Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th February, 2022 in The Grand Hotel, Malahide, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Doyle, Tania
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary

Councillors:

McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Ó Rodaigh, Seana
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received from Councillors Boland, Cathal; Conroy, Pamela; Graves, Ann; Hopkins, Joan; Maguire, Grainne; O'Leary, Tom; O'Rourke, Aaron.

The Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Corporate Affairs & Governance); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/EETD); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Mobility); Mary Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water Services); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Planning & Strategic Infrastructure); Robert Burns (Director of Services Housing and Community); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer); Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect); Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

F/32/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022 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 10th January 2022 be **ADOPTED."**

F/33/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Appointment of Members for Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management

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

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Mulligan and seconded by Cllr. T. Doyle, that Cllr. Tania Doyle be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. JK Onwumereh and seconded by Cllr. T. Kitt, that Cllr. Howard Mahony be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Rane and seconded by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, that Cllr. Kieran Dennison be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. H. Mahony and seconded by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh that Cllr. Darragh Butler be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

Following discussion, it was AGREED and declared by the Mayor that Councillors Tania Doyle, Howard Mahony, Kieran Dennison and Darragh Butler be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

F/34/22 (Agenda Item No 3)

Membership of Strategic Policy Committees

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

Following discussion, it was AGREED that Councillors Ian Carey and Pamela Conroy switch their SPC membership, with Councillor Carey moving to the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC and Councillor Conroy moving to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC.

F/35/22

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 4 to 17, be ADOPTED."

F/36/22 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor P. Mulville - Motor Tax office - Telephone Service

F/37/22 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Bins Waste Collection

F/38/22 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor K. Power - Update on Fingal Coastal Way

F/39/22 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor D. Healy - Information on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges

F/40/22 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Healy - Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit System

F/41/22 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor B. Manton - Housing for All Deliveries

F/42/22 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor B. Manton - Accessing utilities for new builds

F/43/22 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor P. Conroy - Free Trees for Babies Scheme

F/44/22 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor I. Carey - Croí Cónaithe Fund initiative

F/45/22 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor I. Carey - Council's Retrofitting figures in the County

F/46/22 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor C. Boland - Graveyard capacity

F/47/22 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor A. Henchy - Blue Flag status for Fingal beaches

F/48/22 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Parking Charges

F/49/22 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Liaison Committee Meetings

F/50/22 (Agenda Item No 18)

Report of Committees

a Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 11th January 2022

The report of the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 11th January 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd February 2022

The report of the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd February 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/51/22 (Agenda Item No 19)

Financial Matters

a Statutory Audit Report for 2020

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

b Audited AFS for 2020

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

c Statutory Audit Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020 from the Local Government Audit Service

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

F/52/22 (Agenda Item No 20)

Audit Committee

a Audit Committee Report on Audited AFS

The report of the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ms Noreen Fahy, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

b Annual Report 2021

The report of the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ms Noreen Fahy, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

c Audit Committee Charter

The Audit Committee Charter proposed by the Audit Committee Chair, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion was **AGREED**.

F/53/22 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties.

a Proposed Disposal of land to facilitate the construction of a sub-station and associated ancillary works at Liscappagh Avenue Cappaghfinn, Dublin 11 to ESB Networks

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED:**

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

F/54/22 (Agenda Item No 22)

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) for proposed maintenance building development at Balleally Landfill Site

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley 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 maintenance building development at Balleally Landfill Site be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/55/22 (Agenda Item No 23)

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) for Proposed extensions to existing Autistic Spectrum community facility operated by St. Michaels House in an existing bungalow at 61 Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 R6W8, including revised site boundaries incorporating a new car park (on lands within overall approximate site area of 0.168 hectares), and associated infrastructure, site works, landscaping, tree planting, remedial management of existing trees and boundary treatment

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. J. Newman, seconded by Cllr. D. Butler and **PASSED –**

"That the Council proceeds with the proposed development, subject to taking account of the six separate recommendations of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report and amending by reduction of 5 car parking spaces on site prior to commencement."

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor P. Rane, seconded by Councillor J. Newman 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 extensions to existing Autistic Spectrum community facility operated by St. Michaels House in an existing bungalow at 61 Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 R6W8, including revised site boundaries incorporating a new car park (on lands within overall approximate site area of 0.168 hectares), and associated infrastructure, site works, landscaping, tree planting, remedial management of existing trees and boundary treatment be proceeded with as amended by the foregoing motion and as set out in the foregoing report."

F/56/22 (Agenda Item No 24)

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) for the proposed construction of a Community Sports Centre with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley 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 construction of a Community Sports Centre with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11 be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/57/22 (Agenda Item No 25)

St. Patrick's Day Events

A presentation was given to the Members by Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services. Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

F/58/22 (Agenda Item No 26)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/59/22 (Agenda Item No 27)

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Study of Women and Children's Safety in the Public Realm

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

F/60/22 (Agenda Item No 28)

Conference Report

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

F/61/22 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/62/22 (Agenda Item No 30)

Correspondence

a Letter from Waterford City & County Council dated 17th January 2022 re Retention of a full-time Air Sea Rescue Service

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

b Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Spina Bifida and or Hydracephalus

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Increase grant limits for Community Wastewater Connection Networks

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

d Letter from Sligo County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Resolution re practice of Patient Commercial Debt Collection

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

e Letter from Galway County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Epilepsy Ireland

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

f Letter from Cork County Council dated 24th January 2022 re Special parking spaces at schools in the country for persons with hidden disabilities

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/63/22 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/64/22 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Detailed independent report prior to the application or applications of any planning permissions sought for coastal protection measures

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. Dennehy was proposed by Councillor B. Dennehy and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED.**

F/65/22 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor C. Boland - Water Services supply over lifetime of County Development Plan

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/66/22 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillors D. Mulligan and A. Graves - Protected Cycle Lanes, Removal of Kerbing

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/67/22 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor P. Mulville - Need for water services to stay in public ownership

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

It was then proposed by Cllr T. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. D. Mulligan and **AGREED** –

"To insert the words: "and associated water infrastructure" between the words "services" and "to" on the first line -

That this Committee, in recognising the essential need for water services and associated water infrastructure to stay in public ownership, as this is the only way in which we can improve what is a hugely under-invested area, calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, who has responsibility for water services, to bring forward legislation as a matter of urgency to hold a referendum to prohibit the privatisation of water services."

Following discussion, the motion, as amended, was **PASSED**.

F/68/22 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor J. Walsh - Support for Tidy Towns/community groups

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

It was **AGREED** to take Item No. 39 in conjunction with this item. The motion in the name of Councillor D. Whooley was proposed by Councillor D. Whooley and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motions were **PASSED** and it was further **AGREED** to refer the matter to the Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity SPC.

F/69/22 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor K. Dennison - Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with Canada

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/70/22 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor A. Henchy - Open Water Swimming across Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED**.

F/71/22 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor D. Whooley - Report on the costings for a Community Project Fund

See Minute No. F/68/22

F/72/22 (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - To establish a Museum of World Artefacts in Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK Onwumereh, was proposed by Councillor JK Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED**.

F/73/22 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - LGBTIQ Freedom Zone

The motion, in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED**.

F/74/22 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/75/22 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor T. Doyle - Elected Members - An Bord Pleanála Submission Fees

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. Doyle was proposed by Councillor T. Doyle and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

F/76/22 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor K. Power - Exemptions from planning permission for solar panels

The motion, in the name of Councillor K. Power was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

F/77/22 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Personal Assistance Service

The motion, in the name of Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley.

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

The Meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 03

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR AARON O'ROURKE

In accordance with Section 19 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, following the resignation of Councillor Aaron O'Rourke with effect from 27th February 2022, a causal vacancy now exists in Fingal County Council.

Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority to fill the vacancy whereby a Member resigns, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the casual vacancy.

Section 19(4) provides that the co-option shall be made, after due notice (issued on 7th March 2022), at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

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ITEM NO. 04

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Nominations are now sought for one Member to the Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee.

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ITEM NO. 05

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nominations are sought for the appointment of one Member to Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Management Advisory Committee.

The role of the Committee is to consider and advise on securing the objectives of the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order. This will include considering and advising on proposals resulting from implementation of the objectives of the "Towards a Liffey Valley Park" report. This is a joint committee between Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council and the Chair rotates between FCC and SDCC. The Planning Departments of Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council provides executive input to the Committee.

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ITEM NO. 06

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO HANSFIELD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE STEERING GROUP

Nominations are sought for the appointment of one Member to Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group.

The Hansfield Strategic Development Zone comprises approximately 80.74 hectares of land in south-west Blanchardstown close to the county boundary with County Meath. Under the Statutory Development Plan, the subject lands carry the zoning objective 'RS1' - to provide for new residential communities in accordance with approved Local Area Plans and subject to the provisions of the necessary social and physical infrastructure. Membership comprises of the Elected Members from the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar LEAs.

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ITEM NO. 09

PUBLIC BEACH SHOWERS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive given the greatly increased popularity of year-round sea swimming, if steps can be taken to install public beach showers at our beaches?"

Reply:

The Council is currently exploring the option of installing public beach showers at a number of its designated bathing areas. The availability of a public water supply will dictate the viability of installing public beach showers which the Council aims to have installed prior to the commencement of the bathing season in June.

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ITEM NO. 10

THE NEED FOR CCTV SECURITY CAMERAS AT BEACH CAR PARKS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can again be given to the provision of CCTV security cameras at beach car parks in order to prevent and deter criminal activity affecting members of the public who park up to enjoy our beaches?"

Reply:

The Council currently uses CCTV to protect Council property and to carry out its regulatory and enforcement functions, where appropriate. The provision of CCTV system to cover an area of the public realm would require the carrying out of a full Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to justify the presence of the CCTV. Recognisable images captured by CCTV cameras are personal data and are subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. It is not proposed to install CCTV at beach car parks at this time.

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ITEM NO. 11

HIGH AMENITY AREAS

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of areas zoned high amenity for over a decade or more, that remain derelict and under-utilised 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 environment 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. 12

DOG FOULING

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive for an inter-departmental assessment to address the serious issue of dog fouling across all public footpaths and within our local parks and beaches and while I fully acknowledge and recognise the vast majority of dog owners and dog walkers behave responsibly, unfortunately the surge of dog fouling is evident everywhere you go?"

Reply:

Dog Fouling is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act and is enforced by the Litter Wardens. The Litter Wardens also erect dog fouling signage. The dog wardens undertake patrols and may increase their patrols in areas with high levels of dog fouling, including parks.

In terms of educational awareness, the Environmental Awareness Officer (EAO) runs the Green Dog Walker campaign, giving out doggie dispensers free of charge to the public through the community centres network. The EAO is expanding this by increasing the number of dispensers in 2022. The Environment Department also promote responsible dog ownership and a regional campaign with other Local Authorities is due in April 2022. Anti-Dog Fouling posts have been published on the Council's Facebook & Instagram pages reminding dog owners of their responsibilities under the #Bag it! Bin it and a link are provided to the Green Dog Walkers Initiative on our website. Audio devices have been installed in various locations around the county reminding people to clean up after their dogs.

In the area of enforcement, in order to issue a fine, a Litter Warden must witness the dog fouling and identify the owner of that dog. The Environment Department also look for the assistance of the public in identifying dog owners in relation to dog fouling and ask them to present as a witness. As members of the public can be reluctant to act as a witness, it can be very difficult to secure fines for dog fouling.

The Environment Department is in the process of undertaking a pilot to attempt to address this issue. This pilot includes an educational and enforcement piece bringing together the Environmental Awareness Officer, the Litter Wardens and the Dog Wardens in a joint initiative on the ground, in an area of high dog fouling. The Operations Department liaise closely with our colleagues in the Environment Department to provide a coordinated approach to addressing the issue of dog fouling in the County.

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ITEM NO. 13

REDUCED GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE IN SPRING/SUMMER MONTHS

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration for a reduced mowing schedule in our spring and summer months?"

Reply:

The Council is currently working with local communities in several towns and villages in the county as part of the preparation of Biodiversity Plans. As part of the consultation process, many of the towns and villages have made similar requests for reduction of mowing. The Operations Department is working closely with the Biodiversity Team to facilitate a different cutting regime for the future.

Following the consultation process that has occurred in the last year regarding the Town Biodiversity Plans, it would be desirable for the Council to prepare proposals on changes to grass maintenance with each individual town as part of this process. A reduction in mowing will not be just as simple as increasing the weeks between each cut, as this has an impact on how the space can be used which will have other knock-on impacts to all the stakeholders that use the individual open spaces.

The Council has considerable previous experience in a reduced mowing policy. The previous 'Growing Places' project, while it had huge merit, met with resistance for a variety of reasons, but principally, as a result of not getting public buy-in. It would be advisable that any further effort to introduce reduced

mowing that the appropriate consultation is carried out initially. It is vitally important that any major changes in how grass maintenance is carried out should be implemented as part of a consultation process with all community stakeholders.

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ITEM NO. 14

NUMBER OF BLUE FLAGS APPLIED FOR BY THE COUNCIL

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many beaches, who qualified for blue flag status, had blue flag applications applied for this year by the Council?"

Reply:

Applications for blue flags have been submitted to An Taisce for the three beaches in Fingal - Rush South, Portmarnock and Donabate. These beaches meet the stringent environmental, educational, safety and accessibility criteria for the International Blue Flag Award in 2022.

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ITEM NO. 15

AUTISM PARKING SPACES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress made regarding Item 07 on the Agenda of Council Meeting of 8thNovember 2021, the request for the provision of Autism Parking Spaces in Fingal?"

Reply:

The following was outlined in November 2021 with regards to the provision of Autism Parking Spaces in Fingal.

Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws adopted in 2020 were made under Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. These Bye-Laws provide for the management and control of on-street and off-street parking throughout the County.

The Bye-Laws currently provide for Blue Permit parking in such designated spaces throughout the County, free of charge. Current legislation does not provide for the enforcement and control of public parking by a Local Authority beyond the remit of the current Parking Control Bye-Laws.

Supermarkets and their associated car parking are generally in private ownership. The Council will engage with Limerick Co. Council on the initiative by ASD Ireland.

The Operations Department will engage with other Local Authorities operating similar on-street managed car parking services to ensure a coordinated approach to review this proposal.

The Operations Department will review Parking Bye-Laws in other Local Authorities operating similar on-street managed car parking services. However, all parking must be in line with the legislation and the current adopted Bye-Laws.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 16

RECYCLING SITES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive could she outline where in Fingal we have sites where a recycling business could be established and the location of these sites and please indicate whether these sites are owned by the Council or in private ownership?"

Reply:

The Council has industrial sites within its ownership which have a range of zonings including GE for General Employment and HT for High Technology.
The Council has previously disposed of sites with GE zonings where recycling businesses have located, subject to the granting of planning permission and the appropriate waste licences. For commercial reasons it is not possible to provide a list of sites. The Council is happy to engage with businesses seeking to locate within Fingal and any interested parties may contact the Property Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department to discuss their requirements.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 17

ALLOCATION OF ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING

Question: Councillor H. Mahony

"To ask the Chief Executive can all funding allocated for local cycleways in the County be taken from the Active Travel budget rather than the Programme of Works budget of each Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

All funding allocated for protected cycle lanes is provided for by the National Transport Authority. No funding for cycleways is included in the 2022 Programme of Works Budget for each Local Electoral Area.

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ITEM NO. 18

N3/M50 TO CLONEE OUTBOUND GENERAL TRAFFIC LANE

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what benefit would be gained by an extra general traffic lane outbound on the N3 as is apparently being proposed in the Clonee to M50 scheme, given the traffic is in a free-flow state, when it is the Council's assessment that a dedicated bus lane would not provide any benefit because the traffic is in a free-flow state?"

Reply:

In line with the recently published National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI), the proposed scheme will provide for mobility of people and goods in urban areas and enhanced regional and rural connectivity. The additional lane in the outbound direction will provide more opportunities for the safe manoeuvring and weaving of vehicles merging and diverging on the main N3. As traffic flows increase in future years, the existing layout would not provide a safe or efficient road layout, given the number of merging/diverging movements along this section. In the proposed new layout, road safety will be significantly enhanced by providing this extra lane given the merging and diverging of vehicles leaving or joining from the junctions which are spaced closer together than recommended for this classification of road.

The two outer lanes may be signed for inter-regional traffic travelling longer distances on the N3 /M3 and the inner lane may be signed of traffic leaving the N3 at the next junction.

Between Junction 1 and Junction 2, this scheme will also include the dedicated outbound bus lane between proposed as part of the BusConnects

Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor scheme. Converting the hard shoulders on the outbound carriageway to bus lanes on the remainder of the scheme (J2 to J4a) will be considered further in the next iteration of the design process, the preliminary design phase, which is commencing currently.

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ITEM NO. 19

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO BALSCADDEN BEACH

Question: Councillor D. Whooley

"To ask the Chief Executive for a copy of the terms of reference for the feasibility study for the universal access to Balscadden Beach?"

Reply:

A copy of the terms of reference for the feasibility study will issue to Councillors in the coming days.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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ITEM NO. 20

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 20a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2022

1. Councillor D. Butler - July Full Council Meeting

The following motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh -

"That going forward the full Council meeting for July of each year should take place on the first Monday of the month, as opposed to the second Monday of the month, in order to extend the holiday window for Councillors and staff members who have young families. Holding the Council meeting in the second week of July gives a very narrow window to plan family vacations over the summer months of July and August."

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED

2. Councillor P. Mulville – Interest of Local Authorities in Companies – Benefactis.ie.

The following motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh –

"That the Chief Executive, in relation to all companies in which the Council has an interest, classed either as subsidiary or associate, would encourage and support such companies to share their information with benefacts.ie."

Following discussion, the motion was **NOTED**

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 20b

REPORT OF BABRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/ SWORDS
AREA COMMITTEE (SERVICES B) MEETING
HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2022

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 approved to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Rush Mens Shed	€403.95	Public Liability Insurance Projector and cables	Yes	€200 – 2020	403.95
The Tower Singing Group	€ 139.90	Costs of renewal the zoom license fee.	YES	€ 340.00/2020	€ 139.90

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**
Lusk Heritage Group	€1,000	Development of website for the promotion of Lusk	Y	2021 - €660 2020 - €500 2019 - €500 2018 - €600 2017 - €350 2015 - €369 2014 - €400 **€3,379**	€1,000
Chinkwell Writer's Group	€1,250	To print, deliver and distribute 200 books, which contain the stories of the writing group members.	N	N/A	€1,000
John Fitzsimon "Fitzer's Art"	€1,000	To paint a public art work, on a wall at the entrance at Keinagans Farm, in Rush village (with the permission of the owner).	N	N/A	€1,000
Lusk Tidy Towns Association	€300	Production of a Book of photos, poems,	Y	2020 - €600 2019 - €450 2018 - €400	€300

		sketches etc of Lusk for archival purposes.		2016 - €400 2015 - €400 2014 - €400 **€2,650**	

It was proposed by Councillor R. O' Donoghue and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 20c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING - COMMUNITY

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** • **Requirement for Funding** • **Breakdown**	**Previous Funding Yes/No**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to date in current year and previous year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive for application**
Mid Sutton Community Centre, Bayside	€3,000	Enhance engagement with community • hire of facilitator to work with BOM on engaging with community and delivery of	Yes 2018 & 2019		€3,000

		strategic plan.			
Millview Residents Association, Malahide	€3,000	Christmas resident event • Insurance • Lights • Brass Band	Yes 2018 & 2019	n/a	€1,044.96

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by: Councillor D. Healy

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Cathaoirleach

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING - ARTS

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 these organisations, 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

St. Fintan's High School Sutton	€1,500	Transition Year Musical	Y	2020 - €1,500 2019 - €1,500 2017 - €1,500 €4,500	€1,500
Portmarnock Art Group	€2,000	Art Exhibition in Grand Hotel Malahide	Y	2020 - €2,000 2019 - €2,000 2018 - €1,500 2017 - €1,000 2016 - €1,500 2015 - €750 2014 - €750 €9,500	€2,000

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by: Councillor D. Healy

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Cathaoirleach

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 20d

Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 3rd March 2022

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

Application for Community 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**
Muslim Women Together	€3,000	**Advertise their presence in community and Charity Event** Insurance Pull Up Banner Railing Banner Flyers Hccp course	Y 2018 & 2019	N/A	€1,757.60

		First Aid Course Room Rental Laptop			
Kurdish Art Nergz Group Ireland	€3,000	**Newroz Kurdish New Years & St. Patrick's Day festival** Venue Hall Insurance Entertainment	Y – 2020	n/a	€1912.00

The Application for Funding which was received, was AGREED

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 Chairperson

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

Application for Funding (Arts)

An application for funding under the Council's Arts 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	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
Blanchardstown Castleknock History Society	€2,000	Publication of a journal of local history.	N	N/A	€2,000

The Application for Funding which was received, was AGREED
That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the funding in the foregoing report.

Signed:

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Councillor Pamela Conroy

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 20e

REPORT OF COMMITTEE BABRIGGAN/SWORDS/RUSH-LUSK AREA COMMITTEE
(SERVICES B) 10th March 2022

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**
Skerries Men's Shed	€3,000	Insurance €990.00 Decking materials & delivery €1907.00	Y	2021 - €1,533.00	€2,987.00
Swords Woodland Association	€3,000	Insurance €450.00 Miscellaneous gardening equipment €370.00	Y	n/a	€820.00
Rush Men's Shed	€3,000	Insurance €210.00 Projector €179.00 Cable €14.95	y	n/a	€403.95

The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	€3,000	Book Reading and Q&A - Rosemary Hennigan €200 Emma Fagan Film organiser and PR €450 Catherine Connolly - Ferntherapies €100 Hire of Zoom for 2 months- €34.42 Charleigh Bailey actress Q&A €100 Erin McGahan musician €30 Hire of venue for film €45	Y	2021 - €338.40 2021 - €264.00	€959.00
The Tower Singing Club	€3,000	Yearly Zoom License €139.90	Y	n/a	€139.90
Rush Tourism Arts & Heritage	€3,000	POP TENT 3 X 3M €1326.00 POP TENT 3 X 3 M €1326.00 WEIGHTS TO HOLD TENTS IN SITU X 8 €324.00	Y	n/a	€2,976.00

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan. That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Community Facilities *(Non-Fingal County Council owned)* Remedial Works Scheme Funding

The Community Remedial Works Grant Scheme for non-council owned Community facilities focuses on enhancing existing Community Centres throughout the County of Fingal.

Applications are considered for funding to allow for essential remediation works/repairs (Inc. Capital Works) on (non-Fingal County Council owned) Community facilities as set out below.

Multi-purpose facilities	50% of the cost of the works subject to a maximum grant amount of €20,000
Single-Interest Facilities	50% of the cost of the works subject to a maximum grant amount of €15,000

Applications for funding, under the scheme, are accepted from the non-council owned facilities listed below.

Non-council owned facilities used for Community Purposes
Facilities providing Childcare services in a community facility
Not for profit organisations – defined as a group/association that conducts business for the benefit of the general public without shareholder and without a profit motive.

An application, under the scheme, has been received from Lusk Round Towers GAA Club to fund the upgrade of external lighting around the club premises and car park at a total cost of €24,828. The proposed upgrade to the internal lighting in the club premises will include the hall, changing rooms, meeting rooms office, toilets storage area and bar. The proposed works are urgently required to meet Health and Safety standards and will lead to a significant and permanent reduction in energy consumption and cost for the club.

The application has been assessed under the criteria of the scheme and the costs for the proposed works are considered to be reasonable. Therefore, payment of a Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme in the sum of €12,414 being 50% of the proposed works to Lusk Round Towers GAA Club, to fund to upgrade the external lighting around the club premises and car park at the club, is recommended.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy.

That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community Facilities *(Non-Fingal County Council owned)* Remedial Works Scheme funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Tony Murphy
Area Chairperson

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

14th March 2022

Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Item no. 21 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 300 no. dwellings, 1 no. créche facility, 1 no. communal facility, 2 no. retail units, Eastern Linear Park and all associated site development works on a 9.47 ha site at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice: In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in the Herald on 9th December 2021. Four copies of the Site Notice were erected on site, on the same date, located at the four corners of the site and a number were visible from the public road.

Prescribed Bodies: The following Prescribed Bodies were notified of and provided with the plans and particulars of the proposal:

- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- National Transport Authority
- Irish Water
- Health and Safety Authority
- Minister for Housing, Local Government & the Environment,
- Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- Arts Council
- Fáilte Ireland

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period: Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Thursday 9th December 2021 up to and including Monday 17th January 2022 online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse and at three locations:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2

- Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.
- Mulhuddart Community Centre, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF

Arrangements were made to view these by appointment only due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Submissions were accepted from Thursday 9th December 2021 to Monday 31st January 2022, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: Acting Director of Housing and Community, Housing Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are included in Table A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. A total of 3 submissions and observations were received during the statutory timeframe (as per Appendix B). All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

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 and giving 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) 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.

Site location and access:

The subject site, known as Church Fields, is located between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north, and between Church Road to the east and the permitted Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network to the west.

The site is a greenfield site with the topography falling across the site from the northeast corner to the south west corner with a total fall of 17m across. The site also slopes downward from north to south. The site generally consists of scrub and grassland with the remnants of an old haul road across the site. The southern boundary is bounded by an historic hedgerow and ditch and further east, a line of beech trees defines the line of Church Road. The site is bounded to the west by the permitted Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (Part XI/011/19).

The wider context of the site is mixed and urban, with the existing residential areas of Mulhuddart and Tyrrelstown to the north and south of the site and industrial areas to the west and to the east. Gaelscoil an Chuilinn, Powerstown Educate Together schools and Betania Church are located on the opposite side of Damastown Avenue to the north of the site.

Site zoning:

The site is zoned 'RS' with the objective to "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" where the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".

The southern section of the site where the linear park is proposed is zoned '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’.

The site includes a specific objective in Fingal Development Plan 2017-23 for a proposed school. Previous consultations with the Department of Education have confirmed that the need for a school in this area will be provided on the lands to the north of Damastown Avenue. It is important to note that these lands to the north are zoned for community use and within the ownership of Fingal County Council. As part of this process Fingal County Council engaged with the Department of Education to convey the terms of this Part 8 submission.

The development proposal:

The proposed scheme is part of a larger landholding owned by Fingal County Council who are progressing proposals to develop the lands as part of its commitment under Housing for All to guide new build housing on the land in its ownership in the Dublin 15 area. The Part 8 application site encompasses a total of 9.47Ha (gross) situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north, and between Church Road to the east and Damastown Industrial estate to the west. A linear park connecting Church Road to the east and the Pinkeen Valley to the west provides a key connecting structure between the proposed plan area and the existing residential areas to the south. The net site area for the proposed development excluding the linear park is 7.48ha.

The proposed development includes:

- The proposed construction of 300 Residential units, comprising of 220 house dwellings of 2 - 3 storey heights, to include for 68 x 2-bed 4 person units (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 82.8 m2 to 88.2 m2), 133 x 3-bed 5 – 6 person units (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 94.2 m2 to 127.9 m2), and 19 x 4-bed 7 person units (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 129.7 m2 to 133.5 m2), 80 apartments over 3 number 4 storey blocks of apartments, to include for 27 x 1-bed 2 person units (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 46.9 m2 to 58.9 m2), 50 x 2-bed 3 – 4 person units (varying types, with gross floor areas ranging from 72.9 m2 to 83.3 m2), and 3 x 3-bed 5 person units (with gross floor area of 91.1 m2).
- a crèche of 570 m2,
- a community facility of 270 m2,
- 2 number retail units of 104 m2 and 176 m2,

- a single storey bicycle, bin and ESB unit substation block,
- 2 number standalone ESB unit substations (with gross floor area of 8.2 m2 of each unit),
- 3 number Public Open Space pocket parks with play areas, a circa 2 ha Linear Park and new pedestrian and cycle connections. All associated site development works including access road, footways, site boundaries, open space, drainage, public lighting, utilities and services;
- All houses and apartments will be provided with private external open space (rear gardens or balconies) and there will be a total of 493 parking bays for residential parking and 19 parking bays for commercial parking.

The residential units comprise the following mix;

Houses	220
2 bed units	68
3 bed units (5 person)	63
3 bed units (6 person)	70
4 bed units	19

Apartments	80
1 bed units	27
2 bed units	50
3 bed units	3

Total	300

Space standards within dwelling and provision of private amenity space for each dwelling, meet the requirements of Fingal County Council Development Plan and DHPLG 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 external walls of the buildings will be finished with selected clay facing brick & render to walls, with selected high-performance windows and doors, and metal balustrades to balconies.

Contributions will only be exempted for the social housing element of the development. A bond shall be applied to the extent of development that is not social housing.

Utilities and services:

The site will be serviced by ESB, EIR, GNI utilities which are available on public roads adjacent to the site. Public lighting to pavements adjacent to and within the site will be designed and installed to the standards of the Public Lighting Section in Fingal County Council Operations department.

With regard to surface water, the existing site falls gently from east to west towards the Pinkeen River. Several sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) are incorporated in the proposal which include above ground detention basins, permeable paving, road side trees, bio retention systems / rain gardens, filter drains, and green roofs.

A foul drainage connection will be made to the 750mm public foul sewer to the west of the site.

Landscape design:

An integrated landscape strategy has been prepared for the overall development. Brady Shipman Martin have prepared a strategy for the housing areas with Dermot Foley Landscape Architects preparing a design for the Linear Park.

In summary the strategy seeks to enhance the urban strategy of the development with appropriate landscaping, working together with the architectural expression to create a sense of place, inviting areas of recreation, enhanced environmental comfort in relation to, for example, noise, and emphasising the natural and existing qualities of the site to create attractive and unique open spaces.

Roads and Access

Vehicular access to the site is proposed via the permitted Church Fields Link Road & Cycle Network (Planning Ref. No.: PARTXI/011/19) which links Wellview Avenue to the south and Damastown Avenue to the north. All roads are designed to the standards as set out in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013). Pedestrian and cycling links also connect the new development to the surrounding residential areas and the emerging movement network in the area.

Archaeology:

Archaeological Assessment Reports were completed and included as part of the Part 8 submission which demonstrate the disturbed nature of the site.

Given the difficulties identified in examining the sub surface archaeological potential of lands that have been previously disturbed it is recommended that archaeological monitoring take place at the site preparation stage of the project.

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 proposed development on the environment. The proposed development is below the stated thresholds requiring mandatory EIA and it has been concluded that the nature or 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 the construction or operational phase of the proposed development.

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) "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".

An assessment of the proposed development was undertaken in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and reviewed in light of the submissions and observations received, to determine if the proposal would be consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates.

It is considered that 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 place making, green infrastructure, community infrastructure and development management standards in respect of residential development and public open space and the management and retention of trees and hedgerows. The proposed development would deliver a significant quantity of housing incorporating a variety of unit sizes and types, including accessible units. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through the provision of a creche and community facility and commercial units to meet local retail needs and improve the range of outdoor facilities in the area with the proposed linear park and associated play facilities within same. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

(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:

A total of 3 submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

1. [redacted]
2. Cllr Mary McCamley
3. Socialist Party: Ruth Coppinger, Cllr John Burtchaell

(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"

The issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same are summarised in **Appendix B**.

(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"

No additional recommendations or alterations to the proposed design arise from the representations received as outlined in Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A and subject to the recommendations contained within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report included in Appendix C and the undertakings detailed in this report.

It was agreed by the Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee at their meeting on March 3rd 2022 that the Council proceeds with this proposal.

APPENDIX A:

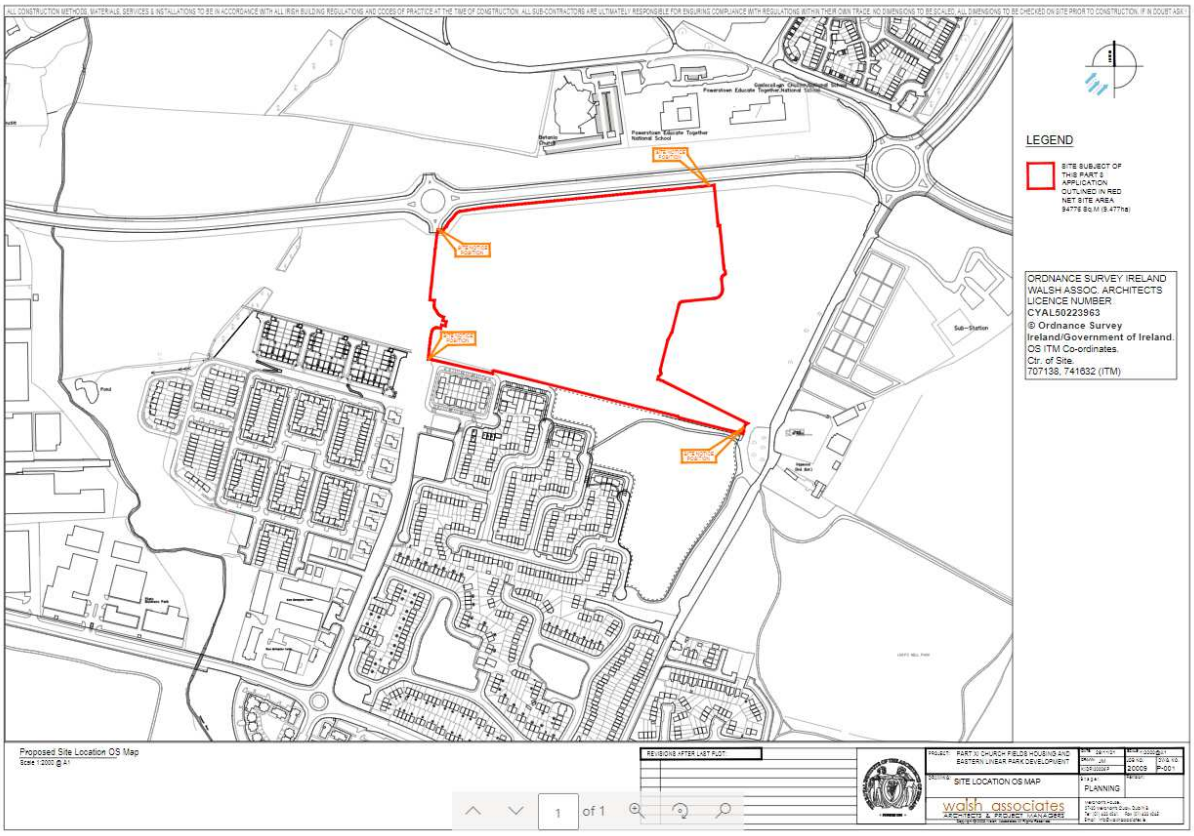
The Notice of the Proposed Development and the Plans and Particulars describing the nature, extent and principal features thereof, was made available for inspection during Public Consultation. This included:

1.	2000_Drawing Document Issue Sheet
2.	20009 Church Fields - Housing Quality Assessment - Apartments Complete
3.	20009 Church Fields - Housing Quality Assessment - Houses Complete
4.	20009_Architectural & Urban Design Statement
5.	Site Notice
6.	Newspaper advert Church Fields
7.	20009_P-001_Site Location OS Map-P-001 1-1000@A1_211206
8.	20009_P-002_Existing Site Survey-P-002
9.	20009_P-003_Proposed Site Plan_1-500@A0_211207
10.	20009_P-004_Proposed Site Plan_1-1000@A1_211207
11.	20009_P-020_HTA1 plans_1-100@A3_211203
12.	20009_P-021_HTA1 sec elev_1-100@A3_211103
13.	20009_P-022_HTA2 plans_1-100@A3_211203
14.	20009_P-023_HTA2 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
15.	20009_P-024_HTA3 plans_1-100@A3_211203
16.	20009_P-025_HTA3 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
17.	20009_P-026_HTB1 plans_1-100@A3_211203
18.	20009_P-027_HTB1 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
19.	20009_P-028_HTB2 plans_1-100@A3_211203
20.	20009_P-029_HTB2 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
21.	20009_P-030_HTB3 plans_1-100@A3_211203
22.	20009_P-031_HTB3 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
23.	20009_P-032_HTC1 plans_1-100@A3_211203
24.	20009_P-035_HTC2 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
25.	20009_P-036_HTC3 plans_1-100@A3_211203
26.	20009_P-037_HTC3 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
27.	20009_P-038_HTD1 plans_1-100@A3_211203
28.	20009_P-039_HTD1 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
29.	20009_P-040_HTD2 plans_1-100@A3_211203
30.	20009_P-041_HTD2 sec elev_1-100@A3_211203
31.	20009_P-042_Apt blk A_Typical Plans_1-100@A1
32.	20009_P-043_Block-A-elevations_1-100@A1_211203
33.	20009_P-044_Apt blk B_Typical Plans_1-100@A1
34.	20009_P-045_Block-B-elevations_1-100@A1_211203
35.	20009_P-046_Apt blk C_Typical Plans_1-100@A1
36.	20009_P-047_Block-C-elevations_1-100@A1_211203
37.	20009_P-048_Apt blks ABC_Typical Sects_1-100@A1
38.	20009_P-049-1_2 Bed Apt. Unit Plans_1-100@A1

39.	20009_P-049-2_Apt blks ABC_1 & 3 Bed Apt. Unit Plans_1-100@A1
40.	20009_P-050_Block XI Plan&Section_1-200@A1_211203
41.	20009_P-051_Block XI E&N Elevations_1-200@A1_211203
42.	20009_P-052_Block XI W&S Elevations_1-200@A1_211203
43.	20009_P-053_BlkXI-WestElevCharacterAreas_1-100@A1_211203
44.	20009_P-061_SiteSectionC-C(linear park)_1-500@A1_211203
45.	20009_P-070_Bin, Bicycle Storage & ESB Sub Unit Plans, Section, Elevations & Details_1-100@A2
46.	20009_P-071_Typical Boundary Type Layout & Details_1-20@A1
47.	20009_P-072_Typical Boundary Type Layout & Details_1-20@A1
48.	20009_Schedule of Accommodation & Development Details
49.	20-074 - P010 - Site Location Plan
50.	20-074 - P100 - Proposed Roads Layout and Levels GA Plan
51.	20-074 - P101 - Proposed Roads & Levels Layout-Sheet 1 of 2
52.	20-074 - P102 - Proposed Roads & Levels Layout-Sheet 2 of 2
53.	20-074 - P110 - Road Construction Details Sheet 1 of 2
54.	20-074 - P111 - Road Construction Detail Sheet 2 of 2
55.	20-074 - P120- Road Marking and Signage-Sheet 1 of 2
56.	20-074 - P121 - Road Marking and Signage-Sheet 2 of 2
57.	20-074 - P135 - Swept Path Analysis-Sheet 1 of 2
58.	20-074 - P136 - Swept Path Analysis-Sheet 2 of 2
59.	20-074 - P137 - Swept Path Analysis - Fire Tender-Sheet 1 of 2
60.	20-074 - P138 - Swept Path Analysis - Fire Tender-Sheet 2 of 2
61.	20-074 - P200 - Proposed Drainage Layout GA Plan
62.	20-074 - P201- Proposed Drainage Layout-Sheet 1 of 3
63.	20-074 - P202- Proposed Drainage Layout-Sheet 2 of 3
64.	20-074 - P203 - Proposed Drainage Layout-Sheet 3 of 3
65.	20-074 - P210 - Public Surface Water Drainage Details
66.	20-074 - P211 - Private Surface Water Drainage Details
67.	20-074 - P212-Public Foul Water Drainage Details
68.	20-074 - P213-Private Foul Water Drainage Details
69.	Mulhuddart Tree Constraints Plan East
70.	Mulhuddart Tree Constraints Plan West
71.	Mulhuddart-Arb Report-10-21
72.	Churchfields Park archaeological assessment300
73.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0100
74.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0150
75.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0600
76.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-RG-C-0001
77.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-RG-RP-001
78.	202203-PUNCH-XX-XX-RP-C-001-A0-C01_EPR
79.	Church Fields Eastern Linear Park Development Ecological Impact Assessment Report 03.12.2021
80.	Fc.01 2002 Landscape Plan Rev D
81.	Fc.01 2003 Boundary Plan Rev A
82.	Fc.01 2100 Landscape Detail area 1 of 2 Rev B
83.	Fc.01 2101 Landscape Detail area 2 of 2 Rev B
84.	Fc.01 2400 Landscape Sections 1 of 2_Rev B

85.	Fc.01 2401 Landscape Sections 2 of 2_Rev B_
86.	Fc.01 Issue Sheet_8_
87.	Fc.01_Design Rationale Rev A_With Appendix
88.	2037 Church Fields Public Lighting Rev C - 07.12.21
89.	2037-SS50-01 P3
90.	6806_BSM _ Document Register_2021-12-07
91.	6806-301_Overall Landscape Masterplan__2021-12-07
92.	6806-301A_Overall Landscape Masterplan-Aeas of Proposed Open Space and Play_2021-12-07
93.	6806-302 Housing Area - Open Space Plans and Play Areas_2021-12-07
94.	6806-305 Housing Area - Apartments A,B,C and Link Road - Landscape Plan_2021-12-07
95.	6806-313_Tree Planting Plan_2021-12-07
96.	6806-LDRP-01_Landscape Design Rationale Report_2021-12-07
97.	6806-RPAA01_Screening for AA_2021-12-07
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99.	Church Fields Archaeological Report_December 2021
100.	20-074 Daylight Assessment Report
101.	20-074r.009 Energy Statement
102.	SES 15521 Churchfields Fingal Waterman Moylan Lighting Design Calculation Report
103.	SES 15521 Churchfields Fingal Waterman Moylan Public Lighting ISOLUX layout
104.	SES 15521 Churchfields Fingal Waterman Moylan Public Lighting Layout
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106.	20009_P-034_HTC2 plans_1-100@A3_211203
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108.	20009_P-060_SiteSectionA-A&B-B_1-500@A1_211203
109.	20-074 - P220 - Proposed Drainage Catchments Layout
110.	20-074 - P222- Typical Hydrobrake Details
111.	20-074 - P300 - Proposed Watermain Layout GA Plan
112.	20-074 - P301 - Proposed Watermain Layout-Sheet 1 of 2
113.	20-074 - P302 - Proposed Watermain Layout-Sheet 2 of 2
114.	20-074 - P310 - Water Supply Details - Sheet 1 of 3
115.	20-074 - P311 - Water Supply Details - Sheet 2 of 3
116.	20-074 - P312 - Water Supply Details - Sheet 3 of 3
117.	20-074 - P350 - Pedestrian Connectivity Layout
118.	20-074-Document Register_Part XI
119.	20-074r.010 Engineering Assesment Report_Combined
120.	20-074r.011 Traffic and Transport Assessment_Combined
121.	20-074r.012 Flood Risk Assessment
122.	20-074r.013 Preliminary Construction Environmental and Waste Management Plan
123.	20-074r.014 DMURS Statement of Consistency

Site Location Plan (As Displayed)



Site Development Plan *(as displayed)*



Proposed Character Areas *(as displayed)*



Proposed Park Area *(as displayed)*



APPENDIX B:

Summary of the issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same:

A – Community

1. **There is an existing Mulhuddart Community Centre but this is a new population of thousands; a community facility of 270sqm is small for the density of population and it's not clear what could be catered for in that size space. The Community Facility should not be stand-alone but linked with the existing Mulhuddart Community Facility and provide for teenagers e.g. indoor youth cafes and facilities and cater for the increasing older demographic.**

CE Response

Community facilities proposed within this Part 8 submission will add to the existing facilities in the area. The Community Department have requested a preliminary feasibility study with regard to extending the existing Mulhuddart Community Centre. The initial study will assess the development potential of the site and is expected to be developed and discussed in Quarter 2 2022 to inform how the project might be progressed.

The outcome of this study will inform the use of the community space proposed within Block C of this Part 8.

B – Retail Use

2. **Proposed retail not to consist of Take Away, Off-License or Betting Office but should look to include fresh food shops and bakery.**

CE Response

Take away/ betting offices are not permitted under Residential zoning of the site. The potential end user of these spaces has not been identified. The suggested uses in the submission will be encouraged within the context of the scale of development which is acceptable within the zoning objective.

C – Creche Facility

3. ***The proposed creche should be an affordable 'community not for profit' facility to suit the needs of the current and increasing child demographic; not a private outlet with exorbitant fees. Facilities should cater for creche, pre- and after-school clubs.***

CE Response

The Community Development section are initiating a review of the use of certain Council-owned facilities to facilitate community childcare facilities, including the provision of not-for-profit provision of childcare facilities. The review will be included within the work programme of the Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity SPC. The possible inclusion of the not-for-profit community childcare facilities within the Church Fields Development can be examined within the context of the proposed review. However, it is premature at this stage to commit to the siting of such a form of facility within the Church Fields Development.

D – School Provision

4. ***Fingal County Council should liaise with the Department of Education with a view to locating schools (primary and post-primary) in the area in tandem with this development. A school site is indicated in the overall master plan but not as part of this application; has surveying been done on school place needs and the additional requirement for a secondary school?***

CE Response

Previous consultations with the Department of Education have confirmed that the need for a school in this area will be provided on the lands to the north of Damastown Avenue. It is important to note that these lands to the north are zoned for community use and within the ownership of Fingal County Council.
As part of this process Fingal County Council engaged with the Department of Education to convey the terms of this Part 8 submission. Fingal County Council will continue to liaise with the Department of Education with regard to the provision of schools in the area.

E – Housing

5. ***Since the tenure of housing is key to affordability, the Council should maintain control; affordable Council mortgages should be reintroduced (as provided in Castlecurragh) to keep the Affordable element truly affordable especially in the current inflationary environment.***

CE Response
The Local Authority Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers and fresh start applicants, available from Fingal County Council.

F – Parks & Landscape Design

6. ***That the play area takes into consideration the undulating geography and topo of the environment using natural materials.***

CE Response
The proposed play areas work with the existing topography, using slides and ramps. A series of play elements are distributed in a connecting sequence which allows for children to play in the surrounding more extensive lawn and meadow landscape.

7. ***The linear Park must be of the highest standard and cater for the needs of all ages, persons with disabilities and mobility issues and include sensory garden design.***

CE Response
The scheme as currently designed caters for all needs and is accessible. The issue of the sensory garden will be taken into consideration at the detail design stage in conjunction with FCC Parks and Green Infrastructure Division.

8. ***Trees should be partially mature native species, actively managed to ensure their viability into the future.***

CE Response
The majority of trees proposed in the development are native species. A number of non-native trees will also be used which are more suitable to the street environment.

9. ***The maintenance of tall mature trees and developing a linear park is most welcome; but open space and recreation facilities should be enhanced given all the additional housing in Mulhuddart in recent years and as proposed in this development.***

CE Response

Initial design studies are currently being progressed for an upcoming Part 8 for the upgrade and enhancement of the existing Wellview Park. A play facility to cater for teenagers is being considered in this area to provide for sports such as basketball or other sports.

10. An all-weather, all-games pitch should be added.

CE Response

Initial design studies are currently being progressed for an upcoming Part 8 for the upgrade and enhancement of the existing Wellview Park.

A play facility to cater for teenagers will be considered as part of the design for this Part 8 or in the wider linear park design to provide for sports such as basketball or other sports.

G – Car Parking

11. There are just over 500 car park spaces indicated in the overall Churchfields plan. How will that be sufficient for 1,000 units without a light rail system?

CE Response

A total of 300 residential units are provided within the subject Part 8. Parking provision of 493 spaces are proposed, which is acceptable in terms of the car parking standards of the Development Plan. Fingal County Council will write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to convey the terms of the submission.

H – Roads & Infrastructure

12. ***Ensure a pedestrian crossing from the graveyard to the cycleway along Church Road.***

CE Response

A pedestrian crossing will be included as part of a Part 8 which is separate from the Church Fields project. The upgrade works to the cemetary site will include a crossing from the graveyard to the new cycleway on Church Road and will be initiated in Quarter 3 this year.

13. **Transport is a significant problem in Mulhuddart. The addition of 300 units and eventually 1,000, will add significantly to traffic on surrounding roads, especially Church Road; a traffic plan is required.**

CE Response

A Traffic and Transport Assessment Report (TTA) was provided as part of the Part 8 submission. Analysis was undertaken on the road network surrounding the proposed development. In particular traffic modelling analysis was undertaken at five junctions looking at traffic flows when the housing development is projected to be complete and for a five year (2031) and fifteen year (2041) horizon with appropriate traffic growth factors applied. Details are provided within the Traffic and Transport Assessment provided within the Part 8 submission.

The network assessment carried out as part of the TTA indicates that the surrounding existing and proposed new elements of road network would operate within capacity at am and pm peaks for the 2041 horizon without any upgrades of the surrounding road network. It should be noted that the 2041 horizon accounts for existing development, this proposed development, nearby consented developments and potential future developments.

14. ***It is incumbent on Council management and elected councillors to demand public transport (additional buses) for the area immediately.***

CE Response

The BusConnects project currently being promoted by the National Transport Authority (NTA) aims to deliver a much-enhanced bus service to the Greater Dublin Area (GDA).
The routes proposed to serve the proposed development area are:

- Spine & Branch Route B3: Tyrrelstown – City Centre – Dun Laoghaire
- Local Route L62: Blanchardstown – Tyrrelstown - Broombridge
- Local Route L63: Damastown - Blanchardstown
- Peak-Only Route P63: Damastown – Corduff – City Centre (two-way)

Details of which are provided within the Traffic and Transport assessment provided within the Part 8 submission.

15. Light rail / Luas line to Mulhuddart should be a priority.

CE Response
This submission falls outside of scope of this Part 8 submission. Fingal County Council will write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to convey the terms of the submission.

I – Architecture

16. The houses and apartments should have a high standard of bin storage which does not appear unsightly or obtrusive.

CE Response
Agreed. Transition zones are created between the private space of the houses and the public realm. A low brick wall and metal railing encloses a space for bins, bicycle storage and utility meters. The size is suitable to allow operation of a three-bin system of segregation i.e. black, brown & green bins. The bin storage area is enclosed by a high-quality painted vertical timber palisade gated screen.

Apartment bin storage is provided at Ground Floor Level in Blocks B&C, enclosed by a high-quality aluminium louvre system. Block B includes bin storage provided in a standalone bin store featuring a robust brick and metal mesh finish.

17. Construction materials should be of a high standard with no risk of mica or pyrite.

CE Response

Agreed. The proposed brick and render finishes are durable and long lasting and will complement the current building stock in the area. Architectural detailing has been carefully considered to ensure minimal staining and ease of maintenance.

Adequate testing for deleterious materials will be conducted in accordance with the Building Regulations, up-to-date guidance and NSAI standards.

J- Environment

18. Environmental impact and damage to the local area, river and surrounding land should be avoided by careful implementation of environmental protection measures during construction.

CE Response

Agreed. Appropriate environmental protection measures will be incorporated in the construction stage of the development.

K- Other

19. No walk through from any cul-de-sac in Avondale Place into the new development for children's safety while playing.

CE Response

This query is outside the scope of the current application. This issue will be examined in the design development of the next phase of works.

Appendix C

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report Part XI/012/21

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	Part XI/012/21
Proposed Development:	Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park, Mulhuddart.
Location:	Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.
Proposing Department:	Architects Department
Application Type:	Part XI/ Part 8

Site Location

The subject site, known as Church Fields, is located between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north, and between Church Road to the east and the proposed Church Fields link road to the west.

The site is a greenfield site with the topography falling across the site from the northeast corner to the south west corner with a total fall of 17m across. The site also slopes downward from north to south. The site generally consists of scrub and grassland with the remnants of an old haul road across the site. The southern boundary is bounded by an historic hedgerow and ditch and further east a line of beech trees defines the line of Church Road. The site is bounded to the west by the proposed and permitted Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network (PartXI/011/19).

The wider context of the site is mixed and urban, with the existing residential areas of Mulhuddart and Tyrrelstown to the north and south of the site and industrial areas to the west and to the east. Gaelscoil an Chuilinn, Powerstown Educate Together schools and Betania Church are located on the opposite side of Damastown Avenue to the site.

Proposed Development

The proposed scheme is part of a larger landholding owned by Fingal County Council who are progressing proposals to develop the lands as part of its commitment under Rebuilding Ireland to guide new build housing on the land in its ownership in the Dublin 15 area which. The current plan area encompasses a total of 9.47Ha (gross) situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north, and between Church Road to the east and Damastown Industrial estate to the west. A linear park connecting Church Road to the east and the Pinkeen Valley to the west provides a key connecting structure between the proposed plan area and the existing residential areas to the south. The net site area for the proposed development excluding the linear park is 7.48ha.

The proposed development includes:

- 300 residential units (220 houses, 80 apartments);
- The provision of a creche (approx. 270sq.m);
- The provision of a community facility of approx. 270sq.m;
- The provision of 2 retail units of a combined area of approx. 280sq.m;
- The provision of access roads and associated infrastructure including three ESB sub-stations;
- The provision of public open spaces including play areas and kick about areas and new pedestrian and cycle connections;
- The provision of c. 2Ha Linear Park including play areas and kick about areas and new pedestrian and cycle connections.

The residential units comprise the following mix;

Houses (220)
2 bed units =68
3 bed (5 person) =63
3 bed (6 person) =70
4 bed units =19

Apartments (80)
1 bed = 27
2 bed = 50
3 bed = 3

The proposed apartments comprise of three blocks in the western area of the site adjacent to the proposed new link road and they are four storeys in height. The creche is proposed on the ground floor of Block A and the two commercial units and community facility is proposed on the ground floor of Block C.

Fingal County Development Plan 2017 – 2023
Zoning Objective
The site is zoned 'RS' with the objective to "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" where the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".

The southern section of the site where the linear park is proposed is zoned '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*'.

As per the Fingal Development Plan the following site-specific objectives pertaining to the site are relevant;

- Proposed school
- Provision of a cycle route along Church Road
- Objective to Protect & Preserve Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows. This is located on the western area of the site

Objectives pertaining to the wider site context;

- Local Objective 89: Protect the woodland along Church Road in tandem with the retention of scenic views to County Meath.
- Local Objective 90: Provide for adequate screening and separation of new development for the residential housing adjoining to the south. This is located on land to the west of the current site.

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.

Apartment Development

Apartment developments should be of high-quality design and site layout having due regard to the character and amenities of the area. All apartment developments shall accord with or exceed all aspects of Government Guidelines in relation to residential development best practice, including 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' (2007 & 2015) and 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (2009) and provisions of Tables 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 - Dwelling and Apartment

Standards set out in Chapter 12 Development Management Standards of the current Fingal Development Plan.

Objective PM42 Implement the policies and objectives of the Minster in respect of 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines' (December 2018) and Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (March, 2018) issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended.

Objective PM43 Have regard to 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' (2007) (or any update or revision of these standards) when assessing apartment developments.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can best be defined as offering a 'total' solution to rainwater management and must be included in all new developments. Properly designed and located SuDS features can be incorporated within and can complement the amenity and aesthetic value of open spaces. SuDS areas do not form part of the public open space provision, except where they contribute in a significant way to the design and quality of open space as defined by the Planning Authority.

Objective DMS16 Promote and encourage the use of green walls and roofs for new developments that demonstrate benefits in terms of SuDS as part of an integrated approach to green infrastructure provision.

Objective SW04 Require the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.

Objective SW06 Encourage the use of Green Roofs particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings.

DMS73 Ensure as far as practical that the design of SuDS enhances the quality of open spaces. SuDS do not form part of the public open space provision, except where it contributes in a significant and positive way to the design and quality of open space. In instances where the Council determines that SuDS make a significant and positive contribution to open space, a maximum 10% of open space provision shall be taken up by SuDS. The Council will give consideration to the provision of SuDS on existing open space, where appropriate.

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 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
The development management standards considered to be of particular relevance to this proposal are as follows:

DMS03 Submit a detailed design statement for developments in excess of 5 residential units in urban areas.

Objective RF04 Submit a detailed statement for developments on land zoned residential or mixed use, in excess of 100 residential units outlining:

- Compliance with the sequential approach in relation to development of the area,
- Potential for sustainable compact growth,
- The scale of employment provision and commuting flows,
- Extent of local services provision i.e. administration, education- particularly third level, health, retail and amenities,
- Transport accessibility,
- Environmental sensitivities, resources and assets and,
- Current and planned infrastructure capacity

DMS18 Locate, where possible, new utility structures such as electricity substations and telecommunication equipment cabinets, not adjacent to or forward of the front building line of buildings or on areas of open space.

DMS20 Require the provision of a minimum of 50% of apartments in any apartment scheme are dual aspect.

DMS 21 Allow a reduced percentage of dual aspect apartments only in circumstances where it is necessary to ensure good street frontage and subject to high quality design. In no instance will the provision be less than 33% of the number of apartments in the scheme.

DMS24 Require that new residential units comply with or exceed minimum standards as set out by the CDP.

DMS25 The majority of all apartments in schemes in excess of 100 units exceed minimum standards by a minimum of 10%

DMS28 A minimum separation distance of 22 metres between directly opposing rear first floor windows shall generally be observed. In developments over 3 storeys, minimum separation distances shall be increased in instances where overlooking or overshadowing occurs.

DMS29 Ensure a separation distance of at least 2.3 metres is provided between the side walls of detached, semi-detached and end of terrace units

DMS30 Ensure all new residential units comply with the recommendations of Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight: A Guide to Good Practice (B.R.209, 2011) and B.S. 8206 Lighting for Buildings, Part 2 2008: Code of Practice for Daylighting or other updated relevant documents.

DMS33 Require properly constituted management companies in apartment type schemes are set up and necessary management structures are put in place for the benefit of the residents

DMS36 Ensure all new residential schemes include appropriate design measures for refuse storage areas, details of which should be clearly shown at pre-planning and planning application stage.

EN09 Require details of the requirements for alternative renewable energy systems, for buildings greater than 1000sq m or residential schemes above 30 units, under SI 243 of 2012 European Communities (Energy Performance of Buildings) to be submitted at pre planning stage for consideration. These should take the form of an Energy Statement or Feasibility Study carried out by qualified and accredited experts.

Open Space

DMS57 Require a minimum public open space provision of 2.5 hectares per 1000 population.

DMS57A Require a minimum 10% of a proposed development site area be designated for use as public open space

DMS72 Encourage the use of green roofs as amenity space.

DMS75 Provide appropriately scaled children's playground facilities within residential development. Playground facilities shall be provided at a rate of 4 sq. m per residential unit. All residential schemes in excess of 50 units shall incorporate playground facilities.

DMS85 Ensure private open spaces for all residential unit types are not unduly overshadowed

DMS89 Require private balconies, roof terraces or winter gardens for all apartments and duplexes comply with or exceed the minimum standards set out in Table 12.6.

DMS90 Require balconies, ground floor private open space, roof terraces or winter gardens be suitably screened in a manner complimenting the design of the building so as to provide an adequate level of privacy and shelter for residents.

DMS91 Require communal amenity space within apartment developments, in the form of semiprivate zones such as secluded retreats and sitting out areas, complies with or exceeds the minimum standards set out in Table 12.6.

DMS92 Permit in appropriate layouts (e.g. courtyard layouts) the provision of a combination of private and semi-private open spaces.

Landscaping and Tree/Hedgerow Protection and Retention

DMS77 Protect, preserve and ensure the effective management of trees and groups of trees.

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.

DMS79 Require the use of native planting where appropriate in new developments in consultation with the Council.

DMS80 Ensure trees, hedgerows and other features which demarcate townland boundaries are preserved and incorporated where appropriate into the design of developments.

DMS84 Ensure trees removed from residential areas are replaced, where appropriate, as soon as resources allow.

Planning History

There is no planning history associated with the subject site. However, the following planning history is relevant to the wider area:

PARTXI/011/19 (bounds the site on western boundary, to the north along Damastown Avenue and to the east along Church Road): Provision of link road and cycle network.

PARTXI/002/16 (south west of the site): Construction of 20 modular houses and associated site development and external works.

PARTXI/002/17 (south west of the site): Construction of 44 new dwelling units, and associated site development and external works.

Pre-Application Consultations
Pre-application discussions were undertaken with the Architects Department in September 2021.

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 subject to a number of conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Department: This report states that there is no major objection to the proposed development subject to a number of items being addressed.

Transportation Planning: Report received which covers a broad range of issues. The access, parking and road layout is generally considered acceptable. The interface with the permitted Part XI/011/19 scheme requires continued engagement.

Heritage Officer: Archaeological monitoring of site preparation stage of works is recommended.

Environmental Health: No report received.

Biodiversity: No report received.

Assessment
The proposed scheme has been considered in the context of the following issues:

- Zoning of Site and Principle of Development;
- Layout and Design;
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area;
- Transportation considerations;
- Public Open Space and Linear Park;
- Water, wastewater and surface water considerations;
- Archaeological considerations;
- Appropriate Assessment screening;
- Environmental Impact Assessment screening.

Zoning of Site & Principle of Development
The proposed Part XI scheme is proposed on lands subject to two zoning objectives:

1. The northern area of the site is zoned 'RS – Residential'. The objective is to "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" and the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity". The houses and apartments, a creche, a community facility and retail units would be located on the RS zoned land. All the proposed uses are permitted in principle in this zoning.

2. The southern section of the site where the linear park is proposed is zoned 'OS' 'Open Space' i.e. 'preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'.

The proposed scheme is consistent with the zoning objectives and would support the achievement of the above objectives which relate to this area.

The gross site area is 9.47ha and the net site area excluding the linear park is 7.48ha. In accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the density of the scheme has been calculated on the basis of the net site area and amounts to 40.1 units per hectare which is considered acceptable in the context of a greenfield site such as this.

The Development Plan maps illustrate an objective for a school on these lands. The Department of Education and Skills had previously indicated that a site for a school was not required in this location. It is noted that two schools are located to the north of the application site, accessed from Powerstown Road and that there are further lands zoned for community infrastructure located to the north of the site along Damastown Avenue which may have potential for future educational use.

Layout and Design

The proposed development forms the first phase of the development of the Church Fields lands. The proposed development is designed to respond to the site topography with the side falling from east to west with taller four storey apartment buildings located at the western end of the site and reduced scale 2-3 story houses arranged in terraces to the east. Three-character areas are proposed within the development with distinctive material treatment and differentiations in landscape character. The streets within the development consist of shared-surface/home zones whereby primacy is given to cyclists, pedestrian and residents.

Three apartment blocks are located along the permitted Wellview Avenue link road. A creche, two commercial units and a community facility are located in the ground floor of two of these blocks. These blocks will provide active frontage and passive surveillance to the street and to the internal access road serving the scheme, which is south of Block C (the most southerly of the blocks). A public plaza is proposed at the junction of the internal access road and the new link road.

A mixture of dwelling types has been proposed for the development with the majority of units being 2 and 3 storey three- and four-bedroom houses, in terrace arrangement with conventional rear gardens. 15 units consisting of 8 apartments and 7 houses have been designated Accessible Units in accordance with the Fingal Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2016-2021. This will provide a valuable addition to the mix of units.

The layout of the proposed houses ensures separation distances in excess of 22m between opposing first floor windows in accordance with Development Plan objective DMS28. A 2.3m separation distance is maintained between side walls of dwellings where a break in terrace occurs in accordance with Development Plan objective DMS29. The mix of finishes on the proposed houses is welcomed with some finished with brick and some finished with a mix of brick and render.

Overall it is considered that the architectural expression of the proposed scheme is of good quality. The scheme provides a high standard and mix of residential development, to meet the requirements of a range of household types and sizes. The residential development will be delivered in conjunction with high quality open space and supporting community and commercial development which are included as part of this proposal.

An Energy Statement has been submitted in accordance with Objective EN09 of the Fingal Development Plan. This sets out the overall strategy that will be adopted to achieve energy efficiency targets and potential options for apartments and houses.

Proposed Residential Amenity

The design statement outlines compliance with quantitative standards in relation to floor areas and private open space provision.

83.75% of the apartments are dual aspect and of the 13 which are single aspect, none are north facing. The level of dual aspect units provided in the scheme is a positive feature and exceeds the minimum standard of 50% specified in Development Plan Objective DMS20.

A daylight assessment has been prepared which considers the daylight achievable in the apartment units. The combines kitchen/living/dining rooms all achieve the 2% standard set in the BRE guidelines while all bedrooms achieve the 1% standard. The proposed development would provide a high level of amenity in this regard and comply with Objective DMS30 of the Development Plan.

Integration with and impact on the amenity of area

Having regard to the careful consideration and design of the proposed development within the wider Fingal landholding and given the context of this urban area, it is considered that the proposed development will not negatively impact on the amenities of the area. The site is zoned RS and OS and the proposal as presented will accord with the zoning of same. The site is currently greenfield however with residential development immediately south of same, community infrastructure north of the site and industrial areas west and northwest of the site, it is not considered that the proposal will impact

negatively on the visual amenity of the area as it will assimilate into the existing environment.

The proposed layout includes pedestrian/cycle access through the scheme which will connect the proposed development to nearby schools to the north via Damastown Avenue. These linkages will also facilitate pedestrians/cyclists from Wellview and Avondale travelling to the schools thereby improving permeability in the wider area.

The development of the linear park will benefit the area as a whole in terms of providing additional recreational amenities, as will the delivery of a creche and community facility. The integration of SuDS and green infrastructure into the design and layout is a positive feature of the scheme and will ensure that the development of the lands contributes to the green infrastructure network in this area.

Access and Transportation

The proposed development will be accessed via a new link road and junction which will connect to Damastown Avenue and Wellview Avenue (approved under Part XI/11/19). An additional emergency access is proposed onto Damastown Avenue which will be utilised as a pedestrian and cycle access. A report has been received from the Transportation Planning Section which welcomes the development of the site. The general layout is acceptable, and the detailed design should be in accordance with the NTA cycle manual and carried out in consultation with the Part XI team and Transportation Planning. In this regard it is recommended that engagement should continue between the design team and the Transportation Planning section with regards to detailed transportation matters and in particular, the interaction/ tie-in between the proposed development and the scheme approved under Part XI/11/19.

As noted above, there are 3 pedestrian/cycle access points provided onto Damastown Avenue. They broadly acceptable in principle however the location and design of these require further detail in terms of width and openness.

A traffic impact assessment has been prepared to support the overall development of the Church Fields land and the initial development of 300 units. The latter would not have any significant negative impact on the existing and permitted road network.

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.

A final Construction Management Plan will need to be agreed with the Strategic Infrastructure Church Fields Project Team and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to construction of the proposed development.

Internal Road Layout

The overall layout is predominantly made up of surface parking. This has been varied between parallel parking and perpendicular parking which reduces the visual impact of it. Street trees have also been incorporated into the layout which will be a beneficial feature of the layout. The internal road layout is generally in accordance with the principals of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

The set-down for the creche should be reserved for the exclusive use of the creche during the creches operating hours and can be used as additional visitor parking outside of these times. Appropriate signage and lining should be implemented to ensure the availability of these spaces for the creche. A low-level kerb shall be utilised on the outside of the set-down area to ensure turning manoeuvres that utilise the vacated parking space cannot be carried out and that access to and from the set-down area is carried out in a forward gear.

The proposed home zones/shared areas are suited to the shared area definition rather than homezone due to the nature of the surface parking and surface finishes. The engineering statement indicates that these areas will be ramped up at the entry points/ with buff coloured chips in the tarmac surfacing. This has been shown on the layout drawings. The footpaths are at the same grade as the road level. However, the widths of the streets should be narrower to make it more of a homezone. Pedestrians should have priority over the vehicles in these areas. All pedestrian routes should be direct and on the desire line. Further consideration should be given to pedestrian priority, desire lines and homezone type road details. Extending the buildouts and utilising kerbing to define the areas and providing a design where pedestrians and vehicles are using the same space to negotiate their way should be considered. These are minor amendments that can make a difference to the overall feel of the layout and it is recommended that they are incorporated into the final layout.

A swept path analysis for service vehicles and refuse appear to be satisfactory. It should be noted however that the turning manoeuvres have not been indicated for the fire tender and information regarding full access for the fire tender to all apartment blocks in accordance with the Technical Guidance Document B should be provided. Analysis of the emergency access should also be provided.

Parking

A total of 512 parking spaces are proposed, compared to 480 which are required based on the County Development Plan standards. It is understood that car parking in the scheme will not be assigned. The number of spaces is considered acceptable. The proposed accessible housing units will be served by accessible parking.

Adequate parking for the non-residential uses has been provided. The designated drop-off area associated with the creche is considered to be insufficient having regard to the potential number of children which could be accommodated. However, additional drop off spaces could be facilitated by the proposed parallel parking on both the Church Fields

link road and the main entrance road to the development. Provision should be made for a loading bay to serve the commercial units.

Cycle parking is being provided in accordance with the standards set out in the Design Standards for New Apartments guidelines (2018). However, the location of visitor bicycle parking spaces has not been shown. Covered bicycle parking should be provided. No details of the compartmentalisation parking for individual units has been provided for the apartments. The detailed design of the scheme should address this.

Provision has also been made for cycle parking to the front of mid terraced housing units which is a welcome initiative.

There are 5 EV parking spaces proposed in the development. A minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points from completion of the proposed development with all ducting and services provided as part of the development to facilitate retro fitting of EV charging points for all the remaining residential parking spaces. The detailed design and the management of the scheme should address this matter, having regard to the nature of the car parking spaces which will not be assigned to individual units and management of costs for EV charging.

Open Space

An integrated landscape strategy was prepared for the overall development. BSM prepared a strategy for the housing areas and Dermot Foley Landscape Architects prepared a design for the Linear Park. The proposed linear park has a site area of c.2 Ha and is bound in the east by Church Road and to the west by the new Link Road.

As noted in the report prepared by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division, the landscape design and layout of the scheme create usable open space with play spaces and areas for kickabout within easy reach of residents. The Eastern Linear Park provides additional areas for play for young children but also caters for teenagers which will be of benefit to this new residential development and the wider existing community.

The Eastern Linear Park design retains the valuable natural elements of hedgerows and other tree planting while adding interesting and accessible pedestrian routes across and throughout the park.

Public open space of 1.95ha is required in accordance with the standards in the Fingal County Development Plan, with a split between 1.46ha of Class 1 open space and 0.49ha of Class 2 space. In the proposed layout, the Class 2 open space is being provided in 3 pocket parks within the residential development which amount to 0.67ha. The Class 1 open space is being delivered in the linear park on the land zoned as 'OS – Open Space'. This area totals 1.9ha. Therefore, the development exceeds the quantity of space required in the Fingal Development Plan.

The Development Plan standards require 0.12ha of play space. A total of 0.138ha is proposed across each of the 3 pocket parks and in the linear park. Therefore, the development exceeds the quantity of space required in the Fingal Development Plan.

In accordance with Table 12.6 and Objective DMS61 of the Development Plan, 512sq.m. of communal open space to serve the apartment units is required. Three areas of communal open space, each equipped with play space are provided; one to serve each block. These amount to 1,355sq.m. thereby exceeding the standard required. A landscape plan for these spaces has been provided included boundary treatments. These boundaries provide privacy to some of the ground floor apartment balconies/terraces. There is some inconsistency between the boundaries shown on Drawing No. 305 (BSM) and Drawing No. P-072 (Walsh Associates) which should be clarified. In addition, the location of the proposed timber knee rail boundary to Damastown Avenue and boundary railing at Damastown Avenue roundabout is not clear.

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Section have made a number of comments in relation to different aspects of the proposal. Having regard to these, the final Part XI/8 documentation and drawings and detailed design and construction of the development should address the following:

- Play provision to be in accordance with Fingal's play policy – Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'.
- All play provision to be in compliance with BS EN 1176 an BS EN 1177 and be RoSPA certified prior to taking into maintenance by Fingal County Council.
- The final documents could highlight the net gain of canopy cover which will be provided on this site having regard to the proposed tree planting.

The planting proposals are acceptable. However, the final planting plan should be agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and address the following:

- Ground cover planting under street trees should be omitted.
- All street trees to be in constructed tree pits of 16 cubic metres.
- Tree pits and services to be clearly shown on landscape plans.
- Move Prunus species away from paths to avoid structural damage/ path heave.
- Consider eventual crown spread of proposed street trees in proximity to housing units.

The detailed design and construction of the proposed development should be in accordance with the following:

- Trees and hedgerows indicated for retention shall be protected in accordance with BS5837:2012; Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction-recommendations.

- Ensure lamp standards are not located on grassed areas but instead on a hard standing.

- Emphasis to be given to sustainable maintenance in the landscape design in terms of layout, materials and plant choice. E.g. lamp standards, ESB mini-pillars etc., signage poles etc. will not be located on grassed areas in order to eliminate the use of chemical weed control, and to allow for access for grass cutting machinery. Use of small or fastigiate medium sized street trees in close proximity to buildings to avoid the need for pruning in the future to allow light into adjoining houses. Grass margins to be minimum of 1.8 metres with a maximum slope of 1:5 to allow access for grass maintenance machinery.

Water Supply and Foul Drainage

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued by Irish Water for 1500 units dated 20th March 2021 (ref number: 9783374640). It is noted that Irish Water have requested that in advance of the final planning consent the connection shall be reviewed with Irish Water and received a Statement of Design Acceptance in relation to the layout of water and wastewater services. A wastewater connection is feasible subject to the delivery of the 9C Duplication Project). The connection point will to the 750mm foul sewer to the west of the site.

A water connection is feasible, but a network configuration may be required to facilitate the connection. Details shall be agreed as part of the connection process, ideally as part of the statement of design acceptance for this phase.

Irish Water will have an opportunity to comment on the formal Part XI process as a prescribed body to the application.

Surface Water

With regard to surface water the existing site falls gently from east to west towards the Pinkeen River. The proposed surface water drainage is split into 5 catchments with individual outfalls into an existing drainage ditch along the southern boundary that discharges to the Pinkeen. The catchments follow the natural characteristics and topography of the site and are acceptable.

Several sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) are incorporated in the proposal which include above ground detention basins, permeable paving, road side trees, bio retention systems / rain gardens, filter drains, and green roofs. The inclusion of green roofs throughout the site is acknowledged and a welcome addition. The inclusion of green roofs provides a wide range of benefits that include urban cooling and combating the urban heat island effect, biodiversity, air quality, health and wellbeing, noise

reduction, and potential for carbon sequestration. Their inclusion should not only be measured with regards the contribution to surface water runoff.

Flood Risk

A commensurate flood risk assessment has been prepared by Waterman Moylan Consulting Engineers dated Oct 2021. In accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be highly vulnerable development. The development is located in its entirety within Flood Zone C (ie <0.1% AEP). The proposal incorporates a robust surface water drainage strategy to mitigate against pluvial / surface water flooding.

The report received from the Water Services Section has no objection to the proposed development in terms of flood risk.

Archaeology

Two archaeological reports have been prepared:

1. Archaeological Impact Assessment, Church Fields, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 by Lisa Courtney of Courtney Deery Ltd. (dated 01 November 2021) which refer to the current Part XI proposal as a whole.

2. Archaeological Assessment Church Fields Phase 3 Housing & Eastern Linear Park, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 by Steve McGlade of Archaeology Plan Ltd. (dated 19 October 2021) which has, as the study area, the wider lands to be developed as a linear park, the first phase of which is included within the current Part XI proposal.

Both reports recognise the substantial levels of disturbance across the site and the potential for revealing previously unrecorded archaeology during landscaping works. However, two approaches to mitigation are recommended. The Courtney Deery report recommends archaeological monitoring while the Archaeology Plan report recommends targeted test excavation.

There are no archaeological sites located within the development area, however, there are three within 500m of the site. The nearest recorded monument consists of a well (RMP-DU013-009), c. 275m immediately to the south east of the study area. Given the difficulties identified in examining sub-surface archaeological potential of lands that have been previously disturbed, archaeological monitoring of site preparation stage of works is a practical approach and should be incorporated into the construction phase of the development.

Ecology

An Ecological Impact Assessment Report has been submitted prepared by Faith Wilson, dated October 2021.

The lands proposed for development as a public park are not located within any nationally designated site. Following the site inspections and desktop study, it was found

that the treeline (WL2)/hedgerow (WL1) and associated drainage ditches (FW4), which runs east west through the site and forms the main spine of the Church Fields Eastern Linear Park acts as an important corridor for wildlife and dates from the 1860s. A buffer zone with a boundary a minimum of 6 - 10m from the hedgerow is recommended in order to allow it to function ecologically in the short to medium term with additional planting to strengthen it to form a shelterbelt/linear woodland in the long term.

The habitats and the species they support within the Church Fields lands are of high local biodiversity importance within the general environs of Mulhuddart/Damastown. The Pinkeen River and associated wet willow alder ash woodland, marsh, scrub, immature woodland and grassland habitats form a very significant ecological corridor along the western part of the site. The wet willow alder ash woodland here has potential affinities and would be of county importance. A number of mitigation measures are recommended to avoid/reduce any impacts which could arise in the design of the Church Fields Eastern Linear Park and are listed in the report. These should be implemented during the construction and operation of the site.

Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report has been prepared. This report states that the site is situated in the Tolka_SC_010 sub catchment of the great Liffey and Dublin Bay catchment. With the exception of a drainage ditch along the southern margin of the site, the nearest watercourse is a stream, c.180m to the west, separated by the new Church Fields Link Road. This stream is a tributary of the Pinkeen River, which is situated c. 400m to the west of the site. During the operation phase attenuated surface water run off will be discharged to the Pinkeen via an existing outfall and attenuation ponds which are being provided as part of the link road and cycle network project. The Pinkeen River is a tributary of the River Tolka, which feeds the Tolka Estuary, which supports the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, which feed into the wider Dublin Bay. Even though there is a potential hydrological pathway between the site and the European Sites, there is a setback of c.180m and accidental discharges to this watercourse are stated as not being likely to occur during the construction or operational phase.

There are no protected habitats or mammals present on site. Bat surveys were carried out at the site in August 2020 and three species of bat were recorded. No roosts were confirmed but it was determined that several of the mature Beech trees to the east of the site (outside the site boundary) have high roost potential. Overall the site is considered as being of local (lower) ecological value. Any lighting proposed within the linear park will be designed as to not impact on any bat species on site.

The screening assessment concluded that the proposal individually or in combination with another plan or project will not have a significant impact on any European sites. The assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

The conclusions of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report are considered acceptable. Having regard to the location of the proposed development, nature of the

proposed development and the pathways between the application site and Natura 2000 sites within the identified zone of influence and the distance from the application site to the applicable Natura 2000 site, 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. 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.

Environmental Impact Assessment

A preliminary examination for the purposes of Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment is included with the submission, prepared by BSM. The proposed development concerns the construction of 300 residential units and an area of linear park of stated area of 9.5 hectares. The Screening Report concludes that Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the project.

The proposal is not of a scale which would fall within the fifth schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring a mandatory EIA. The conclusion of the Screening Report is considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the greenfield development site, nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area.

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 place making, green infrastructure, community infrastructure and development management standards in respect of residential development and public open space and the management and retention of trees and hedgerows. The proposed development would deliver a significant quantity of housing incorporating a variety of unit sizes and types, including accessible units. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through the provision of a creche and community facility and commercial units to meet local retail needs and improving the range of outdoor facilities in the area with the proposed linear park and associated play facilities within same. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and there are no objections to the initiation of the formal Part XI process.

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 set out on revised drawings/documents where appropriate:

1. Turning manoeuvres have not been indicated for the fire tender and information regarding full access for the fire tender to all apartment blocks in accordance with the Technical Guidance Document B should be provided. Analysis of the emergency

access should also be provided. It is recommended that this be carried out in order to assess the impact, if any, on the proposed layout.

2. Provision should be made for a loading bay to serve the commercial units.

3. The location of covered cycle parking for visitors should be identified.

4. Clarify and provide indicative boundary treatments to the communal open space serving the proposed apartments and the location of the proposed boundaries to Damastown Avenue and Damastown Avenue roundabout.

5. Additional detail should be provided on the location and width of the 3 pedestrian/ cycle access points provided onto Damastown Avenue.

6. Further consideration should be given to pedestrian priority, desire lines and homezone type road details. Extending the buildouts and utilising kerbing to define the areas and providing a design where pedestrians and vehicles are using the same space to negotiate their way should be considered.

7. Emphasis should be placed on the net gain of canopy cover which will be provided on this site. (e.g. 'x%' canopy cover will be removed, however there will be an overall increase of 'y' in canopy cover in the residential area with the planting of 'x' no. street trees and trees on open spaces as well as in the 'Eastern Linear Park'.

The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to the issues already highlighted in the report including:

1. All mitigation measures identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment should be implemented.

2. The design team should continue to liaise with the project team for the Damastown Avenue/ Wellview Avenue improvement scheme particularly in respect of the design and construction details for the access points to Damastown Avenue and interface with the permitted scheme along the new link road which will also serve the proposed development.

3. 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.

4. A final Construction Management Plan should be agreed with the Strategic Infrastructure Church Fields Project Team and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to construction of the proposed development.

5. A low-level kerb should be utilised on the outside of the set-down area to the creche so that turning manoeuvres that utilise the vacated parking space cannot be carried out and that access to and from the set-down area is carried out in a forward gear.

6. Appropriate signage and lining should be implemented to ensure the availability of the car parking spaces associated with the creche.

7. Compartmentalisation parking for cycle parking for individual units should be provided for the apartments.

8. A minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points. Ducting and services to all car parking spaces should be provided as part of the development to facilitate retro fitting of EV charging points.

9. All play provision to be in compliance with BS EN 1176 an BS EN 1177 and be RoSPA certified prior to taking into maintenance by Fingal County Council.

10. Play provision to be in accordance with Fingal's play policy – Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'.

11. The final planting plan should be agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division.

12. Trees and hedgerows indicated for retention shall be protected in accordance with BS5837:2012; Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction-recommendations.

13. Ensure lamp standards are not located on grassed areas but instead on a hard standing.

14. Emphasis to be given to sustainable maintenance in the landscape design in terms of layout, materials and plant choice. E.g. lamp standards, ESB mini-pillars etc., signage poles etc. will not be located on grassed areas in order to eliminate the use of chemical weed control, and to allow for access for grass cutting machinery. Use of small or fastigiate medium sized street trees in close proximity to buildings to avoid the need for pruning in the future to allow light into adjoining houses. Grass margins to be minimum of 1.8 metres with a maximum slope of 1:5 to allow access for grass maintenance machinery.

Colm McCoy
Senior Planner

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Report

The landscape design and layout of the scheme create usable open space with play spaces and areas for kickabout within easy reach of residents. The Eastern Linear Park provides additional areas for play for young children but also caters for teenagers which will be of benefit to this new residential development and the wider existing community.

The Eastern Linear Park design retains the valuable natural elements of hedgerows and other tree planting while adding interesting and accessible pedestrian routes across and throughout the park.

Public Open Space and Play provision:
The public open space and play provision proposed not only meet but exceed the Development Plan's minimum requirements. A table with the breakdown of open spaces and play is acceptable and should be included in drawings to demonstrate this.

General comments:
Play provision to be in accordance with Fingal's play policy – Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'.
All play provision to be in compliance with BS EN 1176 an BS EN 1177 and be RoSPA certified prior to taking into maintenance by Fingal County Council.

Canopy Cover:
Emphasise should be given to the net gain of canopy cover which will be provided on this site in the final Part 8 drawings which go out on public consultation. (e.g. 'x%' canopy cover will be removed, however there will be an overall increase of 'y' in canopy cover in the residential area with the planting of 'x' no. street trees and trees on open spaces as well as in the 'Eastern Linear Park'.

Planting proposals
The planning proposals are acceptable subject to the final planting plan to be agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division.

General comments:
Omit ground cover planting under street trees.
All street trees to be in constructed tree pits of 16 cubic metres. Tree pits and services to be clearly shown on landscape plans.
Move Prunus species away from paths to avoid structural damage/ path heave.
Consider eventual crown spread of proposed street trees in proximity to housing units.

Existing trees and hedgerows:
Trees and hedgerows indicated for retention shall be protected in accordance with BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction-recommendations.

Lamp standards:
Ensure lamp standards are not located on grassed areas but instead on a hard standing.

Maintenance:
Emphasis to be given to sustainable maintenance in the landscape design in terms of layout, materials and plant choice in final drawing which go out on public consultation. E.g. lamp standards, ESB mini-pillars etc., signage poles etc. will not be located on grassed areas in order to eliminate the use of chemical weed control, and to allow for access for grass cutting machinery. Use of small or fastigiate medium sized street trees in close proximity to buildings to avoid the need for pruning in the future to allow light into adjoining houses. Grass margins to be minimum of 1.8 metres with a maximum slope of 1:5 to allow access for grass maintenance machinery.

Officer: Gemma Carr _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: 24/11/21 _____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/012/21

Registration Date: 26/10/21

Development: Stage 1B Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park.

Location: Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

***Foul Sewer:* NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:**

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued by Irish Water for 1500 units dated 20th March 2021 (ref number: 9783374640). it is noted that Irish Water have requested that in advance of the final planning consent the connection shall be reviewed with Irish Water and received a Statement of Design Acceptance in relation to the layout of water and wastewater services. A wastewater connection is feasible subject to the delivery of the 9C Duplication Project). The connection point will to the 750mm foul sewer to the west of the site.

1. The foul network shall comply with IW standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03.

2. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

3. In the interest of Public Health and Environmental Sustainability, Irish Water Infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connections to the Waste Water Infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme.

***Water Supply:* NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:**

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued by Irish Water for 1500 units dated 20th March

2021 (ref number: 9783374640). it is noted that Irish Water have requested that in advance of the final planning consent the connection shall be reviewed with Irish Water and received a Statement of Design Acceptance in relation to the layout of water services. A water connection is feasible, but a network configuration may be required to facilitate the connection. Details shall be agreed as part of the connection process, ideally as part of the statement of design acceptance for this phase.

1. The water network shall comply with IW standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03.

2. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public water network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
3. In the interest of Public Health and Environmental Sustainability, Irish Water Infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connections to the Water Infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme.

***Surface Water:* NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:**

The existing site falls gently from east to west towards the Pinkeen River. The proposed surface water drainage is split into 5 catchments with individual outfalls into an existing drainage ditch along the southern boundary that discharges to the Pinkeen. The catchments follow the natural characteristics and topography of the site and are acceptable.

Several sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) are incorporated in the proposal which include above aground detention basins, permeable paving, road side trees, bio retention systems / rain gardens, filter drains, and green roofs. The inclusion of Green Roofs throughout the site is acknowledged and a welcome addition. The inclusion of green roofs provides a wide range of benefits that include urban cooling and combating the urban heat island effect, biodiversity, air quality, health and wellbeing, noise reduction, and potential for carbon sequestration. Their inclusion should not only be measure with regards the contribution to surface water runoff.

In summary, the proposal is acceptable subject to the following conditions.

1. No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul sewer system under any circumstances.
2. The surface water drainage shall be in compliance with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0" FCC April 2006.

***Flood risk:* NO OBJECTION:**

A commensurate flood risk assessment has been prepared by Waterman Moylan Consulting Engineers dated Oct 2021. In accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be highly vulnerable development. The development is located in its

entirety within Flood Zone C (ie <0.1% AEP). The proposal incorporates a robust surface water drainage strategy to mitigate against pluvial / surface water flooding. The proposal is acceptable.

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Date: **10-11-2021**

Fingal County Council

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:	PARTXI/012/21
Development:	Stage 1B Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park.
Location:	Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	26 October 2021

General

The proposed development is located in a 30/50km/hr speed limit.

Access

The development would be accessed from Damastown Avenue and an upgraded Wellview Avenue via a new link road and junction that will connect the two existing roads under the approved PARTXI - 011 - 19 - Churchfields, Mulhuddart. An emergency access would be provided connecting to Damastown Avenue that would also be utilised as a pedestrian and cycle access. Design and Construction details for these access points are required for the interface of the development and the approved Part 8 cycle network.

Permitted Cycle Network and Access Road

The proposed development has incorporated a pedestrian and cycle link that overlaps with the permitted the approved PARTXI - 011 - 19 - Churchfields, Mulhuddart. The proposed layout of parallel parking bays, buffer spaces on both sides for the parking, footpath and cycle path would be acceptable and should be designed in accordance with the NTA cycle manual and the details of kerb heights and drainage agreed in consultation with the Part 8 team and Transportation Planning Section prior to the final application. The land made available (LMA) to construct the PARTXI - 011 - 19 - Churchfields, Mulhuddart scheme has been identified on the drawings. An emergency access route into the subject site to the north connecting to Damastown Avenue cycle network has been provided which would also be a pedestrian and cycle access point.

Traffic Assessment

A traffic Impact assessment was carried out in October 2019 by RPS to support the Churchfields Land Development Plan and identify necessary infrastructure requirements for the development of the Church Fields overall Masterplan lands accommodating 1,021 residential units over 4 phases. The report identified relevant junctions that would operate above capacity when the full development was built out.

The Traffic impact Assessment submitted to support the development of 300 units would not have any significant negative impact on the existing and permitted improved road network. However, mitigation works may be required in the future as the development of all 4 phases is progressed.

Internal road Layout

The overall layout is predominantly made up of surface parking. The internal road layout is generally in accordance with the principals of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

The set-down for the creche should be reserved for the exclusive use of the creche during the creches operating hours and can be used as additional visitor parking outside of these times. Appropriate signage and lining should be implemented to ensure the availability of these spaces for the creche. A low-level kerb shall be utilised on the outside of the set-down area to ensure turning manoeuvres that utilise the vacated parking space cannot be carried out and that access to and from the set-down area is carried out in a forward gear.

Cross sections for the different road types has been provided be provided for clarity of build-outs and surface levels and proposed tree pits.

Home zones/Shared Areas.

The proposed areas are suited to the shared area definition rather than homezone due to the nature of the surface parking and surface finishes. The engineering statement indicates that these areas will be ramped up at the entry points/ with buff coloured chips in the tarmac surfacing. This has been shown on the layout drawings. The footpaths are at the same grade as the road level. However, the widths of the streets should be narrower to make it more of a homezone. Pedestrian should have priority over the vehicles in these areas. All Pedestrian routes should be direct and on the desire line. Further consideration should be given to pedestrian priority, desire lines and homezone type road details. Extending the buildouts and utilising kerbing to define the areas and providing a design where pedestrians -and vehicles are using the same space to negotiate their way should be considered. These are minor amendments that can make a difference to the overall feel of the layout.

Parking

The breakdown of the residential parking demand is shown in the following table:

Unit Type	Number of units	Rate	Development Plan Standards	Minimum	Proposed
1 Bed apartment	27	1	27	27	
2 Bedroom Apartment	50	1.5 per unit	75	50	
3 Bedroom Apartment	3	2 per unit	6	3	

2 bed houses	68	1 or 2	68	68	
3 bed houses	133	2	266	266	
4 bed houses	19	2	38	38	
Total Number of Apartment Units	80				80
Total Number of houses	220				406
Visitor Parking		1 per 5 Units	16		-
		Totals	480	452	406

Parking is being proposed at a rate of 1.62 per unit. 3 bed apartments should have 2 designated parking spaces. Overall the quantum is acceptable.

The breakdown of the non-residential parking is outlined in the following table:

Proposed Use	***Quantum***	***Rate***	***Development Plan Standards***	***Proposed***
community	270m^2 GFA	1 per 50m^2 GFA	5	
Crèche	570m^2 GFA	1 per 2 staff	5	
Convenience Store Retail	280m^2 GFA	1 per 30m^2 GFA	9	
		Total	19	25

Creche

The creche is a large facility at 570m^2 GFA and could accommodate an approximate capacity of 123 children and assuming that there is a requirement of 1 staff for every 10 children, gives a total of a minimum of 12 staff (this is very conservative as administration staff and kitchen staff etc have not been accounted for). Consequently, there is a requirement for 6 staff parking spaces.

It should be noted that the creche would not preclude business from outside of the proposed development. For the creche, drop-off on the way to work or in bad weather conditions could also bias local creche users toward private vehicle use. Taking this into account and given the number of children catered for by the creche the set-down facility provided is undersized. There are only 5 set-down spaces to facilitate drop-off. A creche this size would need between 8-10 if operating with an efficient turnaround time for drop-off. This could be facilitated by the proposed parallel parking on both Churchfields link and the main entrance road to the development.

Cycle Parking

Cycle Parking is being provided in accordance with the Regional and national Standards in line with the Design Standards for New Apartments Dec 2020.

Accessible Housing Unit Types
The proposed accessible units have accessible parking.

Commercial Units
Delivery and access to the commercial units should be addressed by the provision of a loading bay.

Cycle Storage and Parking
Internal cycle storage for the front of house typical detail is acceptable. The proposed bin/ESB/cycle detail while secure is not ideal in terms of passive surveillance accessing the bikes. No details of the compartmentalisation parking for individual units has been provided for the apartments. Similarly, details of the visitor bicycle parking spaces have not been provided on the drawings. The visitor bicycle parking should be covered to maximise their utilisation year-round.

Pedestrian and Cycle Connectivity
The proposed layout provides for good permeability throughout the development and permeability to adjacent lands. There are 3 access points provided onto Damastown Avenue. The location of the pedestrian/cycle access points to Damastown Avenue two-way cycle pedestrian facility require further detail in terms of adequate access widths. The design of the access point requires further detail in terms of width and openness.

On-going consultation with the project team is required through the process until a final application is made.

Swept Path Analysis for Service Vehicles & Emergency Services
A swept path analysis for service vehicles and refuse appear to be satisfactory. It should be noted however that the turning manoeuvres have not been indicated for the fire tender and information regarding full access for the fire tender to all apartment blocks in accordance with the Technical Guidance Document B should be provided. Analysis of the emergency access should also be provided.

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging
The applicant proposed at least 5 EV space for the development. All the residential parking spaces should include EV charging points. A minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points from completion of the proposed development with all ducting and services provided as part of the proposed development to facilitate non-disruptive retro fitting of EV charging points for all of the remaining residential parking spaces.

Taking in Charge
The proposed development would be taken in charge. All finishes for taking in charge such as public spaces or areas fronting onto the public realm, should comply with the Council's Standard for Taking in Charge. Parking would not be designated to individual units as it forms part of the roads carriageway.

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.

Construction Management Plan

A final Construction Management Plan will need to be agreed with the Strategic and Infrastructure Church Fields Project Team and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to construction of the proposed development.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section would welcome the development of the Church Fields Masterplan site and continued liaisons in relation to the homezones and the PARTXI - 011 - 19 - Churchfields, Mulhuddart project should continue on an ongoing basis in relation to the details

Signed:	Niamh O Connor	Endorsed:	_____
Date:	30/11/2021	Date:	_____

Archaeological Report

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Fingal County Council

Register Reference:	**PARTXI/012/21**
Proposed Development:	Stage 1B Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park.
Location:	Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.
Report Type:	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Planning Officer:	Jennifer Casserly
Lodged:	26/10/2021
Rec'd Archaeologist:	28/10/2021

Two archaeological reports were submitted;

Archaeological Impact Assessment, Church Fields, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 by Lisa Courtney of Courtney Deery Ltd. (dated 01 November 2021).

Archaeological Assessment Church Fields Phase 3 Housing & Eastern Linear Park, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 by Steve McGlade of Archaeology Plan Ltd. (dated 19 October 2021).

Both reports recognise the substantial levels of disturbance across the site and the potential for revealing previously unrecorded archaeology during landscaping works. However, two approaches to mitigation are recommended. The Courtney Deery report recommends archaeological monitoring while the Archaeology Plan report recommends targeted test excavation.

Given the difficulties identified in examining sub-surface archaeological potential of lands that have been previously disturbed, archaeological monitoring of site preparation stage of works is a practical approach.

The following is suggested;

- All ground reduction should be subject to a programme of archaeological monitoring, under licence, by a suitably qualified archaeologist.
- Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, or preservation by record (excavation) may be required. Works may be halted pending receipt of advice from the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage who will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.

- On completion of monitoring of groundworks, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

Signed: _____

Christine Baker

Position: **Heritage Officer**

Date: **25/11/2021**

The undersigned agree that this Project has completed all of the requirements of the internal consultation process and the Proposing Department can proceed to place the Project on public display and commence the Public Consultation process.

	08.12.21
Project Leader and/or	**Date**
Proposing Department	
Senior Architect/Engineer	
	08.12.21
Director of Services	**Date**
Proposing Department	
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Senior Planner and/or	**Date**
Director of Services	
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department	

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 22

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/GRANT OF WAYLEAVES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services,
Economic, Enterprise Tourism
& Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1368

3rd March 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Baskin Green, Stockhole, Cloghran, Co. Dublin to Irish Water

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An application has been received from Irish Water to grant a permanent Wayleave over lands at Baskin Green, Stockhole, Cloghran, Co. Dublin in order to access the lands and to maintain the watermain.

It is proposed to grant a wayleave to Irish Water as shown hatched in yellow on Drawing No. LA-019-21 dated 7th June 2021, comprising 2631 meters squared, contained within Folio DN213056F, 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. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the Self-Lay Connection Agreement No. CDS1900003001 dated 23rd October 2020.

2. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for all costs in connection with and/or arising out of the Special Conditions set out in Appendix 3 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement, including but not limited to any reasonable costs incurred by Irish Water in excess of the connection charges and restoration costs.

3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

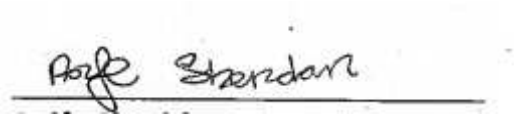
4. The Council, as the Developer shall be responsible for-the payment of the connection fee of €62,090.48, (sixty-two thousand and ninety euro and forty-eight cent) to Irish Water in respect of this development, as set out in Appendix 4 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement.

5. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

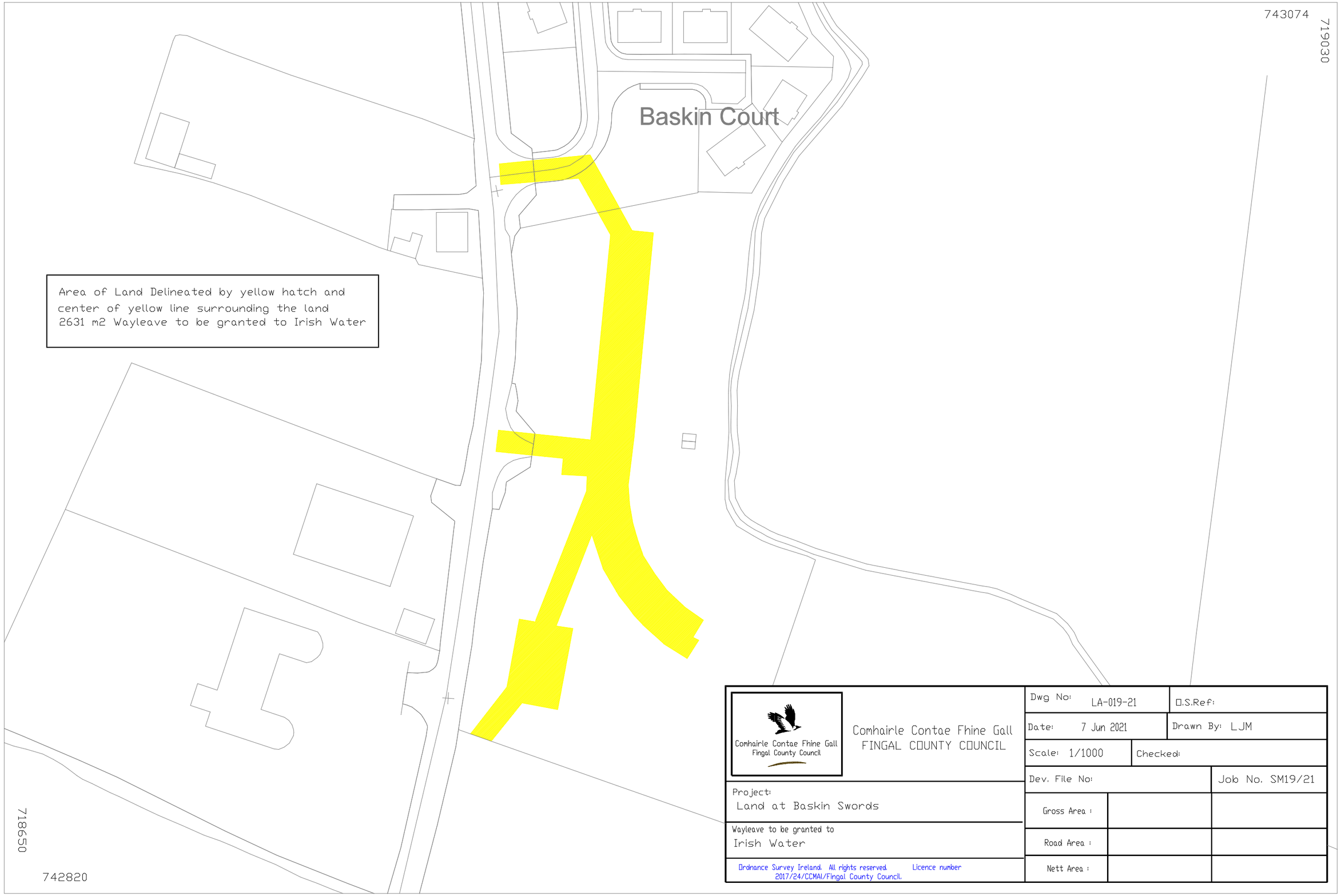
6. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Dublin City Council in 2016 for Housing purposes.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B) held on 2nd March 2022.



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Project:
Land at Baskin Swords

Wayleave to be granted to
Irish Water

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Property Services Section,
Economic, Enterprise Tourism &
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County Hall,
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File Ref. CBP 18

11th February 2022

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Proposed disposal of lands at College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Colorman Ireland Limited.**

An application has been received from Colorman Ireland Limited, having its registered address at 33 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, for the purchase of a site comprising of 5.0 Hectares (12.35 acres) approximately at College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 for the purpose of design, manufacture, print and packaging for the Healthcare, Pharma, I.T., Food and other industries.

It is proposed, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of a site comprising of 5.0 Hectares (12.35 acres) approximately at College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 by way of agreement for lease and lease on the following terms and conditions.

1. The plot of land to be transferred is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. 15-080-900 for identification purposes only comprising 12.35 acres approximately.

2. The Council shall dispose of the site subject to a 999-year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of €4,062,500.00 (Four Million, Sixty-Two thousand, Five Hundred Euros), excluding VAT @13.5%. A deposit of 10% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.

3. That the rent shall be €12.70 per acre, or part thereof, per annum, exclusive of all outgoings.

4. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year in line with the change in the Consumer Price Index.

5. That the rent is to be paid annually in advance.

6. That the Lessee shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

7. Each party shall be responsible for their own legal costs in this matter.

8. That the Lessee shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

9. That the Lessee shall apply for full planning permission for development on the site no later than 6 months from the date of a binding contract for sale.

10. That completion of the sale shall be 14 days after the final grant of planning issues in respect of the proposed development ("the Closing Date").

11. That the development must be completed within 18 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the Lessor shall have to right to repossess the site or part thereof.

12. That the Lessee will be responsible for all costs associated with the planning application process and subsequent development.

13. That the Lessee shall not build or erect on the demised premises any building other than those for which planning has been granted and consent of the Lessor received.

14. That the Lessee is responsible for, and shall incur the costs associated with, fully insuring the demised property and any buildings located thereon, in the joint names of the Lessee and Lessor.

15. That the Lessee is not to sell, assign, sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation of the demised premises without receiving the prior consent in writing of Fingal County Council, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

16. That the applicant shall satisfy the Council that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the capital premium and the undertaking and completion of the proposed Development on the site.

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

The lands were acquired from Teresa Healy in 1957 for Industrial purposes.

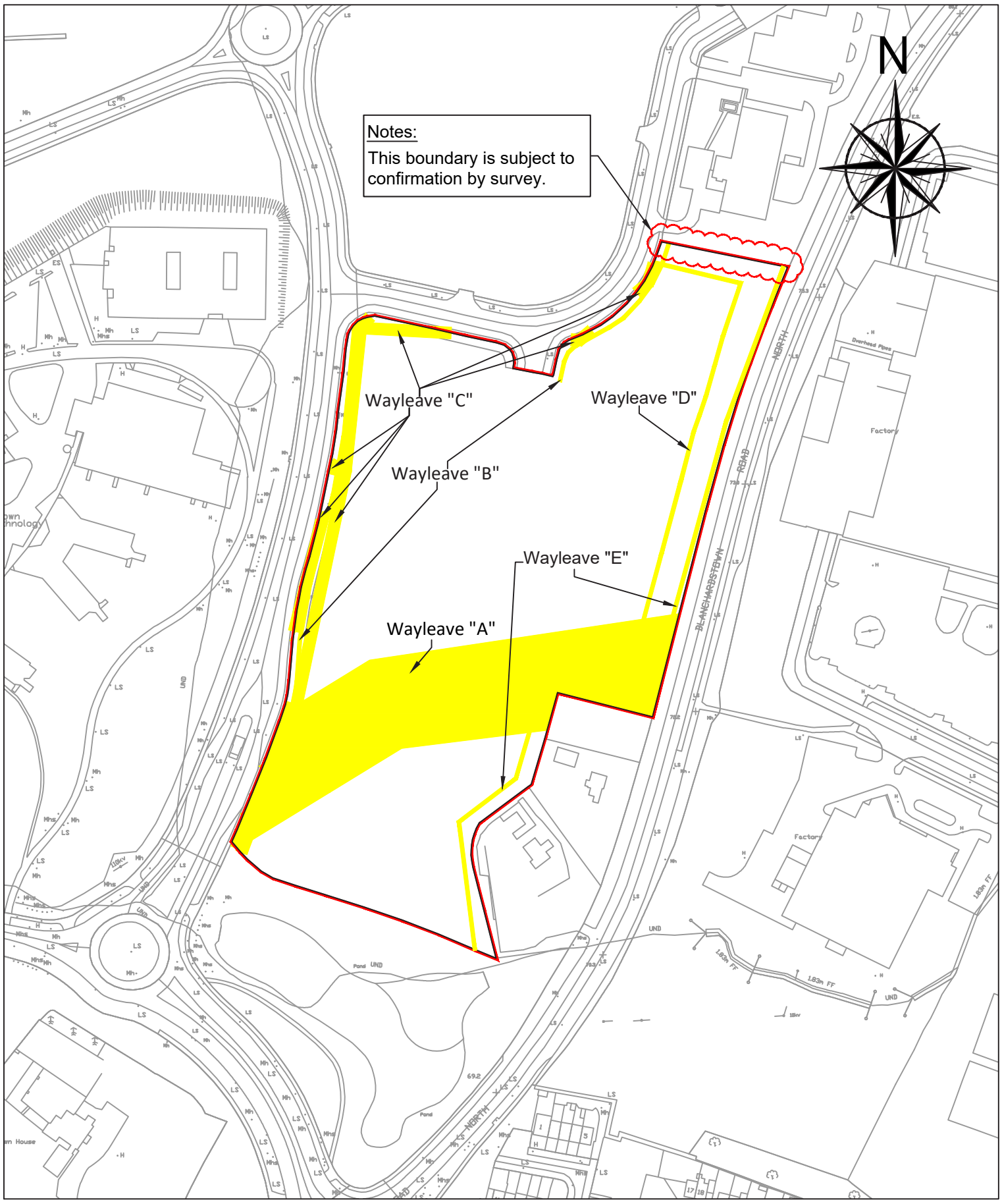
A report on this matter will be presented to the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to be held on Tuesday 3rd of March 2022.

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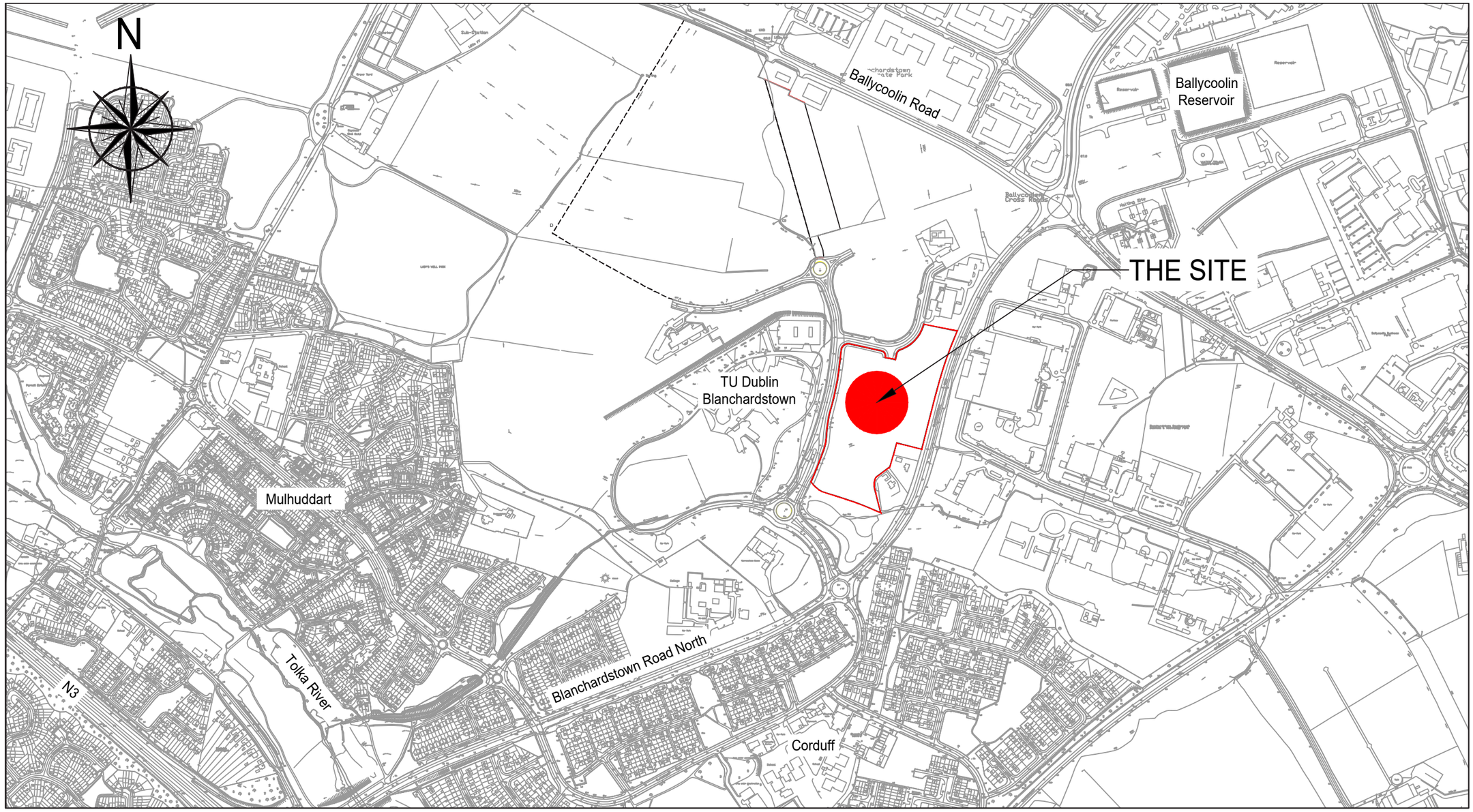
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File Ref: LD 1362

3rd March 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Avondale, Dublin 15 to Irish Water

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An application has been received from Irish Water to acquire a permanent Wayleave at Avondale, Dublin 15 to facilitate the installation of vital services to assist in the delivery of a housing construction project for Fingal County Council.

It is proposed to grant the Wayleave to Irish Water as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-023-21 dated 9th June 2021 comprising 6,096 meters squared, contained within Folio DN55212F, 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. Any and all terms and conditions as set out in the Self-Lay Connection Agreement No. 7993609239 dated 17th June 2019.

2. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for all costs in connection with and/or arising out of the Special Conditions set out in Appendix 3 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement, including but not limited to any reasonable costs incurred by Irish Water in excess of the connection charges and restoration costs.

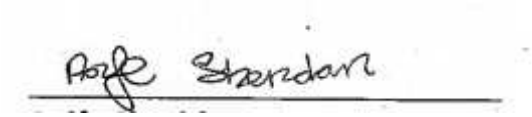
3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT, if applicable.
4. The Council, as the Developer, shall be responsible for the payment of the connection fee of €13,550.00 (Thirteen thousand, five hundred and fifty euro) to Irish Water in respect of this development as set out in Appendix 4 of the Self-Lay Connection Agreement.

5. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

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

The land to be disposed of was 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 presented at the meeting of the Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) held on 3rd March 2022.



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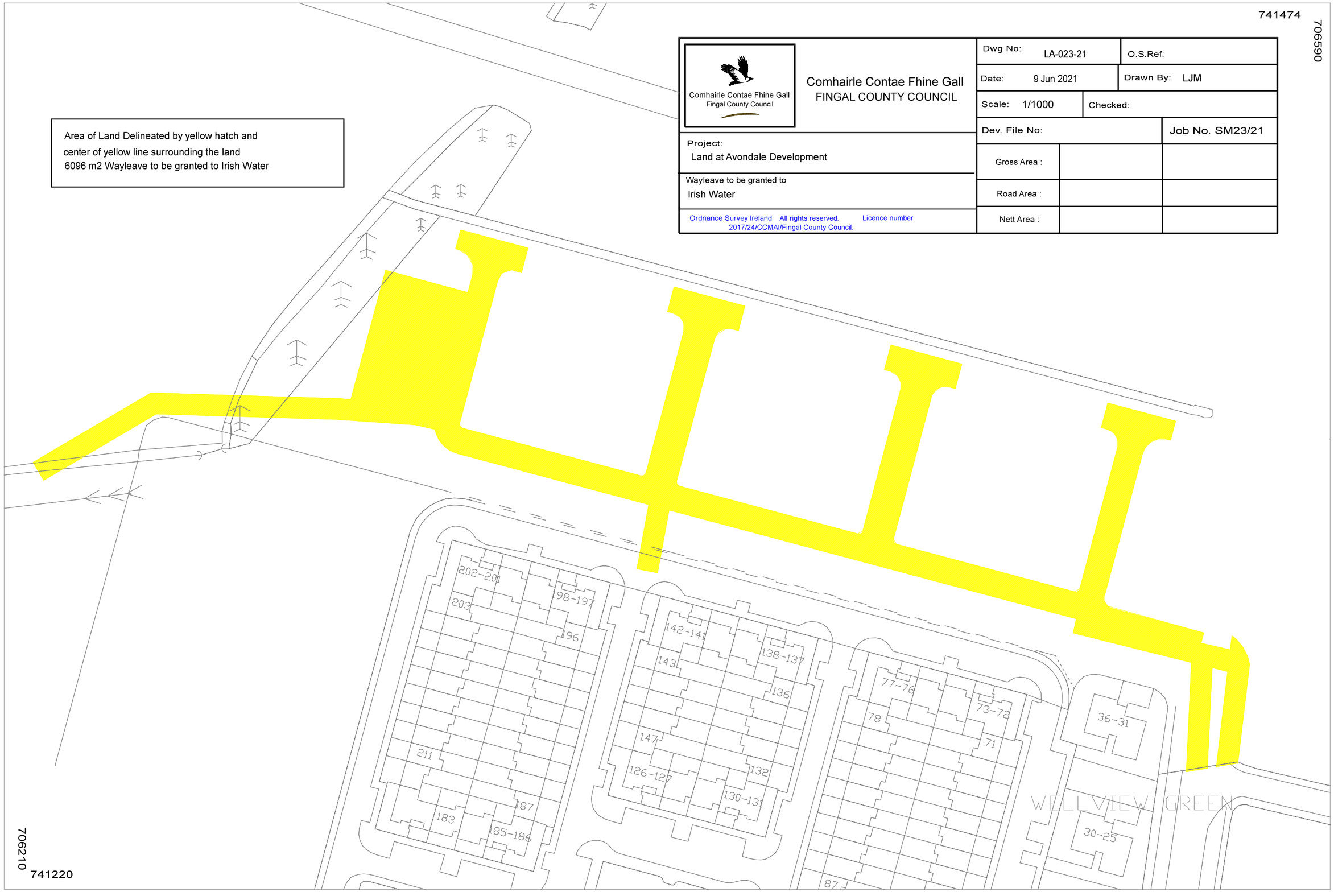
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Land at Avondale Development

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Co. Dublin.

File Ref. **DAM79**
DAM80

25th February 2022

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Proposed disposal of 2 no. sites at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15 to Cilbrook Property Co. Limited**

An application has been received from Cilbrook Property Co. Limited, having its registered address at 4 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7, D07 PF53, for the purchase of two sites; Site 1 (DAM80) comprising of 1.09 hectares (2.7 acres) approximately and Site 2 (DAM79) comprising of 0.745 hectares (1.84 acres) approximately, at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15. The sites will be utilised to facilitate the relocation of an existing business (Chemco), which is currently operating in the Industrial Estate, to a larger site and provide for increased site security for the proposed facility.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of both Site 1 and Site 2 as shown on Drawing No. 11_050_919 and Drawing No. 11_050_920 by way of agreement for lease and lease on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the site referred to as 'Site 1' on the attached copy map, from Drawing No. 11_050_919, for identification purposes only, has an area of 2.7 acres or thereabouts, and is contained within Folio DN196645F. A formal map delineating

the area will be attached to the final contract for lease and lease. The lessee is to satisfy themselves as to the boundary.

2. That the Council shall dispose of the site subject to a 250 year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of €540,000 (five hundred and forty thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable). A deposit of 10% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale

3. That the site referred to as 'Site 2' on the attached copy map, from Drawing No. 11_050_920, for identification purposes only, has an area of 1.84 acres or thereabouts, and is contained within portions of Folios DN82673F, DN83000F, DN196645F. A formal map delineating the area will be attached to the final contract for lease and lease. The lessee is to satisfy themselves as to the boundary.

4. That the Council shall dispose of this site subject to a 250 year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of €850,000 (eight hundred and fifty thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable). A deposit of 10% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.

5. That the rent shall be approximately €12.70 (twelve euro and seventy cent) per acre, or part thereof, per annum, exclusive of all outgoings. Site 1 - €38.10 (thirty-eight euro and ten cent) per annum for the first five years. Site 2 - €25.40 (twenty-five euro and forty cent) per annum for the first five years.

6. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year in line with the change in the Consumer Price Index.

7. That the rent is to be paid annually in advance.

8. That the lessee will be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising

9. That the lessee shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

10. That the lessee shall apply for full planning permission for development on the site no later than 6 months from the date of a binding contract for sale.

11. That completion of the sale shall be 14 days after the final grant of planning permission issues in respect of the proposed development ("the Closing Date").

12. That the development must be completed within 18 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the lessor shall have to right to repossess the site or part thereof.

13. That the lessee will be responsible for all costs associated with the planning application process and subsequent development.

14. That the lessee shall not build or erect on the demised premises any building other than those for which planning has been granted and consent of the lessor received.

15. That the lessee is responsible for, and shall incur the costs associated with, fully insuring the demised property and any buildings located thereon, in the joint names of the Lessee and Lessor.

16. That the lessee is not to sell, assign, sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation of the demised premises without receiving the prior consent in writing of Fingal County Council, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

17. That the applicant shall satisfy the Council that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the capital premium and the undertaking and completion of the proposed development on the site.

18. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in a lease of this nature and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Council's Solicitor.

19. That each party shall be responsible for their own fees in this matter.

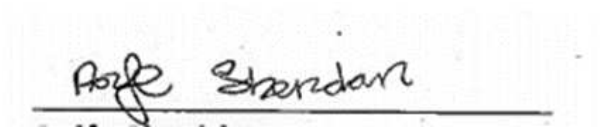
20. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

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

The lands in Folio DN 83000F were acquired from Hugh Walsh in 1992 for industrial purposes. The lands in Folio DN196645F were acquired from John and Dympna Cassells

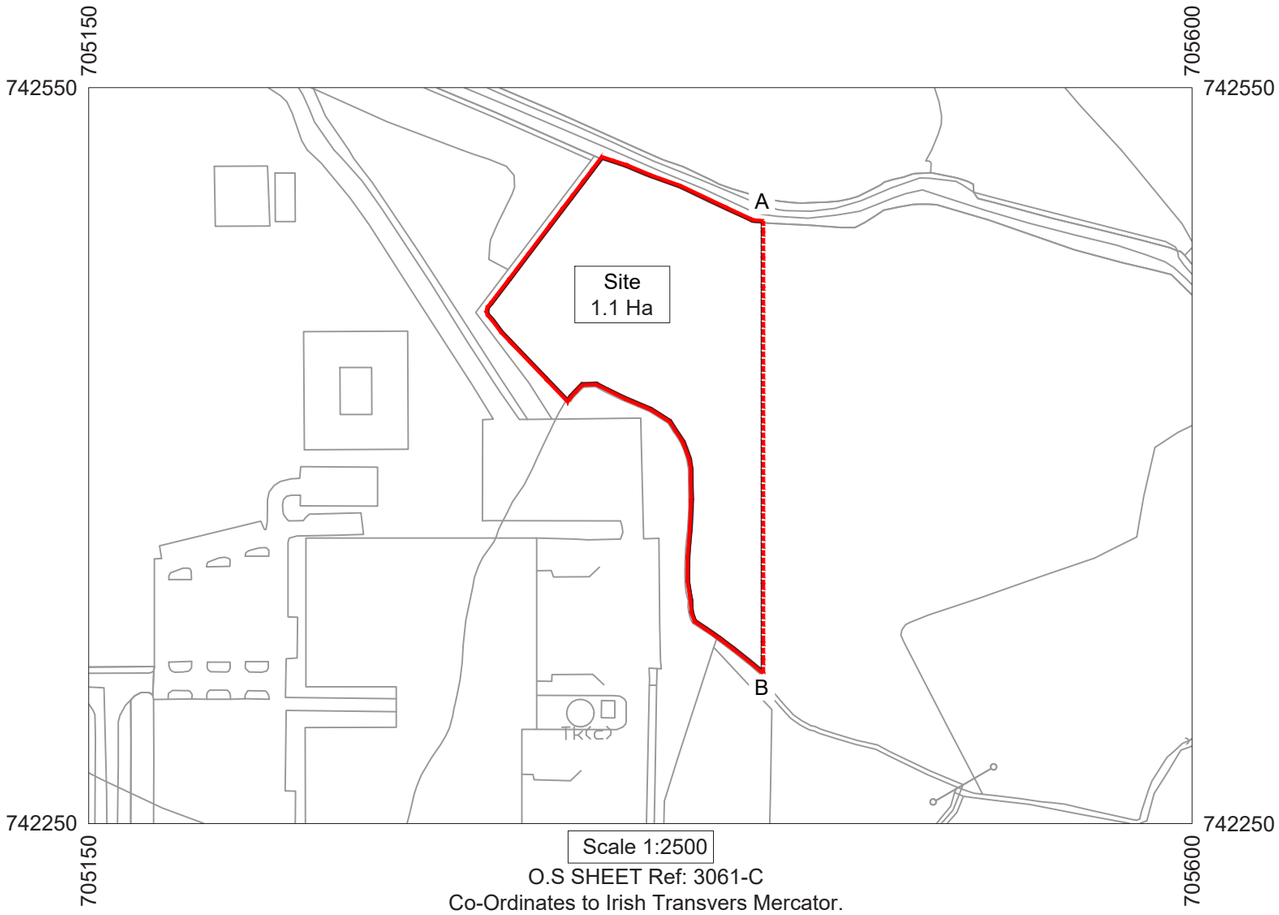
in 2012 for industrial purposes. The lands in Folio DN82673F were acquired from Patrick and Teresa Smyth in 1994 for industrial purposes.

A report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to be held on 3rd March 2022.



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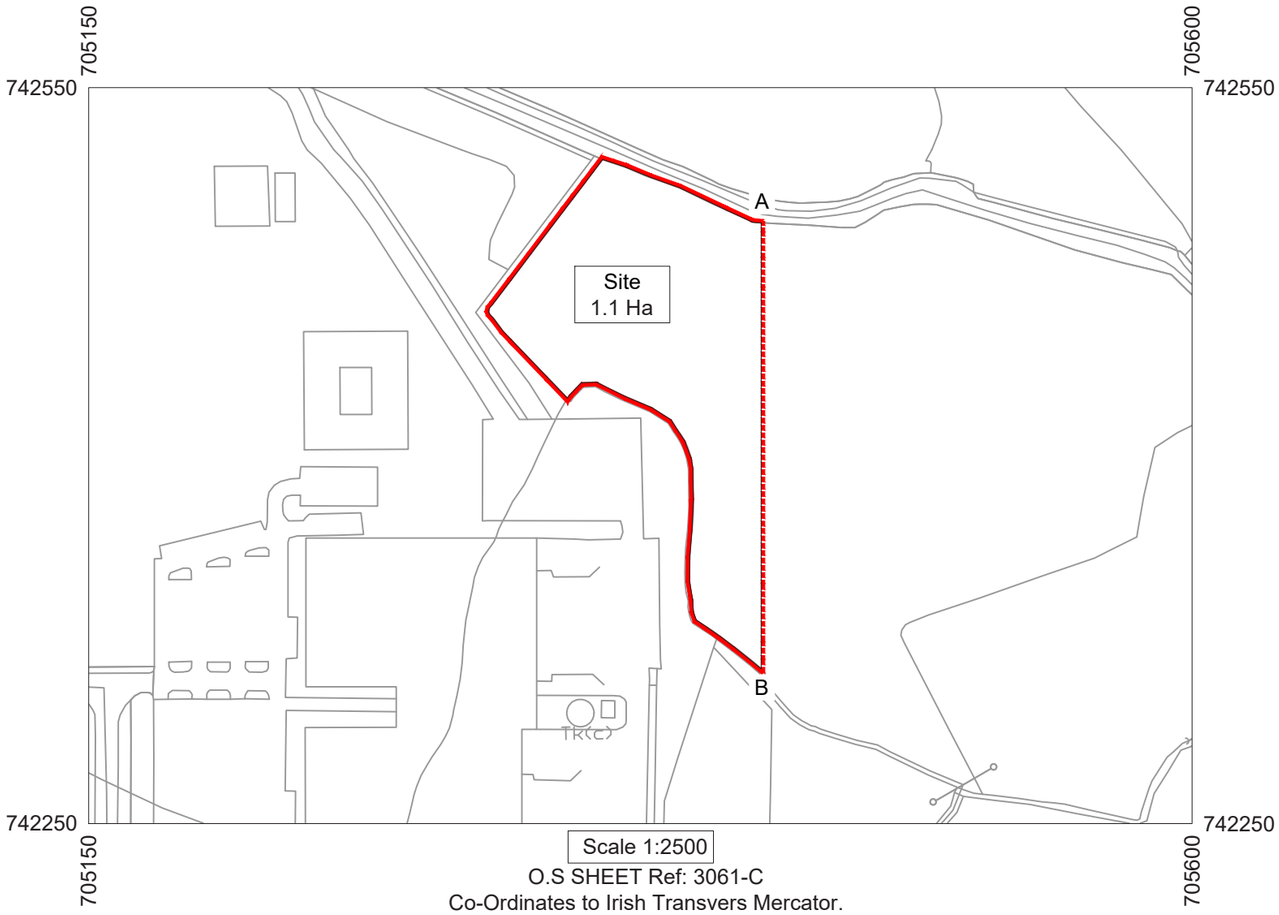
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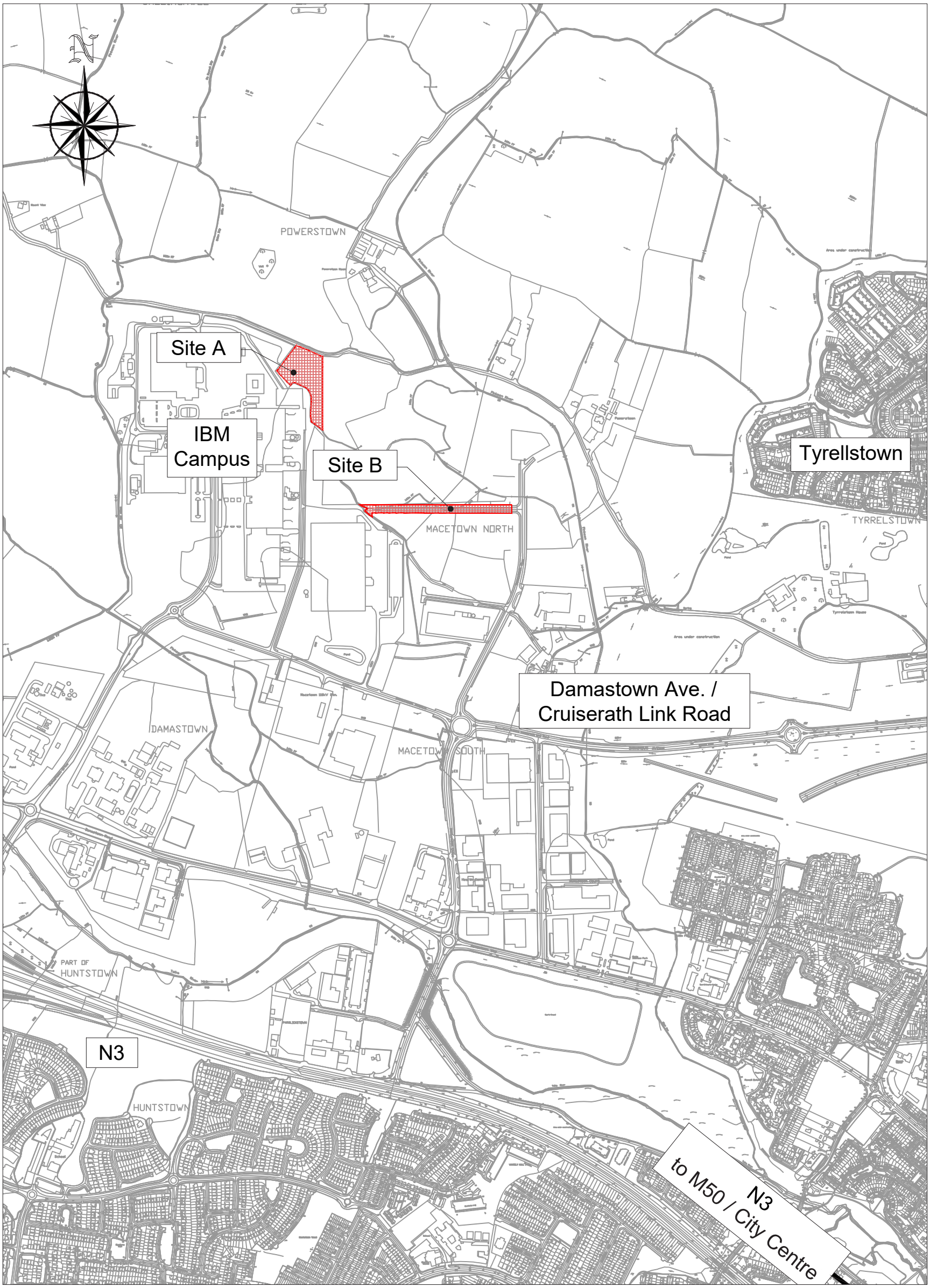
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File Ref: LD 1379

1st March 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed Disposal of Lands at Bath Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

An application has been received from ESB Networks for the disposal of lands at Bath Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to facilitate the construction of an electricity substation at this location.

It is proposed to dispose of lands comprising of approximately 6 square meters at Bath Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin as shown outlined in red on Drawing LA-063-21, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, on the following terms:

1. That the plot of land to be transferred is as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-063-21 for identification purposes only (copy attached).

2. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of **€1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred euro)** plus VAT (if applicable).

3. That the Council will convey full freehold title of the subject lands.

4. That the Purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

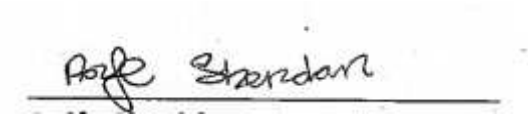
5. That the plot of land shall be used for a substation only.

6. That the purchaser shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €800.00 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees plus VAT in respect of this agreement.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Cumiskey Estates in 1967 for multipurpose use.

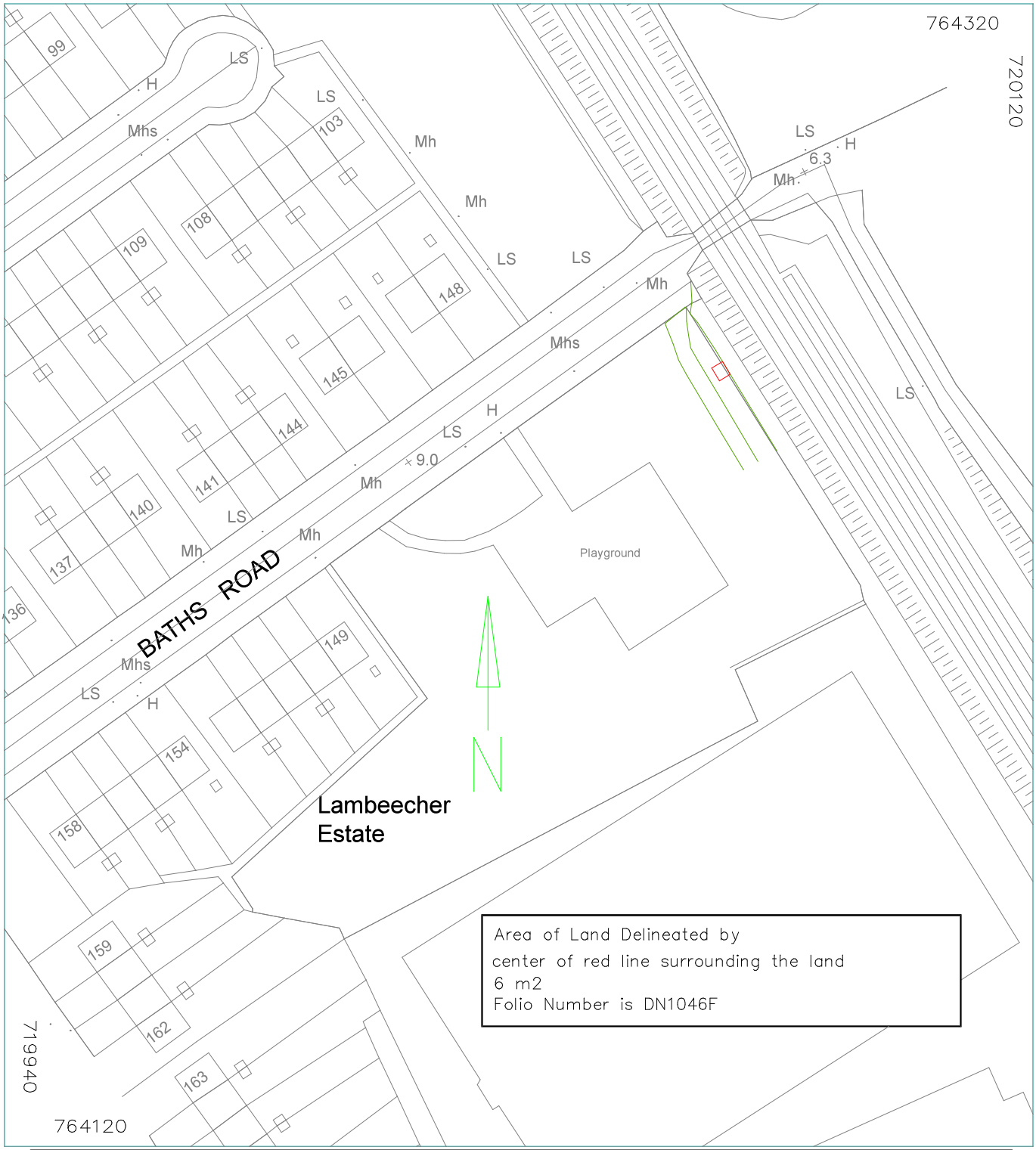
A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 17th February 2022.



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ESB Sub station at Bath Road Balbriggan

Lands to be transferred by
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM 23

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 23a

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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, Local Government and Heritage Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for 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 Capital Assistance Scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing needs 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. Applications have been received for the following projects in the Fingal area and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to provide funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

Housing File ref.	*Approved Housing Body*	*Location*	*Category of Need*	*No. of Housing Units Accommodation*	*Approved Funding €*
180	Peter McVerry Trust	Parklands, Northwood, Dublin 9	Care Leavers	1	260,000
172	HAIL	Carnegie Court, North Street,	Mental Health	1	245,000

		Swords, Co. Dublin			
172	HAIL	Carnegie Court, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	Mental Health	1	245,000
189	Praxis	Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Disability	4	815,000

The housing bodies listed in the above table are approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the 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 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 24

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

At the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022, it was agreed to recommend that Standing Order No. 31 be amended, with the agreement of the Members, to read as follows-

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, with the exception of July, when the monthly meeting shall be held on the first Monday of the month.*

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 (February 2022) 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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

February 2022

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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, with the exception of July, when the monthly meeting shall be held on the first Monday of the month.

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** during the following months – February, April, June, September, November and December - 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 a). 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.

46 b) The order of business for the Organisation, Procedures and Finance should include the following items:

1. Questions and matters relevant to the Committee
2. Matters of Organisation and Procedure
3. Finance Matters to include
    i. Monthly report on both Income and expenditure on both revenue and Capital Account
    ii. Report on Financial Standing of the Council
    iii. Discussion about any matters that could affect council finances or the standing of the Council.

The rules for the submission of business, questions and motions that will apply to this Committee will be as applied to Full Council meetings.

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 Executive's 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 cCmmittee 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.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

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MAYOR'S AWARDS

Presentation to be given at the Council meeting.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Chief Executive's Foreword

It has become really evident in the last number of weeks that we are moving forward from the pandemic and embracing living our lives to the fullest whilst exercising the right amount of caution. We continue to implement good health and safety measures to ensure our workplace environment is safe for staff and citizens who access our buildings. I am delighted with the transition of staff back to the offices and it is wonderful for all of us to meet colleagues and friends in person on a more regular basis.

Following an intense period of development plan meetings we have commenced public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and we are urging the public to review the document which has been published. The public consultation will run until May 12 and we are encouraging public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties. We will endeavor to engage with the public as widely as possible with consultation events taking place aswell as planning officials being available to discuss the draft plan.

Dealing with the growth of Fingal is one of the biggest challenges of the Development Plan. It will put pressure on land, housing, infrastructure and the environment. It also comes as we face other challenges including the lasting impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and its associated uncertainty, climate change and the need to ensure social inclusion for all. The plan seeks to put healthy place-making at its heart. A healthy Fingal is about working towards a more sustainable County, where sufficient homes are available for citizens of Fingal and the creation of a more socially integrated and resilient County.

I was delighted to be involved with marking International Women's Day 2022 this week. Our Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal to celebrate women's achievements and increase visibility, while calling out gender inequality. As a female chief executive and working closely with a female Mayor this year we have lots of reason to celebrate this day. We have strong female representation in our workforce and with our dedicated female councilors and it is only right that we pay tribute to the significant role women play in every aspect of our lives.

Déanfaimid ceiliúradh ar an nGaeilge agus an cultúr i rith Sheachtain na Gaeilge, a bheidh ar siúl ón 1 go dtí an 17 Márta 2022. Ag leanúint ó 2021, nuair a bhí na himeachtaí go léir ar líne, tá gliondar croí orainn filleadh ar roinnt imeachtaí i bpearsan, tráthnóna ceoil ina measc in Áras an Chontae i Sord a chuirfidh leis na himeachtaí iontacha ar líne a d'eagraigh Leabharlanna Fhine Gall. Is éard a ndíríonn Seachtain na Gaeilge go príomha air ná grá don teanga a athmhúscailt agus a úsáid na teanga a spreagadh agus déanfaimid seo laistigh den chomhairle agus trí imeachtaí agus cur chun cinn ar ár gcainéil mheán sóisialta éagsúla le gach duine a spreagadh pé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid – Bain Triail Aisti.

We will be celebrating the Irish Language and culture throughout the Seachtain na Gaeilge festival which runs from March 1-17 2022. Following on from 2021 when all events were online we are delighted to return to some in-person events with an evening of music in County Hall Swords to compliment the fantastic online events organised by Fingal Libraries. The main focus of Seachtain na Gaeilge is to reawaken love for the language and encourage its use and we will be doing this within the council and through events and promotion on our various Social Media channels encouraging everyone to use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti.

As Local Enterprise Week draws to a close for another year I would like to commend the team for hosting another really successful schedule of events, reflecting how times have changed where the events were a combination of online and in person. The Local Enterprise Office Fingal plays an essential role in supporting our business community, providing training & management development supports, mentoring, funding supports and networking platforms. It is great to see so many entrepreneurs learning and upskilling to build and grow businesses in Fingal and I encourage businesses to continue to use the services and supports provided by LEO Fingal.

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 with recent alterations in this regard having been implemented.

Human Resources

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the new Government's **COVID-19** guidelines and the phased return to the workplace.

The Human Resources Department has a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022.

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	**41**
Interviews Held to date	**292**
Number of Appointments	**69***
Number of Leavers/Retirements	**31**
Number of Job Offers Year to date	**201**
Number of Offers Declined	**49**
Number of Current Job Offers	**83**

***increase of 52 on last month**

The following courses are scheduled to take place in March 2022.

Health & Safety
Managing Safely in Construction
Manual Handling Practical
Child Protection
Fire Warden
Teleporter
Safe Pass
Advanced Road Opening & Reinstatement
First Aid
Safety Rep
Evacuation Chair
Mini Digger
Driver CPC
Stump Grinder

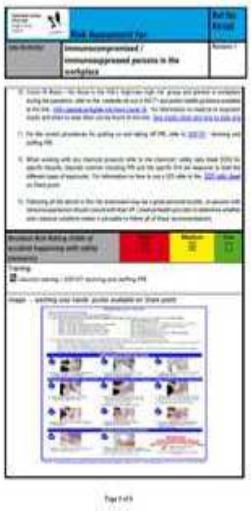
Business Skills
Grade 3 & 4 Development Programme (Ignite)
Excel
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Intercultural Diversity
Dignity & Equality in the workplace
Personal Effectiveness - Grades 3 & 4

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues to monitor incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of February along with answering staff queries on the evolving public health measures in place at the time and amending the relevant risk assessments and SOPs to reflect the changes in Government public health advice. Safety audits, site safety inspections and accident investigations continued.

The Unit reviewed risk assessments and standard operational procedures ranging from the risk assessment of working towards post Covid-19

pandemic and associated SOPs; remote working; immunocompromised persons in the workplace; sharing e-bikes and cars; working near animals and the public; safety when accessing flat roofs; and fixed vertical ladders. HSU staff also supported the Training Section with manual handling for outdoor staff.







Customer Services

For the month of February the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

14,210 phone calls

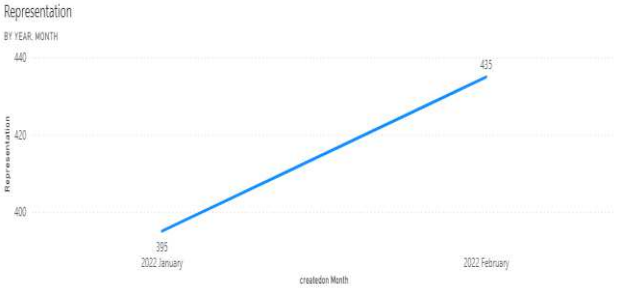
721 emails

1,471 in person visits (from 7th Feb)

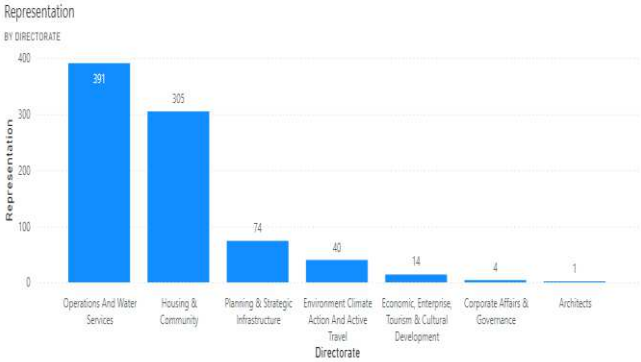
CRM

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 February had a total of 435 Councillor's representations.



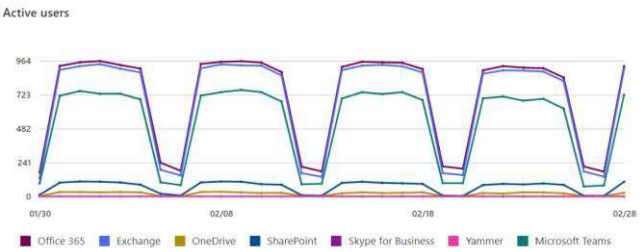
The table below shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Information Technology

Digital Working

In February staff took part in 9,444 Teams meetings, 34,262 calls took place, and 885,615 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

687 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 20 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability was achieved in the month of February.

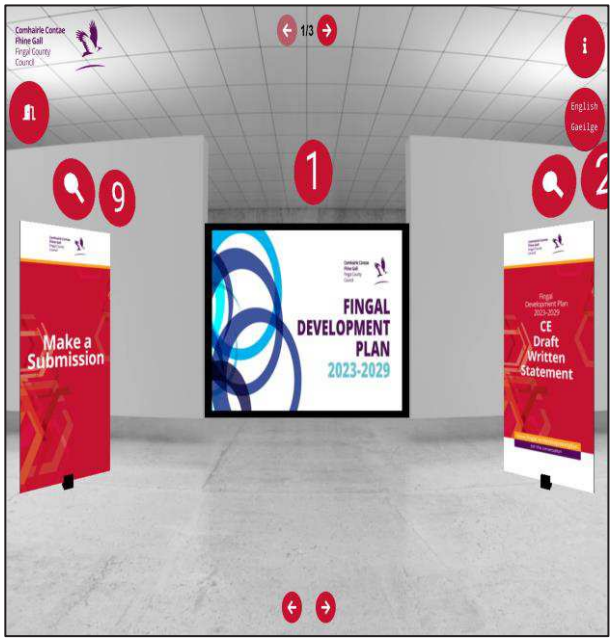
Document Management System

The rollout of the FinDocs Document Management system is continuing. Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel are the latest Department to go live bringing to 767 the number of staff who are now up and running on the new system. Work is in progress with Architects, Human Resources and Law who are due to go live in April.

Development Plan

Following the successful conclusion of the Development Plan meetings, the IT Department have worked with the Planning Department on preparing for the public consultation process.

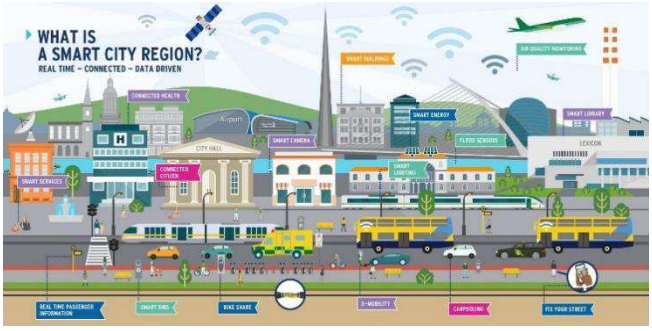
The Draft Development Plan can be accessed via the Virtual Consultation Room at https://fingaldevelopmentplan.keepersolutions.com



The Plan has also been published on the Council's Online Consultation Portal at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-county-development-plan-2023-2029



Smart Dublin Annual Report 2021



Founded in 2016, Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) that brings together industry, academia and citizens, to transform public services and enhance quality of life for citizens. The goal of Smart Dublin is to help future-proof the Dublin region by trialing and scaling innovative technology-based solutions to a wide range of local challenges.

The Smart Dublin Annual Report for 2021 has now been published and is available here.

The report highlights the variety of work across the Smart Dublin programme in 2021. Projects include the Smart Balbriggan Hackathon, the launch of outdoor public Wi-Fi and the Open Data Active Travel Challenge. If you would like to learn more or get in touch, please email the Fingal representative, Aishling Hyland (Aishling.hyland@fingal.ie).

Communications

Website

The fingal.ie website attractted 85,900 visitors during January and recorded 250,400 page views. This represents an increase of 5,500 2 visitors from

February 2021 and and increase f 22,900 page views when 80,400 visitors and 227,500 page views were recorded.

There was also a substantial increase in the amount of time visitors are spending on the site with the average duration rising from 1 minute 36 seconds in February 2021 to 2 minutes 14 seconds last month.

The most visited pages in February after the home page, included planning applications, choice based lettings, recycling, jobs and the development plan.

Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 543,200 impressions during February and an average engagement rate of 2.1% from 263 tweets.



The best performing tweet, with 116,699 impressions and 4,725 engagements was a post about the destruction of a new wheelchair accessible toilet in Portmarnock.

On Facebook there were 214 posts which generated 6,300 engagements and 585 clicks. The number of followers on Facebook is now 26,954 which is a rise of 309 from January.

The Council's Instagram account saw its number of followers rise by 124 to 4,880 while LinkedIn saw an increase of 141 to 5,338 followers.

The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers to 669. Six videos were published on this platform during the month including one of the new Dublin County Dog Shelter which can viewed at https://youtu.be/5okr61xBBxI



Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit provided communications support to the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority for the recent public consultation in relation to the draft proposals for the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport. The communications objective was to create awareness of the public consultation and to encourage people to make a submission. The consultation was promoted using a variety of communications methods including briefings, webinars, press releases, social media and advertising. Over 1,300 submissions were received by the end of the 14-week consultation period on February 28.

Press Releases and Media Queries

We issued 16 press releases during February including one urging the public to review the Fingal Draft Development Plan which went out for public consultation on February 24.

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EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS 2022

Over the course of the Fingal St Patrick's Festival it is expected that in excess of one hundred thousand people will enjoy the various St Patrick's parades and the Remembrance & Recognition Event throughout the county



Fingal County Council are involved in the planning, funding and co-ordination of 6 community parades where it is expected that up to twelve thousand community participants will be involved.

REMEMBRANCE & RECOGNITION EVENT



Remembrance & Recognition Event planning is well advanced with agency cooperation for communications, traffic, crowd management and sustainability plans.

FINGAL 10K



The Mayor invites Councillors and staff to join her and thousands of participants in the Fingal 10k, you can run, walk or crawl this event which starts and finishes in Swords.

MALAHIDE CASTLE CONCERTS



The Statutory process has begun and planning is underway for the seven concerts at Malahide Demesne.

TOURISM

LOCAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Each of the development groups continue to work on their individual projects in their planning for tourism recovery.

FINGAL VISITOR SURVEY 2022

A new visitor survey for 2022 was launched in each of the tourist offices and heritage properties in the Fingal area. Whereas the previous survey 2016 – 2019 focused on quantitative information this survey is more qualitative in nature, gathering visitor sentiment and motivation information.

MARKETING COLLATERAL



A number of new publications are planned for 2022 including a Fingal Seafood Trail and a Rush promotional brochure to add to the suite of Fingal town and village brochures which are distributed through tourist offices, Failte Ireland and through Brochure Bank.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

ARDGILLAN CASTLE



Work has commenced on the Ardgillan Castle and demesne conservation plan. This is due to be completed in Autumn 2022.

Skerries Martello Tower



The tender for the integrated design team for the restoration of Skerries Martello Tower has been published on eTenders. The deadline has now been extended to 22nd March.

GUINNESS BRIDGE



A works tender for the restoration of the bridge is due to issue in April.

LIGHTING UP OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS



Swords Castle was illuminated for a week from 21st February for World Rare Disease Awareness Day that took place on 28th February,

ARTS

Public Art

A New Public Art engagement project launches this month in Balbriggan with local artist Dave West. The commission titled *Wish you Were Here* is being developed with Fingal Arts Offices and Our Balbriggan in partnership with Irish Rail, Balbriggan and is inviting the local community to share what they love about Balbriggan and how they might describe it to a visitor. A bespoke postcard featuring an old image of the famous banks site will be distributed across the town and will invite the public to share their thoughts with the artist who will create his new work for the Banks site using this inspiration. The public can share their thoughts directly with Dave West wishyouwerehere@davewest.ie. A Full list of postcard pick up points is available on www.fingalarts.ie



Platform 31 – 2022

A nationwide artist development bursary scheme by the 31 Local Authority Arts Offices, in collaboration with the Arts Council.

The Association of Local Authority Arts Offices, in collaboration with the Arts Council of Ireland, present PLATFORM 31: a national opportunity for artists to reflect on and investigate how they might significantly develop their practice or make work in a new way, while being connected with and supported by peer practitioners, advisors and mentors.

Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2022

Bealtaine Festival
An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

Fingal County Council, in association with The Tyrone Guthrie Centre and The Bealtaine Festival, is pleased to announce two inaugural month-long, residencies at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, New Bliss, Co. Monaghan during May 2022. These residences aim to celebrate and support older artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

Announcing Recipients of Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2022

exploring and thinking award 2021–22

Fingal Arts is delighted to announce this year's recipients of the Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award. The Bursary Award will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. It was open to individual professional artists who wish to develop their practice in early childhood arts, artists practicing in all artforms, artists resident in Ireland. Congratulations to Lucy Hill, Carmel Balfe, Selma Daniel and Sophie Maltzan. Exploring and Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. It came about in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities – Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in the Dublin region. Bursary range: €500 - €5,000.

LIBRARIES

Creative Ireland

Clár Eire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme
2017–2022

A five-year extension to the Creative Ireland project was announced on 18th February and a new Creative Ireland strategy for 2023-2027 is to be undertaken by all local authorities. We also have a new Creative Ireland co-ordinator in Fingal – Lilian Whelan Senior Executive Librarian. Activities planned for the 2022 decade of centenaries celebration award include:

- Funeral of Frank Lawless exhibition and published timeline
- Commission of a piece of music by musician and broadcaster Donal Dineen
- Fingal Festival of History

Two projects, the Fingal memories recipe book and mobile music for residential settings were submitted to the Creativity in Older Age Scheme and we are currently awaiting a decision.

Cruinniú will be on 11th June this year and planning is underway.

The Creative Ireland community call for funding is now open for submissions from community and creative groups in Fingal. The closing date for submissions is 21st March and awards will be in the region of €500 to €3000. Proposals can be submitted by clicking here

New e-service

On February 16th, Fingal Libraries launched its newest e-service – LOTE (Languages Other than English). Offering over 1,500 digital picture books in over 50 languages, this is an entertaining, inclusive and educational platform. Each book is accompanied by an English-language translation, which allows for the development of multilanguage reading and listening skills. Whether learning another language or developing English-language skills, LOTE will enhance children's literary and linguistic abilities. It is an ideal resource for parents, schools and teachers.

LOTE Online For Kids
Storytime, in your language

Events at the Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library

Saturday workshops from 11am to 1pm in electronics (Build Your own Stereo Speaker) and 3D printing for 8 – 16 year olds have started at the Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library.
Adult workshops in 3D printing have been developed and programmed for delivery over the coming weeks.



New Library Management system

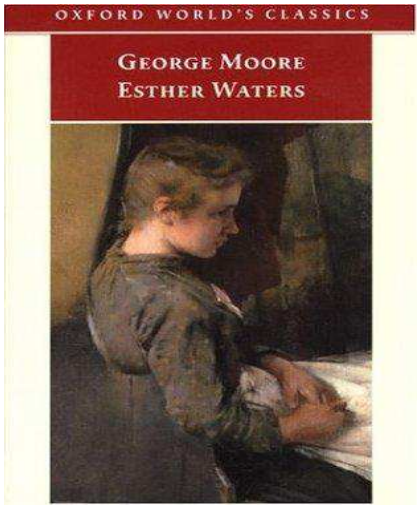
Following a public tender the Spydus Library Management System, provided by Civica UK was selected as the new Library Management System for public libraries in Ireland. The target go live date for the new system is 29th March 2022.

The Art of Reading Book club

Readers, book lovers and book clubs everywhere are invited to join in the Art of Reading monthly Book Club, a collaboration between Libraries Ireland, the Arts Council and the Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín.

Over the course of 2022, the Laureate will meet a different library book club or clubs each month to discuss a novel by an Irish writer, highlighting outstanding writing and celebrating readers and book clubs. Each event will be recorded and available to watch online or to listen to as a podcast.

On Wednesday 2nd March, 2 book clubs that meet at Blanchardstown Library will take part in an Art of Reading Book Club event hosted by Colm Tóibín, who will discuss the novel Esther Waters by George Moore with author and Professor Emeritus, Adrian Frazier.



One Dublin One Book

This year's One Dublin One Book author Nuala O'Connor will be in conversation with author and journalist Edel Coffey. They will discuss Nuala's novel Nora: A Love Story of Nora Barnacle and James Joyce (New Island Books). Shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards, Nora is an earthy and authentic love letter to Irish literature's greatest muse.

Friday 22nd April, 7.00pm. Booking: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/240055421227

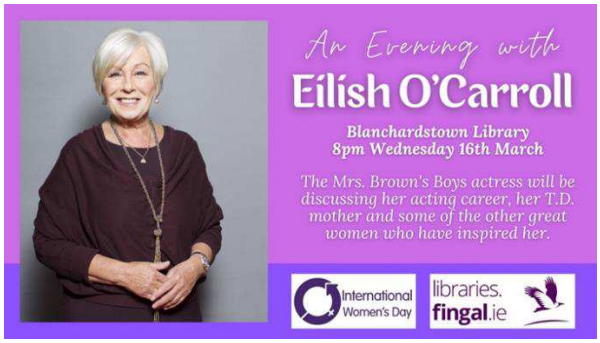
For more details about the book and the One Dublin One Book reading initiative see www.onedublinonebook.ie

An evening with Eílish O'Carroll

Meet Mrs. Brown's Boys actress Eílish O'Carroll at 8pm on Wednesday 16th March at Blanchardstown Library. Eílish will discuss her acting career, her T.D. mother and some of the other great women who have inspired her.

Booking for this event is through Eventbrite at:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/an-evening-with-eilish-ocarroll-tickets-274216698527?aff=ebdssbeac



Work Matters Programme - Demystifying Market Research for Start-Up Businesses

Thursday 10th March at 6.30pm, facilitated by Brian O'Connor, Production Manager, Mintel Ireland.

Discover how market research plays a key role for a business to thrive at the various phases of its existence and development. This presentation will examine the role of market research and ways of finding business opportunities. Participants will learn tips and effective tools in how to undertake and evaluate market research. It will also help participants to spot gaps in the market, improve service and to tailor business to future customers' needs.

This is a free online event and booking is via Eventbrite.

Mintel reports can be accessed at all Fingal libraries.

And finally for all the Gamers....



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and development work is in progress on a Fingal In It Together App to offer businesses an additional digital platform to engage with customers.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group continues to work with sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and Construction on sectoral skills requirements. The Construction sub-group received strong engagement on a survey of skills requirements for 2022 with 23 responses from across the sector. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities.

Urbact Playful Towns

Rush initiative which aims to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town the Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) met to develop objectives and plans for 2022 and to identify potential funding streams to support projects and events. The Council has developed a section on its website to highlight the work of this project which will be published shortly.

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 Education, Skills & Employment Pillar Group met on 15th February and plans are progressing for the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival due to take place between 24th and 29th April 2022.

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 has now progressed to phase 3, onsite testing is being carried out which will assist in determining type of finishes to the area, the demolition is due for completion in March 2022.





Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress work, including engagement with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. Work has commenced on preparing a draft Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan which will ensure awareness of existing natural features such as trees and hedgerows and will ensure habitats are enhanced, connected and protected.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing work on plans on the design and planning of the renovation of the buildings into artistic & creative studios, courtyard and digital & maker space hub, with initial stakeholder meetings taking place.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's draft transportation and active travel plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants). The Our Balbriggan Programme Office hosted an information webinar on March 1st to give an update on the two strategies for the town – the draft Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy and draft Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Strategy which are integral parts of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan.



Following on from the webinar, drop in sessions took place on March 2nd and 3rd at the Our Balbriggan Hub on Georges Square.



A Harbour Project tender documentation has been reviewed and will be issued to e-tenders in March. The minor works package will assist in developing, upgrading and enhancing the facilities and amenities of the harbour which will make the harbour a more attractive asset for a tourism and leisure amenity in addition to providing growth potential for the indigenous fishing industry. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town.

Local & Rural Development

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

LCDC
Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall
Fingal 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 Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

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FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. The process of devising the new Fingal LECP will begin in the first half of 2022.

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund were launched in early January. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with running costs and small capital items and facilities improvements. 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 closed for applications on February 18th 2022.
Over 220 applications with a combined value in excess of €1 million were received. The Fingal LCDC is now in the process of evaluating all eligible applications.

SICAP

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan was approved by the Fingal LCDC at its most recent meeting in February. The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for the coming year.

LEADER PROGRAMME

Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

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.

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 2021 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 2021, Dublin Rural LEADER approved 19 Projects with a total value of €766,899.48. Of these, 16 Projects were in Fingal with a total value of €685,658.83.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

The next LAG Project Approvals meeting will be held in March.

Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe
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.

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-outs can be considered.



Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and Beat 92%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 66 businesses and over 322 direct jobs.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

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LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for February 2022 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2022



Local Enterprise Week 2022 starts on Monday 7th March 2022 with a Start-up Bootcamp taking place at RIASC Centre hosted by Local Enterprise Office. There is a series of both in person and online events as part of the celebrations for Local Enterprise Week including a Business Briefing with Fingal Chamber (online), a Preparing Your Business for Growth (in person), Finding Opportunities for Ethnic Entrepreneurs (online), Protecting Your Business Online (online), The Fingal Enterprise Awards (in person and online), a Trading Online Voucher Webinar (online), a Fingal Enterprising Women Network event (in person) and the week will close out with a Spotlight Event – "Show Me the Money" (in person and online)

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The February Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 09th of February. Three applications were approved for €48,625 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 30th of March.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office during Local Enterprise Week on Friday 11th March 2022. 15 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €31,190.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network is continuing to welcome new members in 2022. As part of Local Enterprise Week 2022 Fingal Enterprising Women Network will host a special event on the 11th of March 2022 entitled "Dare to Change" which will feature guest speaker Lorraine Keane. 85 clients have registered to date for this in person event.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In February 2022, ten Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 92 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring from a newly updated panel of mentors and 88 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date so far in 2022.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal will continue to provide a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses throughout 2022. Some of the courses and programmes on offer during February include: WordPress for Business, Start Your Own Business Programme, Creating Video Content for Social Media, Book Keeping for Small Businesses and Leadership for Owner Managers. To date 215 clients have availed of training in 2022.

Microfinance Ireland 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 were processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2021.

Showcase 2022



Showcase Ireland 2022 took place from the 27th of February - 2nd of March 2022. The event was hosted at the RDS, Dublin and featured 8 clients from Fingal who exhibited their products and creations. The Fingal companies are as follows: Pamela and Suzanne Hughes - Love the Mug Ltd, 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.

Student Enterprise Programme



Ireland's largest student enterprise programme has been launched in what is now its 20th year. An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices to encourage entrepreneurship in schools, the Student Enterprise Programme has seen over 300,000 school students take part nationally since it first began and over 13,250 taking part in Fingal from 2014 up to 2021. Preparations have also commenced for the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) County Final which will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 in County Hall, Swords. This event is in-person and will also be live-streamed. 23 Second level Fingal schools are participating in the Fingal 2021/22 programme.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2022

The Fingal Enterprise Awards ceremony took place on the evening of Thursday the 10th March 2022 during Local Enterprise Week. The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge and highlight the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards which will be held on June 2nd in Mansion House, Dublin. The competition was open only to businesses that have received financial support or investment from LEO Fingal. Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony, from Dublin 11, were the overall winners on the night and will now represent Fingal Local Enterprise Office at the 22nd National Enterprise Awards. The other five finalists were as follows: Khiron Ltd T/A Dimension88, Love the Mug Ltd, Nufields Ltd, Race Displays Ltd T/A Ecofriendly Cups, Rubberduck EHJC Ltd.



OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

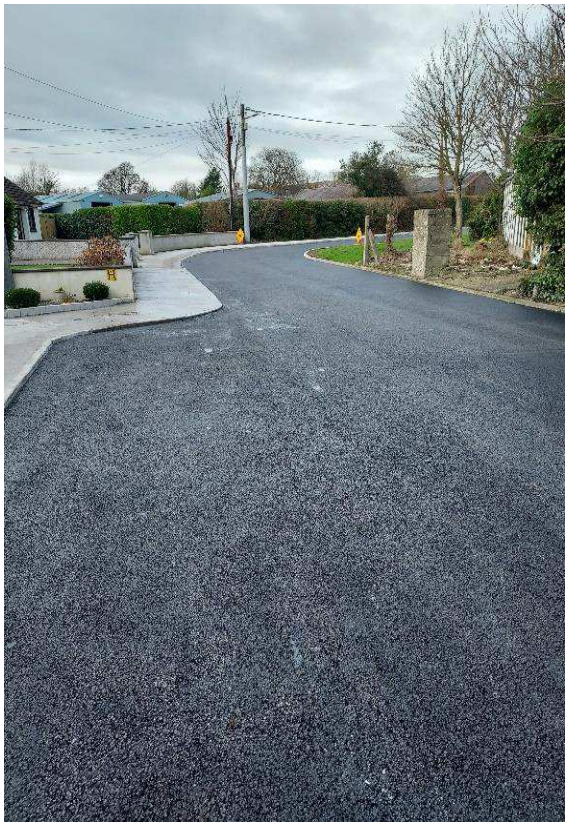
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1. Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

St. MacCullins Close Lusk



Recent completion of road resurfacing and works at St. MacCullins Close Lusk.



Balheary Park

Installation of a new footpath across Balheary Open Space 1st March 2022

Ward River Valley Park Update



Ushers Lake Area - Ward River Valley Swords
Recent vegetation removal from vicinity of historical architectural features. Any self-seeded vegetation with root growth within the stone structures has been removed under supervision of Conservation Architect. The next step will be to fully assess and plan the repair of these structures.

Commemorative Covid 'Remember' Tree Swords



Sign Installation complete adjacent to the commemorative tree that was planted in October 2021 at the Rock Garden Park Swords in line with all other Local Authority installations across Ireland.

Graffiti Art, Bath Road Balbriggan



Recent Completion of a graffiti art project along the hoarding facing onto the Open Space at Bath Road Balbriggan. This was a joint project between the Nursing Home Developer and Fingal County Council 'Our Balbriggan.'

Storm Damage Clearance Works



Storm Damage clearance works on Woodland Park Path at Ardgillan Demesne following recent storms.

Clean up taking place after fallen trees in Garristown





On call crews removing a tree which fell on Kilhedge Lane during Storm Franklin

Winter Works Programme-Tree Planting in Rush – Recent tree planting by Operations Staff at Tayleur's Point Estate and Quay Road, Rush





Harbours

An application has been made for funding to the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine under the Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme for works on Balbriggan and Skerries Harbours in the sum of €900,000

Big Belly Solar Compactor Bin



Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services and Derek David, Sales Director of Futurestreet Ltd were photographed at the launch of the Big Belly Solar Compactors Bins in Swords the week of the 21/02/2022. The Council recently signed a contract with the company for the Procurement of 150 Solar Compactor Bins for the Balbriggan, Rush/ Lusk, Swords and Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Ongar Areas.

➢ Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works

The R124 – Road strengthening, and reconstruction was carried out on the R124 at hilltop stores to facilitate the road inlay that will be carried as part of the 2022 POW.



During



After

Birchdale - The appointment Contractor has poured footpaths to replace damaged footpaths and trips and slips.



Road Patching Feltrim - Roads Crew patched road in Feltrim these potholes were reopening very frequently. They have been repaired permanently now.





Drainage & Other Works

The Roads Depot outdoor staff and Direct Labour Crews repaired a collapsed road drainage pipeline on the R106 in Malahide. The road crews also cleaned gullies in the Howth Malahide Area.



Howth Summit Public Toilets



Permanent Handrail installed on path

Concerts 2022

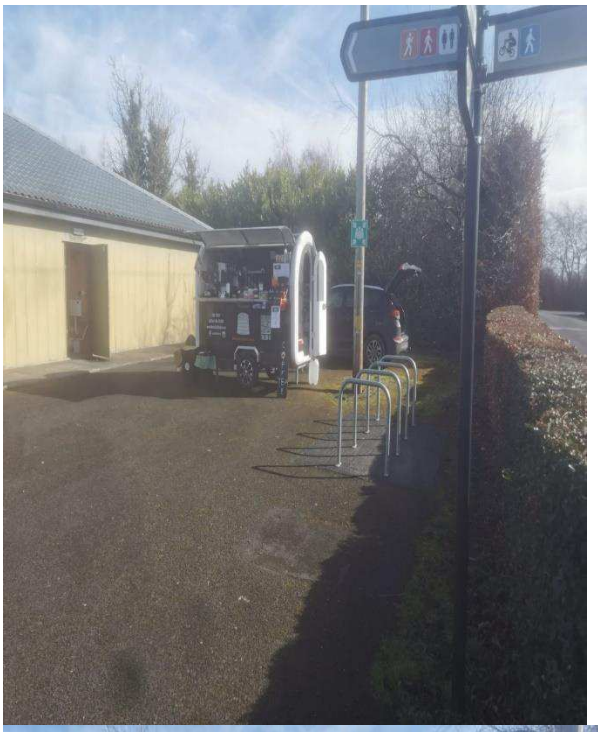
Work is underway on the planning for the concerts to be held this summer in Malahide Demesne. It is proposed that there will be seven concerts held on the following dates in June: 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th 24th and 25th June. The pre-planning meeting was held on the 24th of February between the various different stakeholders internally and externally. In accordance with the legislation, the official planning licence application is to be lodged 13 weeks in advance of the first concert date and will be examined in detail by FCC (Fingal County Council) and the prescribed bodies.

➢ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Casual Trading

The Operations Department is delighted to announce Casual Trading has commenced at Millennium Park, St. Catherine's Park & Tower Bay car park. It is expected further traders will be on site in the coming weeks.

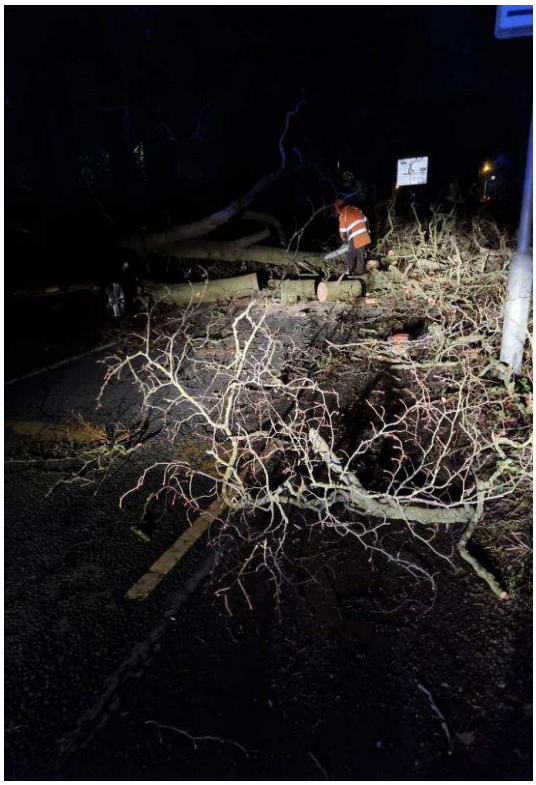
St. Catherine's Park:





Storm damage- Storm Dudley

- Tree removal at Mulhuddart Cemetery.



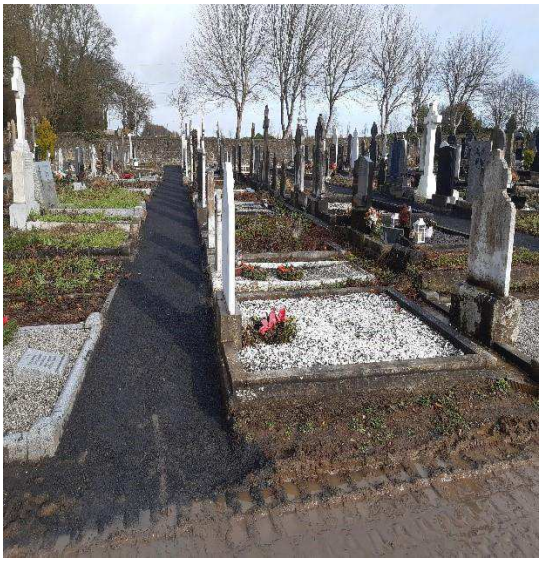


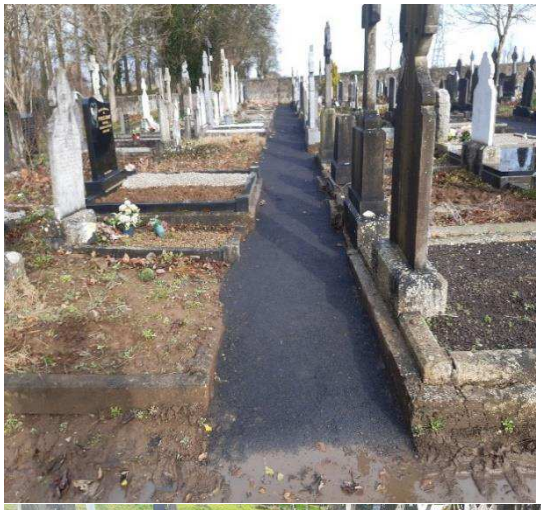


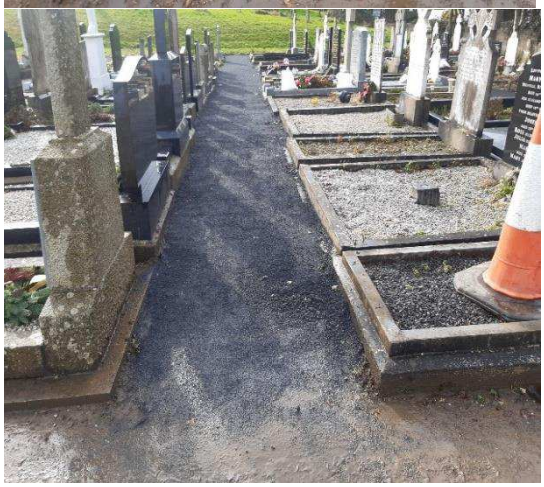


- Tree removal in Castleknock

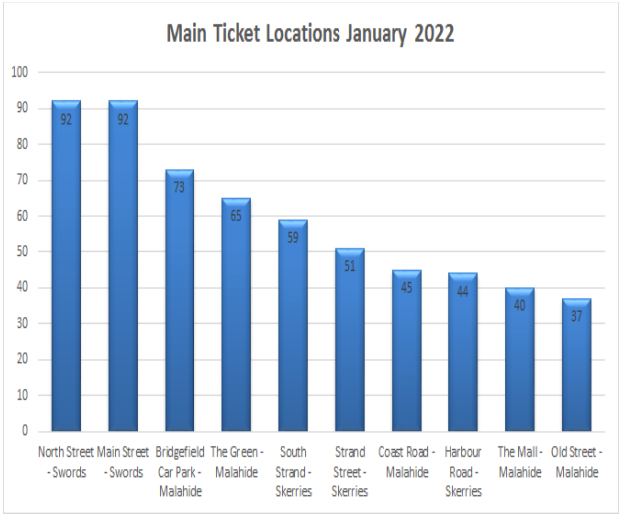
Resurfacing Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery







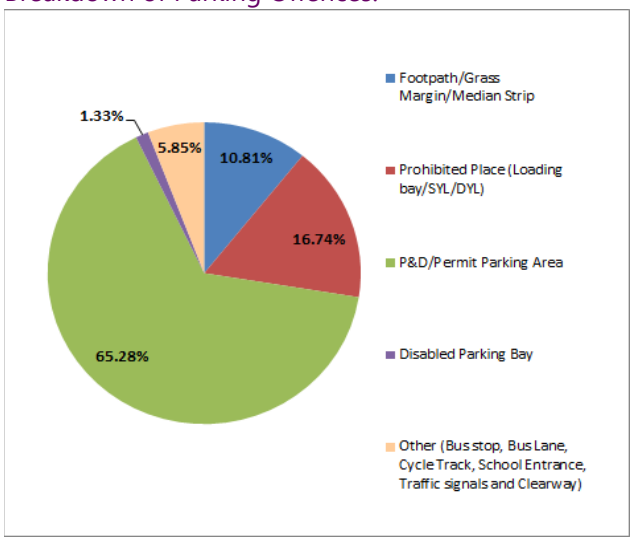
Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	122	10.81%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	189	16.74%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	737	65.28%
Disabled Parking Bay	15	1.33%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	66	5.85%
Total	**1129**	**100%**



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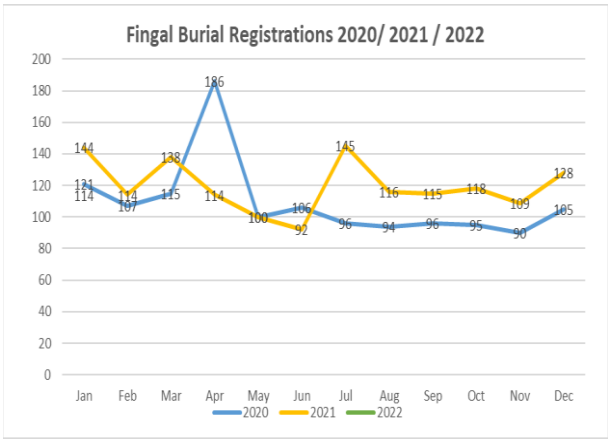
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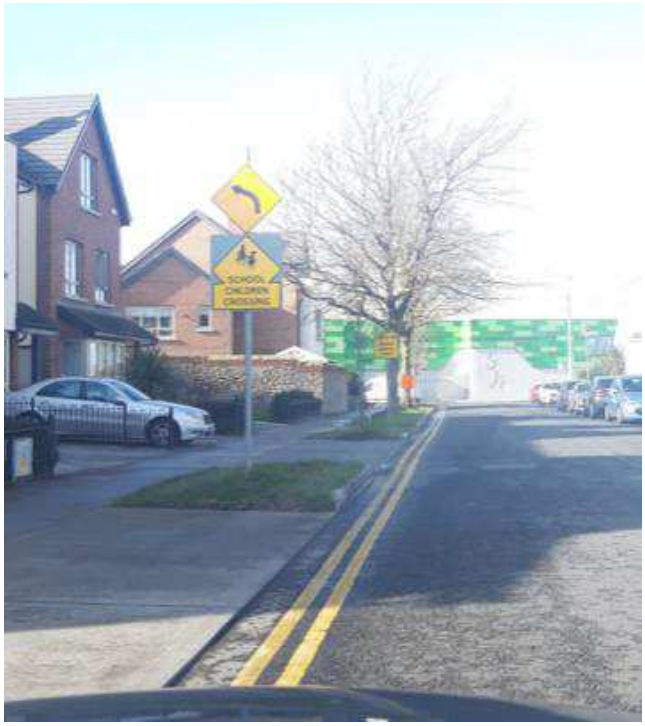


3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 114 Internments in January 2022.



4. Traffic Operations County-wide



Warning bend signage added on old Navan Road and Beechpark Avenue



Ramp complete in Lanesborough Road in Charlestown

The programme of works for 2022 has already commenced with the following Civil works underway at various signalised pedestrian crossings in the Howth Malahide Area.



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath by Wendell Avenue-Coast Road,
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath by The Hill - Malahide,
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath – Grange Road
(Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Removal of trees entering Kinsealy Court –Feltrim Road Junction to improve pedestrian/vehicular site lines.
(Removal of stumps to follow with some footpath upgrades)

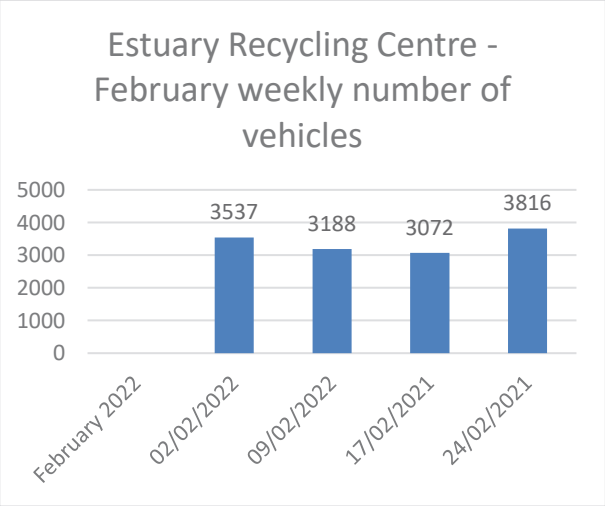
5. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

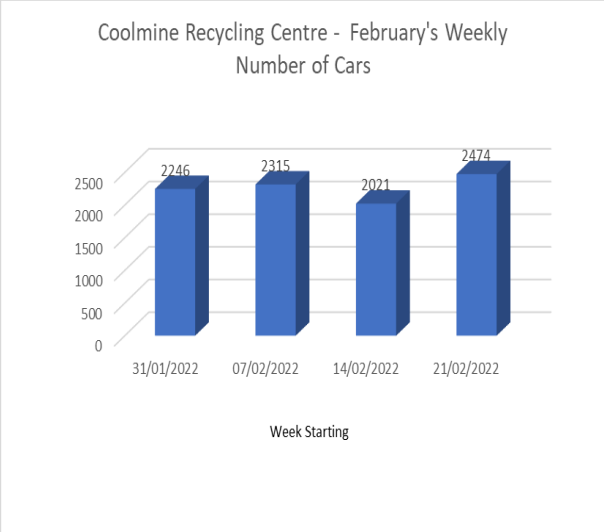
105 hires were put in place from 1st February 2022 – 28th February 2022, engaging 23 suppliers.

6. Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022.

7. Recycling Centre's Update

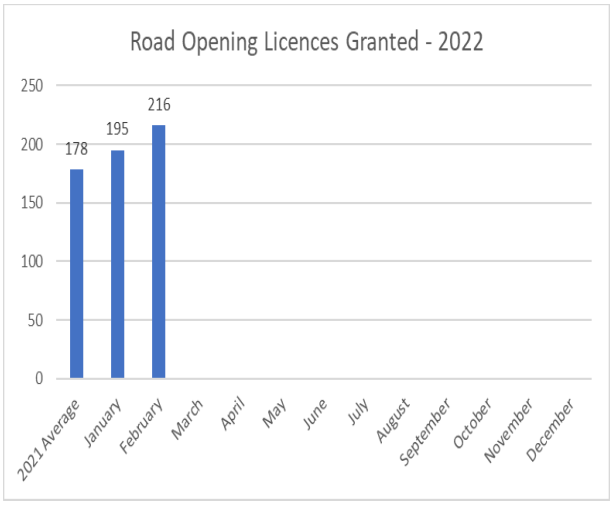


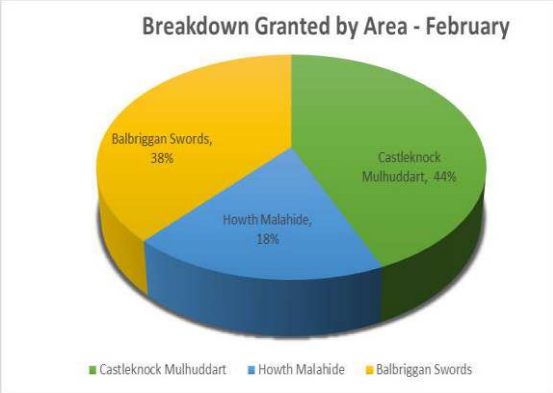


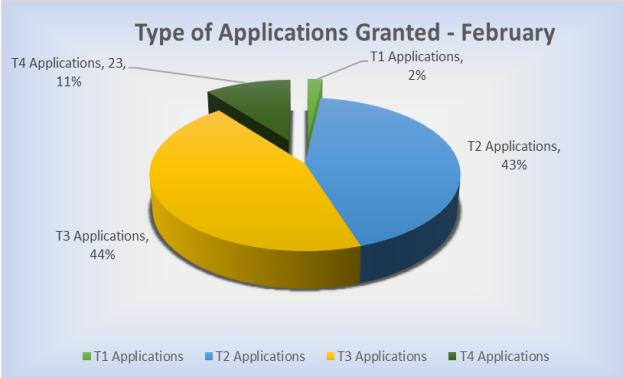
8. Road Opening Licences

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 are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

216 licences were granted in February 2022







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 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 2 works to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal are still on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.
- 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 Skerries, Baldoyle and Portmarnock areas.
- Funding is being sought and a tender is being completed for a detailed design for an upgrade to the Storm water network within and around The Bawn and the Old Bawn. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in late 2022.
- CCTV surveys are complete in the St Benedicts estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system. Misconnections were identified and passed to the Management company responsible for La Verna who are now procuring a contractor to commence repairs.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in the Seabury estate in Malahide and a number of misconnections were identified. The locations of these have been passed to the property owners who are now procuring contractors to remove and connect to the foul sewer.
- 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. Completion by Gas Networks

has been scheduled for Mid Term break as not to interfere with school traffic at this location.

- Works are complete at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a stainless steel grate on an overflow culvert to stop material being washed up the from the coast. Works to seal and path a section of the line have also been complete to resolve a rodent issue.
- Tenders have been finalised for contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. Works will be commencing in early January 2022.
- Works were carried out at Millview Lawns to resolve and issue with strong odours (Kerosene) emanating from the network and into private property. A home heating oil leak was discovered and since repaired. A number of misconnections were also discovered and reported to the householders to repair.
- Work has begun with formalising a 2022 Storm Water preventative maintenance cycle, recording and mapping programme. A contractor has been procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire has been arranged to commence from the 1st of February initially on a 4 week hire which may be extended. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies with cctv and to record the stormwater networks.

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**.
2) Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
3) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**
4) 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-and-service-update/#

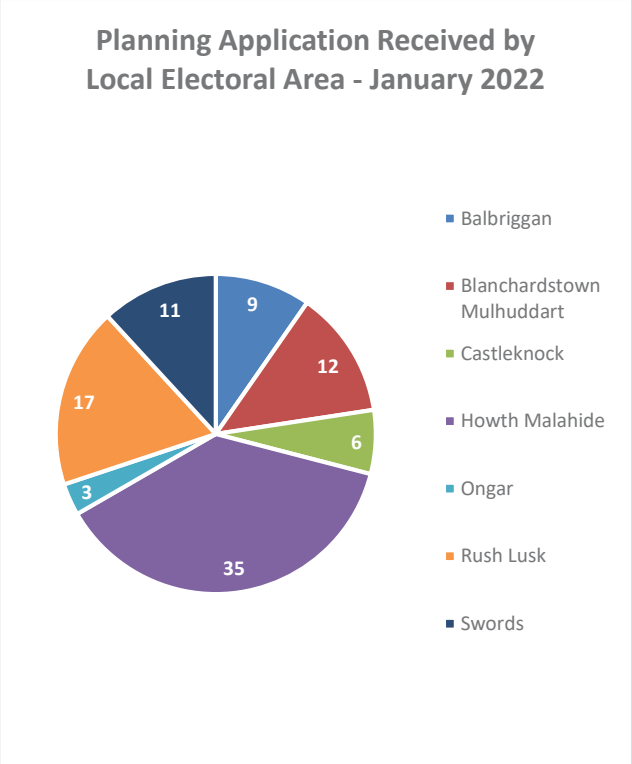
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 93 planning applications received to the end of January 2022, 10 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 83 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.
Up to end of January 2022, 0 decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála. There are a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

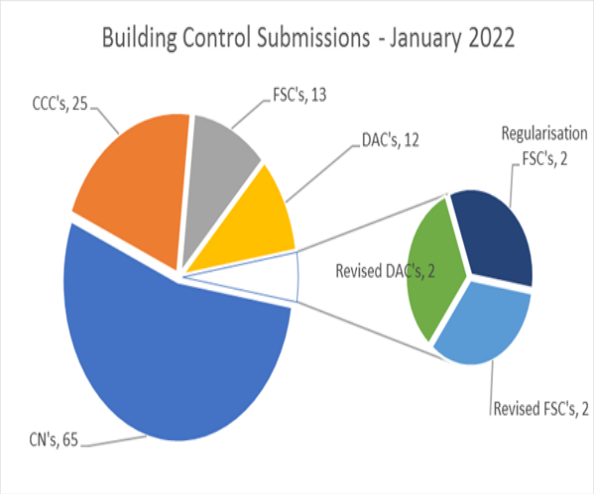
A total of 98 planning decisions have been made to the end of January 2022. There have been 80 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 18 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 9 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 43 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 23 commercial/retail grants of permission and 4 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 3 relate to development of 2 - 20 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

Building Control Admin

In January 2022, there were 121 Building Control submissions made via the BCMS.
This was made up of 65 Commencement Notices, 25 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 17 Fire Safety related Certificates and 14 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Draft Fingal Development Plan was published on 24th February. The public consultation will run until 12th May and during that time the document is available for download from the fingal.ie/developmentplan website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch.

Councillors met 11 times between 18th January and 10th February to review the Chief Executive's Draft Development Plan and, after considering 917 motions, have now produced the Draft Development Plan.

The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on the Draft Development Plan and online submissions can made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12 on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, https://consult.fingal.ie/browse

Consultation events will be held during the submission period and full details of these will be available shortly on the Development Plan website, www.fingal.ie/developmentplan and the Council's social media channels.

The Development Plan process has been running for almost a year and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023. Last year Council officials, set out the strategic direction for the Plan with the publication of an Issues Paper which attracted 551 submissions. This then formed the framework into which objectives and policies for the Chief Executive's Draft Plan were created.

Sustainable Swords

Work continues on the Sustainable Swords project. 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 second stage of consultation took place in October 2021. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July. We are in the process of developing the Public Realm and Transport report, which will form a major part of the draft strategy.



Vacant Site Register

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

Heritage Office



Fingal Heritage Office has been working with members of the Fingal Heritage Network to identify themes, places, events, artefacts and memorials from World War I, the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War and World War II or the Emergency in Fingal. The project will focus on recording conflict remains in the landscape, from the concrete defences installed near the airport during World War II, to the ambush sites during the revolutionary period. Many of these sites leave little trace so it is important for them to be mapped for future generations. Another important focus is the production of a memory map where stories, films, photos and knowledge of the conflicts in Fingal can be shared. If anyone has photos, stories, artefacts or memories relating to the 1914-1945 period or know of sites or remains that should be recorded please contact https://www.fingal.ie/news/legacies-conflict-project-aims-capture-fingal-stories-era-1914-1945



Blimps in the Grounds of Malahide Castle – First World War 1914–18

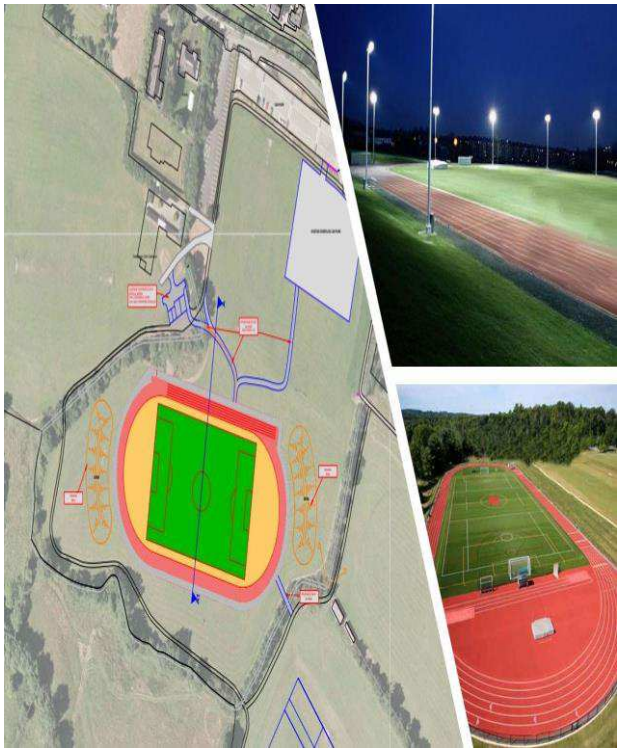


Presentations of the recent Climate and Heritage Webinar series including the Fingal contribution are available at https://laois.ie/departments/heritage/climate-change-and-heritage/climate-change-and-heritage-webinar-series/?fbclid=IwAR3qLhJ9FhOce47ieY6w-sGKyMxjuYuxsLwtSArKPD-lZAvZTeCIcW-Kky8 The series was created and curated by the members of the

Local Authority Heritage Officer Network and chaired by Paddy Woodworth, Claire Cooper, Martina Moloney and Sean McKeown with Minister Malcolm Noonan T.D. and Virginia Teehan CEO of the Heritage Council who introduced and concluded the series.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility



The contract for the Design and Construction of the new All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility at Porterstown Park has been awarded to Tony Patterson Sports Grounds Ltd following the conclusion of the competitive tender process. The new LED floodlit facility will consist of a 6-lane synthetic running track and perimeter spectator path together with a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch providing for soccer and other sporting codes. The project led by the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division is scheduled to start on site during Q2 this year. It is anticipated that the new facility will be complete by Q1 of next year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

Built Environment Division

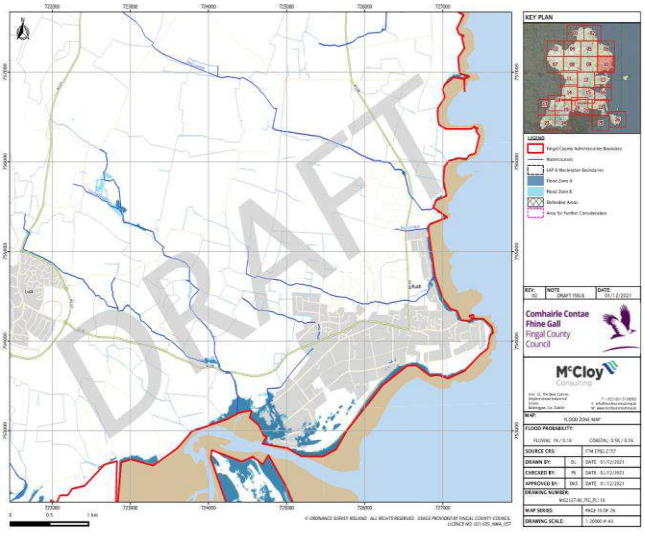
Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management January 2022

- 109 no. new planning files have been received.
- 9 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 3 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. The SFRA DRAFT flood mapping and DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping and report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) and submissions received from Councillors/public.

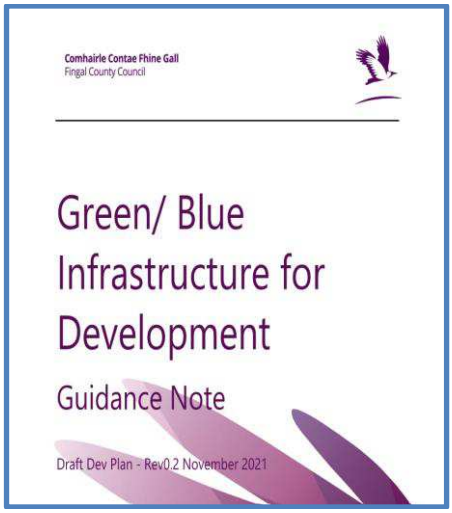


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



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. There have been 7 CDS applications during January.
- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 01/03/2022

Building Control

- BCMS – 65 CNs were received in January 2022 and there were 25 Completion Certificates processed. Data is not yet available for February 2022.

Taking in Charge

- Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer and watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide were Taken in Charge in January 2022. There are currently 3 estates, "The Hawthorns" in Castleknock, Martello in Balbriggan and Cnoc Dubh phase 1 in Ballyboughal put up for being Taken in Charge in the next Council meeting in April.

- We have 47 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 306 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway and almost complete.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam, are under construction and almost complete.
- There are also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- A Tender for the Taking in Charge works for Brackenwood, Hoar Rock, Cianlea and the Santuary that was advertised on Supplygov.ie was received on Monday 28th of February.
- A tender for "The Gallops" and "Palmer Avenue" is to be advertised on Supplygov.ie this week by the contacts engineer.
- The BC contracts engineer is currently seeking extra funding from Irish Water to address any issues with the foul sewer and watermain in Ongar.
- There are currently 42 developers set up on our External Taking in Charge SharePoint Site to upload Taking in Charge documentation. This SharePoint site is now also being used by the Parks Department and Public Lighting Department in order to review uploaded Taking in Charge information.
- 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. The final documents are currently being reviewed and the updated Policy and Specification will be published in the Fingal web site in March 2022.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 51 active dangerous structures. There were 3 new notifications in January 2022 and 2 new notifications so far in February 2022.



Rusted steel at one of the sheds at Newbridge house that was classified as a "dangerous structure"

References

- The number of reference requests received in January was 354. The data is not available for February yet.

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



R1 – Upper Level Construction

Bridge abutments were constructed in February, a key milestone in the construction of the main structures. Piling works for the main structures are now complete and the central median pier foundations are currently being constructed. (Photo Attached). Foundations of walls to support the bridge crossing of the Tolka are underway. Retaining wall construction works to the N3 offramp and the Blanchardstown Centre Link Road are due to be complete in the coming weeks. Works

will continue to be progressed off the main carriageways until March 2022 and a reduced speed limit on the N3 will be implemented shortly to allow the works be safely constructed. 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 and ongoing briefings will be arranged with the local elected members over the course of the project also.





Recent photos of Snugborough Interchange

Harry Reynolds Road





The advanced tree planting and tree felling works were all completed in February. There have been an additional 170 new trees planted in the Moylaragh, Ashfield and Tara Court areas with more along the Harry Reynolds Road itself. This will be further complemented by additional tree pits to be constructed as part of the main project. The project is now progressing through the final appraisal process with a view to publishing an open tender competition in Q2. This should facilitate the award of the main works contract by Oct 2022.

Sutton-Malahide Cycle and Pedestrian Project

Landowner consultation is ongoing on this project and the project team have met a large number of affected property owners over the last two months. A wider non-statutory public consultation is now expected to take place in late March for this project. The consultation will involve the publication of the scheme preferred route drawings, photomontages and other supporting information. Information will be available online and in person events will take place also. Exact dates will be advised in due course. A Teams briefing will be organised with the local members also.

HOUSING

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Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Chief Executive report for the proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park was presented to the March meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee. The proposed development will be presented for approval at the Council meeting today.

Construction is already underway of 67 social homes at Church Fields Phase 2B. Construction of a further 20 homes at Wellview is also underway with delivery scheduled for later this year.

A contractor is onsite developing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.



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 Affordable Housing Fund (formerly the SSF)

Current construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.





Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	129
Planning and Design	1,114
Part V	225
TOTAL	**1,675**

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
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 submitted to DHLGH.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022.	Q2 2022	Q3 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	Q3 2023
Havestown, Rush	62	Stage 2 procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 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.	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Part 8 process commenced in Dec 2021 for 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin11 - 69 units being built





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built





Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields - 67 units being built



Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Road, Lusk – 5 units



Part V Unit completed at Newpark Drive, Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Malahide, Co. Dublin.



CALF Scheme delivered in Charlestown, Finglas, Dublin 11



Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan became available nationwide from all local authorities from **4th January 2022**. There is a significant interest in this new lending product with hundreds of inquiries and loan processing is underway on the first wave of applications. The Loans team continues to issue and facilitate drawdowns of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans that were received before the 3rd January 2022.

For more information please see: https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team continue to engage with tenants who may have experienced a change in circumstances to their tenancy (e.g. change of income or family composition) or who may have fallen into arrears. It is vitally important that tenants notify the Council as soon as possible should a change in circumstances occur. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge or arrears they should contact the Council immediately at email: rents.assessments@fingal.ie or rents.arrears@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The proposed works programme for 2022 is currently under review with the DHLGH and approval will issue when finalised.

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 4th March 2022
In letting process	40
Undergoing re-let repairs	26
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	15
TOTAL	**81**

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. Contractors are in the process of completing the works programme for 2021. Work on the 2022 programme is anticipated to start in the coming weeks with details of the initial 4 batches totally 792 properties issued to the Contractors.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The new Cycling Maintenance – Scheme Painting Programme (Batches H & J) has commenced and painting works are underway in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.



Before and after pictures of houses in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Approximately 270 applicant submissions have been made for HAP through the online portal since it went live in October 2021 with 110 of those accepted as being fully complete (both applicant and landlord). The remainder are awaiting landlord submissions or did not progress for various reasons (over income limit, unaffordable property etc). 86 HAP Tenancies have been set up in 2022 to date.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up almost 3,300 tenancies.

Housing Support

Housing List Position

The Housing Support Team are finalising the preparation of the yearly list position which is scheduled to issue at the end of March.

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

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven efficient with staff and applicants. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto https://cbl.fingal.ie using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number. The housing team has issued over 1,200 secure passwords and usernames to date. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

Recently a 3 Bed Apartment in Northwood, Santry was advertised through Choice Base Lettings, approximately 40 applicants expressed an interest in this property and an allocation is due to take place in the coming weeks. In early March, Fingal County Council advertised a 3 Bed dwelling in Wellview, Mulhuddart. There has been strong interest in the property with approximately 500 viewings through the CBL portal. The housing team are currently engaged in building on this momentum and will advertise developments in Lusk, Santry and Swords throughout March.

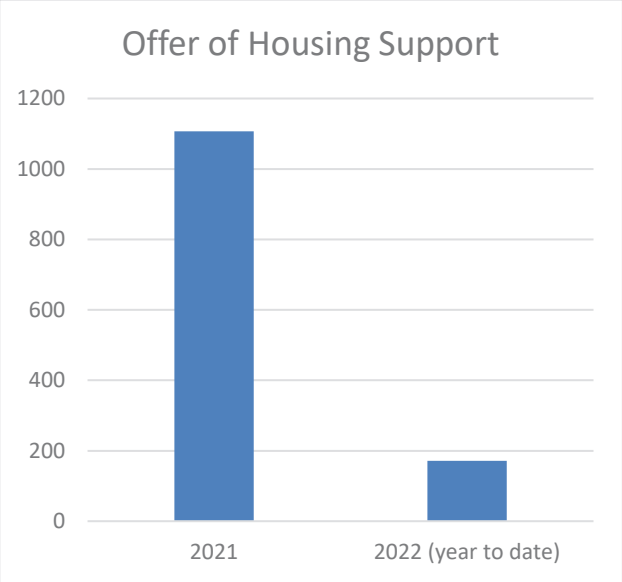
Right-Sizing Initiative – Ladyswell, Clann Housing

The Lettings team have recently engaged with 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. 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-sizing. There has been a positive response to this initiative with the housing team actively engaging with interested tenants. Tenants have also been linked in with the Age Friendly Fingal team. The collaborative approach between the housing team and Age Friendly Fingal has worked very well. To date, there are four households seeking to right-size to apartments in the Clann Development. The Lettings team will continue

to engage with tenants who have expressed interest in right sizing to other areas of County.

Offers of Housing Support

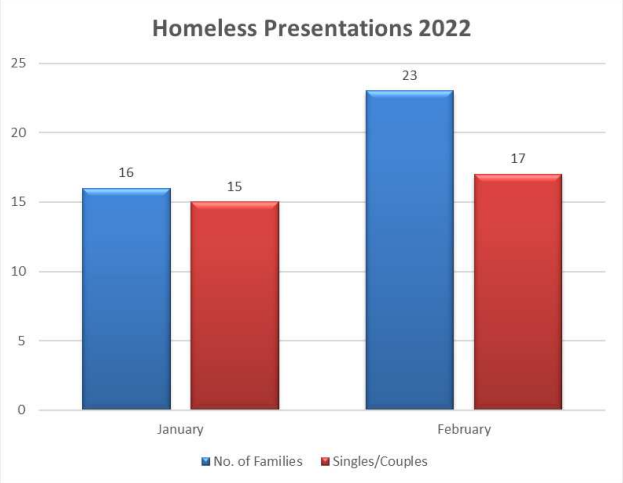
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below. During the month of January 2022 95 offers of Housing Support were made to approved applicants.



Homeless Services

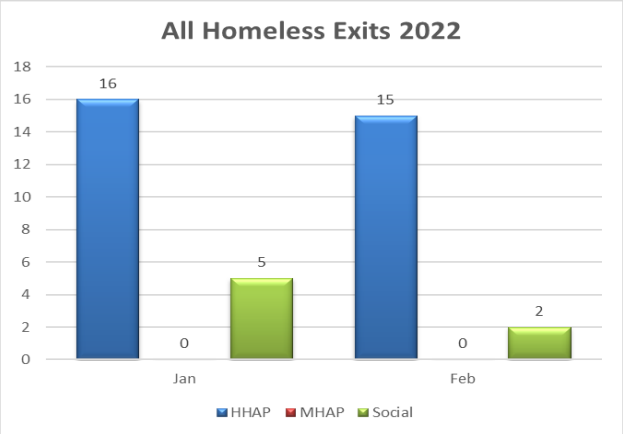
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out over the phone.

In February 2022 there were 40 new homeless presentations, comprising 23 families and 17 singles/couples.



During February 2022, 17 households, comprising 11 families and 6 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 15 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 preparing the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

Traveller Accommodation Plan

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 for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is planned for a number of sites in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 which is pending a review and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors are continuing on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with various external agencies and traveller advocacy groups.



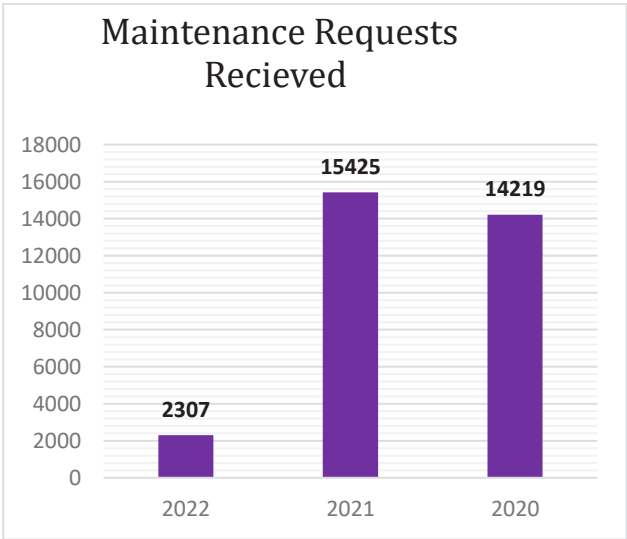
Installation of Mobile Home at Halting Site

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 Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

Maintenance Requests



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 however when the vulnerabilities, complexities and heath related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare 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 may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities.


Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Re: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Dear Resident

Stock Management

Active Caseload

Breach of Ten.	35
Miscellaneous	28
Regularisation	9
Rightsizing	22

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb)

ASB Caseload Management

Jan 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	**34**	**20**	**5**
North County	**26**	**17**	**23**
Total	**60**	**37**	**28**

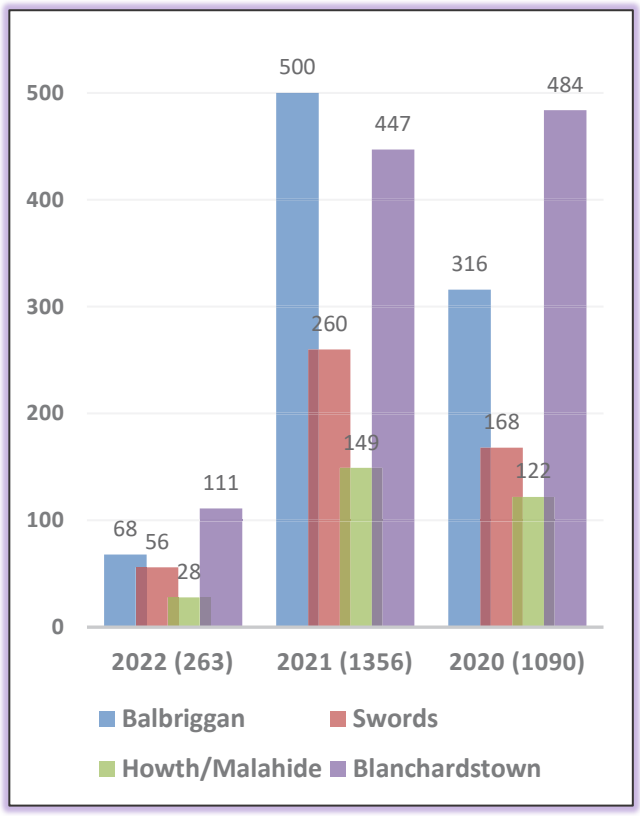
All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Estate Management are working with the Communications Unit to finalise an online video to induct new Tenants to their homes and provide them with useful and necessary information pertaining to their Tenancy.

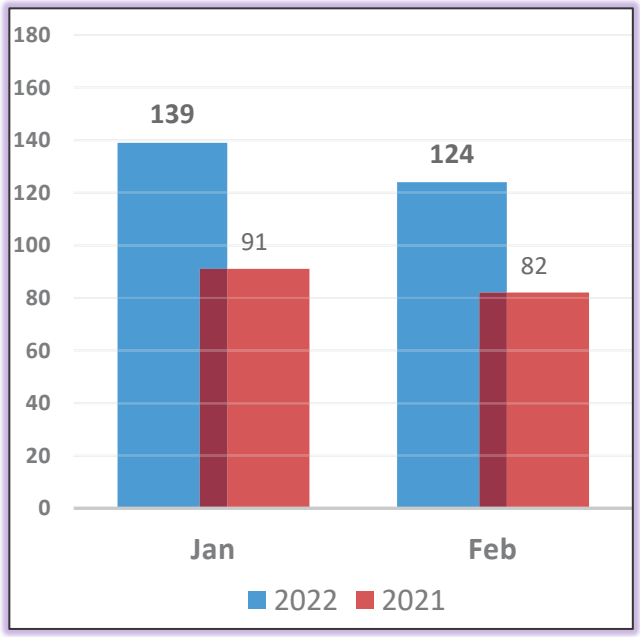




Area Breakdown 2020-2022



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022 **Interviews Held 2021**	**15** 47
Tenancy Alerts 2022 **Tenancy Alerts 2021**	**9** 31
Tenancy Warnings 2022 **Tenancy Warnings 2021**	**0** 2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022 Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	**266** 1746
Estate Inspections 2022 Estate Inspections 2021	**234** 1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022 EM/ASB Inspections 2021	**306** 3117

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

FACILITIES

Winter Pride North County

The Winter Pride LGBT teas series of events in the North County took place throughout February, supported by the North County Community Development Team. The initial event took place in The Cottage Community Centre in Lusk on 8th February, attended by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O' Rodaigh. Winter Pride is an initiative of the Community Office and the Integration Office. Subsequent events took place in Rathbeale Library, Swords and Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan. The events were attended by local LGBT plus groups, allies and members of other community groups and organisations across the north county. The initiative was supported by Dublin Pride and the Outcomers group in Balbriggan.



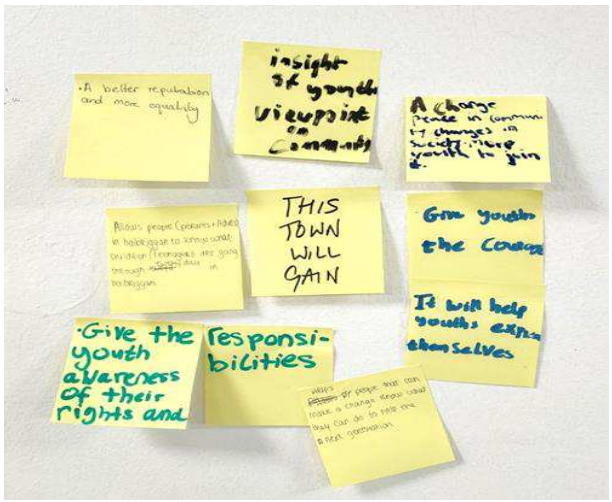


Balbriggan Youth Forum

On March 13th, 2022 Fingal Community Office will be supporting Balbriggan Youth Forum through the Community Hub approach in Flemington Community Centre. Balbriggan Youth Forum is an intercultural space where Balbriggan youth come together to share their experiences of living in the community and address the issues that affect their lives and wellbeing.

Fingal Community Office is on the advisory committee of Balbriggan Integration Youth Forum, which has already taken huge strides in training volunteers and finishing consultations with the youth in Balbriggan regarding themes for workshops. The Forum have voiced gains for Balbriggan as a result of this youth forum building its capacity including; better reputation and more equality; Insight of youth viewpoint on community; awareness of rights and responsibilities; an avenue for the community to learn from the youth; respect, information, sense of belonging, freedom of expression, and positive interactions as well as empowered youth leaders and new perspectives.

The Youth Forum is strategically set for Flemington Community Centre and is a valuable addition to the Community Hub in Flemington in relation to intercultural dialogue, identity, belonging, connection, rights awareness, empowerment, community building and civic life.



Residents Oasis Creation during Covid

Over the past two years Tara Cove residents association Balbriggan have come together to create an oasis for their residence. The improvements were made in the Estate over the past 2 years during covid restrictions and lock downs. Currently the Community Development office is working with Tara Cove residents association to look at further projects through community activities funding.



Volunteer group for International Women's day

On the 23rd of February 2002 the Community Development Office, Aster Family Resource Centre, Hen House, Balbriggan women's development group and community volunteers met in Balbriggan Town Hall to discuss further International Women's Day event for Balbriggan set for the 8th of March 2022.

The group came together to discuss the materials for designing the room, prep work and logistics on the day. Join us in the Hamilton Hall Balbriggan at 10:30am to celebrate 'the achievements of women and promote a gender equal world, free of bias and stereotype" as we re-emerge as a community.



Mountview & Tyrrelstown Community Centre's

Kurdish Art Nergz Group



Fingal County Council Community Hub in Mountview gets into full swing this month with groups and services taking residency. On the 26th of February 2022 the Kurdish Art Nergz Group Ireland started their Women's support group and have registered 25 Children for their Kurdish Language and Culture classes. The group are excited to develop the Women's group and the Children's Language and Culture classes over the coming months.



Cultúr Migrant Support Service

Cultúr Migrant Centre have commenced their weekly support clinics in Mountview & Tyrrelstown Community Hub's on the 24th February 2022. Support provided includes language support, education and career development as well as support for members of the community who may be experiencing racism. The Community and Sports Hub is looking forward to supporting this service reach out to communities over the coming weeks

Conversation for Life English Classes

Practical language Service have launched their conversational English classes in Tyrrelstown Community Hub every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm. This is building on the success of the classes which are ongoing in Mulhuddart Community Centre on Tuesday mornings. These classes provide an opportunity for education but also a space which encourages social interaction and peer support among members.

Community and Sports Hub



The Community Development Office is delighted to announce that the Community and Sports Hubs are open and strongly branded in both the Tyrrelstown Community Centre and Mountview Community and Sports Centre. The overall purpose of the Community and Sports Hub is to enable the Community Development Office to support community groups, develop community and voluntary initiatives and increase community service delivery in the community centre. The local Community Officer will be on site one morning per week for groups or individual to drop in and seek support. In addition, they will work to facilitate outreach services to operate in the centres also such as the Citizen Information, Migrant Supports, Local Gardai.

Women's International Day Programme

To mark International Women's Day 2022, Fingal County Council's Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal. Commencing Monday, the 7th March, there was an award ceremony for the participants from our She Leads We Lead Community Leadership Programme. On the 8th March, a series of safety self-defense demonstrations and talks took place in Blakestown, Lusk, Rush and Baldoyle. These sessions culminated in the Shine A Light for Women Walk and tree planting ceremony in Millennium Park. In addition, the Sports Office highlighting the Achievements of Women with guest speakers and panel discussions in Balbriggan and a Womens in Sport Live Rugby Coaching session in Swords.

Fingal Community Facilities Network

The first meeting of Fingal Community Facilities Network members will take place on March 10. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel Dublin Airport and will feature representatives from the Network and the Community Facilities Management Support Unit. The morning will cover Business Plan preparation for management as well as a refresher on Management Assistance Funding Applications guidelines and Service Level Agreements. There will also be an update presented to the attendees on the Waste Management phase of the Keen To Be Green Facilities Project as they return to normal operation post-COVID 19.

STRATEGIC

Fingal Public Participation Network



Fingal PPN Linkage Group meetings

The first round of linkage group meetings are almost complete with a small budget being allocated to linkage groups to trial some projects over the course of 2022. Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations across Fingal to meet in

networks to highlight issues or concerns and organise collective advocacy campaigns. Any organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more information see: **www.fingalppn.ie.**





New LECP Supports

Over the coming weeks and months, the LCDC will be developing a new Fingal Local, Economic and Community Plan (LECP). In order to support the input of Fingal PPN members and LCDC reps, Fingal PPN have created a new resource on the website with all the relevant information. Information on the previous LECP has been included as it will be reviewed prior to embarking on the process for the new LECP. Thematic workshops and consultation mechanisms will be utilised as part of this process and the PPN endeavours to update this resource with new information as and when it becomes available to ensure the strong input of PPN member groups into this process. For more see: https://fingalppn.ie/local-economic-and-community-plan-lecp/

Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg have finalized their topic for 2022: 'Improve the School Curriculum to educate students on racism, sexism and Misogyny' members are now developing a plan of work for the upcoming year to highlight this topic.

Research on the Engagement of Seldom Heard Young People with Fingal Comhairle na nÓg, is due for completion at the end of March. This piece of research will result in an engagement plan to reach this target group and guide the work of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg in coming years.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg were represented on the National executive meeting and will have 5 members present at Dail na nÓg on the 26th March.

Integration

Living with Pride

National Library Exhibition "*Living with Pride*" left Blanchardstown Library on Monday 28th February and arrived at Balbriggan Library 1st March for the final leg of its Fingal journey before it heads nationwide.

A talk and tour of the exhibition by Bill Foley, the partner of the late Chris Robsons took place on the 1st of March and was attended by Mayor Seána O' Rodaigh. The exhibition will be in place until 31st March which will complete the Fingal Winter Pride series for 2021-22.





FUNDING

Community Facilities Refurbishment Works: Sports capital funding

Two applications for Sports Capital funding were submitted from the Community Development Office. The purpose of the applications was to leverage funding to support required refurbishment works identified as part of the condition surveys carried out in 2017. Both Donabate Portrane community centre and Corduff Resource Centre received the maximum allocation of 150k each. The specification for both projects is currently being developed by an integrated design team. Corduff Resource Centre also received an additional 25k in funding towards the installation of a sprung floor in the main hall. it is envisaged that the building works will commence during 2022.

Mountview Fortlawn community youth and sports hub were also successful under the sports capital funding and were awarded 27k towards the resurfacing of the sports hall and other ancillary works.

Community Activities Funding Scheme Information Evening

The Community Development Office will host Fingal County Council's Community Activities Funding Scheme Information Session online for Community and Voluntary Groups on Wednesday 30th March 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This session inform groups of the funding scheme criteria, eligibility and practical steps when making an application. To register click here **https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening**

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal Athletics League

The Fingal Athletics League is a Primary School cross country running programme for students in 3rd-6th class and returns to Porterstown Park and Newbridge Demesne on March 29th and March 31st respectively. Over 40 schools completed our expression of interest in returning to the event which will see approximately 1,500 students take part.



LATE NIGHT FOOTBALL

The FAI in conjunction with the Sports Office and the Gardaí will be delivering 8 Late Night Football events around the county including Balbriggan, Donabate, Mulhuddart, Portmarnock, Skerries, Swords, Tyrrelstown and Whitestown. The sessions will take

place over 4 weeks in March targeting teenage boys and girls with no cost to the users.



Women in Sport Week (7th -13th March)

The Sports Office in partnership with our co-funded NGB's is organising several activities and events for Women in Sport Week. FAI Ireland internationals Diane Cauldwell, Niamh Fahey and Megan Lynch will be live on Zoom for a Question & Answers session. Suttonians Rugby Club are hosting a coaching session with Irish Women's Rugby Internationals Tania Rosser, Kate Farrell McCabe, Emily McKeown and Grainne Vaugh with special guest speaker Moira Flahive, Chair of Leinster Inclusivity Society. the Sports Office will be highlighting the contribution women are making as volunteers and coaches in Fingal.

Club Development Webinar

On Monday 21st February 2022 we held our Second Club Development Webinar for Sports Clubs in Fingal. This Webinar gave Clubs practical tips on development planning, funding applications, coach education and general information on Fingal County Council. The Club Development Toolkit is especially valuable to smaller clubs or minority sports that may not have the same level of National Governing Body support.

Age Friendly

Fingal's New Age Friendly Team



The newly formed Age Friendly Interdepartmental team held its first meeting on 17th February 2022.

The aim of the team, which is made up of senior members of staff from across the organisation, is for departments to work collaboratively in identifying opportunities for collaboration which will be supported by the Age Friendly Programme Manager and Age Friendly Technical Advisors to ensure the implementation of age friendly strategic and operational actions across the Organisation.

Cricket4All: Taster Sessions



The first of the Taster Sessions for potential participants in this Intergenerational Project took place in Flemington Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd February. Members of Prosper Fingal, the Irish Wheelchair Association and St. Michael's House as well as Skerries and Balbriggan Cricket Clubs took part in the sessions with individuals finding a role to suit their ability and interest. There was great enthusiasm and fun on the day with plans for further Taster Sessions in the coming weeks. This project is a

collaboration between the Community Development Office and Cricket Leinster and has been funded by the DCEDIY.

Research on the Social Participation Preferences of Older People

The Community Development Office and Corduff Community Centre are conducting a survey of older residents in Corduff to ascertain how the Community Resource Centre can best meet their needs post-covid. The survey will be conducted by 'trusted' people in the area such as older residents themselves, Resident Associations, and key stakeholders. The aim of the short questionnaire is to establish the preferred activities and most suitable days/times for engagement in the community centre. It will also establish what is the key information required by older people to pilot an Information event in the centre. The findings from the survey and the pilot Information event will determine if and how such events can be rolled out across Fingal.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Active Travel

The Allocation to FCC's Active Travel Projects is listed in the table which is Appendix 2 of this report. This includes projects being managed by two departments – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept and by the Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel Dept.

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 are providing input to the draft County Development Plan 2023-2029 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

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Works ongoing for Phase 1 of the scheme. At present the final section of bollards at Dublin Road, from Sutton Cross to St. Fintan's High School, are to be installed in the coming weeks. Snag works ongoing at Grange Road and Warrenhouse Road. Epoxy works projected to start on all roads at the end of March, weather dependant. Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road due to commence at the start of Q2 '2022. Further detail on junction works to be issued to local councillors and residents in coming weeks.



Image of students cycling to Burrow NS, Howth Road



Junction build out at Howth Road with improved pedestrian crossing facilities



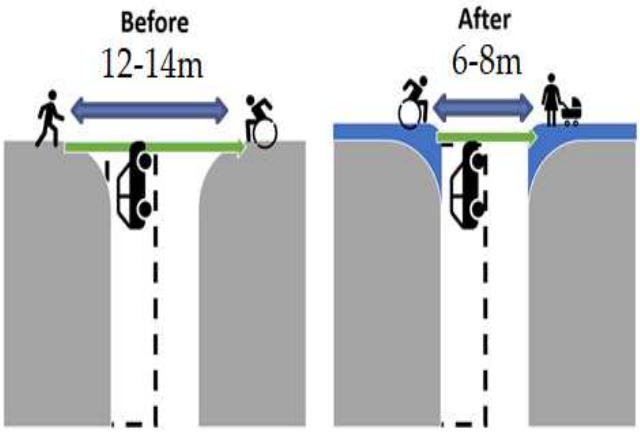
Junction build out at Howth Road with improved pedestrian crossing facilities

Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords

Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are almost complete. The junction build outs reduce the turning radii at each location and so help to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians and slow traffic speeds. Tabletop ramps also improve safety for pedestrians.

To date FCC have installed 14 no. Junction Build Outs.







The provision of uncontrolled crossing locations give a safe defined crossing location along the route. These crossing points include tactile paving and drop kerbs which allow a safe crossing location for all road users.

To date FCC have installed 21 Uncontrolled Crossings





Towns & Village

Works are ongoing in the development of a brief for some of our Towns & Villages. A brief is being developed by our Active Travel Team for Balrothery Village to look at the scope of works required to be delivered under our Active Travel pillars.

Work is also ongoing to develop a Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.

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.

Where there are other project being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

A number of the requests that have been received, evaluated and are included in a brief that has been prepared and is going out to the market to engage a consultant to develop these projects through Options report and concept design initially. This will allow the projects to be developed to detailed design for implementation. Once these are further developed, we will make available to the members.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between 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

School Warden Recruitment

Following a shortage in the number of reserve school wardens available across the County to provide relief cover for School Wardens on leave, the position of Temporary Relief School Warden has now been advertised and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates until Tuesday 22nd March.

Successful candidates will be placed on a panel specific to their chosen LEA. School Wardens make a valuable contribution to the community and ensure the safety of children going to and from school.

Further details can be found http://fingal.ie/jobs



Your Life, Your Choice Road Safety Campaign

Following a recent Expression of Interest that issued to all Secondary Schools in Fingal, the 'Your Life, Your Choice' Road Safety campaign recommenced on Monday 14th February in Castleknock College. A total of 11 schools have signed up so far and each registered school will receive the headsets for a period of one week. The initiative will continue until 20th May when schools finish up for the summer and resume in September 2022 for the new school year.

The 'Your Life, Your Choice' campaign is an initiative being run by Fingal's Active Travel department in partnership with AVIVA Driving School. This initiative is aimed at targeting young drivers between 16 – 25 and allows them to experience a seven-minute simulation of a road traffic accident through a virtual reality headset. The students are fully immersed as a front-seat passenger in the crash scenario. The simulated crash highlights the impact of driver distraction, speed, mobile phone use and shows why wearing seat belts is so important for all passengers.



Mobility

Secure bicycle parking:

Works continued with the rolling out of secure bicycle parking facilities across Fingal at beaches, parks, and playgrounds during February. Over 30 new permanent stands were installed in February with a sample provided below of recent works.



Fig 1: Newbridge House - Playground



Fig 2: Portmarnock Beach – Carpark



Fig 3: Donabate Beach



Fig 4: Beech Park Playground - Clonsilla

Bleeper Bikes

January Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

780 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January up from 662 in December
819 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 22.69% followed by Sundays 19.36%
Howth Train Station was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 147 bikes across Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

3 month summary of bike usage across all Fingal operational areas

	H/M	D15	Swords	Donabate	Rush	Skerries	Balbriggan
Jan 2022	338	170	21	29	31	58	133
Dec 2021	204	247	21	22	16	78	74
Nov 2021	320	303	29	32	26	96	73

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.

Contact active.travel@fingal.ie for more information

eCargo Bike – Rush

The Active Travel section handed over our 3rd eCargo bike to local Rush Business, Jack the Bachelors on Thursday, 3rd February as part of our eCargo Bike Pilot Initiative.

This state of the art eCargo bike is intended to replace the use of private motor vehicles for local area deliveries. As part of its commitment to climate action and providing sustainable travel alternatives, Fingal County Council is providing the bike free of charge to the business for 12 months under a Service Level Agreement.

We look forward to seeing this eCargo bike out and about on its local deliveries.





Bike Rack Initiative

Fingal's Active Travel department are inviting applications from local schools, sports clubs and community centres who would like to receive free bike or scooter racks to encourage active modes of travel. Applications for this phase of the initiative opened on Friday 25th February and will close on Thursday 31st March. This initiative is being advertised across all social media platforms and correspondence has been sent to all schools, community centres and sports clubs. To apply for bike or scooter parking, applicants can find all application forms and waivers at the following location Bike and Scooter Racks for Schools & Clubs | Fingal County Council

All applications and waivers must be returned to Active.Travel@fingal.ie



#Big Travel Challenge

An Taisce Green Schools Programme invited all Primary Schools in Fingal that have already received their Green Schools Travel Flag and Active Travel and Global Citizenship to take part in the #BigTravelChallenge in February 2022. For any 10 consecutive days in February, participating schools could choose one or more modes of active and sustainable travel to include walking/ cycling/ scooting or taking the bus.

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Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report was presented to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC in December 2021 and to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2022 and was well received. The Report outlines progress in summary against all actions and presents an overview of progress against each theme in the Plan. Council energy efficiency targets have been met and the Plan is progressing well. The Report can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024

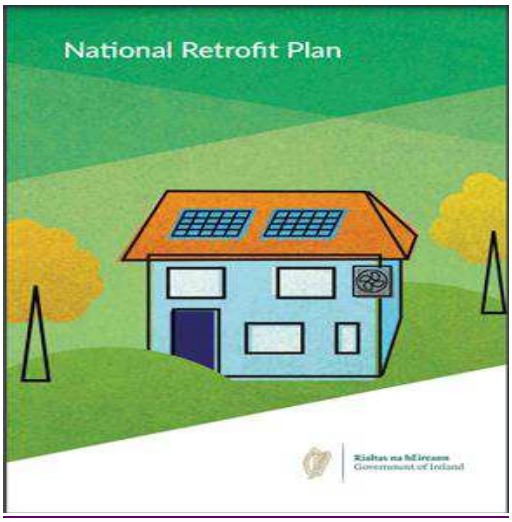


The **Climate Change Action Plan 2021 (CAP 2021)** was published in November 2021. This plan sets a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve Irelands emissions by 2030 and reach net zero no later than 2050, in line with the Programme for Government. The Plan sets out emissions reductions targets for each sector of the economy and actions to achieve these.

The CAP 2021 can be viewed or downloaded here: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6223e-climate-action-plan-2021/

Following on from residential retrofit targets in the CAP 2021, the Government published the National Retrofit Plan in February 2022. The Plan is designed to address barriers to retrofit across four key pillars: driving demand and activity; financing and funding; supply chain, skills and standards; and governance. The plan includes increased grant aid for residential retrofitting, and a significant package of supports to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners to undertake home energy upgrades, for warmer, healthier and more comfortable homes, with lower energy bills. This includes increased grant levels of up to 50% of the cost of a typical deep retrofit to a B2 BER standard.

The National Retrofit Plan 2022 can be viewed or downloaded here: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5052a-national-retrofit-plan/



Environmental Awareness

The composting for schools pilot continues to be rolled out in Fingal schools. This includes provision of training and materials, wormeries and composters. Oberstown Campus is partnering on this project as well as the Dublin LA's and the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office.

Two Fingal secondary schools entered the ReLove Fashion Competition in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre. These will be included in the competition which addresses fast fashion and its impact on the environment

Thirteen LA's attended an information session on the Instruments project which was started in Fingal in 2019. The LA's intend to start rolling out instrument's projects in their areas.

Tree Planting Workshops have taken place at to Castleknock College, Castleknock ETNS, Portmarnock Community College, and St. Patricks SNS Corduff.

The Keen to be Green Community Centres waste prevention initiative project is going very well – in partnership with the Community Department.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

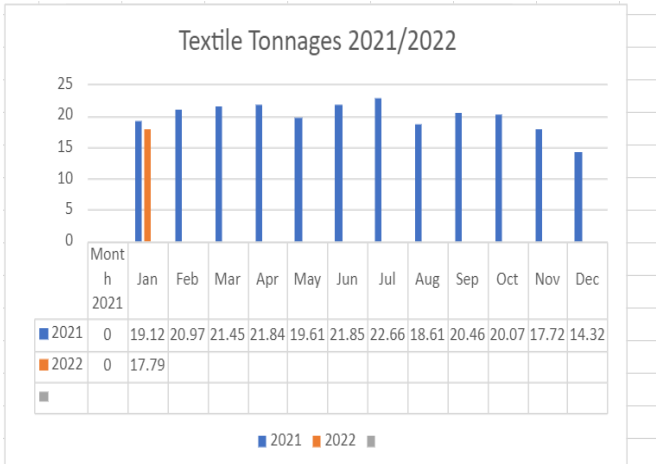
The total tonnage of glass collected for recycling in Fingal in February 2022 was 403.16 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



The Environment Department continues to look for new opportunities to expand our network. Painting and power washing of botte banks will continue in March 2022.

Textile Banks

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in Fingal in January 2022 was 17.79 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.





The above is the new Fingal County Council branding to be displayed on all our Textile recycling clothes pods. This will ensure residents of Fingal are aware that they are supporting a registered sustainable company that are working in conjunction with the Council to support recycling.

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

In February there was a total of 19 dogs in the shelter. 6 dogs were surrendered, and 13 dogs were strays. Of these numbers, 8 dogs were reclaimed, 5 were rehomed. Five dogs currently remain at the shelter.





The dog wardens undertook regular patrols throughout Fingal, including Parks and Beaches. Details of Fines and 10 Days Notices issued in February 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	10 day notices issued	Fines Issued
February	36	17

Dog Licences

The following dog licences were purchased in January/February 2022

Annual Licences 1138

Lifetime licences 105

Litter Management

A total of 288 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in February 2022.

Details of fines and warning notices for February 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warnings Issued 2022
February	33	23	28	60

There was one fine in February relating to dog fouling. In the District Court there was 1 case successfully prosecuted in February.

Anti-dog fouling posts have been placed on social media to highlight this issue and to remind dog owners of their responsibilities and provides a link to the Green Dog Walker Initiative.



Abandoned Cars

The Pilot Project on abandoned cars commenced in September 2021. In the period between 01/09/2021 to 31/12/2021, there were 96 cars reported as abandoned. Of these 96 cars, 15 were identified as potentially abandoned under S71 of the Waste Management Act 1996. The initial 1st letters were issued to the 15 registered car owners on 5th January 2022, with reminder letters issued on 19th January and Final Notices issued on 2nd February 2022. Of these 15 cars, 3 will be removed.

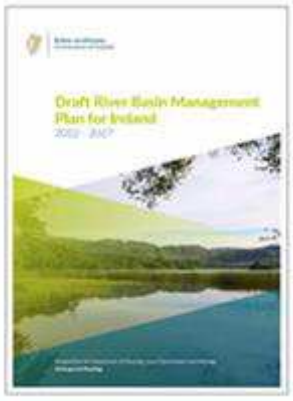
Summary

Car gone per Litter Warden	3
Car owner lives in the estate	6
Car owner removed car	1
Car deemed abandoned but further investigation required	2
Cars to be removed @ 10.3.2022 (details of these cars placed on website for period of 2 weeks)	**3**
TOTAL	**15**

Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

Water Quality Protection

Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027



As previously advised a second public consultation meeting in Fingal took place online on 22nd February**.** Thursday March 31st is the closing date for submissions. To make a submission visit https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/2bda0-public-consultation-on-the-draft-river-basin-management-plan-for-ireland-2022-2027/

Domestic Wastewater Treatment System (Septic Tank) Inspections



Inspections will be carried out next month, in accordance with the National Inspection Plan 2022-2026 produced by the Environmental Protection Agency, to make sure that **domestic wastewater**

treatment systems (DWWTSs), including wastewater tanks and septic tanks, do not pose a risk to human health or the environment. If the system fails a notice is issued and owners are required to comply.

Further information available at https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/septic-tank-regulations-enforcement and https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/waste-water/septic-tanks/

Bathing Water Classification for 2022 Season

The classification is derived from the previous four years water quality data (namely 2018 to 2021).

	Beach Name	Status 2022	Change from 2021
1	Balbriggan, Front Beach	Poor (All Season – Advice not to Swim)	⟺
2	Skerries, South Beach	Good	⟺
3	Loughshinny Beach	Sufficient	⟺
4	Rush, South Beach	Excellent	⟺
5	Rush, North Beach	**Excellent**	⇧
6	Portrane, The Brook Beach	Good	⟺
7	Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	⟺
8	Portmarnock, Velvet Strand Beach	Excellent	⟺
9	Sutton, Burrow Beach	**Good**	⇩
10	Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	⟺

Front Strand beach, Balbriggan has remained at "Poor" status, as the assessment calculation includes high microbiological results arising from diffuse pollution associated with Storm Francis in 2020.

Measures detailed in the 2021 Management plan to address potential pollution sources at Front Strand Balbriggan were implemented.

Repairs were made to pipework in the harbour area in 2021 following a rehabilitation and repair survey undertaken by Irish Water.

A dry weather misconnection survey was also undertaken across the River Bracken during 2021 a follow up of the 2020 CDM Smith report commissioned by Balbriggan Tidy Towns.

Microbial source tracking took place in 2021 at Front Strand beach, Balbriggan and the River Bracken to identify pollution sources.

The 2022 Management Plan has been updated following those results and the plan has been submitted for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency. A temporary "All season" notice "advice not to swim" will be in place for the 2022 bathing season.

The Balbriggan Beach Management Plan – Summary Report is available here http://beaches.ie

During the bathing season visit: http://beaches.ie or www.fingal.ie to view information on all identified bathing waters.

Blue Flag Awards 2022 - Fingal have submitted a Blue Flag Award application for the following:

- Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock (renewal),
- Rush South beach (new)
- Balcarrick beach,
- Donabate (new) for the 2022 season.

An Taisce announce the recipients of awards before the start of the bathing season (1st June).

Bathing Water Season – no new bathing waters identified for 2022 season

The assessment of submissions on the identification of new bathing waters received during the public consultation period has been completed and no new bathing waters have been identified for 2022.

Waste Enforcement

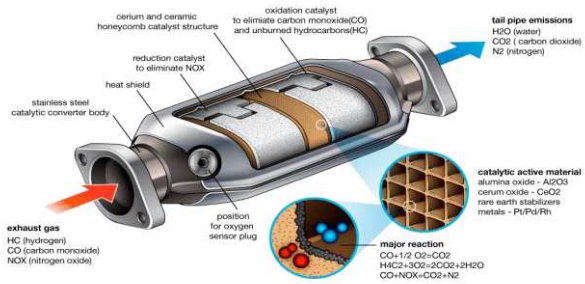
Metal Traceability Investigation

A recent investigation saw four individuals plead guilty to the illegal transportation of high value waste streams (catalytic converters) in order to gain profit. A further 6 cases are due to be dealt with in April 2022.

The Waste Enforcement Section secured the outcome in the District Court following a multi-agency operation targeting a metal recycling facility in Dublin 11. Follow on investigations revealed offences under S34 of the Waste Management Act 1996 regarding the illegal transportation of high value waste streams by individuals who didn't a waste collection permit. The Council were awarded legal fees and costs to the value of €6,000 as a result.

The investigation and subsequent costs implemented against the four guilty parties will act as a strong deterrent to others involved in the illegal collection or transportation of high value car components such as catalytic converters.

End of Life Vehicles (ELVs') and their components (catalytic converters, lead acid batteries, alloy wheels) can have a significant monetary value. This value can encourage the illegal dismantling of ELV's resulting in serious environmental pollution. Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATF's) and metal recycling facilities can potentially facilitate this illegal activity by accepting high value waste streams from unauthorised collectors. These high value waste streams enter the ATF's or metal recycling facilities under the guise of 'general public' and are subsequently processed undermining compliant operators.





Waste Complaints

Responding to waste related complaints continues to be a major priority for enforcement officers. A total of 15 waste complaints were received during February involving 29 work days. Two waste enforcement officers work full time dealing with complaints with an average complaint taking approx. 1.5 days to fully investigate and close out. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage and burning of waste (67%) with illegal dumping and fly tipping accounting

for a further 27%. The remaining 6% related to unauthorised waste facility activities.





Waste Enforcement officers identified a number of different sites during February where C&D waste was dumped illegally. Utilising land registration checks to identify owners and follow on enforcement action the waste material is being removed in a safe an authorised manner preventing any environmental pollution. Information in relation to unauthorised sites can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.

Environmental Inspection Plan 2022

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) for 2022 has been finalised and submitted to the EPA. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2022 to ensure Fingal County Council can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the inspection plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of air and noise pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities. It takes account of National Waste Enforcement Priorities for as well as a number of Local Enforcement Activities for 2022.

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2022, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy".

For 2022 a total of 1101 waste related inspections are planned to be undertaken across 57 different work areas. A total of 1427 work days involving 8 waste enforcement officers have been allocated to ensure that all inspections are undertaken and targets achieved.

National Waste Enforcement Priorities - Progress Report 2021

An End of Year Progress Report 2021 and an Inspection Summary Return 2021 was submitted to the EPA in February. The reports detail waste inspections undertaken during 2021 comprising both national and local waste enforcement priorities. A total of 1005 waste inspections were undertaken during 2021 across 57 different work areas comprising 1050 work days. Investigation of waste related complaints (370 days), ELV and Metal Traceability Project (210 days), waste facility permit applications/reviews (150 days), packaging project (100 days) and waste collection permits (60 days) made up 85% of the waste enforcement teams time.

Flood Schemes

The two flood schemes in Fingal which are on the OPW's programme to proceed to planning are undergoing a scheme viability review. The review for the Skerries Mill Stream Flood Protection scheme is anticipated to be complete in the first half of this year, there is no timeline for the completion of the Malahide and Portmarnock Scheme Review.

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Appendix 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28th FEBRUARY 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	12,309,527	79,782,200	15%	13,976,300	84,923,500	16%	-1,666,774
Road Transport & Safety	5,167,307	27,382,500	19%	1,277,786	7,864,900	16%	3,889,521
Water Services	2,867,373	13,762,800	21%	2,794,078	17,450,600	16%	73,294
Development Management	2,398,712	16,534,600	15%	625,537	5,081,600	12%	1,773,175
Environmental Services	7,130,624	44,689,200	16%	1,104,504	6,821,800	16%	6,026,120
Recreation & Amenity	6,335,760	40,855,700	16%	246,447	1,680,300	15%	6,089,313
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	145,376	1,307,200	11%	39,550	296,600	13%	105,826
Miscellaneous Services	12,300,645	28,343,100	43%	8,831,715	12,395,000	71%	3,468,930
Central Management Charge	6,933,419	47,129,600	15%	483,511	3,518,900	14%	6,449,907
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,252,433	7,514,600	17%	-1,252,433
Rates				25,373,183	152,239,100	17%	-25,373,183
	55,588,741	**299,786,900**	**19%**	**56,005,046**	**299,786,900**	**19%**	**-416,304**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-49,564,978	9,763,617	-3,725,504	-43,526,865
B	Road Transport & Safety	23,302,811	5,081,657	-1,428,580	26,955,888
C	Water Services	-12,309,268	146,712	-120,032	-12,282,588
D	Development Management	-139,238,019	3,128,217	-8,520,498	-144,630,300
E	Environmental Services	-21,373,847	637,771	-245,196	-20,981,272
F	Recreation & Amenity	-4,922,017	6,692,618	-18,870	1,751,731
H	Miscellaneous Services	-103,000,544	1,274,200	-3,707,459	-105,433,803
	Total	**-307,105,862**	**26,724,792**	**-17,766,139**	**-298,147,209**
	NB***				
	The Opening Balance for 2022 is subject to change as the AFS 2021 is not finalised				

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022* €	Balance at 28/02/2022 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	**3,445,254**	**120,331,057**	**116,885,803**	**3,445,254**
LOANS	**1,972,344**	**1,968,922**	**270,435**	**1,698,487**
RENTS	**8,567,636**	**9,160,325**	**4,478,512**	**4,681,813**

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

*Note: Balances at 1/1/2022 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2021 AFS.

Appendix 2

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name & Funding Allocation 2022**	**Comments**
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Works are ongoing installing secure bicycle parking facilities across the county. Over 35 locations received new bicycle parking infrastructure in public areas. Since September 2021, Active Travel have Increased bike locking capacity by approx. 300 spaces.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Preliminary design prepared for 3 schools. Detailed design now being prepared with a total of 11 schools to be included in the 2022 programme of works.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Design brief and contract documents finalised and engaging with CPU on setting up tender competition to appoint engineering consultant for design scope of works.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Civil and road works 100 % completed. Bollards installed on Grange Road, Warrenhouse Road and Howth Road. Works ongoing on Dublin Road. Epoxy resin works to be completed in coming months weather dependant. Junction upgrade for Dublin Road/Baldoyle Road planned to commence in April Q2'2022 for a 5-week programme.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Options report reviewed and returned to consultant to update after internal review. Update given to councillors at Howth-Malahide ACM. Once updated options report is

		completed AT to engage with councillors on report and next steps for the scheme.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant for Q2'2022.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route being organised internally of proposed route. Once completed a design brief will be finalised for a feasibility and options report on scheme.
FCC/22/XXX	St.Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,750,000	Detailed Design being finalised by consultant for project and upgrade to major junctions and front of school's treatment. Review of Design currently underway with operations and other internal stakeholders, with consultation piece to follow.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	Works on St Philip the Apostle School are well underway and are approximately 85% complete. Further works to follow on 2 junctions and 2 roundabouts to provide a safe route for vulnerable road users, these works are expected late March / Early April.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are almost complete with works currently on going on the controlled crossing locations along the route. Upgrade works on the roundabout at Forrest Blvd will be carried out in early Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Detailed design received and currently under review by Active Travel project team. Discussions ongoing with Operations in relation to speed limit reduction for part of the scheme.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide)	Brief and contract documents have been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering Consultant to develop options report and

	€1,225,000	detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Brief and contract documents being prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Brief and contract documents been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Brief and contract documents been prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services. This is currently going out to the market to engage with a Consultant for the Design element.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Brief and contract documents being prepared by Active Travel project team for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Fingal County Council have assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross departmental team who are preparing a detailed scope with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow €200,000	

FCC/22/XXX	Data collections traffic air, noise. €500,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	A number of projects are being identified through our Permeability & Connectivity Tracker. We are also in discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	Work is ongoing to develop a Brief for this project in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the Concept Design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a Brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Route has been cycled internally. NTA GAF to be submitted in coming week for review by NTA. Design brief and contract documents being drafted for appointment of a consultant for the scheme in Q2' 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Grant application form is being reviewed and once completed it will be submitted to NTA for approval. Further internal study required on assessing next steps for the study.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Final internal review completed from stakeholders and comments sent back to consultant. Awaiting final draft. A presentation on the strategy will be given at the next Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC by Active Travel and consultant.

FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	A detailed scope of work is currently being prepared for this scheme with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in early Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A detailed scope has been prepared for the works and the works are currently out to tender for a design consultant.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Draft for design brief to appoint consultant due to commence in Q2'2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS

No business.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 28

CONFERENCES

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Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

Annual Training Conference **2022**

23rd & 24th March

Bookings must be made via Eventbrite (Click HERE)

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Conference will commence with registration at 5.00pm & official opening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd March 2022.

Conference Dinner will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th March 2022.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Inisowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal Delegate Rates Available: €75 Single Occupancy / €89 Per Room (Double/Twin)	(074) 936 1144

Lake of Shadows Hotel	info@lakeofshadows.ie	(074) 936 1005
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Full Conference Brochure to follow in March (to include full B&B and AirBnB listings)


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CHANGE OF DATE
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SPRING TRAINING SEMINAR
11th & 12th of April 2022
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
25 FEB 2022
CORPORATE SERVICES

22nd February 2022
Ref: TTAS-MO-00844-2022

Dear Mr. Buckley,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, T.D., I wish to thank you for your correspondence regarding the telephone service at the motor tax office. As this is a matter under the remit of the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Hildegarde Naughton, T.D., I have forwarded your correspondence to her office for attention. Any future queries regarding motor tax matters should be forwarded directly to ministernaughton@transport.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

Naoise Grisewood
Private Secretary to Minister Ryan

The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available on www.lobbying.ie)

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12th January 2022

Our Ref: KB/RD1001

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the Dublin City Council monthly meeting held on the 10th January 2022, the following 9 Councillors were nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Committee.

Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello - The Labour Party

Councillor Daithí Doolan - Sinn Féin

Councillor Donna Cooney - Green Party/Comhaontas Glas

Councillor Noeleen Reilly – Independent

Councillor Cat O' Driscoll - Social Democrats

Councillor Tom Brabazon - Fianna Fáil

Councillor Danny Byrne - Fine Gael

Councillor Hazel de Nortúin - People Before Profit

The Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland has also been nominated to the Committee, this will change each year as a new Lord Mayor is elected. Please note the outstanding vacancy will be listed at our Monthly Council meeting held on the 7th February 2022.

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

I would be grateful if you would notify me when Fingal County Council has selected the 4 Members for the Committee.



Ruth Dowling
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9th February 2022

Our Ref: KB/RD0702

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the Dublin City Council monthly meeting held on the 7th February 2022, The Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland who is currently a member of the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Committee, has been nominated to become a member of the committee after her term as Lord Mayor ends and a new Lord Mayor is elected in June 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Dowling
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Our Ref: 02/2022-26/30

11th February 2022

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 7th February 2022, the following resolutions were agreed:

"Given that building materials and labour has gone up by than 60% we call on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to increase accordingly the maximum grant from €8,000 to €15,000 and from €30,000 to €45,000 for housing adaption grant for people with a disability."

"To call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the maximum grant under the older persons grant scheme by 50% to reflect building inflation and also to increase the overall allocation to the county a pro rata amount."

It was agreed to circulate these motions to all other local authorities for their support.

Kevin Colreavy
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17th February, 2022

To/ Each Local Authority

At the Plenary Meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 14th February, 2022, the following resolution was agreed: -

"That Tipperary County Council supports the "Women of Honour" campaign for a statutory Commission of Investigation into alleged issues within our Defence Forces surrounding dignity in the workplace, bullying, harassment, discrimination, assault, sexual harassment and sexual assault".

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all other local authorities for their support.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh
Meetings Administrator

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

22nd February, 2022.

Our Ref: February 22-29

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the February meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"We call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to put in place a system of compensation and indemnity as a component of the licensing system for forestry. It is anticipated that this compensation fund will cover the cost of repairs and maintenance to damage caused to the public road network by forestry planting, maintenance and harvesting.

"We further call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to make it a requirement that forestry license holders - prior to commencing licenced forestry activities - consult with the relevant local authority with a view to minimizing damage to the public road network".

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds.

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
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22nd February, 2022.

Our Ref: February 22-35

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the February meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"I am calling on the Minister for Finance to broaden the Household Benefits Package and include exemption from property tax for those people that are under extreme pressure to meet day to day expenses in light of the rising cost of living and their struggle to survive on a very low level of income."

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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28 February 2022

To/ Each Local Authority

A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"That Kerry County Council writes to Minister Eamon Ryan, Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, objecting to the Bill brought forward by the Green Party in relation to the granting of planning permission for LNG infrastructure in Ireland."

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise le meas,

Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 31

PROTECTION OF NATURA 2000 SITES/SPAs/SACs

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive report on the steps the Council is taking to ensure the protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs, including Broadmeadows, Baldoyle and Rogerstown Estuaries and to keep them free of pollution and litter."

Report:

The Natura 2000 sites are protected under the Habitats regulations with enforcement by National Parks and Wildlife Service with whom Fingal County Council cooperates with regarding protection of these sites

In addition, the Council's enforcement under the planning, litter, waste management and water pollution Acts also protect the Natura 2000 sites. The estuaries are part of the river basin management plan and are protected by the activities under the plan and detailed in the RMCEI plan (Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspection) which is prepared annually. This includes the implementation of the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations, licensing of discharges to surface water and inspections of septic tanks, responding to pollution incidents.

If there are specific water pollution or dumping issues these should be referred to the customer care unit for forwarding to the relevant section for investigation, enforcement or clean-up as appropriate.

The Council also carries out clean-up activities (outside of private land) and can arrange additional clean-up subject to resources.

The Broadmeadow estuary clean-up had previously been carried out on an annual basis by a group of conservation volunteers working with the assistance of Fingal County Council. Unfortunately, due to recent Covid restrictions this clean-up could not be undertaken this year.

As an alternative to this approach, Fingal's Operations Department, after consulting with our biodiversity officer, will undertake to engage a specialist contractor to carry out the estuary clean-up this summer. However, as this work can only be carried out during exceptionally low tides we cannot confirm exact dates when this work will be completed by. Our main concern is to have works completed before migratory birds return to the estuary, over winter period.

The Rogerstown estuary is relatively litter free. Council staff and local community volunteers collect litter on the beaches at Rush and Portrane. There is occasional dumping on the foreshore between Balleally and Rush and the Council removes this material when notified of the dumped material.

A waste related complaint at a property adjoining the Baldoyle Estuary was received regarding the temporary storage of waste a direction was issued to the owner of the property directing that this waste should be stored in a skip and removed from site when full.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 32

WATER SERVICES SUPPLY OVER LIFETIME OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive engage with Irish Water to obtain their commitment that they will supply over the lifetime of the next County Development Plan adequate water services to meet the projected increase in population thereby ensuring that builders are not left in a situation that they have houses ready to go to the market, but which do not have services."

Report:

The provision of an adequate supply of water and wastewater facilities is crucial to facilitate and sustain the growth of Fingal and the greater Dublin area. Irish Water (IW) has responsibility for the provision of water/wastewater infrastructure and Fingal will continue to work with IW and the Regional Assembly to ensure that IW's Investment Plan fully aligns with Fingal's Settlement Hierarchy. Fingal supports IW's Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region.

Policies and objectives contained within the Fingal Development Plan 2023-29 will continue to facilitate development by ensuring that optimum use is made of existing drainage and wastewater treatment infrastructure in the first instance and that further strengthening of infrastructure is focused on priority locations as identified in the urban settlement hierarchy in accordance with Irish Water, the RSES and the Development Plan.

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/#

Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided by the Council as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

Elected Members can make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at 1890 178 178. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th March 2022

ITEM 37

OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive report on the projects being considered for applications by the Council under the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme."

Report:

The Council is currently identifying projects which may be suitable for applying for funding under the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The closing date for applications under Measure 1 is the 19th April 2022 and the closing date for applications under Measures 2 & 3 is the 25th May 2022. A list will be circulated to Members when projects have been identified.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 38

CONDEMNATION OF RUSSIA'S ATTACK ON UKRAINE

Motion: Councillors D. Butler, B. Manton, T. Kitt, B. Dennehy, T. Murphy, J. Newman, R. O'Donoghue, G. Maguire, H. Mahony, P. Conroy, D. Whooley, JK. Onwumereh, I. Carey, T. Doyle

"That this Council unreservedly condemns, in the strongest possible terms, Russia's totally unprovoked and despicable attack on the free and sovereign nation of Ukraine and calls on Russia to immediately withdraw and make reparations."

No report.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 39

SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA AND SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

"That Fingal County Council calls on the Government to ensure sanctions are imposed to end Russian aggression against the Ukraine and that this Council calls for the expulsion of the Russian Ambassador. The Irish Government needs to play its part in forcing a complete withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine. Fingal County Council stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine"

No report.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022

ITEM NO. 40

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Motion: Councillors T. O'Leary, A. Lavin, A. Tormey, S. Shovlin, P. Rane, T. Leddy

"That this Council condemns the use of violence to achieve political aims, calls on Russia to withdraw from all Ukrainian territory and make full reparation to Ukraine."

No report.