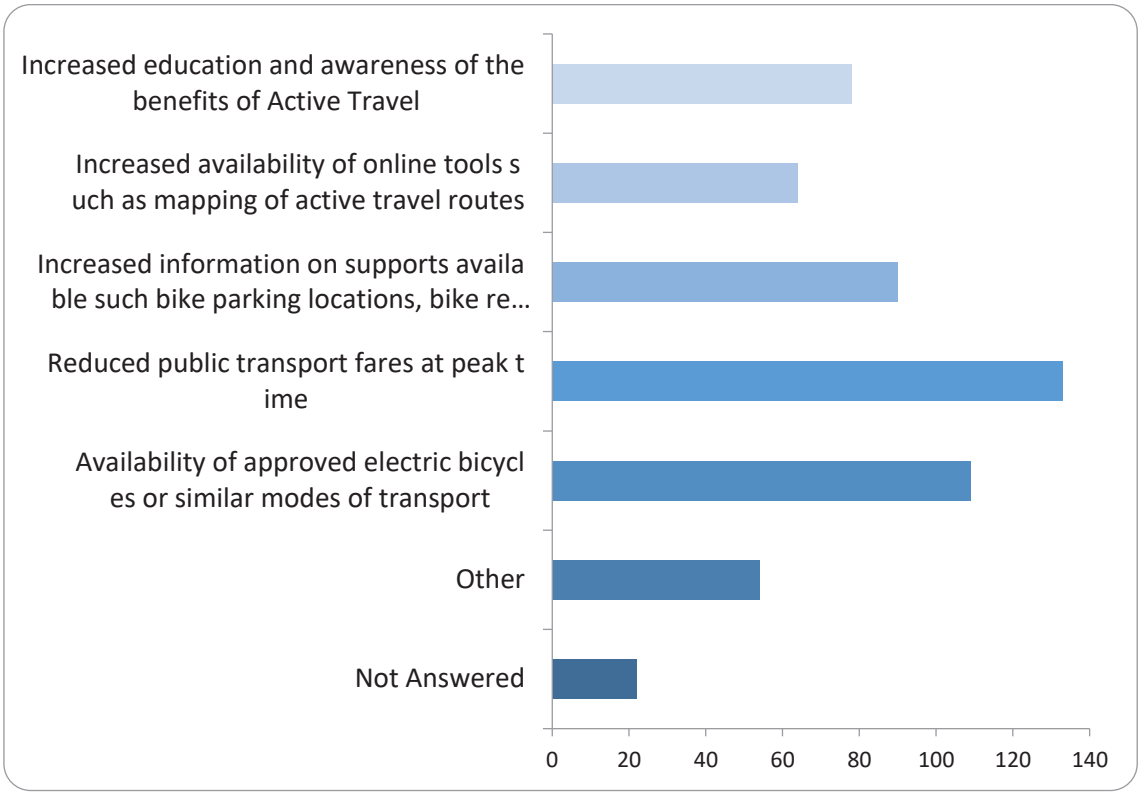


Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	115	55.29%
Agree	31	14.90%
Neutral	16	7.69%
Disagree	6	2.88%
Strongly Disagree	38	18.27%
Not Answered	2	0.96%

22: What other measures would encourage and support the continued modal shift to Active Travel and Public Transport?

Measures to shift to Active Travel

There were 186 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Increased education and awareness of the benefits of Active Travel	78	37.50%
Increased availability of online tools such as mapping of active travel routes	64	30.77%
Increased information on supports available such bike parking locations, bike repair outlets etc	90	43.27%
Reduced public transport fares at peak time	133	63.94%
Availability of approved electric bicycles or similar modes of transport	109	52.40%
Other	54	25.96%
Not Answered	22	10.58%

Other

There were 93 responses to this part of the question.

23: What are the important current and emerging air quality transport related air pollution issues in Ireland that require research?

Emerging air quality issues

There were 94 responses to this part of the question.

24: How can the national research capacity that exists in Universities/educational institutions on air quality issues be best used to achieve the reduced NO2?

Use of Research Capacity in Universities

There were 67 responses to this part of the question.

25: Do you have any additional comments / observations on the Draft Plan?

Milestone

There were 108 responses to this part of the question.

Appendix B – Organisations listed in responses

Organisations which were listed by respondents

Aeravai Autonomous Electric Road and Air Vehicle Association of Ireland

AHAA - All Hallows Area Association

Biodiverse Balbriggan

Fingal bikes

Naul Community Council

Nuaworks

Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme

HES Ltd.

UCD

Emailed Response were received from

HSE Public Health

HSE Environmental Health

An Taisce

Ciaran Cuffe MEP (Green Party)

DAA

Dublin Friends of the Earth

Fingal Active Travel Group

Ger O'Halloran

Green Party West

Irish Doctors for the Environment

Met Eireann

Appendix C – Analysis of Public Consultation Submissions against Themes, Responses and Actions

Overview of the themes, responses and actions taken from the 219 submissions through the Public Consultation on the Draft Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan		
Theme	**Response**	**Action**
Matters raised that do not come within the remit of this Plan A number of respondents queried why this plan dealt solely with nitrogen dioxide and did not address other issues including: • Particulates (PM10 and PM2.5,), • Emissions from vehicle brake and tyre wear. • Solid fuel burning • Emissions from the Dublin Waste to Energy Plant • Noise • Reorientation of public sector and civil service mileage expenses to discourage the use of vehicles and encourage active travel and public transport • Repurposing of public sector cark parking.	**Particulates (PM10 and PM2.5,) – including emissions from vehicle brake and tyre wear** The legal obligation imposed by Section 22 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 is to produce a plan for nitrogen dioxide as there was a reported exceedance in 2019. There has not been a reported exceedance for any other air pollutants at any point. **Solid fuel burning** The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications will introduce legislation in 2022 for a national ban on bituminous coal and setting standards for wood fuel. **Emissions from the Dublin Waste to Energy Plant** This facility is subject to EPA licensing – and the emissions data indicates nitrous oxide emissions are significantly below stipulated EPA limit values **Noise** The Dublin local authorities have commenced work on the preparation of noise maps and will be preparing a noise action plan in 2022 in accordance with the EU Environmental Noise Directive. The preparation of the noise action plan will involve a public consultation process	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	Public sector and civil service mileage expenses and parking This is a matter for national government policy	
10/15/20 Minute Cities approach There was general (though not universal) support for the adaption of the 10/15/20 Minute Cities approach The points raised included the need to : Transform cities and towns to make it less likely to need cars. Increase efforts to populate the city between the canals. Reduce amount of derelict land and empty properties that could provide accommodation. One suggestion addressed the adoption of superblocks as a form of urban development, whereby residential blocks are larger than those traditionally built. These developments also give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Such developments are taking place in other European cities, including Barcelona.	The 15 minute neighbourhood concept is addressed in **Measure 1** of the Draft Plan. This concept has been addressed in both the Five Cities Demand Management Study and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly - Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). This concept of mixed-use development envisages a range of community facilities and services being accessible in short walking/ cycling timeframes from homes or accessible by high quality public transport in larger settlements. This concept is also being considered in the preparation of new City / County Development Plans.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Parking Controls and Standards **Enforcement of parking and traffic laws** A number of respondents highlighted their dissatisfaction with the level of enforcement of current speeding and parking laws by enforcement bodies and their desire for further measures in this respect including the	**Measures 2 to 4** in the Plan deal with Parking Controls and Standards. Enforcement of traffic and parking legislation violations including access to cycle lanes, bus lanes and footpaths is a matter for the Gardai and Traffic Wardens and is outside the scope of this report.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

establishment of a new enforcement body. A smaller number of respondents indicated they did not wish to see any further speed limits imposed. Other submissions suggested that parking charges be used as a deterrent to car usage.	The Draft Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 provides for comprehensive enforcement of road traffic laws in order to protect investments in transport infrastructure. It also addresses car parking standards and a move to reduce the number of spaces available in Dublin city and elsewhere.	
Active Travel A number of submissions raised issues that included the need for increased active travel choices, access for all and addressing disability in active travel, improve public transport and the need to reduce / ban the use of the private car.	These issues are addressed under **Measure 5** - Continued Delivery of the Active Travel Programme, of the Draft Plan. The Dublin local authorities, supported by Government, the National Transport Authority and other stakeholders, continue to develop and implement a range of active travel projects, in particular enhancing local walking and cycling networks. In particular, the Dublin local authorities were some of the first in Ireland, to introduce significant mobility and public realm measures, in order to respond to the COVID- 19 pandemic. In February 2021, the National Transport Authority announced a total of €240m to support sustainable transport projects across the country. The NTA will be tasked with overseeing and supporting the development of the high-quality mobility infrastructure across all projects. The state agency will also ensure that projects are accessible, age-friendly and maximise comfort to people of all ages and abilities. In November 2021, the NTA launched public consultation on the Draft Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022 - 2042, which sets out the framework for investment in transport	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	infrastructure and services over the next two decades to 2042, including transport schemes and measures needed: • to tackle climate change; • to reduce the impact of congestion; • to deliver a safe and attractive cycling environment; and • to develop sustainable communities across Dublin City and region.	
Active Travel – Continued **Improved Cycling Infrastructure** A consistent theme in the majority of responses was the desire to see significant improvement in cycling infrastructure including protected cycle ways, improved cycle facilities and overall promotion and prioritisation of active travel relative to car usage. Specific suggestions included: extending the Bike to Work Scheme to include cargo bikes to facilitate creche and school drop offs. Create more convenient exits routes from cul-de-sacs for cyclists Improve bike parking- safe and sheltered, bike lockers for example	These matters are substantively addressed in **Measure 5** in the draft plan retain to active travel and are also addressed in Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 which is currently undergoing public consultation At a local level the City and County Development Plans 2022 – 2028 set out the land use framework to guide future development within the city and county with a focus on the places we live and work and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Active Travel – Continued **Public Transport/ Vehicles** It was suggested that trialling free transport during off peak hours and free public transport for under 18 year olds on public transport be introduced.	These matters are substantively addressed in **Measure 5** in the draft plan retain to active travel and are also addressed in Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 which is currently undergoing public consultation	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

• More park and ride facilities. • Reduce national Speed limits • Prohibit Diesel vehicles from entering city centre. A number of respondents indicated they would wish to see an increase in the number and frequently of buses including more school buses with segregated routes for public transport	The issue of public transport charging does not come within the scope of this Plan.	
Electric Vehicles and EV charging Infrastructure Suggestions submitted included electrifying public and private buses; promoting taxi scrappage scheme to encourage greater uptake and more support for promoting EV for commercial vehicles. Other submissions were also received that suggest that EVs should be regarded as secondary and supplementary to active travel and public transport strategies There was broad support for expanding the EV charging infrastructure and a suggestion that new house builds should have charging points incorporated where possible.	The Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 deals extensively with these issues. The ongoing development of the EV Charging Strategy is addressed in **Measure 6** in the Plan.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging There were a wide range of diametrically opposed opinions received in respect of the potential introduction of clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging. These ranged from the point of view that air quality was satisfactory, that no interventions were	The implications of measures in respect of the potential introduction of clean air zones/ low emission zones/congestion charging merit careful consideration in advance of any legislation by the relevant stakeholders. **Measure 9** of the Plan to be amended to include an action as follows; The UTRAP Working Group, which includes the Dublin Local	Measure 9 of Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan amended

required and any move to introduce any charges was a stealth tax on motorists to those who held that immediate action was required to exclude all non EV private cars from the city centre entirely. In planning terms the following views were expressed; consider location of schools relative to main roads. Plant trees. Don't plan new schools within 10 metres	Authorities, should commit to further investigations into the feasibility of Low Emissions Zones in Dublin.	
Remote working Remote working as a choice for those who are in a position to avail of it was favoured by most respondents. Amongst the suggestions received were to stagger work start and finish times and promoting commuter belt workspaces/ hubs	The ongoing development of the National Remote Working Strategy is addressed in **Measure 10** of the Plan	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Increased air quality monitoring There was a number of calls for increasing the number air quality monitoring stations in the Dublin region and the deployment of low cost sensors. There were suggestions on the need for , roadside testing and improved real-time NO_2 monitoring across Dublin. One suggestion received addressed lining traffic data collected more closely with air quality monitoring data	These issues are addressed under **Measure 11** - Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling, of the Draft Plan. The Five Cities Demand Management Study suggests that increased air quality monitoring will lead to earlier action on air quality limit exceedances, which will contribute to driving a switch in the fleet away from older, more polluting vehicles. The Study further suggests this measure could contribute to a decrease of 48% in nitrogen dioxide levels as a result of driving this switch. It is planned to establish a further multipollutant (including nitrogen dioxide) monitoring station in the	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

	Dublin north inner city area, and ongoing indicative monitoring is being carried out to establish further suitable sites. As set out in the Draft Plan, the Dublin local authorities will work with the EPA to establish additional monitoring stations in the Dublin region as required. The Dublin local authorities will investigate in conjunction with the EPA, the feasibility of establishing regional air quality modelling capacity within the local authorities. In July 2021, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. With these proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform the EU economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future. The consideration of costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement related to air quality is a national issue and as such requires a cross Government and cross sectoral approach. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is currently working to finalise Ireland's first National Clean Air Strategy. The Strategy will identify and promote the integrated measures and actions across Government, that are required to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air, while delivering on wider national objectives. Accordingly, specific	

	measures and actions on costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement are beyond the scope of this Plan. The need for the deployment of low cost sensors is acknowledged and as well as the projects such as the Clean Air Together described in Measure 12 listed in this Plan, a number of other university led projects are currently working in the area of citizen science and sensor deployment. This currently includes the UCD European funded, WeCount project. This project will carry out five different pilot projects across a number of European cities, Dublin, Cardiff, Leuven, Madrid, Barcelona and Ljubljana. The aim is to quantify local road transport, produce scientific knowledge in the field of mobility and environmental pollution, and devise informed solutions to tackle various road transport challenges.	
Citizen Engagement The submissions received encompassed a very comprehensive range of issues and suggestions including: Research the best ways to engage and inform the public; Empower community and citizen change and action; Economically nudge people and organisations to lower emissions; Get younger citizens and students involved; Enhancing political and public awareness;	Citizen engagement is crucial in strengthening climate action and lowering all greenhouse gas emissions, including nitrogen dioxide, in the Dublin Region. These issues are addressed under **Measure 12** - Air Quality - Citizen Engagement and **Measure 14** - Behavioural Change Campaigns to cleaner fleets, of the Draft Plan. In terms of building and strengthening pubic engagement in improving air quality in Dublin, it is vital to build on the high levels of support for continued roll out of air quality monitoring stations and citizen engagement programmes. The Five Cities	Measure 12 to be modified to reflect Smart Cities engagement

Consideration of Citizens Assembly findings; Provide air quality signage and real-time displays; Use easily understood data, Use robust and well-tested messaging, Communication of local active travel projects that displace car parking etc. On the other hand, The effectiveness of awareness campaigns in changing public behaviour was queried by a number of respondents **Smart Cities link up** There were a number of queries as to there were linkages between Smart Cities initiatives and air quality monitoring activities	Demand Management Study reported that stakeholders noted these measures could contribute to better quality of life, place making, improved air quality and the Smart City concept. There was also a suggestion that engagement programmes should emphasise and promote active travel as a solution to air quality issues. The Five Cities Demand Management Study also identifies the measure of targeted behavioural change campaigns to encourage low emission vehicle purchase, as being highly effective – estimating that a 57% reduction in nitrogen oxides emissions is achievable. Stakeholder feedback to the study highlighted COVID-19 as creating an opportunity for change in behaviour. The results from the modelling carried in the preparation of this plan also indicate that the graduated move towards cleaner vehicles, will have a significant influence on nitrogen dioxide levels in the Dublin region during the remainder of this decade. Citizen engagement is also a key action area of the Government's Climate Action Plan 2021 – Securing Our Future, published in November 2021. A National Climate Stakeholder Forum (NCSF) will be established by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, to function as a consultative forum on climate issues, with administrative support being provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. The participants will include a broad range of stakeholders from	

	across society including elected politicians; government departments and local authorities; state agencies and national organisations; academics; representative bodies; community, local and voluntary groups; and representatives of stakeholders and communities most at risk from the impacts of climate change or the transition to a carbon neutral society. It will inform stakeholders of the latest scientific and policy developments and will act as a core mechanism to facilitate inputs into the Climate Action Plan and sectoral policies relating to climate change. The Airview project cited in measure 12 was established though the Dublin City Smarts Cities team, and other similar air quality projects are at commission stage	
Research **Role of Universities in Air Quality and Transport Research** Detailed submissions on these issues included: Highlighting the exemplar role of universities in air quality research and leading by example; Need for dedicated PhD funding;, data collection and analysis;, lessons learned from on-site / campus projects; Importance of STEM degrees (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); the need for research grants, bursaries, placement programmes, linking with European ERASMUS programmes and international best practice,	The role of universities, third level institutions and other education institutions are recognised as key enablers of air quality research in Ireland. These issues are addressed under **Measure 13** – Air Quality and Health Research, in the Draft Plan. As part of its range of functions the Environmental Protection Agency manages an environmental research programme to deliver essential scientific support for environmental policy development, implementation and broader decision-making. EPA Research focuses on achieving environmental objectives, informing policy and bringing together researchers and research users.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

and graduate employment opportunities. With regard to **transport research**, the issues raised included : engaging expertise in the areas of sustainable transport/smart cities to devise action plans and transport modelling and emissions from heavy rail. With regard **to Air Quality and Health Impact** the issues raised included including the need for compelling research on the effect of air quality on health/quality of life; research on urban planting, research into NO_2 removal and the public dissemination of health research findings	The Draft plan outlines a number of EPA funded research projects ongoing of particular interest, the findings of which will be of particular interest in informing and shaping public discourse and policy in relation to nitrogen dioxide levels nationally, and in particularity in the Dublin region. Local authorities have a range of professional and technical staff working in the areas of transport, active travel and capital project delivery. It is acknowledged that local authorities engage a broad range of external expertise and advice, including consultants and third level institutions, as needed. The current round of calls for EPA funded research include funding for a study on the contribution of rail sources in urban areas to ambient air quality - See section 6.2 of Plan	
Other issues raised		
Staffing & Resources Submissions raised issues including maximising existing resources within local authorities, creation of graduate posts and the supporting role of third level institutions to local authorities in addressing air quality matters.	This matter is highlighted in the Plan in the context of commitment in the current Programme for Government. Local authorities have a range of professional and technical staff working in the areas of air quality, transport, active travel and capital project delivery. It is acknowledged that local authorities engage a broad range of external expertise and advice, including consultants and third level institutions, as needed.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Social inclusion A number of respondents urged that the needs of the elderly, those with disabilities and parents with young children be kept in mind, and raised the query to why a social inclusion	The Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 places emphasis on inclusion and equality and it will be subject to a full Equality Impact Assessment prior to finalisation.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

assessment was not part of this plan.		
Taxation and fiscal measures to address air quality There was a very diverse range of views on these matters and many respondents were not in favour of any introduction of taxes or other similar measures. The point was made by many respondents that a lack of alternative modes of transport to their private car usage was a major impediment in making other choices A number of submissions raised issues around researching the costs incurred by reduced air quality by sector and vehicle type, and related vehicle taxation	In July 2021, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. With these proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform the EU economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future. The consideration of costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement related to air quality is a national issue and as such requires a cross Government and cross sectoral approach. The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is currently working to finalise Ireland's first National Clean Air Strategy. The Strategy will identify and promote the integrated measures and actions across Government, that are required to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner air, while delivering on wider national objectives. Accordingly, specific measures and actions on costs, taxation and regulation / enforcement are beyond the scope of this Plan.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required
Driver Behaviour : **Vehicle idling and using "rat runs"** A number of respondents raised the contribution of idling vehicle engines as a particular concern to overall pollution levels and	The Clean Air Together project described in **Measure 12** is specifically aimed at behaviour change and raising awareness of how individual actions contribute to improved air quality	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan required

use of minor roads though housing estates as shortcuts by some drivers to the detriment of low traffic neighbourhoods		
Interaction with other Plans and Strategies A number of submissions raised concerns as to where this plan sits and interacts with other sectoral plans and strategies and the perception that this plan lacks clarity and/or urgency on a number of proposed measures and actions. Specifically the sectoral plans and strategies cited include: • National Clean Air Strategy • UTRAP Working Group Final Report • City and County Development Plans • Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area	The Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan has been prepared concurrently with a wide range of related plans and strategies. A number of these have in-built statutory pubic consultation which are ongoing at this point . It would be premature to include proposals from such plans and strategies currently undergoing public consultations as firm measures in this plan until those statutory processes have run their course. In respect of this plan, it should be noted that the EU Commission will require that it be subject to review and report to them ,and as related measures in other sectoral plans and strategies emerge , this would be reflected in the report issued to the EU Commission. As there is a mandatory legal deadline set for the submission of this Plan, it is inevitable that not all of the related sectoral plans and strategies will align in terms of completion and publication.	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan
WHO Air Quality Guidelines 2021 In view of the recently published revised air quality guidelines by the World health Organisation, the concern was raised as to whether the revised standards for nitrogen dioxide could be met by 2030.	The revised WHO Air Quality Guidelines 2021 are under active consideration by the EU. It is envisaged a revised air quality directive will be prepared which will set out revised mandatory limit values and a timescale for compliance for all Member States. It should be noted that the forecasted reduction in the levels of nitrogen dioxide in the Dublin region – as per the	No amendment to the Dublin Regional Air Quality Plan

	Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 and the modelling carried out for this plan indicate substantive reduction current legal limit values. Any changes to those limit values will be addressed in the ongoing review of this plan.	

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Chief Executive's Foreword

As we approach the end of 2021 it is a good opportunity to look back and review all that has been achieved this year under challenging circumstances. Whilst we didn't get the respite from Covid 19 that we would have hoped for at this point in time we can still look back and be proud of what has been accomplished through the dedication and commitment of the Elected Members and staff alike.

We have delivered quality services to the people of Fingal across all our departments and new projects, initiatives and services were rolled out. We all acknowledged early on in the pandemic how fortunate we are in Fingal to have such wonderful amenities in our county and these have been a great source of respite during these testing times. Our teams in the operations department provided additional cleaning, litter bins and litter picking, additional staff resources were applied to key areas including the beaches, parks and open spaces and new public benches were installed. There was an increase in street furniture licensing to support business and enhanced outdoor dining in all areas. There was significant investment in public conveniences and new EcoToilets and Changing Places units were installed in a number of key locations and there were extended opening hours to the end of October. 2022 will see a Refurbishment Programme for existing Public Conveniences in Howth, Skerries, Rush, Portrane and Donabate. There is provision for an additional spend in Regional Parks, Open Spaces & Beaches of €1.2m which will greatly enhance these amenities for all.

Important work was done this year with much cross departmental collaboration to ensure that many of our ambitious capital projects will see activity on the ground and reach key milestones in 2022. Next year will see us planning for Greenways, expending a significant annual budget not to mention our capital programme, Active Travel projects, Biodiversity, Digital Innovation, Integration and the provision of quality homes and infrastructure in Fingal and I think this clearly demonstrates the ambition we have and the desire to consistently enhance the lives of our citizens and stay aligned to our mission of being a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

The Development Plan review is going to be a busy time for both the Elected Members and staff first thing in the New Year. Work is ongoing to ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate the development plan meetings in January whilst being in a position to comply with the public health guidance in place at the time.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team I would like to thank the Elected Members for their support and commitment this year and I also wish to thank each and everyone of our indoor and outdoor staff who adapted so well in an ever changing environment and responded with such positivity to all that was asked of them.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay Safe.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Major Emergency Management

The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council continue to be effective and serve us well as we continuously review and respond to advice issued by Government and ensure compliance with public health measures.

Fingal County Council's Executive Management Team and senior management continue to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services and put measures in place to align with public health advice.

Human Resources

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the Government's **COVID-19** Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting. Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected.

The HR Department is currently engaging in large scale recruitment campaigns for a range of roles.

Recruitment Programme 2021 – end of November 2021		
Recruitment Campaigns Completed / Pending		97
Applicants to date		3230
Interviews Held to date		1802
Number of Appointments		282
Number of New Starters		193
Number of Leavers / Retirements		155
Number of Current Job Offers to Candidates		87

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

A safety award entry submission prepared by the HSU on behalf of FCC for the National Irish Safety Organization/Northern Ireland Safety Group's 'Occupational Safety Awards 2021' has secured two awards for Fingal County Council – a Higher Distinction Award and an Exceptional High Achiever Award. The staff quiz draw as part of the recent European safety week promoting safety and health in the workplace was held with prizes delivered to six successful staff entrants. The HSU is currently utilizing the staff messages communication platform to deliver public health messages on ventilation, meetings and layering up to protect from Covid-19. Site safety inspections, audits and accident investigation are in continuation.

Building Facilities

The Energy Team completed the last surveillance assessment for ISO50001:2018 on the 22nd November 2021. The audit found that Fingal's energy management system is meeting the needs of the organisation with continual improvement and conforms to the requirements of ISO 50001:2018. No Non-Conformities were found.

The audit covered Energy Planning, Objectives and Targets, Internal Audits and Evaluation of performance. Site operational visits took place with the Significant Energy users' public lighting and fleet.

In November 2022 the energy team will start the re-certification process for ISO 50001:2018 for a further 3 year cycle.

Customer Services

During the month of November a total of 1,539 people called to the offices to conduct business in person. As of Wednesday 1st December, our offices are open to the public on an appointment only basis. This will be kept under review in line with public health guidance.

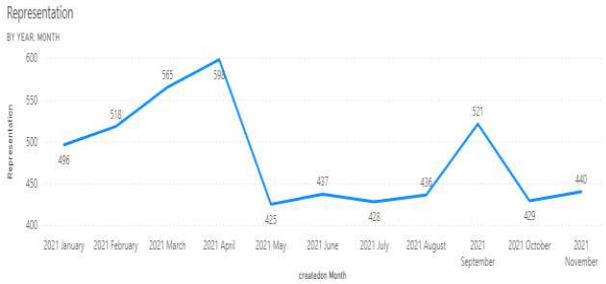
The Council's Customer Care agents also manage business with the public on the phones and by email as the first point of contact –

Phone Calls	15,297
Emails	817

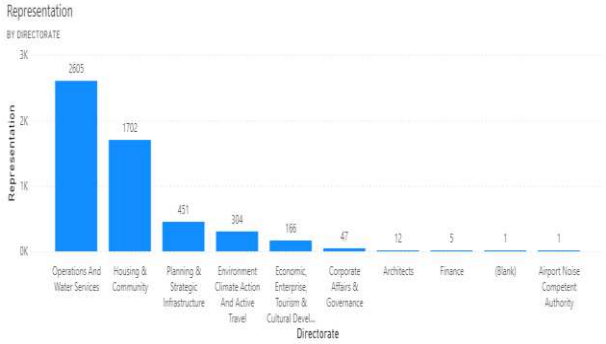
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Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

The month of November had a total of 440 Councillor's representations.



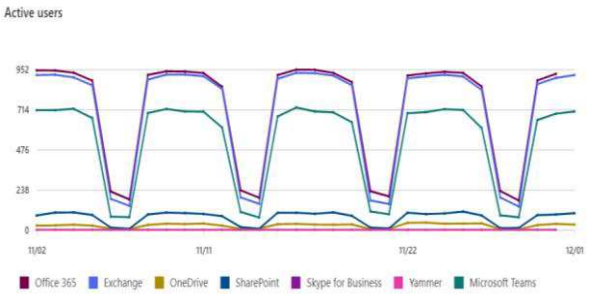
The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department for the year to date.



Information Technology

Digital Working

In November staff took part in 9,384 Teams meetings, 33,466 Calls took place, and 872,610 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

749 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 19 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability was achieved in the month of November.

Document Management System

The implementation of the FinDocs Document Management system is continuing on schedule. Operations went live in November bringing to nine the number of Departments who are now up and running on the new system. Work is in progress with Environment who are due to go live in January. There are now 707 staff working with the system.

Security Upgrades

The IT Department carried out a security software replacement on 1,071 Council laptops and PCs over a twelve-week period from September to November.

Smart Balbriggan Schools Hackathon



A group of students from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were winners at Balbriggan's 'Hackathon' for their innovative proposal to tackle food waste through the development of a website to educate people about it.

Alisha Ní Riain, Ruaidhrí Ó Baoill, Cathal Mac Aoidh and Síofra Nic Mánais took part in a Transition Year challenge run by Smart Balbriggan - an initiative of Fingal County Council - for secondary schools in the town.

Over the first week of October, a series of workshops were delivered to the students in collaboration with the Academy of the Near Future and What the Hack - organisations which engage the public in seeking solutions to challenges they face.

Participants were mentored to create innovative solutions to answer the question "How can we build a stronger, cohesive and more vibrant community?"

Ardgillan Community School, Bremore Educate Together Secondary School and Coláiste Ghlór na Mara were among the schools which took part, involving nearly 100 students.

Through workshops, the students learned about how new technology and innovation can improve our community and developed their own creative ideas to tackle local issues.

Finally, the students 'pitched' their ideas to a panel of judges with a prize for the best concept.

The team from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara came up with a solution which aimed to tackle food waste with the development of a platform to educate people about food waste and meal preparation - prompting them to make changes to their food consumption habits.

Communications

Podcast

Episode 15 of the Inside Fingal Podcast which will be published later this week will feature an interview with County Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne. The interview will cover the establishment of the Arts Office and reflect on the work that it has done over the past 27 years to develop the Arts across the county.

To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 5,775 downloads or internet listens and all podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

Website

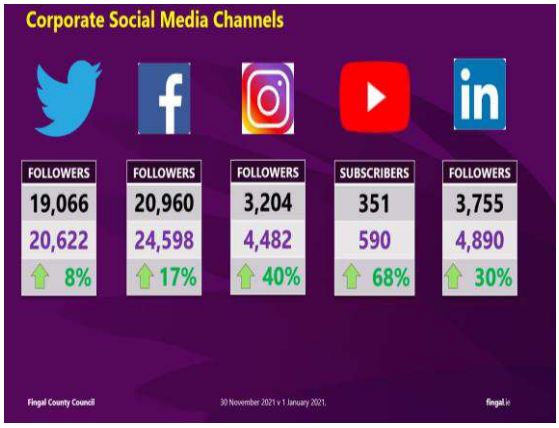
There were 114,200 visitors to our website, fingal.ie, during November which is the second highest monthly total achieved in 2021 and was 800 more than in October. The average number of visitors per month is 103,973. There were a total of 290,300 page views with the average page views per month being 291,518. So far this year there have been 1.14million visitors to the website and 3.2million page views.

The Choice Based Letting Scheme accounted for the most views in November ahead of Planning Application with the Business Directory, Jobs, and COVID-19 information pages also performing well.

Social Media

Our Social Media Channels have all increased their number of followers since the start of the year and are closing in on major follower milestones

- Facebook 402 short of 25,000
- Instagram 518 short of 5,000
- LinkedIn 110 short of 5,000
- Twitter passed 20,000 in 2021
- You Tube passed 500 in 2021



Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 535,000 impressions during November and an average engagement rate of 1.2% for 307 tweets.

The best performing tweet, with 13,900 impressions and 385 engagements was a notice that Council crews would be out salting the usual routes.

Our 266 Facebook posts during November had a reach of 856,454.

Projects and Campaigns

During the month of November the Communication Unit worked with departments and sections across the Council to promote their projects and campaigns.

The Unit assisted the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority with the promoting the publication of their Draft Regulatory Decision and commencement of a 14-week public consultation process.

The Unit also assisted the Human Resources Department in promoting the Council to job-seekers at Jobs Expo in the RDS.

A campaign was also developed by the Communication Unit to support the work of the Council's Integration Officer. The "We Are Fingal" campaign ran across social media channels as well as roadside billboards, digital displays in shopping centres and on bus shelters across the county. The Unit was also involved in the promotion of Fingal Inclusion Week.





Videos

For Innovation Week, the Communications Unit, in conjunction with the Digital Strategy Unit, produced a series of videos highlight examples of innovative projects carried out by the Council. These ranged from the use of handmade mud and straw bricks in the conservation of Rolestown Mills to the Fingal Instruments Project which is a waste prevention initiative.

Press Releases and Media Queries

We issued 26 press releases and media invitations during November and dealt with 13 media queries.

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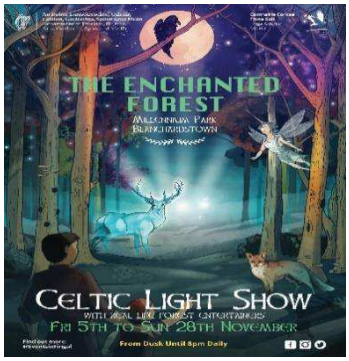
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THE ENCHANTED FOREST



This event ran for 24 days in the month of November and finished with the Enchanted Cycle event organised in partnership with Active Travel.
There were some significant challenges to the event and a post event review is currently being completed that will be presented to the EETCD SPC.
Overall attendance numbers averaged at 800 per night

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2022



This scheme has been reviewed for 2022 with additional elements being added such as (i) Delivery and Programming of Small Scale and New Festivals, (ii) Events Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals & Events and Festival and (iii) Events that promote Economic Development/ Diversity and Sustainability.

This scheme is being presented to the Council at its December meeting.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS, ILLUMINATIONS & OVERALL FESTIVE CHEER



The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has supported 15 market days, 11 illuminations of buildings and awarded funding/ supports to 15 Festive projects in Fingal.

TOURISM

FINGAL TOURISM RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

Last month on Love Fingal Dublin we reached **447,432** people on Facebook ads. We also had **51,611** impressions on our Instagram ads on the Dublin Coast and Fields page.

FINGAL FOOD TOURISM NETWORK

Work with food producers, restauranteurs and other stakeholders on establishing a Fingal Seafood Trail is continuing. The trail will have 3 main elements: food experiences, dining and scenic locations. Fáilte Ireland will incorporate this new trail into their Dublin Coastal Trail campaign.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Skerries Tourism about to launch the Winter in Skerries illumination, dovetailing with Fáilte Ireland's Winter in Dublin campaign. This event is being supported by Dublin Rural LEADER.

Howth Tourism is surveying local businesses for input into priority tourism actions for 2022. A Howth app is being developed in lieu of paper.

Balbriggan Tourism is focused on developing a closer relationship with Fáilte Ireland and completing the new visitbalbriggan.ie website for launch in early 2022.

Howth, Skerries and Malahide's engagement in Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Coastal Trail trade activation work is ongoing in preparation for its launch in early 2022.

Dublin 15 tourism is in the process of establishing a dedicated events calendar for 2022 and is working with stakeholders on developing a new visitor focussed event for 2022

HERITAGE PROPERTIES




UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

Malahide Castle – The Great Hall conservation works have commenced and are scheduled for completion in Q1 2022.

Ardgillan Castle – the painting of the public areas of the Castle is complete. Further minor works to enhance the overall look of the public rooms have been identified.

Consultants have been appointed to undertake the Ardgillan Conservation Management Plan and work is to commence shortly.

MARKETING/PROMOTION OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES




Malahide Castle - Visitor numbers are up by 10:6% on the same period last year and there are signs of small numbers of International tourists returning. Wonderlight's at Malahide Castle is underway and is proving very popular. Due to demand, extra dates have been added and it is now extended into January. The Santa Experience at the Castle is also underway.




Newbridge House - Visitor numbers up 34% on the same period last year.

A new walkthrough aviary is currently under construction on the Farm. Final preparation for Santa experience at Newbridge which commences on 11th December

Malahide Casino -Various marketing initiatives have been activated including paid advertising on social media, Christmas gift vouchers and mailshots to local men's sheds.

Ardgillan Castle – As the painting of the tour rooms at Ardgillan is now complete, the craft shop will now re-open and tours will re-commence.

The Ardgillan Christmas Fair and the Ardgillan Ladies Day, which were both indoor events, have both been postponed in line with Covid 19 public health advice.

CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021

2021 has proved to be yet another difficult year for the citizens of Fingal however despite the challenges, the Fingal Creative Ireland Programme 2021 has been a resounding success.

A budget of €343,000 has been allocated to 42 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

In 2022 the Creative and Cultural team will continue to provide support and engage our citizens in creative initiatives that will enhance their lives and contribute greatly to their wellbeing. https://www.fingal.ie/creative-ireland

ARTS OFFICE

The Arts Office are working with a group of young people known as 'Not So Different' and their coordinator Deirdre Lynch, to create a bespoke workshop plan, in response to the creative interests & career interests of the group. Each member is in further education and neurodivergent – their interests include media production, animation, theatre and writing.

Five Week Programme:

1. This Saturday 20th: Fabian Erlinghauser animator with Cartoon Saloon
2. Sat 27th Eimear Morrisey, Theatre practitioner and actor
3. Sat 4th Dec, Kilian Waters of Arcade Film
4. Sat 11th Dec Sarah Maria Griffin – a Writer, Poet in early 30s who publishes her own and other poet's work in zines
5. Sat 18th Dec FeliSpeaks Spoken Word & Poetry

Each session will include:

- An informal introduction and presentation on the work/art practice/industry.
- Hands on exercise/work.
- shop, practical learning.
- Q&A, wrap up.

ARTS GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



- Donabate & Portrane Dramatic Society
- Malahide & Portmarnock ETTS
- Pennywish Recordings, Swords.
- Lusk Heritage Group
- Bleeding Pig Festival

PUBLIC ART – PLANNING COMPLIANCE



Following a successful competition featuring 3 artists from Fingal County Council's Buildings and Public Places Panel, Cosgrave Developments has commissioned a new permanent work for the Blackwood Square development in Santry.



The work titled "the gathering" is comprised of selected stone from every province in Ireland and will form an attractive visual feature for the new housing estate. The Artist has begun working with the team to realise the project for April 2022. This is one of many permanent commissioned works currently underway across sites in Fingal. We are working with Rohan, IPUT, TU Blanchardstown, TOT and Gannon Homes on suitable works for their developments.

LIBRARIES

Acquisitions from Howth Castle

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh visited Local Studies and Archives on 10th November to view acquisitions from the collections of Howth Castle. Following the sale of the Castle and estate in 2018, the contents of the Castle and its library were auctioned in September 2021.

The items acquired by Local Studies and Archives include **The Earl of Howth Estate Atlas**, a manuscript atlas produced in 1863, which contains over 20 hand coloured maps, with details of every field in the estate and the names of the tenants. The **Howth Castle Rent Book** dates from 1766–1780 and contains 140 pages of hand-written entries of tenants, the rents they paid and any amounts owed. Also obtained was an **Illuminated Address**, illustrated by the illuminator J. Hopkins and sent on behalf of the tenants in North County Dublin to the Earl of Howth on the death of his father in 1874. It is signed by nine of the tenants. These three items alone are extremely important as sources for local and family history in North County Dublin.

Other items acquired at the library auction were **Almanacs** from 1765, 1775 and 1776 along with an 1840 edition of **The Antiquities of Ireland** by Francis Grose.

At the Howth Castle contents auction Fingal Local Studies and Archives also acquired a **George Petrie** pencil and water colour drawing "Howth Castle" dated 1819, a watercolour "Ireland's Eye" by **Frederick Lawless** dated 1879, a **Francis Grose** original watercolour "St. Mary's Abbey, Howth" along with 6 original hand-coloured **James Malton's** Views of Dublin and several photographs of Howth Castle. These items will greatly add to the knowledge and understanding of the history of the Howth Castle Estate and Howth itself. The items are available to view by appointment at Local Studies and Archives, 46 North St., Swords: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/local-studies-library



Battle of the Book launched in Donabate

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh launched the Battle of the Book at St Patrick's Boys NS Donabate on 22nd November.

The Battle of the Book is a Fingal Libraries reading Programme designed to encourage children to read, gain confidence and to discuss a common book. It provides a shared experience of reading which will encourage reading for life.

This year the featured books are "The Legend of Gobán" and "The Legend of Joseph Daw" by local Fingal author Gerard Ronan. These books are one of a series of four designed to introduce a younger audience to the rich store of folklore, history, and wildlife that is to be found on the Portrane Peninsula. The schools involved this year are St. Patricks Boys NS, Donabate, Scoil Phádraic Cailíní, Donabate, St. Catherine's National School, Rush, Rush National School and Hedgestown National School, Lusk.

The children will participate in different activities organised by Fingal Libraries surrounding the themes presented in the book. The programme will culminate in a "Battle" to be held in 2022 with prizes awarded to the winning school.



First 5 Little Library

One of Fingal's mobile library vans provided the backdrop to the launch of the second phase of the First 5 Little Library initiative by Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman, T.D., on 5th November.

The First 5 Little Libraries book bags contain books chosen by librarians and materials developed to support storytelling and reading with children. The project supports Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School-Age Childcare (SAC) services to further develop little libraries in their settings with quality book titles in English and Irish. The reading materials are made available to approximately 200,000 children around the country. ELC and SAC services in Fingal are currently being invited to collect a First 5 Little Library book bag from their local library.



New Mobile Library Stops

A new mobile library stop which began in September 2021 in Balrothery village is proving to be very popular. Figures for the first two months, show 442 visits and an average of almost 50 people per visit. Arrangements are in place for a mobile library van to visit Balseskin Reception Centre in the coming weeks.

Fingal Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library

The Fingal Makerspace is a community creative and education space focused on maker-centred learning amongst our diverse population in Fingal County and surrounding areas. Over the past 10 weeks the Fingal Makerspace team has developed a series of activities and workshops designed to engage young people such as: Design and Make a Tunnel Book, Paper Circuits, Design a LightBox, BlingBling LED - Stay Safe in the Dark, Build a Stereo Speaker, Introduction to 3D Printing, and Introduction to the Laser Cutter. There are Makerspace activities scheduled to take place before Christmas including indoor and outdoor workshops, open nights, STEAM School (blended learning programme with local secondary schools), in addition to Fingal library staff tours and training on Makerspace activities.

Europe Direct at Blanchardstown Library

The topic of this year's online Europe Direct Soapbox regional competition was: '*Lies, damned lies and statistics - Establishing the truth is impossible in today's world of misinformation, disinformation and propaganda.* April Bracken was the worthy winner and she receives the prize of an ipad and the opportunity to compete in the National Final on 9th December. The regional Soapbox competition is organised by the Europe Direct Information Centre based at Blanchardstown Library.

Christmas events

Join German storyteller Simone Schuemmelfeder for a heart-warming and cosy winter tale. Hear of frosty winters with thick snow and a little girl's journey to find the perfect star for her Christmas tree. A treat for the whole family. Snuggle up and enjoy this event at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7V_xDe52WI

Also artist Kim Jenkinson will present a Christmas Zoom Craft Session for Adults and a Christmas Crafts recorded video for kids. Further details available at https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-events

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

On the 23rd November the Oversight Board of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor met and elected Cllr. Pete Byrne from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council as Chair of the DBEC Oversight Board, with Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, elected as Deputy Chair.



The eight local authorities involved in the development of the Corridor are:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
- Louth County Council
- Meath County Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The DBEC Oversight Board will work collaboratively to develop a regional proposition for economic growth with the assistance of KPMG to deliver a development plan to identify priority areas of cooperation between the local authorities. DBEC members will examine how the local government network can collaborate to deliver jobs and sustainable growth and engage with the private sector to stimulate economic development along the corridor.

Further information on the Corridor is available at www.dbec.info and the development of the Corridor can be followed on Twitter @DBECIreland and LinkedIn.

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER

The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and has commenced the Fingal In It Together Christmas campaign. The campaign includes road signage, Christmas lighting of public buildings, on-street Christmas music at selected locations, free parking on Saturdays in 5 towns, Christmas markets at various locations in the county, outdoor, print and online advertising, an online Christmas competition and an updated Shop Local Brochure for 2021.

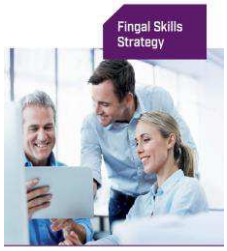


Outdoor Dining Scheme



The Outdoor Dining Scheme funded by Fáilte Ireland with the purpose of assisting the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity closed on the 30th September 2021. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department has issued to date c. €435,135 in funding to 143 applicants.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group has met four times since its establishment in April 2021. Sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors have been established to examine the requirements of these sectors. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities.

Sustainable Fingal



The Council announced Welgro Produce in Rush as the winner of the **Sustainable Fingal** competition**.** The 3 acre cucumber farm delivers locally grown produce to retailers around the country and is one of the few commercial cucumber producers in Ireland. Welgro Produce will receive a sustainability assessment and action plan from Balbriggan based Patel Tonra Ltd. Environmental Solutions who will advise Welgro on how to introduce more sustainable practices to their business and help the business become a more sustainable producer.

Urbact Playful Towns

The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) launched Let's Play Rush on the 20th November 2021 with 4 events aimed to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town.

With funding from Creative Ireland, Rush Library hosted 2 outdoor lego-building sessions for kids from 4 – 12 year with the town's pirate heritage as the theme. The event was organised with the help of Rush Community Council and Rush Tidy Towns and was led by Bricks4Kidz.





Rush Community Centre helped the town's senior citizens discover their creativity with painting sessions delivered by artist John Carpenter.





Rush ULG is drafting an Urbact Transfer Plan to capture best practice lessons from lead partner Cork City Council and prepare a playful action plan for implementation in the town.

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

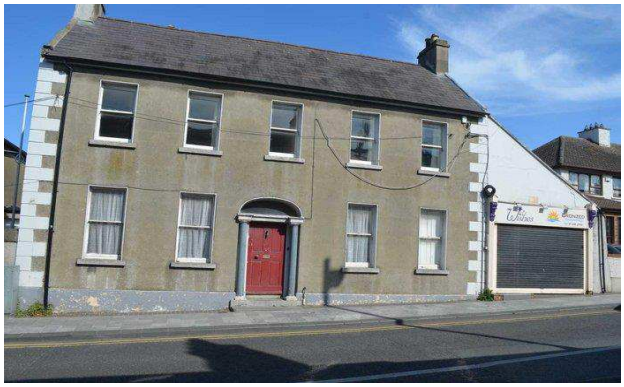
The Safe Balbriggan Pillar met on the 23rd November and continues to progress pillar actions of the workplan, having established 2 sub-groups to advance various actions. The Education, Skills and Training Pillar are scheduled to meet on December 9th and work will begin on the Loves Learning Festival 2022.



Minister Darragh O'Brien visited Balbriggan on the 12th November to inspect the URDF funded projects in the town. Minister O'Brien and local Councillors visited sites at Bridge Street, Quay Street and the Harbour and were briefed on the progress of the projects.



Following the completion of the acquisition of 14 Bridge Street the Council has secured the building and completed minor improvement works to the front of the property.



The acquisition of 2-4 Dublin Street completed in November 2021. An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and design work will commence in January 2022. The vision for this listed building is to develop it into creative arts/studio spaces with an adjoining a state-of-the-art digital learning, innovation and maker space which will strengthen the public, civic and creative heart of the town.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) continues with ongoing archaeology monitoring of the site. The demolition of the building is due to complete in January 2022.

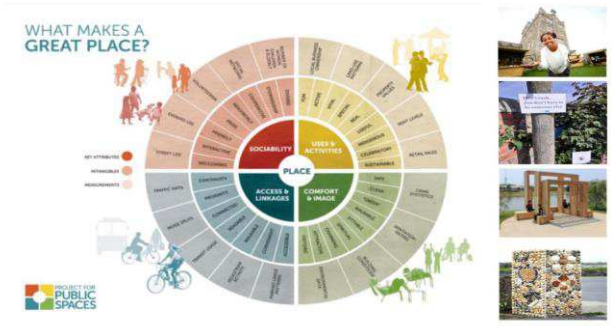


Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work on this project, including engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's transportation and active travel plans and are liaising closely with ad relevant stakeholders, including The Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and Paul Keogh Architects, IDT for Quay Street & Harbour Area.



With funding from Science Foundation Ireland SUBSET completed the mural "Our Climate Future" at Vauxhall Lane. Another mural was also completed at Church Street – Seapoint Underpass.



Our Balbriggan established a Placemaking & Social Innovation Fund as an action under its Year 1 "20 things in 12 months" Plan. A call for applications under the Placemaking fund issued in October 2021. 20 applications were received and are currently being assessed with notifications due to issue shortly.



The re-developed Our Balbriggan website, Balbriggan.ie launched in October with updated information on the public realm improvement projects. Our Balbriggan also celebrated the 3 year anniversary of our Facebook/Twitter/Instragram Account.

Balbriggan's Urbact Local Group (ULG) continues to meet regularly and is progressing a series of Small Scale actions. A combined two partner city transnational meeting took place between the 29th November and 3rd December in Grosseto and Kocevje with each partner city presenting their progress on their Action Plans for local economic development

Following a successful application in November 2020 to participate in the EU Programme "Europe for Citizens – It's our time, it's time for Europe", the kick-off meeting hosted by Mislata took place between the November 25th and 29th. Balbriggan is partnering with eight other European large towns with the project focus on youth and diversity. Partners will be involved in debating the future of Europe, challenging Euroscepticism, promoting solidarity, fostering intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and combating the stigmatisation of migrants and minority groups.

Local & Rural Development

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Keepwell Campaign, and the many projects up and running under those funding streams.

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs were published by the Department of Rural and Community Development during November. A series of information seminars on the new guidelines are to be held shortly in advance of the new LECP planning and consultation process in 2022. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of=Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme were received during November. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas

- With their non-pay running costs for example utility bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating

costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

- Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.

This funding is about giving a helping hand to communities, local groups and clubs. This new fund is being administered by the Fingal LCDC and will be open for applications in January.

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 continues to be implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which consider the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. The mid-year review of the 2021 annual implementation plan is complete and a positive delivery of the programme for 2021 is expected.
The annual engagement meeting with Pobal was held during November. The Fingal SICAP Programme received very positive feedback and it was recognised by Pobal that the programme is progressing well. Confirmation of the 2022 Fingal SICAP budget is awaited from the Department of Rural and Community Development.
The current SICAP Programme has also been extended for a further year to include 2023.

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual. During November, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group, which oversees the LEADER Programme in Dublin, approved €230,748.76 in funding for 5 new projects in Rural Dublin. This brings the total number of projects approved during the LEADER Transition Programme to 15 since it began on April 1st, 2021, with a total value of €543,984.52.

The approved projects are in the areas of Economic Development, Rural Environment and Social Inclusion.

The projects approved for funding were:

Balbriggan Meals on Wheels which is approved for €24,063.75 for an outdoor dining area which will be of enormous help to facilitate the provision of meals to their clients in a safe outdoor setting.

Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG which is approved for €24,354.00 for a Feasibility Study to capture the needs of existing groups that use the facilities to assist and guide them in expanding in line with community needs.

St Maur's GAA Club Rush which is approved for €89,154.58 to install rainwater harvesting and irrigation in St Maur's GAA Club premises and for use on the pitches. The Project will reduce the demand on the public water supply and reduce the volume of water going into the public drainage system.



Ballyboughal Boxing Club CLG which is approved for €47,051.43 to upgrade the Ballyboughal Boxing Club Premises.

Skerries Tourism CLG which is approved for €46,125.00 for a Winter in Skerries Event from December 1st, 2021, to January 1st, 2022. It is intended that several locations across Skerries will be transformed with colourful projections and lighting displays to cheer locals and, more importantly, visitors alike in what have been a challenging 18 months. It is hoped that Skerries winter lights will become an important part of the local Christmas tradition with the primary ambition of increasing footfall and economic activity.



The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) will take place in December. Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

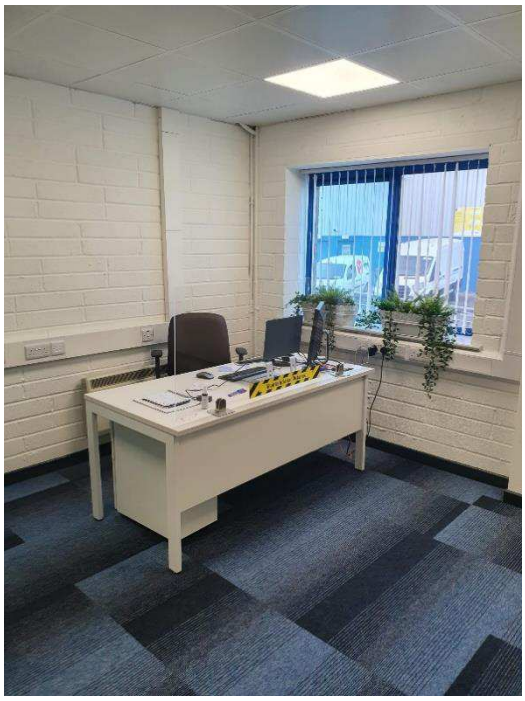
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Our Rural Future

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie . ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland. Launched in May 2021, it is designed to simplify and standardise the process of sourcing and booking spaces, desks, offices and events in hubs for a day, a week, a month, a year or longer. ConnectedHubs.ie is operated by The National Hub Network, a Government of Ireland initiative that provides a vehicle for individual hubs to come together under a shared identity to maximise the economic opportunity of remote working. The National Hub Network has the support of Government, remote working advocacy groups and industry representatives. In this way, ConnectedHubs.ie also encompasses a range of key features that deliver significant benefits to member hubs, hub clients, employers, local communities and the wider economy.



All three Enterprise Centres have space available to businesses who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-out options can be considered.
The renovation works in the Beat Centre are now complete. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. The newly fitted out space allows Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.



Work has also re-commenced in BASE to further upgrade and expand remote working facilities with the addition of new dedicated space and desks.



Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of November were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for November 2021 are as follows:

Look for Local – Shop Fingal



A new campaign was launched in November 2021, seeking to encourage consumers to look local when they are shopping for products, services and experiences this Christmas. The Look for Local & Shop Fingal campaign, supported by Enterprise Ireland and Fingal County Council, aims to raise awareness of the benefit of spending in your local area during the shopping period leading up to Christmas. It features a widespread promotional campaign through multiple media, featuring small Fingal producers and suppliers. The campaign is backed up by a National Look for Local initiative.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

In November 2021, LEO Fingal approved four applications for funding totalling €51,250, bringing the total approved year to date to 34 businesses, with a combined value of €745,980.
The final assessment of grant applications in 2021 will take place on Wednesday 15th December.

Green for Micro Initiative – Mentoring/Consulting Programme for SMEs



LEO Fingal have approved 11 applicants for the Green for Micro programme, 6 of whom have successfully completed the Programme thus far. The Green for Micro is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. This programme is available to businesses with up to ten employees.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. A final Trading Online Voucher webinar was hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office on the 5th of November and attended by over 120 clients and the TOV Webinars will begin again in January 2022. Since January 2021, 318 applications were approved in the amount of €702,878.50.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



Fingal Enterprising Women's Network will conclude 2021 by hosting a special Christmas event, which will take place on Tuesday the 14th of December 2021. The online networking event will feature Hotelier, Entrepreneur, Author and Co-Presenter of "At Your Service", John Brennan who will be discussing "Hope, Ambition and Making It Happen. Fingal Enterprising Women's Network hosted six networking events throughout the year with 1,585 female entrepreneurs attending the online networking events.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. Since January 2021, 99 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 912 Fingal businesses. In addition, 356 entrepreneurs received one to one mentoring.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal provides a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses. In 2021 to date, some 3,150 bookings for these programmes have been received. Programmes currently on offer include: Instagram for Aces; Consumer and Market Research; Canva Workshop; TicToc for Business; Completing Your Tax Returns.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular. The final Start Your Own Business course for 2021 commenced on the 30th of November, which brings to fourteen the total number delivered year to date, with 268 participants.

Microfinance Ireland COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Seventeen applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI to date this year.

Showcase 2022



Subject to Covid restrictions, Showcase Ireland 2022 is planned to take place from 23rd – 26th January 2022 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is the country's largest international trade show for the craft & design sector. Following a competitive process, eight Fingal producers were selected to exhibit at Showcase: Pamela and Suzanne Hughes - Love the Mug, Gillian Halpin - Jane Darcy, Aisling Howley - Little Paper Mill, Lorna Venton - Berry Be Beauty, Sarah Rossney - Sarah Rossney Art, Julie Peelo - Julie Peelo Accessories, Sandra Hickey - Milkbath, Yvonne Kelly - Yvonne Kelly Art.

Disability Programme - Self Employment for People with Disabilities

LEO Fingal is one of five LEOs that have joined forces with TU Dublin to deliver the new 12-week online pilot programme called "Self-Employment for People with Disabilities". Three Fingal participants have been selected for the pilot.
An excellent package of supports has been developed for the participants to help them to develop and evaluate the viability of their business idea including Mentoring from Fingal LEO Mentor Panel.

Student Enterprise Programme



The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2021/22 is underway, with 23 schools participating. The virtual county final is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

Local Enterprise Week 2022

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK

Work is currently underway for Local Enterprise Week 2022 which will occur from the 7th to the 11th of March 2022 and will feature a packed series of events to help businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking.

https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/

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Works Programmes

2021 Programme of Works

The delivery of the 2021 Programme of Works continues into Q4. The following are examples of works completed in various areas across the County since the Programme was approved by Members.

Balbriggan / Swords Area - Parks Programme of Works

St Pauls Crescent Balbriggan – New landscaping scheme

Installation of Corten steel edging and introduction of planting medium for new Pollinator Planting Scheme. Before and after photos to follow.





Chapel Green – Lusk

Restoration of existing Bandstand with replacement connecting concrete paths and decorative natural stone cobble edging.



Before Works



After Works

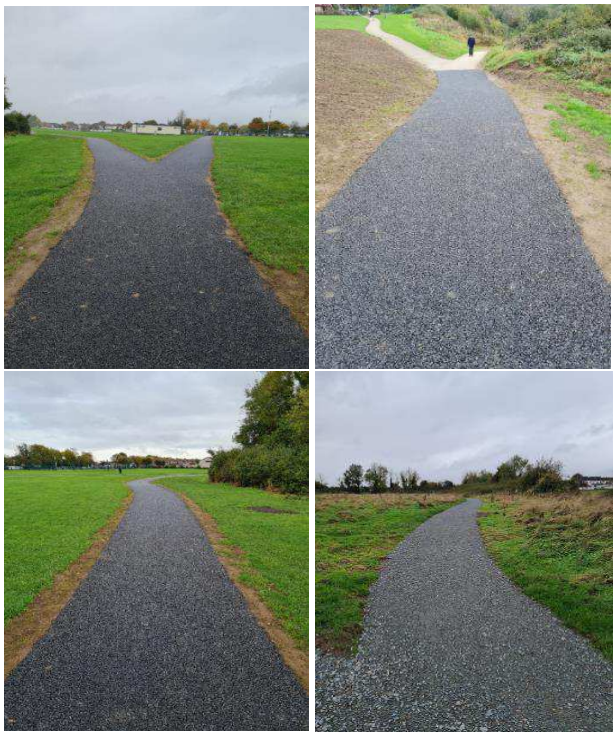
Orlynn Park Tennis Courts



Replacement Perimeter Fencing

Ward River Valley

Continuing Path Improvement Works at Swords Manor entrance. Extensive path installation works have commenced at the Ward River Valley connecting new and old existing paths. Areas for planting have been created and are being used by local voluntary groups such as Swords Tidy Towns and Swords Woodland Association.



Ardgillan Demesne Works



Playground Toilet Refurbishment



The final part of the overall Playground Toilet Refurbishment Contract was completed in Ardgillan Demesne during November 2021. The before and after images speak for themselves. The unit contains 5 direct entry unisex fully wheelchair accessible toilets with an additional fully serviced 'Changing Places' special needs bathroom which remains locked but accessed with the Irish Wheelchair Association universal access key. Similar toilets are also in situ in Millennium Park Blanchardstown, Santry Demesne and Newbridge Demesne.

Pollinator Bulb & Perennial Wildflower Planting Scheme

Newly planted and spectacular display expected Spring Summer 2022.



Ongoing Glasshouse Restoration



This project is starting to generate great interest from the public as the works become more visible. Planning & Strategic Infrastructure leading on this project facilitated on site by Operations Department Staff and the team at Ardgillan Demesne.

Howth/Malahide Area

The Little Green, Malahide Access upgrade

Work has begun at the little Green located on Malahide seafront. The boundary wall will be repaired, having all the missing stones replaced. The muddy central access point will be upgraded to provide a ramped entrance and a new stepped entrance will be provided at the southern end. Damage to the grass under the seats is to be further prevented by the addition of areas of hard standing.





Howth Looped Walks Signage

All the Howth Looped walks signage boards have now been updated to show the locations of the recently installed public toilets on the Howth Peninsula and on Barrow Beach.



Green Flag Awards Ceremony

Due to Covid restrictions this year's Green Flag Awards Ceremony was again filmed and on line. Filming for the Green Flag awards carried out in Malahide Demesne. Awards have since been announced to all the winners, including Malahide Demesne.



Bench Delivery



After unusually long lead in times, the first order of benches for the roll out of improved seating provision across Howth Malahide has recently been delivered. More are on order and will be delivered in 2022.

Portmarnock Integrated Seating

The integrated seating has been completed at Portmarnock Beach Front providing seating for the equivalent of up to 20 individual benches along the sea front. Stone stops along the run of seating will provide a place to put a coffee and act as a support for less able users sitting down or getting back up again.



St Fintan's Burial Ground Tree Removal



Landscaping Balgriffin Burial Ground



Graffiti removal Malahide toilets



Malahide Demesne



Staff planting Snowdrops under the ancient Oak West Lawn, Talbot Botanic Gardens



Tree ferns tied up to protect their crowns from frost in Malahide Demesne.



Propagation and growing on of herbaceous plants in the glasshouse for spring planting in the Talbot Botanical Gardens

Wonder lights Event in the Talbot Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 17th November the Wonder Lights Event opened in the Talbot Botanical Gardens Malahide Demesne with 3,000 visitors per evening enjoying the light display.



Phoenix timber carving lit up



The ancient oak trunk telling the history of the Talbots

Planting of the African Collection of Plants Western side Malahide Castle.

The main planting frame of the African collection of plants was completed during late October early November. The Operations staff will be adding more plants to this important collection in future years as plants become available.



New African collection Western side Malahide Castle.

Sarracenia Collection at Malahide Demesne



Sarracenia, commonly known as pitcher plants, are carnivorous plants mainly from North America. They bear flowers that grow singly on tall leafless stalks and most have long tubular 'pitchers. Inside these pitchers is a well of digestive fluid that breaks down prey, which is then absorbed by the plant. Sarracenia' s are perennial plants that should be grown in full sun and watered from beneath, by keeping the plant pot in a tray of water. Rainwater is best as pitcher plants dislike hard, lime-rich water.

The Operations team in Talbot Botanical Gardens have built up a collection of over 61 different Sarracenia's. This collection includes all Sarracenia's bar four which have received the RHS AGM. This is the only collection in the world at present that houses this number of Sarracenia's that hold RHS AGM in the one collection.

Road Resurfacing Works



Thormanby Road, Howth Overlay



R124 Bloomfield Blackwood Lane Overlay

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area
Road Resurfacing Works



Bay Lane, Hollystown



R149 Confey Road & Lucan Road



Ashfield, Dublin 15



Carpenterstown Park East Road, Dublin 15



Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15 (1 lane road resurfacing and line marking renewal)



Hansfield Road, Dublin 15

Footpath Improvement Works



Lanesborough Road Dublin 11– Cycle Lane

St Patricks Park, Dublin 15



Glenville Way, Dublin 15



Castlewood/ Beechwood, Dublin 15



Springlawn, Dublin 15



Castleknock Downs, Dublin 15

Tractor Run

The Dublin 15 Operations Team was recently contacted by a mother of a young boy named Daniel who has special needs and faces a lot of challenges in life. Daniel's Birthday was approaching on the 21st October and his Mam told the team he is tractor mad and asked if it was possible for Operations to arrange a tractor drive by their house the day of his Birthday to wish him Happy Birthday.

The Operations Crew based in Coolmine Depot were more than happy to oblige and on the day of Daniel's Birthday gave him a day to remember. The team came together and organised a tractor run to pass

Daniel's home and later presented Daniel with his own toy tractor.





Thank you from Daniel's Mam to the Operation's Crew

"Thank you so much for the amazing tractor run yourself and your colleagues put on for Daniel. He is absolutely delighted with meeting you all. The effort you guys went to was above and beyond anything we could have imagined. You guys put on an absolutely amazing show. The very kind gifts for Daniel. He has brought the tractor everywhere with him since yesterday even if he's just going upstairs. The jigsaw is a work in progress on the kitchen table. This is definitely a birthday to remember thanks to the Fingal County Council crew. Thank you from the bottom of my heart all your efforts mean so much to us all"

Millennium Park Market

The Operations Department was delighted to welcome a Christmas Themed Market on a pilot basis to tie in with the Enchanted Forest in Millennium Park this month. The Market proved to be a big success which received positive feedback from the members of the public.

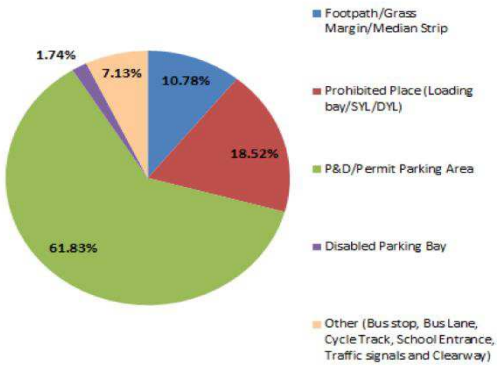




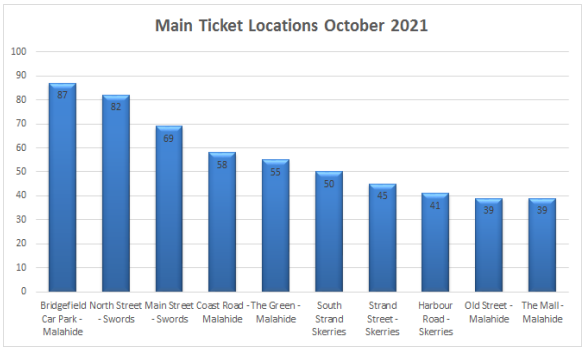
2.Car Parking Services
Parking Enforcement

There was a total of 1,150 parking tickets issued during October 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

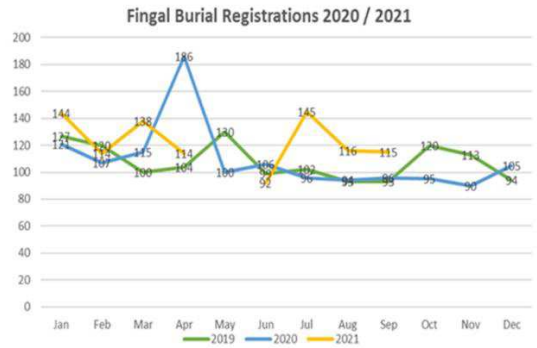


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	124	10.78%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	213	18.52%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	711	61.83%
Disabled Parking Bay	20	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	82	7.13%
Total	**1150**	**100%**



3.Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service.



4.Traffic Operations County-wide Traffic Calming





Traffic calming ramps installed- permanent shark's teeth to be added at Swords, Brackenstown Road

Lining Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)





Completion of car parking lining at Balgriffin Cemetery



A Yield sign with associated line marking added in St Mochtas Estate



Double yellow lines extended on Stationcourt Way, improving sightlines

New Signs





1.5 metre supplementary signs have been added to the Cycle warning signs on Lower Road. Additional speed limit repeater signs have been installed on the R121, between Luttrelstown Castle and Fort Lucan

5.Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit and Plant Hire

There were 112 hires put in place from 1st November 2021– 29th November 2021, engaging 24 suppliers.

Hires include:

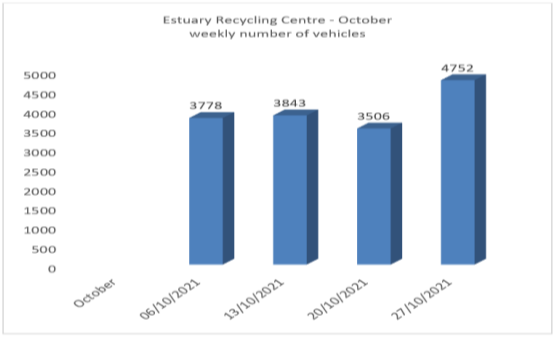
- Market in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan
- Enchanted Forest, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

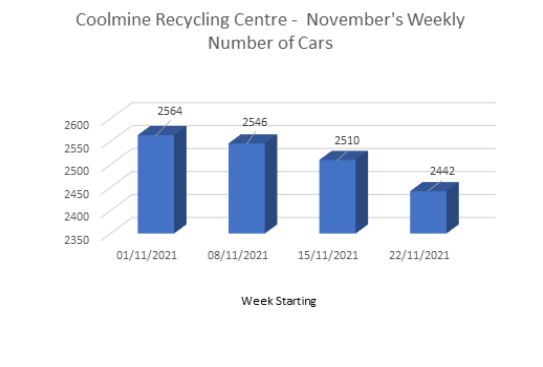
6. Street Lighting LED Programme

417 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations: -

- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Portmarnock
- Dublin Road, Lusk
- Malahide Road (part two)
- Malahide Road
- 132 Fingallians roundabout

7. Recycling Centre's Update



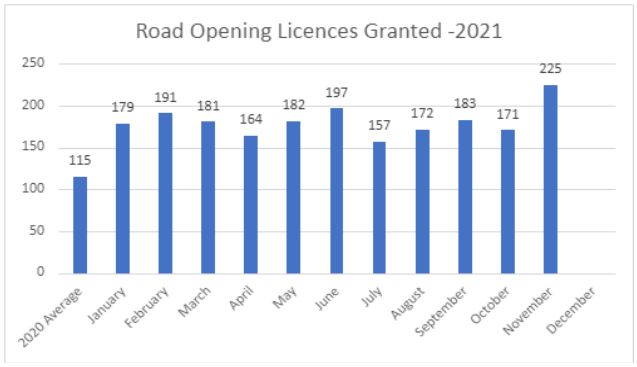


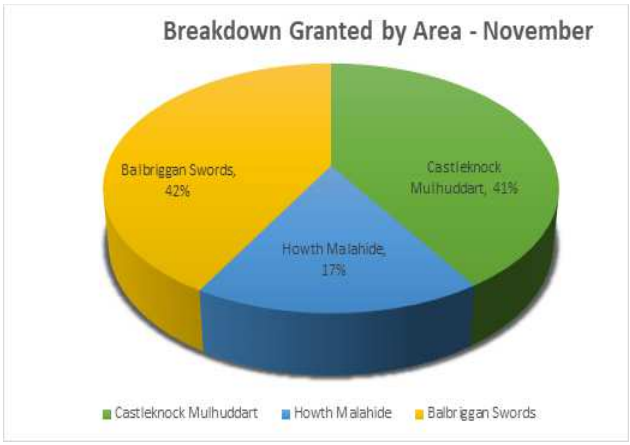
A review on the Recycling Centres at Coolmine and Estuary is currently underway. This review will look at net cost to the Council alongside the current charges.

8. Road Opening Licences

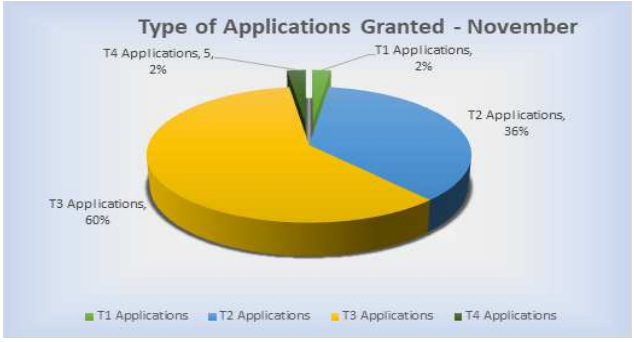
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

225 licences were granted in November 2021





CasMul - (92) , Bal Swo - (94) , How Mal - (32)



T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.
T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work.
T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification.
T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period. **Ongoing Projects**

There are a currently a number of significant road opening licence projects on going including under the supervision of the Operations Engineering Team.

9.Water Services
Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Works summary:

- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal is completed, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Phase 2 will comprise of the installation of 35m of 450mm diameter pipe. These works are currently on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves. Agreement has been reached with one landowner negotiations are ongoing with the adjoining landowner.
- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Ballyboughal, Malahide, and Castleknock areas.
- Works to Jet, drag and to carry out a CCTV survey along the Old Bawn and The Bawn in Malahide on the Storm water networks are ongoing. A feasibility project has been undertaken to ascertain if improvements can be made to the network to reduce the likelihood of flooding events in the future.
- CCTV surveys are ongoing in the St Benedict's estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system.
- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing. Works to CCTV, drag and clean the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls road in Malahide are nearing completion. FCC are awaiting the removal of a gas service by Gas Networks once removed this programme will be complete. Works were recently carried out to clean a Stormwater ditch that Inbhir Ide drains to help alleviate and future flooding events.
- Works are ongoing at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a Tideflex flap on an overflow culvert to resolve a rodent issue and stop material being washed up the from the coast. These works will also include a full CCTV and some patch work will be carried out.
- A Contractor is being procured to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of Storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
  Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
  Status: Design stage

- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade
  Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station

  Status: Project planning / scoping

- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
  Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert

  Status: Procurement

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government's Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government's approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

1) Make contact at **localrepsupport@water.ie** or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

2) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278 / 1850 278 278.**

3) Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at https://www.water.ie/water-supply/supply-and-service-update/#

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

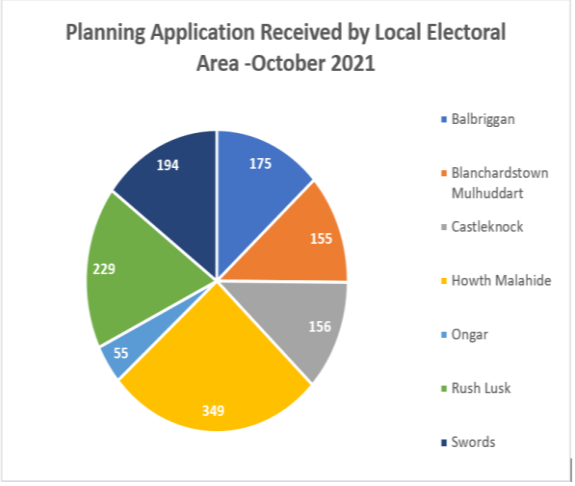
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Planning Applications

There have been 1,313 planning applications received to the end of October 2021, 80 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,233 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of October 2021, 9 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 5,119 units. 9 decisions were made by the board up to end of September 2021. Of these, 6 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September (2,104 units). 1 was one granted in July for amendments. 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July. There is a total of 3 SHD's (2,876 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1,264 planning decisions have been made to the end of October 2021. There have 1,089 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 175 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 73 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 696 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 265 commercial/retail grants of permission and 29 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 15 relate to development of 2 - 20, 2 relate to development of 20 – 50, 7 relate to 50 -100 and 5 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.

Building Control Admin

Up to the end of October 2021, there were 132 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 124 have been granted, 1 was invalidated and 2 are currently on time extension. There were 9 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, 8 have been granted.

There were also 17 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, all 17 have been granted.

There were 209 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 152 have been granted, 2 were refused, 7 were invalidated and 29 are currently on time extension. There were 28 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 19 were granted and 2 were invalidated.

There were 19 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 2 were granted, 2 were invalidated and 14 are currently on time extension.

A total of 1,113 building control decisions were processed up until the end of October 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 10 months of this year. This is made up of 399 decisions to grant, 4 refusals, 13 invalids, 3 amendments and 694 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation /Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module and in hard copy directly into the office.

Planning Enforcement/Derelict Sites

260 Warning Letters and 26 Enforcement Notices issued by the end of October 2021 with further warning letters and enforcement notices to issue before year end. On-going referral of enforcement files for legal action. 13 enforcement files referred to the Law Department in 2021 to initiate legal action bringing to 21 the number of cases currently with the Law Department or at varying stages in the court system.

The Derelict Sites Section have issued correspondence to site owners/occupiers of 19 sites around issues of dereliction in 2021 with on-going engagement arising from this.

Statutory Notices have been issued under the Derelict Sites Act with respect to 2 sites in 2021 with both sites placed on the Derelict Sites Register.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Chief Executive's Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members on 3rd December, along with the sheets, appendices and environmental information.

Motions will be accepted on the same until 5th January 2022. 5 support sessions have been organised to discuss any queries arising.

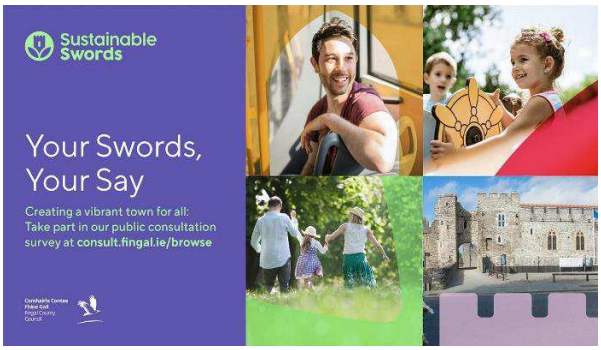
Date	Time	Support Session via MS Teams OR Drop In Support
08/12/2021 (Wednesday)	2.30 to 4.30 pm	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
10/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00-1.00 pm	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend).
15/12/2021 (Wednesday)	3.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Support Session to be held via MS Teams
17/12/2021 (Friday)	10.00 to 1.00 p.m	'Live' follow up support in Blanchardstown (prior notice required to attend)
21/12/2021 (Tuesday)	10 to 1.00 p.m.	'Live' follow up support in Chamber (prior notice required to attend)

Sustainable Swords

The next stage of public consultation for the Sustainable Swords project was launched on 28th September. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment. A vibrant town for all.

An online webinar took place on 12th October 2021 and heard from the project team and members of the public took the opportunity to ask questions about the project. Submission were invited until 4th November and these are now being considered. The draft Strategy is expected to issue early next year.



Vacant Site Register

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

Invoices for the VSR levy have been issued with regard to VS/0016, VS/0117 and VS/0018 for 2019. The total amount being invoiced for the above sites is €1,344,000. These sites will also be liable for the vacant site levy for 2020 for same amount. A demand for payment for the VSR levy has been issued for VS/0124 (Weavers Row, Clonsilla, Dublin 15) for €129,500 and for VS/0119 (Lands at Howth Road, Co. Dublin) for €2,310,000.

The demand for payment for VS/0124 was appealed to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). ABP confirmed the demand for payment on the 15/09/2021. FCC is awaiting a decision from ABP on VS/0119.

A market valuation has been received (13/04/2021) for VS/0129. The site was valued at €450,000.

2 sites were placed on the VSR on the 29/09/2021. These include VS/0128 and VS/0130. Valuations are currently being sought for these sites.

Heritage Office

The Heritage Office was delighted to support Castleknock Tidy Town's Virtual Heritage Tour which was recently launched by Fingal's Mayor Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. Featuring contributions from well-known local personalities including Bernard Brogan, Senior Dublin GAA footballer; Dr. Noëlle Healy, Senior Dublin GAA ladies footballer and Sarah Hawkshaw, Irish Olympian, the video focuses on the historic village of Castleknock from the 'hurry up bell' and Harry Clarke window of St Brigid's church to the Myo's pub, the site of a former blacksmiths. To view go to https://www.castleknocktidytowns.com/heritage



The eight Fingal projects funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2021 and administered by the Heritage Office were successfully completed. These included works at Castleknock Castle, Kilsallaghan Graveyard; Burial site in Ward River Valley; Surveys of St Columba's Towers, Swords, Malahide Demesne Church, Lanistown Castle, St Catherine's and St Marnock churches, Rush Tower House and an archaeology audit of the Donabate-Portrane Peninsula. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien was briefed on the Fingal projects ahead when he visited Lanistown Castle, Newbridge Demesne ahead of the launch of the Community Monuments Fund 2022 which is open for submissions from the public to the Heritage Office until 15 February 2022. For details see https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d21e3-community-monuments-fund-2022-call-for-projects/



Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal

Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal was approved at the November Council meeting. This ambitious new strategy aims to use every opportunity to continually develop a thriving, diverse and sustainable tree population in Fingal, in line with the County's sustainable urban development. The aims and objectives provide clear guidance to enhance the delivery of significant improvements to tree cover in Fingal for the future. The approach to urban tree management has evolved significantly in recent years and the new tree strategy takes account of these changes and innovation. The Council is aware of the value of our trees and the Strategy is proof of the Council's continued commitment to one of the most important natural assets in the County.

The Strategy applies to all trees, woodlands and hedgerows managed by the Council, as well as seeking to ensure due consideration is given to trees in the planning and development process.

As environmental awareness improves, more and more of us are conscious of the importance of our trees. This was made very evident with the considerable number of quality stakeholder submissions received as part of an active public consultation campaign earlier in the year. It is anticipated that the official launch and publication of the Strategy will take place early next year.



Woodland at Ward Rivervalley Park, Swords

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 29/11/2021

Building Control

- BCMS –134 CNs for 344 units were received in September and October 2021 and 525 Completion Certificates were processed. Building Control Site inspection rate for September and October is at 0.77% and 5.88% respectively of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – There has been Part K, Part B and part M non-compliance issues for which we are awaiting responses.

Taking in Charge

- There are two estates, Rahillion in Swords and Hampton Green in Balbriggan proposed to be Taken in Charge in December and there is foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle and also a hammerhead at Old Golf Links, Malahide to be Taken in Charge in January 2022.
- We have 46 developments with formal TIC requests and a further 306 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 TIC Fingal contractor works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway.
- Phase 2 TIC Fingal contractor works – Drynam, are under construction at the moment.
- There is also works ongoing in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- The contract documents for engagement of Consulting Engineers to manage the Ongar remediation works necessary to bring the estates in Ongar up to Taking in Charge standard will be going up on Etenders.ie within the next week.
- There are currently 26 developers set up on our External Taking in Charge Sharepoint Site to upload Taking in Charge documentation.

- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and meetings between Building Control and other Sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications have been carried out with the intention to release an update to the Policy and specifications in January 2022.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 49 active dangerous structures. There were 2 new notifications in September and 2 new notifications in October.

References

- The number of reference requests received in October and November (so far) are 270 and 205 respectively.

Coastal Erosion

- This December, the Seabees on Portrane Beach are to be re-positioned for optimum effect coming into the Winter and Spring months.



Apartment blocks under construction at Hansfield – November 2021



Dry rising main to service apartment block at Hansfield. – November 2021

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management October 2021

- 94 no. new planning files have been received.
- 17 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.
- 3 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.
- 4 no. SHD applications have been received, 2 no. has been assessed.
- 2 no. Part 8/Part XI applications has been received, 4 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During October, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 19 no. pre-planning discussions with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site;

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans.
  The Water Services Planning Dept are preparing objectives to meet the directions of the Councillors and National/European legislation.
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) is being reviewed to include changes in technical standards with the intention of having the new guidance implemented in 2022.



Fingal SuDS Guidance

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish Water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 5 no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during August with an average turnaround of 5 working days.

Transportation Planning

Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade

Works in November included completion of the new cycleways and footpaths and surfacing and lining of the road pavement. Remaining tasks include electricity connections for the traffic lights at the Mayne Road/ Drumnigh Road junction and fibre optic installation. Following the completion of these tasks, this project will be substantially complete and the new road can be opened to traffic for all road users which we are aiming for in early December. A road safety audit will then be carried out on the road. This FCC and LIHAF-funded project will serve to underpin the ongoing residential development in the area and significantly enhance road safety on the local transportation network.



Looking south east



Looking eastwards with junction reconfigured at Balgriffin Park in foreground



Bridge over River Mayne with linear pathway connecting to adjacent development lands

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Córas Iompair Éireann issued a draft legal agreement to Fingal County Council at end November which is currently being reviewed by FCC appointed solicitors. Liaison with Developers east and west of the proposed bridge is ongoing. The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team are liaising with the FCC Property Section on the transfer of lands for the proposed bridge landing areas and the necessary agreements required to ensure access to the bridge for construction, long term maintenance and for the general public. The procurement process for a main contractor was issued to the market in May and a panel of shortlisted tenderers was formed. Construction on this NTA-funded project is expected to commence in 2022. Tender documents for the

appointment of an engineering consultant to undertake site supervision duties during the construction stage are currently being finalised.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

Main 9C sewer diversion works were completed in November, a significant milestone in the project with the opening up of extensive areas for the construction of the main structures. Piling works for the main structures is now significantly progressed (Photo Attached). Foundations of walls are ongoing with the picture above showing the completion of the earthworks to the southwest. Works will continue to be progressed off the main carriageways until January 2022. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term.



Harry Reynolds Road

Works are advancing to prepare for pre-construction site clearance works through the coming Winter and Spring to allow for commencement of the main project works in Q2 2022. It is expected that tree planting and tree felling works will commence in January 2022.

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Expression of Interest: Advance Purchase Arrangement for Residential Development Through Turnkey Agreements

Home builders and housing developers in Fingal are being asked to consider offering unbuilt houses or apartments with planning permission, to local authorities under an advance purchase turnkey arrangement.

Fingal County Council is seeking to enter into advance purchase arrangements to secure turnkey homes in areas where the need, in particular, for social and affordable housing, is most acute. This call is targeted at advance purchase opportunities for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 150 dwellings in any one scheme.

It is anticipated that, depending on circumstances and proposals, Fingal County Council enter into an advance purchase agreement for an approved number of homes, with payment on completion. The advance purchase agreement also provides for the direct sale of homes by the developer to an eligible purchaser nominated by the local authority. Joint venture arrangements that include an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will also be considered.
Further details on the scheme is available at https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/call-proposals

Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk

Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affodable Housing Fund (formerly the SSF)
Current photos from the construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.



Floor slab & blockwork to units 43-51 (27-35 Kilhedge Drive)



Rising walls and under slab drainage to units 17-25 (1-9 Kilhedge Drive)

Hayestown Site, Rush

The Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Darragh O'Brien recently visited the site at Hayestown, Rush and a presentation of the scheme was made by officials.





- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Planning approved
- The Council recently commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest) of a two stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor.

MIXED TENURE SITES

The Council is currently at pre-planning design stage on schemes that will deliver mixed tenure housing via affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing.

Church Fields, Dublin 15



- Deliver approximately 1,000 mixed tenure dwellings;
- Part 8 planning process has commenced for initial 300 homes and relevant area of the linear park
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site shortly

Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland is the government's housing plan to 2030. It is a multi-annual, multi-billion euro plan which will improve Ireland's housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs.

The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:

- supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
- eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
- increasing new housing supply
- addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock

The social housing delivery targets for Fingal covering the years 2022 – 2026 are listed in the table below;

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	**360**	**690**	**705**	**758**	**773**	**3286**
Leasing	**44**	**160**	**120**	**30**	**-**	**354**
Total	**404**	**850**	**825**	**788**	**773**	**3640**

Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	276
Tender Stage	97
Planning and Design	1,138
Part V	204
Acquisitions	31
TOTAL	**1,746**

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65	On Site	Q4 2018	Q4 2021
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	On Site	Q2 2020	Q4 2021
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding to be submitted to DHLGH.	Q2 2022	Q3 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022.	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Church Road, Lusk	5	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Hayestown, Rush	62	Stage 1 procurement process concluded - 26th Nov. Assessment process underway.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Stage 2 approval received form DHLGH. Part 8 public consultation process concluded 30th Nov.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Commence Part 8 process in Dec 2021 for 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill site at Sheepmoor, Dublin 15	1	Public Consultation period over. Part 8 process to finalise	Q2 2022	Q1 2023

Photos from the Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin 11





Photo from the Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, Dublin 15



Photos of completed homes at Ladyswell Crescent in Mulhuddart Dublin 15.





Photo from Part V units delivered in Garristown



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Current Loan Book Value	€143,277,986
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	288
Value of RIHL lending	€62,041,599

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on loans@fingal.ie and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

Annual Rent Statements issued to all Council tenants week ending 26th November. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge they should contact the Council immediately at email; rents.assessments@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme (Housing Circular 8/21)



The 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is the first of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. This revision will require local authorities to move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme provides for significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded and an energy efficient heating system is provided.

The approved allocation for Fingal County Council is €1,759,475 with a target of 65 properties to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard. Works are now complete under the 2021 programme.

Voids Programme 2021 (Circular 17/21)

The 2021 Voids Programme supports the refurbishment of circa 3,000 vacant properties nationally. Two refurbishment options are being funded this year which afford greater flexibility to local authorities, thereby facilitating maximum impact on the level of vacancy. The Standard Refurbishment programme provides for a maximum funding of €11,000 per property and Non-Standard provides for an average of €50,000 per property. The emphasis under the 2021 Voids Programme is on minimum refurbishment works to comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 to ensure quick turnaround and letting.

Funding approval to the value of €1.9m has been granted on the submission for 110 properties with the understanding that work will be completed and the property either tenanted or a tenancy offered and accepted in 2021.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	at 29th November 2021
In letting process	37
Undergoing re-let repairs	11
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	22
TOTAL	**70**

Planned Maintenance Programmes
Boiler Servicing

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. To date, the Council has provided Contractors with 20 of 20 batches totaling 5131 properties and servicing is progressing well.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.

The remaining dwellings are nearing completion as part of this current programme (listed below: Batch F & G). A new programme will be issued shortly.

Batch F	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecher Estate	Balbriggan
Batch G	
Ladyswell Road	Dublin 15
Parslickstown Estate	Dublin 15
Castlegrange Estate	Swords
Wellview Estate	Dublin 15
Cardy Rock Estate	Balbriggan
Barnewall Avenue/Crescent	Donabate
Church Road	Dublin 15
Rockabill	Skerries
Bealing Avenue/Grove	Dubin 15



Some recently painted properties

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The new HAP online portal is well underway and over 60 tenants have submitted applications since it was introduced. The HAP team also continue to work through the remaining paper applications.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,100 tenancies. The 714 new tenancies set up to date in 2021 is 2nd highest nationally.

Housing Support

The Housing Support Team are continuing to prepare a Social Housing Assessment Summary in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

The Council has contacted certain applicants who have applied for social housing support **after 30th July 2020** to confirm they still require social housing support. Each applicant must confirm their requirement to the Council by completing and

returning the Assessment Form. The assessment is due to be completed by 15th December 2021.

Social Housing Assessment Packs issued by post in early October, which included a copy of the Assessment Form to be completed along with a pre-paid return envelope.

A Reminder Letter has also issued by post, and the Housing Support Team have ensured follow up with phone contact with those who have returned their assessment form to date.

Further details, including a copy of the Assessment Form requiring completion, is available on a dedicated page on Fingal's Website, and the Housing Support Team will continue to ensure that every effort is made to connect with our applicants over the duration of the assessment to ensure their records are updated.

https://www.fingal.ie/news/notification-social-housing-assessment-2021



Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

Set out below are the Housing Support Team Contact details and the Tenancy Services Division details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	**Housing.allocations@fingal.ie**
Website	www.fingal.ie

Tenancy Services Contact Details	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
Estate Management **(Maintenance, ASB)**	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an approach used for allocating dwellings which allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council website at https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme

Fingal County Council continue to offer dwellings through CBL. Information on new CBL dwellings are made available on our website on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach.
Applicants have been encouraged to follow Fingal County Council on social media to stay informed of new dwellings available through CBL.

OpenSky

Fingal County Council are engaged with OpenSky in implementing the online-based CBL system. This system has been successfully delivered to other Councils in Ireland. The system enables a range of self-service functionalities for four specific types of user i.e. the housing applicant, the housing administrator, Local Councillors and the housing staff. The CBL system will be easily accessible to approved social housing applicants via a web-enabled portal that will protect and secure personal data of applicants. The system is due to go live in December with secure log in details being made available to all applicants.

Access will also be facilitated to Councillors to review availability of CBL properties. A short information session will be scheduled for Councillors as soon as possible.

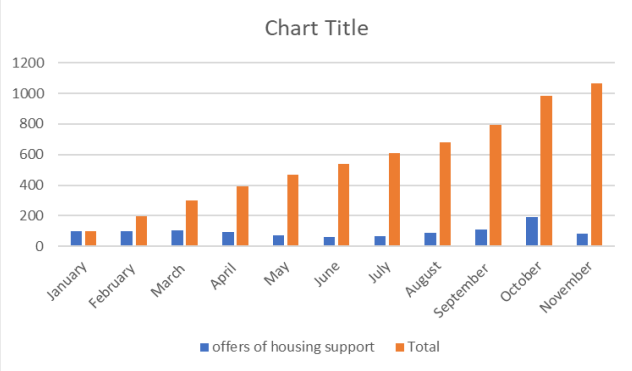
The facility for applicants to express interest in a property online has worked well to date and the provision of the OpenSky system is expected to optimise the social housing allocation process and positively enhance the overall experience of the housing applicant with the added outcome of reduced refusal rates of housing allocations.

Right -Sizing Initiative – Ladyswell, Clann Housing

In mid-November, letters were sent to Council tenants aged over 55 who are currently living in the Dublin 15 area to inform them of the opportunity to consider right-sizing their home to a more age friendly accommodation with Clann, an Approved Housing Body. Clann is a dedicated age-friendly Approved Housing Body committed to providing quality housing and services that enable people to remain residing within their community as they age.
The recent construction of three apartment buildings providing 22 apartments in Ladyswell for Clann has been identified as an ideal opportunity for Council tenants to consider right-size. To date, there has been a positive response to this initiative.

Offers of Housing Support

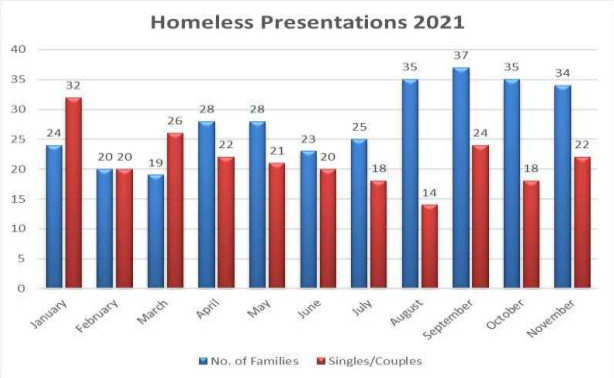
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



Homeless Services

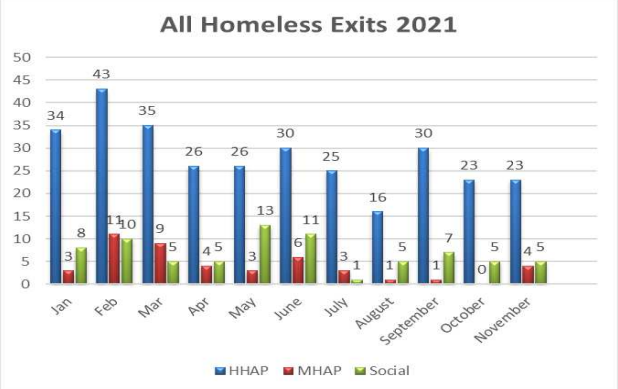
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued over the phone through all levels of Public Health Restrictions.

In November 2021 there were 56 new homeless presentations, comprising 34 families and 22 singles/couples.



During November 2021, 32 households, comprising 23 families and 9 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 23 of these tenancies.



Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022 which runs from November 2021 to the end of March 2022. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions. Should there be a cold weather or any emergency event, the DRHE will co-ordinate the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Whilst services continue to operate throughout the year to support people experiencing homelessness, during the winter period, services are increased and enhanced to mitigate against the health risks that the bad weather poses.

Draft Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE is currently reviewing the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2019 -2021. As part of the consultation process for the development of the new Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024, the DRHE has planned a consultation session with Councillors of the four Dublin Local Authorities to take place via Team/ Zoom at 10am on Friday 10 December, 2021. An invitation has been circulated to all Councillors in this regard.

Traveller Specific Supports

Covid-19 Continued Support

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and

particularly having regard to relevant and current public health guidelines and restrictions levels.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors are continuing with due care to maintain public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available.

Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with the HSE pertaining to Covid Public Health Guidelines.

Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect. Ongoing site works is continuing on a number of sites in order to maintain and progress Traveller Specific Accommodation in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

General site maintenance has continued on all Traveller Specific Sites throughout all levels of Covid restrictions.

The construction of a new Group Housing Scheme at Stockhole Lane/ Baskin Green has concluded and new tenants recently attended tenant induction training in advance of signing their Tenancy Agreements and occupying their new homes.





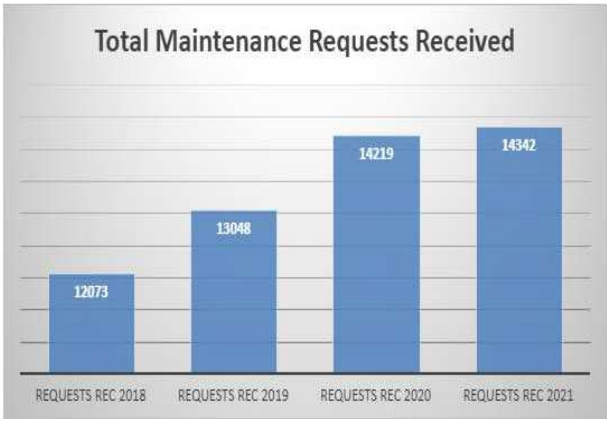


Housing Welfare Service

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Housing Welfare, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

Maintenance Requests



During all levels of Covid restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating were maintained, and 14,342 maintenance requests have been received year to-date.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and heath related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, TUSLA and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

Estate Management

The Estate Management Section engage with several internal Departments during the course of our daily duties, however a recent working collaboration with our colleagues in the Community Department emanated in a very successful Community Engagement Day at Racecourse Commons in Lusk on Saturday 6th of November. The event was well received by the Community of Lusk, the residents of Racecourse Commons, Elected Representatives and Lusk Community Gardaí who were in attendance, resulting in a fun day for our residents and built community relationships.







Stock Management

Breach of Ten.	32
Miscellaneous	28
Regularisation	9
Downsizing	22

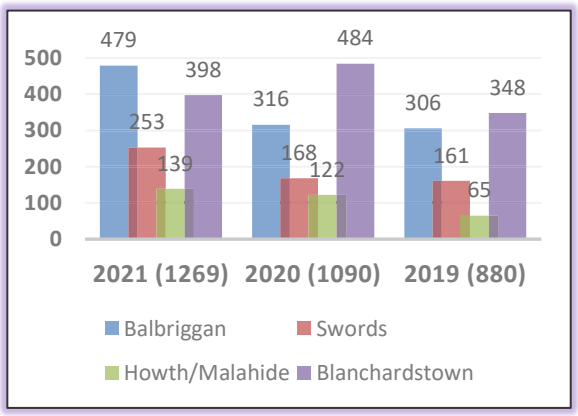
Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2021 – 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar), 0 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 1 (July), 2 (Aug), 0 (Sep), 0 (Oct), 4 (Nov)

ASB Caseload Management

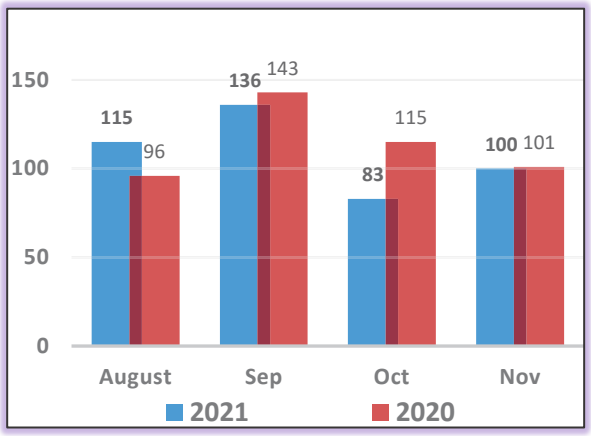
Aug 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	20	2	3
North County	45	9	20
Total	65	11	23

All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Area Breakdown 2019-2021



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2020-21



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021 **Interviews Held 2020**	**45** 108
Tenancy Alerts 2021 **Tenancy Alerts 2020**	**31** 35
Tenancy Warnings 2021 **Tenancy Warnings 2020**	**2** 4

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021 Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	**1596** 1735
Estate Inspections 2021 Estate Inspections 2020	**1134** 636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021 EM/ASB Inspections 2020	**2958** 3610

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Swords Men's Shed/Swords First Responders defib demo for inclusion week





Swords Men's Sheds teamed up with the Swords first responders' group as part of social inclusion week. The first responders were on hand to demonstrate how best to use a defibrillator and to deliver hands-on CPR training to the men's shed group. The demo took place in both the chapel and grounds of Swords Castle. This event was organized by the community office and will be replicated across men's sheds groups in north and east Fingal in 2022.

Baldoyle Mens Shed AGM



This month the Baldoyle men's shed held its AGM in Baldoyle Forum. A new committee has taken up office and the group will liaise with the FCC community office and Baldoyle Forum on an exciting inter-generational project in development for 2022. They are delighted to be able to resume activities following the Covid 19 restrictions imposed this year.

BOLD Women Housing round table with Minister Darragh O' Brien -



The BOLD women organisation, Swords hosted an inter-active online round-table with Housing Minister Darragh O'Brien, as part of Fingal inclusion week. The Minister outlined the recently launched Housing for All plan and took questions from the group as to how the Government Plan impacts on and caters for the needs of the growing migrant community in Fingal. The round table was attended by the FCC Community Office, Fingal integration forum and many members and friends of BOLD women's group

Skerries Sailing Club – Fingal Inclusion Week



On Sunday 21st November 2021 Skerries Sailing club hosted an open afternoon to show case club activities. The club had several very success inclusion events including a summer camp during 2021. A wheelchair friendly boat. kindly loaned for the event by Dun Laoghaire Sailing Club, was on display. The club intends to purchase similar boats and pave the way to making the club more accessible and inclusive for people with all abilities to enjoy the wonderful coastline of Skerries and its environs.

Flemington Community Centre - Fingal Inclusion Week.



On the 15th of November 2021 an outside coffee and cake morning took place at Flemington Community Centre to celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week.

The Fingal Community Office brought local agencies such as Balbriggan Integration Forum- Balbriggan Youth Forum, Aster Family Resource Centre, Empower, Foroige, "Outcomers" Services, Mental Health Ireland, Flemington Community Centre together in the community centre to highlight the services and activities available for the people of Balbriggan, to share knowledge, build networks and future collaborations on projects, and to discuss Fingal Community and Sports Hub.

The Community Hub is a dedicated space to encourage and support the development of our local groups and services and to develop and increase awareness of activities in our Community Center's.

The Community Hub will provide free meeting space for new and re-emerging Community groups, support group development through training and funding opportunities and develop relationships between stakeholder's, community services and agencies. This showcase is the first of 6 showcases associated with the Community and Sports Hub in Flemington Community Centre.

Racecourse Commons Community Engagement Pilot in Lusk







The Community Office, in partnership with Estate management/Housing department delivered an innovative community engagement programme with the residents of Racecourse Commons and Green in Lusk. The Community Development Office, in partnership the local residents the North Fingal Community Development Team, the Sports Officer and the Integration Office developed and delivered a programme of community/sports outputs, this culminated in a family day/consultation day for the whole estate. Local business partners from Lusk, as well as local elected members took part in the community day, which included children's activities such as MaSamba drumming workshop and a local magic show. There were refreshments for all on the day and an opportunity to meet with representatives of sporting, community and cultural organisations based in Lusk. Foroige, the local youth service also provided a graffiti workshop on the day, the results of which will be displayed within the estate for the next few weeks. A door—to-door consultation took place within the estate on the day, and the follow up will see the Community Office work with local residents to facilitate the development of a resident's association/community group from within the estate to advocate for the needs of residents.

Urbact Playful Paradigm -Rush





Rush is following Corks City's lead to becoming a playful Town. On Saturday 20th November 2021 a day of playful events was organised in collaboration with Rush Tidy Towns. The event was for both young and old with morning and afternoon workshops in two locations in the town. Two children's Lego workshops took place in Rush Library, and two painting workshops in Rush Community Centre. These events mark the first of many more playful initiatives in development for the people of Rush.

Fun with Families from Afar – Migrant Literacy Project



On the 5th of November, the Migrant Family Literacy Project 'Fun with Families from Afar' began its first session of a 5 week 'right to read' family literacy programme.

This is a collaborative pilot programme between Fingal Libraries, the Community Office, Aster Family Resource Centre and The Educate Together Primary School in Flemington Balbriggan and Fingal Integration Officer and is set for further roll out across the county in 2022. The literacy content of the project was developed through libraries by facilitators from DCU (Dublin City University) who are teachers and home liaison officers.

In Balbriggan the Migrant Literacy Project has families participating whose children have been identified through the Educate Together and is open to wider family members outside of the traditional unit. The children participate with entertainment focusing on drawing, reading and fun whilst parents can connect with each other and exchange experiences and ideas.

Creating spaces for Inter-Cultural Dialogue

On the 14th of October The Fingal Community Office in partnership with Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee brought the Chief Executive, Anne-Marie Farrelly and agencies such as Fingal County Council, The Childrens Rights Alliance, Tulsa, The Ombudsman for Children, The Irish Primary Principals Network and The National Association of Principal, the Ombudsman for Children, The Irish Primary Principals Network and The National Association of Principals and Deputies and together on a discussion panel for the webinar called ***'Creating Spaces for Intercultural Dialogue'***.

The webinar brought black, mixed race, Traveller and Roma youth together to share their experience of racism. The energy displayed by all involved lead to a very successful and worthwhile event.

UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - Balbriggans Call to Action



On the 18th of October 2021 Mayor O Rodaigh gave the opening address to mark the UN international day for the eradication of poverty. Aster Family Resource Centre in Balbriggan in collaboration with Balbriggan Educate Together and support of Fingal Community Office joined in solidarity to raise awareness on "Child Poverty in our Community." This event was in collaboration with the 6th class

students of The Balbriggan Educate Together National School and was a huge awareness campaign success.

The UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a worldwide event that marks the significant gathering of 100,000 people in Paris to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. This gathering declared that poverty is a human rights violation and called for international effort to address it. Every year people come together to show solidarity with those who suffer under the violation of poverty throughout the world.

Building our Community Coping with Change

On October 28th, 2021, the project '*Building our Community Coping with Change'* doubled its LGBTQ+ group participants who were welcomed into Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan.

The project began on the 29th of September and is a 24-week programme encompassing resilience training, reading materials and room space while the group will identify and train potential group leaders. It encourages community participation through engagement, accessibility, and training. LGBTQ+ Community makes up approximately 10% of our community. Those who have been isolated during covid remain a priority and a support group in Flemington Community Centre is underway. Isolation can be a key theme for members of the LGBTQ+ community leading to social exclusion and community isolation. This project offers support to the group/individuals to identify group culture, individual resilience, and participation in civic life in Balbriggan. This programme for LGBTQ+ resilience training, group development and materials is in line with government directives, the Fingal Integration Strategy, and the work of the Community Development Office.

Fingal Community Facilities Network Website Launch



Fingal Community Facilities Network have launched their new website, showcasing a wide range of information on 31 community facilities. This project is supported and funded by Fingal County Council's Community Development Office. The website features a page on each community facility and includes information on activities taking place in the facility, location, photos, and spaces available for hire. It is hoped that the website will be used as a resource by communities around Fingal and will provide weekly updates and information on activities and events happening across Fingal.

Each facility featured is a member of the Fingal Community Facilities Network which was set up by the Community Development Office in 2017. The main role of the Facilities Network is to provide a forum for discussion, training, and collaborations.

As well as the facility information pages, the new website also features pages for resources for community groups as well as news and events pages for all that's happening in Fingal County Council supported Community Centres.
www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie

Parslickstown House Refurbishment completed



Refurbishments to Parslickstown House Community Centre in Dublin 15 have been completed including the new Annex Hall. Funding was received from the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sport and media under the sports capital program of €113,000. Matching funding of €50,000 was also awarded from the Community Development Office to reconfigure, insulate and make the hall accessible for the whole community. This will be a fully accessible multipurpose space available for community enjoyment, comprising of a large dance studio, accessible toilets, and two small meeting rooms. A number of youth, sport, dance, fitness, education and training groups will be encouraged to use the facility. This space will also complement the existing facilities in the area.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

On the 11th of November the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their online AGM. Over 17 schools participated. Cllr Daniel Whooley, Deputy Mayor of Fingal opened the meeting with a warming speech. The event was also attended by a number of Councillor's from across the county. Leigh Kenny, Therapist and Pieta House Regional Manager for the greater Dublin area spoke with the young people and guests about suicide awareness and services available, finishing with a short Q&A session. During the AGM there were a number of breakout rooms where young people chose topics to discuss as a group and participated in games. This year's topics were: Climate Action ; How the pandemic affected Mental Health; Improve School Curriculum to educate students on racism, sexism and Misogyny, LGBTIQ+. The young people engaged extremely well and had a lot to say on these topics.

Dublin 15 Social Inclusion Week



Mountview Social Inclusion Showcase:

Fingal Community and Sports Hub in partnership with Mountview Youth and Community Centre invited organisations such as Safer Blanchardstown, Practical Language school, Empower, Fingal Volunteer centre, Cultúr Migrant Centre, and the Kurdish Nergez art group provided Information, showcasing and highlighting opportunities, supports and service in the Dublin 15 area that support social inclusion. This event was well attended and provided excellent opportunity for services to network and develop links and partnerships.

Tyrrellstown Migrant Service Showcase



The Fingal Community and Sports HUB, Tyrrelstown, hosted an afternoon showcasing Migrant Support services such as Business in the Community; EPIC project, SARI (Sport against Racism) Empower; Healthy Ireland and the Blanchardstown Garda division. The event, held during Fingal Inclusion Week, also provided a great opportunity for services to network and inform each other of their work.

Corduff Resource Centre



Corduff Resource Centre have been arranging a series of coffee mornings with guest speakers for the public to attend. Pictured below, members of the public enjoying informative chats with Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator for Fingal County Council, Danielle Monahan.

She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



She Leads, We lead Fingal Womens Community Leadership Programme commenced on Monday 15th November. 12 women were selected to join and build their leadership skills through a hands-on 7-week programme. The programme is taking place in Mountview Community Youth and Sports Centre every Monday evening. The first night was led by the Ayodele Yusuf and Geraldine Rooney and participants worked on defining 'problems', identifying who to work with and how to identify effective solutions collectively & collaboratively.

Conversations for Life – Mulhuddart





One of our integrational education programme is our Conversations for Life programme which is coordinated by the Practical Language School. Classes have been running for a number of weeks in Mulhuddart Community Centre with 7-10 people attending.

FINGAL INTEGRATION OFFICE

Fingal County Council Community Office, the Integration Officer and Fingal PPN (Public Participation Network) collaborated on Fingal Inclusion Week 2021. Events over the seven days 15th - 21st November highlighted the amazing work carried out by Groups and Organisation across

Fingal. Fingal Inclusion Week seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens leading to social exclusion. The week aims to assist in combatting issues, promoting understanding and action to improve the lives of our citizens. This year over 70 groups participated with a wide variety of events and workshops. The Mayor Seána O'Rodaigh and the Fingal Inclusion Team have created a video message and collage to say Thank you to all participants which will be shared on social media and the Fingal County Councils website.

This is the third year of the project which really highlighted the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.



EU Direct Partnership with Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Comhairle na nÓg



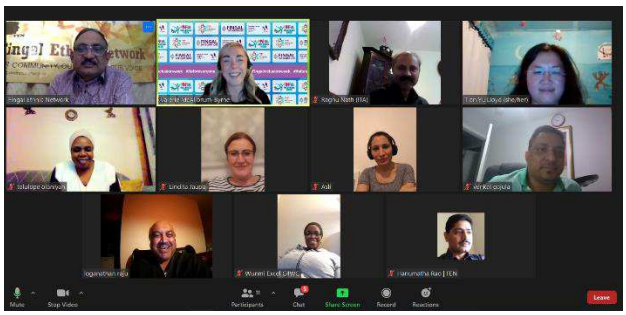
EU Direct Blanchardstown Library partnered with the Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Comhairle a nÓg to work on a consultation project which would feedback to The Conference for the Future of Europe. The topic for Fingal Comhairle na nÓg was Education and Youth. The Mayor Seána O'Rodaigh welcomed Comhairle to the Council Chamber in County Hall on Monday 15th November to begin the consultation and commended the young people on their commitment to ensuring the voice of the young people was heard across the county. This scheme has been reviewed for 2022 with additional elements being added such as (i) Delivery and Programming of Small Scale and New Festivals, (ii) Events Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals & Events and Festival and (iii) Events that promote Economic Development/ Diversity and Sustainability.

EU Direct Partnership with Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Integration Forum



EU Direct Blanchardstown Library partnered with the Fingal Integration Officer and Fingal Integration Forum to work on a consultation project which would feedback to The Conference for the Future of Europe. The topic for Fingal Integration Forum was Migration. The Mayor Seána O'Rodaigh welcomed Forum members to an online facilitated consultation session on Tuesday 16th November 2021 and spoke about the importance of hearing the migrant voice at local, national and international levels. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has supported 15 market days, 11 illuminations of buildings and awarded funding/ supports to 15 Festive projects in Fingal.

Fingal Ethnic Network Showcase



Fingal Ethnic Network held an open evening on Thursday 18th November 2021 to showcase their network to the residents of Fingal. The Fingal Integration Officer attended and gave an overview of the Integration Officers role, the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy followed by a question and answers session. The Ethnic Network membership was on hand to give an overview of roles and of their workplan including their Service Level Agreement with Fingal County Council's Community Development Office.

STRATEGIC UNIT

Fingal PPN Plenary

Fingal PPN hosted their Plenary on 10th November online with over 70 groups in attendance. Members voted to accept a number of constitutional changes to bring Fingal PPN into compliance with the DRCD PPN Handbook. This Plenary session also the launch of Fingal Inclusion Week.

PPN Policy Hub



Fingal PPN are delighted to launch the PPN Policy Hub at their recent Plenary session. This policy hub is an invaluable resource which will support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building their capacity in how they engage with their relevant committees and assist in impacting the decision-making processes in Fingal.

The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas:

- Fingal Wide Policies
- Regional Policies
- National & European Policies

While this Policy Hub supports the linkage groups and their reps, it will undoubtedly be a central resource for all PPN members to access policies that impact all members of our community across Fingal. You will find the policy hub here: https://fingalppn.ie/policy-hub

PPN Linkage Group Meetings



The final round of linkage group meetings took place in October and November 2021. Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations from across Fingal to meet together in networks, to highlight issues or concerns and organise collective advocacy campaigns. Any community organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more information on upcoming Linkage Group meetings for 2022 please see www.fingalppn.ie.

SPORTS OFFICE

Women in Sport Coaching Masterclass

This practical element of the Women in Sport Masterclass Series was part of the overall plan to develop and encourage greater female involvement in coaching positions in sport. This event was delivered by Dublin Ladies Football Manager Mick Bohan. The 2-hour workshop took place in Tyrrelstown AWP with 68 coaches in attendance from all over Fingal (50% from D15). Mick spent time coaching the newly formed Tyrrelstown GAA Girls u10 team and worked with coaches on the principles of coaching children. We are looking at developing similar practical sessions in other sports in 2022.

PE Teacher Training Day

The Fingal Secondary School PE Teacher Training Day was held at the National Indoor Athletics Arena and seen 25 PE teachers attended from schools across Fingal and South Dublin. The event was supported by our co-funded NGB's (cricket & Tennis) and non-co-funded (badminton & Volleyball) who provided a practical & theory-based approach to learning. The practical element of the workshops was a great success and both teachers and NGB's welcomed the engagement and it has presented further coaching development opportunities to support the work done by teachers in schools. We are looking at developing this as an annual event with an option for primary school teachers also.

Fit for All

The Daughters of Charity Adult Day services are participating in Fingal's Outdoor Inclusive Exercise Programme. The Day Services in the Blanchardstown area meet every Thursday in Millennium Park to walk/run the park route as well learning from our tutor how to use the outdoor gym equipment. It is hoped this will develop into a regular indoor gym programme in 2022.





Fingal HomeFit Yoga

The Sports Office is facilitating a 6-week online yoga course aimed at beginners that concludes up on December 8th. The 1hr class guides participants through the session and introduces them to the benefits of yoga through breath work, yoga postures and relaxation. Each week looks at a incorporating different postures and techniques helping participants to feel more at ease in their body and mind.

Men's Walk & Talk

We are in the process of launching Men's Walk and Talk Groups in Balrothery, Dublin 15 and Tyrrelstown to accompany the very successful pilot programme taking place in Lusk. The group is led by local volunteer walk leaders and the group meets once a week for 30min/5km walk where they can talk about anything and everything. This free initiative encourages men who wouldn't normally be targeted on Sports Programmes to get more physically active.

Sports Funding

Although the equipment and youth sports funding has closed for Sports Clubs, we have committed to funding over 105 clubs (9 applications to be approved at full council meeting in December) approximately €130,000 in 2021.

AGE FRIENDLY

Activities for Older People: Taster Sessions



While community centres and facilities open, many older people are reluctant to re-engage with their group and community centre. To support volunteers and community centres in their efforts to encourage older people to re-engage and re-establish their groups, taster sessions of suitable activities for older people were organised during Fingal Inclusion Week.
With support from the Community Office, Donabate

Active Age held a demonstration of activities available in the club for members to try. The Community Development Office invited volunteers, coordinators and older people from groups based in Fingal Community Facilities in Dublin 15 to participate in the taster sessions. The activities focused on wellness and included different levels of physical activities such as 'Sit and Get Fit' and 'Stronger for Longer' as well as 'Mindfulness'.

Flexibus provided the transport for participants from Dublin 15 to Donabate. The event provided an opportunity for groups in Dublin 15 to experience new activities, meet with potential tutors and share their own experiences of activities which worked well for them.

Corduff Senior Café: Information Sessions Pilot



Every Friday morning throughout November, Corduff Community Centre held a coffee morning for older people which provided a space for older people to meet and obtain information from invited guests. The local Community Garda attended the first week and was available to discuss safety issues with individuals.



Fingal Active Travel provided transport on the trishaws in week two. Fingal's Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator attended the centre in week three, providing information on services.

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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

The Active Travel team has engaged consultants to prepare an Active Travel Strategy. We are currently engaging with the Strategic Planning unit in this regard and to provide input to the draft County Development Plan in the context of the strong promotion of Active Travel.

The Active Travel unit is engaged with our colleagues in other departments on other important strategic projects such as Our Balbriggan and Sustainable Swords projects.

Cycle Protected Lanes

See Appendix 2 for an update on the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations









Baldoyle – Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme: Bollard installation on upgraded cycle lanes on Grange Road & Warrenhouse Road




Bicycle Stands – Rush Sport Hub (left) & Skerries Playground (right)




Bicycle Stands balbriggan – Bandstand Playground & Skatepark

Towns & Villages

Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

A number of meetings has taken place with Councillors with regard to some of the requests received to evaluate the issues and examine how best to deliver a solution.

Where there are existing other Projects in close proximity to the areas highlighted, at design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within overall schemes. Some of the current projects that are included are as follows.

- St Cronan's Junior & Senior school Safer Routes to school and Brackenstown Road Cycle lane and resurfacing included within the scope of works under St Cronan's Avenue project.
- Safer Routes to School treatment at St Philip the Apostle included under the scope of works for the Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lanes Phase 2 project.
- Safer Routes to school for Holy Family NS is currently being considered for inclusion under the Rivervalley / Rathingle Phase 2 protected cycle lanes works.
- Similarly we are looking to include permeability connectivity and SRTS measures under our Towns & Villages scope where feasible.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility betwen the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Road Safety

'Light up your Bike' Road Safety Campaign

The four Dublin Local Authorities, An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority, and the Dublin Cycling Campaign teamed up to launch the 'Light Up Your Bike' campaign on Tuesday 2nd November at the Mansion House. Now that the clocks have gone back, road users may be faced with darker commutes and those that cycle are reminded that the use of bike lights is a legal requirement when cycling during lighting up periods.

The use of bike lights helps increase cyclists' visibility to other road users and reduce the risk of serious accidents on our roads.



World Remembrance Day

Sunday, 21st November marked the 26th annual World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Fingal County Council lit our County Hall and Civic Office buildings in Amber lighting in memoriam along with Councils across Ireland, as we remembered those who have tragically lost their lives in road traffic accidents. We also asked people to shine a light in their homes and businesses on the evening of Sunday 21st.

This year marks the start of the new Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030. The objectives of World Day of Remembrance 2021 are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families to:

- remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads;
- acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services;
- draw attention to the generally trivial legal response to culpable road deaths and injuries
- advocate for better support for road traffic victims and victim families;
- promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries

WDoR 2021 puts the spotlight on the reduction of traffic speeds – Low speeds, which have the potential to prevent many deaths and serious injuries, in particular those of pedestrians and all other vulnerable road users – children, elderly and the disabled.





Road Safety Authority and An Garda Siochana Christmas and New Year Road Safety Appeal

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) and An Garda Síochána have called on drivers to act responsibly and to not be tempted to drink and drive this Christmas and New Year period. This year's Christmas and New Year road safety appeal focuses on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and the devastating loss of life and serious injuries it can cause.

- **83 fatalities and 709 serious injuries in Christmas / New Year period over last five years**
- **Morning after highlighted as one in four drivers admit to driving over the limit the morning after drinking**
- **Drivers reminded that all drink driving offences carry a disqualification**
- **Almost 4,500 drivers arrested for drink driving to date in 2021**

Fingal County Council's Road Safety Section fully supports this appeal and we will publicise this on all our Social Media platforms in the build up to Christmas.



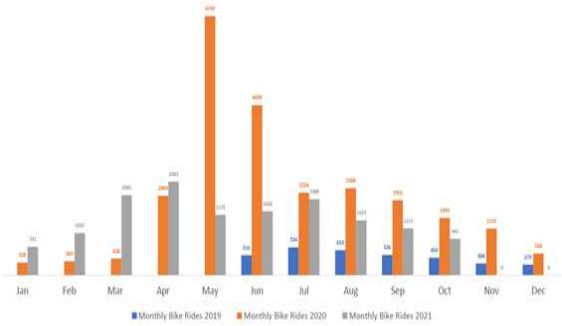
Mobility

Bleeper Bike

October Stats:

Existing Bike Share Scheme	**North County Expansion**
945 bike journeys started in Fingal down from 1222 in September	341 bike journeys started in North Fingal pilot zone down from 477 in September
1016 bike journeys ended in Fingal	343 bike journeys ended within this zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 21.23% followed by Sundays with 17.96%	Balbriggan is the most popular location with 137 bike journeys

Ongar Distributor Road was the most popular location	Skerries 2nd most popular location with 118 bike journeys
Average number of 79 bikes available for hire daily	Vandalism is an ongoing problem particularly in the Balbriggan area



We will continue to promote usage of Bleeper through our social media platforms.

All Fingal staff and Elected Members can avail of free bleeper bike hire up to 4 hours daily.

To register, please email active.travel@fingal.ie where we will guide you through the process.

The Enchanted Cycle in Millennium Park

The Enchanted Cycle at Millennium Park on Saturday evening 27th November 2021 was a huge success with a great turn out of festively decorated cycling enthusiasts of all ages. A great example of collaboration across departments, between Fingal Events unit and the Active Travel unit.

The DJ really knew how to get the crowd going, playing some fantastic motivational tunes and there was an incredible display of lights and a fantastic atmosphere. The cyclists started off from the carpark at Millennium Park and took in the beautifully illuminated forest, progressing to the Hartstown/Hunstown protected cycled lanes and then back to the park for one last lap of the enchanted forest. It was wonderful to hear the positive feedback on the protected cycle lanes and how safe the cyclists felt on this route, especially the children amongst the group.

There was even a very special visitor who took time out from his busy schedule to wish the children a safe and Merry Christmas and to give them a well-deserved selection box for being on the 'nice' list! Well done to all the boys and girls who cycled the 7km route and big thanks to the Chief Executive, Mayor and local Councillors who came to support the event.

















Bling your Bike Competition – Bike Week 2021

St Mochta's National School were one of the lucky winners of the Bike Week 2021 'Bling your Bike' Competition and got to choose from a selection of prizes including bike helmets for the class, gift voucher for a local cycle shop or a portable road/cycle safety course.

The Active Travel team recently cycled up to St. Mochtas School to hand over the prizes. The children were really excited and delighted to receive helmets for their class and are already looking forward to next years Bike Week. Big thank you to their teacher Mr..... and Cllr Shovlin for encouraging the children to adopt sustainable modes of travel into their daily lives by cycling/scooting to school. We cant wait to see what they come up with next year!







Fingal E-Cargo Bikes

In June this year, Expressions of Interest were invited from local Businesses in Fingal to participate in a 12-month Pilot Scheme. A total of 11 Businesses responded. Following on from this, each Business was issued a questionnaire to complete, outlining their location, nature of business, frequency of deliveries, delivery locations and secure storage options for the e-cargo bike. A total of 7 Businesses responded.

Having consideration of the Local Electoral Areas, frequency of deliveries and catchment areas, we are delighted to announce that the following local Businesses have been successful:

Village Garden Centre, Malahide

Jack the Bachelors Steak House and Bar, Rush

Altitude Coffee, Donabate

Goldfish Design, Dublin 15

We will commence the launch of this wonderful initiative in December designed to assist businesses to convert to a greener transport solution for their deliveries and to play their part in the Climate Action challenge. Each E-Cargo Bike will be branded with the Businesses logo to help them to promote their business and encourage the public to shop local.





Cycling without Age

We recently visited Corduff Community Centre to provide their Senior Citizens Group with a demo on the Cycling without Age Triobike. It was a wet and cold morning but both the staff and some of their members enjoyed their little spin around Corduff and are looking forward to seeing the Trishaw in action in St. Catherines Park.





Cycling Trip to The Netherlands

Recently some of the members of the Active Travel Team together with Senior Management, Cllrs, and members of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department embarked on an Educational Trip to Netherlands to research some of the Cycling & Walking Infrastructure and Public Realm enhancements that has been introduced there over the years. We left on Wednesday the 27th October 2021 and returned late on the Saturday 30th October 2021. The trip was busy and it would be fair to say we packed five days into three in order to take in as much as possible

Our trip took us to Amsterdam and onto Utrecht where we based ourselves over the few days and travelled by train to Eindhoven and back to Amsterdam for our flight home to Dublin.

Each day we embarked on a different trail by bike and over the three days over 110km were cycled by the group. We had a number of informative and thought provoking presentations from city officials and active travel experts.

While the Infrastructure, active lifestyle culture and behaviour towards walking and cycling is well ahead of where we are currently at in Ireland, everybody took something from the trip and identified with some small and large element of change that will help build the blocks of what can be achieved here in Fingal on our Active Travel Journey.

The trip was well received by everybody and has opened our minds and understanding of what can be achieved if we all work together.



The Group heading off early morning in Utrecht



Multi Storey Bike parking which caters for in excess of 1600 bikes.



Utrecht answer to Bleeper Bikes, these bikes are supplied by the Rail company at the Train Station in Utrecht.



This bridge was erected over a busy interchange to remove pedestrians and Cyclists and provide them with a safe off-road option at a cost of €11million

Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report is being drafted at present and will be presented to the Climate Action SPC in December 2021.

COP 26 'Conference of the Parties' concluded in early November in Glasgow. This was a Global Climate Action Summit and a follow up to COP 21 in Paris December 2015, where agreement was reached on limiting global temperature increases to "well below 2o DegC" with an aspiration to limit rises to 1.5o C above pre-industrial levels. However, national pledges on emissions – known as nationally determined contributions, or NDCs – have been insufficient to fulfil either goal.

The main outcome of COP26 was the agreement of the Glasgow Climate Pact, which includes the following:

- Agreement that the current NDCs, are inadequate to limit temperature rises to 1.5C, and a roadmap for more frequent revisions of NDC's starting at COP27 next year in Egypt. Countries agreed to come back next year with new strengthened commitments.
- Commitment to "phase down" coal-fired power generation. Unfortunately, this text was watered down from "phase-out", at the last minute. Nevertheless, agreement on this was important.
- Commitment to significantly increase funding for developing countries hardest hit by the effects of climate change.

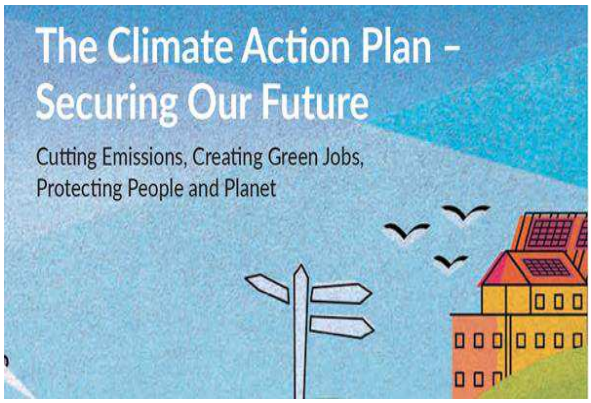
The **Climate Change Action Plan 2021 (CAP 2021)** was published in November 2021 in line with the requirements of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. This plan sets a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve Irelands emissions by 2030 and reach net zero no later than 2050, in line with the Programme for Government. The Plan sets out emissions reductions targets for each sector of the economy and actions to achieve these. In relation to local authorities, the Plan states:

The Climate Action Regional Offices will continue to play a central role in supporting and coordinating climate action by local authorities including: developing capacity through training; supporting behavioural change initiatives; identifying and sourcing funding opportunities; and measuring and recording performance.

- Each local authority will prepare a Climate Action Plan at least once every five years, containing both mitigation and adaptation measures
- Each local authority will develop a decarbonisation zone within its administrative area that will become the focus for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures. This process will include the identification of projects and their associated outcomes that will contribute to achieving our national climate targets.

The CAP 2021 can be viewed or downloaded here:

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6223e-climate-action-plan-2021/



Environmental Awareness

Anti Litter Anti Graffiti projects are ongoing and nearing completion in several communities including murals in Swords, Rush, Balbriggan and Corduff Dublin 15 and biodiversity areas in Mountview/Fortlawn Community Youth and Youth Community Sports Hub and Castlefield Park Clonsilla.

Teachers from 17 Fingal schools received online training for composting and had a site visit to assess opportunities for composting at the school. Several leaf mould cages were set up to compost leaves. Oberstown Childrens Campus young people are making the wormeries and pallet bins for the project. This is all part of the funded Composting for Schools Pilot in the Dublin area.

In support of ReUse month, repaired bicycles and instruments were gifted to a number of schools including a full drumkit to New Cross College, 10 guitars and 5 keyboards to Lusk Community College & Lusk Senior National School.

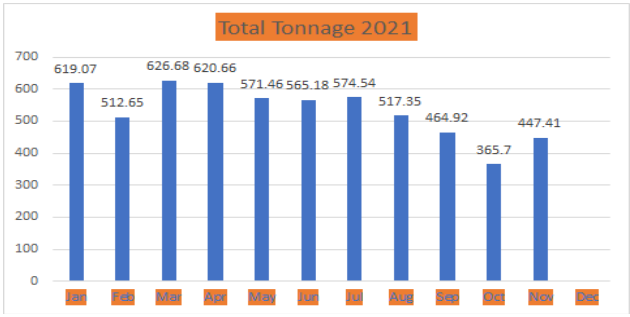
Environment Department in cooperation with Operations and ERP Recycling held an Electricals drop-off day at Skerries Mills on Fri 26th Nov. The event was very well attended and two full truck loads of electricals were collected.



Wormeries made at Oberstown Childrens Campus for Fingal Schools

Bring Centres

The amount of glass collected for recycling in November 2021 was 447 tonnes and is displayed in the year-to-date bar chart below.



Bring Bank Expansion

The Environment Department continues to work to expand the network of Glass and Textiles recycling facilities throughout Fingal.

A Bring Centre shall shortly be installed at the community centre at the Red Arches in Baldoyle.

Textile Recycling

A new contract for the collection and recycling of textiles in Fingal commenced on 15th November 2021. The contract will focus on confirmation of textiles end destinations, tonnages collected, and percentage waste collected. The contract has also provision for expansion of the textile bring network as required.

A total of 20.07 tonnes of textiles was collected and recycled in October 2021 from our 29 Textile Banks locations throughout Fingal County Council. Textile tonnages for November shall be available by mid-December.

The total tonnage for textiles collected and recycled between January and October was 206.37 Tonnes.



The images above detail the clothes pods used by our contractor.

Litter Management

A total of 272 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in November 2021.

Details of fines and warning notices for November 2021 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2020	Warnings Issued 2020	Fines Issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021
January	83	39	3	16
February	103	12	33	23
March	32	16	36	35
April	0	1	66	27
May	0	3	71	116
June	35	1	45	35
July	99	18	75	21
August	49	7	36	23
September	34	7	28	28
October	3	7	47	41
November	34	11	22	39

There were no fines in November relating to dog fouling.

In the District Court in November 13 cases were successfully prosecuted with 10 prosecutions not going into court as the fines were paid in advance of the court date.

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

In November a total of seven dogs entered the dog shelter. Four dogs were seized and three were surrendered. Of the seven dogs that entered the shelter, two dogs have been reclaimed, two dogs have gone to rescues, two dogs have been rehomed to members of the public and one dog currently remains in the shelter.

Tours of the dog shelter have been arranged for the mornings of Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December 2021. All Councillors are invited to attend. Alternatively, Councilors may visit the Dog Shelter independently during the dog's shelter opening hours which are as follows: -

Monday to Friday 9:00 to 17:00, Saturday 9:00 to 15:00 & Sunday 9:00 to 13:00.

Fines issued under the Control of Dogs Act

Month	Fines Issued
Jan	3
Feb	6
Mar	5
Apr	5
May	1
Jun	0
Jul	3
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0
Nov	1

Horse Welfare Programme

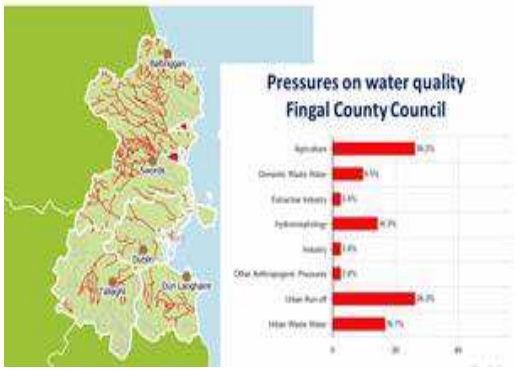
The final Equine ID clinic for Dunsink landfill outreach programme for 2021 has now taken place. The outreach programme has entered a phase of monitoring and welfare inspections.

The Regional Horse Welfare Group continues to meet. The meeting scheduled for November 2021 has been postponed.

Water Quality Protection

Public Consultation - Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027





Website Link; https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/2bda0-public-consultation-on-the-draft-river-basin-management-plan-for-ireland-2022-2027/

This Plan is required for the implementation of our obligations under the *EU Water Framework Directive*. The Plan is for all of Ireland and it's the third planning cycle of the plan and aims to protect and restore to good water quality in our rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater and coastal waters by 2027. **Appendix 2** sets out the proposed programme of measures of which there are 111 in the Plan. They aim to tackle the impacts on water quality from human activities.

Public participation is key to giving a voice to communities and water users in the production of this Plan - which is hoped will be finalised in 2022. Our first public consultation meeting in Fingal took place online on Wednesday 24th November, 2021 and additional dates will be scheduled in 2022 (dates will be posted to our website; https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/river-and-lake-water-quality-monitoring).

To make a submission to the plan before the consultation closes on **Thursday 31st March, 2022** you can:-

1. Visit the *Virtual Consultation Room* at www.lawaters.ie – find easy online submission form to put forward your views and read quick summary of the plan
2. Send comments by email to info@lawaters.ie or rbmp@housing.gov.ie
3. Post comments to *RBMP Consultation, Water Advisory Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Custom House, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0*
4. Use QR code link http://tinyurl.com/rbmp2027

Fingal County Council staff are currently involved in intensive training on how to undertake and apply scientific learnings to Local Catchment assessments (LCA's). This next step in the characterisation process aims to identify the *right measure in the right place* to improve water quality status. We continue to act on reports of pollution to waters - photos and exact locations can assist in us tackling the source of problems in a mobile environment – email us at environment@fingal.ie

Community Water Development Fund 2022 – *applications now open*

Grants available for communities to deliver water, biodiversity, and climate action initiatives from the Community Water Development Fund 2022 (€380,000 available for 2022) to assist in the protection and management of water quality locally and in the wider catchment. A Guide for Community Groups working with water, biodiversity and climate is available in the publications section at www.lawaters.ie

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) administers the Fund on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is open to all not-for-profit community and voluntary groups to apply; Rural Networks; Urban Networks; Environmental Non-Government Organisations, Clubs, Associations or other appropriate bodies located in the Republic of Ireland ONLY.

You can complete the grant application form online at www.lawaters.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is **12 noon on Tuesday, 8 February 2022**.

Grants awarded will range from €500 to €25,000. For support with your application contact your local Community Water Officer (Thomas Carolan by emailing tcarolan@lawaters.ie).

To make an application visit https://consult.watersandcommunities.ie/en/content/community-water-development-fund-grant-application-form-2022

EU Public Consultation on the review of the Bathing Water Directive – *Have your say*



Reminder that this consultation closes on **20th January, 2022** – view link; https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12658-Bathing-water-quality-review-of-EU-rules_en

Waste Enforcement

The Department of the Environment, Climate Action and Communications has issued the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for the period 2022 – 2024. At a recent meeting of the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee it was agreed that going forward, the national priorities should be set for a three year period, subject to annual review.

The 2021 priorities remain broadly relevant therefore, the following high-level priorities have been agreed for the 2022 to 2024 time period:

- **Tackling significant illegal waste activity**
- **Construction and Demolition Activity**
- **End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive & the Waste Metal Industry**
- **Waste Collection- Household & Commercial**
- **Producer Responsibility Initiatives and additional local priorities**

These high-level priority areas have associated annual (2022) and multi-annual (2022-2024) deliverables. It is the intention to maintain the multi-annual programme constant for three years subject to review on an annual basis by the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee.

The Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities will provide further guidance on the implementation of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2022 and the enforcement network co-ordination team in the EPA will ensure that activity and outcome measures relating to the national waste priorities are incorporated into performance assessment and the RMCEI system.




RMCEI Inspection Plan 2021

The RMCEI inspection plan for 2021 is nearing completion with inspections undertaken in key areas such as:

- Packaging/Significant Major Producers/Self Compliers
- WEEE/Batteries/Mercury
- Hazardous Waste/Garages
- Tyres/Imported Vehicles
- Waste Facility Permits/Waste Collection Permits
- Authorised Treatment Facilities
- Unauthorised Scrap Yards
- C & D Skip Operators of Concern
- Man in the Van/Illegal Waste Collectors
- Waste Complaints/Back Yard Storage/ Burning of Waste
- Waste Presentation Bye-Laws
- Construction & Demolition waste/Article 27 Notifications
- End of Life Vehicle Project
- Metal Theft and Metal Traceability Project

A total of 932 inspections have been completed to date across the 5 key priority waste areas:

1/ Tackling significant illegal waste activity,

2/ Construction and Demolition Activity

3/ End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive & the Waste Metal Industry

4/ Waste Collection- Household & Commercial

5/ Multi-Agency Sites of Interest.



Two significant projects were also undertaken during 2021 which have had a direct effect on reducing and eliminating illegal activities both within Fingal and throughout the country:

A/ End of Life Vehicle Project - 400 work days (2 waste enforcement officers).

B/ Metal Theft and Metal Traceability Project - 200 work days.

Several legal files have been prepared for each project to ensure that enforcement actions are complied with, illegal activities stopped, and sites are cleaned up preventing environmental pollution. Efforts will continue into 2022 to ensure that these illegal activities don't return and that the individuals involved are prosecuted for breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.



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APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th NOVEMBER 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	64,402,952	71,062,100	91%	67,528,078	74,321,200	91%	-3,125,126
Road Transport & Safety	24,935,177	24,972,900	100%	7,776,773	7,500,800	104%	17,158,404
Water Services	16,877,638	13,792,400	122%	15,052,315	17,168,500	88%	1,825,323
Development Management	15,152,143	13,785,400	110%	6,972,448	4,496,500	155%	8,179,695
Environmental Services	39,479,299	42,814,100	92%	6,468,291	6,089,700	106%	33,011,009
Recreation & Amenity	33,373,190	36,628,900	91%	1,979,977	1,921,900	103%	31,393,214
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	692,192	1,127,300	61%	240,922	225,100	107%	451,270
Miscellaneous Services	95,616,427	35,878,200	267%	79,562,413	14,325,100	555%	16,054,014
Central Management Charge	37,855,266	46,313,300	82%	2,932,602	3,187,700	92%	34,922,663
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,878,667	7,504,000	92%	-6,878,667
Rates				137,164,592	149,634,100	92%	-137,164,592
	328,384,285	**286,374,600**	**115%**	**332,557,076**	**286,374,600**	**116%**	**-4,172,791**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2021

		Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2021 €
A	Housing & Building	-33,151,165	46,331,329	-37,510,439	-24,330,275
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,501,293	26,342,283	-4,234,028	39,609,548
C	Water Services	-12,552,750	1,262,010	-895,053	-12,185,793
D	Development Managemen	-101,477,199	11,622,570	-36,095,785	-125,950,414
E	Environmental Services	-14,681,189	2,021,256	-7,449,243	-20,109,176
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,299,513	13,411,524	-1,404,812	-292,801
H	Miscellaneous Services	-79,809,475	3,825,351	-28,380,672	-104,364,796
	Total	**-236,469,998**	**104,816,322**	**-115,970,032**	**-247,623,708**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/21

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 30/11/21 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	-14,751,274	7,367,395	3,659,393	3,708,002
LOANS	1,701,915	1,913,237	1,618,092	295,145
RENTS	7,082,917	8,437,422	4,060,466	4,376,956

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2 - Cycle Protected Lanes

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name**	**Comments**
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Hunstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 1	Complete
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 2	Works complete for Phase 2a. Phase 2b design works which include junction and roundabout design are now 90% complete with works expected to begin early in the new year. Safe Routes to School design underway for front of school treatment at St. Philip the Apostle, enabling works were carried out over the Halloween school break with the remainder of the works expected to be carried out in Q1 of 2022.
FCC/21/0010	Bus Gate @ Littlepace (NTA)	This project is to be progressed by the NTA.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar	Draft brief is finalised, and an internal review is ongoing.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown SC	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief and engage consultants on concept development

TBC	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane (Section1 Auburn Ave to Navan Rd)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
TBC	Luttrelstown to Ballycoolin Rd (Junction Review)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
FCC/20/0007	St Cronan's Avenue	Application for project funding is with the NTA for review and approval. Works expected to commence on site in January 2022. Appointment documents are currently being drafted for Contractor and legal requirements in relation to client's responsibility for project health & safety.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	An additional 82 secure bike locking stands were installed across Fingal between September and November 2021. These new stands have the capacity to lock 164 bicycles. Our contractor was busy during November working in Balbriggan Skate Park and Bandstand playground and Howth along the Main Street and surrounding carpark at Balscadden. The Active Travel team are now finalising the next works package for Blanchardstown, Carpenterstown and Castleknock with works expected to commence in December 2021.
FCC/20/0006	Safe to Schools Programme - infrastructure	Options report on the 11 schools identified through NTA & An Taisce is being developed at present and engagement with the schools is ongoing. Detailed design is being worked on in relation to a school in each area is being developed so that we can move onto full engagement and Tender stage with these.
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 1	Phase 1 complete

FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 2	Works are now ongoing on Phase 2a. kerb build outs and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, with raised ramps at entrances to estates. Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabout. Safe Routes to School design to be considered for inclusion for front of school treatment at Holy Family NS.
FCC/20/0007	R132 Ministers Road to Blake's Cross	Currently waiting on a decision for reducing an 800m section of speed limit between Corduff National School and Ministers Road. Consultants drafting the detailed design and tender package which is programmed to be complete in December or early January 2022.

FCC/20/0007	Baldoyle Grange Road	Works started on site, 9th August. Footpath and carriageway works 100 % completed. Line marking 90% completed for upgraded cycle lanes. Bollard installation 90 % completed and due to be closed out in the next 2 weeks. Replacement of cycle friendly gullies 100% completed. Epoxy resin treatment to follow, weather dependent. Draft design options report for Phase 2 (Baldoyle Circle) being reviewed internally.
FCC/20/0007	Warrenhouse Road	Junction buildouts completed. Old line marking burned off and replaced with upgraded cycle lane line marking. Existing gullies replaced with new cycle friendly gullies. Central islands 100% removed to allocate more space towards cycle lanes. Bollard installation 90% completed. Remainder of bollard and line marking to be closed out in next two weeks. Epoxy resin 75% completed and remainder is dependent on weather conditions.

FCC/20/0007	Howth Road & Dublin Road	Footpath repair works 90% completed and projected to be finished next week. Junction works 60 % completed and projected to be closed out next week. Road pavement and cycle lane repair works ongoing until 30th November. Line marking works and bollard installation to commence post carriageway and cycle lane repair works and is weather dependant. Gully replacement works 50% completed. Epoxy resin application paused until more favourable weather conditions allow installation.

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Professor Brian Ó Gallachóir, Director, MaREI Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork

Solar Energy
Speaker: Conall Bolger, CEO of the Irish Solar Energy Association

- Renewable energy targets
- Behind the meter solar – e.g. solar on homes, farms, businesses and industrial buildings
- Incorporating utility scale solar onto the Irish network
- Challenges for deploying solar at scale

What Role Has Renewable Hydrogen in Ireland's Energy Future?
Speaker: Dr Eoin Syron, Lecturer School of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, University College Dublin.

- Hydrogen Potential in Ireland
- Pathways to Green Hydrogen
- A Hydrogen Strategy for Ireland
- Current Research Activities

Hydrogen – it's a wonderful fuel but don't forget process safety!
Speaker: Fergal Callaghan, AWN Consulting

- Introduction - comparison of hydrogen with hydrocarbon-based fuels - process safety aspects
- Properties of hydrogen which lead to fire and explosion hazards
- Typical hydrogen generation, handling, dispensing and storage plant
- Hydrogen accidents which have occurred and root causes
- Lessons learned and process safety requirements for the use of hydrogen as a fuel

Implementation of Relevant EU Directives
Speaker: Antonella Uras, Programme Executive at Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)

- Regulatory outlook
- EED

- EPDB
- Ecodesign

The role of Bioenergy in Decarbonising Ireland
Speaker: Seán Finan B.E. C.Eng MIEI Chief Executive Officer Irish Bioenergy Association (IrBEA)

- Bioenergy: Meeting the challenges of climate change & sustainable development
- Summary of proposed Bioenergy measures and opportunities
- Sustainability Criteria & Recognition of Bioenergy's role in tackling Climate Change
- Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH) and Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS)
- Addressing concerns about bioenergy

Integrated Offshore Energy Infrastructures on Ireland's Energy Transition Roadmap
Speaker: Nick O' Neill, Director, SLR Consulting Ireland

- Collaboration between government, industry and academia is key
- Lessons from Eastern Canada
- Irish offshore wind, LNG floating storage and regasification, hydrogen production and CO2 storage concept
- Accelerated pathway to a just energy transition

Developing Ireland's Ocean Energy Resources
Speaker: Shadi Kalash, Offshore Programme Executive, SEAI

- Overview of Ireland's ocean energy potential
- Key enabling 2021 developments
- Current research, innovation & collaboration activity

The Energy Transition: Transforming the Grid and our energy policies
Speaker: Niamh McGovern, Partner, Arthur Cox

Who Should Attend?

This conference would be of interest to senior management, director, CEO and operator level from energy operators, engineers, civil contractors, main contractors, consultants, universities, county councils, government departments, semi state agencies, building services contractors, specialist and sub-contractors, relevant industry suppliers and manufacturers to name just a few.

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Invitation

Dear Cathal,

This year is the 30th anniversary of the foundation of Irish Rural Link in 1991. This marks three decades of representing the interest of rural Ireland in policy formulation in Ireland and Europe, influencing and supporting rural community development and enterprise in an era of rapid change and working to ensure that the needs of those more disadvantaged in rural Ireland are addressed. Over 30 years our activities and that of our members has had a hugely positive impact on the quality of rural life in innumerable ways.

To celebrate this occasion we are planning a half day conference on **Friday, 3rd December from 10am-1.30pm in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone Co. Westmeath**. The theme of the Day is **'A Changing Rural Ireland, 1991-2051'.** It's an opportune moment to take stock of the incredible journey Rural Ireland has been on since 1991 and reflect on how this change will likely shape the Rural Irish future.

The conference will be opened by **Heather Humphrey Minister for Rural & Community Development.** The day will involve two panel discussions, the first looking to the past thirty years and the economic, social and cultural changes the period has brought to rural Ireland. The 2nd panel will cast an eye to the future and the challenges and opportunity the next thirty years are likely to bring. Panelists will be drawn from Academia, Media, Politics, Community Development, Enterprise and Agriculture.

Moderator: Ciaran Mullooly, Community & Social Enterprise Development Officer, Roscommon LEADER Partnership

Panelists include;

- **Tara Farrell,** Chair of Irish Rural Link and CEO of Longford Women's Link
- **Seamus Boland,** CEO of Irish Rural Link and President of The European Economic and Social Committee Diversity Europe Group
- **Conor Skehan,** Lecturer in Environment and Planning, TU Dublin and Irish Independent Columnist
- **Dr. Maura Farrell,** Lecturer In Rural Development NUIG
- **Cllr. Uruemua Adejinmi,** Mayor of Longford County Council
- **Pat McDonagh,** Managing Director of Supermacs, Só Hotels and Plaza Group
- **Kate Flood,** Community Wetlands Forum
- **Mairead Lavery,** Editor of the Irish Farmers Journal
- **Larry O'Connell,** Director of the National Economic and Social Council
- **Kevin McCarthy,** Secretary General Department of Rural & Community Development

Places are limited and unfortunately should it prove necessary due to public health advice the conference will be be moved to a virtual format.

You can register for the Conference by clicking the link below

Yours sincerely,

Seamus Boland

CEO

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 33

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16th November 2021

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st November 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

"That this Council in conjunction with Tusla, Dept of Children and Equality and the Gardaí establish an appropriate and safe Refuge Centre for victims and survivors (mainly women) of domestic violence in Sligo and surrounding area."

It was also agreed to circulate this motion to all other local authorities for their support".

Kevin Colreavy
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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

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25th November 2021

To: **Each Local Authority**

The following motion was adopted at the Plenary meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 11th November, 2021.

"I am calling on Waterford City & County Council to have visual communication boards for non-verbal children installed in all public playgrounds"

Yours sincerely,

pp AOSloe

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator

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Galway County Council

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29th November 2021

To: All Local Authorities

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council - Boycott on goods from occupied territories

A chara,

At a recent meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

"That following the correspondence from South Dublin County Council and this council's recent motion that this council also agrees to write to the Department of the Taoiseach, other local authorities and Retail Ireland calling on Irish and international supermarkets operating here to join the boycott on goods from occupied territories."

I would be obliged if you would consider this request and revert to me on the above so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Mise, le meas,

Ms. J. Brann
County Secretary

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2021

ITEM NO. 35

ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR

Motion: Councillor D. Whooley

"That this Council establishes a Working Group to discuss the proposal of a directly elected Mayor in Dublin and its consequences for the citizens of Fingal and to create a report of any changes that the role might bring to the Council."

Report:

The Programme for Government contains a commitment to the establishment of the office of a Directly Elected Mayor for Dublin. The Government has recently announced that a Citizen's Assembly will be established to examine the proposal during 2022. It is considered premature therefore for a Working Group to be formed to examine any implications as there is no proposal in existence at present.

It is of course a matter for the Members to decide how to proceed.