Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 4th July, 2022 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Henchy, Adrian
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard

Councillors:

Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Ó Rodaigh, Seána
Rane, Punam
Shovlin, Siobhán
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received from Councillors Conroy, Pamela; Healy, David; Hopkins, Joan; Humphreys, James; Murphy, Tony; Power, Karen.

The Mayor, Cllr. Howard Mahony, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); 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); Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer); Rory O'Byrne (County Arts Officer); Aishling Hyland (Digital Programme Officer).

Guests to Chamber
TJ Malone, Chief Executive Officer, NBI Deployment
Donal Hanrahan, Chief Operating Officer, NBI Deployment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. H. Mahony, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Members, also thanked Bronagh Corry, Corporate Services, for her service and wished her luck in her future career.

F/214/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council meeting held on 13th June 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th June 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th June 2022 be ADOPTED."

F/215/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 17th June 2022

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor D. Whooley, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17th June 2022 be **ADOPTED."**

F/216/22 (Agenda Item No 3)
Election of Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons

a <u>Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC</u>

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED:**

"That Cllr. Brian McDonagh be appointed as Chairperson of the Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC."

b <u>Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC</u>

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED:**

"That Cllr. Darragh Butler be appointed as Chairperson of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC."

F/217/22 (Agenda Item No)
QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 4 to 13, be **ADOPTED."**

F/218/22 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Prices sought - Part V - Social Housing Developments

F/219/22 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Community Car Scheme

F/220/22 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Illegal use of Scramblers

F/221/22 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Audit of Lifeguards on Fingal Beaches

F/222/22 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor T. Doyle - Dublin Dog Shelter Inspections

F/223/22 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor P. Mulville - Opening hours for Public Parks across Fingal

F/224/22 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor C. Boland - Planning Enforcement Facts

F/225/22 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Boland - Planning Enforcement Management

F/226/22 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Apprenticeship Scheme - CyberQuest

F/227/22 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Recycling Centres Price Review

F/228/22 (Agenda Item No 14)
Report of Committees

a Report of O,P&F meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee meeting held on 13th June 2022 be **ADOPTED.**"

b Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committees

The report by the SPC Chairpersons, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED.**

F/229/22 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

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

F/230/22 (Agenda Item No 16)

Arts Grants Funding

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

"That the award of Arts Grant Funding as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/231/22 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Dublin Region Homeless Executive Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022 - 2024

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Robert Burns, Director of Services.

It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **AGREED**:

"That the Dublin Region Homeless Executive Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022 - 2024 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/232/22 (Agenda Item No)

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor sought the agreement of the Members to vary the order of business and take Agenda Item 19 at this stage and this was **AGREED** by the Members.

F/233/22 (Agenda Item No 19)

National Broadband Plan in Fingal

A presentation was given to the Members by TJ Malone, Chief Executive Officer, NBI Deployment and Donal Hanrahan, Chief Operating Officer, NBI Deployment.

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

F/234/22 (Agenda Item No 18)

Active Travel Protected Cycle Way Scheme/R132 Speed Limit Review

A presentation was given to the Members by David Storey, Director of Services.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. B. Dennehy, seconded by Cllr. C. Boland and **AGREED**:

"That the Active Travel Protected Cycle Way Scheme/R132 Speed Limit Review go out on public display".

F/235/22 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/236/22 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony - Garda Briefing to Full Council

The motion, in the name of Councillor H. Mahony was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

F/237/22 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a **MacGill Summer School 2022 - 21st - 24th July 2022**

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

b **Autumn Training Conference - Celebrating Local Government - 14th -15th September 2022**

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

c Special Conference on Dereliction and celebration of Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative

Special Conference on Dereliction and celebration of Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative - Friday, 22 July 2022 at Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny, Donegal.

The notice was **NOTED**.

F/238/22 (Agenda Item No 23)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/239/22 (Agenda Item No 24)
Correspondence

a Letter from Clare County Council dated 16th June 2022 - re National Aviation Policy

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

b Letter from Sligo County Council dated 16th June 2022 re Retention of National Abhaile Service

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

c Letter from Sligo County Council dated 16th June 2022 - re provision of Regional Passport Office in Sligo

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

d Letter from Kerry County Council dated 23rd June 2022 - Re the provision of Long CoVid-19 Clinics

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

e Letter from Donegal County Council dated 24th June 2022 re Extension of Culture Night

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

f Letter from Donegal County Council dated 24th June re Extension of the Tús Scheme to Ukrainian Nationals

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/240/22 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor P. Mulville - Draft Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Strategy

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

F/241/22 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Part V Long-term leasing agreements

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

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

FOR: 17 SEVENTEEN

AGAINST: 14 FOURTEEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Doyle, Tania' Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; McDonagh, Brian.

AGAINST: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

ABSTAIN: Councillor O'Leary, Tom

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion PASSED.

F/242/22 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor J. Newman- Irish Winter Sports Strategy 2022 - 2026

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

Following discussion, the motion was PASSED.

The Meeting concluded at 8pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

PLANTING OF WILDFLOWERS

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Pollinator Plan, which of the rare bee species can be shown to have benefited from the mass sowing of so called 'wildflowers' in Fingal and where is the scientific evidence-base for the success or otherwise of these measures to be accessed and what has been the cost of these measures to date and what are the progress metrics?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is working with the National Biodiversity Data Centre regarding increasing species within our open space areas that will encourage habitats that will support the Carder Bee species.

The recent 'Wild Bee Festival' was a co-creation between the biodiversity team in Fingal County Council, the National Biodiversity Data Centre and Sustainable Skerries. It was based on action on work developed as part of the Tidy Towns Local Biodiversity Action Plan project launched in 2021, showcasing the learning curve we have all travelled on in terms of what best to plant and to let grow in order to provide food and habitat for our pollinator species.

The weekend workshops were very well attended by Tidy Towns members from across Fingal, attendees also travelled from Kerry, Donegal and Mayo. Fingal County Council will be guided by the advice from the professionals within the National Biodiversity Data Centre, who are the authors of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

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ITEM NO. 03

REGULAR MEETINGS WITH DIRECTORS OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if arrangements can be made with the Directors of the Estate Management companies which the Council control or which the Council has representatives on to hold regular open meetings with residents, example every three months, to discuss any concerns/issues that may arise for residents in each such estates?"

Reply:

The Owners Management Company (OMC) manages the common areas and shared spaces in a multi-unit development on behalf of all the property owners within that development. The OMC holds Annual General Meetings to which all property owners are invited. Directors are elected to the OMC by the property owners each year at the Annual General Meeting. The OMC engages the services of a property management agent to manage and maintain the common areas. Any issues in relation to the upkeep and maintenance of the development should be brought to the attention of the managing agent in the first instance and can be escalated to the OMC at the Annual General Meeting, if necessary.

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ITEM NO. 04

SEA SWIMMING COMPETITIONS AT FINGAL BLUE FLAG BEACHES

Question: Councillor A. Lavin

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide an explanation as to why Sea Swimming Competitions are not being allowed at Fingal Blue Flag beaches?"

Reply:

It is not the case that Sea Swimming Competitions are not allowed at Blue Flag Beaches. Each Event is assessed individually on the information/racecourse supplied. Recently, a Sea Swimming Competition at Portmarnock Beach was not granted permission due to the racecourse running through the Lifeguard patrol zone on a particularly fine weather weekend during the busy bathing season.

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ITEM NO. 05

RECYCLING DATES FOR HALLOWEEN AMNESTY AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATES

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide any information on the dates for the Halloween Amnesty and any dates especially around Christmas time, for example, having mattresses etc., recycled at the Council's Recycling Centres?"

Reply:

It is proposed to run a "Halloween Amnesty" at the two Council operated Recycling Centres at Estuary Swords, and Coolmine Dublin 15 from Monday 17th October to Monday 31st October for combustible items only.

This initiative will be communicated closer to the dates.

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ITEM NO. 06

BIKE AND SCOOTER RACKS FOR SCHOOLS

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Bicycle Racks for schools which were advertised earlier this year and when will the schools be notified if they have been successful?"

Reply:

Bicycle racks for schools, clubs and community group were advertised earlier this year. From this we received responses from 27 schools; 13 clubs and 7 community groups. Each of these requests were assessed and included on our distribution list for supply.

We have placed an order for the supply of the bicycle and scooter racks. We are expecting delivery later this month following which we will be in touch with each of the applicants to arrange delivery to their premises.

We have sent an email to all applicants advising them of the delay in the delivery and that we will be in touch in due course.

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ITEM NO. 07

ON-LINE PORTAL ACCESS TO HOUSING WAITING LIST

Question: Councillor Cllr A. Graves

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when the Council's Portal will be available to allow people to check their place on the housing waiting list, people on the housing list should be able to get real time information on their current position and should have ready access to their information?"

Reply:

Work has been completed on providing applicants access to their annual list position through the Choice Based Letting Portal. Applicants can receive their secure username and password by contacting choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie and view the list position issued in 2022.

List positions are issued to all Applicants, on an annual basis, however, it is not possible currently to provide a live list position to applicants.

Work is ongoing in relation to a number of IT projects within the Housing Division and Councillors will be kept informed on details of these projects as they progress.

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ITEM NO. 08

COURT COSTS AND LEGAL FEES - PLANNING CASES

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive if she could provide a list of the costs associated with planning cases taken to Court by independent parties against the Council where the Council was unsuccessful, for example the case taken on a Traveller's site regarding Planning Permission in The Ward and other recent cases, the case taken by a planning applicant Developer in the Baldoyle area, that the Council lost, what were the costs to the Council in that case and what were the Plaintiff's costs and did the Plaintiff claim his full costs associated with his successful legal appeal, how many cases were taken against the Council on planning matters in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 what were the Council's costs and what were the costs awarded if the Council lost the case?"

Reply:

There was a total of 12 planning cases including cases where the Council was a notice party taken between 2019 and 2022. A number are ongoing or have been completed and the legal fees costs are yet to be determined by the Courts.

Payments to date in respect of legal fees relating to finalised planning cases taken to Court by independent parties from 2019 to date where the Council were liable for costs amounts to €87K.

In relation to a proposed Traveller Site at Coolquay, The Ward, technical fees in the sum of €30,258 together with Legal fees in the sum of €41,347.36 were expended.

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ITEM NO. 09

COMMUNICATIONS BOARDS IN PLAYGROUNDS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor S Ó Rodaigh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many playgrounds in Fingal have Communication Boards, similar to the photo attached, as installed in playgrounds in County Meath?"

Reply:

There are currently no Communications Boards in Fingal Playgrounds. The Operations Department can confirm that research is underway in relation to the provision of playground Communications Boards within all public playgrounds in Fingal area. Consultation is underway with 'Inclusion Ireland' regarding subject matter, layout, materials and appropriate siting within each playground.

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ITEM NO. 10

FINGAL HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the filling/recruitment of the first ever Fingal Hockey Development Officer in partnership with Leinster Hockey and what if any measures/steps have been taken in order to attract the right candidate to take up and carry out this role?"

Reply:

The initial recruitment drive to fill the Fingal Hockey Development Officer role was unsuccessful in its attempt to attract a suitable applicant for the post. Fingal County Council and Hockey Ireland are currently working on a proposal which will take the form of a readvertisement of this position under the auspices of Hockey Ireland with a view to making the position more attractive to applicants taking into consideration the nuances of the current employment market.

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ITEM NO. 11a

Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022

The following report by the Chief Executive, which was circulated, was CONSIDERED:

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Eligible Funding Amount	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Mountview Fortlawn Youth and Sports Hub	€ 3,000.00	Smart TV € 2,670.00 outdoor sitting € 558.00	Y 2021	€ 1,990.00	€ 3,000.00

Littlepace Residents Association	€ 3,000.00	Electric Strimmer € 130.00 Bedding Plants € 300.00 Lawn mower € 400.00 Edger € 20.00 leaf rake € 30.00 Insurance € 300.00	Y 2019, 2021	2019 - € 401.92 2021 - € 775.00	€ 1,180.00
Co-Sa Pace	€ 3,000.00	Education and training € 1,650.00 Room rental € 375.00	N	N/A	€ 2,025.00
Whitestown Estate Management	€ 3,000.00	Carnival games € 769.98 Magic show € 500.00 Promotional material € 360.00 Capital equipment € 359.00 DJ entertainment € 200.00 Crazy golf € 550.00 First aid kit € 67.32	Y 2019, 2021	2019 - € 1,335,55 2021 - € 1,412.24	€ 2,807.00
Castleknock Tidy Towns	€ 3,000.00	Eco baskets and brackets € 1191.26 Irrigation system € 413.90 Peat free compost 4 bags € 36.00 Plants € 474.83 Bulbs € 81.00	Y 2020	2020 - € 1,640.00 2022 - € 712.00	€ 2,139.29
Ongar Community Centre	€ 3,000.00	balloons € 283.75 Kids Train € 1021.50 Crazy Golf € 510.75 Photo Booth € 340.05 face painting € 510.75 Mad professor € 290.00	N	N/A	€ 2,957.00

TechSpace Junior Club Tyrellstown	€ 3,000.00	Original Prusa i3 MK3S+ 3D printer € 999.00 Creality CR-10 Smart 3D printer € 600.00 Creality CR-SCAN01 € 610.00 PLA printing material € 150.00	Y 2019	2019 - € 1,116.29	€ 2,583.00
Dellwood Residents Association	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000 towards the cost of a Marque and seating	N	N/A	€ 3,000.00

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

Signed:

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Councillor M. McCamley
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 11b

REPORT OF COMMITTEE HOWTH/MALAHIDE (SERVICES B) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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 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
Portmarnock AFC	€ 3,000.00	Line paint /7 aside goalposts	YES	2021 - €2,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Howth Celtic Football Club	€ 3,000.00	4 X mini goals Training rebounders & net 120 X training bibs 6 X bib bags 6 X Set of disk markers 6 X training poles	NO	N/A	€ 2,973.05

It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by: Councillor J. Hopkins

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

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
Michael Connaughton	€1,052.16	Festival of Arts, Music and Poetry.	Y	2019 - €1,000	€1,100

It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by: Councillor J. Hopkins

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

Signed: Councillor D. Healy

Area Cathaoirleach

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ITEM NO. 11c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 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
Castleland Community Centre	€ 3,000.00	Badminton poles, nets, deliver €1,426.00	YES	2019 -€ 1,963.17 2021 -€ 400.00	€ 1,426.00
Skerries Athletic Club	€ 3,000.00	The most reasonable cost was provided by EJ Sales Ltd The total cost of portable lighting is €8188.00 exclusive of VAT.	N	N/A	€ 3,000.00

		The details of what the Club is looking to purchase 12 Ritelite Sportlite Light Head , 12 Tripods, 12 Ritelite Light head bags , x 6 Ritelite Tripod bag, 6 Ritelite Individual Chargers and 12 Ritelite 2 hour battery packs. The Club have the matching funds to purchase the items and have requested that they may be considered for the maximum amount under the Grant.			
Round Towers Lusk GAA Club	€ 3,000.00	Set of goals and supporting equipment € 2,988.90	YES	2020 -€ 2,000.00 2021 -€ 1,918.55	€ 2,988.90

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.

Applications for funding under the Community Facilities Remedial Grant Scheme as set out below in the schedule below have been received.

Facility	Proposed Enhancement works	Recommended Grant amount
Balbriggan Meals on Wheels	Installation of new Air conditioning unit	€3466.25 *(approved in principle by the members in July)*
Ballyboughal GFC	To assist with costs of new doors and windows throughout, all carpentry and plastering work to support the first phase of their extension to the facility.	€20,000
Skerries Harps	Insulation and the fit-out of their newly constructed Gym building	€15,000

The applications have been assessed under the criteria of the scheme and the costs for the proposed works in each of the facilities are considered to be reasonable. Therefore, payment of a Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme in the grant amounts set out above for the proposed works to the facilities listed about are recommended for approval.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor R. O' Donoghue.

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
Poetry @ the Mills – Skerries Poetry Festival	€15,000	Festival of Poetry at Skerries Mills	Y	2021 - €11,000 2020 - €10,000 2019 - €1,000 2018 - €450 €22,450	€15,000
Skerries Traditional Music Weekend	€3,000	Traditional Music Festival	Y	2018 - €15,000 2017 - €15,000 2016 - €15,000	€3,000

				2015 - €15,000 2014 - €15,000 **€75,000**	
Lusk Tidy Towns Assoc.	€600	Production of 1200 Christmas cards	Y	2022 - €300 2021 - €627.30 2020 - €600 2019 - €450 2018 - €400 **€2,377.30**	€600
Seanie Rankin-Whelan	€1,500	Publication of a science fiction novel	N	N/A	€1,500
Lusk Heritage Group	€200	Filming and editing of a new film on the changing face of Lusk	Y	2021 - €1,660 2020 - €500 2019 - €700 2018 - €600 2017 - €350 **€3,810**	€200

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

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

Signed: Councillor Grainne Maguire
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 12

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 12a

FIXING OF DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the Chief Executive to prepare and submit to the Elected Council a report indicating proposed Capital Projects for the following three years. Sub-section 2 of that section provides that the report may be considered at the Local Authority Budget meeting or at such other meeting as the Elected Council may by resolution decide.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council resolve to consider the Three-year Capital Programme at the October meeting of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 12b

Financial Assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar living 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 the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the 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 providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

Approved Housing Body	Location	Category of Need	No. of Housing Units Accommodation	Approved Funding
Peter McVerry Trust	Woodrun, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€230,000
Peter McVerry Trust	Woodrun, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€250,000

Peter McVerry Trust	Annaly Terrace, Ongar, Dublin 15	Care Leavers	1	€245,000
Peter McVerry Trust	Archerswood, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€262,000
Peter McVerry Trust	Archerswood, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€272,000

The housing body listed in the above table is an approved Voluntary Housing Body for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 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 mortgage agreements 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 Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 12c

APPLICATION FOR LOAN APPROVAL FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR HOUSING PURPOSES 2022

Under the provisions of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1966 to 2014 the County Council is empowered to borrow from the Housing Finance Agency for the purpose of carrying out its functions under the Housing Acts. It has been recommended by the Agency that a borrowing resolution should be a general resolution approving the borrowing of funds for housing purposes rather than specific resolutions for individual loan types.

Approval is being sought for authority to raise loans to a limit of €19 million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2022.

It is anticipated that this limit will cover requirements for the remainder of the year. Servicing costs for loans borrowed for the above purposes will be met by repayments from borrowers and state subsidies.

It is recommended that the following resolution be AGREED;

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves to raise loans to a limit of €19 million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2022."

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 12d

APPLICATION FOR LOAN APPROVAL FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR HOUSING PURPOSES 2023

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Approval is being sought for authority to raise loans to a limit of €30.5 million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2023.

It is anticipated that this limit will cover requirements for the next year 2023. Servicing costs for loans borrowed for the above purposes will be met by repayments from borrowers and state subsidies.

It is recommended that the following resolution be AGREED;

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves to raise loans to a limit of €30.5 million from the Housing Finance Agency for any purpose authorised under the Housing Acts during the period ending 31/12/2023."

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1313

30th August 2022

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of lands at Godamendy, Dublin 15, to Channor Limited.

An application has been received from Channor Limited to acquire land comprising of 3,549 meters squared approximately, outlined in red on drawing number LA-208-19, dated 30th May 2022 at Godamendy, Dublin 15, to regularise title and merge folio's DN206623F and DN1311.

The lands form part of a former roadbed and have substantial services therein. Fingal County Council will retain a wayleave to access these services. Fingal County Council will also obtain a wayleave of 19 meters squared approximately, over a small triangular parcel of land contained within folio DN166925F, outlined in blue on drawing number LA-208-19, dated 30th May 2022. This will regularise the wayleave in place for all third party utilities.

It is proposed subject to the necessary statutory approval to dispose of the lands as detailed above in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The Council will dispose of lands outlined in red on drawing number LA-208-19, dated 30th May 2022 at Godamendy, Dublin 15, comprising of 3,549 meters squared approximately.

2. The consideration in full and final settlement, shall be the sum of €217,500 (Two hundred and Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty (if applicable) payable to the Council.

3. Fingal County Council will retain a wayleave over the entirety of the land described above.

4. The Council will commit to commence the statutory process to extinguish the existing Right of Way over lands contained within drawing number LA-208-19 dated 30th May 2022, within 6 months of the signing of contracts.

5. It has been agreed that Fingal County Council will be granted a wayleave, over a small triangular parcel of land consisting of 19 meters squared approximately contained within folio DN166925F, outlined in blue on drawing number LA-208-19, dated 30th May 2022.

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

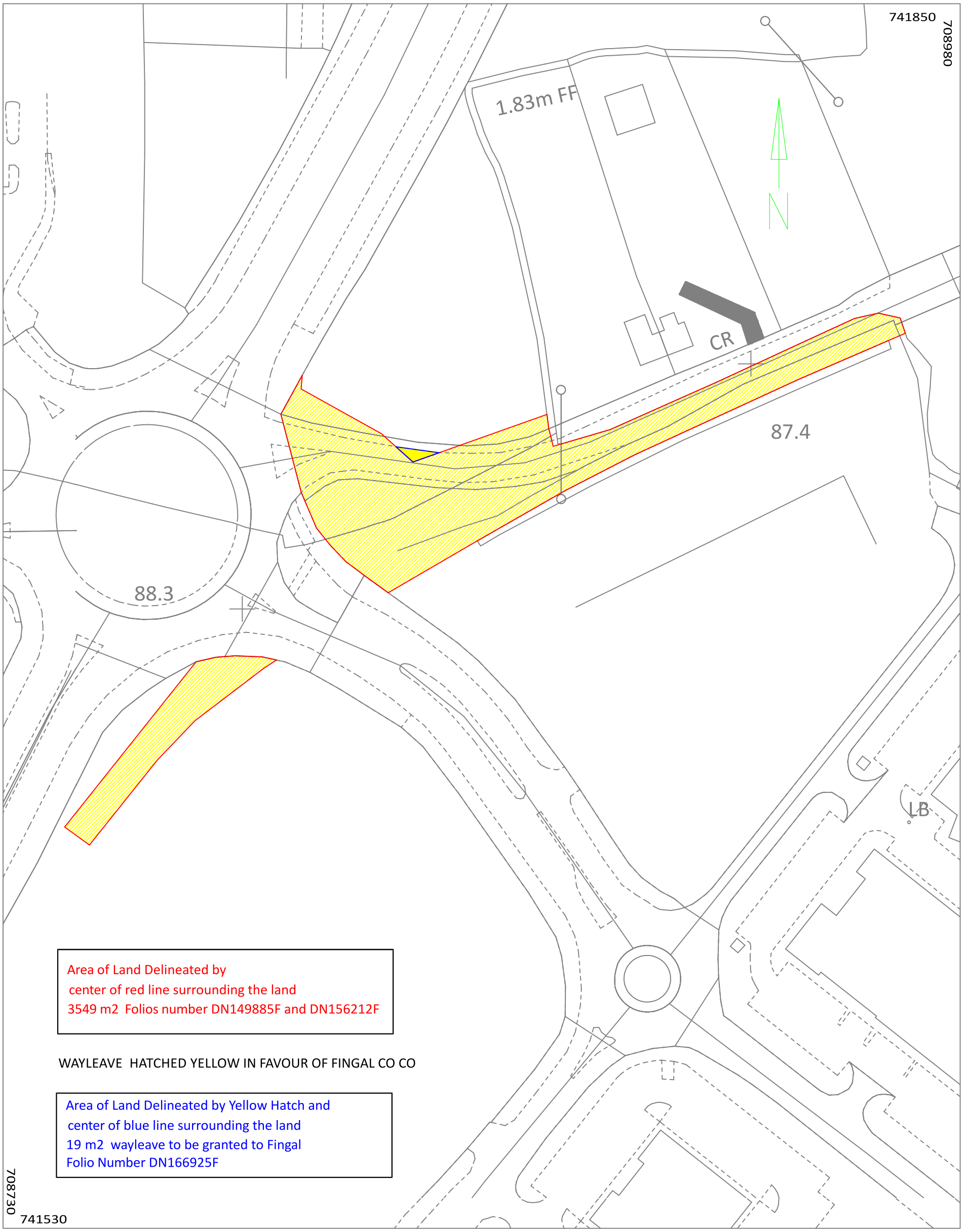
7. All other terms will be set out in the legal documentation.

The lands to be disposed of were acquired from ESB Networks and Channor Limited in 2002 and 2004 respectively for roads purposes.

A report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 1st September 2022.

Aoife Scanlon

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project: Land at Godamendy
Blanchardstown, County Dublin

Land to be Transferred to Channor Limited
Wayleaves to be Granted to Fingal Co Co

Dwg No:	LA-208-19	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	30 May 2022	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	L.D. xxx	Job No.	SM/27/19
Gross Area :			3549 m^2
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

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

File Ref: LD 1400

30th August 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks

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An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of 2 No. substations and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction which requires the disposal of land and the granting of permanent wayleave at Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

It is proposed, subject to the necessary statutory approvals, to dispose of lands comprising 17.5 square meters approximately, outlined in red and to grant a permanent wayleave over lands coloured yellow comprising 10.7 square meters approximately on Drawing No. LA-221-22, dated 28th May 2022, to ESB Networks, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. Any and all terms and conditions in the Principle Components of the Offer as set out in the ESB Networks Connection Agreement dated 7Th December 2021.

2. That the Council shall dispose of the subject land for a consideration of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT and stamp duty (if applicable).

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

4. ESB Networks shall discharge the Council's Legal Fees up to €750.00 plus VAT and reasonable outlay.

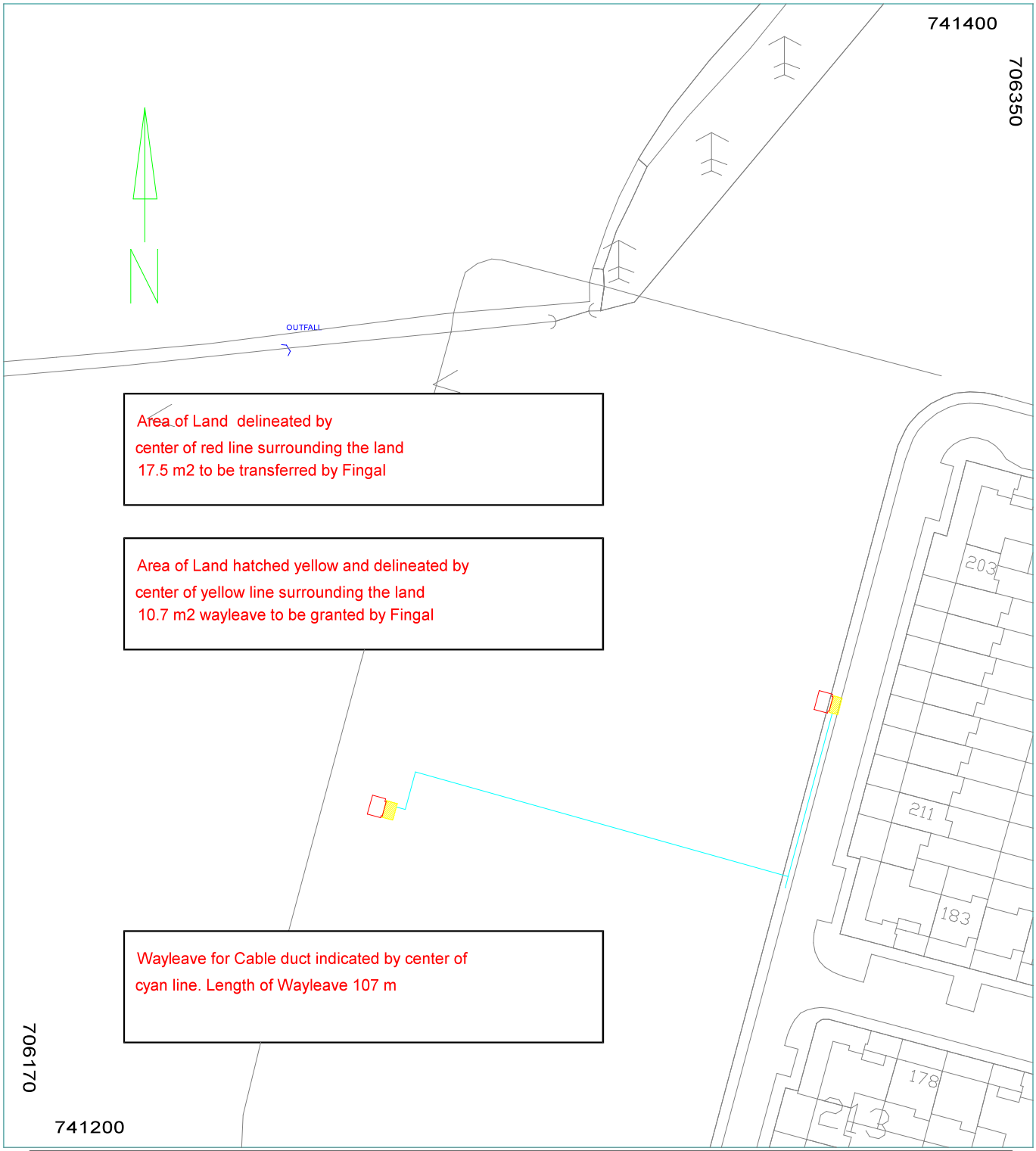
5. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government Dublin Act 1993.

A report of on this matter will be included on the agenda for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 1st September 2022.

Aoife Brennan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development.



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-221-22	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 28 May 2022	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/21/22
Project: Land at Churchfields Mulhuddart		Gross Area :	
Land to be transferred by : Fingal Co Co		Road Area :	
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

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ITEM NO. 13c

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

In accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, it is recommended that the disposal of the fee simple interest in the dwellings below to the person as set out in the schedule, who has applied in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No. 2) Act, 1978 to acquire the fee simple be approved.

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
105 Inbhir Ide Malahide Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 04/09/1971	£15.00 / €19.05 = €1127.19	€1127.19 +€130.00 = **€1257.19**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
85 St. Annes Square Portmarnock	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 26/04/1975	£0.05 / €0.06 = €3.55	€3.55 + €130.00 = **€133.55**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE

38 Seacliff Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 20/09/1976	£15.00 / €19.05 = €1127.19	€1127.19+€130.00 = **€1257.19**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
22 Bun Na Cnoic, Naul, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 22/03/1975	£2.60 / €3.12 = €184.61	€184.61+ €130.00 = **€314.61**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
5 Burrow Road, Portrane, Co Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 29/09/1975	£1.00 / €1.20 = €71.00	€71.00+€130.00 = **€201.00**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
26 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 30/08/1975	£0.05 / €0.06 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
91 Kenure Park Rush Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 01/12/1971	£1.50 / €1.90 = €112.42	€112.42+€130.00 = **€242.42**

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT/ PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE

56 Main Street Howth, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 30/10/1972	£0.05 / €0.06 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**

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ITEM NO. 14

DECLARATION OF ROADS/TAKING IN CHARGE

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 14a

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

BLACKTHORN PLACE, KINSEALY, CO DUBLIN

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

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Kinsealy, Co Dublin Rural TL – Drinan

Road Name	Length	Description
Blackthorn Place	40 m	From junction of Kettles Lane Road and the entrance of Blackthorn Place head Northwest for 40 m to end of road and to include turning circle
Total Length of Road = 40 m Number of Units = 7		

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ITEM NO. 14b

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

CHIEFTAIN'S WAY, BALBRIGGAN

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

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Balbriggan Rural TL – Bremore

Road Name	Length	Description
Chieftain's Drive	94 m	From junction with Hamlet Lane, southwest 49m, west 45m in line with the west gable wall of house number 1
Chieftain's Road	351 m	From a point on the carriageway in line with the west gable wall of house number 1 where Chieftain's Drive meets Chieftain's Road, northwest 29m, southwest 66m to centre of junction with Hamlet Square. From junction opposite house number 4, south 74m to junction with Chieftain's Drive/Baron's Hall Grove (east half of road only). From the junction between house numbers 27 and 32, north 48m and northwest 134m where it meets Brega.

Chieftain's Crescent	159 m	From junction with Chieftain's Drive, south 13m southwest 27m to junction. From centre of junction southeast 23m to end of carriageway. Again, from the centre of junction northwest 48m to end of carriageway. From junction opposite house number 17, southwest 48m to junction with Chieftain's Drive.
Hamlet Square	192 m	From centre of junction with Chieftain's Road (opposite house number 4) southwest 19m (north half of road only) and north 66m (east half of road only). Hamlet Square continues north 31m, west 19m and north 39m (east half of road only) to junction with Hamlet Avenue.
Chieftain's Close	134 m	From junction with Hamlet Avenue outside no 34., south 97m to end of carriageway start of tarmac. At junction in front of no.10 east 37m to end of junction.
Hamlet Avenue	191 m	From junction with Chieftain's Road outside no.37, southwest 191m to junction outside no 8.
Total Length of Road = 796 m Number of Units = 188		

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ITEM NO. 14c

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

BAYMEADOWS, PHASE 1

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

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Hollywoodrath TL – Hollystown

Road Name	Length	Description
Bay Meadows Avenue	157 m	From the junction of "The Way " and the entrance to Bay Meadows Avenue head west for 30m, turn left and head South for 35m, turn right and head Southwest for 92m to outside No.12 Bay Meadow Crescent, to include turning head.
Bay Meadows Cresent	319 m	From outside No.1 Bay Meadows Avenue, head west for 250m, turn left outside No.29 head South for 69m to outside No.34 Bay Meadow Avenue and to include turning Head.
Bay Meadows Square	91 m	From outside No.11 Bay Meadows Avenue South from 91m to outside No.9 Bay Meadows Square and to include turning head.
	82 m	From outside No.20 Bay Meadows Avenue South for 82m to outside No.17 Bay Meadows Square and to include turning head.

Bay Meadows Avenue	95 m	From outside the entrance at Bay Meadows Avenue outside No.46 head East for 95m to end of junction.
Total Length of Road = 744 m Number of Units = 74		

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ITEM NO. 14d

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

HOLLYWOODRATH, PHASE 1, MULHUDDART

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

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Mulhuddart TL – Hollystown

Road Name	Length	Description
Hollywoodrath Avenue Hollywoodrath Rise	426 m	From the junction of Hollywoodrath Avenue, outside No.52 head West for 150m to the junction of Hollywoodrath Rise turn right onto Hollywoodrath Rise for 100m, head Northwest for 60m to outside No.11, turn left heading South for 116m to the Junction of Hollywoodrath Avenue outside No.5
Hollywoodrath Avenue Hollywoodrath Crescent	363 m	From the junction of Hollywoodrath Avenue outside No.21 head South onto Hollywoodrath Crescent for 160m, turn right and head West for 88m to No.35 then head Northwest for 90m to outside No.44 then head West for 25m to include turning circle.
Hollywoodrath Road Hollywoodrath Rise	455 m	From outside No.1 Hollywoodrath Road, head North for 180m, turn right and head East 80m to the junction of Hollywoodrath Rise, from outside No. 30 Hollywoodrath Avenue head West for 195m to the junction of Hollywoodrath Road.
Total Length of Road = 1244m Number of Units = 123		

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ITEM NO. 14e

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

CASTLEKNOCK LAWN TENNIS CLUB PLAZA AREA, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

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

ROAD SCHEDULE

DED- Castleknock TL – Castleknock

Road Name	Length	Description
Auburn Avenue Beechpark Avenue	60 m	From the junction of Auburn Avenue and Beechpark Avenue head North to C.L.T.C turn left heading West for 60m
Total Length of Road = 60 m Number of Units = 0		

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 15

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for Proposed Re-Development of the 'Red Barn' at Skerries Mills, Miller's Lane, Skerries, Co. Dublin, K34 K293, to accommodate New Tearooms and associated infrastructure, site works and landscaping.

CE REPORT

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)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, Public Notice of the Council's intention to redevelop the Red Barn at Skerries Mills, Co. Dublin, as a new tearooms facility with associated kitchen, store, service area and customer toilets was published in the Fingal Independent on Wednesday 8th June 2022, and a Site Notice was erected on the same date.

Refer Appendix A1 for wording of Public Notice

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from Wednesday 8th June 2022 up to and including Wednesday 6th July 2022 at:

Fingal County Council Offices, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm excluding Bank & Public Holidays)

Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638 during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm excluding Bank & Public Holidays).

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were also made available on the Fingal County Council website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse**

Observation Period:

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were to be made either online through the website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse** or in writing to: -

Senior Executive Officer, Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co Dublin K67 X8Y2

On, or before 5pm on Wednesday 20th July 2022.

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The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Article 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which states that a report shall:

DESCRIBE PROPOSAL:

(i) "describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".

The Site:

The site is located to the west of Skerries Mill pond, off Miller's Lane, within the curtilage of the Skerries Mill complex, and adjacent to two existing protected structures - Skerries Mill and the Great Windmill*. The area of the site is 923 m2 (0.0923 hectares).

There is an existing wide hard surface approach from the carpark to the northeast of the site.

The site currently accommodates an existing metal-clad agricultural building (the 'Red Barn') to be demolished as part of the proposed development. This building is currently used for storage purposes, ancillary to the adjacent existing Mill buildings.

The subject site is zoned 'OS' (Open Space) with the objective to 'preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.

The subject site is located in an area which is subject to a 'Highly Sensitive Landscape' designation on account of its proximity to the coast.

The site is also located with Masterplan Area MP 5.C, which incorporates various Objectives, as outlined in the P&SI Report

Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report

The Proposal:

The proposal involves the demolition of the existing agricultural barn (c. 63.5 sq m) which will provide a prominent site for a new building (c. 128.5 sq m) within the main visitor arrival area within the Mill Building complex.

* Skerries Mill Recorded Monument: DU005-029, Protected Structure: RPS 228
The Great Windmill Recorded Monument: DU005-028, Protected Structure: RPS 22

The existing barn to be demolished is a single-storey round roof corrugated metal-clad agricultural building, most likely erected during the last 50 – 80 years. The proposed building will occupy a larger footprint, but in height, form and architectural language will follow that of the building it replaces.

The proposed building's main entrance is from the south via a newly proposed decking area. Additional access points/doors are proposed to the southern decking area and the yard through the narrower west side of the structure).

The proposed structure includes a multi-purpose assembly area, kitchen, store, toilets and attic area (for services).

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the Mill buildings and will rely on these buildings for shared support services, e.g. cooking from main kitchen and general toilet provision. It is envisaged that the building will be opened as required to facilitate particular events or tours rather than a permanently manned building.

It is proposed that the existing boundary hedgerows by the vehicular entrance to the northern end of the site are to be retained and cut back/pruned where necessary.
The existing vehicular entrance fence and walls are to be removed and replaced with a new estate fence with circular steel posts. New tree planting, allied to a mix of shrub planting will frame the new vehicular entrance arrangement.

To the open area to the south of the new structure, there is a mix of wildflower meadow and amenity grass with mown paths proposed. Throughout this area, there will be new tree planting, willow shrub planting. There will be some bench seats and a Willow Garden with living structures such as tee-pees, a central dome and tunnels for natural play areas.

It is proposed to use porous tarmac to the vehicular entrance and internal circulation areas, with Liscannor paving flags and a Hoggin path (Ballylusk Boundgravel) around the new structure. Existing stone walls and surfaces are to be retained and made good where necessary.

Vehicular and pedestrian access will be from the existing car park, altering the existing line markings within the car park is also proposed to provide a bus space without the need to reverse and the provision of six (6) accessible spaces in compliance with Technical Guidance Document M – Access and Use (2010)

Bicycle parking is proposed within the existing car park away from the protected buildings to protect the character of these buildings. Bicycle parking in the form of a covered cycle canopy to accommodate ten bicycles is proposed. Cargo bicycle parking is also proposed adjacent to the cycle canopy to accommodate four cargo bicycles.

A Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment has been prepared by O'Donnell Environmental and it identifies all Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius of the site. The Screening Report concludes with a finding '*…that the proposed project is not likely to cause significant negative effects on Skerries Islands SPA or any other Natura 2000 site, individually or in combination with other plans or projects…'*

An EIAR Screening Report has been prepared for the proposal by been prepared by O'Donnell Environmental. The Screening Report finds that:
'Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report (EIAR) is not therefore required.'

Design of Development:

The proposal, as made available for inspection, is described in the following drawings:

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Refer to Appendices B1 to B5 for the full list of Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.

Design Intent Statement:

Given the importance and sensitivity of the archaeological and architectural environment of the development site, attention has been given to producing an appropriate scheme of a suitable quality for its context.

In this respect the following has been considered:

(A) The overall concept is to provide a contemporary but sensitive intervention using complementary materials, of an appropriate scale and form for its context.

(B) Although larger in footprint, the proposed building, in terms of its overall form and scale ensures it does not unduly impact on the visual amenity of the adjoining Mill Buildings, nor intensify use from a transport or services point.

(C) Through its form and use of materials - the proposed building uses the architectural language of the existing barn structure it replaces – the proposed building stands in contrast to the adjacent original stone mill buildings.

(D) The diverse uses within the proposed structure will enhance and marginally increase activity in the area which will in turn facilitate passive surveillance.

(E) The proposal will facilitate increased permeability within the Mill complex generally, providing greater connection to the Mill Race area to the south of the new Red Barn structure.

(F) Biodiversity, hard and soft landscaping and the use of SuDS water management features have been incorporated into the proposed development:
Existing boundary hedgerows are to be retained (and cut back / pruned where necessary); A wildflower meadow, new tree planting, a Willow Garden with living structures and a natural play area are also provided within the Open Space to the South of the new Red Barn structure.

(G) The building will be designed to maximise current sustainable building technology - refer to Engineer's Building Services Report for details.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT:

(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)

Internal Planning Consultation:

Internal Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).
The P&SI Department prepared a draft report which took account of:

- Compliance with Development Plan objectives
- Impact on amenities of the area
- Water & drainage
- Transportation considerations
- Conservation

- Archaeology
- Other Reports
- Appropriate Assessment
- EIA Screening

The draft report notes that:
Water Services Engineering Section*: No objection subject to conditions*
Transportation Planning Section*: No objection subject to conditions*
Parks and Green Infrastructure Division*: No objection subject to conditions*
Community Archaeologist: *No objection subject to conditions*
Environment Department Waste Management*; No objection subject to condition*
Conservation Officer*: No objection*

The draft report concludes that:
The proposed structure replacing a structure that is currently ancillary to the adjacent Mill buildings is considered to accord with the 'OS' Open Space land use zoning of the subject site and is also considered to comply with the applicable objectives contained in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023. The proposal will make a positive addition to the area and is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The draft report recommends that:
It is considered that the proposed development is acceptable in principle subject to the following recommendations.

1. The following requirements of the Water Services Section shall be carried out in full;

i. The location of the proposed pumping chamber shall be agreed with Water Services Section on-site prior to installation, in order to minimise any impacts on the development in terms of potential VENOM (vibration, emissions of noise and odour, and maintenance requirements). An appropriately sized duty/standby arrangement shall be provided, along with 24h emergency storage capacity.

ii. Prior to commencement of construction the detailed design of the bio-retention / rainwater garden and its overflow arrangement should be finalised in consultation with Water Services and Parks and Landscaping Sections.

iii. No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul sewer system under any circumstances.

iv. 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.

2. Note that the statutory consultee in this regard is Irish Water, accordingly:

i. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public water/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.

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

3. The following requirements of the Transportation Planning Section shall be complied with:

A raised kerb or bollards shall be provided in the northwest corner of the new building to protect against accidental impact from maintenance vehicles that may need to access the courtyard area from time to time.

4. During any demolition and the construction phase, all necessary steps shall be taken

i. To contain dust and airborne pollutants arising from the site and to prevent nuisance to persons in the locality.
ii. By the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works and make good any damage.

5. The following requirements of The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division shall be complied with:

A landscape plan including management and maintenance specifications and boundary treatment details prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional shall be submitted and agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. This plan shall include details on planting species/ varieties, quantities, sizes and all specifications in relation to both hard and soft landscaping.

6. The following requirements in relation to archaeology shall be complied with

i. The applicant shall engage the services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licence eligible archaeologist to carry out archaeological monitoring of all groundworks at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.
ii. The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations.
iii. 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.
iv. 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.

7. The following requirements in relation to Waste Management shall be complied with:

Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant shall confirm details of the various waste streams, including expected tonnages, which will be generated during site clearance/demolition and construction phases. The applicant shall also confirm any proposed exportation/importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under Article 27.

Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report

LIST PERSONS OR BODIES:

(iv) "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:

There were three Submissions / Observations received as listed below:

1. Dara Mac Domhnaill on behalf of Skerries Tidy Towns
2. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; (Development Applications Unit)
3. Ruarc Sorensen

SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

(v) "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"

Issues raised are summarised below:

No.	Issue Raised	Managers Response
1	*The planned facility is inappropriately designed to cater only for visiting tour groups. Skerries Mills is a key community facility. The existing mill building is hard to modify, and as such, this new space should make the most of a blank slate, by being a new cafe space for everyday local visitors.*	The proposed structure is carefully designed as a modest intervention within the context of the Skerries Mill Buildings Site. Th small scale of the proposal ensures it does not unduly impact on the visual amenity of the adjoining Mill Buildings, nor intensify use from a transport or services point of view. It's proposed use, as an ancillary/overflow multi-purpose space, is compatible with the long-standing established use of the Skerries Mills on the site and will allow the existing café to better serve local visitors during busy periods.
2	*We hope the new venue will be made available for community events.*	Once the project is completed, the operation and scheduling of proposed events will be managed locally by the Skerries Mills manager.
3	*We ask that all reasonable steps be taken to protect the stream from all building debris and dust and other rubbish (e.g. cigarette butts) throughout the process.*	A draft Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been prepared for the project and forms part of the Part 8 Submission. This document addresses potential construction phase environmental effects and identifies control measures to be implemented.
4	*We suggest that where possible that existing trees beside the barn scheduled for removal as part of these works be transplanted to other locations on the site of Skerries Mills or elsewhere in the town park e.g. along the bank of the stream in town park areas.*	A landscape plan prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional will be submitted and agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. Transplanting/ reuse of trees scheduled for removal as part of the development works to elsewhere within the Demesne or town park areas will be explored as part of this plan.
5	*We note that Himalayan Balsam and Chilean Rhubarb are*	Although outside the scope of this project, the removal of the invasive species currently present in the stream will be

	mentioned as invasive species currently present in the stream. It would be good if these could be removed to prevent further spread downstream.	investigated as part of the landscape plan (prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional) to be submitted and agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site.
6	Submission from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Development Applications Unit) – a Prescribed Body: *It is recommended that FCC retains the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to implement the proposed mitigation measures.*	The services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licence-eligible archaeologist will be engaged to carry out archaeological monitoring of all groundworks at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent. The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations. 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

(vi) **"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"**

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as made available for inspection (Refer Appendices B1 to B5) subject to, in advance of commencement on site, of taking account of the 7 no. recommendations of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report as outlined above.

A presentation dealing with the proposal will be available at the meeting.

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- Appendix B6 - Architectural Impact Assessment (Conservation) & Report
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Appendix C – Planning Report

- **Appendix C1 - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report***

***Note: The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department have stated that no further comment is required and the Planning Report (Appendix C1) covers all planning issues.**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Proposed Development: The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Proposing Department: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI/ Part 8 (Dev by LAs)

Purpose of report

The following report has been prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (P&SI) Department to assess the proposal with regard to the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and outlines the planning considerations relating to the impact of the proposal on the amenities of the receiving area. The report is based on the information provided to P&SI by the Architects Department, Fingal County Council. The information includes plans, particulars (Reports and Surveys*), an Architect's Design Support Statement, an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, and an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report. The comments of other sections of the P&SI Department and any other Department of the Council are also considered.

*The Reports and Surveys include:

a) CS Engineer's Report incorporating Drainage, Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment & SuDS System
b) BS Engineer's Report incorporating Mechanical & Electrical issues
c) Outline Construction & Environmental Management Plan
d) Architectural Impact (Conservation) Report
e) Ecology Report
f) Archaeology Report
g) Topographical Survey
h) GPR Survey
i) CCTV Survey
j) EIA screening and AA screening reports

Nature of development
The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will rely on these buildings for shared support services.

Site Location & Description
The subject site is located within Skerries Town Park on the northern side of Miller's Lane (west of the R128).

The proposed development is located adjacent to two structures, which are listed on the Record of Protected Structures, namely Skerries Mill (RPS No. 228*) adjacent to the side(west) of the site and the Great Windmill (RPS No. 229**) c. 50m to the north of the site. These structures are also respectively recorded on the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) as DU005-029---- Water mill – unclassified and DU005-028--- Windmill. The Mill Stream is located c. 30m from the south of the redline boundary.

*Skerries Mill (RPS No. 228)
Mid 19th century corn mill complex, incl mill buildings, race, millpond, sluice and water wheel
**Great Windmill (RPS No. 229).
Restored late 18th or early 19th century five-storey tapered circular windmill, rendered with mansard roof & five sails.

The subject site, within Skerries Town Park, is in close proximity to the town centre. It is occupied by a single-storey round roof metal-clad agricultural style building (i.e. red barn) with a stated floor area of 63.50 sq m. The application site includes a circulation area/apron between the metal red barn and the stone mill buildings and skirts the attached open space area and mill race which are also part of a larger mill complex and landholding. There is a shared access, into a large parking area from the public road along Miller's Lane. The subject site is raised up c. 1.5 to 2.5m from the lower area within the Townparks (occupied by the Mill Stream). The application site has a stated area of 923sq m (0.0923 hectares).

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023
Land-use zoning:
The subject site is zoned 'OS' (Open Space) with the objective to 'preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.

Vision: Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority.

The subject site is located in an area which is subject to a 'Highly Sensitive Landscape' designation on account of its proximity to the coast.

An Indicative Cycle/Pedestrian route is designated along the Dublin Road which runs east of the subject site.

The site is also located with Masterplan Area MP 5.C.

Masterplans
Objective SKERRIES 14
Prepare and/or implement the following Local Area Plans and Masterplans during the lifetime of this Plan:
• Skerries Town Park Masterplan (see Map Sheet 5, MP 5.C)
This plan has yet to be prepared/agreed.

In respect of Appropriate Assessment and Natural Heritage:
Objective DMS01
Ensure that all plans and projects in the County which could, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a European site or sites are subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Objective DMS02
Ensure Local Authority development proposals are subject to environmental assessment, as appropriate, including Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

DMS163
Ensure Screening for Appropriate Assessment and, where required, full Appropriate Assessment is carried out for all plans and projects in the County which, individually, or in combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant direct or indirect impact on any European site or sites.

Objective WQ05
Establish riparian corridors free from new development along all significant watercourses and streams in the County. Ensure a 10 to 15 metre wide riparian buffer strip measured from the top of the bank either side of all watercourses, except in respect of the Liffey, Tolka, Pinkeen, Mayne, Sluice, Ward, Broadmeadow, Corduff, Matt and Delvin where a 30m wide riparian buffer strip from top of bank to either side of all watercourses outside urban centres is required as a minimum.

Objective DMS171
Ensure that no development, including clearance and storage of materials, takes place within 10m – 15m as a minimum, measured from each bank of any river, stream or watercourse in the County.

In respect of design criteria for urban development:
Objective PM33
Enhance and develop the fabric of existing and developing rural and urban centres in accordance with the principles of good urban design, including the promotion of high quality well-designed visually attractive main entries into our towns and villages.

In respect of Public Open Space:
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 orientated 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.

PM51
Provide a wide variety of accessible public open spaces, including allotments, community gardens, permaculture parklands and sporting facilities, on a hierarchical basis throughout the County in order to achieve a choice of open space facilities. Best practice Green Infrastructure Guidelines should be used to determine the location and type of open spaces to be provided.

PM55
Ensure coherent clustering of recreational and open space facilities into a recreational hub arrangement unless a more practicable solution is demonstrated.

PM58
Ensure intensive recreational/amenity facilities are not used exclusively by any one group.

PM60
Ensure public open space is accessible, and designed so that passive surveillance is provided.

PM61
Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation to include residents.

PM62
Provide multifunctional open spaces at locations deemed appropriate providing for both passive and active uses.

NH02
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI25
Integrate provision for biodiversity with public open space provision and sustainable water management measures (including SuDS) where possible and appropriate.

GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active, by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

GI27
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

GI28
Provide attractive and safe routes linking key green space sites, parks and open spaces and other foci

such as cultural sites and heritage assets as an integral part of new green infrastructure provision, where appropriate and feasible.

GI31
Ensure the provision of new green infrastructure addresses the requirements of functional flood storage, the sustainable management of coastal erosion, and links with provision for biodiversity, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and provision for parks and open space wherever possible and appropriate.

In respect of Archaeology, Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs):

GI34
Ensure, wherever possible and appropriate, that elements of the archaeological and architectural heritage are fully integrated into proposals for new developments at the project design stage.

GI36
Ensure green infrastructure provision responds to and reflects landscape character including historic landscape character, conserving, enhancing and augmenting the existing landscapes and townscapes of Fingal which contribute to a distinctive sense of place.

CH07
Ensure that development within the vicinity of a recorded monument or zone of archaeological notification does not seriously detract from the setting of the feature, and is sited and designed appropriately.

CH20
Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

Planning History
There is no recent planning history, although it is noted from discussions that the *'that many buildings on the site were substantially re-developed using modern construction in the 1990's'.*

Lands to the north
F96A/0873 – Permission GRANTED for the provision of 22No. 2 storey terrace town houses and 21 no. apartments in a 2 and 3 storey block with access from the Kybe and provision of 0.536 hectares of public open space. Location: Townsparks, Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin to applicant: Sean Quinn.
This application was REFUSED by Fingal County Council. Subsequently, an appeal was lodged on 06 May 1997 and a decision to Grant Permission was made by An Bord Pleanala on 04 Nov 1997.

Reports from Internal Sections of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department:
Water Services Engineering Section: No objection subject to conditions
Transportation Planning Section: No objection subject to conditions
Parks and Green Infrastructure Division: No objection subject to conditions
Community Archaeologist: No objection subject to conditions

Environment Department Waste Management; No objection subject to condition
Conservation Officer: No objection

Environmental Health Officer; No report at time of writing this report
Biodiversity Officer; No report available at time of writing this report.
Arts &, Culture; No report available at time of writing this report.

Details of Proposed Development:
The proposal involves the following:

- Demolition of the existing red barn c. 63.5 sq m;
- To provide a site for a new building (c. 128.5 sq m) within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings;
- It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will rely on these buildings for shared support services.

The existing single-storey round roof corrugated metal-clad agricultural style building (i.e. red barn) is given as 5.23m high and is c.6.6m wide by c.9.3m deep (the building is entered from the yard through the narrower west side of the structure).

The proposal is a single-storey round roof corrugated metal-clad agricultural style building (i.e. similar red barn, but larger). The dimensions are given as 5.23m high and is c.9m wide by c.17.4m deep. The proposed building's main entrance is from the south via a newly proposed decking area. Additional access points/doors are proposed to the southern decking area and the yard through the narrower west side of the structure). The proposed structure includes a multi-purpose assembly area, kitchen, store, toilets and attic area (for services).

To the open area to the south of the new structure, there is a mix of wild flower meadow and amenity grass with mown paths proposed. Throughout this area, there will be new tree planting, willow shrub planting with Salix rosmarinifolia (narrow-leaved rosemary willow), and natural play areas.

As regards surfaces, it is proposed to use porous tarmac to the vehicular entrance and internal circulation areas, with Liscannor paving flags and a Hoggin path (Ballylusk Boundgravel) around the new structure.

Existing stone walls and surfaces are to be retained and made good where necessary.

Assessment:
The primary issues for consideration include:

- Compliance with Development Plan objectives
- Impact on amenities of the area
- Water & drainage
- Transportation considerations
- Conservation
- Archaeology
- Other Reports
- Appropriate Assessment

- EIA Screening

Compliance with Development Plan objectives
The subject site is zoned 'OS' in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. Having regard to the 'permitted in principle' use classes related to the zoning objective specifically *'Community Facility' or 'Recreational Facility/Sports Club'* and the proposed structure replacing a structure also currently ancillary to the adjacent Mill buildings, in addition to the Vision applicable to the zoning objective for 'OS' lands, the Planning Officer considers that the proposed development is in accordance with the 'OS' zoning objective for the subject site and is therefore acceptable in principle at the proposed location.

Impact on amenities of the area
The proposal involves development comprising a single structure 128.5 sq m in area. The rounded roof structure is c.5.23m(high) X 9m(wide) X 17.4m(long) and will house a multi-purpose assembly area, kitchen, store, toilets, etc. The structure will occupy the footprint of the existing red barn, albeit slightly larger in size, to the east of the existing yard and Mill Buildings.

The materials proposed are finished primarily with corrugated metal-clad walls and roofing, these appear to appropriately echo in colour and texture the existing premises which it replaces.

Having regard to the nature of the structure (ancillary/overflow multi-purpose space), its scale and siting within the existing Skerries Mills grounds; it is considered that a structure of 128.5 sq m in area would be ancillary to the existing established use, would not intensify use from a transport or services point of view, will not unduly impact on the amenity of the adjoining area and accords with the long-standing established use of the Skerries Mills on this site.

It is considered that the proposed diverse uses within the proposed replacement structure will enhance and marginally increase activity in the area which will in turn facilitate passive surveillance.

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development, however, a landscape plan including management and maintenance specifications and boundary treatment details prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional is required to be submitted and agreed with the planning authority (Parks and Green Infrastructure Division) prior to the commencement of works on site.

The proposal will also facilitate increased permeability within the Mill complex generally, providing greater connection to the Mill Race area to the south of the Red Barn.

An outline/draft Construction Environmental Management Plan has been prepared/submitted in Appendix 3 to address potential construction phase environmental effects and identify control measures.

Water and Drainage
The Water Services Department report states no objection subject to conditions relating to the detailed design of the bio-retention / rainwater garden and its overflow arrangement and details in relation to pumping of foul drainage. These matters can be agreed prior to commencement of development.

Transportation considerations
The Transportation Planning Section notes that the northwest corner of the proposed new structure should be protected '*...in the event of accidental impact from maintenance vehicles that may need to access the courtyard area from time to time. This may be by way of a raised kerb and or bollards...*'

There are no objections to the development on transport safety or intensification grounds.

Conservation
The Conservation Officer notes that the existing agricultural Red Barn on the site is likely to have been constructed within the last 50 to 80 years and has been used for general ancillary storage in recent years. The existing construction comprises a simple lightweight steel structure, with red painted corrugated metal sheeting, built on a concrete block foundation and rising wall, with an in-situ concrete floor slab. This is typical of rural farmyard sheds in the Fingal area with the majority of that period taking the form of a curved roof.

The report also notes that while the proposed development has a larger footprint than the existing Red Barn, *'...the proposed sensitive design and similar finishes to that of the existing Red Barn ensure that the new development will have a sympathetic impact on the existing Protected Structure of Skerries Mills (RPS Ref No. 0228).*

The proposed replacement structure is similar in external finish and architectural language to the existing Red Barn and constitutes a sympathetic, appropriate style for a replacement building. It clearly reads as a modern intervention in contrast to the original stone mill buildings. The potential visual impacts on the nearby architectural heritage would appear to be relatively minor.'

Therefore, the Conservation Officer Section report has no objection to or requirements for changes to the proposal.

Archaeology
The Heritage Officer Archaeologist/Community Archaeologist concurs with the recommendations of the archaeological assessment/archaeological monitoring. There are therefore no objections to the development on archaeological grounds, subject to recommended conditions.

Other Reports
The Environment Department (Waste Management) have requested the confirmation of details of the various waste streams prior to commencement.

Appropriate Assessment
The subject site is located approximately 1km from the Skerries Islands Special Protection Area (004122) and approximately 6.2km from the Rogerstown Estuary Special Area of Conservation (000208) and Rogerstown Estuary Special Protection Area (004015).

A Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment has been prepared by O'Donnell Environmental and it identifies all Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius of the site. The Screening Report concludes with a finding *'...that the proposed project is not likely to cause significant negative effects*

on Skerries Islands SPA or any other Natura 2000 site, individually or in combination with other plans or projects…'

The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted

EIA Screening
An EIAR Screening Report has been prepared for the proposal by been prepared by O'Donnell Environmental. The Screening Report finds that:

'Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, it is considered that the proposed development ***would not*** *be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report (EIAR) is not therefore required.'*

The conclusions of the Screening Report are considered reasonable and are accepted.

Conclusion:
The proposed structure replacing a structure that is currently ancillary to the adjacent Mill buildings is considered to accord with the 'OS' Open Space land use zoning of the subject site and is also considered to comply with the applicable objectives contained in the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.* The proposal will make a positive addition to the area and is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation:
It is considered that the proposed development is acceptable in principle subject to the following recommendations.

1. The following requirements of the Water Services Section shall be carried out in full;
   i. The location of the proposed pumping chamber shall be agreed with Water Services Section on-site prior to installation, in order to minimise any impacts on the development in terms of potential VENOM (vibration, emissions of noise and odour, and maintenance requirements). An appropriately sized duty/standby arrangement shall be provided, along with 24h emergency storage capacity.
   ii. Prior to commencement of construction the detailed design of the bio-retention / rainwater garden and its overflow arrangement should be finalised in consultation with Water Services and Parks and Landscaping Sections.
   iii. No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul sewer system under any circumstances.
   iv. 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.

2. Note that the statutory consultee in this regard is Irish Water, accordingly:
   i. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public water/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.

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

3. The following requirements of the Transportation Planning Section shall be complied with: A raised kerb or bollards shall be provided in the northwest corner of the new building to protect against accidental impact from maintenance vehicles that may need to access the courtyard area from time to time.

4. During any demolition and the construction phase, all necessary steps shall be taken

i. To contain dust and airborne pollutants arising from the site and to prevent nuisance to persons in the locality.

ii. By the contractor to prevent the spillage or deposit of clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of the works and make good any damage.

5. A landscape plan including management and maintenance specifications and boundary treatment details prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional shall be submitted and agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. This plan shall include details on planting species/ varieties, quantities, sizes and all specifications in relation to both hard and soft landscaping.

6. The following requirements in relation to archaeology shall be complied with

i. The applicant shall engage the services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licence eligible archaeologist to carry out archaeological monitoring of all groundworks at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.

ii. The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations.

iii. 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.

iv. 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.

7. Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant shall confirm details of the various waste streams, including expected tonnages, which will be generated during site

clearance/demolition and construction phases. The applicant shall also confirm any proposed exportation/importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under Article 27.

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Senior Architect
Architects Department



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Senior Planner
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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Director of Services
Architects Department

Appendix 1: Internal Department Reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Registration Date:

Development: The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Flooding:

1. A commensurate flood risk assessment has been submitted. The proposed development is wholly located outside of Flood Zone A (highest risk of flooding, > 1%AEP or 1:100 year fluvial flood risk probability). The nature of the proposed development classifies it as "less vulnerable" and therefore appropriate in accordance with the OPW's guidelines "The Planning System and Flood Risk Management".

Foul drainage:

1. The existing development is connected to / served by the Irish Water network. A new connection is therefore not required.
2. The submission states that a Pre-Connection Enquiry is being prepared for submission to Irish Water. The result of this enquiry will ultimately dictate whether or not any infrastructural upgrades to the IW owned network are required. Given the scale and nature of the proposed development the additional loading on the network would be considered negligible in my opinion and as such no network upgrade requirements are anticipated.
3. On-site pumping is required. The location of the proposed pumping chamber shall be agreed on-site prior to installation, in order to minimise any impacts on the development in terms of potential VENOM (vibration, emissions of noise and odour, and maintenance requirements). An appropriately sized duty/standby arrangement shall be provided, along with 24h emergency storage capacity.

Surface water drainage:

1. The surface water drainage strategy is considered acceptable. Prior to commencement of construction the detailed design of the bio-retention / rainwater garden and its overflow arrangement should be finalised in consultation with ourselves and Parks.

2. A rainwater harvesting tank of 4 500 litre is proposed, revised downwards from 10 000 litre originally, This is acceptable.

Water supply:

1. The existing development is connected to / served by the Irish Water network. A new connection is therefore not required.
2. The submission states that a Pre-Connection Enquiry is being prepared for submission to Irish Water. The result of this enquiry will ultimately dictate whether or not any infrastructural upgrades to the IW owned network are required. Given the scale and nature of the proposed development the additional loading on the network would be considered minor in my opinion and as such no upgrade requirements are anticipated.

Engineer: _____***pg***_____ Date: _____***23.05.2022***_____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Registration Date:

Development: The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

General

The proposed development is located within the Skerries mills. The Development proposes the demolition of the existing red barn structure and construction of a new building which would be ancillary to the Mill complex.
Consideration should be given to the protection of the northwest corner of the new building in the event of accidental impact from maintenance vehicles that may need to access the courtyard area from time to time. This may be by way of a raised kerb and or bollards.

Parking

The existing accessible parking spaces would be increased to 6 spaces, this is to be welcomed.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development. Consideration should be given to the protection of the northwest corner of the new bui8lding in the event of accidental impact from maintenance vehicles that may need to access the courtyard area from time to time. This may be by way of a raised kerb and or bollards.

Officer: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Registration Date:

Development: The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Officer for comment. The proposal is for the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings. It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will rely on these buildings for shared support services at Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin.

The proposed development is located in close proximity to two protected structures and Recorded Monuments. Another protected windmill structure (The Small Windmill) is nearby;

- RPS No. 0228 & Recorded Monument no. DU005-029 Skerries Mill
- RPS No. 0229 & Recorded Monument no. DU005-028 The Great Windmill
- RPS No. 0230 & Recorded Monument no. DU005-027001 The Small Windmill

Skerries Mills is a unique collection of two windmills and a watermill with associated mill pond, mill races and wetlands. The original water mill building dates to circa 1840 comprising of multiple-bay two-storey roughly dressed rubble stone buildings with a mill pond, mill-race, sluice gates and a water-wheel. Many buildings within the curtilage of this protected complex were substantially redeveloped using modern construction methods in the 1990's.

The existing agricultural Red Barn on the site was probably constructed within the last 50 to 80 years and has been used for general ancillary storage in recent years. The existing construction comprises a simple lightweight steel structure, with red painted corrugated metal sheeting, built on a concrete block foundation and rising wall, with an in-situ concrete floor slab. This is typical of rural farmyard sheds in the Fingal area with the majority of that period taking the form of a curved roof.

The proposal involves the demolition of the existing metal clad Red Barn and construction of a new stand-alone building which will form an edge to an entrance court and will direct visitors towards the Skerries Mills entrance

as the primary entrance. Although the proposed development has a larger footprint than the existing Red Barn, the proposed sensitive design and similar finishes to that of the existing Red Barn ensure that the new development will have a sympathetic impact on the existing Protected Structure of Skerries Mills (RPS Ref No. 0228). The proposed replacement structure is similar in external finish and architectural language to the existing Red Barn and constitutes a sympathetic, appropriate style for a replacement building. It clearly reads as a modern intervention in contrast to the original stone mill buildings. The potential visual impacts on the nearby architectural heritage would appear to be relatively minor, and so the Conservation Officer has no specific requirements or recommendations.

Officer: Laura Johnstone Endorsed: Helena Bergin

Position: Exec Architectural Conservation Officer Senior Exec Architectural Conservation Officer

Date: 21/12/2021 Date: 21/12/2021

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Registration Date:

Development: The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings.

It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objections to the above development subject to the following:

A landscape plan including management and maintenance specifications and boundary treatment details prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional shall be submitted and agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. This plan shall include details on planting species/ varieties, quantities, sizes and all specifications in relation to both hard and soft landscaping.

Officer: Gemma Carr Endorsed:

Date: 21/12/21 Date:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Community Archaeologist,

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/013/21

Registration Date:

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It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.

Location: Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

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Report

'The Heritage Officer/ Community Archaeologist concurs with the recommendations of the archaeological assessment-archaeological monitoring.'

- The applicant shall engage the services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licence eligible archaeologist to carry out archaeological monitoring of all groundworks at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.

- The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations.

- 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.

Christine Baker

Heritage Officer | Strategic Planning Unit |Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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Officer: _____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

16th December, 2021

Bernadette Quinn

Planning Officer

Planning Department.

Register Ref:	**PARTXI/013/21**
Location:	Red Barn, Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin
Applicant:	Architects Department
Development:	The proposal involves the demolition of the existing Barn, thus providing a site for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in close proximity to the existing mill buildings. It is intended that the use will be ancillary to the original Mill buildings and will reply on these buildings for shared support services.
App. Type	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Date Recd.:	15th December 2021

With reference to the above application the Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation) have the following comments:

1/ Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant shall confirm details of the various waste streams, including expected tonnages, which will be generated during site clearance/demolition and construction phases. The applicant shall also confirm any proposed exportation/importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under Article 27.

Regards

Enda Hoey

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Senior Executive Scientist

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

ITEM NO. 16

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for proposed Swords Cultural Quarter development incorporating a new County Library and Arts Venue, and public realm upgrades including the forecourt to County Hall in vicinity of Main Street Swords Castle, North Street and Seatown Road, Swords, Co Dublin

Proposed creation of a Cultural Quarter, Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ), within Swords Town centre, Co. Dublin, in proximity to Fingal County Hall and Swords Castle [a National Monument (No.340), Recorded Monument (RMP Ref. DU011-034001-) and Protected Structure (No.351)], with an overall site area of 15,751m2 (3.89 acres).

CE REPORT

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)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, Public Notice of the Council's intention to create a Cultural Quarter, Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ), within Swords Town centre, Co. Dublin, in proximity to Fingal County Hall and Swords Castle [a National Monument (No.340), Recorded Monument (RMP Ref. DU011-034001-) and Protected Structure (No.351)], with an overall site area of 15,751m2 (3.89 acres), was published in the Irish Independent on 8th July 2022, and Site Notices were erected on 8th July 2022.

- ***Refer Appendix A1 for wording of Public Notice***

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from Friday 8th July 2022 to Monday 8th August 2022 at:

- Fingal County Council, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin,
- Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were also made available on the Fingal County Council website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse**

Observation Period:

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were to be made either online through the website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse** or in writing to: -

- Senior Executive Officer, Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co Dublin

On, or before 5pm on Monday, 22nd August 2022.

The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Article 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which states that a report shall:

DESCRIBE PROPOSAL:

(i) "describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".

The Site:

The site, with an overall site area of 15,751m2 (3.89 acres) comprises: the road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, Swords; Fingal County Council Executive car park (site area: 2,400m2) at the junction of North Street and Seatown Road; St. Michael's House, Seatown Road (site area: 542m2); Swords District Court House (a Protected Structure (RPS No.350); 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial vacant properties at Units 1-4 No.20 North Street; Fingal County Hall external public space (site area: 1,881m2); vacant plots at No.'s 1 – 8, 10-13, 15 North Street adjacent to Swords Castle; a single storey commercial property at 17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Street; single storey structure located on North Street (west side); and the existing side entrance area of Swords Park accessed from North Street, Swords. The site, shown outlined in red on the Site Location Map (see Appendix B1), is located within the boundary of the Zone of Notification for the Historic Town of Swords RMP DU011-35, and is located on lands zoned for Major Town Centre and Roads.

Section 9.1.1 of the Planning Report (see Appendix C1) notes:
*"The subject site is zoned for **Major Town Centre and Roads**. The principle of the Cultural Quarter proposal consisting of a Cultural Centre with associated enhancement of the Public Domain is consistent with the zoning objective and vision set out in the Fingal Development Plan. The proposed Development is therefore considered to be acceptable in principle subject to assessment of details of the proposal against the relevant Policies and Objectives.*

A SEVESO site is noted within 500m of the site, this is unlikely to be of consequence to the proposal, however consideration of this should be demonstrated in the submission."

The following objectives of the current development plan relate:

Objective Swords 1 - *Encourage a range and quality of retail, commercial, civic, cultural, leisure, community and other services commensurate with the role of Swords Town Centre as a Metropolitan Consolidation Town.*

Objective Swords 3 - *Promote and enhance the identity of the town centre through the delivery of Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Architectural Masterplan, including development of Swords Civic and Cultural Centre and delivery of the conservation plan for Swords Castle thereby ensuring the protection, conservation and enhancement of the historic core of Swords.*

Fingal County Council is proposing the following:

(a) Demolition of: 17 and 17A North Street single storey commercial property (c. 182m2) including derelict outbuildings to rear, and side boundary walls abutting Swords Castle, a Protected Structure (RPS No.351) materially affecting the character; single storey structure located on west side of North Street and adjoining railings (note that the partially enclosed public toilet block will be relocated within the town park); St. Michaels House single storey bungalow (c. 208m2), including single storey outbuilding and boundary walls, Seatown Road, Swords; demolition of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial vacant properties (c.171m2) at No.20 North Street, Swords including rear and side boundary walls; demolition of rear & side boundary wall and single storey outbuilding at Swords Courthouse, a Protected Structure (RPS No.350) materially affecting the character;

(b) Minor external works materially affecting the character to the Swords District Court House (Protected Structure – RPS No. 350), comprising the removal of a set of 2 no. granite steps to the southern entrance and the construction of an accessible entrance, provision of new garden to sides and rear of structure, with new railings to North Street;

(c) Construction of a Swords Civic & Cultural Centre on the site of the Fingal County Council Executive car park at the junction of North Street and Seatown Road, site of St. Michael's House, Seatown Road, and site of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial vacant properties at Units 1-4 No.20 North Street, to provide a new public county library, theatre, art gallery and auditorium, café / bar, local studies and archives centre, associated office space and ancillary accommodation. The proposed structure ranges from two to four storeys in height with a GIA floor area of 5,686m2. Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary works are also proposed as part of the development. External works include a new road entrance from Seatown Road to access a service bay for deliveries at ground floor level;

(d) A total of 128 no. bicycle parking spaces comprising 108 no. visitor spaces within the Public Realm area, located on North Street, Main Street and to the front of the County Hall and 20 no. SCC staff spaces to the rear of the proposed SCC building;

(e) Provide a new Civic Space & Public Realm (area: 13,200m2) including new stone paving, street lighting, street furniture and art work at the following site location: the road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, Swords; vacant plots No.'s 1 – 7, 13, 15 North Street adjacent to Swords Castle, No.17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Street, Swords; the existing external public space (area: 1,881m2) to the immediate west / front of Fingal County Hall; and the

existing side entrance area of Swords Park accessed from North Street. The existing boundary between the Town Park and North Street will be removed and relocated as part of the development abutting Swords Castle, a Protected Structure (RPS No.351) materially affecting the character.

Refer to below extract from Planning Report of Architects Department:

Significance & Sensitivity of the Site

The design for the Swords Cultural Centre building and the associated public realm draws on principles of sustainable landscape strategies , architectural integration, urban repair, and the issues associated with the stitching together of historic and new fabric. The adjacent Swords Castle, a national monument is the primary receiving element in the resulting design proposed by the design team, and they are to be commended for their analysis of the potential of the Castle to be the start and end point of the scheme.

`The Swords Cultural Quarter is designed as an important piece of urban fabric that will respond to the complex condition of the current junction and streetscape. The Swords Cultural Centre will be the main component of this scheme and is envisaged as a destination of warmth, activity and connection at the heart of Swords Town Centre. The arrangement of the building form and public realm design is based on a layering of concepts, using the form of the ruined Castle Walls as an origin point.`

These layers of concept that define the overriding arrangement are set out in the following hierarchy

1. *The Castle Walls: The starting point for the design are the ruined walls of Swords Castle. This is the key component of the unique visual identity that will be established in Swords Town Centre.*

2. *Encircling Park: The installation of the encircling park makes it possible for visitors to walk all the way around the perimeter castle walls and fully appreciate its setting within an island of green.*

3. *New Section of Public Realm: The primary segment of the new public square is formed so that it can act as a lens, creating a meaningful tie between the East Range of the Castle Wall and North Street. It references the character of 19th/early 20th century Swords with the generosity of its space and its potential use as an events space for the town.*

4. *Primary Entrance to Library: The main entrance to the Swords Cultural Centre is positioned directly beside the main square, creating a strong visual link to the Castle.*

5. *North Arts Block and Gateway to Northern Side: This section creates a boundary to the SCQ site along its Northern edge in line with the apex of the circular route through the Community Park.*

6. *Living Room at the Heart: The completion of the Southern Block creates a pocket of protected space for the 'Living Room' at the heart of the SCC plan.*

7. *Courthouse Cradled in Garden: The final piece is the completion of the public realm and garden setting for the existing Court House creating its own precinct which it doesn't have at the moment and stitching it back into the urban grain of the town to sustain its role into the future.*

8. *Re purposed public realm in front of County Hall: to improve permeability and the connection of County Hall with the town.*

A thorough and detailed assessment of the historic context of the site and analysis of its evolution has been submitted by the design team and is exemplary in its detail.

The Proposal:

The proposal, which accords with the Development Plan policy and zoning objectives for the site is sumarised under section 4 of the P&SI Dept. Planning Report (see Appendix C1) as follows:

"4 Proposed Development

4.1 Outline
The proposed development is for the creation of Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) consisting of extensive enhancement of the public domain to the south and east of Swords Castle.

The Swords Cultural Quarter includes the construction of a 4 storey 5700sqm. building referred to in this report as Swords Civic & Cultural Centre (SCC) which contains the following uses:

- *library*
- *theatre*
- *art gallery auditorium*
- *cafe/bar*
- *local studies and archives centre.*

4.2 Detail
The proposed development will be delivered in 2 no. phases:

Phase 1 will comprise the construction of the proposed Civic and Cultural Building and associated public realm works, reduction of garden lengths to 1A-5 Seatown Road to allow for 3 no. accessible

spaces, a drop off zone and the installation of a temporary raised table and crossing point to the east of the junction between Seatown Road and North Street.

Phase 2 will comprise of public realm works around Swords Castle including the installation of the Main Plaza, terraced seating area to the front of FCC County Hall and the coordination of the public realm works associated with the Sustainable Swords Project. The proposed scheme includes for significant upgrades in public realm and alterations to existing road layouts for North Street, Seatown Road, Main Street and Bridge Street, including for public realm/ landscape schemes to the east of Swords Castle and west of existing Fingal County Hall.

The demolition of 17-17a North Street, 18-21 North Street, a single storey structure in Swords Community Garden, the security hut in the FCC Executive Car Park, St. Michael's House Seatown Road and the demolition of any existing structures on North Street to the front of Swords Castle is proposed as part of the development.

Alteration to road layouts are proposed including pedestrian cycle and transport infrastructure.

The proposed development includes removal of all ground plane surfaces none of which is of significant character with the exception of the limestone curbing to the front of the court house.

The proposed development will require the removal of eight trees of moderate quality and value (B Category), 11 trees and one group of young self-seeded trees of low quality and value (C Category), and two trees of poor quality (U Category).

The proposed SCC building ranges from 2-4 storeys with a max height of c.19.75m.

Documentation supporting the proposal describes 4 separate spaces being created in the public domain:

1) *The Courthouse Greenspace – The Courthouse Greenspace is the dedicated garden area to the sides and rear of the District Court House (Protected Structure). The District Court House will be kept separate from the proposed new building but will be connected through this green accessible space. The greenspace creates a visual buffer zone to the Courthouse.*

2) *Proposed Amphitheatre/ Park Entrance – The proposed park entrance/ amphitheatre will create a visual connection between the District Court House, proposed building and Swords Community Park. The amphitheatre and entrance space will be a proposed transition between the public realm area to the south and the Swords Community Park to the west with informal seating and will provide space for small events.*

3) *Main Street Plaza – The Main Street Plaza is proposed to the front of Fingal County Hall and will provide for an open market space connecting the County Hall and street space to the front of Swords Castle and Main Street. Pedestrian zones are proposed to be widened and seating is proposed to be integrated into the terraces creating a strong creating a key central area within the Town Centre.*

4) *Swords Castle Green Edge and SCC Plaza – The Swords Castle Green Edge comprises the edges of the Swords Castle Grounds and organise a loose route from the crossing at the north of*

Main Street to the entrance of Swords Community Park. It is proposed that the plaza will form a fulcrum of intersecting pedestrian circulation providing a space for seasonal pop-up and events."

Design of Development:

The proposal, as made available for inspection, is described in the following drawings & documents:

- **Architects Drawings / Schedules / Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-RG-ODT-AR-00300	Planning Drawing Register		
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0001	Site Location Map	1:1000	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0002	Existing Site Layout Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0003	Existing Site Elevations	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0004	Existing Plans St Michaels House	1:100	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0005	Existing Plans St Michaels House	1:100	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0006	Demolition Site Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0007	Demolition Site Elevations	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0008	Demolition Plans St Michaels House	1:100	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0009	Demolition Elevations St Michaels House	1:100	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0010	Proposed Site Layout Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0011	Proposed Site Elevations	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0012	GA Proposed Level 00 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0013	GA Proposed Mezzanine 00 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0014	GA Proposed Level 01 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0015	GA Proposed Level 02 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0016	GA Proposed Level 03 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0017	GA Proposed Roof Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0024	GA Proposed West + South East Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0025	GA Proposed North + North East Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0026	GA Proposed Castle Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0028	GA Long Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0029	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0030	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0033	Area Plans – Gross Internal Area	1:1250	A3
SCQ-ZZ-SH-ODT-AR-91002	Area + Accommodation Schedule		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-03000	Architectural Design Report		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-04000	Shadow Analysis Report		

- **Landscaping Architects Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02001	Proposed Landscape Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02002	Boundary Treatment Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02110	Detail Area Plan – 01	1:200	A2
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02111	Detail Area Plan – 02	1:200	A2
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02400	Landscape Sections	1:500	A1

SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02500	Typical Landscape Details	1:20	A1
SCQ-ZZ-RP-DFLA-LA-02701	Design Rationale – Landscape Architecture		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-DFLA-LA-02702	Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment		

- **Civil & Structural Engineers Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0002	PROPOSED ROAD LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0003	EXISTING DRAINAGE LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0004	PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0005	PROPOSED FOUL DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-00001-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- CEMP	CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-0003-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment Rev B	SITE SPECIFIC FLOOD RISK ASSESMENT
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-00004-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- Engineering Report for Planning	ENGINEERING REPORT

- **Mechanical & Electrical Engineers Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56001	Energy & Sustainability Strategy for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56002	Site Services & Utilities Strategy Report for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56003	Site Lighting Strategy for Planning
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-SH-MXF-EE-31000	Schedule of External Light Fittings
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-EE-31600	External Lighting Strategy
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10100	Proposed Site Services Layout
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10101	Existing Site Services Diversions

- **Roads & Traffic Engineering Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00001 - Transport & Parking Assessment Executive Summary	Transport & Parking Assessment Executive Summary
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00002 - Car Parking Strategy	Car Parking Strategy Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00003 – TTA	Traffic and Transportation Assessment
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00004 - Travel Plan	Travel Plan
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00005 - DMURS SoC	Statement of Consistency "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets"
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE-00001	Proposed Roads Layout Drawings
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE- 00501	Proposed Public Bus Swept Path Analysis 1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE- 00502	Proposed Public Bus Swept Path Analysis 2

- **Conservation Architects Report**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-JCA-CA-00001	Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment
SCQ-ZZ-RP-JCA-CA-00002	Protection of Swords Castle Walls & Swords Court House during Construction Phase

- **Archaeologist Report**

RH8774_SCQ_Archaeological Impact Assessment. Ver 1-3	Archaeology Impact Assessment

- **Planning / AA & EIA Screening / Ecology / Bat Survey / Waste Management Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-BSM-PL-00001 (Planning Report)	Part 8 Planning Application Documentation
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-NN-BSM-PL-00001 (Newspaper Notice) 20220617	Newspaper Notice
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-SN-BSM-PL-00001 (Site Notice)_20220617	Site Notice
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-BSM-EN-00001 (AA Screening)	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-ORS-EN-00001	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-EEN-EN-01000 - Ecology Survey Report	Ecology Survey Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODE-EN-00001	Bat Survey Report
SCQ-CC-RP-AWN-EN-00001	Resource and Waste Management Plan
SCQ-CC-RP-AWN-EN-00002	Operational Waste Management Plan

- **Architectural Visualisation and Verified Views**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-DD-VZ-00001-P01	Verified Photomontages

- **Arboricultural Drawings & Report**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-CMC-AB-00000	Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00001	Tree Survey & Constraints Plan
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00002	Tree Removals Plan
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00003	Tree Protection Plan

- ***Refer Appendices B1 to B10 for the full list of Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.***

Design Intent Statement:

Refer to the below extract from the Planning Report of the Architects Department:

Design report

The design development by the design team on foot of meetings and engagement is acknowledged and has led to the design quality of the proposal. The applicant cites in the architectural design report how the proposal responds to and is consistent with the criteria for successful development in an historic context . Some of the criteria and principles that must be examined are Context, Connections, Inclusivity, Variety, Efficiency, Distinctiveness, Layout, Public Realm, Materiality and Detailed design. The Architects dept commentary on the criteria is as follows;

1.Context
The architectural context of this site is the product of several building phases from the middle ages up to the present. The proposed building introduces a new density of use in order to maximise the site's potential for the provision of a range of cultural and educational resources giving a building of greater scale and height than those previously on the site. However, the building has been designed with sensitivity to the overall historic context and with consideration for the relationships of each of the proposed elements to existing historic structures i.e. the Castle and the Courthouse and streetscape. The design intent is to reform the eastern edge of North Street, in line with the street edge shown on historic maps, while revealing and resetting the Castle wall on the western edge giving it more impact and reinforcing its place in the hierarchy of building in Swords. Impacts on the buildings that are subject to legislative protection are almost solely visual, with no physical impacts on the surrounding Protected Structures or National Monuments other than to the southern steps of the Court House. With the proposed design and material quality of the building and public realm, and the extent of the proposed cultural, educational and social resource for the area taken into consideration, the proposals can reasonably be viewed to have the retention of the site's surrounding historic architectural character as a core principle. This informed approach to the development of the site is appropriate to the national, regional and local historic, architectural, cultural and social significance of the context of the site.

The mitigation of visual impacts to the Court House and Swords Castle have been integral to the design of the development and have been adjusted as the design developed to minimise negative impact. Mitigation against the impact of the scale of the new development is provided by the use of setbacks and changes in parapet line and materials of construction in the new building elements, which visually subdivide the elevations into a series of separate elements more appropriate to the surrounding streetscapes. All new elements have been designed in a contemporary manner and will allow the existing historic building to be easily read within the new development. The proposed materials for the new building do not attempt to reproduce any architectural details of the historic buildings, allowing the historic Court House to retain its own character and significance and stand in its own right- as a precious relic of the past and most importantly protected so that it continues in its original use that is embraced and protected by the new building so that its existence is sustained into the future.

2.Connections.

There are clear and attractive routes in and out for the public to the building and the adjacent newly developed public realm will be an attractor. The development is close to main street and will be connected to existing and future public transport. The public realm seeks to strengthen the visual and physical links between the new building, the Castle and County Hall. The layout links to existing movement routes and the places people will want to get to. The proposal is well connected to its receiving environment.

3.Inclusivity
New buildings are required to meet the aspirations of a range of people. This design will be easily accessed by all. There is a range of public and communal spaces and facilities for people of different ages from children to the elderly. The building is universally accessible. Universal access is proposed to be provided to the Courthouse which is not available now. Areas defined as public open space and public realm are be clearly defined, accessible and open to all. The new building, public realm and landscaping present a positive aspect to passersby, avoiding unnecessary physical and visual barriers. How the building is perceived from the street has been considered so that the that the glazed areas overlook the street with active uses at ground and first floor- for example Café and maker space. Entrances are on both Seatown Road and North Street. Public safety has been considered. Passive surveillance from neighbouring residential buildings is also afforded to the building. The use of the building from early morning to late at night is also likely to encourage more activity and pedestrians into the vicinity. The library will be part of the Open library model.
While all of the above have been considered to some degree in the design development process so far, the following should be developed as part of the detailed design process;

- *Design development of the entrances so that their legibility is assured from all approaches- North St., Seatown Rd., and Main St.*
- *Further consideration of activation and security at street level to ensure both real and perceived public safety.*
- *Further design development with regard to the relationship of solid to void on the elevations with particular reference to the `bookend` elevation visible on the approach west along Seatown Road.*
- *Similarly, further consideration and design development of the `bookend `elevation viewed from North St. looking south towards Main St.*

4.Variety
Activities generated by the development will contribute to the quality of life in its locality in the town of Swords. Uses that attract the most people are in the most accessible places both in the open as part of the public realm and in how the building is organized internally. Neighbouring uses and activities within the building are compatible with each other.

5.Efficiency
The proposal takes on in an objective at the potential of higher density as advocated in the Swords Masterplan (3-5 storey), taking into account appropriate accessibility by public transport and the objectives of good design. Landscaped areas and the Public realm are designed to provide amenity and biodiversity, protect buildings and spaces from the elements and incorporate sustainable urban drainage systems. Buildings and public spaces are laid out to exploit the best solar orientation in so far as possible. The scheme brings a surface car park /brownfield site back into productive use.

6.Distinctivness

The place has recognisable features so that people can describe it and form an emotional attachment to the place. The scheme is a positive addition to the identity of the locality. The layout makes the most of the opportunities presented by existing buildings, landform and ecological features to create a memorable layout. The proposal successfully exploits views into and out of the site. There is a discernable focal point to the scheme, and the proposals reinforce the role of Swords as the County Town.

The Architectural language is strong and sustained throughout the scheme. The aim of a design such as this is to achieve a balance between and unity and variety. The scheme is coherent and rational and very legible. The materiality is appropriate and of high quality.

7.Layout
The layout and positioning of the building within the site aligns routes with desire lines to create a permeable interconnected series of routes that are easy and logical to navigate around. The layout of the ground floor plan focuses activity on the streets by creating active frontages with activities visible from the street. The designers were very responsive to this issue at pre planning stage in particular with reference to the white box art gallery where windows were inserted to flag its existence externally. The streets are designed as places by virtue of the public realm and landscaping design instead of just roads for cars and buses, helping to create a hierarchy of space with less busy routes having surfaces shared by pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Traffic speeds are controlled by design and layout rather than by speedhumps. All existing carriage ways and traffic routes have nevertheless been maintained.

8. Public Realm
This is a particularly strong element of the scheme. The concept of making the Castle an island in a sea of green landscaping has informed the development of the landscape design and the form of the public realm. As discussed above, permeability and visibility are governing principles with the opening up of a visual link to Swords town park a significant plus. This will be a major help in the ongoing process of greening Swords. The public realm is considered as a usable integrated element in the design of the development. There is a clear definition between hard and soft landscape and the materials and furniture elements have been carefully chosen. the materials are robust and appropriate to a public space that will be well used.

9. Sustainibility
Sustainability is integral to the design of the SCQ project. The proposals for the Swords Cultural Centre will be assessed under BREEAM New Construction International 2016. The IDT have been tasked with achieving a minimum rating BREEAM 'Excellent' or better for the project and this aim will be continued through detailed design should the project be granted planning permission. The fabric thermal performance figures for the proposed SCC building are significantly better than the Part L limiting factors and slightly better than the reference NZEB figures. This will to ensure the energy and carbon reduction targets are achieved, as well as the BREEAM energy credits maximised.

10. Parking
Detailed reports with regard to transport have been provided by the design team. The required parking for the new building will be provided at the Fingal County Council Seatown road carpark. Displacement parking for that currently occupying the site will be leased. Parking for the Courthouse will be provided on street as is currently the case and secure parking will be provided for Court staff as appropriate

11.Building Interior
The interior of the building had been designed to respond to the accommodation brief provided by the client departments- Libraries and Arts Departments. The Design team have responded well to the complex requirements of a modern library, gallery and theatre. An economy has been achieved with the way the ground floor has been arranged with library reception, exhibition, art gallery, café and gallery. The concept of shared spaces has been continued throughout the building. A vital link space has been inserted in the middle of the deep plan – the `living room` of the building, an airy top lit space to be shared and animated by all users of the building. The building has been designed as a series of balcony (onto the living room) type floors with side walls punctured for the filtering through of light- these floors are further animated by the two staircases in the building. This device deals very well with the `problem` of a deep plan on an awkward triangular site. Service spaces have been accommodated in parts of the building away from the public interface. External windows are well shaded with Brise soleil and punctured screens and external terraces are accommodated within the plan. The theatre and quiet study room have been sited carefully and are acoustically isolated from the rest of the building. Innovations such as the book sorting machine, visible to the public and the maker space and workshops will ensure that the innovations of a 21st century library are possible. Materials are at once robust – concrete floors and warm-timber linings.

12. Detailed Design
The materials and design detail are of a high quality. The consistency of the palette of materials used throughout the scheme is very disciplined and coherent. The mix of precast concrete with colour, relief and texture, aluminum curtain walling, large glazed screen to certain spaces and a mix of slot and picture windows are managed well for maximum coherence. The language seeks to play with the perceived solidity of the building through clever use of punctured screens and folded plates and planes. Colours and textures of materials are a good response. The architectural language is appropriate, and the design solution is rigorous. There is virtue in the rationality of the scheme. The quality of the public realm and landscaping of the scheme is very good and will add a distinctive character to the area – it will be of Swords.

In conclusion, the development has evolved naturally as a response to the constraints and opportunities of the site and surroundings, Appropriate increases in density respect the form of buildings and landscape around the site's edges and the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring users. Form, architecture and landscaping have been informed by the development's place and time, the development positively contributes to the character and identity of the neighbourhood and appropriate responses have been made to the nature of specific boundary conditions and the accommodations required especially in relation to the Courthouse. This is a new scheme in an historic landscape. The scheme is an increase in the scale and type of existing urban grain immediate to it, although it remains subservient to the scale and massing of County Hall. The building is designed in a rational manner and is a strong response to place and time. The scheme will bring a new character to the area.

In conclusion the proposed scheme is of quality and demonstrates a considered response to the site with a building that is well crafted. The Architectural ambition of the scheme is well demonstrated with skill and is appropriate to the aims and aspirations of Swords as the County Town of Fingal.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT:

(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".**

Internal Planning Consultation:

Internal Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).

The P&SI Department prepared a draft Planning Report which took account of:

- 1. Information received
- 2. Purpose and scope of report
- 3. Site description and context
- 4. Proposed Development
- 5. Policy Context incl. Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023
- 6. Planning History
- 7. Pre-Application Consultations
- 8. Department reports
- 9. Assessment
- 10. Appropriate Assessment
- 11. Environmental Impact Assessment
- 12. Conclusion
- 13. Recommendations

The report notes the following Departmental Reports:

- Heritage Officer : The Heritage officer reports satisfaction with the proposal, the full report of the heritage officer is set out in Appendix 2 of P&SI Dept. report.

- Transportation Section: A transportation report dated 16/06/22 is included in Appendix 2 of P&SI Dept. report , which concludes with no objection and 9 recommendations.

- Parks and Green Infrastructure Division: The Parks and Green Infrastructure section have raised a number of points with recommendations in relation to the proposal which are discussed in the context of the Public Open Space of this report and set out in detail in Appendix 2 of P&SI Dept. report. Of particular significance is the recommendation for reconsideration of an access point to the front of county hall to avoid any potential impact on the Cedar tree in this location.

- Environment and Water Service's section Waste enforcement: Recommendation requiring submission of a Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP), full report in Appendix 2 of P&SI Dept. report.

- Property Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department: No comments received.

- Water Services Department: The water services Section have submitted a report that concludes the proposal is acceptable. The full report is set out in Appendix 2 of P&SI Dept. report.

- Report of Architects Department: The Architects Department have submitted a report dated 19/05/22 containing the 12 Criteria and indictors as provided for in the Urban Design Manual Best Practice Guide of 2009. The report concludes that "scheme is of quality and demonstrates a considered response to the site". The conclusion goes on to state "The Architectural ambition of the scheme is well demonstrated with skill and is appropriate to the aims and aspirations of Swords as the County Town of Fingal". The assessment section of this preliminary planners report considers design aspects further. The report of the Architects section set out in detail in Appendix 2 of of P&SI Dept. report.

- Report of the Conservation officer: The report of the Conservation Officer is set out in full in Appendix 2 of this report. The report concludes "that the SCC building will have a significant presence on the site and will impact on the historic setting of the Castle and the Courthouse due to its scale and height. However, this impact is mitigated by the high quality of the proposed design and material quality of the building and public realm."

The draft report concludes that:

'It is considered that the propose development is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the site as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2013. The proposal is also considered to align the relevant polices and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023.
The Civic and Cultural Building will contribute significantly to the cultural facilities in the north of the county. The proposed development will create a focal area for the designated County Town of Swords generating vitality within the town centre. The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023.
The principle of the works proposed to the external elements of the public Domain are considered to be positive with only details for further consideration as set out in the recommendations below.
The development of the SCC is an appropriately ambitious project with an appropriately bold design response to the site. The principle of the design is considered positive. A number of aspects of the

design should be demonstrated more clearly in the proposal to show how the building can integrate into its unique context and setting.
The SCC building as proposed is considered to present an internal environment of the highest design quality which will meet and exceed the highest expectations of the future users. Issues set out above relating to the interaction of the SCC with the existing and future receiving environment require further demonstration in the proposal. It is considered that further activation of ground floor and interaction with the public domain would enhance the functioning of the public domain.
The recommendations set out below should be taken in to consideration in drafting the final proposal for Part XI. Any response/revision deemed necessary by the design team, to the recommendations below should be clearly identified in any revisions to the proposal.'

The draft report recommends that:

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department consider the following points should be considered by the design team prior to advancing the proposal for consideration of the Members and public display.
(Comments in italics provided on how each point have been or will be addressed)

1. The extent to which street frontage is maximised for both day and evening activity, by the SCC should be demonstrated in the proposal. This is required to ensure the SCC design compliments and enhances the SCQ, and that it delivers the highest level of amenity. this can be addressed by the inclusion of more voids or glazing in the solid facades.

   Adjustments were made to the building façade to maximise active street frontages eg additional picture window to North Street Gallery element and further design development of the façade has allowed inclusion of more slotted windows in particular overlooking courthouse onto North Street and providing actively used busy public spaces overlooking Seatown Road.

2. Alternatives design solutions to the interface with the courthouse should be included in the proposal in order to demonstrate the care and attention given to the setting of this protected structure and the selection of the final design solution.

   Adjustments were made in design to maximise the buffer zone around the Courthouse. This designed element will facilitate a quiet zone around the courthouse which wll be overlloked and supervised form the interior of the new building. Feedback from heritage and courts has informed the optimum design solution for Courthouse including integration of new universal access to the protected building.

3. Further Architectural Visualisation and Verified Views should be presented regarding impacts of SCQ on the immediate streetscape, from North Street and Seatown Road as well as on views of the protected structure and the Castle on approach.

   The quantum of views were agreed prior to public display. Further views ongoing throughout detail design stage to satisfy requirements.

4. The intent to coordinate design, materials and maintenance aspects of public domain with the emerging Sustainable Swords strategy should form part of the proposal.

   This is agreed and consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

5. Play provision, percent for art, signage and lighting strategies should all form part of the proposal at this stage of concept development.

   These issues have been considered in sofar as possible in advance of detail design stage. Consultations will be ongoing throughout detail design stage to satisfy requirements

6. The proposed access which runs under the Cedar Tree to the front of County Hall should be reconsidered and integrated with the emerging Sustainable Swords project.

   Detail design of access path will be amended to protect the Cedar Tree and avoid impacts, Consultations will be ongoing throughout detail design stage to satisfy requirements.

7. The proposal should contain confirmation that implications of the SEVESO site on Watery Lane has no consequences for the design.

   Proximity to the SEVESO site has been considered and no specific measures are considered necessary to the design.

8. Proposed cycle infrastructure should be in accordance with the NCM. Further discussion and clarification is required in relation to cycle infrastructure in particular in relation to tie-ins to road & footpath layouts.

   This is agreed and consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage and when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

9. Footpaths should be at minimum 2m wide and if possible wider, DMURs should be referenced regrading footpath widths in areas of high pedestrian footfall.

    This has been achieved - consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

10. Surface Materials are critical in determining the overall impact of the scheme on end users and in particular achieving a traffic calmed slow speed shared surface junction at Main Street/Bridge Street/North Street & Seatown Road. Further discussion re same would be welcomed.

    This is agreed and consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

11. It is not clear if the Dublin Bus or NTA have been consulted in relation to moving of the existing Bus-stop, further clarification is required.

    Consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

12. 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.

    Consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

13. Further clarification is required on opposing bus flows through the proposed public realm area to ensure efficient bus flows as part of proposed Bus Connects, whilst prioritising pedestrian connectivity.

    Consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

14. Further discussion and agreement on the proposed traffic signal layout is required with both the transport Planning section, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department and the Traffic operations department.

    Consultations and coordination will be ongoing throughout detail design stage when design proposals emerge from the Sustainable Swords Project.

15. Justification for the loss of parking to the existing houses along Seatown is required.

    Universally accessible spaces and set down areas are necessary for the development. Reallocated parking in close proximity to existing housing will be provided pending future redevelopment of the sites.

16. Further details and clarification are required on the location and standard of bike parking to be provided. Security, weather protection & location in close proximity to the end destination should be considered in the provision of bicycle parking.

    Separate provision has been made for a variety of cycle parking both within the public realm area and in secure areas within the SCC site.

- ***Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report***

LIST PERSONS OR BODIES:

1. "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:

There were 22 Submissions / Observations received are listed below and can be found in detail at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/30570/submissions

1. Darren Waters
2. Brian M Whelan
3. Blake Jensen
4. Eoin Jordan
5. Mel Wood
6. Jack Martin
7. Niall MacNeill
8. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
9. Brian Arnold
10. Councillor Ann Graves on behalf of Sinn Féin and Louise O'Reilly TD
11. Karolina DiDuca and Joanna Figasinska
12. Malcolm Carter
13. Caroline St Leger
14. Paul Murphy
15. Levine Dignam
16. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
17. Councillor Brigid Manton
18. Fingal Chamber
19. Councillor Darragh Butler
20. David Gilna
21. Swords Tidy Towns
22. Angela Heavey

SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

2. "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"

At public consultation stage there were numerous questions and issues raised.
Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings.
Several queries were also raised which are not relevant to matters of planning and strategic infrastructure, and so will not be addressed in this forum.

Issues raised are summarised below:

No.	Issue Raised	Managers Response
1	*General welcome within the majority of submissions for the provision of new library and theatre which are described as much needed facilities in the community.*	Noted
2	***Capacity and nature of the Theatre:*** *Questions and comments raised in 8 submissions over the scale of theatre proposed in the development considering comparisons in theatre capacity between Swords and other locations.* *Welcome for the theatre providing great opportunity to showcase all the talent and culture Fingal and Swords has to offer.* *Desire that the theatre should cater for live music gigs and serve the business community to host events conferences, seminars and business meetings.* *Welcome for the spaces for artists and the quality of fitout proposed within the theatre space.* *Financial viability of theatre proposal questioned and suggested increase in capacity to future proof and cater for growth in population in Swords and surrounding areas.* *Suggestion in one submission that capacity needs to be quadrupled.*	The council's experience in developing and operating the larger Draíocht theatre in Blanchardstown has helped inform the sizing, nature and business planning to ensure that the theatre can be programmed to meet community needs from the outset and be a busy venue. The Draíocht Theatre already serves Fingal with a large Auditorium Space with a seated capacity of 286. The design team and client departments have consulted widely over a long period examining similar facilities with a view to learning from their experience and to inform the scale and nature of the theatre. The proposed seated capacity of the theatre in Swords is 165 seats in a high-quality retractable seating configuration with a balcony level. When the seating is retracted the theatre capacity can be extended up to 360 people in standing accommodation eg live music performance and gigs. The provision of a theatre in Swords Town Centre with a capacity of 165 seated / 360 unseated is considered appropriate and provides Fingal with a more diverse range of performance spaces within the county.

		The theatre type proposed is based on a Black Box theatre typology – visits to similar theatres have informed its size and nature. The Black Box Theatre at the Swords Cultural Centre is designed to be extremely flexible and allow the maximum number of configurations. The layout of the theatre can be modified with relative ease to cater for a wide variety of events - touring theatre companies, comedy, or music groups, spoken word, etc. To provide flexibility for arts events consideration has been given to comfort and equipping the theatre to a high standard to maximise its potential use. Separate to the Theatre, the building accommodates multiple flexible spaces which are suitable for arts and performance, including the tiered seating area within the library 'Living Room' and the library 'Venue' which can cater for talks lectures. The provision of a 130-seat Venue in addition to the Theatre space allows it to for used for concurrent library events and to host speakers. The Venue space can be sub-divided and would be more suitable for use for more intimate events, or as a bookable space for local groups / community functions. The council is also providing variety of performance and rehearsals places in Swords eg the first floor of Swords Carnegie Library. A flexible separate Rehearsal Room is also included within the SCC building with a stage area similar to the theatre stage proposed. The plans for the public realm show that larger events can be accommodated outdoors using the Castle as a backdrop. The public realm between the Swords Cultural Centre and Swords Castle will allow large events to be held. The recessed entrance of the Cultural Centre creates a wide and generous Public Square, that can accommodate a seated audience of 350 people facing the historic castle walls.

		With all these factors considered, the proposals for the Swords Cultural Quarter will give the town of Swords itself a very diverse range of performance spaces that are centrally located and can be adapted as needed to best meet the performer / audience requirements.
3	***Building Façade and Historic Setting:*** *Concerns and statements were expressed within 6 submissions over architectural style and expression of the proposal including external elevational treatment and material of the building façade.* • *Sensitivity of the design proposal to the neighbouring and surrounding historic buildings was questioned.* • *Preferences were expressed by some for more use of stone or glass in lieu of current proposal.* • *Concerns expressed by some over the visual impact of the large building and sensitivity to Swords Castle and the town centre.* • *Opinions were expressed that the design was considered not in keeping with the existing character of the town.*	The scale of the project is ambitious, and the designers have sought out to make a very crafted piece of architecture which responds carefully to its context. The brief for this large new public building, asks for a single building, on a relatively constrained site, with all its public functions accessible under one roof. O'Donnell + Tuomey as the architects and design team leaders for the project have an international reputation for integration of social and cultural buildings on complex and sensitive sites. These include delivery of multiple award-winning examples of new buildings in historical Irish contexts. The designers have developed the architectural design to be in Scale with its surroundings and sympathetic to the Character of Swords. Scale To mitigate the visual impact of a large building block, the massing of the proposal was broken down into four compositional elements, a sculptural cluster of distinctive forms on the site; • The linear block for the Arts (Art Gallery Theatre and Rehearsal) holds the northern edge of the site. • The "Living Room" is at the heart of the Centre, facing into a landscaped garden around the protected structure of the Courthouse. • The Library is a wedge-shaped block whose shape is directly inspired by the plan form of the Castle. • The library offices are raised above public-access maker spaces, creating

		an active frontage to Seatown Road By making a single building out of distinct elements, the scale has been broken down in response to the streetscapes of Seatown Road and North Street and the facades of the Cultural Centre are carefully proportioned in relation to the townscape of Main Street and Swords Castle. Character The facade material is finely detailed reconstituted stone, pleated in its form and patterned in its design; • The lower levels are scored in a pattern of overlapping lines, to give visual interest and a feeling of movement. • The middle band of the elevations are divided to resemble spines of books on bookshelves, representing the interior activities of the Library on the façade. • The upper section of the facade is scalloped in shallow curves to soften the line of the building against the sky. • The surface of the facade is acid-etched to reveal its natural colour and texture. Sand and gravel for the material mix is specified to make a sympathetic balance with the Castle stonework. The design team have developed the finesse and craftsmanship of the proposed cladding material on various recent projects in Europe. While the technology having been tried and tested on public projects abroad, this design for the SCQ has been developed in direct response to the character of Swords. The SCQ is designed to belong to its place, to enhance the civic landscape between Main Street and Swords Castle. A contemporary building in such a context can attract controversy because of change.

		The SCQ is intended to be a good neighbour to the Castle in its Swords town context. It has been designed to make a positive contribution to the scale and character of its location. Attempting to replicate the historic Castle wall or Courthouse wall in materials and form would detract from these historic buildings and undermine their significance. The design team have carefully considered the elevation in the context of visual impact screening, shading of glass, and environmental awareness.
4.	***Parking:*** *Questions were raised in 3 submissions over a perceived lack of parking provision in the proposal and question as to how this will be addressed.* *"Parking should be provided near the centre…. easier for people who have to travel…. where public transport is not an option"* *"The lack of parking is a major issue for this end of Swords with no real parking for visitors who wish to visit the SCQ and Swords Castle."* *"There is nowhere tour buses can park so they simply leave Swords off their schedules. "* *"There is a general lack of parking around North Street and the playing fields also at the other end of North Street."* *"This facility, Swords Castle and the SCQ and Swords Main Street will need parking for people attending events or for general day to day use."*	The council has proposed that significant spaces (min 38 - max 235 spaces) at the large existing staff carparking at Seatown Road will be designated for the centre within a short walk of the proposal. The opening hours of this carpark will be extended to cater for public attending events at evening and weekends. Universally accessible parking and set down will be available adjacent the building on Seatown Road. The site location within the busy town centre makes a dedicated parking area for coaches difficult to provide. A specific area for coach parking has not been identified within the development boundaries to date but will be considered as part of coordination with the Sustainable Swords project and the detailed design of the public realm. Use of public transport and active travel is being encouraged. The development has been informed by transport and parking studies which have identified that existing carparking provision within the town will meet the anticipated demand. A Mobility Management Plan will be commissioned by the council to inform and

		address parking demand related to Fingal County Hall within the town centre. A Mobility Manager will implement the preliminary Travel Plan and draw up policies that may reduce parking demand. This role will include assisting the public with information on how to access the facility, encouraging sustainable travel options and promoting the use of active travel. The scope of the Sustainable Swords Project includes identifying proposals for Main Street and the longer-term transport needs of the town. It is intended that when delivered this project will also assist with the Swords Cultural Quarter Project.
5	***Tourism:*** *Two suggestions that the proposal facilitate the encouragement of tourism in Swords including parking and set down areas for coaches, in addition to accessibility by public transport and active travel.* *One submission was supportive and "confident it will bring a new vibrancy to the area, attract more businesses and visitors thereby ultimately boosting the local economy."*	Key accommodation including tourist office services, a modern state of the art library facility, arts venue and theatre will attract tourists and visitors to the building and the town centre. Extensive cultural and artistic programming will be provided within the Cultural Quarter proposal making this an attractive destination for all ages. The redevelopment of the public realm is intended to make Swords Castle a more attractive destination for tourists and locals and has been designed to accommodate events use and cater for civic gatherings. This will bring vibrancy to this part of the town and support the local economy. The site location within the busy town centre makes a dedicated parking area for coaches difficult to provide. A specific area for coach parking has not been identified within the development boundaries to date but will be considered as part of coordination with the Sustainable Swords project and the detailed design of the public realm.
6	***Museum:***	A prominent area at ground floor of the

	One suggestion that proposal should include provision of a Museum to reflect the historic town of Swords and allow for display of exhibits and materials… *One suggestion that this might include display of Sheelagh na Gigh which was found locally in 1945 and has been stored by National Museum of Ireland.*	building has been proposed as exhibition area which will be highly accessible on entering the building. It is intended that this will accommodate changing exhibitions related to local history and interest, including material from archaeological excavations at Swords Castle and elsewhere within the County. The Council intend to explore opportunities with the National Museum of Ireland in relation to possible loans of material which could supplement material already in the council's possession.
7	***Children's Gallery:*** *One suggestion that the proposal include provision of an art gallery for children and teenagers facilitating workshops and allowing for constantly changing exhibitions.*	There is a large gallery provided at ground level which will be fully accessible and visible to North Street. In addition to this gallery a dedicated Project Room is provided which is intended to cater for workshops related to the Arts. Flexible exhibition areas are dispersed throughout the building which can display art in all formats and allow for changing needs. Arts programmes will cater to all groups including children and teenagers.
8	***Sustainability:*** *One suggestion noted an aspiration to achieve a near to zero carbon set of building including spaces for EV vehicles*	Sustainability and environmental performance of the proposed building is a strong feature of the proposal. Ambitious targets for sustainability have been set and the design has been developed and tested to achieve a very high environmental performance. This is being independently measured at each stage of design development and will continue through to building occupancy to ensure it delivers on the ambition. The development of the proposal to date has targeted an excellent BREEAM rating (Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method).

		Designated parking facilities serving the building in the Seatown Road carpark will have a high proportion of EV charging points.
9	***The Courthouse:*** *One submission welcomed that the courthouse building will be preserved but questioned the long-term suitability of the location for Courts use including consultations on the public street and parking of official vehicles. Requested that the Council work with the Department to seek a new building for the Courts*	Discussions with the Courts Service to date indicate that the building will remain in use as a Courthouse. The design proposal allows the Court to be retained but should the Courts Service relocate in the future the council is confident an appropriate reuse of the building would be facilitated linking with the surrounding Cultural Quarter. The council intends to continue engagement with the Courts Service as the project develops.
10	***Public realm design:*** *Welcome of the public realm proposal and provision of grass up to the castle wall.* *Suggestion that Street furniture should include solar charging points and ample supply of rubbish bins to reduce littering*	Various seating areas are located around the public realm design and appropriate provision will be made for charging points and litter bins as the project develops.
11	***The Cultural Quarter:*** *One submission queried the use of Cultural Quarter term used when the leaflet described a cultural centre.* *Communications – many people are unaware what exactly a cultural quarter is and the benefits it brings to the area and a comprehensive communications plan to inform the general public further should be considered.*	The building is one part of a Cultural Quarter which is focused around Swords Castle. During the planning consultation phase public engagements were facilitated to raise awareness of the project. The leaflet highlighted certain aspects of what would be included in the building, but this will be set within the overall cultural quarter area. There is evidence internationally and in Ireland of the benefits of Cultural Quarters. As the project develops during the next stages the Communications Plan will be further developed describing the benefits

		and informing the public.
12.	***Accessibility:*** *One submission from a parent questioned if a sensory room or quiet space will be provided in the Library to cater for autistic children.* *One submission noted that playgrounds should be accessible for children of all ages and all needs.*	The library has many flexible spaces which will be accessible to all. Fingal Libraries have accommodated a sensory pod at Blanchardstown Library and intend to include similar areas within the new County Library. At detail design stage it is intended that the inclusion of sensory areas will also be looked at in the provision of external spaces. No specific playground is included within the proposal however public realm works and external areas will be designed to be universally accessible to all and allow space for play.
13.	***Transport and Road Network:*** *One submission was strongly against any change to the road network around this new building.* *"We cannot have proposals to dramatically reduce traffic volumes on the R132 (Swords ring-road) combined with proposals for Main Street and North Street and Seatown Road without grinding traffic and the town of Swords to a halt."* *One submission queried why expectation for cycle journeys was limited to a radius within 5km and requested expansion to the wider County supporting active transit options.*	The proposal does not include any significant change to the road network around the building. vAll existing vehicle types and movements can be accommodated within the design proposed. Amendments to the public realm design within the site area including narrowing of junctions, are intended to improve the attractiveness of the area, reducing traffic speeds, and increasing safety for pedestrians. This should ultimately encourage greater use of more sustainable and active travel options. The proposal has not intentionally limited cycling to within 5km. Use of more sustainable and active travel options are being encouraged within the development and the supporting infrastructure including cycle parking will be provided to meet this aspiration. Analysis of transport options include discussion on cycling from nearest Rail/ Dart Station at Malahide.
14.	*One submission noted that demolitions*	It is the intention of the Council to engage

	of some properties currently within private ownership would amount to trespass which would be resisted.	with all parties and acquire the properties necessary to complete the development. The Council will comply with law and not trespass or access lands outside its ownership without permission.
15.	*One submission from the Development Applications Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (a Prescribed Body)* *included 3 recommendations from the National Monuments Service related to;* *1. Swords Castle Curtain Wall* *2. Public Realm Works* *3. Impact on sub surface archaeology*	These issues have generally been considered in the development of proposals to date The council accepts all recommendations and can be complied with in full.
16.	*One written acknowledgement from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (a Prescribed Body)* *No observations to make*	Noted

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department have stated that no further comment is required and the Planning Report (Appendix C1) covers all planning issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

(iii) **"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"**

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as made available for inspection (Refer Appendices B1 to B10) subject to taking account of the recommendations of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report,

A presentation dealing with the proposal will be available at the meeting.

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Notice of Development

- **Appendix A1 - Notice of Proposed Development**

Appendix B – Plans and Particulars

- **Appendix B1 - Architects Drawings / Schedules / Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-RG-ODT-AR-00300	Planning Drawing Register		
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0001	Site Location Map	1:1000	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0002	Existing Site Layout Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0003	Existing Site Elevations	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0004	Existing Plans St Michaels House	1:100	A1
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SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0009	Demolition Elevations St Michaels House	1:100	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0010	Proposed Site Layout Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0011	Proposed Site Elevations	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0012	GA Proposed Level 00 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0013	GA Proposed Mezzanine 00 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0014	GA Proposed Level 01 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0015	GA Proposed Level 02 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0016	GA Proposed Level 03 Floor Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0017	GA Proposed Roof Plan	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0024	GA Proposed West + South East Elevations	1:100	A0
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SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0029	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0030	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0033	Area Plans – Gross Internal Area	1:1250	A3
SCQ-ZZ-SH-ODT-AR-91002	Area + Accommodation Schedule		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-03000	Architectural Design Report		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-04000	Shadow Analysis Report		

- **Appendix B2 - Landscaping Architects Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02001	Proposed Landscape Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02002	Boundary Treatment Plan	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02110	Detail Area Plan – 01	1:200	A2
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02111	Detail Area Plan – 02	1:200	A2
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02400	Landscape Sections	1:500	A1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-DFLA-LA-02500	Typical Landscape Details	1:20	A1
SCQ-ZZ-RP-DFLA-LA-02701	Design Rationale – Landscape Architecture		
SCQ-ZZ-RP-DFLA-LA-02702	Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment		

- **Appendix B3 - Civil & Structural Engineers Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0002	PROPOSED ROAD LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0003	EXISTING DRAINAGE LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0004	PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0005	PROPOSED FOUL DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-00001-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- CEMP	CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-0003-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment Rev B	SITE SPECIFIC FLOOD RISK ASSESMENT
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-HLCE-CE-00004-P01 Swords Cultural Quarter- Engineering Report for Planning	ENGINEERING REPORT

- **Appendix B4 - Mechanical & Electrical Engineers Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56001	Energy & Sustainability Strategy for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56002	Site Services & Utilities Strategy Report for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56003	Site Lighting Strategy for Planning
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-SH-MXF-EE-31000	Schedule of External Light Fittings
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-EE-31600	External Lighting Strategy
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10100	Proposed Site Services Layout
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10101	Existing Site Services Diversions

- **Appendix B5 - Roads & Traffic Engineering Drawings & Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00001 - Transport & Parking Assessment Executive Summary	Transport & Parking Assessment Executive Summary
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00002 - Car Parking Strategy	Car Parking Strategy Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00003 – TTA	Traffic and Transportation Assessment
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00004 - Travel Plan	Travel Plan
SCQ-ZZ-RP-MHL-CE-00005 - DMURS SoC	Statement of Consistency "Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets"
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE-00001	Proposed Roads Layout Drawings
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE- 00501	Proposed Public Bus Swept Path Analysis 1
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MHL-CE- 00502	Proposed Public Bus Swept Path Analysis 2

- **Appendix B6 - Conservation Architects Report**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-JCA-CA-00001	Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment
SCQ-ZZ-RP-JCA-CA-00002	Protection of Swords Castle Walls & Swords Court House during Construction Phase

- **Appendix B7 - Archaeologist Report**

RH8774_SCQ_Archaeological Impact Assessment. Ver 1-3	Archaeology Impact Assessment

- **Appendix B8 - Planning / AA & EIA Screening / Ecology / Bat Survey Waste Management Reports**

SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-BSM-PL-00001 (Planning Report)	Part 8 Planning Application Documentation
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-BSM-EN-00001 (AA Screening)	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-RP-ORS-EN-00001	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-EEN-EN-01000 - Ecology Survey Report	Ecology Survey Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODE-EN-00001	Bat Survey Report
SCQ-CC-RP-AWN-EN-00001	Resource and Waste Management Plan
SCQ-CC-RP-AWN-EN-00002	Operational Waste Management Plan

- **Appendix B9 - Architectural Visualisation and Verified Views**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-DD-VZ-00001-P01	Verified Photomontages

- **Appendix B10 - Arboricultural Drawings & Report**

SCQ-ZZ-RP-CMC-AB-00000	Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00001	Tree Survey & Constraints Plan
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00002	Tree Removals Plan
SCQ-ZZ-DR-CMC-AB-00003	Tree Protection Plan

Appendix C – Planning Report

- **Appendix C1 - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report***

***Note: The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department have stated that no further comment is required and the Planning Report (Appendix C1) covers all planning issues.**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	PARTXI/002/22
Proposed Development:	Demolition of St. Michaels House single storey bungalow, Seatown Road, Swords; demolition of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties at No. 20 North Street, Swords; Construction of a Swords Civic & Cultural Centre on the site of the Fingal County Council Executive car park at junction of North Street and Seatown Road, site of St. Michaels House, Seatown Road, and site of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties to provide a new public county library, theatre, art gallery and auditorium, cafe/bar, local studies and archives centre associated office space and ancillary accommodation. The proposed structure is four storeys in height with a GIA floor area of 5,686m2. Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary works are also proposed as part of the development. External works included a new road entrance from Seatown Road to access a service bay for deliveries at ground floor level. Provide a new Civic Space & Public Realm (area: 13,200m2) including new stone paving, street lighting, street furniture and art work at the following.
Location:	The road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, Swords; vacant plots No.'s 1-7, 13, 15 North Street adjacent to Swords Castle, No. 17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Street, Swords; the existing external public space (area: 1,881m2) to the immediate west/front of Fingal County Hall; and the existing side entrance area of Swords Park accessed from North street.
Proposing Department:	Architects Department
Application Type:	Part XI/ Part 8

1 Information received

1.1 Architects Drawings by O' Donnell & Tuomey

SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0001	Site Location Plan	1:1000	A1
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SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0017	Proposed Mezzanine 00 Floor Plan	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0018	Proposed Level 01 Floor Plan	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0019	Proposed Level 02 Floor Plan	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0020	Proposed Level 03 Floor Plan	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0021	Proposed Roof Plan	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0022	Proposed West + South East Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0023	Proposed North + North East Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0024	Proposed Castle Elevations	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0025	Proposed Elevations	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0026	GA Long Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0027	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0028	GA Cross Sections	1:100	A0
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0029	Proposed Sections	1:200	A1
SCQ-ZZ-ZZZ-DR-ODT-AR-0031	Area Plans – Gross Internal Area	1:1250	A3

1.2 Architects Schedules / Reports by O' Donnell & Tuomey

SCQ-ZZ-SH-ODT-AR-91002	Area + Accommodation Schedule
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-03000	Architectural Design Report
SCQ-ZZ-RP-ODT-AR-04000	Shadow Analysis Report

1.3 Landscape Architects Drawings / Reports by Dermot Foley Landscape Architects

Fc.02-DR-2001	Landscape Plan	1:500	A1
Fc.02-DR-2002	Boundary Treatment Plan	1:500	A1
Fc.02-DR-2110	Detail Area Plan – 01	1:200	A2
Fc.02-DR-2111	Detail Area Plan – 02	1:200	A2
Fc.02-DR-2400	Landscape Sections	1:500	A1
Fc.02-DR-2500	Typical Landscape Details	1:20	A1
Landscape Design Rationale			
Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment			
Stage 2(a)ii Report			

1.4 Civil & Structural Engineering Drawings & Reports by Horgan Lynch Consulting Engineers

SCQ-CC-B02-DR-HLCE-SE-00500	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL B02-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L00-DR-HLCE-SE-01000	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L00-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L01-DR-HLCE-SE-01003	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L01-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L01-DR-HLCE-SE-01004	LEVEL 01 - FRAMING G.A.
SCQ-CC-L02-DR-HLCE-SE-01006	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L02-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L02-DR-HLCE-SE-01007	LEVEL 02 - FRAMING G.A.

SCQ-CC-L03-DR-HLCE-SE-01009	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L03-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L03-DR-HLCE-SE-01010	LEVEL 03 - FRAMING G.A.
SCQ-CC-L04-DR-HLCE-SE-01012	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L04-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-L04-DR-HLCE-SE-01013	LEVEL 04/05 - FRAMING G.A.
SCQ-CC-L05-DR-HLCE-SE-01015	CULTURAL CENTRE - LEVEL L05-OVERALL G.A.
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0002	PROPOSED ROAD LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0003	EXISTING DRAINAGE LAYOUT PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0004	PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-XXX-DR-HLCE-CE-0005	PROPOSED FOUL DRAINAGE PLAN
SCQ-CC-ZZZ-DR-HLCE-SE-03000	CULTURAL CENTRE - SECTIONS SHEET 1
SCQ-CC-ZZZ-DR-HLCE-SE-03001	CULTURAL CENTRE - SECTIONS SHEET 2
SCQ-CC-ZZZ-DR-HLCE-SE-03002	CULTURAL CENTRE - SECTIONS SHEET 3
SCQ-CC-ZZZ-DR-HLCE-SE-03003	SECTIONS SHEET 4
SCQ-CC-ZZZ-DR-HLCE-SE-03004	SECTIONS SHEET 6
OY22R001	CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIROMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN
OY22R002	STAGE 2A(ii) CIVIL/STRUCTURAL REPORT
OY22R003	SITE SPECIFIC FLOOD RISK ASSESMENT
OY22R004	PART 8 PLANNING APPLICATION - ENGINEERING REPORT

1.5 Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Drawings & Reports by Max Fordham

SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-EE-31600	External Lighting Strategy Level 00
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10100	Proposed Site Services Layout Level 00
SCQ-ZZ-L00-DR-MXF-JJ-10101	Existing Site Services Diversions Level 00
SCQ-ZZ-XXX-SH-MXF-EE-31000	Schedule of External Light Fittings
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56001	Energy & Sustainability Strategy for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56002	Site Services & Utilities Strategy for Planning
SCQ-XX-XXX-RP-MXF-JJ-56003	Site Lighting Strategy for Planning

1.6 Roads & Traffic Engineering Drawings & Reports by MHL Consulting Engineers

21051UR-Doc02 R02.1B	SCQ Car Parking Strategy Executive Summary
21051UR-Doc02 R02 R08	SCQ Car Parking Review Report
MHL_21051UR-TTA DOC 06	SCQ_Traffic and Transportation Assessment R02
21051UR-DOC04 R03-	SCQ _Travel Plan
21051UR-Doc05 R02	DMURS Statement of Consistency
21051UR SCQ - Proposed Roads Layout Rev H	Proposed Roads Layout
21051UR SCQ - Public Bus Swept Path Analysis Sheet 1 of 2	Public Bus Swept Path Analysis Sheet 1
21051UR SCQ - Public Bus Swept Path Analysis Sheet 2 of 2	Public Bus Swept Path Analysis Sheet 2

Further reporting received 03/05/22, 03/06/22, and 20/06/22

1.7 Conservation Architects Report by JCA Architects

21036_JCA_RP_001	Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment
21036_JCA_RP_002	Protection of Swords Castle walls during construction phase

1.8 Archaeologist Report by Rubicon Heritage

RH8774_SCQ_Archaeological Impact Assessment. Ver 1-1	Archaeology Impact Assessment

1.9 Brady Shipman Martin

6904-Swords Cultural Centre-	Planning Report Draft Part 8 Planning Documentation (Site Notice/Newspaper Notice)
6904 SCQ AA Screening Report	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

1.10 ORS Consulting

210904-ORS-XX-XX-RP-EN-13d-001	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

1.11 EcoEireann Ecological Consultant

ECOE21 018	Ecology Report

1.12 O Donnell Environmental

Bat Survey Report - SCQ [202050] Rev 2	Bat Survey Report

1.13 Digital Dimensions

22-027 Swords Cultural Quarter 12Apr2022	Architectural Visualisation and Verified Views

1.14 Arboricultural Consultant Charles McCorkell

210901-PD-11 (Arboricultural Report)	Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement
06_210901-P-10 (Tree Survey Plan)	Tree Survey Plan
06_210901-P-11 (Tree Removals Plan)	Tree Removals Plan
06_210901-P-12 (Tree Protection Plan)	Tree Protection Plan

1.15 Environmental Consultant AWN Consulting

227501.0086WMR02 (Swords Cultural Q OWMP)	Operational Waste Management Plan
227501.0086WMR01 (Swords Cultural Q RWMP)	Resource and Waste Management Plan (Construction/ Demolition Waste Management Plan)

2 Purpose and scope of this report

The purpose of this preliminary planning report is to assist the proposing department in bringing the pre-planning phase of the project to a conclusion by undertaking a preliminary planning assessment. It includes recommendations to be addressed where necessary, in advance of progressing to Public Consultation at stage 3 as defined FCC policy and procedures for Part XI.

The scope of this assessment extends to material submitted by the proposing department at the outset of phase 1(b), supplementary documentation received up to the 20th June, along with the responses received to requests for internal consultation reports which form part of this report and are set out in Appendix 2 below.

3 Site description and context

3.1 Outline

The subject site is located in Swords Town Centre to the edge of the retail core within a primarily commercial and community use context. The site has a stated site area of 1.57ha (15,750 sq.m.)

The site is of an irregular shape includes the Fingal County Council car park and spans a total of three public roadways, Main Street, North Street and Seatown Road.

Fingal Community College is located to the north of the site; St, Michael's House which form part or the site is an intellectual disability service for adults to the east; Fingal County Council Swords main offices to the South; and the grounds of Swords Castle to the west.

Swords District Court House is located within the subject site to the front of the Fingal County Council Car Park and is RPS No. 0350 in the Fingal County Council Record of Protected Structures 2017-2023. The site also bounds the grounds of Swords Castle to the west which is also a Protected Structure (RPS No. 0351) and is also on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP No. DU011-034001).

3.2 Specific

The site is bounded by the wall of swords castle to the east and the boundary with Fingal Community College to the west. The south eastern boundary within falls between the front boundary wall and the of houses along Seatown Rd, turns north to follow the front curtain wall of county hall, the curb line to Chapel lane and to the front wall of properties to the West side of Main Street on its North end .

Contained within this application boundary are Swords Courthouse, 4 number properties fronting onto the east side of North Street and a property to the West side of north. St Saint Michaels house facing onto Seatown Road, the front boundary wall of numbers 1A to 4 Seatown Rd, the front wall and railings to the front of county hall also fall within the application boundary.

A number of existing bus stops, trees and street furniture on both Main Street and North Street are also with the application boundary. The area of most significance in the proposal consists of staff car parking extending to approximately 3250sqm accessed from Seatown Road.

The gates into the town park and adjacent stone and redbrick structure to the north of Swords Castle and the curbstones to the front of swords courthouse are of particular note in their contribution towards the character of this area.

An historic townland boundary is aligned with the front wall of county hall.

The area between the eastern wall of Swords Castle and North St where structures have been removed is defined by temporary fencing and large concrete blocks and gravel.

The site contains a diverse range of urban trees performing a range of functions in various locations. They consist of London Plane and Norway Maple along Main Street and North Street, Holm Oak and Cedar within the Fingal County Council Civic Office, Hornbeam within the Fingal County Council Car Park, and Lime and Holm Oak within Swords Community Park.

4 Proposed Development

4.1 Outline

The proposed development is for the creation of Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) consisting of extensive enhancement of the public domain to the south and east of Swords Castle.

The Swords Cultural Quarter includes the construction of a 4 storey 5700sqm. building referred to in this report as Swords Civic & Cultural Centre (SCC) which contains the following uses:

- library
- theatre
- art gallery auditorium

- cafe/bar
- local studies and archives centre.

4.2 Detail

The proposed development will be delivered in 2 no. phases:

Phase 1 will comprise the construction of the proposed Civic and Cultural Building and associated public realm works, reduction of garden lengths to 1A-5 Seatown Road to allow for 3 no. accessible spaces, a drop off zone and the installation of a temporary raised table and crossing point to the east of the junction between Seatown Road and North Street.

Phase 2 will comprise of public realm works around Swords Castle including the installation of the Main Plaza, terraced seating area to the front of FCC County Hall and the completion of the public realm works associated with the Sustainable Swords Project. The proposed scheme includes for significant upgrades in public realm and alterations to existing road layouts for North Street, Seatown Road, Main Street and Bridge Street, including for public realm/ landscape schemes to the east of Swords Castle and west of existing Fingal County Hall.

The demolition of 17-17a North Street, 18-21 North Street, a single storey structure in Swords Community Garden, the security hut in the FCC Executive Car Park, St. Michael's House Seatown Road and the demolition of any existing structures on North Street to the front of Swords Castle is proposed as part of the development.

Alteration to road layouts are proposed including pedestrian cycle and transport infrastructure.

The proposed development includes removal of all ground plane surfaces none of which is of significant character with the exception of the limestone curbing to the front of the court house.

The proposed development will require the removal of eight trees of moderate quality and value (B Category), 11 trees and one group of young self-seeded trees of low quality and value (C Category), and two trees of poor quality (U Category)

The proposed SCC building ranges from 2-4 storeys with a max height of c.19.75m.

Documentation supporting the proposal describes 4 separate spaces being created in the public domain:

1) The Courthouse Greenspace – The Courthouse Greenspace is the dedicated garden area to the sides and rear of the District Court

House (Protected Structure). The District Court House will be kept separate from the proposed new building but will be connected through this green accessible space.

2) Proposed Amphitheatre/ Park Entrance – The proposed park entrance/ amphitheatre will create a visual connection between the District Court House, proposed building and Swords Community Park. The amphitheatre and entrance space will be a proposed transition between the public realm area to the south and the Swords Community Park to the west with informal seating and will provide space for small events.

3) Main Street Plaza – The Main Street Plaza is proposed to the front of Fingal County Hall and will provide for an open market space connecting the County Hall and street space to the front of Swords Castle and Main Street. Pedestrian zones are proposed to be widened and seating is proposed to be integrated into the terraces creating a strong creating a key central area within the Town Centre.

4) Swords Castle Green Edge and SCC Plaza – The Swords Castle Green Edge comprises the edges of the Swords Castle Grounds and organise a loose route from the crossing at the north of Main Street to the entrance of Swords Community Park. It is proposed that the plaza will form a fulcrum of intersecting pedestrian circulation providing a space for seasonal pop-up and events.

5 Policy Context

5.1 National Planning Framework (NPF)

Focus development in Key urban centres, targeting brownfield and infill supporting compact growth in urban centres.

5.2 Regional Economic & Spatial Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern & Midlands Region (2019-2031)

Swords is designated a 'Key Town' in the Regional Economic & Spatial Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern & Midlands Region (2019-2031) defined as "large economically active service and/or county towns that provide employment for their surrounding areas and with high-quality transport links and the capacity to act as growth drivers to complement the Regional Growth Centres."

5.3 Section 28 Guidelines

- Urban Development and "Building Heights – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018
- Sustainable Residential development in urban areas and Urban Design Manual 2009
- DMURS
- Architectural heritage protection.

5.4 Fingal County Development Plan 2017 – 2023

A selection of relevant policy and objectives are set out in Appendix 3 to this report.

5.5 Other local policy of relevance

- Swords Castle Conservation Plan
- Swords c
- Castle Cultural Quarter Architectural Masterplan
- Your Swords –An Emerging City -Strategic Vision 2035
- Swords Masterplan 2019

6 Planning History

There have been a number of planning applications registered on the subject site, these are listed in full on in Appendix 4 to this report there is no planning history of consequence to the consideration of the subject development.

7 Pre-Application Consultations

A total of 26 stakeholder meetings were recorded following conclusion of stage 1 design by the design team. Many of these meetings were attended by the Planning Section as set out in in Appendix 1 below.

Discussion centred on activation of frontages, bulk, scale and mass and visual impact on the streetscape including the Courthouse and Castle arising from the proposed SCC.

In the course of consultations extensive time and discussion was committed to issues surrounding car parking.

8 Departmental reports

8.1 Heritage Officer;

The Heritage officer reports satisfaction with the proposal, the full report of the heritage officer is set out in Appendix 2.

8.2 Report of the Transportation Section

A transportation report dated 16/06/22 is included in Appendix 2 of this report, which concludes with no objection and 9 recommendations.

8.3 Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

The Parks and Green Infrastructure section have raised a number of points with recommendations in relation to the proposal which are discussed in the context of the Public Open Space of this report and set out in detail in Appendix 2.

Of particular significance is the recommendation for reconsideration of an access point to the front of county hall to avoid any potential impact on the Cedar tree in this location.

8.4 Environment and Water Service's section Waste enforcement

Recommendation requiring submission of a Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP), full report in Appendix 2 below.

8.5 Property Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department

No comments received.

8.6 Water Services Department

The water services Section have submitted a report that concludes the proposal is acceptable. The full report is set out in Appendix 2

8.7 Report of Architects Department

The Architects Department have submitted a report dated 19/05/22 containing the 12 Criteria and indictors as provided for in the Urban Design Manual Best Practice Guide of 2009. The report concludes that *scheme is of quality and demonstrates a considered response to the site*. The conclusion goes on to state *The Architectural ambition of the scheme is well demonstrated with skill and is appropriate to the aims and aspirations of Swords as the County Town of Fingal.* The assessment section of this preliminary planners report considers design aspects further. The report of the Architects section set out in detail in Appendix 2.

8.8 Report of the Conservation officer

The report of the Conservation Officer is set out in full in Appendix 2 of this report. The report concludes *that the SCC building will have a significant presence on the site and will impact on the historic setting of the Castle and the Courthouse due to its scale and height. However, this impact is mitigated by the high quality of the proposed design and material quality of the building and public realm.*

9 Assessment

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

- Principle of Development
  - Zoning
  - Plot Ratio
  - Site coverage
  - Building Height
- Layout and Design;
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area;
- Transportation;
- Public Domain
- Water, wastewater and surface water considerations;
- Archaeological considerations;
- Appropriate Assessment screening;

- Environmental Impact Assessment screening.

9.1 Principle of Development

9.1.1 Zoning objectives

The subject site is zoned for Major Town Centre and Roads. The principle of the Cultural Quarter proposal consisting of a Cultural Centre with associated enhancement of the Public Domain is consistent with the zoning objective and vision set out in the Fingal Development Plan. The proposed Development is therefore considered to be acceptable in principle subject to assessment of details of the proposal against the relevant Policies and Objectives.

A SEVESO site is noted within 500m of the site, this is unlikely to be of consequence to the proposal, however consideration of this should be demonstrated in the submission.

9.1.2 Plot Ratio

Plot ratio is a an indicator often used in planning policy to help assess the scale and mass of buildings whilst ensuring efficient use of land. It expresses the amount of floorspace in relation (proportionally) to the site area, and is determined by the gross floor area of the building(s) divided by the site area.

The Gross External area for SCC is given as 6628sqm, the area of the SCQ site has been calculated as circa 3,250 sqm giving a plot ratio of just over 2.

Although the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 is silent on the subject of plot ratio it is used as a rule of thumb to assist in the assessment of scale and mass. A plot ratio of 2.0 of above would be more commonly found in successful developments in locations at the higher tier of urban typology. Taking account of the built character and sensitivity of the setting, and the scale of Swords as a Major Town centre, the SCC as proposed is considered to be at the upper end of the yield potential for the subject site.

It is considered reasonable and often desirable to operate at the upper end of acceptable plot ratios in cases where exceptional standards of design are achieved.

9.1.3 Site Coverage

Site coverage is a control for the purpose of assessing the scale of development on a site, thereby safeguarding sunlight and daylight within or adjoining a proposed layout of buildings.

Site coverage is the percentage of the site covered by building structures, excluding the public roads and footpaths. The GEA of the SCC is stated to be 2350 sqm. With a calculated site area of 3250sqm this represents a site coverage of 72%. Site coverage for the SCC is considered to be at the upper end of the site capacity and presents design challenges and opportunities in relation to presentation to the streetscape. Again, it is considered reasonable and often desirable to operate at the

upper end of acceptable site coverage in cases where exceptional standards of design are achieved in urban areas.

9.1.4 Building height

The proposed SCC building is of significant height relative to its immediate context, the distribution of height across the site and with reference to the elevations has been carefully considered and is generally acceptable. The proposal presents a significant juxtaposition to the important established context of Swords Castle and the Courthouse – a protects structure. The extent to which this juxtaposition and the resetting of the character of the area including from North street and Seatown Road as a successful transition is not clearly presented in the material submitted for assessment and would benefit from further architectural verified views.

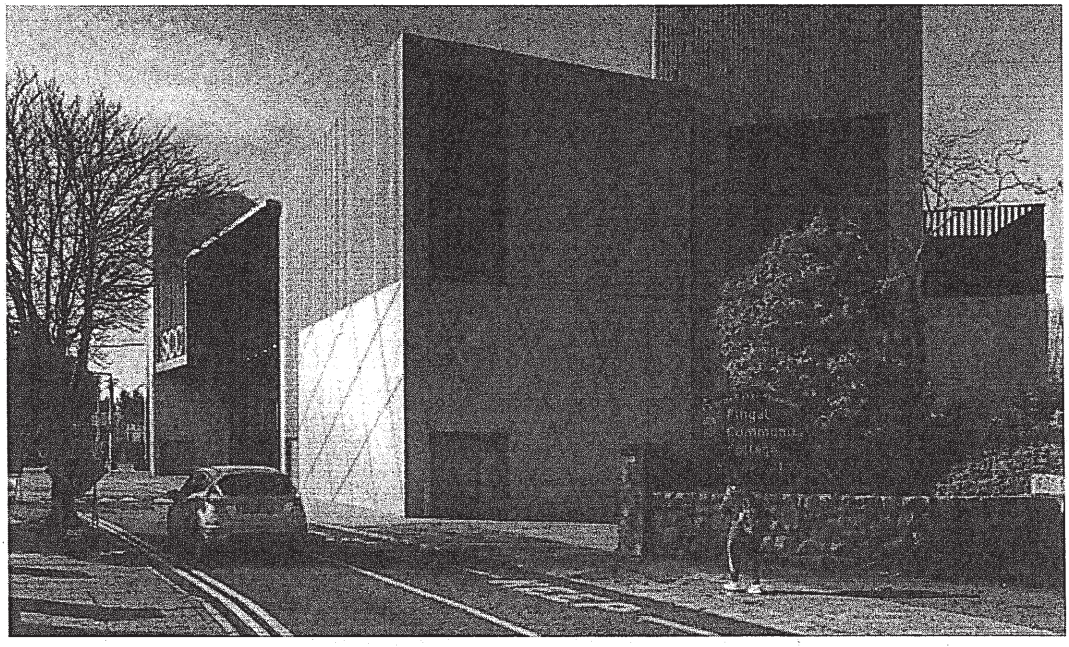
9.2 Layout and Design of SCQ and SCC

9.2.1 Placemaking

The creation of a new urban place by construction of the SCQ and with particular reference to the SCC presents a challenge not least of which is the resolution of the context.

The views on approach to the SCC and the SCQ are considered to be critical to the future success of the development. The reveal on approach and sense of arrival to both the SCC and the SCQ are important design considerations. SCC will form the initial impression from North, East and West approaches and will define users experience of the proposal. The contribution of both the intermediate and immediate approaches to the proposal are of significant consideration in this assessment.

On the Seatown Road approach to the SCQ the SCC building is presented initially at street level by a sequence of blank walls with stairwell access as demonstrated in image 15 of the verified views. Although there is an oblique view of the SCC signage the impression is not that of a public building within a newly configured public domain. This aspect would benefit from further consideration.



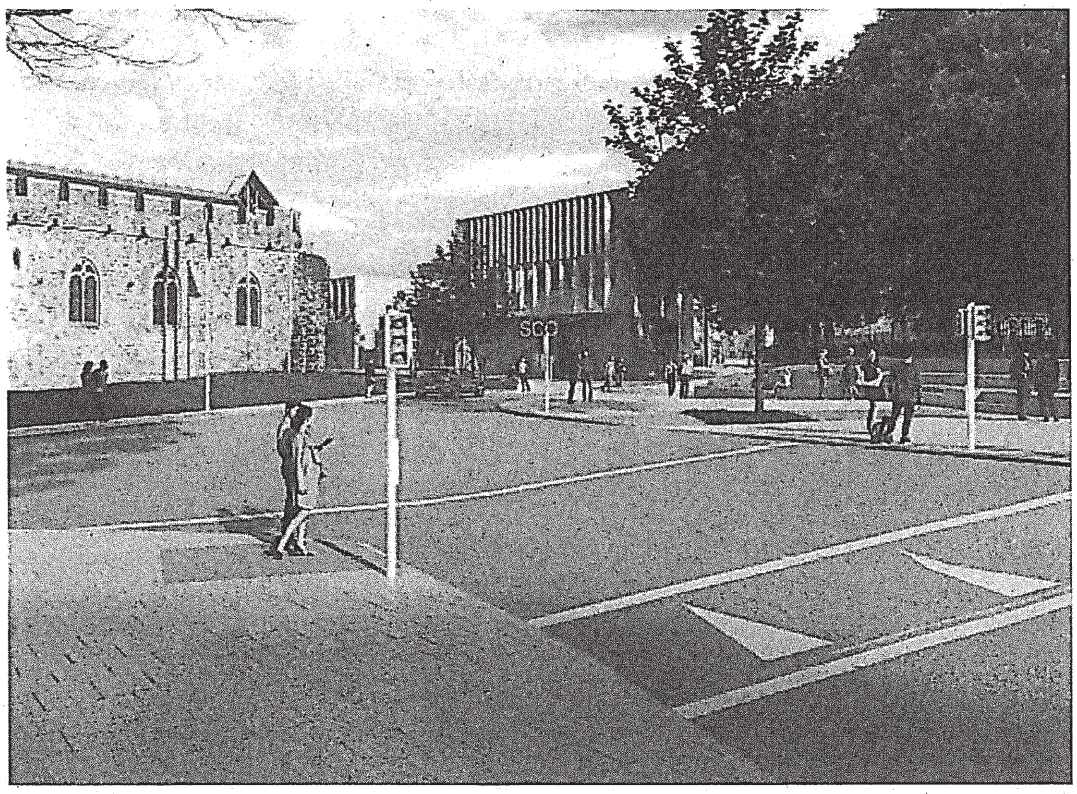
It should be noted that bin stores and associated gates indicated on architectural drawings securing the proposed entrance between the Fingal Community College Sign and the SCC building have not been included in this extracted image.

Arrival from the North Street approach also presents challenges to functional legibility, in a redeveloped public domain. Imagery has not been submitted to resolve concerns previously expressed in this regard, or to assist in a complete assessment as stated above, this approach is ot clearly presented in the material submitted for assessment and would benefit from further architectural verified views



Views of the SCC on approach from main street provide a more legible prospect of the building. The reveal of the SCC and its entrance in particular appears to be

reserved for the final approach to the northern end of main street and would benefit from additional visual attraction.



9.2.2 Placemaking and relationship of SCC to Castle and Courthouse
Achieving a successful relationship between the SCC building and the courthouse presents a design challenge that requires full consideration. The proposal has considered the height, string lines and key features of the Courthouse, whilst giving the protected structure room to 'breathe' within the scale of SCC.

Architectural devices to break up the vertical and horizontal bulk and mass of each façade are successful in addressing the relationship of the SCC building to itself.

It is noted that during the pre-planning process amendments made to the SCC in an effort to mitigate its bulk scale and mass and dominance over the Castle and the Courthouse have had some success.

9.2.3 Enclosure
The proposed SCC building will provide an increased sense of enclosure and resultant containment of the space between it and eastern walls of the castle. This is considered to be a welcome contribution to, and an increased urban feel with a, sense of enclosure and comfort within this space and will create a significant public space in the Town.

9.2.4 Overlooking, surveillance
The creation of a sense of personal community safety is a complex issue, the perception of safety or danger does not always relate directly to the actual incidents

of crime. We feel comfortable and confident using areas where there is good visibility, surveillance and effective lighting where we feel we can be seen been heard by other people.

Levels of active frontage to the street and overlooking of the proposed public domain are considered to be deficient in parts. This is particularly the case in the area between the Castle, Park entrance and the SCC, as well as to Seatown Rd.

There are a number of blind spots in the proposed design at street level which could lead to a sense of unease for pedestrians at times when the public domain is experiencing lower occupancy. The lack of natural surveillance perceived or otherwise, and human presence built into the SCQ along with the positioning orientation and aspect of the seating areas, reduced comfort levels and dwell times in the newly created public domain are a concern. This can be addressed by the inclusion of more voids or glazing in the solid facades.

9.2.5 Active Street Edges

The importance of active day and night time Street edges to successful street environments cannot be overestimated. The absence of a setback from the street edge of the SCC is welcome in this regard. The window provided from the Art Gallery provides some perception of overlooking of the town park entrance and is a welcome addition. However the frequency of entrances and/or active frontage requires further consideration in the design of the proposed SCC and could contribute positively to the amenity and therefore the success of the SCQ generally. This can be addressed by the inclusion of more voids or glazing in the solid facades.

The provision of street level activation in the broader SCQ design generally is welcomed with many opportunities for users to dwell with the newly redesigned public domain and a range of benches seats and terracing. Increased overlooking and passive supervision by users of the space will lead to increased dwell time for users creating a positive feedback loop.

There are multiple locations where gates and railings are proposed to the SCC. There are concerns in relation to the impact on the overall design as well as an absence of detailing and inconsistency of approach. They would benefit from further design considerations.

9.2.6 Permeability

Taking account of the relative locations and geometry of the 2 junctions as well as the overall proposal for a high quality public domain careful consideration should be given to existing and future pedestrian desire lines. Given the proposals in phase 2 to create a high quality public domain, integration into the wider Sustainable Swords project is important.

9.3 Integration with and impact on the amenity of existing and proposed public domain area

In order to achieve a high level of integration between the SCC building and the SCQ development a high level of interface would be necessary. It is considered this interface is somewhat limited by virtue of the internal public domain of the ground floor of the SCQ being visually and functionally at a remove from the external public domain.

The passageway at the North corner of the North Street elevation of SCC, the space left over surrounding the Courthouse and the common delivery area/bin store appear to be provided with security fences or grills. The opportunity to utilize these with creative design or in an artistic capacity has not been realized, and would require more consideration.

9.4 Transportation

There are a number of outstanding transportation issues which are the subject of requested clarifications in the Transportation Report in Appendix 2 to this report. These will form part of the recommendations of this report.

9.5 Public Domain

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Section have made a number of comments in relation to different aspects of the proposal these are set out in detail in appendix2. These will form part of the recommendations of this report

The proposal sets out a broad range of street trees and street furniture (excluding bins and street lights) in what appears to be a random distribution across the application area. Consideration should be given to a coordinated approach to the provision of street furniture and utilization of bicycle parking and other street furniture in lieu of guardrails where diversions from desire lines are part of the proposal. Guidance in this regard is set out in DMURS.

Bins, manholes, electricity and traffic signal infrastructure, communications infrastructure, minipillars, signage guardrails, existing and proposed should all feature the proposed design in order to ensure full consideration is given to achievement of the best value for money and highest quality of public domain for the existing and future residents and visitors to Swords, in a manner coordinated with the emerging sustainable swords strategy.

9.5.1 Play provision:

It is unclear as to the extent of play provision provided within the overall development of the cultural quarter.

9.5.2 Trees

The proposal involves the removal of a number of trees and the provision of new trees it is unclear as to the extent of coordination within the tree planting between SCQ and the emerging sustainable swords strategy.

The extent to which tree pits are viable options within the archaeological and geological constraints are unclear particularly in the locations proximate to the eastern castle walls.

9.5.3 Raised planters
The practicality of maintenance of the various raised planters to the SCC should be given further consideration.

9.5.4 Lamp standards:
Ensure lamp standards are not located on grassed areas but instead on a hard standing. Taking account of the significant area of Open space is public domain dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists the lighting plan should take clear account of the needs of these users.

9.6 Water, wastewater and surface water considerations
Issues surrounding water wastewater and surface water considerations have been given full consideration and no concerns have been identified. See appendix 2 for the report of the water services section.

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

9.8 Archaeology
Potential Archaeological impacts of the proposal have been given full consideration and no issues have been identified. see appendix 2 for the report of the Heritage officer in this regard.

9.9 Ecology
Potential Ecological impacts of the proposal have been given full consideration and no issues have been identified. A number of biodiversity measures have been incorporated in to the design and these are all welcome.

10 Appropriate Assessment
An Appropriate Screening Report prepared by Brady Shipman Martin has been submitted as part of the proposal. The Screening Report concludes as follows:

> *In view of best scientific knowledge this report concludes that the proposed development at the Swords Cultural Quarter, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.*
>
> *It is considered that this report provides sufficient relevant information to allow the Competent Authority (Fingal County Council)*

to carry out an AA Screening, and reach a determination that the proposed development will not have any likely significant effects on European sites under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in light of their conservation objectives.

It is therefore determined that the proposed development will not have any likely significant effects on European sites under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in light of their conservation objectives

11 Environmental Impact Assessment

A Preliminary examination for the purposes of Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment is included with the submission, prepared by ORS. It is noted that there is no consideration of the SEVESO site in proximity to the proposal, however this is not likely to give rise to any concerns in this regard.

The conclusions are considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the development site at 1.58ha, nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area.

The proposal is not of a scale which would fall within the fifth schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring an EIA. It is also noted that of the environmental receptors detailed in the seventh schedule of the same regulations, that significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the proposed development and that there are no characteristics of the proposed development which would require an EIA to be undertaken.

12 Conclusion

It is considered that the propose development is consistent with the land use zoning objectives pertaining to the site as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2013. The proposal is also considered to align the relevant polices and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023.

The Civic and Cultural Building will contribute significantly to the cultural facilities in the north of the county. The proposed development will create a focal area for the designated County Town of Swords generating vitality within the town centre. The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023.

The principle of the works proposed to the external elements of the public Domain are considered to be positive with only details for further consideration as set out in the recommendations below.

The development of the SCC is an appropriately ambitious project with an appropriately bold design response to the site. The principle of the design is considered positive. A number of aspects of the design should be demonstrated

more clearly in the proposal to show how the building can integrate into its unique context and setting.

The SCC building as proposed is considered to present an internal environment of the highest design quality which will meet and exceed the highest expectations of the future users. Issues set out above relating to the interaction of the SCC with the existing and future receiving environment require further demonstration in the proposal. It is considered that further activation of ground floor and interaction with the public domain would enhance the functioning of the public domain.

The recommendations set out below should be taken in to consideration in drafting the final proposal for Part XI. Any response/revision deemed necessary by the design team, to the recommendations below should be clearly identified in any revisions to the proposal.

13 Recommendations:

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department consider the following points should be considered by the design team prior to advancing the proposal for consideration of the Members and public display.

1. The extent to which street frontage is maximised for both day and evening activity, by the SCC should be demonstrated in the proposal. This is required to ensure the SCC design compliments and enhances the SCQ, and that it delivers the highest level of amenity. this can be addressed by the inclusion of more voids or glazing in the solid facades..
2. Alternatives design solutions to the interface with the courthouse should be included in the proposal in order to demonstrate the care and attention given to the setting of this protected structure and the selection of the final design solution.
3. Further Architectural Visualisation and Verified Views should be presented regarding impacts of SCQ on the immediate streetscape, from North Street and Seatown Road as well as on views of the protected structure and the Castle on approach.
4. The intent to coordinate design, materials and maintenance aspects of public domain with the emerging Sustainable Swords strategy should form part of the proposal.
5. Play provision, percent for art, signage and lighting strategies should all form part of the proposal at this stage of concept development.
6. The proposed access which runs under the Cedar Tree to the front of County Hall should be reconsidered and integrated with the emerging Sustainable Swords project.
7. The proposal should contain confirmation that implications of the SEVESO site on watery lane has no consequences for the design.
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14 Sign off

Malachy Bradley
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Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Department

Appendix 1 Stakeholder meetings

Schedule of stakeholder meetings undertaken in course of the design process.

25th November 2021 Planning Meeting 01

Review of design for Swords Cultural Centre and review of design for Public Realm.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Gillian O'Donnell, Annette Sweeny, Fionnuala May, Hugh O'Neill, Kevin Halpenny, Linda Lally, Malachy Bradley, Matthew McAleese, Michael Gallagher, Morgan O'Shea, Pat Boyle, Patricia Cadogan, Roisin Burke, Pauline Byrne, Dermot Foley, Julie Sammiller

6th December 2021 Planning Meeting 02

Review of initial planner's comments on building design and public realm.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Gary Gilmore, Gillian O'Donnell, Fionnuala May, Matthew McAleese, Malachy Bradley, Hugh O'Neill, Kevin Halpenny, Paul Carroll, Paul Smyth, Karen Smyth, Chris Rooney, Dermot Foley, Pauline Byrne, Pat Brady, Jack Gibbons, Brian Loughrey

9th December 2021 Property Services Meeting

Review of collated property folios for existing buildings on SCQ. Review of requirements for indication of wayleaves and easements.

Attendees: Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Gillian O'Donnell, Fionnuala May, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Sinead McKenna, Alison Casserly, Aoife Sheridan, Pat Boyle, Michael Gallagher

10th December 2021 Roads and Parks Stakeholder Meeting

Review of strategy for park security line. Review of measures to be taken to integrate. Swords Cultural Quarter with wider Sustainable Swords study.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Gillian O'Donnell, Fionnuala May, Gareth Morgan, Gemma Carr , Michael Gallagher , Hugh O'Neill, Niamh O'Conner, Roisin Burke, Hugh Walsh, Nick DeJong, Kevin Burke, Linda Lally, Annette Sweeney, James Chilton, Malachy Brady, Brian Loughrey, Dermot Foley, Pauline Byrne, Pat Brady, Niall FitzGerald

16th December 2021 Planning Meeting 03

Presentation of planning context and development objectives, and review of approaches to site from Main Street, Bridget Street, North Street, and Seatown Road.

Attendees:

17th December 2021 Heritage + National Monuments Stakeholder

Review of design proposals and steps taken to mitigate impact on historic buildings and structures in the immediate vicinity.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Katherine McClatchie, Gareth O'Callaghan, James Hession, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Fionnuala May, Morgan O'Shea, Christine Baker, Helena Bergin, Laura Johnstone, Tom Condit, Tracey Collins

21st December 2021 Transport Stakeholder Meeting

Review of requirements for parking and transport strategy assessment. Review of information to be included in parking report for short, medium and long term conditions.

Attendees: Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Brian Loughrey, Michael Ferriter, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Matthew McAleese, Hugh O'Neill, Linda Lally, Paul Carroll

17th January 2022 Planning Meeting 04

Review of the design development and reduction in scale and massing of the overall building form.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Olwyn Greene, Julie Sammiller, Pauline Byrne, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Pat Boyle, Fionnuala May, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Malachy Bradley, Hugh O'Neill, Kevin Halpenny, James Chiltern, Kevin Burke, Gareth Morgan, Paul Graham, Mary Daly, Naomi Wier, Paul Smyth, Hugh Walsh, Tricia Matthews

17th January 2022 OPW + Courts Service Stakeholder Meeting

Review of security strategy for Swords and Balbriggan District Court House. Review of location of judge's parking space and improved Universal Access strategy.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Annette Sweeney, Mark Morris, Morgan O'Shea, Pat Boyle, Fionnuala May, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Thomas McDonald

20th January 2022 Libraries Stakeholder Meeting

Review of building security and 'My Open Library' requirements. Review of spatial requirements for Book Sorting Workroom and Sorting Machine.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Purdie Whitting, Aiden McGuire, Annette Sweeney, Betty Boardman, Lilian Whelan, Mark Morris, Michael Gallagher, Morgan O'Shea, Michael Ferriter, Stephen Christie

24th January 2022 Biodiversity Stakeholder Meeting

Review of measures taken in development of landscape and public realm design to improve biodiversity and ecological value of site

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Julie Sammiller, Hans Visser, Pat Boyle, Gary Gilmore, Gillian O'Donnell, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Mark Morris

31st January 2022 Planning Meeting 05

Review of the list of information and reports required for submission as part of the planning application.

Attendees: Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Julie Sammiller, Dermot Foley, Pauline Byrne, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Pat Boyle, Fionnuala May, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Gillian O'Donnell, Malachy Bradley, Hugh O'Neill, Kevin Halpenny, Paul Smyth, Karen Gallagher, Naomi Wier, Tricia Matthews

1st February 2022 Sustainable Swords Stakeholder Meeting 02

Review of requirements to provide bus lanes, segregated cycle lanes and crossing points at key intersections and materials to be incorporated.

Attendees: Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Michael Ferriter, Gillian O'Donnell, Brian Loughrey, Almas Sabitar, Fionnuala May, Annette Sweeney, Pat Boyle, Morgan O'Shea, Mark Morris, Paul Carroll, Roisin Burke, Niamh O'Connor, Gareth Morgan, Hugh Walsh, James Chilton, Kevin Burke, Nick de Jong

8th February 2022 Local Studies + Archives Stakeholder Meetin

Review of design updates to local studies and archive spaces at Level 03 of building.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Michael Ferriter, Gary Gilmore, Catherine Keane, Karen De Lacey, Betty Boardman, Lilian Whelan, Morgan O'Shea, Annette Sweeney, Pat Boyle

14th February 2022 Planning Meeting 06

Review of the Court House garden development, the links to the community park, the relationship between the public realm and the SCC building.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, John Tuomey, Dermot Foley, Pauline Byrne, Gillian O'Donnell, Michael Gallagher, Morgan O'Shea, Pat Boyle, Malachy Bradley, Hugh O'Neill, Roisin Burke, Patricia Cadogan, Gemma Carr, Naomi Wier, Tricia Matthews

15th February 2022 Fingal Community College Stakeholder Meeting

Review of design proposals and potential impact on Fingal Community College. Review of mitigation measures and further studies to be completed.

Attendees: Darragh Collins, Olwyn Greene, Michael Ferriter, Pat Boyle, Annette Sweeney, Morgan O'Shea, Martina Donnellan

17th February 2022 Fire Officer Review

Review of building design and fire strategy.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Purdie Whitting, Fergal Finnerty, Keith Boland, Barry Hughes

22nd February 2022 Planning Meeting 07 - Swords Cultural Centre

Review of building design for Swords Cultural Centre, and review of outstanding concerns raised by planners.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Sheila O'Donnell, Olwyn Greene, Fionnuala May, Pat Boyle, Hugh O'Neill, Matthew McAleese

22nd February 2022 Facilities Management + Operations Stakeholder

Review of progress on Swords Cultural Quarter project and update on approaches taken to materials, planting. Review of assumptions made in relation to road layouts, movement of traffic and parking strategy report.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Stuart Wilcox, Michael Ferriter, Gillian O'Donnell, Betty Boardman, Lillian Whelan, Mark Morris, Eamonn McCarthy, Brian Buckley.

23rd February 2022 Sustainable Swords Stakeholder Meeting 03

Review of design updates to local studies and archive spaces at Level 03 of building.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Dermot Foley, Julie Sammiller, Donagh O'Connell, Michael Ferriter, Gillian O'Donnell, Nick De Jong, Hugh Walsh, James Chiltern, Kevin Blakey, Gareth Morgan

24th February 2022 Libraries, Arts + IT Stakeholder Meeting

Review of design updates and presentation of views from building interior. Review of theatre management and technical requirements. Review of IT Comms requirements, WiFi requirements, and strategy for integration of smart building technology.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Alex Wardle, Deborah Farrugia, Michael Ferriter, Pat Boyle, Mark Morris, Rory O'Byrne, Betty Boardman, Lillian Whelan, Mary Godwin, Alan Clarke, Dominic Byrne, Aishling Hyland

28th February 2022 Planning Meeting 08 - Swords Cultural Centre

Review of updated building design for Swords Cultural Centre and how design has been adjusted to address planners comments.

Attendees: John Tuomey, Olwyn Greene, Fionnuala May, Pat Boyle, Malachy Bradley, Matthew McAleese

2nd March 2022 Sustainable Swords Stakeholder Meeting 04

Review of progress on Sustainable Swords project and update on approaches taken to materials, planting and traffic.

3rd March 2022 Heritage + National Monuments Stakeholder Meeting 03

Review of design updates and material to address comments and concerns raised during previous stakeholder meeting.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Gareth O'Callaghan, James Hession, Michael Ferriter, Pat Boyle, Annette Sweeney Morgan O'Shea, Christine Baker, Helena Bergin, Laura Johnstone, Tom Condit, Tracey Collins

7th March 2022 Planning Meeting 09 - Public Realm Meeting

Review of public realm design principles and how the design has been adjusted to address planners comments.

Attendees: Olwyn Greene, Fionnuala May, Pat Boyle, Dermot Foley, Paul Carroll, Roisin Burke, Malachy Bradley, Matthew McAleese

11th April 2022 Transport Meeting 02

Review of MHL traffic and transportation report, travel plan, car parking strategy, statement of consistency with DMURS and Road Layout Drawings. Feedback received from planners and transport stakeholders on reports - to be incorporated ahead of Stage2Aii Submittal.

Attendees: Linda Lally, Pat Boyle, Pauline Byrne, Michael Ferriter, Olwyn Greene, Darragh Collins, Brian Loughrey, Malachy Bradley, Gillian O'Donnell, Morgan O'Shea, Hannah Millar, Hugh O'Neill, Brian Loughrey, Conor O'Brien, Paul Carroll

Appendix 2 Internal reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/002/22

Registration Date:

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Applicant: Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Foul Sewer: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued by Irish Water for the works dated 10th January 2022 (ref number: CDS22000092). The proposal is feasible without any network upgrades. There are no existing public sewers traversing the site of the proposed building. Any public sewers in the public realm areas do not require any division. A single connection point in proposed into the exiting 525mm foul sewer on North Street.

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

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 the water connection. The proposal is feasible without any network upgrades. There are no existing watermains traversing the site of the proposed building. Any public sewers in the public realm areas do not require any division. A single connection point in proposed into the exiting watermain on North Street.

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

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 overall existing site is an urban catchment with impermeable surfacing. There is an existing surface water network on in the vicinity that generally outfalls to the Ward River.

The proposed surface water drainage is split a single with an outfall into an existing surface water sewer on North Street. 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 green roofs and a reduction of impermeable surfacing with the introduction of soft landscaping and the inclusion of swales, tree planters & hardstand areas complete with underlying free draining aggregate and drainage board throughout the development.

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 Horgan Lynch Consulting Engineers dated Jan 2022. In accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be less 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.

Officer: **DS**

Date: **13-05-2022**

Fingal County Council
Planning
& Strategic Infrastructure
Department

Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:
PARTXI/002/22

Development:

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Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	27 April 2022

General

The proposed development is located in Swords Town centre at the junction of North street, Seatown Road & Main Street.

Public Realm Proposals

The proposed public realm improvements include:

- carriageway widths to be 6m
- segregated cycle facilities on Main Street only, with tie ins to future segregated cycle facilities at the northern extents of the site on North Street
- shared raised road space at the junction of Main Street, Bridge Street, North Street and Seatown Road as far as the services entrance to County Hall
- shared raised road space on North Street for the extents of the scheme
- raised junction speed table at St. Colmcille's Drive
- new wide (›7m) zebra crossings on Bridge Street between Swords Castle and County Hall (with a new pedestrian path to the main entrance to County Hall) and on North Street at the Court House
- the rearrangement of the traffic signals layout at Main St./Bridge St. and provision of traffic signals at North Street/Bridge Street to accommodate Bus Priority
- the removal of the southbound bus stop on Main Street in front of County Hall
- Wide footpaths dominating the rest of the streetscape with a minimum of 2m width at pinch points
- Provision of 3 number accessible car parking spaces on Seatown Road, opposite the proposed SCQ building
- Provision of a set down area to accommodate 2 cars on Seatown Road, opposite the proposed SCQ building

Please see comments below in relation to swept path Analysis and associated road layout.
Proposed cycle infrastructure should be in accordance with the NCM. Further discussion and clarification is required in relation to cycle infrastructure in particular in relation to tie-ins to road & footpath layouts.
Footpaths should be at minimum 2m wide and if possible wider, DMURs should be referenced regrading footpath widths in areas of high pedestrian footfall.
Surface Materials are critical in determining the overall impact of the scheme on end users and in particular achieving a traffic calmed slow speed shared surface junction at Main street/Bridge Street/North Street & Seaton road. Further discussion re same would be welcomed.
It is not clear if the Dublin Bus of NTA have been consulted in relation to moving of the existing Bus stop, further clarification is required.
The proposed re arrangement of the traffic signals layout at Main St./Bridge St. and provision of traffic signals at North Street/Bridge Street to accommodate Bus Priority would need to take cognisance of potentially reduced future traffic flows and alternative options for junction signal arrangement such as zebra junctions for example. Further discussion and agreement on the

proposed traffic signal layout is required with both the transport Planning section, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department and the Traffic operations department.

Swept Path Analysis

A swept path analysis for bus has been submitted. This may include for all Bus connects bus types, however this is not clear and needs to be confirmed. The bus manoeuvres as per drawings *Public Bus Swept Path Analysis Sheet 1of 2, & sheet 2 of 2* would appear quite tight and it is unclear if the buses would overrun the footpath. The junction Main Street/North Street would appear to require significant overrun of the opposing carriageway, which is allowed for in DMURs, however it is unclear how this would work in practice where opposing flow of buses would occur. The signalisation of the overall traffic calmed junction area would have to be considered in this context. Swept path analysis for refuse vehicles and emergency vehicles would be required.

The Transportation Planning Section seeks to minimise the lengths of pedestrian conflicts. The Council is prepared to accept that vehicular crossing of centre-lines is acceptable in urban areas, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, however further clarification is required on opposing bus flows through the proposed public realm area to ensure efficient bus flows as part of proposed Bus Connects, whilst prioritising pedestrian connectivity.

Parking

Use	CDP Criteria	CDP Car Parking demand	Proposed
Library	1 per 200m^2	140	38 additional spaces at Seatown FCC carpark & full use of Seatown Car park (255 spaces) evenings and Weekends.
Art Gallery (considered similar to CDP classification of church or conference centre)	1 per 50m^2	18	
Theatre	1 per 30 seats	55	

The above table outlines the car parking demand for the proposed development in accordance with the County Development Management standards table 12.8

The proposed development encompasses several land uses. Regarding the land uses listed in table 12.8 of the current Development Plan Standards there are two uses that are included namely Library & Theatre. That said the proposed development has a broader function then both uses individually or collectively, and many of the uses would not occur simultaneously. The Development Plan Standards also states:

1. In the case of any use not specified, the Planning Authority will determine the parking requirements, based on similar uses and first principles.

In this regard the assessment of the parking demand for the proposed development would be more appropriately assessed from first principles.

A robust analysis of the parking demand has been undertaken by the applicant with a resulting determined parking demand of 40 spaces determined, to accommodate day time use of the proposed SCQ, whilst parking demand associated with evening use for the theatre and/or events would be provided by use of the existing FCC Staff carpark on Seatown road. 38 additional spaces would be provided at Seatown road carpark through the reconfiguration of the existing car park layout. The analysis undertaken has also identified the significant availability of both public on street parking and privately owned public carparks in close proximity to the proposed development. There are 248 publicly owned on street car parking

spaces and 3113 car parking spaces available in carparks, all within 15 minute walk of the proposed SCQ development

The existing 90 space FCC staff carpark would be sacrificed to facilitate the proposed development. FCC would seek to agree a lease with a privately owned public carpark to replace staff parking, whilst a Mobility Management Plan for Council Staff would be undertaken to help rationalise the overall FCC staff parking demand.

3 no. universal accessible car parking spaces would be provided on Seatown road and a set down for 2 cars. This would result in the reconfiguration of the footpath along the southern edge of Seatown Road. The footpath should be at minimum 2 m wide at this location and wider if possible in accordance with DMURS. It is unclear how the loss of parking to the existing houses along this stretch of road is to be accommodated, further clarification is required.

Bicycle Parking

108 Bicycle spaces would be provided for visitors to the development, 66 no. spaces within the public realm along North Street and 42 bicycle spaces along North street. Cargo bike parking would be provided 20 secure bicycle parking spaces for FCC staff at County Hall. Further details and clarification would be required on the location and standard of bike parking to be provided. Security, weather protection & location in close proximity to the end destination should be considered in the provision of bicycle parking.

Travel Plan

A travel plan has been submitted recommending the appointment of a mobility manager for the proposed SCQ development amongst other recommended interventions to encourage and support sustainable transport access to the SCQ.

Construction Management Plan
A Detailed Construction Management Plan should be prepared by the main contractor including a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan which would address in detail haulage routes, working in proximity to nearby schools would be required. Restricted delivery times or working hours may apply.

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.
A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to commencement of detailed design stage.
Following on from the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit, a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer, at completion of detailed design stage and prior to commencement of construction.
Prior to opening of the scheme to the public, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority
Following 4-6 months post-opening to the public and live traffic, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit must be completed and submitted by the Applicant/Developer, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

Signalised Junctions
All necessary works and equipment required for the signalised junction's associated with the scheme including ducting, road markings and signage should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to Construction.

Traffic Impact

A Traffic Impact assessment has been prepared and submitted as part of the submission. The net impact of the proposed SCQ development would be considered very low compared to existing conditions. It is anticipated that any events in the proposed public realm space would be largely associated with the evening time and weekend usage and therefore outside peak hour traffic periods. Any large events involving the use of the public realm will be subject to the normal event planning and dedicated traffic management provisions.

Conclusion

Consequently, the Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development, however further clarification on the items listed below is requested:

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Signed: __Linda Lally_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: ___16th June 2022_____ Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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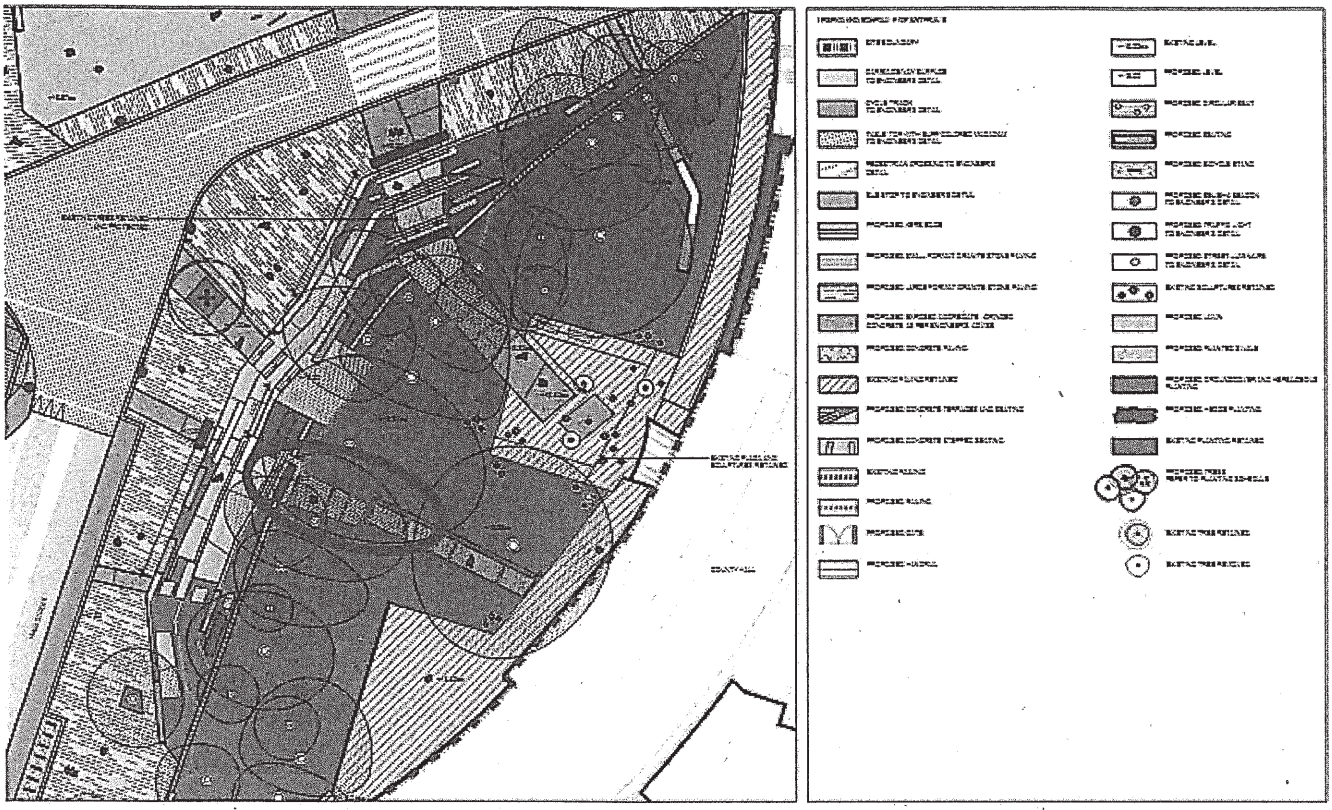
Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The landscape proposals for the Swords Cultural Quarter are acceptable in principle subject to the following:

Area in the vicinity of County Hall, Swords

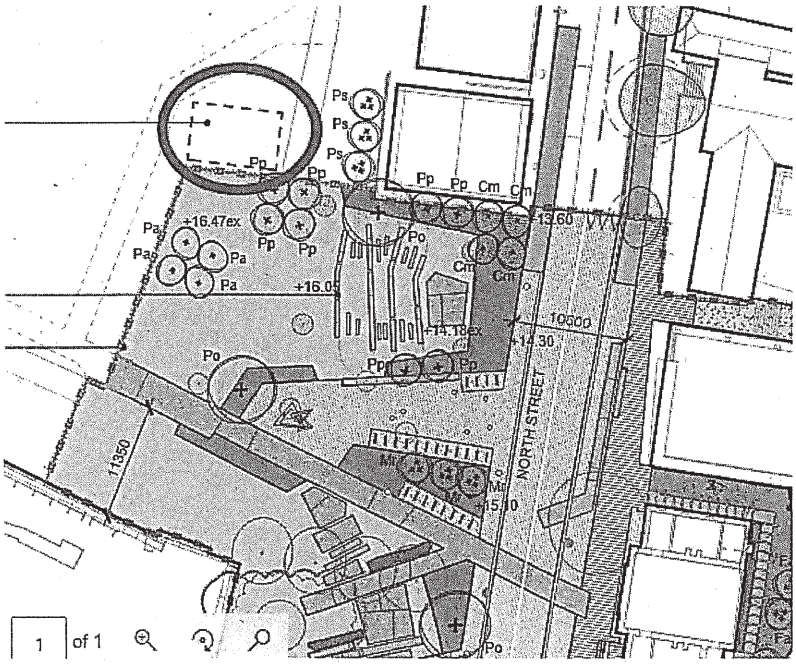
Two pedestrian entrances and access paths are indicated from Main Street leading to County Hall, Swords. It is recommended that the pedestrian access which runs under the existing Cedar be omitted (see highlighted in red below) as two entrances at this location appears excessive and also due to concerns of any works in the location of this significant tree.



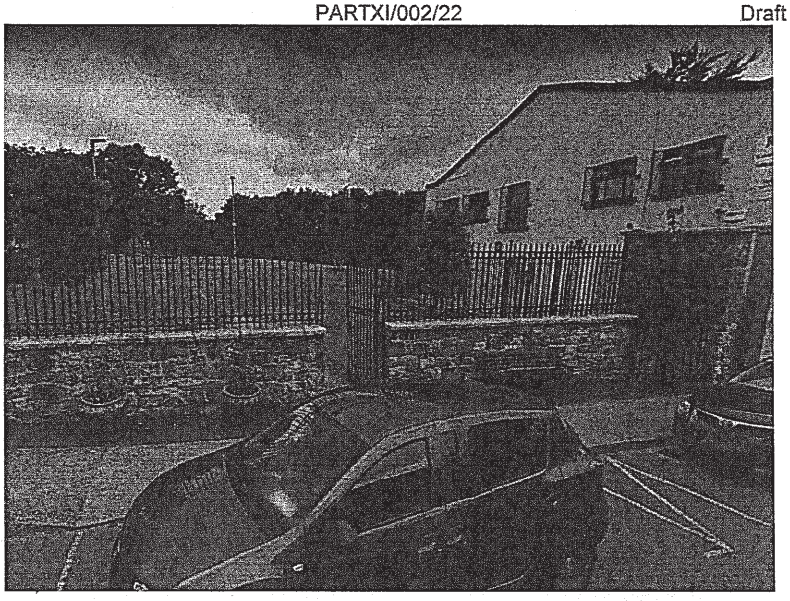
Entrance and pedestrian path at County Hall recommended for omission highlighted in red.

Proposed landscaped area at the entrance to Swords Town Park, North Street

It is recommended that an alternative location be proposed for public toilets as the current proposal locates them on an elevated/prominent site. In addition, an unwanted area of anti-social behaviour would be created between the toilets and the adjoining building (Leader House) within the park.

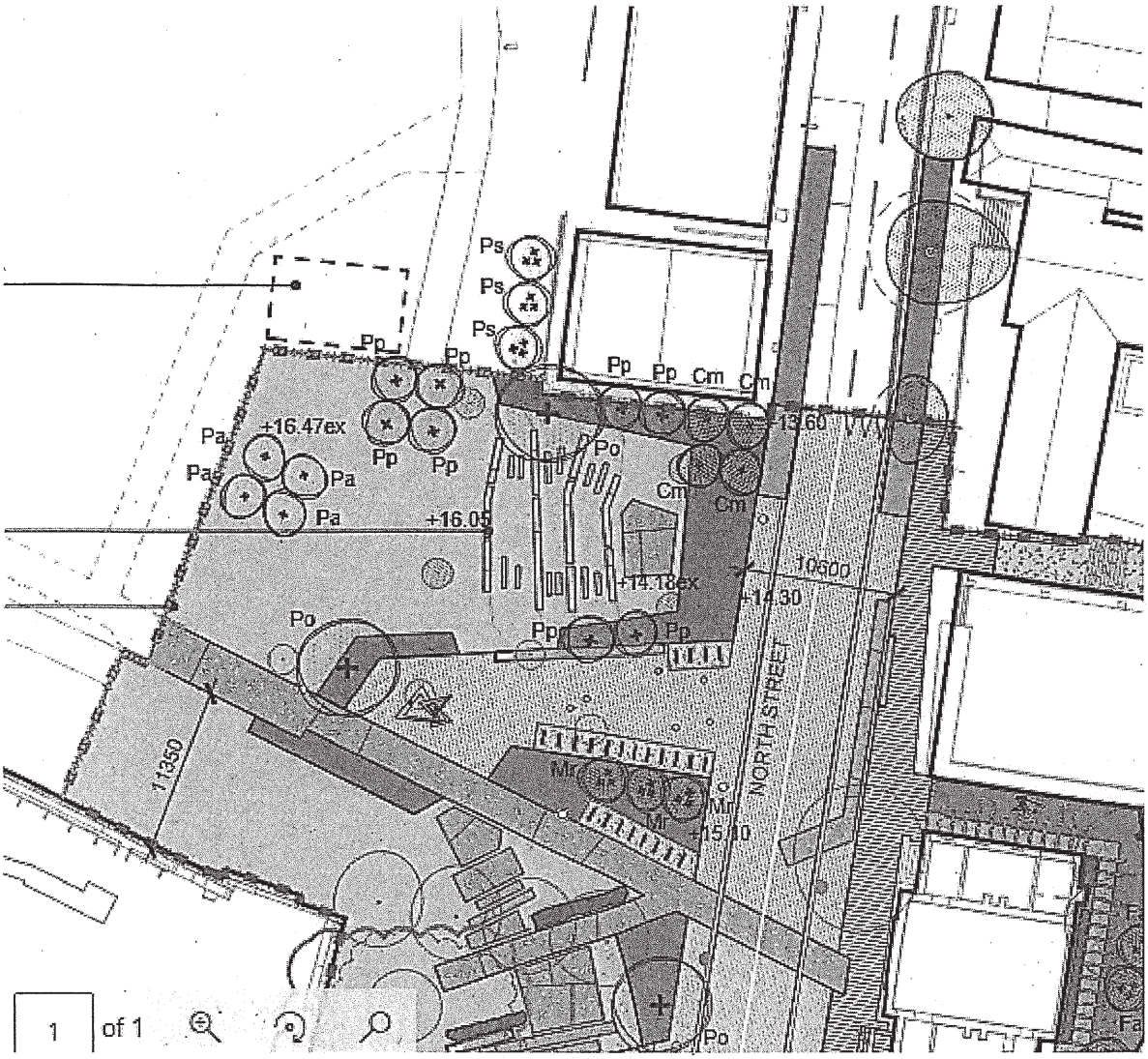


Proposed relocated toilets highlighted in red.



The proposed relocated toilets would be on an elevated/ prominent site and an unwanted area of anti-social behaviour would be created between the toilets and the Credit Unit building within the park.

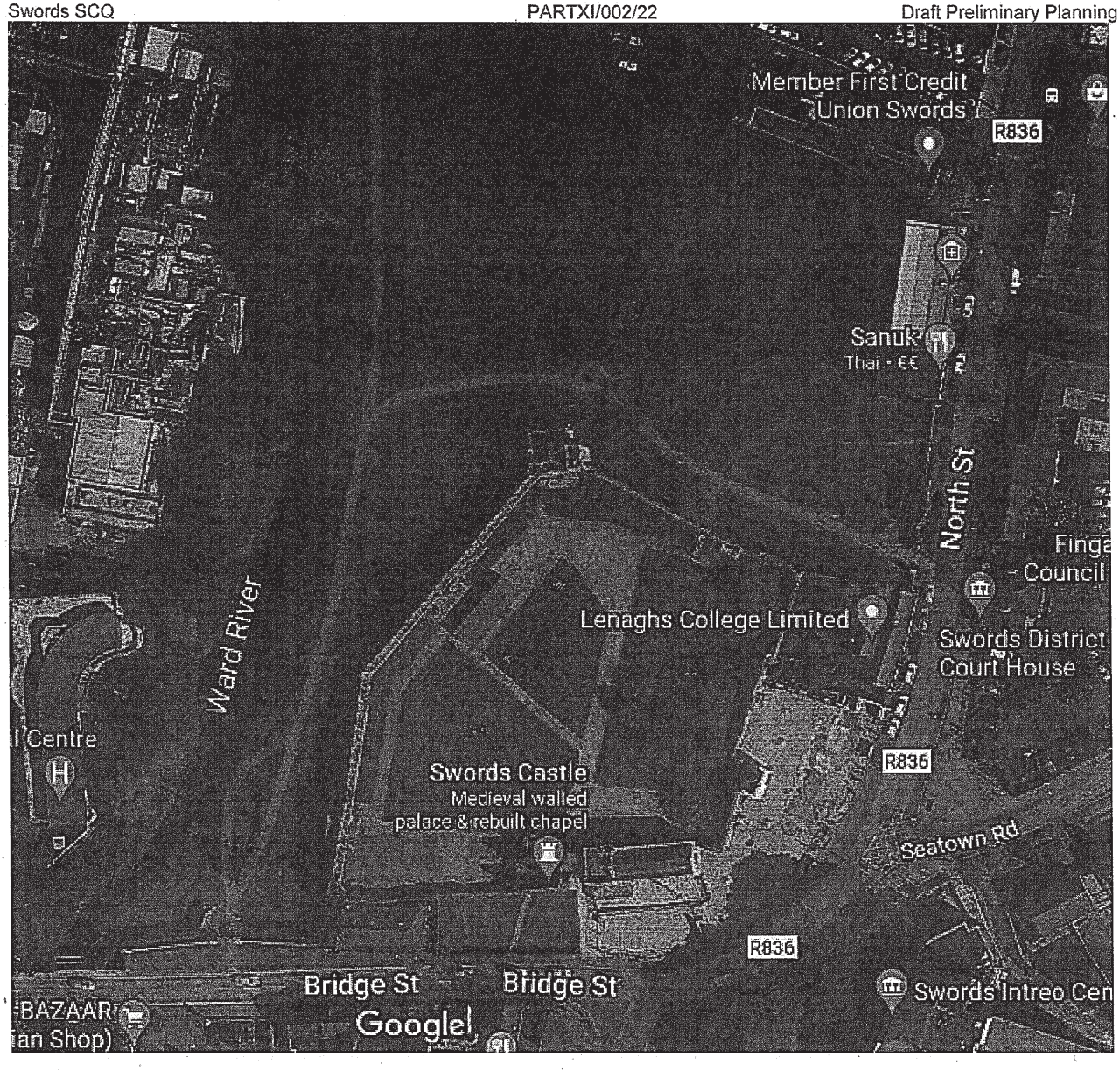
The current extent of the proposed landscaped area does not make the most of this area in terms of usage and interface with the Castle and Swords Town Park.



Current extent of proposed landscape scheme on North Street at entrance to Swords Town Park.

It is recommended that the area be extended to be in line with the northern wall of the castle as indicated in red below. This will create a public realm space for the Swords Cultural Quarter of approximately one-acre. The purpose of this high-quality landscaped area would be to accommodate unamplified outdoor events/ performances and to provide a setting for the full extent of this northern wall of the Swords Castle.

The existing boundary / entrance to Swords Town Park on North Street could be repurposed / relocated along this new boundary line (in red below), thereby retaining uniformity in the boundary treatment used elsewhere in Swords Town Park.



Proposed relocated boundary to Swords Town Park in line with the northern wall of Swords Castle.

Tree removal and replanting

A statement should be provided to indicate that there should be no net loss of tree canopy cover as a result of the proposed development.

Constructed tree pit detail of a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres required.

SuDS features

Further consideration to be given to the detailed design of proposed SuDS such as the swale detail to ensure it can be easily maintained and not become a litter trap.

Officer: Gemma Carr Endorsed: _____

Date: 04/05/22 Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Architects Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/002/22

Registration Date: 26.04.2022

Development: Demolition of St. Michaels House single storey bungalow, Seatown Road, Swords; demolition of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties at No. 20 North Street, Swords; Construction of a Swords Civic & Cultural Centre on the site of the Fingal County Council Executive car park at junction of North Street and Seatown Road, site of St. Michaels House, Seatown Road, and site of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties to provide a new public county library, theatre, art gallery and auditorium, cafe/bar, local studies and archives centre associated office space and ancillary accommodation. The proposed structure is four storeys in height with a GIA floor area of 5,686m2. Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary works are also proposed as part of the development. External works included a new road entrance from Seatown Road to access a service bay for deliveries at ground floor level. Provide a new Civic Space & Public Realm (area: 13,200m2) including new stone paving, street lighting, street furniture and art work at the following site location:

the road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, Swords; vacant plots No.'s 1-7, 13, 15 North Street adjacent to Swords Castle, No. 17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Street, Swords; the existing external public space (area: 1,881m2) to the immediate west/front of Fingal County Hall; and the existing side entrance area of Swords Park accessed from North street.

Location: Within Swords Town Centre, Co. Dublin, In proximity to Fingal County Hall, and Swords Castle, With an overall site area of, 15,751m2 (3.89 acres)

Applicant: Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Dept(FCC)

Application Type: Part XI

Report

This Part XI Application was referred to the Architects Department for comment. This report should be read in conjunction with that of the Conservation Officer of this office. The proposal is for a significant building on the site of an existing carpark at the junction North Street and Seatown Road in Swords. The proposed building is an element of the Fingal County Council Swords Cultural Quarter project that has been ongoing since 2015. The purpose of the Swords Cultural Quarter project as identified in its 2015 Masterplan is to draw out the potential of the existing town centre focusing on the castle environs as a new cultural hub- an area to instill and foster a sense of place and civic pride and also act as a valued partner to the shopping and business areas of the town. The proposal to provide a County library, performance venue and a visual events space aims at fostering a vibrant community and promoting historical, cultural, intellectual and social exchanges. In addition, the Masterplan advocated environmental improvements to the public realm to reinforce the identity of the area as a place within Swords and works to Swords Castle as identified in its Conservation Plan (published in 2014). The Masterplan also suggested the initiation and continuance of cultural events within and around the castle- Festival of Fire, Chapel Events, Community Archaeology etc., and sought to facilitate where possible the development of spaces within the area to encourage the development of artistic endeavor and community activities- all to foster pride and civic engagement by the people of Swords in this part of the county town.

The aims of the SCQ have been supported in Fingal County Councils planning policy since before the initiation of the SCQ project. Fingal County Council's Strategic vision of 2009 - 'Your Swords – Strategic Vision 2035' seeks 'to promote and facilitate the sustainable development for Swords Town as a vibrant consolidated major town with a thriving economy; an attractive and highly accessible built environment with the highest standards of housing, employment, services, amenities and recreational facilities- a most desirable location with the GDA for people to live, work, set up business, visit or access services'. That document acknowledges that there is a deficit in the provision of social, cultural, recreational and community facilities in Swords which will be further exacerbated with the projected population growth (close to 100,000). The deficit identified, related to library, arts and theatre spaces.
In recognition of this, objectives were included in the 2017-2023 Development Plan. *Objective Swords 1*- Encourage a range and quality of retail, commercial, civic, cultural, leisure, community and other services commensurate with the role of Swords Town Centre as a Metropolitan Consolidation Town. *Objective Swords 3*- Promote and enhance the identity of the town centre through the delivery of Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Architectural Masterplan, including development of Swords Civic and Cultural Centre and delivery of the conservation plan for Swords Castle thereby ensuring the protection, conservation and enhancement of the historic core of Swords.

Significance & Sensitivity of the Site

The design for the Swords Cultural Centre building and the associated public realm draws on principles of sustainable landscape strategies , architectural integration, urban repair, and the issues associated with the stitching together of historic and new fabric. The adjacent Swords Castle, a national monument is the

primary element in the resulting design proposed by the design team, and they are to be commended for their analysis of the potential of the Castle to be the start and end point of the scheme.

`The Swords Cultural Quarter is designed as an important piece of urban fabric that will rectify the complex condition of the current junction and streetscape. The Swords Cultural Centre will be the main component of this scheme and is envisaged as a destination of warmth, activity and connection at the heart of Swords Town Centre. The arrangement of the building form and public realm design is based on a layering of concepts, using the form of the ruined Castle Walls as an origin point.`[1]

These layers of concept that define the overriding arrangement are set out in the following hierarchy

1. The Castle Walls The starting point for the design are the ruined walls of Swords Castle. This is the key component of the unique visual identity that will be established in Swords Town Centre.
2. Encircling Park The installation of the encircling park makes it possible for visitors to walk all the way around the perimeter castle walls and fully appreciate its setting within an island of green.
3. Wedge of Public Realm The primary segment of the new public square is formed so that it can act as a lens, creating a meaningful tie between the East Range of the Castle Wall and North Street. It references the character of 19th/early 20th century Swords with the generosity of its space and its potential use as an events space for the town.
4. Library Entrance and Under croft- The main entrance to the Swords Cultural Centre is positioned directly behind the main square, creating a strong visual link to the Castle.
5. North Arts Block and Gateway to Northern Side This section creates a boundary to the SCQ site along its Northern edge in line with the apex of the circular route through the Community Park.
6. Living Room at the Heart The completion of the Southern Block creates a pocket of protected space for the 'Living Room' at the heart of the SCC plan.
7. Courthouse Cradled in Garden. The final piece is the completion of the public realm and garden setting for the existing Court House creating its own precinct which it doesn't have at the moment and stitching it back into the urban grain of the town to sustain its role into the future.
8. Re purposed public realm in front of County Hall to improve permeability and the connection of County Hall with the town.

A thorough and detailed assessment of the historic context of the site and analysis of its evolution has been submitted by the design team and is exemplary in its detail.

Design report

The design development by the design team on foot of meetings and engagement is acknowledged and has led to the design quality of the proposal. The applicantion cites in the architectural design report how the proposal responds to and is consistent with the criteria for successful development in an historic context . Some of the criteria and principles that must be examined are Context, Connections, Inclusivity, Variety, Efficiency, Distinctiveness, Layout, Public Realm, Materiality and Detailed design. The Architects dept commentary on the criteria is as follows;

1.Context

[1] ODT Architectural Report

The architectural context of this site is the product of several building phases from the middle ages up to the present. The proposed building introduces a new density of use in order to maximise the site's potential for the provision of a range of cultural and educational resources giving a building of greater scale and height than those previously on the site. However, the building has been designed with sensitivity to the overall historic context and with consideration for the relationships of each of the proposed elements to existing historic structures i.e. the Castle and the Courthouse and streetscape. The design intent is to reform the eastern edge of North Street, in line with the street edge shown on historic maps, while revealing and resetting the Castle wall on the western edge giving it more impact and reinforcing its place in the hierarchy of building in Swords. Impacts on the buildings that are subject to legislative protection are almost solely visual, with no physical impacts on the surrounding Protected Structures or National Monuments other than to the southern steps of the Court House. With the proposed design and material quality of the building and public realm, and the extent of the proposed cultural, educational and social resource for the area taken into consideration, the proposals can reasonably be viewed to have the retention of the site's surrounding historic architectural character as a core principle. This informed approach to the development of the site is appropriate to the national, regional and local historic, architectural, cultural and social significance of the context of the site.

The mitigation of visual impacts to the Court House and Swords Castle have been integral to the design of the development and have been adjusted as the design developed to minimise negative impact. Mitigation against the impact of the scale of the new development is provided by the use of setbacks and changes in parapet line and materials of construction in the new building elements, which visually subdivide the elevations into a series of separate elements more appropriate to the surrounding streetscapes. All new elements have been designed in a contemporary manner and will allow the existing historic building to be easily read within the new development. The proposed materials for the new building do not attempt to reproduce any architectural details of the historic buildings, allowing the historic Court House to retain its own character and significance and stand in its own right- as a precious relic of the past and most importantly protected so that it continues in its original use that is embraced and protected by the new building so that its existence is sustained into the future.

2.Connections.

There are clear and attractive routes in and out for the public to the building and the adjacent newly developed public realm will be an attractor. The development is close to main street and will be connected to existing and future public transport. The public realm seeks to strengthen the visual and physical links between the new building, the Castle and County Hall. The layout links to existing movement routes and the places people will want to get to. The proposal is well connected to its receiving environment.

3.Inclusivity

New buildings are required to meet the aspirations of a range of people. This design will be easily accessed by all. There is a range of public and communal spaces and facilities for people of different ages from children to the elderly. The building is

universally accessible. Universal access is proposed to be provided to the Courthouse which is not available now. Areas defined as public open space and public realm are be clearly defined, accessible and open to all. The new building, public realm and landscaping present a positive aspect to passersby, avoiding unnecessary physical and visual barriers. How the building is perceived from the street has been considered so that the that the glazed areas overlook the street with active uses at ground and first floor- for example Café and maker space. Entrances are on both Seatown Road and North Street. Public safety has been considered. Passive surveillance from neighbouring residential buildings is also afforded to the building. The use of the building from early morning to late at night is also likely to encourage more activity and pedestrians into the vicinity. The library will be part of the Open library model.

4.Variety
Activities generated by the development will contribute to the quality of life in its locality in the town of Swords. Uses that attract the most people are in the most accessible places both in the open as part of the public realm and in how the building is organized internally. Neighbouring uses and activities within the building are compatible with each other.

5.Efficiency
The proposal takes on in an objective at the potential of higher density as advocated in the Swords Masterplan (3-5 storey), taking into account appropriate accessibility by public transport and the objectives of good design. Landscaped areas and the Public realm are designed to provide amenity and biodiversity, protect buildings and spaces from the elements and incorporate sustainable urban drainage systems. Buildings and public spaces are laid out to exploit the best solar orientation in so far as possible. The scheme brings a surface car park /brownfield site back into productive use.

6.Distinctivness
The place has recognisable features so that people can describe it and form an emotional attachment to the place. The scheme is a positive addition to the identity of the locality. The layout makes the most of the opportunities presented by existing buildings, landform and ecological features to create a memorable layout. The proposal successfully exploits views into and out of the site. There is a discernable focal point to the scheme, and the proposals reinforce the role of Swords as the County Town.

The Architectural language is strong and sustained throughout the scheme. The aim of a design such as this is to achieve a balance between and unity and variety. The scheme is coherent and rational and very legible. The materiality is appropriate and of high quality.

7.Layout
The layout and positioning of the building within the site aligns routes with desire lines to create a permeable interconnected series of routes that are easy and logical to navigate around. The layout of the ground floor plan focuses activity on the streets by creating active frontages with activities visible from the street. The designers were

very responsive to this issue at pre planning stage in particular with reference to the white box art gallery where windows were inserted to flag its existence externally. The streets are designed as places by virtue of the public realm and landscaping design instead of just roads for cars and buses, helping to create a hierarchy of space with less busy routes having surfaces shared by pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Traffic speeds are controlled by design and layout rather than by speedhumps. All existing carriage ways and traffic routes have nevertheless been maintained.

8. Public Realm

This is a particularly strong element of the scheme. The concept of making the Castle an island in a sea of green landscaping has informed the development of the landscape design and the form of the public realm. As discussed above, permeability and visibility are governing principles with the opening up of a visual link to Swords town park a significant plus. This will be a major help in the ongoing process of greening Swords. The public realm is considered as a usable integrated element in the design of the development. There is a clear definition between hard and soft landscape and the materials and furniture elements have been carefully chosen. the materials are robust and appropriate to a public space that will be well used.

9.Sustainibility

Sustainability is integral to the design of the SCQ project. The proposals for the Swords Cultural Centre will be assessed under BREEAM New Construction International 2016. The IDT have been tasked with achieving a minimum rating BREEAM 'Excellent' or better for the project and this aim will be continued through detailed design should the project be granted planning permission. The fabric thermal performance figures for the proposed SCC building are significantly better than the Part L limiting factors and slightly better than the reference NZEB figures. This will to ensure the energy and carbon reduction targets are achieved, as well as the BREEAM energy credits maximised.

10. Parking

Detailed reports with regard to transport have been provided by the design team. The required parking for the new building will be provided at the Fingal County Council Seatown road carpark. Displacement parking for that currently occupying the site will be leased. Parking for the Courthouse will be provided on street as is currently the case and secure parking will be provided for Court staff as appropriate

11.Building Interior

The interior of the building had been designed to respond to the accommodation brief provided by the client departments- Libraries and Arts Departments. The Design team have responded well to the complex requirements of a modern library, gallery and theatre. An economy has been achieved with the way the ground floor has been arranged with library reception, exhibition, art gallery, café and gallery. The concept of shared spaces has been continued throughout the building. A vital link space has been inserted in the middle of the deep plan – the `living room` of the building, an airy top lit space to be shared and animated by all users of the building. The building has been designed as a series of balcony (onto the living room) type

floors with side walls punctured for the filtering through of light- these floors are further animated by the two staircases in the building. This device deals very well with the `problem` of a deep plan on an awkward triangular site. Service spaces have been accommodated in parts of the building away from the public interface. External windows are well shaded with Brise soleil and punctured screens and external terraces are accommodated within the plan. The theatre and quiet study room have been sited carefully and are acoustically isolated from the rest of the building. Features such as the book sorting machine, visible to the public and the maker space and workshops will ensure that the innovations of a 21st century library are possible. Materials are at once robust – concrete floors and warm-timber linings.

12. Detailed Design

The materials and design detail are of a high quality. The consistency of the palette of materials used throughout the scheme is very disciplined and coherent. The mix of precast concrete with colour, relief and texture, aluminum curtain walling, large glazed screen to certain spaces and a mix of slot and picture windows are managed well for maximum coherence. Colours and textures of materials are a good response. The architectural language is appropriate, and the design solution is rigorous. There is virtue in the rationality of the scheme. The quality of the public realm and landscaping of the scheme is very good and will add a distinctive character to the area – it will be of Swords.

The proposal has evolved naturally as a response to the constraints and opportunities of the site and surroundings. Appropriate increases in density respect the form of buildings and landscape around the site's edges and the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring users. Form, architecture and landscaping have been informed by the development's place and time, the development positively contributes to the character and identity of the neighbourhood and appropriate responses have been made to the nature of specific boundary conditions and the accommodations required especially in relation to the Courthouse. This is a new scheme in an historic landscape. The scheme is an increase in the scale and type of existing urban grain immediate to it, although it remains subservient to the scale and massing of County Hall. The building is designed in a rational manner and is a strong response to place and time. The scheme will bring a new character to the area.

In conclusion the proposed scheme is of quality and demonstrates a considered response to the site. The Architectural ambition of the scheme is well demonstrated with skill and is appropriate to the aims and aspirations of Swords as the County Town of Fingal.

Signed:	**Fionnuala May**
Position:	**County Architect**
Date:	**19.05.2022**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PARTXI/002/22

Registration Date:

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Applicant: Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

The documentation was forwarded to the Conservation Officer for comment. The site consists of lands at Swords Castle, North Street, existing Fingal County Council Carpark on Seatown Road and existing public realm along Seatown Road, Main Street, Bridge Street and to the front of Fingal County Hall. The proposed development is located in the immediate context of two sites of particular architectural heritage significance: Swords Castle and Swords District Court House. The proposed Swords Civic and Cultural Building is to be constructed on a site arranged around three sides of Swords Court House, protected structure RPS No. 0350. The curtilage of Swords Court House is within the site boundary although the building itself is not. The proposed development is located opposite the Eastern Range of Swords Castle, a National Monument, recorded on the Sites and Monuments Record, SMR no. DU011-034001 and listed on the Record of Protected Structures in the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, RPS No. 0351.

Description of Existing Setting:
Swords District Court House was designed in 1843 by Alexander Tate, Dublin County Surveyor and was built between 1846-7. Historic maps and photographs indicate that the Court House was surrounded by buildings on both sides and there was a building to the rear of the court house plot but in the late 20th century the buildings to the south and rear were demolished. The Court House is a compact, three-bay building with coursed rubble limestone walls. It has recessed, single-storey entrance wings flanking a full height centre block, with a central bay containing a tripartite, square-headed window at first floor level. The roof, hidden behind a parapet, is a pitched, slated roof to the main block, with terracotta ridge tiles and tall limestone chimney stacks housing yellow clay pots. There are granite steps to the entrance doors in each side bay. The entrances have double-leaf timber doors and there are timber sash windows. The Court House is a building of regional significance and was designed as a small landmark public building informed by classical architectural principles. Despite a damaging fire in 1998, it retains its original external materials, historic architectural expression and character.

Swords Castle has been assessed in detail as part of the Swords Castle Conservation Plan and is of National significance. It is the best surviving Episcopal Manor (Bishop's Palace) in Ireland, setting it apart in terms of significance from surviving contemporary defensive Norman Castles. The significance of the Swords Castle complex is multi-layered and relates to aspects of its architecture, history, and archaeology. The environment within the walls of the Castle and its relationship to the urban and administrative centre of Swords is also of cultural significance. It is a complex site representing at least 500 years of development, redesign, alteration, re-use and adaptation. The structures presently on the site are described in detail in the Swords Castle Conservation Plan and in the Archaeological Impact Assessment.

The site of the proposed Swords Civic and Cultural Building is occupied by a surface car park and a group of early 20th century, two-storey buildings adjoining the Court House to the north. Swords Castle is located in a prominent position at the North end of Swords Main Street, to the west of the proposed site. There were a number of structures on the western side of North Street and curving around onto Main Street that sat in front of the Castle's Eastern Curtain Wall but most of these have been demolished in the recent past as part of a planned opening up of views of the castle. To the north of the Castle is an entrance to Swords Town Park. To the south of the site, on lands formerly part of the gardens of Swords House, is Fingal County Hall.

Proposed Development:
The proposed Swords Civic and Cultural Building ranges in height from 2 to 4-storeys and will include for a theatre, an art gallery, café/theatre bar, exhibition spaces, workshop rooms, meeting rooms, public library, offices and associated facilities. The proposed scheme also includes for works to the public realm and alterations to existing road layouts for North Street, Seatown Road, Main Street and Bridge Street, including for public realm/ landscape schemes to the east of Swords Castle and west of existing Fingal County Hall.

Proposed Demolitions:

It is proposed to demolish a group of terraced, two-storey buildings immediately to the north of the Court house. They have a cementitious render to external walls, with quoin render details and have been altered externally, with contemporary shopfronts and glazing. It is proposed to demolish one remaining single-storey house, formerly a bakery, on the west side of North Street, as part of the public realm works. The building appears likely to be of 19th century construction, though it has been much altered, with later openings, glazing and doors.

It is also proposed to demolish the single-storey structure facing the Court House. This structure is constructed of coursed rubble limestone, with dressed stone quoins and brick dressings to three narrow slit openings on its North Street façade. The building appears to have been altered and work begun for a later use, with additional concrete blockwork construction in areas, but it remains unroofed. It is believed to have served as a stable to a large redbrick house (no longer in extant) nearby on North Street. To the north of the Court House, it is proposed to remove an area of rubble stone wall and adjoining latrine which form the boundary with adjoining properties to the north. To the rear of the Court House, it is proposed to remove a small shed of concrete construction. The conservation report sets out a brief for how the demolitions should be handled. The method statements for the protection of the historic building elements immediately adjoining the site during demolition works are satisfactory.

It is proposed to remove and store the pair of rusticated cut-stone gate piers at the entrance to the Community Park. These gate posts were taken from another location and re-erected as an entrance to the Community Park. They may be associated with Swords House. The landscape drawings indicate a 2.4m bespoke steel park fence and a new gate to replace the existing boundary to the community park but does not appear to provide a detail of its design.

The conservation office has no objection to the proposed demolitions where the works adhere to the recommendations of the conservation report in that:

- The demolition of the structures are to be recorded and monitored as part of an archaeological brief and the protection or conservation repair work to historic fabric will be carried out by specialist contractors with relevant experience of working with historic buildings.

It is asked though that:

- Exact detail of the proposed new boundary fence and gate to Swords Community Park should be provided.
- A location for the re-use of the rusticated cut-stone gate piers should be identified and a plan set out for their temporary storage.

Proposed Swords Civic and Cultural Building & Public Realm Works:
The proposed Swords Cultural Centre (SCC) introduces an increased density of use and is of greater scale and height than buildings previously on the site. Its scale relates to the extensive civic and community functions provided on a constricted site.

The impacts of the proposed development on Swords District Court House are predominantly visual, with minimal physical impacts other than to the southern steps. The proposed SCC building is of greater height and scale than the compact Court House. To mitigate the visual impacts the new building has been held back on all three sides so that the Court House remains an independent structure. The planes of the SCC building where they most closely meet the Court House respect its geometry. The SCC building does not attempt to replicate any element of the Court House, allowing it to remain clearly legible. The quality of design and material finish of the proposed SCC building provides mitigation against the visual impact resulting from its scale and proximity to the Court House.

The set of two granite steps to the southern entrance door to the Court House are to be removed and the pavement in this area sloped to meet the entrance threshold to provide universal access. This will impact on the historic fabric and architectural heritage character of the Court House but is necessary to provide universal access. The accessible entrance is proposed to the southern door, rather than the

northern door, where there are more steps, to mitigate against a more extensive loss of building fabric. This intervention is deemed acceptable.

A large new public realm space is proposed outside the Castle walls to the east, connecting the Castle visually to the town. The opening up of the southern end of North Street does not have an historic precedent, but it creates a considered setting in which the Castle's presence in the town is enhanced. This impact may be regarded as being of a moderate beneficial nature and is acceptable.

The scale and height of the proposed SCC is greater than the modest structures remaining on the site, and it is visible in various views towards the Castle. From within the Castle, the visual impact will be restricted to views towards the East. The proposed SCC building will be visible beyond the Eastern Castle wall. The roof beyond the Brise Soleil structure above the three-storey section of the library building pitches down towards the centre of the block, to bring a lightness to the form of the building upper levels when viewed from within the Castle walls. The dominant visual relationship that the Castle presently has over the town beyond it to the east from within the walled enclosure will be impacted. However, the design has sought to minimise the visual impact by breaking the solid extent of the front elevation with the Brise Soleil element.

The proposed development impacts on several views of the existing buildings in the surrounding historic setting. Mitigation against the impact of the scale of the new development is provided by the use of setbacks and changes in parapet line and materials, which visually subdivide the elevations into a series of separate elements more appropriate to the surrounding streetscapes. All new elements have been designed in a contemporary manner and allow the existing historic building to remain legible. The massing of the west elevation of the North Block reflects the proportions of the courthouse's central section to allow the two to read as a pair.

The proposed materials are a combination of precast concrete and aluminium curtain walling. Precast concrete is proposed for most of the SCC building façade, and for the detailing around the Brise Soleil structures. The proposed precast concrete is light and warm in colour, with a slightly roughened texture similar to a natural stone and is enlivened with scored lines that provide visual interest. These high-quality materials are appropriate to the setting.

When approaching from Seatown Road, the opening up of the South-West corner of the SCC building, and the extensive areas of curtain walling create a connection between Seatown Road and the public realm / Castle. The open corner allows visitors glimpses of the Eastern Range of the Castle as they move towards the main Public Space.

The SCC building will have a significant presence on the site and will impact on the historic setting of the Castle and the Courthouse due to its scale and height. However, this impact is mitigated by the high quality of the proposed design and material quality of the building and public realm, and the extent of the proposed cultural, educational and social resource which will be provided. The important civic and community function of the SCC building and public realm is reflected in its design and setting.

Officer: Laura Johnstone Endorsed: Helena Bergin
Position: Exec Architectural Conservation Officer Sen Exec Architectural Conservation Officer
Date: 18/05/2022 Date: 18/05/2022

Register Reference:	**PARTXI/002/22**
Proposed Development:	Demolition of St. Michaels House single storey bungalow, Seatown Roac Swords; demolition of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residentia properties at No. 20 North Street, Swords; Construction of a Swords Civic & Cultural Centre on the site of the Fingal County Council Executive car park a junction of North Street and Seatown Road, site of St. Michaels House Seatown Road, and site of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacan residential properties to provide a new public county library, theatre, ar gallery and auditorium, cafe/bar, local studies and archives centr associated office space and ancillary accommodation. The propose structure is four storeys in height with a GIA floor area of 5,686m2 Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary works are also proposed a part of the development. External works included a new road entrance fron Seatown Road to access a service bay for deliveries at ground floor leve Provide a new Civic Space & Public Realm (area: 13,200m2) including nev stone paving, street lighting, street furniture and art work at the followin site location: the road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Stree and Main Street, Swords; vacant plots No.'s 1-7, 13, 15 North Street adjacen to Swords Castle, No. 17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Stree Swords; the existing external public space (area: 1,881m2) to the immediat west/front of Fingal County Hall; and the existing side entrance area o Swords Park accessed from North street
Location:	Within Swords Town Centre, Co. Dublin, In proximity to Fingal County Hall, and Swords Castle, With an overall site area of, 15,751m2 (3.89 acres.
Report Type:	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Planning Officer:	Hugh O'Neill
Lodged:	
Rec'd Archaeologist:	27/04/2022

An archaeological report was submitted with the documentation;

An Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Swords Cultural Quarter, Swords Co. Dublin by James Hession of Rubicon Heritage Ltd dated 12 April 2022. A review of previous archaeological investigations undertaken in the area and available cartographic and aerial photographic records, identified likely significant impacts in relation to the historic town of Swords (DU011-035---).

In order to ameliorate these impact a series of mitigation measures and recommendations have been made; 1. A programme of archaeological excavation shall be carried out at the site of the proposed SCC Building (CH015) in advance of construction, to fully investigate and record the medieval and post-medieval features identified during archaeological monitoring undertaken in 2019 and archaeological test trenching in 2022. This should be carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist under license and in accordance with the provisions of the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004.

This is a reasonable approach that the Heritage Officer concurs with.

2. A comprehensive programme of archaeological monitoring should be carried out to encompass the proposed Public Realm and Civic Space works adjacent to Swords Castle (within AAPs CH013 and CH014), including enabling, demolition, conservation/ stabilisation works and the soft and hard landscaping proposals (green space, paths, seating and planting) extending around the castle perimeter. This shall be carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist under Ministerial Consent in accordance with the provisions of the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004.a.Should any sub-surface archaeological features be identified during this process, it is recommended that they are preserved in situ and protected from any intrusive groundworks. b.Preservation in situ will comprise cleaning back and surveying the extent of the identified remains, followed by strategic environmental sampling, prior to applying a protective covering comprised of successive layers of terram/ other geotextile layer and sand. c.Where preservation in situ cannot be achieved, either in whole or in part, then a programme of full archaeological excavation should be implemented to ensure the preservation by record of the portion of the site that will be directly impacted upon.d.If significant archaeological material is encountered during the course of archaeological monitoring, then resolution of any such significant material will be determined in consultation with the Fingal County Heritage Officer and the National Monuments Service (DoHLGH).

This is a comprehensive and reasonable approach that the Heritage Officer concurs with.

3. A detailed architectural survey will be undertaken of Nos. 17and 17A prior to demolition to fully record the wall fabric. The removal of renders or other works to determine the nature and composition of the wall fabric will be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced contractor under the direction of a conservation architect and archaeologist.

In addition the remains of Dunne's Bakery should also be subject to a detailed architectural survey. The bakery was a distinct part of the cultural heritage of Swords and North street in particular, with its familiar chimney built against the walls of Swords Castle and the links between Swords Castle and the Dunne family. (See Baker 2017). The potential reuse of stone from Swords Castle in the bakery remains should be examined.

4. A programme of conservation/ stabilisation works will be undertaken at the exposed section of the curtain wall of Swords Castle to the rear of Nos. 17 and 17A. The extent, form and detail of the required works will be designed and undertaken by a suitably qualified structural engineer. Any detailed proposals for such works will be agreed in advance with the Conservation and Heritage Officers within Fingal County Council and the National Monuments Service (DoHLGH).

To note the curtain wall of Swords Castle to the rear of Nos. 17 and 17A was subject to conservation during Phase 1 of the Enabling Works. The demolition of the remains of Dunne's Bakery that directly abutt the curtain wall of Swords Castle will require to be undertaken by a suitably qualified conservation engineer.

5. A comprehensive programme of archaeological monitoring shall be carried out to encompass all remaining groundwork elements associated with the Public Realm and Civic Space along North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, including (but not limited to) all enabling, and demolition works as well as construction groundworks and the landscaping proposals at County Hall. This should be carried out by a suitably qualified archaeologist under license and in accordance with the provisions of the National

Monuments Acts 1930-2004.a.Where possible, every reasonable effort should be made to preserve in situ or reduce the impact on any identified archaeological material. Where preservation in situ cannot be achieved, either in whole or in part, then a programme of full archaeological excavation should be implemented to ensure the preservation by record of the portion of the site that will be directly impacted upon. b.If significant archaeological material is encountered during the course of archaeological monitoring, then resolution of any such significant material will be determined in consultation with the Fingal County Heritage Officer and the National Monuments Service (DoHLGH).

This is a reasonable approach that the Heritage Officer concurs with.

6. Written reports will be prepared detailing the results of all stages of archaeological work.

This is a reasonable approach that the Heritage Officer concurs with. In addition, on completion of excavations, monitoring of ground reduction and any archaeological excavations arising, the archaeologist should submit an over-arching written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration. This should contain the results of the surveys, excavations, monitoring and works including post-excavation dating of environmental samples and specialist analysis placed in an archaeological and historical context with an analysis of their significance, as per the requirements of the National Monuments Service.

The proposed Swords Cultural Quarter development provides an opportunity to raise awareness and facilitate engagement with the archaeological heritage of the area providing the mitigation measures outlined above are implemented in full.

Signed:	
	Christine Baker
Position:	**Heritage Officer**
Date:	**03/05/2022**

Reference:

Baker, C. 2017, Phase 1, Enabling Works, Final Report Swords Castle, Swords, Co. Dublin. Unpublished Report, Fingal County Council.

09th May 2022

Hugh O'Neill
Planning Officer
Planning Department.

Register Ref:	**PARTXI/002/22**
Location:	Within Swords Town Centre, Co. Dublin, In proximity to Fingal County Hall, and Swords Castle, With an overall site area of, 15,751m2 (3.89 acres)
Applicant:	Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department (FCC)
Development:	Demolition of St. Michaels House single storey bungalow, Seatown Road, Swords; demolition of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties at No. 20 North Street, Swords; Construction of a Swords Civic & Cultural Centre on the site of the Fingal County Council Executive car park at junction of North Street and Seatown Road, site of St. Michaels House, Seatown Road, and site of 4 no. terraced 2-storey commercial/vacant residential properties to provide a new public county library, theatre, art gallery and auditorium, cafe/bar, local studies and archives centre associated office space and ancillary accommodation. The proposed structure is four storeys in height with a GIA floor area of 5,686m2. Landscaping, public realm works and ancillary works are also proposed as part of the development. External works included a new road entrance from Seatown Road to access a service bay for deliveries at ground floor level. Provide a new Civic Space & Public Realm (area: 13,200m2) including new stone paving, street lighting, street furniture and art work at the following site location: the road junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street, Swords; vacant plots No.'s 1-7, 13, 15 North Street adjacent to Swords Castle, No. 17 North Street and Chamber House 17A North Street, Swords; the existing external public space (area: 1,881m2) to the immediate west/front of Fingal County Hall; and the existing side entrance area of Swords Park accessed from North street.
App. Type	Part XI (Dev by LAs)
Date Recd.:	April 27, 2022

With reference to the above application the Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation) have the following comments:

1/ Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall prepare a Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the **Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021)**. The RWMP shall include details of the various waste streams and expected tonnages which will be generated during site clearance, demolition and construction phases and any proposed exportation or importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under By-Product notification. The RWMP shall also include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Regards

Enda Hoey

Enda Hoey
Senior Executive Scientist

PARTXI/002/22

I would like to advise that no comments were received from EETCD regarding Planning Application Ref. PARTXI/002/22.

Regards

Olive Talbot

Property Services | Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department| Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2.

Appendix 3 Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 objectives

- Zoning Objectives

MC - Major Town Centre

RD - Road

Zoning Objective Type	MC - Major Town Centre
Zoning Objective Description	Protect, provide for and/ or improve major town centre facilities
Zoning Objective Vision	Consolidate the existing Major Towns in the County, (Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan). The aim is to further develop these centres by densification of appropriate commercial and residential developments ensuring a mix of commercial, recreational, civic, cultural, leisure, residential uses, and urban streets, while delivering a quality urban environment which will enhance the quality of life of resident, visitor and workers alike. The zone will strengthen retail provision in accordance with the County Retail Strategy, emphasise urban conservation, ensure priority for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists while minimising the impact of private car based traffic and enhance and develop the existing urban fabric. In order to deliver this vision and to provide a framework for sustainable development, masterplans will be prepared for each centre in accordance with the Urban Fingal Chapter objectives.

Zoning Objective Type	RD - Road
Zoning Objective Description	ROAD

Zoning Objective Vision	N/A

- Site-specific mapped objectives within or intersecting the application boundary

NAME	Zone D
Treshold_Criteria	≥ 50 and < 54 dB LAeq, 16hr and ≥ 40 and < 48 dB Lnight
Objective	To identify noise sensitive developments which could potentially be affected by aircraft noise and to identify any larger residential developments in the vicinity of the flight paths serving the Airport in order to promote appropriate land use and to identify encroachment. All noise sensitive development within this zone is likely to be acceptable from a noise perspective. An associated application would not normally be refused on noise grounds, however where the development is residential-led and comprises nonresidential noise sensitive uses, or comprises 50 residential units or more, it may be necessary for the applicant to demonstrate that a good acoustic design has been followed. Applicants are advised to seek expert advice.

Objective Type	Zone of Archaeological Notification
Location	Swords
Labels	
Sheet Number	8

250m Catchment Area

Site Name	Townsparks
PR Number	PR2208

OBJECTID	438
RPS Number	350
Structure Name	Swords Court House
Street_Number	
Street_Address	North Street, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	Mid-19th century stone courthouse building

Objective Code	CYCLE
Objective Description	Indicative Cycle/Pedestrian Route

Cycle network rural routes

PSG network

Objective Type	GI Objective
Townland	Townparks
Sheet Number	Sheet 14
Objective Description	Protect the natural and built heritage of the following (which include important historic sites, landscapes and gardens, while providing significant public amenities): Bremore Castle and Park, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Newbridge House and Demesne, Malahide Castle and Demesne, Swords Castle and Park, Santry Demesne and Beechpark (Clonsilla)
X Coordinate	718200.461
Y Coordinate	746970.874
Objective Number	GIM2

OBJECTID	1642

ENTITY_ID	DU00401
CLASSCODE	CAST
NAT_GRID_E	318270
NAT_GRID_N	246987
RMP_PROP	1
CO_ID	9
ITM_E	718195
ITM_N	747010
CLASSDESC	Castle - Anglo-Norman masonry castle
SMRS	DU011-034001-
TLAND_NAMES	TOWNPARKS (Nethercross By.)

Quaility Bus Corridor

Objective Code	QBC
Objective Description	Quaility Bus Corridor
Sheet Number	Sheet 8

Objective Type	Woodland
Townland	Swords Demesne
Label	
Objection Description	Protect & Preserve Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows
Sheet Number	SHEET 8

Landscape Character Type: Low Lying Agricultural

- Fingal County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 Map based objectives in the vicinity of the proposal

Objective Code	QBC
Objective Description	Quaility Bus Corridor
OBJECTID	649
RPS Number	353
Structure Name	Accord
Street_Number	
Street_Address	Seatown Road, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	Late 19th century former residence for teacher of New Borough Male School, now offices for Accord

RPS Number	354
Structure Name	Former New Borough Male Schools
Street_Number	
Street_Address	Seatown Road, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	Late 19th century six-bay two-storey former New Borough Male Schools, in use by Prosper Fingal

RPS Number	352
Structure Name	Mill Bridge
Street_Number	
Street_Address	Bridge Street, Townparks, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	Stone single arched bridge carrying road over River Ward

Chapter 1 Strategic context

This chapter sets out a hierarchy of policies, objectives goals and aims which are focused on ensuring of high quality design. The growth of the county town of Swords as a socially inclusive equal, culturally diverse society with a vibrant town centre including through the the protection, maintenance and enhancement of natural and built heritage alongside the provision of community infrastructure.

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 PM05

Objective PM06

PM26

PM27

PM 31

PM32

PM33

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.

In respect of Community Infrastructure, Facilitates and Services:

Objective PM66
Ensure provision of accessible, adequate and diverse community facilities and services in new
and established areas to provide for the well-being of residents

Objective PM67
Ensure community facilities are flexible in their design and promote optimum usage.

Objective PM69
Ensure that proposals do not have a detrimental effect on local amenity by way of traffic, parking, noise or loss of privacy of adjacent residents.

In respect of Community Buildings:

Objective PM71
Support the provision of new community centres and facilitate the refurbishment and extension of facilities where there is a need for such works. Such facilities shall be accessible by a range of travel modes with an emphasis on walking, cycling and public transport use, while providing limited car parking facilities to meet anticipated demand of non-local visitors to the centre.

Objective PM89
Continue to support the development of the existing library service and provide for an expanded service and network subject to need and the availability of resources.

PM92

Green Infrastructure – Chapter 8

The Council has identified a number of key Green Infrastructure (GI) themes. These are:

- Biodiversity,
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation,
- Sustainable Water Management, Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Landscape

Objective GI26
Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

Objective G127
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

Chapter 12.8 Community Infrastructure, Facilities and Services
As a general principle, the location and provision of community facilities is a prerequisite to the creation and enhancement of viable, sustainable and successful local communities.

Objective DMS93
Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community-oriented developments, shall have regard to the following:

- Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.
- Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.
- Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.

Chapter 9

NH27

Chapter 10 Cultural Heritage

CH03

Objective CH07
Ensure that development within the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Notification does not seriously detract from the setting of the feature, and is sited and designed appropriately.

Objective CH20
Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass,

height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

DH26

CH40

Chapter 12

A sensitive design approach is also required for development that adjoins or is in close proximity to a Protected Structure as it could have a detrimental visual impact on it, adversely affecting its setting and amenity. The scale, height, massing, building line, proportions, alignment and materials of any development proposed within the curtilage, attendant grounds or in close proximity to a Protected Structure need to respect and compliment the structure and its setting.

DMS77
DMS78
DMS80
DMS 155

Objective CH20
Ensure that any development, modification, alteration, or extension affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting is sensitively sited and designed, is compatible with the special character, and is appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features, and junction with the existing Protected Structure.

Development Management Standards

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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 DMS03a 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*

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.

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 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

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

DMS34 Provide in high density apartment type schemes in excess of 100 units facilities for the communal use of residents as deemed appropriate by the Council.

DMS35 Require the provision of communal laundry rooms and storage facilities in high density apartment type developments where deemed appropriate.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Appendix 4 planning history

Planning Reference	F95A/0563
Applicant	St. Michael's House
Location	'The Bungalow',, Seatown Road,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Alterations to existing vehicular access and extension to the side.

Planning Reference	93A/0124
Applicant	S. Sheridan
Location	Belinstown, Swords
Description	Outline permission for house

Planning Reference	F03A/0340
Applicant	Niamh Loughran
Location	20, North Street, Swords, Dublin
Description	Change of use of first floor from office use to a residential apartment.

Planning Reference	F97A/0790
Applicant	Grafton Verbatim
Location	Unit 4,, 20 North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin
Description	change of use, retail to office use, to include new shop front

Planning Reference	F01A/0739
Applicant	Tony Lu,
Location	Unit 1, 20 North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Change of use of retail shop to Chinese Take-Away and new shop front and sign. [LOCATION] Unit 1, 20 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin. [LOCATION]

lanning Reference	F05A/0244
Applicant	A. Heavey
Location	17 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	Demolition of the existing offices, gross flor area of 135 square metres, and outbuilding, gross floor area of 79 sq.m., and the construction of a commercial development, in five floors, with a gross

Planning Reference	F01A/0183
Applicant	P. McGonagle,
Location	North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Demolish existing offices and to construct new offices, and associated services.

Planning Reference	F99A/0550
Applicant	Patrick McGonagle
Location	North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Demolish existing offices and to construct new offices and associated services.

Planning Reference	F98A/0662
Applicant	Vincent Shannon
Location	7 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	new two storey building at vacant yard to side, comprising ground floor retail shop and first floor doctors consulting rooms

Planning Reference	F02A/0576
Applicant	Matthew & Joseph Ryan,
Location	3 - 8 North Street,, Swords,, County Dublin.
Description	The proposed development comprises alterations, additions and change of use to properties incorporating infill of streetscape and formation of 'Castle Walk' to the rear of the properties as follows:-

Planning Reference	F95A/0670
Applicant	Messrs Fitzgerald t/a IT FITZ Ltd.
Location	7 North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Alterations and revisions to already approved extension (reg. ref. 92A/1599)

Planning Reference	92A/1599
Applicant	McQuaid Cycles
Location	No.7 North Street, Swords
Description	New shop front revised front elevation and two storey extension to rear

Planning Reference	F00A/1051
Applicant	Matthew, Joseph and Geraldine Ryan
Location	Ryan Brothers Pub,, 3 North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Single storey street frontage extension to existing public house including painted name sign.

Planning Reference	F98A/1041
Applicant	Matt and Joe Ryan
Location	3 Main Street,, Swords
Description	to replace paint and plaster front with wooden facade

Planning Reference	F96A/1005
Applicant	Joe Ryan Snr.
Location	3 North Street,, Swords,, Co. Dublin.
Description	Alterations and 2 storey addition to side of Ryan Brothers public house.

Planning Reference	F05A/1512
Applicant	B. Vaughan
Location	1B Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	A single storey extension to the rear, conversion of part of existing garage, change of use of the entire house to office use and widened vehicular access to accommodate 3 car spaces at front.

Planning Reference	F04B/0496
Applicant	Victor Geddes
Location	1 Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin
Description	A single storey extension to house including a single storey garage extension to front incorporating porch, a single storey extension to the rear of house and roofing of garage

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and took some time to spend with family and friends. We are now in September and the remainder of 2022 is set to be an intense period for staff and Elected Members with the upcoming development plan meetings, the capital and revenue budgetary process and major projects reaching key milestones.

Ten development plan meetings have been scheduled as follows - 20th, 21st, 26th & 29th of September and 3rd, 4th, 7th, 11th, 12th & 14th of October. These meetings are in addition to Council, Area Committee, SPC and other commitments the Members have making it a particularly busy time. The executive management team and staff are happy to give any support needed to assist the Members.

The Swords Cultural Quarter development is with the Members for decision this month and if approved it is intended to move immediately to the next stage of detailed design and procurement. Another major project is Quay Street in Balbriggan and this will come before the Members in October.

We continue to apply for funding streams available to us and recently welcomed new funding that will help develop outdoor amenities in the County. The allocation of over €150,000 to Fingal under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) will support advancement of walking trails, beach access and look at the feasibility of a tidal pool. The funding covers four projects across Fingal: **Balbriggan Historical Walking trail**: Provision of new off-road waypoints (€28,800), **Balbriggan Tidal Pool**: Feasibility study for a tidal swimming pool (€50,000), **Castleknock:** The development of an historical walking trail (€23,400), **Balscadden Beach (Universal Access):** Feasibility study for the popular beach in Howth (€50,000). This new funding compliments the efforts of the Council to support our towns and villages as we encourage people to get out and enjoy the great outdoor locations we have in the County.

Last week I was so pleased to launch a Wellbeing Strategy for the staff of Fingal County Council. This is a three year programme setting out our vision and aims for employee wellbeing in areas including mental, physical, social and financial wellbeing.

Blended working arrangements are now formally in place. There are many positives associated with blended working including the desire of FCC to be a modern employer, giving staff flexibility, assisting with recruitment of new staff to the organisation and making the best use of the investment in digitisation to name but a few. Staff not availing of blended arrangements have returned fulltime to the office.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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People Services

People Services have a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	**96**
Campaigns Completed	56
Current Campaigns	37
Campaigns Pending	3
Applicants to date	**1368**
Interviews Held to date	**1280**
Number of Appointments	**365**
New Starters	224
Internal Promotions	141
Number of Leavers	**105**
Resignations	55
Number of Retirements	50
Number of Job Offers Year to date	**578**
Number of Offers Declined	**154**
Number of Current Job Offers	**63**
Job Offers Internal	**19**
Job Offers External	**44**

Wellbeing Strategy

This month saw the launch of the Council's first ever Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2025. This strategy supports the Council's vision of ensuring that wellbeing is embedded in everything we do and is championed, at all levels, and across all functions. The Council has also engaged Spectrum Life, who work with a number of other local authorities, to provide a bespoke Employee Assistance Programme which will include a wide range of supports for welfare issues. This service, which will supplement the current work of the Council's own Staff Welfare Officer, will be available to every staff member through a confidential helpline that will be accessible 24 hours a day and will also include a Wellbeing App delivering expert content on mental health, fitness and nutrition.

Blended Working

The Council launched its Blended Working Policy on the 23rd June 2022 with new blended working arrangements commencing on the 5th September 2022. Staff not availing of blended arrangements have returned fulltime to the office.

Learning & Development

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues in September 2022 with the following courses scheduled this month

Health & Safety

Managing Safely in Construction
First Aid Refresher
Confined Space Medium Risk
Confined Space High Risk
Manual Handling
Legionella Awareness
Vehicle Inspection
Safe Pass
Fire warden Practical's
Chain Saw Refresher
Safety Representative
Mobile Tower Access

Business Skills

Ignite Programme 5&6
Dignity & Equality
Pre-Retirement
Grade 8 Programme 2&3
A-Z Local Government

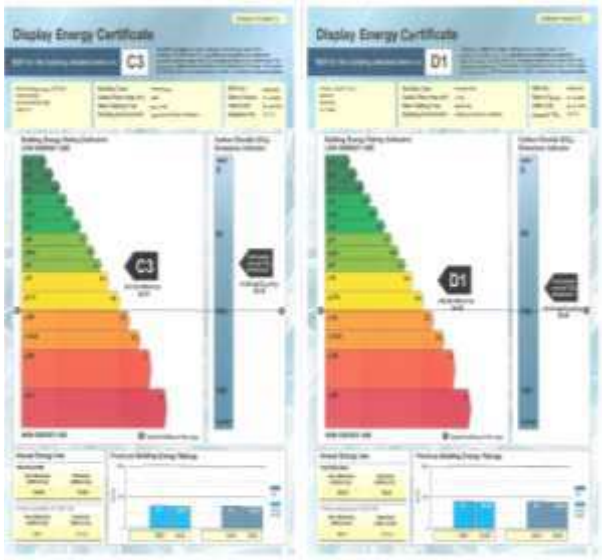
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4
Grade 5 Training
Grade 6 Training

IT
Advanced Word

Building Facilities Energy Management

Part of Fingal's obligations under S.I. 243 of 2012 is to display Energy Certificates in County Hall and Civic Offices and both these buildings are having improvements year on year, with the Energy Performance Contract now in place we hope for major improvements to the DEC ratings.

From 2021 to 2022 County Hall had a saving of 10.38 kWh/m2/yr. CO2 emissions seen a saving of 1.27 kgCO2/m2/yr and
Civic Offices Grove Road had a saving of 8.42 kWh/m2/yr. CO2 emissions seen a saving of 1.78 kgCO2/m2/yr



Customer Services

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

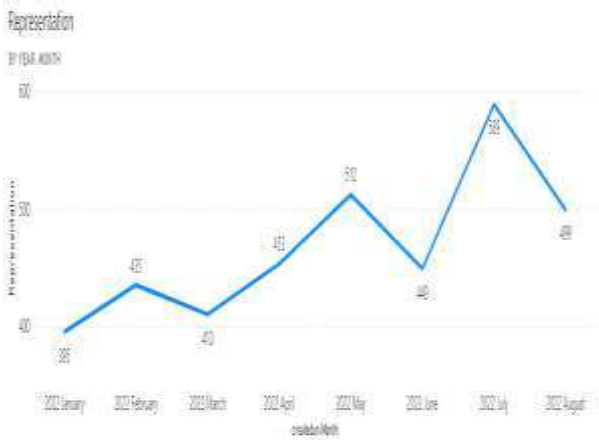
10,482 phone calls

570 emails

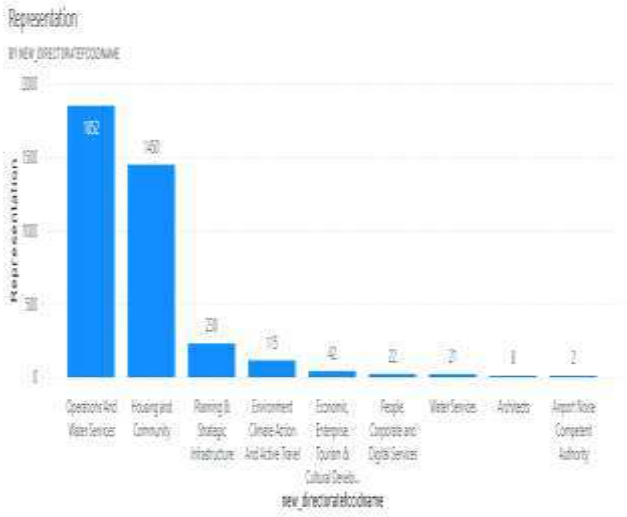
1,758 in person visits

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of July had a total of 589 Elected Members' representations whilst August had 499.

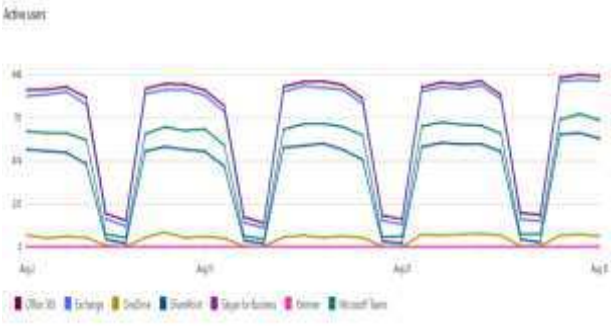


The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Digital Services

Digital Working
In August staff took part in 7,773 Teams meetings, 26,301 calls took place, and 748,870 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support
535 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 26 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of August.

Fingal Connect App Launch



Fingal Connect is a new council, community, and business app from Fingal County Council. Fingal Connect was launched at Flavours of Fingal as the newest addition to the Councils digital transformation initiatives under the umbrella of Digital Fingal.

Benefits for Citizens

- Allows citizens to make suggestions and respond to surveys.
- See a comprehensive guide to future events and festivals organized by the council.
- Get the latest Council news.
- Gain points which can be redeemed for various rewards from local shops and amenities.
- Geolocation technology is used to match users to relevant content and local business and amenities.

Benefits for Business

- Free way to advertise.
- Add unique offers to users.
- Incentivizing people to shop local.
- Bring new products to users' attention in a different way.
- Potentially reach a new audience, reach into different areas.
- Back-office training document provided and onboarding work with app developers.

Fingal Business looking to have their business listed on the app can email digitalfingal@fingal.ie

The app is free to download and is available on both Android and iOS.

Digital Fingal at Flavours of Fingal.



The Digital Fingal Team along with representatives from Smart Dublin showcased a variety of innovative digital projects at this year's Flavours of Fingal. The team demonstrated the **Balbriggan 3D model** using a virtual reality (VR) headset, this proved highly popular with people of all ages.

Using the VR headset attendees were able to walk around the reimagined Quay Street and Harbour areas of Our Balbriggan's Rejuvenation Plan. The

team were also on hand to show attendees how to use the new **Fingal Connect App,** highlighting the many features, including real-time event info, surveys and competitions.

At the event the team were also showcasing the **Fingal Digital Strategy**, Environment's **Weather Stations for Schools** project and staff **Smart Mobility Hub** project.

Communications



The Communications Unit supported Heritage Officer Christine Baker to promote Heritage Week with video content from the Digging Drumanagh excavation and Digital Heritage Projects such as The Fingal Thatch Survey, Heritage from Above and the Heritage X Climate project. There was also a publicity campaign for all the Heritage Week events.

The Communications Unit also assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure department in holding a three-day Wild Bee Festival in August. The event was in collaboration with National Biodiversity Data Centre, and Charlie and Marion Heasman from Sustainable Skerries to educate groups on the Large Carder Bee (Bombus muscorum) which are thriving in Skerries, as a direct result of the hard-working Skerries Tidy Towns group.

The Communications Unit also created an awareness campaign around the public consultation on the Swords Cultural Quarter which included a leaflet drop to households in Swords.

There was also an information day in the Pavilions Shopping Centre which was manned by staff from Architects and Libraries. A static stand was also placed in Swords Library, the Chapel at Swords Castle and the Atrium at County Hall. An edition of the Inside Fingal podcast was also produced which featured County Architect Fionnuala May, Architect John Tuomey, County Librarian Betty Boardman and County Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne. It can be found at https://www.fingal.ie/podcast

Website

Visitor numbers to the Fingal County Council website, fingal.ie, for the first eight months of this year are up four per cent on the same period in 2021 with 836,911 visitors logging onto the site compared to 804.552 last year. Page views are down slightly from 2,335,367 to 2,265,617 while the average time spent on the site has risen from one minute 28 seconds to two minutes and four seconds. Apart from the home page, the most popular topics for visitors between January and August were Planning, Choice Based Letting, Contact Us, Recycling and Jobs.

Social Media

Posts about the discovery of the Lion's Mane jellyfish on Fingal beaches proved to be most impactful over the past two months with one Twitter post in July recording a 33.6% engagement rate while another in August had 9.195 impressions. A Facebook post in August about the jellyfish had a reach of 69,705 and attracted 234 comments



The number of followers on Facebook has now risen to 28,561 after 647 were added over the past two months while Instagram saw a rise of 199 to 5,524 followers. Twitter now has 21,852 followers with 125 added in July and 92 in August. The You Tube channel has 800 subscribers while LinkedIn has broken the 6,000 mark and now has 6,008 followers.

Videos

Video is a very important communications tool for the Council and through our Communications Unit we have the ability to record, edit and publish our own videos. Among the videos produced over the past two months were a series of films on behalf of the Fingal Skills Strategy which featured different people from across Fingal speaking about the skills requirements and job opportunities in the Logistics industry within the county. All the videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/c/FingalCountyCouncilVideo



Media Queries

Across the summer recess, the Communications Unit dealt with some 45 media queries through to August 31, with topics covered including rent arrears, data centres, Ukrainian refugee response, homes built across the County and litter left at the likes of Burrow Beach. The Council also issued 30 press releases in this time, including announcements on consultations for the Balbriggan rejuvenation and Swords Cultural Quarter, launch of the Fingal Connect app and in season testing of bathing water. Alongside this, radio and TV pieces were focussed around people flocking to Fingal beaches and the clean-up efforts of Council staff to make them tidy for beachgoers the next day. Coverage of the influx of Lions Mane Jellyfish along the coastline also generated great interest, as did the role that goats were playing in helping reduce the risk of fires in Howth, particularly as this was an initiative called for to help future proof the likes of Killiney.

Award Nomination

The Communications Unit has received a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government nomination for its promotion of the biodiversity initiative which saw a herd of Old Irish Goats being returned to Howth Head as part of a plan to prevent wild fires. The nomination is in the new Communications Award category. It is the second successive Excellence in Local Government nomination for the Communications as they were nominated last year for Best Local Authority Innovation for the Inside Fingal podcast.

Irish Language

Irish Language courses for Councillors will commence at the end of September with five Councillors set to avail of the course.

DCU Intra Programme

The Communications Unit has continued its partnership with Dublin City University's Intra Programme and has facilitated one student from the Masters in Public Relations and Strategic Communications on a three month work placement.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival



Howth Maritime & Seafood festival is coming to the beautiful fishing village of Howth September 10th & 11th 🦐⛵

There will be lots of fun activities on offer such as paddle boarding & boat tours! The perfect festival for seafood lovers🍤🦞🌊with restaurants serving delicious & locally sourced seafood💙

EVENTS Funding

Events funded in July/ August included:

Summer Festival Portrane	**Donabate Portrane Summer Festival**
Inaugural Balbriggan Regatta	**Fingal Rowing Club**
Open entry Sea Angling Competition / Open Boat Festival	**Howth Sea Angling Club**
J/24 European Championships	**Howth Yacht Club**
Annual Flower Show	**Naul Gardening & Flower Club**
Beach Race	**Rockabill Offroad Racing Ltd**
Round Rockabill Rowing Race 2022	**Skerries Rowing Club**
GP14 Sailing World Championship	**Skerries Sailing Club**
Howth Roots and Blues Fest 2022	**Visit Howth Peninsula Ltd t/a Howth Tourism**

Rush Air Show	**Rush Harbour**
Fingal 10k	**Swords**
Viking Festival	**Baldoyle**
Bremore Castle Market	**Balbriggan**
Skerries 100	**Skerries**

TOURISM

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

All groups are holding workshops specifically in preparation for Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023- 29 stakeholder consultation. The groups are also working on the following:

- **Howth Tourism**
  - #howthgoesgreen sustainability strategy
  - updating its digital assets;
  - increasing the group's membership for further engagement.
  - Preparation for the Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival.
- **Skerries Tourism**
  - winter event for the Winter in Dublin Campaign
  - expanding participation and representation of stakeholders.
- **Malahide Tourism**
  - Developing the Malahide Heritage Digital Trail.
  - A new drive for members is also underway to encourage better engagement.
- **Dublin 15 Tourism**
  - Working through the 2022 action plan with emphasis on creating a calendar of all events for 2022 – 2023
  - Developing a new visitor event for August 2023.
- **Swords Tourism**
  - Interested in the roll out of Sustainable Swords and an updated Swords Heritage Trail.
- **Balbriggan Tourism**
  - Concentrating on strategic goals for Balbriggan for the future in line with the roll out of the Our Balbriggan programme.

TOURISM RECOVERY IN DUBLIN TO DATE

- Tourists spend in Dublin from key overseas markets is up +72% YoY
- Dublin occupancy rates in the sector, which had languished below 10% during worst of pandemic, rose in each month to stand at 82.9% in April (Dublin Economic Monitor June 2022), the highest occupancy rates in Europe according to the IHF.
- Footfall across key retail and visitor areas continues to undergo a strong recovery. The number of diners at Dublin restaurants in May was up by 79.3% compared to 2019. (Dublin Economic Monitor Spending Pulse)
- The number of passengers in Dublin airport saw a dramatic recovery this year. In June 2022 some 1,703,200 overseas passengers arrived in Ireland compared to 1,941,100 in June 2019. (CSO Air and Sea July 2022)

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

DUBLIN'S COAST AND FIELDS

June Posts reach 86,461

July Posts reach 15,594

LOVE FINGAL DUBLIN

June Posts reach 267,834

July Posts reach 110,042

EVENTS IN FINGAL

JunePosts reach 189,764

July Posts reach 407,626

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

MALAHIDE CASTLE




The official re-launch of the Great Hall and Library at Malahide Castle will take place on Friday 16th September following extensive restoration of the rooms and conservation and specialised cleaning works on the art collection and artefacts.

NEWBRIDGE HOUSE AND ARDGILLAN CASTLE




Following the appointment of building contractors, conservation work on the roofs and windows are due to commence in mid-September at both Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle.

These projects will last for approximately 9 months in both sites. On-site meetings with the contractors took place with all key stakeholders on 1st September to discuss mobilisation, health and safety and operational issues during the lifetime of the contract.

Work is also commencing on the issue of a catering tender in respect of Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle - current contracts are due to expire in March 2023.

SKERRIES MARTELLO TOWER



An inception meeting was held in mid-August with the consultant architects who are working on design proposals for the refurbishment of the Red Island Martello tower at Skerries.

SKERRIES MILLS




The 5 sail windmill at Skerries Mills has been fully restored following storm damage in October 2021. The new hand crafted sail was erected on 1st September by a specialised engineering firm.

ARTS OFFICE



Artist Gareth Kennedy planting and an aerial view of students working at the Micro Forest, Blakestown, April 2022.

Seanchaí Micro Forest **has been shortlisted in the Chambers Ireland Local Government Awards 2022 under *Sustaining the Arts* category.** Fingal County Council Arts Office is working in partnership with Superprojects to deliver an art and ecology programme to students and teachers of Blakestown Community School, titled 'Seanchaí Micro Forest' - a micro forest planted on the school grounds by artist Gareth Kennedy and the members of TY art class along with their teacher Mary Quinn and woodworker Eoin Donnelly. The programme consists of artist-led activities to teach young people about contemporary art practices. The students and artists erected tents and lit fires and used the circular space of the micro forest as a location for learning about art and our environment outdoors. Students learned variety of old techniques such as wood splitting and turning, digging and tree planting and mulching. 450 native trees now exist on the school grounds. The intent of this project is

to bridge the gap between art, nature and our daily lives. This year the students are developing the micro forest's habitat for insects and birds under the guidance of artist Gareth Kennedy, Eoin Donnelly, Eileen Hutton and Michael Fortune.

Micro forest will benefit local biodiversity and future students for years to come and was presented to a national conference on the theme of 'weaving wellbeing into school life.' It is an exemplary model of how art can provide us with opportunities to learn about and care for ourselves and our environment. Nationwide visited the project during the summer. We are delighted to have it shortlisted at this year's Local Government awards.

CULTURE NIGHT

Fingal County Council Arts Office welcomes everyone to Culture Night Fingal 2022. Now in its seventeenth year, Culture Night, an annual national public event celebrating culture, creativity and the arts, returns on Friday 23rd September. For one night only arts and cultural organisations, castles and historic houses in Fingal will extend their opening hours to the public, highlighting the wealth of cultural facilities and talented people in the locality. This year's eclectic programme comprises of free live cultural activities at participating venues and locations.

Audiences of all ages can enjoy a variety of music, poetry, performance, workshops art, architecture, tours and talks specifically programmed for Culture Night in Fingal.

Our Balbriggan will welcome visitors to the Hub and St. Georges' Square with music from North Fingal Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Also taking part in Culture Night is The Irish Institute of Music and Song, a superb music facility in Balbriggan, who will host a music trail through their campus and visitors to Ardgillan Castle will have the opportunity to meet the resident artists and designers in their bespoke artists' studios.

Join Astronomers at DIAS Dunsink Observatory for self-guided tours and cosmic talks among the stars. Visitors can also explore the beautiful interiors of Fingal's finest heritage properties such as the recently reopened great hall at Malahide Castle and the servant's quarters at Newbridge House and Farm or why not experience the amazing Fry Model Railway housed in the Casino Museum, Malahide.

Music Generation Fingal
Fhine Gall

Fingal County Council has partnered with The Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training DDLETB and Music Generation to improve music education opportunities available to children and young people in the county. Following a research, planning and application phase, the partners now have a Music Development Office in place – Lucy Coady (G6), Damien Byrne has started as administrator (G3) employed by DDLETB.
Lucy Coady working with Julie Clarke of Fingal Arts Office have implemented in-person meetings with local stakeholders invited to participate in a pilot programme this year.

Pilot 1: in Castlemills Education Centre Balbriggan
Song Development course July - Aug as a summer camp in partnership with Foróige. 15-18 yr old Youth Reach group, will involve youth worker from Foróige with experience in recording technology to liaise with Music Educator and help build trust with young people.

Pilot 2: Remember Us, Balbriggan; Social Club for people with special needs and their families.
Soundbeam programme 2 weeks in August. Targeting 12-18 yr olds as recommended by RU director, hoping to expand if successful. MEs to use own instrument & technology. Specific training will be required and will take place in July with Apple Soundbeam expert.

Pilot 3: Oberstown Children's Detention School
Expected end of September. Project to teach vocals, guitar, bass & drums with aim to have group playing. Drum project to be adjusted to suit available ME skills

LIBRARIES

Increased opening hours at Balbriggan, Baldoyle and Rush Library

We increased opening hours at both Baldoyle and Rush Libraries from 42.5 to 54 hours per week with effect from 20th June this year. Baldoyle Library now opens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:45am and Rush Library opens on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:45am. The opening hours at Balbriggan Library were increased to 54 hours per week in May 2021.

'My Open Library' at Baldoyle Library

We have been piloting the 'My Open Library' (MOL) system at Baldoyle Library during the month of August. MOL gives access to the Library outside of normal staffed hours. This means that library services are available to registered MOL library patrons from 8am – 10pm, 365 days of the year. During this pilot phase, we have asked a number of our regular library patrons to use the services during unstaffed hours and to provide us with feedback, before we officially launch MOL at Baldoyle Library. All MOL members will go through an induction process in order to access the library building during unstaffed hours.

The Write Time Festival

Autumn brings a new program of festivals, events, talks and workshops to Fingal Libraries. Now in its seventh year, The Write Time Festival, celebrating creative writing, begins in September and runs throughout the month. The Write Time, which was recently launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Howard Mahony, is designed for anybody interested in the craft of writing. If you would like to make a start on a short story, personal reflections or even a novel, check out the program of workshops online and in library branches. You can view The Write Time Festival brochure by visiting https://www.fingal.ie/write-time-2022-creative-writing-festival



Fingal Children's Literature Festival

For younger readers, an unmissable, day-long, Fingal Festival of Children's Literature will take place in Swords Castle on Saturday 17th September. Fingal Libraries are delighted to host our very first children's literature festival with bestselling author Shane Hegarty as Creative Director. Children will get the opportunity to meet bestselling authors and illustrators on the day such as Niamh Sharkey, Peter Donnelly and Sinead Moriarty. There will be a story tent, a creative zone and a book clinic. The festival brochure will be available at your local library or at https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries.

Culture Night: 23rd September



Blanchardstown Library and Malahide Library will stay open late on Culture Night, Friday 23rd September, for audiences of all ages to enjoy a variety of cultural events including storytelling, music, and dance. There will also be a Culture Night tour of Fingal Local Studies and Archives at 46 North Street, Swords. The tour will include a look at some of the most popular collections held in Local Studies and Archives and staff will be onsite to answer all your questions. No booking is required - just drop by on the night to discover the wealth of culture that Fingal has to offer.

Creative Ireland

- **Creative Thinking & Public Speaking for Teenager**s with Fingal Toastmasters at Malahide Library: Oct to March workshops.
- **Memory Makers Recipe Book 2022**: FCC's Older Peoples Council - recipes and stories
- **Reflections:** Creative Writing Competition for Dublin 15 Young Adults
- **Covid Care concerts:** Mobile Music Machine's 50 care concerts between July-December 2022 in residential care homes, hospital settings and day care centres in Fingal. Artists performing in Fingal include Claudia Boyle, Des Keogh and Mary Coughlan.

Codema Home Energy Saving Kits

Home Energy Saving Kits were developed by Codema in 2016 in a pilot scheme with Dublin City Council and introduced to other local authorities including Fingal in late 2017/early 2018. The kits contain 5 practical energy tools that allow people to identify the easiest and most key areas in which they could save energy, as well as a small guide that can be kept full of useful energy saving tips. Initially introduced in Fingal in 2018 with the original version of the kits, ten new updated versions of the kits were purchased and distributed among our libraries in July 2022. More information on the kits is available here:
The Home Energy Saving Kit | Energy Efficiency Agency Dublin | Codema



FamilySearch – new eResource

If you are researching your family history, you may be interested to know that Fingal Libraries are now offering free access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch. This popular web service has over 6 billion searchable names and 2 billion images of historical genealogical records. Find out more at https://www.fingal.ie/news/familysearch-new-genealogical-website-available-your-local-fingal-library

Irish Times Digital Access in Libraries

Digital Access to both the daily paper and archive of The Irish Times has been made available free of charge to library members in nine of our branches recently. Every public PC in the designated branches has bookmark links set up to take patrons directly to the daily paper or the archive.

Department of Rural and Community Development Funding

Fingal Libraries has been approved for funding of €274,050 for the provision of a My Open Library service at Blanchardstown and Malahide Library. We have also been successful in our application for Dormant Accounts funding to provide Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities. A Dormant Accounts Fund contribution of €26,902.39 has been approved which will fund licenses for the interactive reading programme Lexia, C-Pen Readers and the Story Steps programme.

Blanchardstown Library signs up to the Age Friendly Charter

The National Age Friendly Library Recognition Programme initiated by Age Friendly Ireland acknowledges the key role libraries play in enhancing the lives of older citizens. In 2019 Malahide and Rush Libraries were nominated to take part in the first phase of this programme and were awarded the Age Friendly Charter. In 2021 Blanchardstown Library took part in the second phase of the programme. Following training, staff engaged with older customers regarding current service provision and a short survey was also distributed. Positive observations on current age friendly practice included the bright spacious building, friendly helpful staff, and a good selection of large print, audio books, DVDs and online services. Areas identified for improvement included more age friendly comfortable seating, improved accessibility to bookshelves, clearer signage and help accessing technology.

To address difficulties accessing technology, weekly workshops (suspended during the pandemic) have been reintroduced at the Library. Patrons are encouraged to bring their iPads, laptops or mobile phones into the Library where staff guide them through the process of accessing online resources. Other commitments i.e. age friendly shelving, seating and clearer signage will be put in place as part of ongoing renovations in the branch. When these initiatives are fully implemented Blanchardstown Library will be recognised as an Age Friendly Public Library providing an inclusive service for all.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and is developing a Fingal In It Together App offering businesses a digital platform to engage with customers.

Fingal Skills Strategy



Frank Kilbride (Chair of Fingal Skills Strategy Transport and Logistics Subgroup)

The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group is scheduled to meet on the 6th September. Sub-groups for Green Skills and the Services Sector held their first meetings in June with the Green Skills and Construction Sub-groups scheduled to meet in-person in September.

Development on the Fingal Skills Hub on the FCC website continues with the addition of a section on Careers in Transport and Logistics. This includes information on the logistics sector and video contributions from industry participants.

There has been ongoing engagement with businesses to provide assistance to secondary schools in Balbriggan with speakers for Careers Talks, with volunteers from companies in the logistics, construction, wind energy and hospitality sectors.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Initiative has been shortlisted in the Economic Development category for the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government awards.

Urbact Playful Towns







Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) organised a National Play Day event in Kenure Woods on the 9th July with the theme 'All Play Together'. The event was funded by a grant of €3,000 from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. The new boules track also had a trial with equipment supplied by Rush ULG.





Rush ULG organised a Sports Day event on the 6th August at Tayleurs Point which saw great attendance from the local community and a medal ceremony with medal presented by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Cathal Boland.







There were running races for young people and adults, a wellie-throwing competition, three-legged races, a tug-o-war and lots of games for everyone to enjoy on a fun-filled day.

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 August 29th and work continues to progress actions to develop a place with excellent Education, Training & Employment opportunities - the Loves Learning Sub-group are scheduled to meet next on September 27th to begin work on planning and developing the Loves Learning Festival 2023. The Local Economy Pillar are also scheduled to meet on September 21st prior to the Balbriggan Leadership Group Meeting on September 28th.

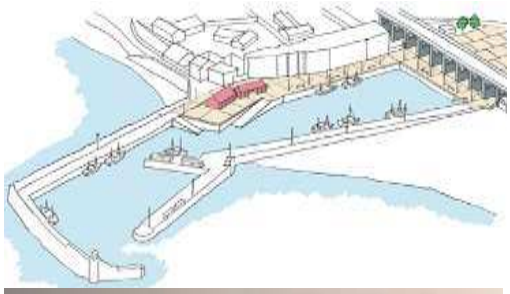
Supt. Paul Franey chairs the Safe Balbriggan Pillar, community safety consultants have been contracted to assist in the development of the Pillar Group's work programme. A series of planning and stakeholder meetings, communications, and package of supports and initiatives will be launched Q4 2022.



The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) has been completed and the site levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space', steel planters and seating are due to be installed in September.

Public Consultation on the Part 8 proposed redevelopment for Quay Street & Harbour commenced on 7th July 2022 and closed on the

19th of August 2022 (99 submissions). Three well attended public drop-in sessions were held at the Our Balbriggan Hub in this period, CE Report to full council anticipated to October 2022.





Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing Stage 2a Detailed Design. The proposals on renovation of these buildings include the provision of artistic studios, a creative maker space, a public courtyard, and a gallery/multifunctional space. Internal and external consultations are ongoing with public consultation on the Part 8 on proposed redevelopment anticipated end Q4 2022.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing final preparations on a Balbriggan Draft Active Travel & Transportation Plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) who are developing in tandem a Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy and Design Guide to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. It is anticipated these plans will form part of a non-statutory public consultative process in Q4 2022.





Malachy Walsh & Partners have been appointed as the Consultant Engineer Design Team to deliver a small works package of improvements to the Harbour. Procurement has commenced for the works package to upgrade and enhance the facilities and amenities of the harbour, anticipated on site in Q4 2022, for completion in Q1 2023. Stakeholder engagement sessions have been held with local fishermen and harbour users. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town. Funding of €289,000 for this project was secured by Operations Dept. in April 2022 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. It is anticipated further upgrades and funding will follow for improvements including dredging of the harbour.





The second annual Beach Activity Festival took place on August 14th led by Sports Department the event saw local clubs and national governing bodies of many sports hold an array of activities for people of all ages, including fitness classes, yoga, music, and early learning activities. The Fingal Rowing Club also held its inaugural Balbriggan Regatta on August 6th with support from Event Unit.





Our Balbriggan social media channels on average generate four unique posts / stories per day across all social media (SM) platforms, Facebook (FB), Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

- Combined 9000+ followers, FB, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- Bimonthly E-Bulletin to 3,200+ email subscribers to @ourbalbriggan

Next Steps newsletter with updates on all infrastructure projects to householders and businesses in Balbriggan planned Sept/October 2022, as a follow up to 2020 (Our Journey), 2021 (What Next?).

Local & Rural Development

LCDC
Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Aitiúil Fhine Gall
Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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 and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

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. Introductory seminars on the statutory role, consultation process and suggested thematic areas to be addressed in the new LECP are currently being held online and recordings of these can be viewed on the Department of Rural & Community Development's website.

SICAP

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Programme has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for 2022.

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme have been leveraged to assist with the emerging Ukrainian Refugee Crisis. The SICAP Programme will continue to help where required in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed to assist with this.

The Fingal SICAP Mid-Year Review for 2022 has been completed. The Programme is performing very well and in line with the 2022 Annual Plan. The Fingal LCDC and SICAP Programme welcome the announcement of additional SICAP funding in 2022 to help with the Ukrainian Refugee response in Fingal. And the annual plan has been reconfigured accordingly.

LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Funding 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. 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. The most recent LAG Meeting was held in June.

The Total number of projects approved under the 2021/22 Transition Programme to date is 25. The total value to date is €1,011,023. The remaining Budget for the Transition Programme is €462,451.

A new Renewable Energy Training Programme will be delivered in Q4 of 2022. Advertisement and registration for this course will take place in Q3.

Smart Village Training commenced in June for LAG Members, Independent Evaluation Committee Members and Executive Staff. This training will be rolled out across community groups in advance of the next LEADER Programme.

Two new Rural Development Officers were appointed in Fingal LEADER recently.
The next meeting of the LAG will be held in September

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 currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/ individuals 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 August were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Drinan Enterprise Centre was successful in its application to the recent Connected Hubs Funding Call. Drinan secured €75,000, the maximum available through the funding call. The approved funding will develop and enhance the existing remote working facilities, making the remote hub more attractive to remote workers. This will involve the addition of 8 new work zones bringing to 10 the number of remote work zones that will be available at the centre. There will be enhanced and individualised secure wi-fi access per zone desk, with upgrades to the standard of desks available, new secure lockers and new zone décor. A new Creative Studio is to be incorporated into the internal building improvements. Externally, new electric charging points are to be added with new solar panels to address sustainability, generate electricity for the remote working hub and to reduce operational costs.

The two new Remote Working Hubs in BASE were officially launched by an Tánaiste Leo Varadkar T.D. in July. The new hubs and associated building improvements were funded by Enterprise Ireland, the DRCD and Connected Hubs.





Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

The 2022 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched in early Summer by the Department of Rural & Community Development. As in previous years, Fingal County Council sought expressions of

interest from Community Groups / Promoters for potential projects in Fingal, that could be submitted for funding to the DRCD. A number of projects were submitted for consideration by the DRCD in the following Towns and Villages: Balrothery, Portmarnock, Donabate, Ballyboughal, Garristown, Naul, Loughshinny, Oldtown and Portrane. An application for funding to promote Fingal's Remote Working Hubs (Connected Hubs) was also submitted. A decision on these applications is likely to be received in quarter four.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

The DRCD has approved the nomination of Rush as selected town for funded streetscape enhancement projects. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush will be able to apply for grants for various enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage, lighting and planting. Measures will be 80% funded by the DRCD, 20% co-funded Fingal County Council – therefore successful applicants will be able to access 100% funding. The maximum funding per building is €10,000 overall. Further information and Expression of Interest forms will shortly be available on the Fingal County Council website.

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

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

New Service Level Agreement between Fingal County Council and Enterprise Ireland

A new Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the local authorities and Enterprise Ireland has been agreed and will cover the period 2022-2025. The Fingal/EI SLA sets out the agreed parameters, structure, modus operandi, funding and management of Local Enterprise Office Fingal.

Fingal Business Network

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal Business Network

Fingal Local Enterprise Office announced the launch of the Fingal Business Network in August 2022.

The Network is aimed at owner/managers of small and medium businesses in the Fingal area to encourage information sharing, discussion, peer to peer learning and facilitated networking among local businesses. The network will promote interaction between local businesses while also exposing owner/managers to focused discussions on the latest trends. The first event hosted by Noel Davidson will take place on Tuesday September 27th in the newly refurbished surroundings of the Runway 28 Venue at the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel.

Fingal Export Development Programme

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal Export Development Programme

A new export development programme has been launched by Fingal LEO running throughout Q4 2022. The programme is aimed at preparing SMEs to be 'export ready' by improving their strategy, sales & marketing, business planning, productivity, and leadership capabilities. The programme will deliver a suite of workshops, one-to-one

mentoring sessions, and toolkits that will support the SMEs in developing their business capabilities to engage in new markets and export opportunities culminating in an export plan. The overall programme will aim to embed an understanding of the core business skills essential for SMEs to compete more effectively in new export markets.

New Fingal Training Schedule announced



LEO Fingal has launched an exciting new semester of business training and events for Autumn/Winter 2022. We have a host of offerings focusing on training for small business owner/managers including Start Your Own Business courses, Leadership Development, and business topics including Finance and Tax, Marketing and Sales, HR and Operations Management. We will also have a smattering of Digital Media courses to ensure our clients are capitalising on their online presence and increasing market share from their online channel.

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. 82 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €171,944



The next TOV Seminar will take place on Friday 9th September 2022 in the RIASC Centre. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Fingal Enterprising Women Network next event is Thursday 8th September at the Portmarnock Links hotel. This network event has a theme of Circle of Friends and has already a registered attendance of more than 100. The event will be opened by Fingal Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly with an introduction from Carol Ann Hickey and Barbara Nolan followed by a panel of inspiring women to share their business stories and supports from LEO on their journey. Wendy Stunt will introduce a new way to meet & connect to people by NetWalking. Allison Keating will talk about the Growth Mindset which is an amazing tool for any entrepreneur. The event will close following a Networking buffet lunch.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The August Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 31st of August. Five applications were approved for grant assistance totalling €111,500. Year to date, 31 applications have been approved for a total of €740,895. The next EVAC meeting will take place on Wednesday the 28th of September.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In August 2022, 9 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 72 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 310 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date in 2022.

Student Enterprise Programme



The Official Launch of the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2022- 2023 will take place on Wednesday 14th September 2022 in County Hall, hosted by the Mayor and Chief Executive. Participating School Principals, Teachers and event Sponsors will be in attendance.

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.

Ten applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2022 year to date.

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Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area



Garristown – Programme of Works

A recently completed landscaping scheme at the Ashbourne Road junction in Garristown Village included replacement of concrete cobble area with resin surfacing and new stone wall and refurbished bollards. It is planned to include some three-tiered planters within this space for summer 2023.



Boules Areas – Santry, Rush & Skerries

During Summer 2022 there were three new Boules areas installed in Santry Demesne, Skerries Town Park, and Kenure Woods Rush. These new areas are now being used by the Active Age Clubs in the three towns.



Santry Demesne



Kenure Woods Rush



Skerries Town Park

Regional Roads Capital Programme

The road resurfacing of the R215, Watery Lane was completed during the second half of July. The road resurfacing of the R129 in Ballyboughal is due to commence on Tuesday the 5th of September is works should be completed in a time frame of approximately 4 weeks.

The remaining 4 projects that are due to be tendered as part of Q4 with works to be complete in Q1 of 2023 include the following:

- Balbriggan - Knocknaggin R132.
- Minister Road to Murtaugh's Pub R132.
- Ladystairs Skerries to Balbriggan Road R127.
- Loughshinny Crossroads to Wastewater Pump station R127.

Road Restoration Works Balbriggan/ Rush/ Lusk/ Skerries POW 2022

The road resurfacing works in the BRLS Area are set to continue with the commencement of works on Park Road, Rush followed by works on Sundrive Road, Rush in consecutive weeks starting the 5th of September.

The remaining roads on this year's POW (Barnageeragh Road and Fancourt Heights) are tendered and due to commence in early October.

Footpath Works Balbriggan/ Rush/ Lusk/ Skerries POW 2022

Footpath works are completed as part of the BRLS Area POW 2022 at the following locations:

- Craoibhinn Park
- Main Street Garristown
- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Lougshinny Park
- Church Street, Skerries

Our Depot staff continue with day-to-day remedial works to footpaths. The following photographs show recent replacement of defective footpath bays carried out by the Depot Construction Crew.



New footpath sections at Dun Emer Avenue, Lusk





The remaining footpaths for inclusion on this year's POW (Golf Link Road, Skerries and Hoar Rock, Skerries) are tendered and due for completion in early October.

Roads Depot Works

The BRLS Roads Depot continue to progress day-to-day remedial works carried out by our in-house crews. The following are examples of the excellent work carried out by the Operations Department in BRLS Roads Depot.

Fancourt Depot Car Park Works

Our depot staff completed the in-house construction of the extension to the exiting car park in the Fancourt Roads Depot.

Works included in the preparation of the subgrade material on existing ground including profile grading, installation of drainage system, kerbing, laying of base course material, laying of wearing course material.

The photograph below shows BRLS Roads Depot Staff on site during resurfacing works.



Road Maintenance Works

Our Depot staff continue with day-to-day remedial work to local and regional roads. The following photographs show recent deep patching to sections of road which had failed on our local road network.





Depot Works

The Roads Operations Crew for Howth Malahide installed 140m of Road drainage on the R124 between Hill Drive and The Bawn. The footpaths were replaced, and new barriers and tactile paving crossings were installed at the entrance to St Sylvester's Villas as part of this works.

This work was completed in advance of the 2022 Roads POW. The installation of a 225mm storm sewer and gully pots relieved flooding in the Bawn Grove.





Howth/Malahide Area

The Operation's Department continue to progress the Annual Programme of Works as well as day-to-day remedial works carried out by our in-house crews. The following are examples of the excellent work carried out by the Operations Department in Howth/Malahide.



New pedestrian barriers and tactile paving to improve safety at exit from St Sylvester's Villas to R124



New Tarred path from St Sylvester's Villas to R124



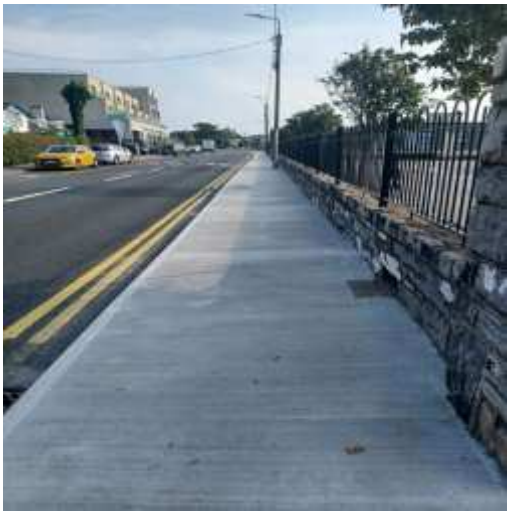
The Crews replaced existing defective concrete footpaths on Dungriffan Rd and Thornamby Rd Howth

Footpath Works

On-going footpath renewal program of works continued during the months of July and August. 600 square meters replaced at Sutton Cross. 400 square meters replaced in Sarto Lawns and Rise and Dublin Rd Bayside and works ongoing. 700 square meters replaced at Chalfont Malahide, Church Rd Malahide, and Ard Na Mara. 600 square meters replaced at Strand Rd Portmarnock.



Sarto Footpaths replaced as part of 2022 POW



Footpaths Replaced Strand Rd Portmarnock

Road Inlay Programme of Works

900 linear meters of Estuary Road was inlaid in early June from the junction with Yellow Walls Rd to just past the Malahide Rugby Club Grounds. This ties into the section overlaid by Howth Malahide in Q1 2021. 600m of the R124 was inlaid in June from the entrance to the Grange to the Low Railway Bridge this tied in with the inlays carried out on the 2020 and 2021 POW.

The road was also patched from the railway bridge to the Kinsealy Lane junction as part of the road inlay. The R124 between Seamount Rd and the Back Rd junction was also inlaid as part of the 2022 POW in July. In July, the final road from the 2021 POW was inlaid. The length of St Margarets' Ave was inlaid, and St Margaret's Road was inlaid from the junction with St Margaret's Avenue to Main Street Malahide.



St Margaret's Avenue Road Inlay



St Margarets Road, Road Inlay



Estuary Road, Road Inlay

Malahide Demesne

Crew scarifying greens on the Par 3 and pitch and putt as part of our routine maintenance.



Meadow Management

Meadows in Malahide Demesne cut in early August then baled and removed to ensure that nutrient levels are depleted so that wildflowers can flourish. Management is very important of our meadows to ensure that they maximize their biodiversity potential.







Planting

Crew planting up gaps in bed at the entrance of Bridgefield carpark.



Additional Benches

One of the new benches constructed by our in-house carpenter being installed overlooking the Bridgefield pitches.



Brent Geese

Grass cutting at Kingfisher in Portmarnock, preparing for brent geese.





Prepping Our Salt Barn for Winter



Lifeboat Inspection at Malahide Lifeguard Hut



Burrow Beach Howth Litter Clean Up







Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Millennium Park

Wednesday 27th July saw the official launch by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony of the We-Go-Swing play apparatus at the playground in Millennium Park Blanchardstown.

This was the first fully inclusive and accessible piece of play equipment of its type installed in Ireland in late 2021, and Fingal County Council have now been followed by a number of other local authorities in installing this swing.

It is integrated into the play flow, allowing children who are wheelchair users to take part in the centre of the playground experience.

The event was attended by local Councillor's, Oireachtas members, families and some wheelchair users who took great pleasure in demonstrating how to use the swing. Blanchardstown Brass Band played a salute at the ribbon cutting and a few tunes afterwards for the attendees.

Hartstown Park

The Operations Department continue to make progress on the Master Plan for Hartstown Park. As part of the Master Plan a new landscaped design entrance feature was recently completed which has been welcomed by local residents and park users.

The planting included a pollinator friendly planting scheme including wild and herbaceous perennials.





Installation of Solar bins

The roll out of solar bins in the Dublin 15 area continues.





Footpath Repairs

Footpath repairs at Ramore Park Blanchardstown Village.





Resurfacing Works – Navan Road





Beechpark Lawn



Urban Orchard along Auburn Avenue, Castleknock

Installation of New benches



Chesterfield, Castleknock



Ashleigh in Laurel Lodge



Hadleigh, Castleknock

Planting

- **Shackleton's Garden**





- **Millennium Park**

Wildflower planting alongside new digital sign in Millennium Park carpark



- **St Catherine's Park**



- **Clonsilla Village**



Recently planted area in Clonsilla Village and Blanchardstown Village, densely planted with long flowering perennials to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects.



- **Blanchardstown Village**



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- **Tyrrelstown Village**

Corten steel planters were placed on the refurbished raised crossings at the roundabout on entry to Tyrrelstown village earlier in the summer. They have now been fully planted with a pollinator friendly planting scheme including Salvias, Nepeta, Leucanthemum and Lavandula.





Countywide

Lifeguard Service

It was proposed to recruit 40 lifeguards this season, however only 35 accepted the offer of employment. The service operated weekends only in June and went full-time from 27th June until 28th August.

The lifeguards will also be working the first two weekends in September on our 3 Blue Flag Beaches: Portmarnock, Donabate and Rush South. The season was extremely busy this year with two heatwaves leading to an increase in numbers attending our designated bathing areas and an increase in demands on the lifeguard service.

The lifeguards dealt with major incidents to deal with this season and received praise from a number of individuals including the Captain of the Irish Coast Guard helicopter R116, which shows how highly regarded they are by the emergency services.

The below is the provisional statistics for the season.

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	1	0	24	19	586	22	14
Skerries South	0	1	10	1	552	21	17
Loughshinny	2	1	8	0	178	4	16
Rush North	0	0	5	0	74	7	5
Rush South	0	0	4	0	200	50	22
Portrane	0	0	2	0	34	1	5
Donabate	0	0	31	4	301	20	16
Malahide	11	8	5	2	306	96	16
Portmarnock	20	0	124	50	1144	152	67
Sutton	24	3	62	21	542	169	23
Howth	0	0	23	1	356	27	124
JUN-SEPT FULL RETURNS	58	13	298	98	4273	569	325

Joint Policing Committee

Public Meetings

The annual series of Joint Policing Committee Public meetings will take place in September and October. This is an opportunity for members of the public to come along to meet with their local Gardaí and Fingal County Council staff to discuss policing and safety issues in their locality.

The meetings are arranged on a Garda District basis and are generally well attended, this year all meetings are scheduled from 7pm to 8.30pm.

- **Tue 27th September** – Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan – for Balbriggan and area, Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Balrothery, Naul, Garristown areas.

- **Wed 28th September** – Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 – for Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Ongar, Mulhuddart, Carpenterstown, Clonsilla, Coolmine, Tyrrelstown.

- **Wed 5th October** – Grand Hotel, Malahide – for Swords, Malahide, Santry, Portmarnock, Portrane, Donabate areas.

- **DATE TBC (OCTOBER)** – Marine Hotel Sutton – for Howth, Sutton and Baldoyle (parts of) and area.

Joint Policing Committee Meetings

All documentation and presentations to Fingal JPC are available on the Fingal Website.

Car Parking Services

- **June 2022**

There was a total of 1,196 parking tickets issued during June 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

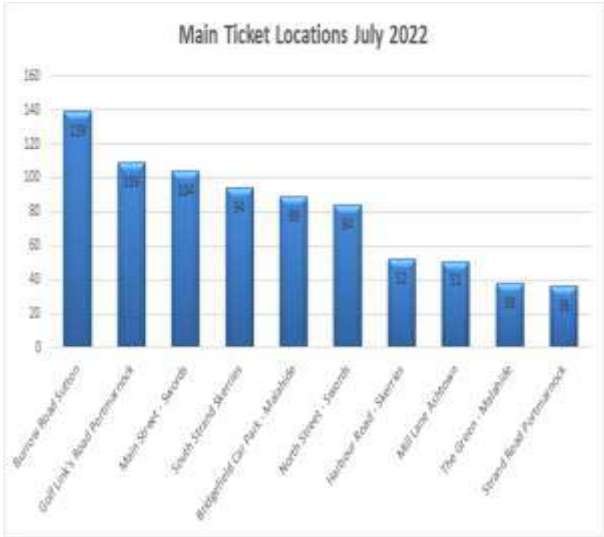
Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	123	10.28%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	220	18.39%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	739	61.79%
Disabled Parking Bay	26	2.17%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	88	7.36%
Total	**1196**	**100%**



- **July 2022**

There was a total of 1,451 parking tickets issued during July 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	445	30.67%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	157	10.82%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	722	49.76%
Disabled Parking Bay	22	1.52%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	105	7.24%
Total	**1451**	**100%**



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 99 Internments in June 2022 and 123 Internments in July 2022. The draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws are currently on public display.



Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all areas.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

New Road Lining Contract



Swords – R125 & North Steet Junction – New Yellow Box Lining





Swords – Main Street & R106 Malahide Road Junction – New Yellow Box Lining



L1080 Hollywood – New Road lining to endorse road safety



R122/R129 – New and refreshed lining on the approach of the junction

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals Contract

Works were completed in August at the junction of Snugborough Road and Grove Road in June. The works include significant civils upgrade works to all crossings and new LED traffic lights.



Junction upgrade at Snugborough Road and Grove Road

Road Lining Contract



The road lining was refreshed outside St. Mochta's National School on both the Porterstown Road and the Clonsilla Road



The central island on the R135 at Coolquay Gateway has been fully painted yellow to endorse visibi8lkity of the island when approaching the gateway

Howth/Malahide Area

Road Lining Contract



Burrowfield Road -Sutton to prevent illegal parking on the footpath



Low Rock Malahide to prevent blockage of residential access



Lauders Lane to improve Traffic flows to Burrow Beach





Lining of kettles Park-Kettles Lane for parking

Concrete Kerbing Works to assist pedestrian movements

- Carrickbrack Road - Heath Junction



During Works



After Works

- **Junction of Shielmartin Road**



During Works



After Works

- **Coast Road/Sea Park Junction**



Before Works



After Works

- **Feltrim Road and Aspen Road**
  Removal of Maple trees by junction and widening of pedestrian kerbing to road to improve pedestrian access



Before



After

- **Junction of Hill Drive and Drumnigh Road (R124)**
  On site assistance provided to Road maintenance section in providing for new kerbing and tactile layout





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

101 hires were put in place from 1st AUGUST 2022 – 29th August 2022, engaging 26 suppliers. Hires included a 32T Grab Truck with clam Shell Bucket for a 36-month hire.



Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 95% of all lights switched to LEDS.



Testing of Balbriggan main streets new LED system under way



Phase two of Pine Grove, Swords trial motion activation lighting system under construction

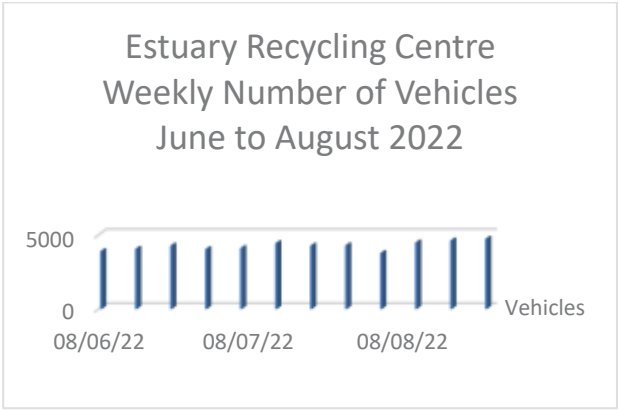


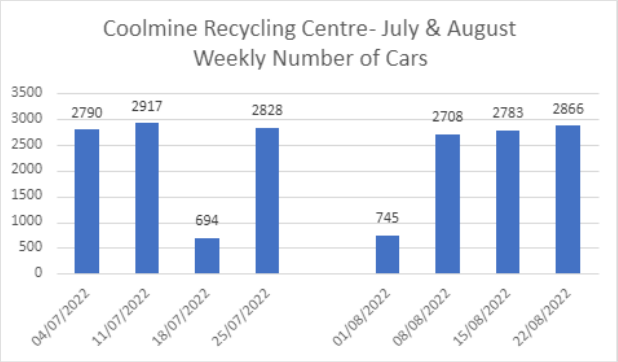
Hands Lane Lusk gets new lighting system

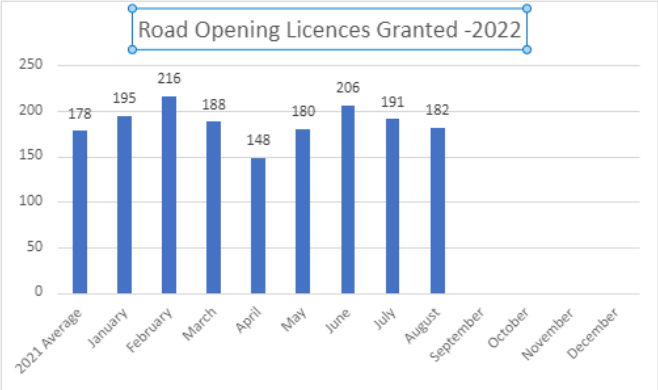


Watery Lane, Swords gets EV (Electric Vehicle) upgrade

Recycling Centre's Update







The Review of Pricing and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service at Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres was completed and will go to the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC on the 6th of September 2022. The report will go to the full Council in October 2022 in advance of the Budget Meeting for 2023.

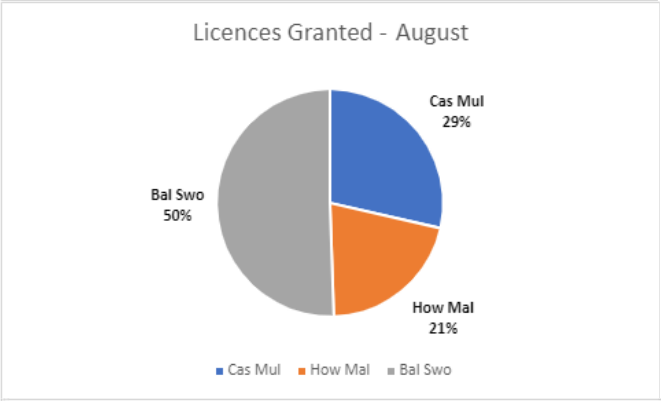
Licences

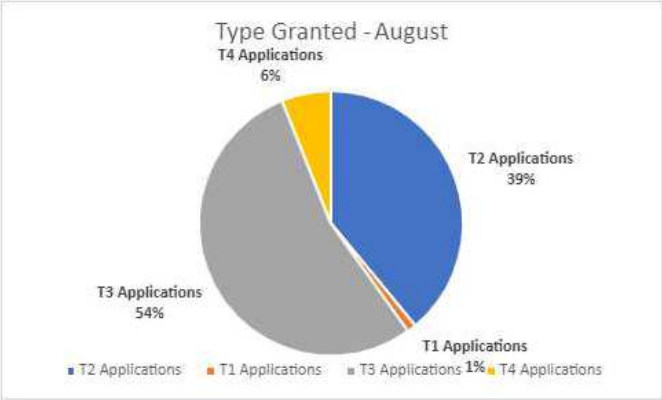
Road Opening Licences:

The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. Since 1st June 2022, the majority of T3 ROL applications have been granted by way of automation and 3 Clerk of Works has been appointed to Swords/Balbriggan, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide areas to carryout to improved post inspection of all road openings by utilities.

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.

182 Licences were granted in the month of August.





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.

Street Furniture Licences & Parklets

Street Furniture Licences are granted under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act as amended. New licenses were issued on the 1st of June and will expire on the 31st of December 2022.

A new Enforcement Officer has been appointed to regulate the issuing of license's and to monitor the usage of street furniture by local businesses. To date in August three Street Furniture inspections have been carried out with a fourth planned for this week.

Fingal County Council is looking to build a positive working relationship with local businesses & help implement the positive use of Street Furniture throughout the county. In the coming months communication between the Operations Department & local businesses will increase significantly.

The Council will proceed with enforcement proceedings under the planning legislation where outdoor dining is taking place without a valid licence. Total number of licences is as follows for the 3 areas:

Street Furniture Licences	Total Applications	Total Valid	Refused	Withdrawn	Pending
Cas/Mul	3	2	0	1	0
Bal/Swo	17	15	1	1	0
How/Mal	28	27	1	1	0
Countywide	48	44	2	3	0



Parklets

There are several parklets throughout the County that were installed by the Council on a temporary basis to facilitate outdoor dining during Covid.
The Council is currently carrying out a review of all parklets, their condition, usage etc. and will look at options going forward that will increase the area to facilitate street furniture licensing.





Casual Trading Licence

Casual Trading inspections have increased in recent weeks with the newly appointed Enforcement Officer carrying out inspections & engaging with traders about a variety of issues. Considerable interest has been shown in some of our vacant casual trading pitches with ongoing communication with several potential applicants.

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designated Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	6	3	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	14	2	7	5
How/Mal	11	23*	17	0	5	12
Countywide	32	62*	37	5	15	17

Water Services

Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 25 applications in progress with Fingal as of 24th August 2022 , this consists of 13 drainage connection applications and 9 water connection applications and 3 applications that request further information from applicant as per the Irish Water System Maximo/d365.

27 applications returned to Irish water so far in August 2022 .

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations Update

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

- The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced in the Swords and Kinsealy.
- Funding is being procured for a property flood alleviation project in The Bawn & Old Bawn in Malahide. Currently a tender is being drafted for a detailed design on the stormwater element of this project while discussions between Fingal County Council and Irish Water are on-going with respect to attaining a design from Irish Water for the redesign of the foul aspect of the project. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in early 2023.
    - CCTV surveys were carried out in Mulhuddart, Portmarnock and Malahide. A number of issues with root ingress, concrete rubble, displaced and partially collapsed sections were uncovered. These reports are now being analysed to identify the most cost-effective means of repairing these issues.
    - CCTV surveys were carried out in Balbriggan following poor bathing sample results. Extensive surveys were carried out around the Harbour area and a misconnection from the foul network was discovered next to the Bracken Court Hotel. This has now been removed from the network on the private side. As a follow up the line has been vacuumed and flushed to remove any residual pollution.
    - CCTV Surveys were also carried out in Castleknock Vale following reports of Malodours. Investigations discovered a large build-up of rubble, silt and tar in the line which was restricting flows and

causing the water in the line to become stagnant. Remedial dragging works were carried out to remove debris from the line. This line are now free flowing and there have been no further reports of Malodours.

- CCTV Surveys were also carried out in Pecks Lane following reports of Malodours. Investigations discovered a large build-up of FOGS and a large depression in the line. Remedial dragging works were carried out to remove debris from the line. A patch liner was also installed, and this line are now free flowing and there have been no further reports of Malodours.
- Works to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding are now complete. Partial collapses were identified and works to repair this several collapses are being costed and quotes are due back this month.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in Heather Walk and Carrickhill Rise in Portmarnock to identify the cause of slow flows. Large root ingress and partial collapses were identified. A contractor is being procured to provide a quote for the repairs including robotic cutting and Part Liner installation. In some locations an open dig will need to be performed to remove the damaged sections and replace the failed pipes. These projects have now been costed and site works are planned to start in Q4 2022.
- The next section of the Stormwater network preventative maintenance cycle was completed at the end of May. Surveys were carried out in the Cardy Rock and Hamilton Place Estates in Balbriggan. In total 6000m of lines have been surveyed and recorded and 65 manhole reports have been created. The findings are now being analysed to identify remedial works required.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

- **Howth Culvert Stormwater Network Upgrade**

Roughan O'Donovan (ROD) has completed the 1st phase hydraulic modelling of the existing Howth Stormwater Network. Fingal County Council are currently preparing the tender documents for a CCTV conditioning survey which is required as part of the second phase of the project.
Once the condition survey has been completed ROD will be able to determine the scope of upgrade works required to ensure the existing network has sufficient capacity for current and future needs.

- **Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Upgrade**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage rejected Fingal County Council's application for the required pair works to the surface water outfall at Burro Beach be considered exempt works under the auspice of the Foreshore Licence Act. Fingal County Council is now commencing the process of applying for the required foreshore licence for the required works.

- **The Bawn Malahide**

Fingal County Council has prepared a scope of works to upgrade and future proof the existing stormwater network serving The Bawn, Malahide. The scope of works includes hydraulic modelling of the contributing catchment, condition survey of existing network and preliminary design of required upgrade.

- **Wendell Avenue/Drewbury Park/Heatherfield Walk**

Following a number of condition surveys of the stormwater network in Portmarnock, stormwater rehabilitation works are required in Wendell Avenue, Drewbury Park and Heather Walk Portmarnock. Fingal Council are planning to upgrade approximately 300 metres of stormwater network with works due to commence in October 2022.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

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The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at **localrepsupport@water.ie** or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**

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/# publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Framework for future of Water Services

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Framework will help to ensure a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water services authority, based on the full integration of public water services within Irish Water.

To facilitate the transition to a national water services authority, the Framework provides for:

1. Irish Water to assume responsibility for the management and direction of water services operation and activities
2. The voluntary transfer, of existing local authority water services staff to Irish Water as permanent employees between now and 2026.
3. The identification of opportunities for water services staff not transferring to Irish Water to avail of opportunities to re-deploy to other areas within Local Authorities.
4. The commencement of water services staff recruitment directly by Irish Water to fill vacancies arising in Water Services.
5. A voluntary redundancy scheme for local authority water service staff; and
6. A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of the water services staff who choose to remain employed by their local authority under contract to Irish Water for the transitional period to the end of 2026

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

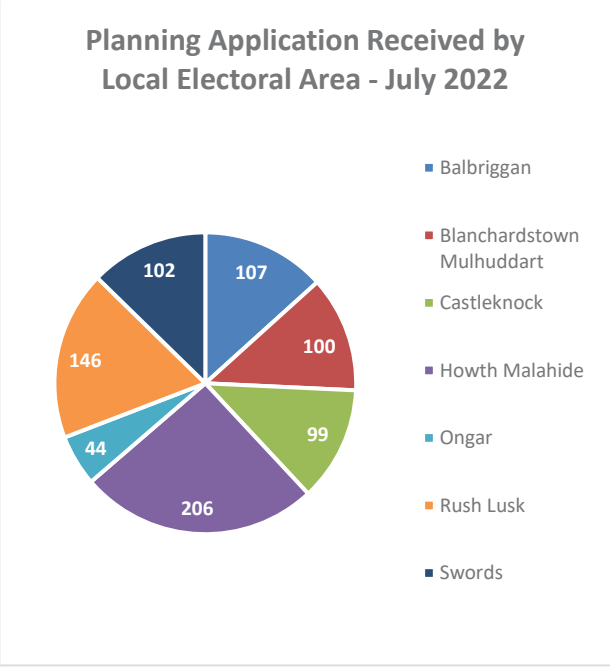
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Planning Applications

There have been 804 planning applications received to the end of July 2022, 61 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 743 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and end July 2022, 18 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 10,430 units. 2 decisions were made by the board up to end of July 2022. Of these, 1 application was Granted in May (172 units). One application was Refused in March. There is a total of 20 SHD's (12,692 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 735 planning decisions have been made to the end of July 2022. There have been 615 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 120 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 54 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 376 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 153 commercial/retail grants of permission and 16 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 9 relate to development of 2 - 20, 4 relates to 20 – 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 1 which relates to 100+.

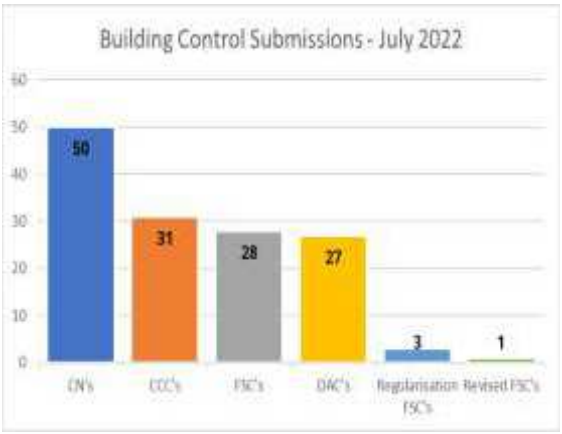
Building Control Admin

In July 2022, 140 Building Control submissions were received. This was made up of 50 Commencement Notices, 31 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 32 Fire Safety related Certificates and 27 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 also by hard copy directly into the office. The BCMS system is the preferred option.

The Building Control Admin team processed 110 decisions in July 2022, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 53 decisions to grant, 2 decisions to invalidate and 55 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan finished on 12th May. During the consultation period online and drop-in events were held for members of the public. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department staff were available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan.

More than 1,900 submissions have been received.

The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the Members at the end of July. Meetings to discuss the submissions will take place later this month and into October.

The Development Plan process has been running for over a year now and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by councillors in February 2023.

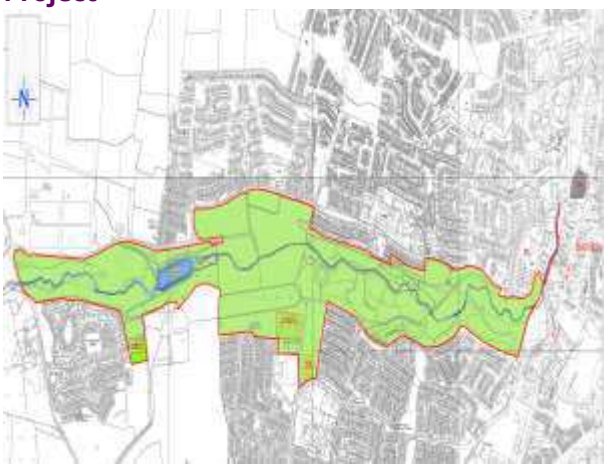
Sustainable Swords

The draft Sustainable Swords Strategy went on display on 7th September. The draft Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords. Consultation will be ongoing during September with submissions invited until 12th October. More information is available at www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Ward River Valley Regional Park Development Project



An integrated design team led by Dermot Foley Landscape Architects has been appointed to support the Ward River Valley Regional Park Development Project. The primary objective of the project is to engage and reach consensus with stakeholders to deliver a sustainable vision for the future Regional Park in the face of population growth and increasing levels of community participation in active leisure. The first phase of work (currently underway) for the appointed consultant is to undertake baseline surveys and detailed analysis to best inform future proposals. Notwithstanding the considerable work involved for this stage, it is anticipated that public consultation will commence later this year. An introduction and overview of the Park Development Project was presented to members at the September meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

Play Projects at Lanesborough Park, Howth Harbour, Garristown Library and Bremore Regional Park



Regional Park

The tender process to deliver quality play spaces at Lanesborough Park, Howth Harbour, Garristown Library and Bremore Regional Park has begun. The first of the two-stage tender process is underway with expressions of interest sought from firms with the experience and capability to deliver projects of a similar scale and nature. It is planned that a shortlist of up to five suitable firms will be compiled from stage 1 who will then be invited to take part in the Design Build stage of the competition. It is planned to complete the procurement and contract award phase of the project this year with works to commence in the first quarter of next year.

Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility



Since works began in April, progress with the construction of the new LED floodlit sporting facilities at Porterstown Park continues to run on schedule. The latest milestones achieved by the specialist contractor includes the installation of floodlight columns, kerbing, spectator fencing posts and the tarmac layer of the 3G pitch to meet exacting levels required to meet FIFA standards. Works over the coming weeks include the installation of surfacing for the 400 metre running track and 3G pitch. Other elements to complement the facility include additional path network, blue badge and bicycle parking spaces located for convenient access to the track and pitch. It is anticipated that the facility will be complete by Q1 of next year, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Regional Park



Works are continuing on the construction of the Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Regional Park. The 3G pitch has been covered with a tarmac base and is due to receive the first layer of the sports turf system in coming weeks. Perimeter sports fencing has been completed and the seeding and landscape works have commenced to ensure the successful integration of the facility with the surrounding area. The car park has also received the first course of tarmac and the grasscrete SuDS system has been prepared for seeding. The upgrade works to the adjacent soccer pitch are largely complete with proposed GAA Go

Games/Training Pitch still under construction. Having regard to the expanded scope of the project and to allow for the testing and commissioning of the new facility including the LED floodlights, it is anticipated the project will be completed in the last quarter of this year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub (Phase 1)



Works are progressing well on the construction of the new full size public GAA pitch at Bremore Regional Park (Adjacent to O'Dwyer's Gaa shown above). Seeding works are nearing completion after which the newly formed pitch will need to establish for 12 months before use to ensure the best outcome for future users of the new facility. In addition to the pitch, the works include provision of vehicular and pedestrian access and extensive boundary railing and fencing. The project represents the first phase of construction of the Balbriggan Sports and Recreational Hub. It is anticipated the construction works will be completed by year end.

Built Environment Division

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management July 2022

- 84 no. new planning files have been received.
- 7 no. Additional Information files have been received
- 6 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 7 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 & DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping & report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) & 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".



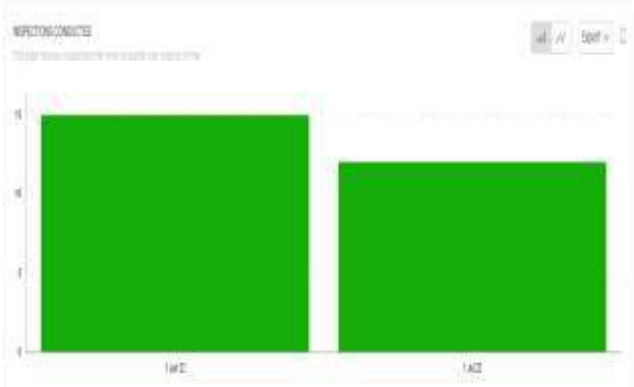
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

Building Control

- BCMS (Building Control Management System) – 308 Building Control applications were made over the months of June and July 2022 comprising of 117 commencement notices, 69 completion certificate applications, 78 fire related applications and 44 disability access applications.
- There were 30 Building control site visits in June and July with 62 separate buildings being inspected.



Taking in Charge

- There are currently 5 estates/roads which will be submitted for Taking in Charge in the September meeting. These are Blackthorn place, Chieftains Way, Bay Meadows phase 1, Castleknock Tennis Club plaza area and Hollywoodrath Phase 1.

- The consulting engineers for the taking in charge works in Ongar have been on site and snagged the areas for taking in charge. They are currently reviewing the surface water drainage to see there are any items that should be repaired as part of the taking in charge construction works.
- A contractor has been appointed for taking in charge works in "The Gallops" housing estate in Swords and will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Pictures



Ground floor slab freshly poured in a housing development in Castleknock.



Drainage detail at level access to a house in Malahide.

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

Construction works have continued successfully over the summer months including the bridge deck over the River Tolka being poured during August. Ongoing installation of parapets and retaining walls is underway at present and traffic lanes on the N3 have reopened to traffic. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project will continue to be updated with information relating to the project.



Royal Canal Urban Greenway

The Project Team has just published the Public Consultation Report from the 2021 public consultation and this report is available to view at www.fingal.ie/royalcanalurbangreenway.

Following a review of all relevant legislation it has been established that the Royal Canal Urban Greenway exceeds the mandatory threshold for Environmental Impact Assessment. This means that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will now be prepared for submission to an Bord Pleanála. An Appropriate Assessment Screening is also being undertaken. It is anticipated that the EIAR and associated reports and documentation, will be complete in Q4 2022. The stage gate process for the National Transport

Authority approvals process will take place in parallel to this also.

Fingal Coastal Way
The Public Consultation Report from the 2021 public consultation and the follow on review of proposals through the Quay St and Hoar Rock areas of Skerries is being finalised and will be published in September. The Project Team is currently developing the Emerging Preferred Route for Public Consultation in October. This phase of the project reduces the route options down to a single route corridor and the consultation period will run for six weeks with both on-line and in person engagement being planned.

Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme
The Project Team is currently finishing its review of public consultation submissions and discussions at the successful drop-in information evening and webinars earlier this year. A Public Consultation Report will be published online outlining the results of the consultation. This process has helped the team to identify areas of concern for review or potential change and this design review process is underway while the Public Consultation Report is being finalised.

Following this design review, the preliminary design will be finalised and the scheme brought forward to the Statutory Approval Process – an application to an Bord Pleanála incorporating an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order in 2023.

Church Fields Link Road
Construction work is ongoing on the link road up to formation (blacktop) level. The drainage attenuation ponds are now complete also. Works on the cycle network element of the project, including works around the schools campus and along Church Road and Damastown Avenue, will continue over the coming months. Photo attached.



Harry Reynolds Road, Balbriggan
This project recently entered a two-stage procurement process, with submissions for the first stage of the two-stage process recently submitted to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team. The second stage will involve the return of priced tenders by a small number of competent contractors in October/November, with a view to appointing the successful tenderer in January and commencing work on site in Spring 2023, with an 18 month construction programme.

Heritage Officer

Fingal Heritage Week
National Heritage Week 2022 took place between Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st August 2022. In Fingal, National Heritage Week was marked but a number of in-person events and online projects including the launch of the *Donabate Portrane Heritage Audit* report by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Howard and the Fingal Heritage Network's Heritage Night. The latter, in particular, was an opportunity for the members of Fingal historical societies and heritage groups to meet up again.



Fingal Thatch Project 2022

The survey of thatch structures surviving in Fingal by consultants Carrig Conservation has been ongoing over the summer. An important element is capturing the memories and social aspects of thatch in Fingal. To that end a video piece of those involved in thatching was produced in conjunction with Digital officer Mark Broderick which can be viewed at https://www.fingal.ie/news/fingal-thatch-project-2022

A very well attended tour of the thatch houses of Skerries was undertaken by the consultants with the assistance of the Fingal Walking and Cycling Officer Stephen McGinn for Heritage Week. This



project is supported by the Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan funding,

Digging Drumanagh 2022

Season 3 of the community -based research excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort commenced during Heritage Week. Supported by the Heritage Council, community volunteers and archaeologists have uncovered an Iron Age structure and evidence for contact with the Roman world not seen anywhere else in Ireland before. These results and analysis will not only add to the interpretation of the site itself but will add immeasurably to the understanding of this period in Ireland.



HOUSING

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Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk

Construction of the 52 mixed tenure scheme at Dun Emer, Lusk is ongoing.

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







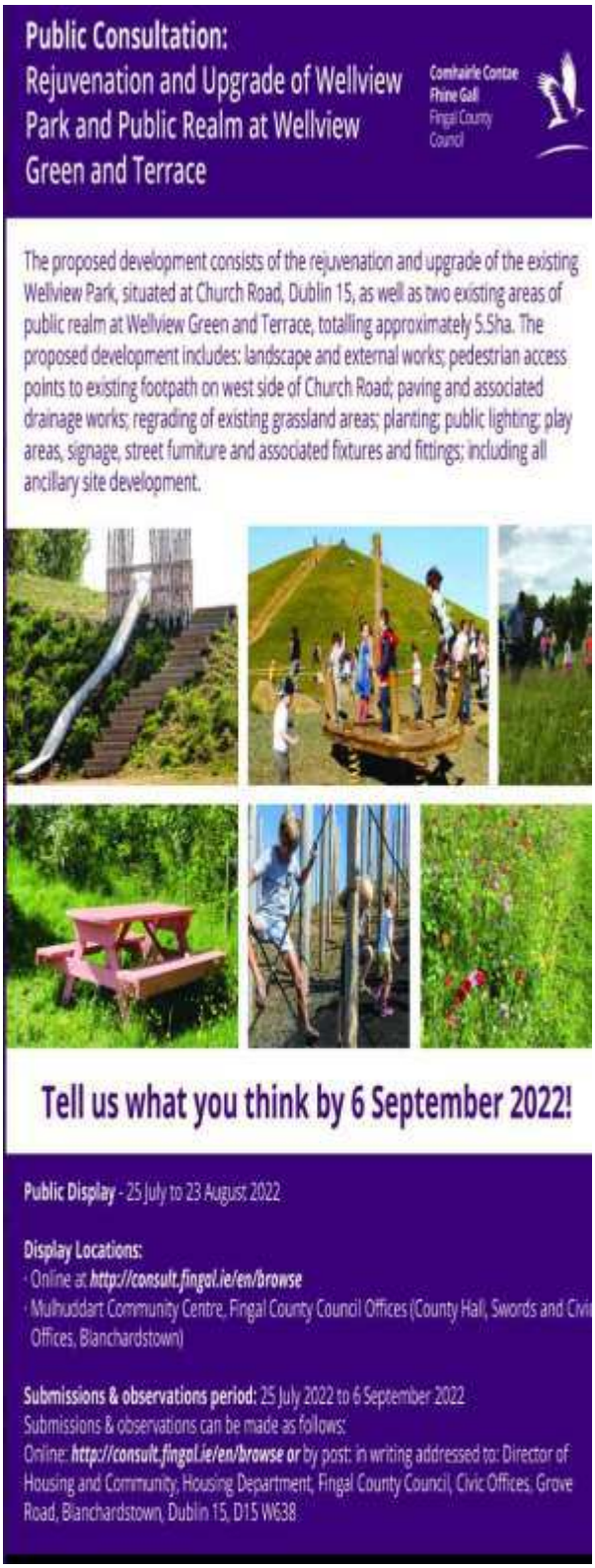
Church Fields, Dublin 15

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

A public consultation workshop took place in July with local groups in Mulhuddart in relation to the rejuvenation and upgrade of Wellview Park and Public Realm at Wellview Green and Terrace, Mulhuddart. This project is part of the Church Fields development.



The formal Part 8 public consultation process for the park commenced on 25th July 2022 until 6th Sept, 2022. Approx 500 leaflets were distributed to local homes in Mulhuddart area advertising the Part 8 public consultation process.



Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	429
Planning and Design	840
Part V	276
TOTAL	**1,752**

Appendix 3 outlines the full detail of the schemes on site, schemes with Part 8 planning approval and at tender stage and schemes at pre-planning stage.

Projects on site

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





Part V Houses under construction at Newpark Drive, Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Malahide, Co. Dublin





CALF units delivered in Lusk Village, Lusk, Co. Dublin





CALF units under construction in Chapel Hill, Garristown



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to attract queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 164 applications so far.

To date €8.2 million of lending has been approved until the end of August, with applicants having gone sale agreed with €1.5 million of this approval. The scheme continues to be popular, and although the interest rate has risen marginally the product continues to be a relevant support for first time buyers.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Approval was granted to carry out retrofitting works on 81 properties in 2022. Works are complete on 41 properties in Jugback Estate in Swords, which included electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard. Work on Lissenhall in Swords and St. Paul's in Balbriggan have recently commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of October. Retrofitting in Whitechapel Clonsilla will also soon be underway, with a completion date anticipated to be in early November.



PV panel installation in Jugback Estate

Returning Dwellings to Productive use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	**at 29th August 2022**
In letting process	62
Undergoing re-let repairs	15
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	24
TOTAL	**101**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Scheme painting has just been completed in Ringfort Estate, Balrothery and Remount in Lusk. Additional works involving render and bin stores were carried out in Dun Saithne, Balbriggan.

Work is currently underway in Hamilton Estate in Balbriggan and Saint Catherine's in Rush.





Before and after photographs from Dun Saithne, Balbriggan

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,400 tenancies. In 2022 to date over 240 HAP tenancies have been set up for Fingal housing applicants.

The HAP Team are always available to assist applicants and landlords by email, phone or in person and the experience to date is that communication is mostly over the phone and the HAP team report that there have been very few issues with completing the online application process and any delays, such as they are, are generally around applicants and landlords submitting the correct supporting documentation. However, the team are aware of only a small number of cases where the applicant/landlord had difficulty and they were talked through the process.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email hap@fingal.ie.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing List Position

List Position letters issued to all applicants on 11th April. Choice Based Lettings information was communicated through this letter which advised applicants to obtain their secure username and password to access the Choice Based Lettings system. Applicants can view their list position at the 1st April 2022 through the CBL system. It is intended to update the list positions in January 2023 and applicants will be able to access them through the CBL system.

In accordance with Circular 32/2022 as released 11th August 2022, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29th November 2022. It is intended to provide a dual service for the completion of this assessment with an Online HNA system to go live in September and hard copy forms available from all Customer Care Counters and Libraries for those who wish to complete the form by hand.

Further communication will issue to all applicants required to take part in this Assessment in the coming weeks which will include details as to the Online System and instructions to complete their online SSHA.

Social Housing Application Form

The new social housing application form is in use since 14th March. Hard copies are available through the CCU. Amendments to the form – Part 8 of the housing application, identifying as an Irish Traveller is now being recorded on the Housing system, in accordance with Government policy.

In line with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, the Housing Authority is required to assess a fully complete application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt.

Social Housing Applications Received 1st January to 31st August 2022

January	Total Received	172
February	Total Received	191
March	Total Received	201
April	Total Received	176
May	Total Received	180
June	Total Received	134
July	Total Received	170
August	Total Received	164

	Total	**1,388**

Housing Support Appeals

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

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 effective and 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 continue to issue passwords and usernames. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

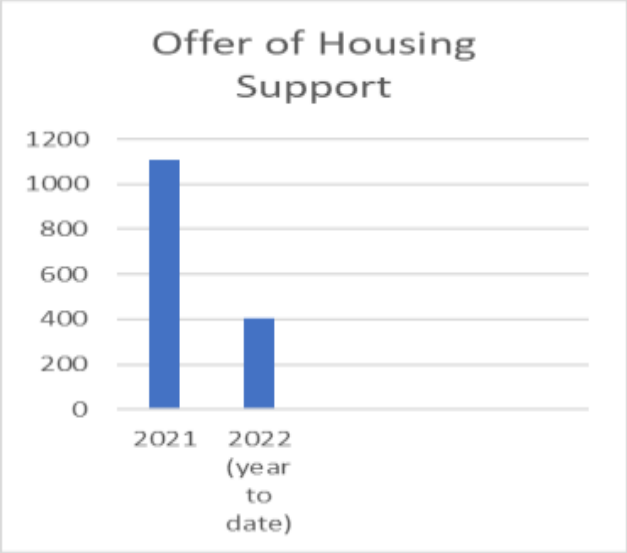
Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

To date 2,208 passwords have been issued to applicants since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 93 were issued in July and 92

in August. All new approved Housing Support Applications will receive their password and username upon approval. CBL advertised 8 properties during July and 12 properties during August. The total number of expressions in July for the 8 properties was 952. 1,727 expressions were recorded during August.

Offers of Housing Support

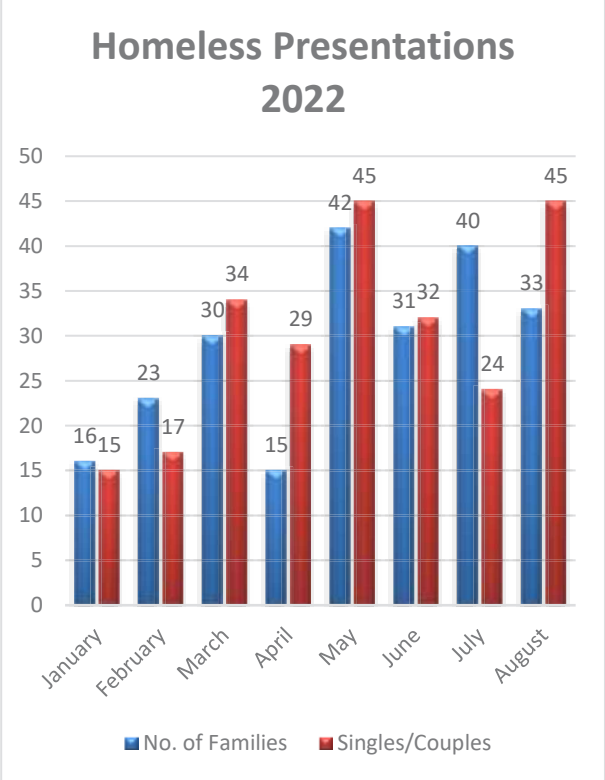
2021 offers shown for comparison



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.

In August 2022 there were **87** new homeless presentations, comprising 39 families and 48 singles/couples.



The presentations figure reported is not fully reflective of applicants/potential applicants who we are still engaged with in order to complete assessments.

Homeless Presentations

From January 1st to 31st August 2022, the Homeless Officers have carried out **517** Homeless Assessments (250 families & 267 singles) – see Table below for breakdown by month.

Approximately 36% of these cases are because of a **notice to quit** having been served. Many of these notices to quit are served on families who have been renting the same property for an extended period (over 5 years). The main reasons given for issuing the notice are the landlord intends to sell the property or that a family member will move into the property.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (19%). Anecdotally, these presentations are aged in their 20's/30's and have

fallen out with family or state that they are living in **overcrowded conditions** (11%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property.

Month	Families	Singles	Total	% increase/decrease month on month
January	18	18	36	–
February	21	18	39	108%
March	34	38	72	185%
April	18	35	53	36%
May	43	44	87	164%
June	37	42	79	10%
July	40	24	64	23%
August	39	48	87	136%
TOTAL	**250**	**267**	**517**	
Average number of assessments per month	**250/8 months = 31.25**	**267/8 months = 33.40**	**517/8 months = 64.60**	

Homeless Exits

During August 2022, 11 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 9 of these tenancies.

Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

Emergency Accommodation (EA) is managed on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities by The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE).

As has been recently reported in the media, the number of people in EA across the country reached more than 10,500 last month. Some of factors that have pushed these numbers up in recent months include an increase in Notices to Quit and a decline in available Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) properties. The provision of emergency accommodation remains challenging.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE has finalised the draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression.**

The Plan is being developed as a result of a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

A senior official from the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) made a presentation on the Homeless Action Plan at the Housing SPC held on 27th June 2022.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is

planned for a number of sites in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available.

Inspectors received a welcome response from residents and children when they delivered play equipment to a number of our sites on behalf of the Community Department in conjunction with National Play Week.







Community Facility Upgrade

The Housing Department recently completed refurbishment and upgrade works at the Council's Resource Centre at Matt Lane, Balbriggan which is an integral resource for the Traveller community within our administrative area. The facility will be managed by the Balbriggan Traveller Project.






Group Housing Scheme

Recent refurbishment and upgrade works completed at one of the Council's Traveller Group Housing Schemes to accommodate an urgent medical requirement of a family.



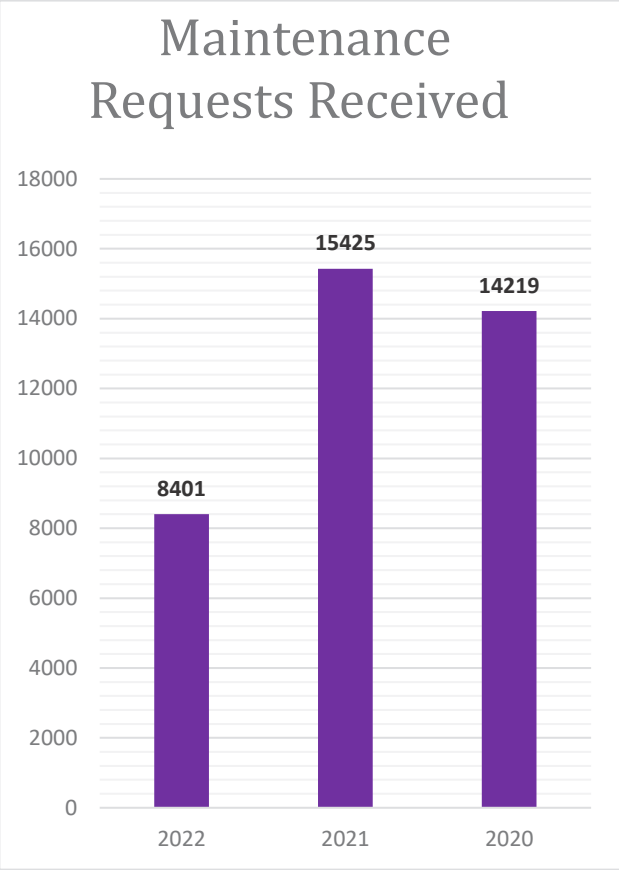



Housing Welfare Service

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.

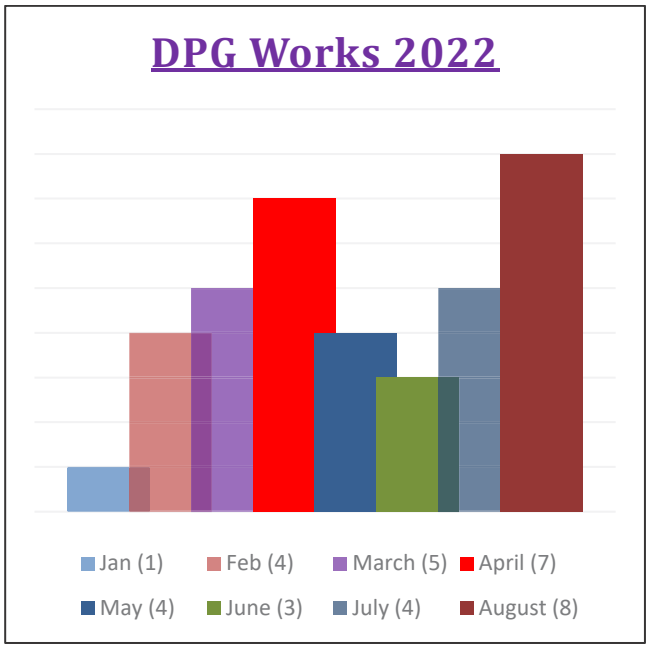
Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

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. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. Currently they are progressing 6 batches of work totaling 1,437 properties incorporating the following areas: Whitestown Estate, Sheepmoor Estate, Corduff Estate, Church Road, Bay Meadows, Allendale, Dunsoghly, Greenridge, Abbeylea, Ballygarra, Clonmethan Green, Earnan's Wood, Drynham Avenue, Lambeecher, Cardy Rock, Longstone Park, Glasmore Park, Seaview Park and Strandmill Road.

DPG Works 2022



Minor works completed in 2022

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

There are occasions 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. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

Within the remit of the Estate Management Section, a project team has been assembled to

focus on the effective use of Council stock, including Permission to Reside Applications, illegal occupation, abandonments and legal matters arising with regard to breach of Tenancy Agreements. The Council has recently secured possession of two properties which were illegally occupied and other cases are pending.

In tandem with this, exclusion orders are also being sought in the Courts against individuals who are proven to be involved in serious anti-social behaviour in Council estates.

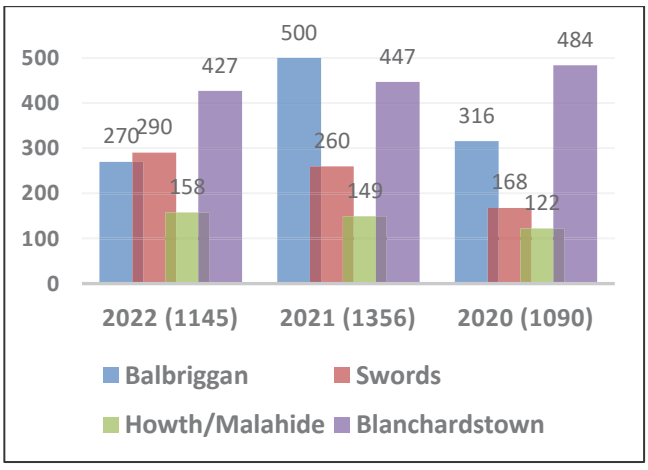
ASB Caseload Management

July & August 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	54	29	39
North County	113	68	59
Total	167	97	98

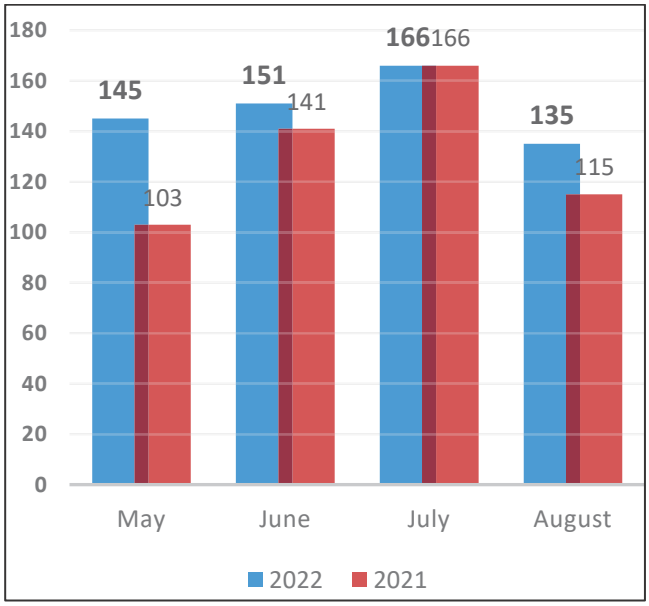
All complaints are received in confidence.

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022 – 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr), 2 (May), 0 (Jun), 3 (Jul), 3 (Aug)

Area Breakdown 2020-2022



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022 **Interviews Held 2021**	**59** 47
Tenancy Alerts 2022 **Tenancy Alerts 2021**	**27** 31
Tenancy Warnings 2022 **Tenancy Warnings 2021**	**3** 2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022 Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	**1113** 1746
Estate Inspections 2022 Estate Inspections 2021	**686** 1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022 EM/ASB Inspections 2021	**1200** 3117

Housing Ukraine Response

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

www.gov.ie/ukraine

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Fingal County Council is committed to supporting the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Where Households and individuals present to the Council's Homeless Services and identify as seeking refuge from the conflict, the advice to date is that they should be directed to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie

Please note that if a situation arises where an immediate humanitarian response is required, Local Authorities are being asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation (EA) and in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

A cross-departmental update on Fingal's response to the Ukraine crisis was provided to elected members on 6th May and it is intended to provide a further update to elected members, most likely in October, with a date to be confirmed. However, it is a very fluid situation and the Council along with partners are endeavouring to provide services in line with this changing need.

Pledged Accommodation for Ukrainian Displaced Persons

346 pledge properties (vacant and mainly house share) were assigned to Fingal County Council by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) to assess if still available and suitable for occupation, which was on foot of a call for pledged properties operated via the Irish Red Cross. The Council has sought to contact all 346 owners. The Council works with an implementing partner, the Peter McVerry Trust, to match Ukrainian displaced persons to their new pledged home where the properties remain available and suitable. To date, 77 of the properties have been occupied with circa 155 Ukrainians residing in same. The balance of the properties are either in a process of matching, not immediately available for occupation, deemed unsuitable, pledge withdrawn by the property owner or the property owner has not responded to contact to date

VACANT HOMES

The Vacant Homes office is now accepting applications for the recently launched Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund. This is a national fund administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All*. The Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund will provide new choices for people to live in towns and villages in Ireland, initially through the provision of

a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties.

Subject to meeting eligibility criteria, a grant of up to a maximum of €30,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not previously been used as residential. Where the refurbishment costs are expected to exceed the standard grant of up to €30,000, a maximum top-up grant amount of up to €20,000 will be available where the property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000. For enquiries, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. To date 6 expressions of interest and 2 applications have been received.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

Community Development

Ukrainian Response Unit
Festival in a Van
Swords Castle Ukrainian Family Day
Summer projects and Applewood summer camp
Ukraine Jobs Club and English Language Classes
Activation of Rest Centre
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NORTH, MID AND EAST FINGAL
Summer Family Day for Families of Children with Additional Needs'
Supportive Parenting Programme
Grasshoppers Balbriggan
Balbriggan Mens Shed
Meakstown Community Day
Let's Play Rush
IPB Pride of Place Competition
Fingal Wellbeing Programme -Community Partnership WRAP
Counselling Service for Tyrrelstown
Corduff Community Initiative
Sustainable Funding Supports

Facilities
Balbriggan Traveller Project
Integration
National Radio Day
Pride Workshops
Funding
Sustainable Funding Supports
Age Friendly
Information Event for Older People
Intergenerational Practice: Accredited Training
Positive Ageing Week 2022
Sports Office
Her Outdoors 2022
MarathonKids 2022
New Boules Courts, Santry Demesne
Balbriggan Volleyball Event
Balbriggan Beach Festival

Community Development Office

Ukrainian Response Unit

The Ukrainian Response Unit within the Community Development Office has been busy throughout the summer, with new people fleeing from the war in Ukraine arriving in Fingal daily. Full support is given to the 10 Ukrainian accommodation hubs across the county. Information sessions in each new location with all relevant service providers were organised and delivered by the Community Office in Deerpark, Howth, Quinns Guesthouse in Garristown and the Shoreline Hotel, Donabate. Ongoing supports were provided to the Ukraine Crisis Centre Ireland and the Fingal Ukraine Support Group volunteers.

Information meetings were held for families hosting Ukrainian guests in Skerries and Dublin 15 where the meeting in Castleknock GAA Club meeting was attended by Minister for Integration and Children, Deputy Roderic O'Gorman. New Failte Isteach volunteer-led conversational English projects were established in Deerpark and St Marys, Howth and Holywell Community /centre in Swords while the established Failte Isteach

projects in Donabate/ Portrane Community Centre has resumed on Tuesday's and Wednesdays after a brief summer break.



Festival in a Van

A cultural event took place in Emmaus centre, Swords, and Deerpark Howth in July where Irish and Ukrainian musicians entertained the residents of both centres. Supported by the community Development Office and Fingal Libraries, with support from Creative Ireland funding, the events were very well received and were attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony. The Deerpark Howth event involved singing and dancing and it was fantastic to see as the residents fully participating and enjoying themselves despite having only arrived from the conflict a few days earlier.







Swords Castle Ukrainian Family Day

In collaboration with the Sports Unit and Events Office, the Community Development Office developed a community family day for the Ukrainian residents and host families living across Fingal, which will take place in Swords Castle on

Sunday Sept 4th. The family day will be attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Howard Mahony, Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly, and elected members. Music from Ukraine and Ireland will entertain the attendees, with sports, arts and crafts, photography, and children's activities available throughout the afternoon.

Summer projects and applewood summer camp.

The Community Development Office provided places on Council funded summer projects across the county for Ukrainian children and organised a bespoke summer camp in Applewood Community Centre in early August. This was an opportunity for Ukrainian young people from several locations in Swords and the north county to have a week of fun, sports, arts, and crafts. Ukrainian speaking facilitators were on hand to deliver the fun and games, organised by the Fingal Sports Development Unit. Transport to and from the camp was provided each day from the various accommodation centres and with very positive feedback from the week.



Ukraine jobs club and English language classes

The Community Office is collaborating with Empower to provide a jobs club specifically for Ukrainian refugees taking place in Applewood Community Centre in Swords, twice weekly for four weeks in September. Jobs club times will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 12 noon. English Language classes will also take place on Tuesdays and Fridays in September and October from 10am – 12 noon (Beginners) and Intermediate classes from 1pm – 3pm.

Activation of Rest Centre

On foot of a request from central government, the Liam Rodgers Centre was reactivated as an temporary rest centre from Saturday, 20th August 2022. The Community Department and staff from Events Section in EETCD worked round the clock to ensure the necessary logistics and wrap around support systems were put in place in time to receive the placement of residents by the Department of Children, Equality, Integration, Disability and Youth. Support was also provided to the various service users of the centre.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NORTH, MID AND EAST FINGAL

SUMMER FAMILY DAY FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

On the 6th of August 2022 Castlelands Community Centre in Association with ASTER Family Resource Centre, Empower and Fingal Community Office supported Balbriggan Families with additional needs to participate in a family summer event. This family programme for 'families of children with additional needs was designed for children and their parents to cater for the specific needs of the family. Thirty families across Balbriggan participated in a well designed summer event both inside and outside which incorporated a sensory space in Castlelands Community Centre with water play, a magician, face-painting, information stands, the order of Malta and a play therapist. This event enhances community participation and social inclusion.



SUPPORTIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

On September 16th 2022, Fingal County Council Community Office in association with parenting consultant and accredited Play Therapist Melissa Moore will be hosting a 'Supportive Parenting' Programme in Balbriggan. This parenting programme will take place in the Irish Institute of Music and Song & will focus on parenting styles, emotional literacy, resilience and anxiety with a particular focus on the pandemic and the reopening of society, neuroscience and selfcare as a parent.



GRASSHOPPERS BALBRIGGAN

In July and August 2022, Grasshoppers festival engaged communities across Balbriggan in an integration and socialization process. The group is rooted in inclusively connecting communities to place, whatever their identities, through creative activities for early years audiences and families in order to drive a sense of belonging and creating a sense of pride of place across the community. The programme was collaborative, inclusive and participatory. Families shared language moments and lullabies from country of origin to country of home. These include China, Bulgaria, Brazil, Lithuania, Mauritius, Indonesia and Ireland. Fingal Community Office through its community activities funding supports this cultural awareness piece which creates social cohesion and integration. The workshops were delivered across the community in Flemington Community Centre, Millfield Shopping Centre, preschools in the community and Balbriggan Beach.



Balbriggan Mens Shed

On Tuesday the 16th of August Balbriggan Men's Shed began firming up their plan to highlight the work undertaken by the members both within the shed and in the wider community in Balbriggan. This year Balbriggan Men's Shed have accepted the nomination to take part in Pride of Place under the 'Community Well-Being' initiative category. Pride of Place is a whole Island competition which takes place on the 13th and 14th of September 2022.

BALBRIGGAN INTEGRATION FORUM - A TASTE OF NATIONS

On the 5th of June 2022, Balbriggan Integration Forum held "Taste of Nations" which returned to an in-person event this year during Balbriggan Summer Fest for the first time since 2019.

The Taste of Nations is a cultural awareness piece which creates a space where people can meet and as such it is a key driver of integration in the town. This event strengthens the awareness of Balbriggan Integration Forum as a key vehicle for integration in the town. Balbriggan Integration Forum is a voluntary body established to develop positive intercultural relationships by respecting and sharing the richness, beauty, and potential of all people and their respective cultures which adds significantly to the quality of people's lives in Balbriggan. The communities that have come together to share their 'Taste of Nations' 2022 are represented from Congo, Ireland, Libya, Nigeria, Poland, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Turkey and Ukraine.





MEAKSTOWN COMMUNITY DAY

Meakstown Community Council ran a very successful community Family Day on July 31st in Lanesboro Park, Dublin 11, with the support of the Community Development Office. This was the first time since the pandemic that the community day, organised by the community council has taken place and was attended by hundreds of families and young people from the local area. Meakstown Community Council used the day to sign up new recruits for the group who will play a significant role in the roll out of the new community centre in Meakstown, being developed by the Community Development Office and Architects Department, and the major upgrading of Lanesboro Park in Meakstown, being led by Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept, over the next two years. The Community Day was attended by both the Mayor of Fingal, and Dublin City and local elected members.



LETS PLAY RUSH

Saturday 6th August saw another successful Let's Play Rush gathering, the fifth event in the Playful Paradigm series of the EU URBACT project, supported by the community office. Many families gathered at Tayleur's Point for a glorious day filled with sporting games and activities.

The Let's Play Rush initiative looks to create opportunities for people of all ages to connect with their local town and maximise the use of Fingal's many beaches, parks, libraries, theatres, playgrounds, green spaces, and harbours. The town celebrated its playfulness with laughter and

joy as people of all ages enjoyed the event which had youth and adult races with old style, tug of war and, egg and spoon side by side with Giant Jenga and Connect 4. The event was attended by Deputy Mayor Cllr. Cathal Boland, who participated in the tug of war and local elected members. Rush Tidy Towns used the event to award prizes for the best presented estate 2022, --Seafield Court and best presented business --joint winners were the Strand and Harbour Bars.



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IPB Pride of place Competition 2022

Judging in the annual IPB Pride of Place competition takes place on Sept 13th and 14th, with entries this year from Mountview in Dublin 15, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council. Preparations are well underway in Mountview, with the Community development officer supporting the residents of Mountview and Fortlawn to prepare for judging in the Urban Neighbourhood category. Oldtown will be competing with other communities across the island of Ireland in the populations between 300 and 1000 category, and support from the north county community office team is well underway. Finally, Balbriggan Men's Shed are in contention in the category for community wellbeing projects, again with support from the community office. All three Fingal entries will attend the All-Ireland finals, post judging in Dublin City next February, so the absolute best of luck to our three entries in this year' Pride of Place.







FINGAL WELL- BEING PROGRAMME – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WRAP

Following the successful first round of WRAP training earlier this year, the Community Partner WRAP programme will be rolled out to the community in Dublin 15 from September 2022. Interest in this programme has grown with a large number of participants interested in undertaking training.

COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR TYRRELSTOWN

The Tyrrelstown Community Hub welcomed its first sessions of community counselling this month. This initiative came about as a partnership between the Community Office and PCI college, whereby a free space is provided for students to complete their therapy hours pre-qualification, with the counselling sessions being offered to residents living in the Tyrrelstown area. The community development officer in the area will continue working with both the service provider and the community centre to ensure the smooth running of this new service in the area.

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CORDUFF COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Corduff Park and Grove Residents Association partnered with Corduff Resource Centre and the Community Office to hold a Community Event in the Resource Centre on the 27th August. The event was very well attended with great entertainment bringing old and young members of the community together. Community groups set up stands to advertise their group and encourage new members. Overall, it was a wonderful success which will support continued community cohesion and development in the area going forward.



SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SUPPORTS

The Community Office team continue to support the application process for funding for groups. Community groups are accessing funding available from Fingal County Council as well as being supported to access funding from other agencies and stakeholders to ensure their sustainability and reduce reliance on single sources of funding. Most notably, three applications to the REACH fund have been submitted with the support of the team.

Reach Fund 2022

FACILITIES

Facilities Unit welcomes Balbriggan Traveller Project



Balbriggan Traveller Project have officially become the licence holders of a Fingal County Council Community Facility. The Community Development Office's Community Facilities Management Support Unit met with the Project on August 18 to hand over the keys to the Matt Lane Facility in Balbriggan. The newly refurbished facility has a hall space, office space, meeting rooms and a kitchen area and it will help the Balbriggan Traveller Project serve the needs of the Traveller community in the surrounding area of North Fingal.

Balbriggan Traveller Project Co-ordinator Sinéad Burke and Chairperson Eamon McCann were present for the handover from FCC Senior Community Development Officer from the CFMSU Janet Ivers. Also present was Leah Walshe, FCC Community Development Officer for the Balbriggan Area. The Matt Lane Facility will also become the 34th centre to receive assistance from the CFMSU and newest member of the Fingal Community Facilities Network.

AGE FRIENDLY

Information Event for Older People: Mountview Community Centre



Following the success of the pilot information event for older people in Corduff Community Resource Centre in May 2022, a second information event took place in Mountview Community Centre on 25th August 2022 in collaboration with the community development officer in this area. Similar to the previous event, organisations providing services locally for older people were invited to provide information stands. These included the HSE, An Garda Siochana, Age Action, Alone, Fingal Age Friendly Homes, Fingal OPC, Fingal Community Department, Citizens Information, Sage Advocacy, Healthy Ireland, Senior Alert, AA, Phoenix FM and Mountview Community Centre.

It was a very busy afternoon with nearly 80 older people keen to learn about the services available locally, with one lady commenting that she never knew there were so many services available in their area. Many collected information to disseminate among members of their groups as well as friends and neighbours.

It is proposed to replicate this event in the future in other areas of need as it gives all parties involved an opportunity to link with local residents who may not have come to their attention until it was at crisis point. This event also provides a valuable networking opportunity for service providers who specialise in work in this area.

The event was advertised through local businesses such as the local shop, post office, hairdresser, barbers, pub, chemist, church, HSE and community centres, as well as Facebook, twitter and local radio. It is notable that when promoting this type of event it is invaluable to partner with local businesses and local radio rather than an over-reliance on social media. This approach will be adopted for future events.

Not only did this event provide much needed information to older people in the area, but it was also key to bringing a new audience into the

Community Hub in Mountview to ensure the continuity of community development supports in the area.

Intergenerational Practice: Accredited Training

Following on from the success of Intergenerational Practice Masterclass held in April, Linking Generations Northern Ireland have agreed to deliver a one-day Intergenerational Practice accredited training/workshop (4.75 CPD hours). The workshop which is limited to 25 participants will take place on Thursday 22nd September 2022 in Parslickstown House, Dublin 15 (10.30-4.00) and will cover three modules:

- What is IG
- Bringing Generations Together
- Evaluating Social Impact & Promoting Sustainability.

Community and Sports officers as well as representatives from agencies working in Fingal who would benefit from the training were invited to attend.

Positive Ageing Week 2022

Positive Ageing Week will take place from 24th September to 1st October with the 1st October being the United Nations International Day of Older Persons. This year will continue on the theme of ageism in line with the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing.

The Community Department Age friendly team are currently working on various events/workshops to promote Positive Aging throughout the week including ageism training for staff. Our flagship event **'Give it a Go'** will take place in Newbridge House on Tuesday 27th September 2022 (10.30-12.30)**.** Various groups and sports organisations will demonstrate physical activities for older people with opportunities to partake in various activities on the day. The aim is to showcase what is possible, present a positive image of old age as opposed to one of frailty, and encourage older people to participate in activities. Transport will be provided from Dublin 15 and the North County to facilitate attendance by older people throughout the county.

FUNDING

Activity Funding Awarded in 2022

The Community Development Office has supported and processed 49 Community Activities Funding applications since 2022. A total of €99.418.19 has been awarded across the following

10 Balbriggan - €18,129 (18%)

24 Castleknock Mulhuddart €55,918.29 (56%)

3 Howth Malahide €7,753 (8%)

12 Swords €17,617 (18%)

The Community Activities Funding Scheme remains open throughout the year and groups registered with the PPN are encouraged to submit

their applications via the Community Development Section well in advance of the year end.

Sports Equipment Funding Awarded in 2022

The Sports Office has supported and processed 17 Sports Equipment Funding applications since 2022. A total of €40,190.28 has been awarded across the following

9 Balbriggan - €22,614.96 (56%)

5 Castleknock Mulhuddart €12536.50 (32%)

1 Howth Malahide €2,973 (7%)

2 Swords €2,065.77 (18%)

Integration

National Radio Day 2022

The Integration Officer took part in a national interview on the work of Fingal County Council in terms of Integration at National Radio Day which was held in the Heritage Centre Phoenix Park, the theme for 2022 was Migrant Volunteers.



Pride Workshops for Pride Month

The integration Team rolled out three workshops as part of Pride Month, the first was on online workshop online LGBTQ+ in the workplace and two community workshops hosted by our Libraries in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan, How to be an Ally and Rainbow Connection. The aim of these workshops was to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ available supports.



SPORTS OFFICE

Her Outdoors 2022

HER Outdoors Week 2022 was a National Initiative that took place from 8th-14th August. Established by Sport Ireland Outdoors with the support of Women in Sport the week aimed to encourage more females to discover and enjoy the benefits of outdoor physical activity and provide them with an opportunity to join their local clubs. The Sports

Office partnered with Swords Cycling Club, Portmarnock Sub-Aqua, Fingal Orienteers, Maxo Triathlon and Balbriggan Rowing Club to host a number of come and try events. Some key highlights seen thirty-five female cyclists take part in the first permitted Cycle Event In Newbridge Park (thanks to Operations Department) and fourteen attended the snorkelling event in Howth alongside Her Outdoors Ambassador, Sarah Kerrigan, with 120 women attending the Yoga and Exercise Sessions at the Balbriggan Beach Festival.

MarathonKids 2022

Fingal County Council's Sports Office in partnership with MarathonKids and all 4 Dublin Local Authorities as part of Active Cities Dublin is launching the MarathonKids programme in September. We expect to have approximately 3000 students from 20+ schools from around the county participating in the programme which sees 5th and/or 6th class students run a marathon over 8 weeks and includes a 'Final Mile' event bringing all the schools together to complete their marathon journey.



New Boules Courts, Santry Demesne

Following consultation between the Sports Office, Local Active Retirement Groups, Operations and Active Cities two new boules courts have been developed in Santry Demesne. The two courts will be a huge addition to the Age Friendly Fingal Community and is a great example of inter departmental co-operation. The Sports Office would like to thank the team in Operations for installing the courts and we look forward to working closely with them on other collaborative projects. As part of the Cycling Without Age Project secure storage will be installed in the park which will also facilitate Boules storage.



Beach Volleyball Balbriggan Saturday 30th July;

The Volleyball Ireland Beach Tour took to Fingal's Balbriggan beach on Saturday 30th July, with a 'King/Queen of the Court' event. The unique format is based on the famous Utrecht Sportworx event which has become a global sensation with international events in Australia, Brazil & the Middle East. Ireland's first National Series of King/Queen of the Court was run on a trial basis at Balbriggan and was open to ten Men's Teams and twelve Women's Teams. Despite the inclement weather, a successful tournament was delivered, attracting the attention of all passers-by.

As Volleyball Ireland CE, Gary Stewart remarked:

"There was overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants about a) the location, access and facilities nearby, and b) the quality of the sand and general environment for the sport. The Harbour style horseshoe of Balbriggan really shields the courts from wind which in Ireland, can often ruin a good day's play. But the sand quality was the real thumbs up – nice and soft on top but firm underneath that allows the players to move quickly, jump strong but land soft. I'd be comfortable saying it's perfect for the sport"

Balbriggan Beach Festival Sunday 14th August

Approximately 1,500 visited this year's Balbriggan Beach Festival, enjoying both the fine weather and the selection of varied activities available on the day.

Visitors were able to partake in;

- A History Walk as part of Fingal CC's 'Heritage Week'
- A Drumming Workshop - courtesy of Irish Institute of Music and Song
- Grasshoppers Pop-Up – Under 5s play
- Health & Wellbeing for families – Yoga / Stretching
- Beach Football – a blitz for all local Under 8 teams
- Beach GAA – St Vincent's fun activities
- Kayaking – intro / taster session
- Beach Volleyball - intro / taster session
- Beach Cricket - intro / taster session

Many thanks to Our Balbriggan and Operations Department for partnering and assistance on event-delivery.

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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

The non-statutory public consultation for the draft Active Travel Strategy closed on the 23rd of May. A total of 149 submissions were received by the closing date. Interviews with strategic external stakeholders are ongoing. All postal submissions have been processed and have been successfully uploaded onto the consultation portal. A draft report on the consultation phase has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the Active Travel team.

Protected Cycle Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road completed. Epoxy resin application on Howth Road completed and works have commenced on Grange Road, weather dependant.









St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

Our contractor is busy completing works on Brackenstown Road in front of the schools and church. They have constructed new wider footpaths along the front of the schools to safely cater for the volume of school children and parents accessing the schools. A new Zebra Crossing is constructed adjacent to Park Avenue to provide a safe crossing point for vulnerable road users and provide a safe crossing point for the School Warden.





Towns & Villages

Works are ongoing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. A brief has been 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. This is going to tender in early September for the engagement of an Integrated Design Team to examine and develop a plan for the Balrothery area.

Works in relation to the Skerries Active Travel Plan have also moved on quite significantly over the summer period with the engagement of the ESRI who are looking at best International and National practice regarding Behavioural Change and Economic Benefits from Active Travel measures introduced in similar towns and villages. The Active Travel Project Team have also engaged the services of a Communications Consultant to assist our own communications team in the management of communications and engagement with all stakeholders in the Skerries Active Travel project. They are currently working on a stakeholder list and it is intended to launch the project during European mobility week in mid-September. (Date to be confirmed) The engagement with stakeholders will be through public meetings, online portal and social media outlets to appeal to all persons to participate and contribute to the process. A Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan has been developed in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Integrated Design Consultant to carry out a detailed review Options Report and concept designs for the project and the Skerries Area. This is currently out to the market, and it is planned to have them engaged by mid- October to commence with the plan.

New Street Public Realm project - A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed for the works. This month our contractors were on site

carrying out a detailed topographical survey of works area. FCC expect to have ground penetrating radar and cloud survey contractors on site in the coming month.

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 other projects being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage; we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

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.

Secure bicycle parking infrastructure

Concrete works completed for the provision of new bicycle parking infrastructure at Harbour Road, Balbriggan. Bicycle stands are to be installed in the coming weeks. Repair works to the existing wall have also been completed.



Works commenced to provide new bicycle parking infrastructure at Hartstown Park, Waterville Park and Tír na nÓg Park.





Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

The Active Travel department have continued works on the 2022 Safe Routes to School Programme. Design works for the first 3 schools has now been completed with design works for the second tranche of schools ongoing. The Active Travel Department and our consultants will be meeting with schools and stakeholders in September to discuss the works.

The tender competition for works contractors has just closed with the successful contractor expected to be awarded early September and expected to mobilise and commence works in October 2022.

School Warden Recruitment Update

Following a recent recruitment drive, 9 candidates were interviewed for the position of temporary reserve school warden on Wednesday 15th June. A panel has now been created with 6 successful applicants included.

All applicants will now be garda vetted and once this is approved, training will be arranged over the summer months so that Wardens can be included on the reserve panel for the new school year from September 2022. We wish all new wardens the best of luck in their new roles.



School Warden Refresher Training and New Reserve School Warden Training

The annual refresher training for School Wardens took place on Thursday 4th August in the Blanchardstown Chamber, and on Friday 5th August in the Swords Chamber. In addition to Refresher Training, the School Wardens received up to date Manual Handling Training from our Health & Safety Unit. These trainings are of vital importance for the School Wardens to ensure they are using the correct operational procedures and risk assessments before their return to service for the new school year. 77 School Wardens attended in total.

The newly appointed reserve School Wardens received a full training workshop, which took place on Wednesday 3rd August in the Blanchardstown Chamber. This Training comprised of the duties, legislation, health & safety, and correct operational procedures associated with the role of the School Wardens. Each new reserve School Warden also received child protection training and manual handling training from our Health & Safety Unit and our Child Protection Officer. These new reserves are now ready to be deployed once the new school year commences.



Cycling without Age Fingal

Cycling without Age is proving to be very popular in St Catherine's Park with 12 trips having taken place since bookings opened. We have also trained up several new pilots and are happy to report that so far, not a single request from a member of the public has gone unfulfilled.

The works related to the storage unit installation for the remaining locations are due to be complete in the next few weeks and we are looking forward to expanding the service.



Cycling without Age – Support to other Areas

We took one of our Trishaws to Trim, Co Meath to assist An Garda Siochana and Meals on Wheels as they begin their fundraising campaign to purchase their own Trishaw. The Fundraising Campaign was picked up in Local Media and publicised by Cycling Without Age Ireland as well.

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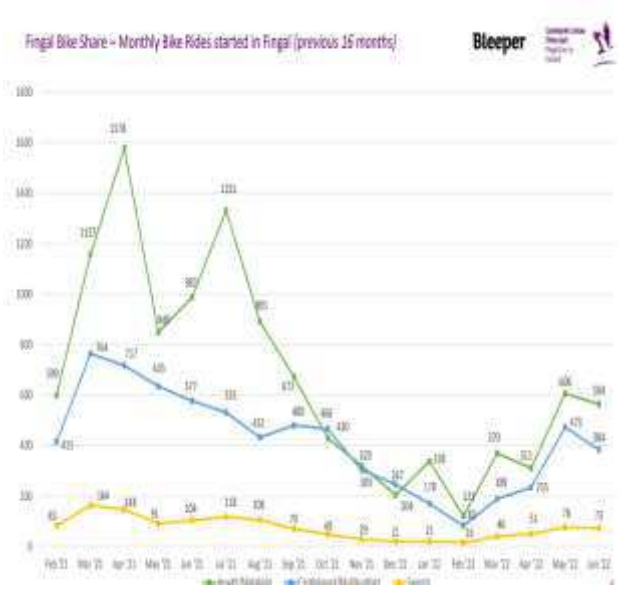
We are also due to meet with Kildare LSP as they begin looking at bringing CWA to Kildare. It is important for Fingal to play a leading role in the continued development of the Cycling Without Age Initiative

Mobility/Behaviour Change

Bleeper

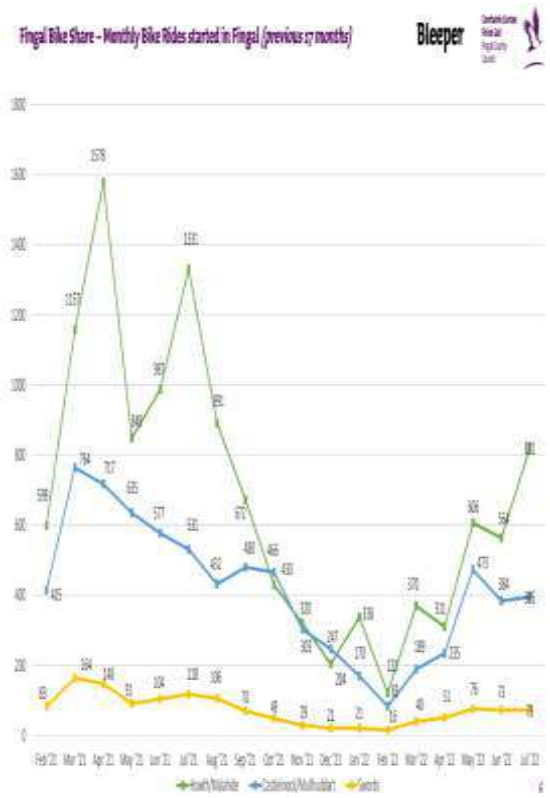
June Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

1593 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in June up from 1563 in May
1645 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in June
Highest usage recorded on Wednesdays & Thursdays with 16.64% each
Donabate was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 125 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month
7 Ukrainians at the Shoreline Hotel location have been provided with free use of Bleeper bikes and took a total of 58 trips in June, up from 26 in May



July Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

1925 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July up from 1593 in June
2001 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in July
Highest usage recorded on Sundays with 22%
Howth was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 142.4 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month
7 Ukrainians at the Shoreline Hotel location have been provided with free use of Bleeper bikes and took a total of 92 trips in July, up from 58 in June



If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us

TIER eBike Update

Since launch on the 20th June Tier eBikes have proved to be very popular around the County. Initially we launced 100 eBikes across Blanchardstown, Swords, Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle and Howth.

At the beginning of August we deployed extra eBikes in the Dublin 15 area and expanded the service to Rush, Lusk and Donabate, bringing the number of ebikes in Fingal to 150. Skerries and Balbriggan are to follow by the end of August.

More bike parking is a constantly growing requirment and we are looking at ways of expanding the number of spaces we currently have through a combination of physcial and virtual infrastructure.

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.



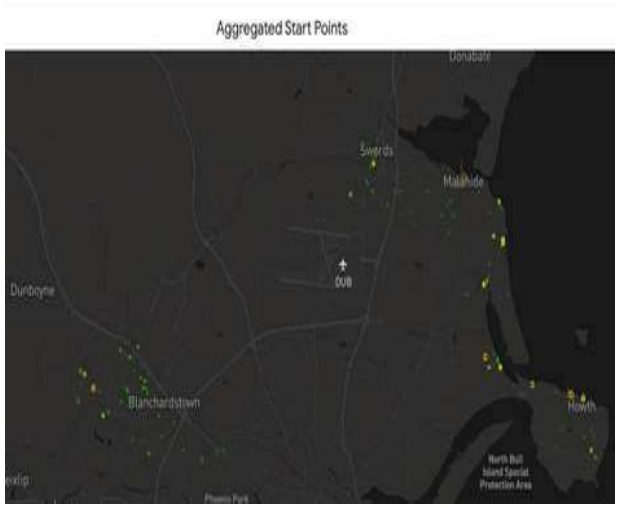


Tier Report – June/July

TIER Monthly Report

June (10 days) & July 2022

Metric	June	July
Trips	425	1,542
Active Vehicles	42	76
No of Customers	260	847
Trips / Customer	1.6	1.8
Distance Covered (KM)	2,442Km	8,304km
Average Trip Duration	25.5min	24min
Average Trip length (KM)	5.7km	5.4km



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

The Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses are still going very well in Applewood. We are getting brilliant feedback from parents and participants. Our current run of courses finishes on Monday 5th Sept with the next courses starting on Mon 12th Sept.

We are currently working on the run of courses for 2023, this will be county wide and aim for 4 courses in each LEA for 2023





Skerries Thatch House Tour

On Saturday 20th August as part of Heritage Week, Active Travel and Environment held a guided tour of the Thatch Houses in Skerries. The event was a massive success with over 60 people attending. Carrig Conservation Ltd who are the consultants on the Fingal Thatch Project led the tour and gave a fascinating insight into the history of Thatching in Fingal.





Learn 2 Handcycle Pilot Course

On Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August our Walking and Cycling Officer Stephen McGinn attended Finn Valley AC in Donegal to help assist Cycling Ireland with a Pilot Project for a Learn 2 Handcycle Course. When finalised the course will be a 4-week course targeting people with lower limb limitations who can't cycle a standard or non- standard pedal bike.

The hope now is that this programme can be added to the training schedule in Fingal along with our other Learn to Cycle Programmes





Draft Fingal County Council Control of On-Street Bike Hire Byelaws 2022

The Draft Fingal County Council control of on-street bike hire byelaws 2022 were recently presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC on 7th June.

It is proposed to put the draft Byelaws on public display in the coming weeks. All submissions received will be carefully considered. The Byelaws will then be brought to Full Council for adoption.

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2022

The second Dublin Climate Action Week is just around the corner! Taking place from 12th to 17th September, #DCAW22 hosted by the four Dublin local authorities in partnership with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Dublin's Energy Agency (Codema), will see a range of climate action events across the themes of energy and transport, flood resilience, resource management, nature-based solutions, and citizen engagement. Fingal led events include: a chance to learn how Old Irish Goats are helping to reduce the impact of wildfires on Howth Head, a webinar celebrating women in sustainability, and a Mini Climate Festival featuring bike repair, composting and fashion workshops. Find out more at Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 | Climate Change Events Dublin (codema.ie)



Climate Action at Flavours of Fingal

The Climate & Environmental awareness team were happy to take part in this year's Flavours of Fingal event, and credit to Councils Events Team for the positive steps they are taking in greening the event in numerous ways. The climate action stand featured a carbon calculator, allowing members of the public to calculate their carbon footprint. The stand provided an opportunity to learn how to reduce one's carbon footprint through more conscious lifestyle choices in the areas of energy use, travel, and diet. The stand also showcased sustainable alternatives to everyday household products, readily available in local supermarkets and a better choice for the environment. The aim was to encourage people to move away from single use items, reducing the amount of waste they generate by choosing products with less packaging, less plastic, made from recycled materials, natural and biodegradable, recyclable, and reusable.

Environmental Awareness

The Balseskin Reception Centre installed a new polytunnel in their community garden. This was funded under the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti initiative. Other projects at the centre include Reuse of musical instruments and bicycles – all originating at the Estuary Recycling Centre in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.

The new Regional Dog Fouling Campaign was launched by the four Dublin Mayors and has gained traction with Tidy Towns and Community Groups in the region. The assets are available here. An awareness pack / resource is available to borrow from the Environment Department for community groups to use during community outreach events and festivals. Doggie dispensers are available in the seven hub Community Centres as listed on the website.

Beach Workshops were delivered in August on eight Fingal beaches to raise awareness of the

importance of litter-free beaches, marine habitats, and restoration of dune systems.

A bus shelter advertising campaign for Biodiversity was run for four weeks of August to raise awareness of actions that can be taken to enhance natural habitats.



Photo: Serve the City manager Barry Enright with Balseskin Reception Centre manager Martin Smith

Circular Economy

Public consultation on eco-design for sustainable products (2nd August 2022)

The Departments of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, and Environment, Climate and Communications invite submissions to help to inform the Irish position on negotiations on the EU Commission's Proposal for a Regulation on Eco-design for Sustainable Products.

Background and aims of proposal

The European Commission made its proposal for a **Regulation** on Eco-design for Sustainable Products earlier this year. This initiative is a significant part of the European Green Deal and Commission's Circular Economy Package.

Its main objectives are to reduce the negative life cycle environmental impacts of products, improve the functioning of the internal market and to build on existing successful eco-design rules. It also aims to provide more meaningful information on the environmental aspects of products for consumers.

Ireland's Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022-2023 commits to the policy of significantly increasing the circularity of the Irish economy, with the aim of being above the EU average by 2030.

Supporting measures that impact on the design of goods and services will be most effective if they are agreed and implemented on an EU-wide basis. This provides a level playing field across the EU for producers and consumers and leverages the power of the Single Market to support the circular transition. The 'Right to Repair' is a case in point. Ireland fully supports the principle of enabling consumers to repair or have goods repaired at a reasonable cost and in a timely manner and will support ambitious proposals along these lines from the European Commission. As a small open economy, Ireland's ability to unilaterally establish a 'Right to Repair' for Irish consumers is limited at best and far more can be achieved through collective action at the EU level.

Further details can be found at https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/consultations/public-consultation-on-ecodesign-for-sustainable-products.html

Please email responses to ecodesign@enterprise.gov.ie and circulareconomy@decc.gov.ie.

The last date for receipt of responses is **Tuesday, 13 September** at **5pm**.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

The program of painting and graffiti removal on bottle banks has continued throughout July and August.





Freshly painted banks at Balbriggan Millfield Shopping Centre and Church car park Balbriggan.

New signage erected on Bottle Bank sites throughout July and August.



Barnageeragh Car Park Skerries



Skerries Mills

Glass Tonnage Report for August 2022 year to date compared to 2021

There were 477.28 tons of glass collected for recycling up to 29th August 2022. This is compared to 517.35 tons which were collected in August 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.



Textile Banks

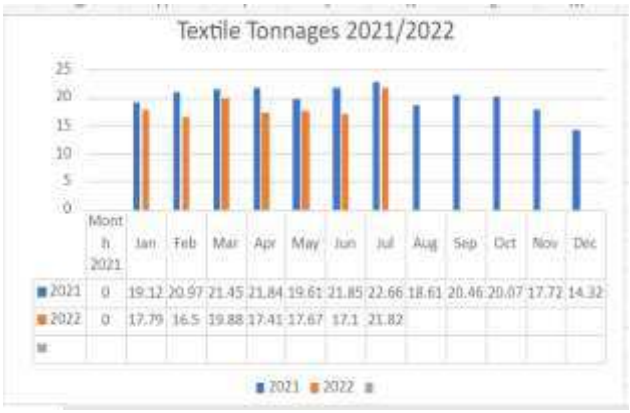




A total of 0.18 tons of Textiles has been collected from the Textile banks at the Seatown staff car park in July and August. Thank you to all the staff members for recycling and preventing this amount of textiles going into our black bins. We will again reach out to the local schools to promote recycling at these banks.

Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021

There were 19.61 tons of textile collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in July 2022 August figures not available until next month.



Litter Management

Dog Fouling is an issue on all our beaches and can have a potential impact to water quality. Dog fouling is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act. Planned bathing water sampling took place from May to September this year. To raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, the Litter Wardens carried out extra inspections on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place. They carried out an awareness campaign over the summer on the following beaches, talking to dog walkers about their responsibilities as dog owners and handing out dog fouling bags.

1. Balbriggan
2. Claremont
3. Loughshinny
4. Portmarnock
5. Rush South
6. Rush North
7. Donabate
8. Portrane
9. Burrow beach, Sutton
10. Skerries

In July, the Litter Wardens carried out 228 planned inspection, and 285 planned inspections were carried out in August.

Additionally, in August due to increased footfall on beaches, the Litter Wardens concentrated their litter patrols on the beaches at weekends.

There was one court case listed in July.

There were no fines issued for dog fouling in July and August 2022.

Litter Wardens are also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints are being received.





Month	Fines issued 2021	Warning Notices Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warning Notices Issued 2022
July	75	21	56	35
August	36	24	33	22

Abandoned Vehicles

The Abandoned Vehicles Pilot scheme is continuing. 240 vehicles were reported to the Abandoned Vehicle Section between 1st January 2022 – 30th August 2022.

As of 30th August 2022, 37 vehicles are currently being investigated.

Each reported abandoned vehicle has been investigated by one of the Litter Wardens.

Year 2022	No. of Abandoned Vehicles Removed
Mar	3
Apr	2
May	1
June	0
July	0
Aug	2
Total	8





Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles

Dog Licences

Door to door licence checks have been carried out by the dog wardens in the following locations during the last two months. Dog owners without a valid licence are given a 10 Day Notice to produce a valid dog licence.

Failure to hold a valid licence for a dog can incur a €100 fine.

Estate	Area
Dun Emer	Lusk
Abbeylands	Lusk
Ringford	Balbriggan
Knightswood	Balbriggan
Balruddery	Balbriggan
Rosepark	Balbriggan
Briarwood	Dublin 15
Lohunda	Dublin 15
Whitechapel	Dublin 15
Fortlawn	Dublin 15
Riverwood	Dublin 15
Sheepmoor	Dublin 15
St. Patricks Avenue	Portmarnock
St. Anne's Square	Portmarnock
St. Marnocks Avenue	Portmarnock
Hazel Court/Grove	Portmarnock
Church Avenue	Portmarnock
Suncroft	Portmarnock

Revenue from dog licence sales totalled €62,860 in July & August

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
June	647	77	€23,720
July	1075	88	€33,820
August	1025	61	€29,040

We will continue to advertise the additional door to door licence checks being carried out on social media platforms throughout the Autumn.

Dog Warden Service

10-day notices have been issued to members of the public through both door-to-door licence checks and patrols in Fingal's parks and beaches. The table below shows the number of 10 Day Notices and fines issued during July and August. Total fines paid to date this year amount to €4,300.

	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
June	256	40	2	€200
July	407	20	5	€500
August	446	24	2	€1,200

Additional beach patrols are taking place during the summer months to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's 3 blue flag beaches. The dog wardens and litter wardens also met with Howth & Rush Tidy Towns to promote the new Regional "Bag it, Bin it" campaign. The campaign, featuring Scally the dog, aims to highlight the consequences of dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs.

Evening patrols of parks will be taking place over the coming weeks to ensure compliance with the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and park byelaws.





The dog and litter wardens in Howth & Rush with the Tidy Towns committees

Flavours of Fingal & The Rush Harbour Festival

The dog wardens attended Flavours of Fingal on the 2nd and 3rd of July, and The Rush Harbour Festival over the August bank holiday weekend, offering advice on responsible dog ownership.



Two of the dog wardens at the Rush Harbour Festival

Dog Shelter Service

The dog shelter holds "Meet & Greet" visits for those looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged, by appointment only, from Monday – Friday, 10am until 4pm and on Saturday from 11am until 1pm.



The dog shelter holds and rehomes stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of July there were 7 dogs in the shelter. There are 8 dogs in the shelter as at the end of August.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of July	7
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	12
Surrendered by owners	6
Reclaimed	5
Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	5
Dogs in Shelter at the end of July	10

Dogs in Shelter at the start of August	10
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	11
Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	6
Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	8
Dogs in Shelter at the end of August	8



Harley (Reunited with her owner),



Bailey (Rehomed)



Kenzo who is looking for his forever home.

Horses

The second Round-Up and Health Check Day took place on Dunsink Landfill on the 19th of August. On the day, 22 of the remaining horses were treated for parasites and microchipped. 6 stallions were taken away for castration and will be returned to the landfill this week.





Two of the stallions removed from Dunsink Landfill for castration

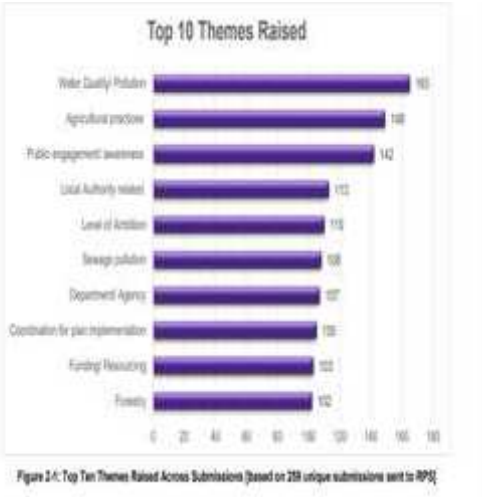
Water Quality Protection

The Third Cycle Draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 Consultation Report has been published.

You can download the full consultation report here: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56b71-third-cycle-draft-river-basin-management-plan-2022-2027-consultation-report/

This report presents a summary of the issues raised in the submissions from the 6 month long public consultation undertaken from 27th September 2021 to 31st March 2022 on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027. A total of 1401 submissions were received (259 with unique content) and reviewed by the consultant appointed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) -RPS).

Key issues are raised within the most prominent themes listed below.



The 3rd cycle of River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the period of 2022-2027 is currently being reviewed and updated, where necessary, following these submissions and the final Plan will be prepared by the DHLGH in line with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC). Publication of this 3rd cycle RBMP is expected Q3/Q4 2022.

Bathing Water

Current Prohibition 'Do Not Swim' Notice at Front Strand, Balbriggan

From the start of the bathing season until mid-July, the bathing water results for the Front Strand Beach Balbriggan were excellent (4) and good (1).

Additional monitoring of the Bracken River indicated no significant impact from the Bracken River to the bathing area. PCR testing showed occasional contamination from dogs and ruminants at the bathing area, no human marker was detected above the quantification limit.

Bathing Water Samples 2022

Date	*E. coli*	IE	Sample status
24/05/2022	20	30	Excellent
07/06/2022	20	12	Excellent
13/06/2022	10	5	Excellent
27/06/2022	364	49	Good
11/07/2022	10	7	Excellent
25/07/2022	1,500	720	Poor
27/07/2022	1,935	1,120	Poor
02/08/2022	41	1,020	Poor
08/08/2022	86	55	Excellent
12/08/2022	670	107	Sufficient
15/08/2022	2,755	1,920	Poor
22/08/2022	>24196	>2000	Poor
25/08/2022	441	137	Good
29/08/2022	402	33	Good

On 26th July Fingal received the first 'poor' bathing water sample of the 2022 season. Following consultation with the HSE a prohibition 'do not swim' notice was erected, replacing the All-Season Advisory Notice. An investigation was started, together with additional monitoring of the River Bracken and bathing water, to determine the cause of the contamination.

No issues were reported by Irish Water or were evident during initial visual inspections. Further sampling of the bathing water and River Bracken continued to show elevated *E. coli* and Intestinal Enterococci (IE) readings. An in-channel river walk found a visible source of pollution, a surface water pipe with foul effluent discharging into the river within the town. Following detailed investigations, dye testing and tracing of the surface water line a source of contamination was suspected. A complicated pipe network connecting several buildings had to be investigated and potential sources eliminated as causes. On the 23rd of August a misconnected pipe serving several dwellings was identified and rectified.

Bathing water results from 25th August met the standard for 'good' water quality (as shown in table above) however these results are still elevated compared to earlier in the season. Results from the Bracken River indicate that *E. coli* remains elevated above background levels within the town stretch of the river. Following consultation with the HSE and having regard to the elevated levels in the river the prohibition notice was not lifted at that time.

Irish Water and Fingal County Council are continuing to investigate other potential sources of contamination to the river and the bathing water. A CCTV survey of sewers in the town to check their integrity is ongoing. Results on the 29th August met the standard for 'good' and following consultation with the HSE a decision to extend the prohibition notice was taken as the investigative actions had not concluded on 31st August. Water quality testing will continue until the situation is satisfactorily resolved and an end of incident sample will be arranged.

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of August 2022.

This information is presented in conjunction with the Revenue account, Capital account and Debtors position in appendix (i).

Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of August 2022 is running at **76%** including rates waiver.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	103.8
Rates Collection %	76%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is running at €19.5 this is c. **55%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	19.5
Levies collected as % of 2021	55%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of July is €43m which is c. **97%** of budget year to date. The underspend is primarily in salaries.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	43.0
Percentage of payroll budget	97%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of August

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	114	
Value €m	36.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of August		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	8	(i)
Value €m	1.7	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	40.2	
No. of procurements at approved	44	(iii)
Value €m	33.6	

Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of August.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the August.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of August.

No. of contracts awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Award Date	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Duration (months)
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Taking in Charge, The Gallops, Swords	G & J Kearns Ltd	€68,302	24/08/2022	08/08/2022	08/02/2023	6
Operations	Road Lining phase two for the Fingal Swords Balbriggan Areas including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLouchlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€75,681	18/08/2022	18/08/2022	31/12/2022	4
Housing	Energy Efficiency RetroFit Retrofit Works - Lissenhall, Swords	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€2,000,000	17/08/2022	12/08/2022	12/08/2024	24
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works at the Boulevard, Tyrellstown, D15	DM Morris Ltd	€54,847	16/08/2022	01/09/2022	01/12/2022	3
Operations	Supply & Installation of Calisthenics & Accessible Fitness Hub Waterville Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€34,790	09/08/2022	15/08/2022	15/08/2023	12
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work Fancourt Heights	Roadstone Ltd	€107,842	08/08/2022	26/09/2022	26/10/2022	1
Operations	Footpath Repair Works Hunters Run - Deerhaven Avenue	John Browne Construction Ltd	€35,020	05/08/2022	22/08/2022	26/09/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs at Castlecurragh Road, Dublin 15	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€32,500	26/07/2022	05/08/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Provision of Internal Upgrade Works at Baleally Landfill/Rogerstown park	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€476,628	26/07/2022	01/07/2022	01/10/2022	3
Digital Services	Requirement for the Provision of ICT Research and Advisory Services	Gartner Ireland Ltd	€111,285	25/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2024	24

Operations	Hire of 8 x 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry WITH CLAM	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€132,600.00	20/07/2022	22/08/2022	21/08/2025	36
Operations	Installation and Repair of Traffic Calming Ramps in the Fingal Area	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€138,803	19/07/2022	01/08/2022	01/02/2023	6
P & SI	Provision of Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services/Ward River Valley	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€609,097.50	18/07/2022	18/07/2022	31/12/2023	17
Operations	Retro Fit end to end loT Solutions to alert monitor and report on Ring Buoy Theft	Civic Group	€31,842.13	15/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2025	36
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€66,380	14/07/2022	11/07/2022	11/11/2022	4
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services Ballycoolin Business Park to Ongar Village - Protected Cycle Lane Scheme	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€395,095	14/07/2022	30/06/2022	01/01/2025	30
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs St. Margaret's Road	Citrus Ltd	€30,875	13/07/2022	01/08/2022	30/09/2022	2
Operations	Supply and installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€30,993.02	12/07/2022	18/07/2022	18/12/2022	5
Operations	Purchase of up to Six Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne Flatbed Tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Automotive Distributors	€263,508.00	11/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2023	12
Operations	Bitumen Emulsion, Balbriggan/Swords Area (SPLIT 70%, 20%, 10%	Colas Teoranta	€17,173.75	11/07/2022	11/07/2022	31/12/2022	5
EETCD	Roofing & Façade Repairs at Argillan Castle	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€2,979,598.50	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	10/06/2024	21
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd.	€110,408.92	11/07/2022	18/07/2022	22/08/2022	1

Operations	Seatown Road, Drainage and Surfacing Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€181,390	04/07/2022	04/07/2022	04/10/2022	3
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services for Countywide Fingal Active Travel Projects	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€702,050	04/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Metered Electricity	Energia Customer Solutions Ltd	€2,500,000.00	01/07/2022	01/07/2022	31/12/2023	18
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Various Locations in Malahide including Chalfont, Texas Lane, and Church Rd Malahide.	Browne Construction Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co	€48,990	01/07/2022	27/06/2022	22/07/2022	0
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2022	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€75,000	29/06/2022	29/06/2022	05/07/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing of Sundrive Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€44,756	22/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€100,000	22/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/01/2023	10
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works - R124 At Hill Top Stores Malahide	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€56,535	20/06/2022	11/07/2022	29/07/2022	0
Operations	concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Sutton Cross	DM Morris Ltd	€62,278	20/06/2022	20/06/2022	20/08/2022	2
Operations	Resurfacing of Park Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€135,368	16/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd	€110,408	16/06/2022	11/07/2022	08/08/2022	3

Libraries	Supply and Installation of Library Furniture to three Libraries (Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide)	Bushell Interiors Ltd.	€280,697	15/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/08/2023	17
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works - Initial contract & FW	Enerveo Ireland Ltd	€2,422,194	13/06/2022	23/05/2022	23/05/2025	36
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips – 6mm and 10mm	Peter Fitzpatrick Ltd.	€50,130	10/06/2022	10/06/2022	31/10/2022	4
Operations	R129 M1 Flyover to Roscall, Ballyboughal	Roadstone Ltd	€568,891	08/06/2022	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Laverna & Sycamore Res Estates, Carpenterstown, D15	Citius Ltd	€36,530	07/06/2022	15/06/2022	30/10/2022	4
P&SI	Design & Construction of Stone Faced Wall & Fitting of Railings and Gates at Beechpark, Clonsilla.	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€494,450	07/06/2022	07/06/2022	07/09/2022	3
Active Travel	Consultancy Services in respect of Contract for the Design of New Street Public Realm Project, New Street, Malahide	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€311,329	30/05/2022	16/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Operations	Road Surfacing, Local Roads, North Fingal, Co Dublin	Kilsaran Road Surfacing and Contracting Unlimited	€660,052	30/05/2022	26/05/2022	26/10/2022	5
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€118,135	25/05/2022	01/06/2022	30/06/2022	1
Environment, Climate Action	Equine Round Ups and Health Inspections for Horses on Dunsink Landfill	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€100,000	25/05/2022	25/05/2022	25/05/2023	12
Operations	Road lining contract for the Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area's including PSCS and traffic management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€66,684	24/05/2022	28/05/2022	31/12/2022	7

Housing	Refurbishment works at house in Mourne Court & house in Seaview Park	CTS Projects Ltd	€85,500	20/05/2022	30/05/2022	30/10/2022	5
Operations	Concrete footpath at Church Street Skerries	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€61,181	20/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Operations	Road Resurfacing Hannah's Avenue, Lusk, Co Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€134,147	19/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works - New Road Donabate (two locations)	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€104,176	17/05/2022	17/05/2022	17/10/2022	5
Operations	Construction of 70 Linear Meters of Pedestrian Footpath, Kettles Park, Kinsealy	McGinty Plant Hire & Landscaping Services	€42,000	16/05/2022	29/08/2022	09/10/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at various locations in Howth's including Dungriffan Rd, Woodcliffe Heights, and Thornamby Rd.	Citius Ltd	€33,430	13/05/2022	16/05/2022	10/06/2022	0
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs Ashfield Estate	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€46,200.00	11/05/2022	12/07/2022	12/09/2022	2
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary Works R124 at The Grange	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€64,930	11/05/2022	01/07/2022	26/07/2022	0
Housing	Emergency & General Response Electrical Maintenance Works 2021 **Lot 2** North & East Fingal	H & A Mechanical Services	€2,000,000	10/05/2022	21/02/2022	21/02/2024	24
Operations	Consultancy Services for Howth Surface Water Culvert	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€92,878	10/05/2022	11/04/2022	11/12/2023	20
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€48,600	09/05/2022	12/05/2022	12/06/2022	24

Operations	Plant Hire with Driver/Operative for Beach and Burial Ground Work	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd.	€62,984	05/05/2022	18/04/2022	16/09/2022	4
Housing	Emergency & General Response Electrical Maintenance Works 2021 **Lot 1** Dublin 15 and South Fringe	Owen Norton Electrical Limited T/A Norton Electrical	€2,000,000	03/05/2022	01/02/2022	01/02/2024	24
Operations	Purchase of Front Mounted Ride-On Mowers	Dublin Farm Machinery Ltd. T/A Dublin Grass Machinery	€81,200	03/05/2022	30/04/2022	29/04/2023	12
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring related to Balleally and Dunsink Landfills, Laboratory Analysis, Stack Testing and Tree	Fehily Timoney & Co. Ltd	€48,745	28/04/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Operations	Widening and resurfacing of specified pedestrian pathways in parks and open spaces in the D.15 area	Lakeland Civil Engineering Ltd	€47,671	26/04/2022	17/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at College Park, Dublin 15	Roadstone Ltd.	€69,237	25/04/2022	10/05/2022	08/08/2022	2
Housing	Response and General Maintenance in Dublin 15 (West) and South Fringe Fingal 2021	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€4,000,000	25/04/2022	01/05/2022	30/04/2024	24
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Old Yellow Walls Road	Formac Construction ltd	€85,740	22/04/2022	01/04/2022	01/06/2022	2
Digital Services	Purchase of 440 No HP 9VG71AT 27" E27 G4 Monitors under CPA 70.1, provision of Personal and Notebook Computers and Associated Services (OGP)	Datapac Ireland	€38,923	22/04/2022	22/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Quay Road, Loughshinny	DM Morris Ltd	€48,563	21/04/2022	16/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Footpath Improvement works, Howth/Malahide Area	D.M. Morris Limited	€59,500	14/04/2022	14/07/2022	31/07/2022	0

P&SI	Consultant Engineering Services for the Development Resolution of the Ongar Development, Ongar, Dublin 15 to taking in Charge Standards for Fingal County Council	O'Connor Sutton Cronin & Assoc	€47,200	13/04/2022	28/03/2022	11/11/2022	7
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Gardens and Grove Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€51,648	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Charnwood Avenue, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€65,796	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Estate, Dublin 15	Pavement and Road Surfacing Ltd	€103,115	13/04/2022	01/05/2022	01/08/2022	3
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Park drive and Park Avenue, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Limited	€25,500	11/04/2022	20/04/2022	20/07/2022	3
Operations	Supply and installation of 2 no. MUGA game ends at Hartstown Park and Dunsoghly open space in Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€78,000	06/04/2022	15/04/2022	15/05/2022	1
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€53,166	01/04/2022	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	12
IT	Development of new website features (development, support and maintenance of interactive house portal)	Annertech	€37,245	30/03/2022	10/03/2022	10/03/2025	36
Operations	Road Markings for the Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLouchlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€63,456	24/03/2022	21/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€46,924	23/03/2022	23/03/2022	23/07/2022	4
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance service for 26 individual toilet units in 4 locations (Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry &	Rentokil Initial	€72,048	22/03/2022	14/03/2022	14/09/2022	6

	Millennium Park) in the Fingal Operational Area.						
IT	Departmental access to Lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€43,800	22/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Supply of two bespoke freestanding outdoor digital signage totems at beaches.	Alpha View Ltd	€38,500	16/03/2022	21/03/2022	21/03/2027	60
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	ACTAVO (Sierra Support Services Group)	€40,000	11/03/2022	01/12/2021	31/03/2022	4
Operations	Initial contract Conservation Architect led Design Team for Ornamental Glasshouses & related built structures at Newbridge House Demesne.	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€124,920	11/03/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Supply of macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for road repairs during 2022	Lagan Materials Limited	€85,000	04/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Raising and resetting ironworks in mastic and ancillary works	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€25,000	28/02/2022	31/01/2022	24/07/2022	5
Housing	Initial contract under SSFA for External Maintenance and Scheme Painting 2021	Cunningham Painters	€621,075	28/02/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Inspections of Playgrounds/Skate parks/Fitness Equipment, calisthenics and Multi Use Games Areas	Play Services Ireland Limited	€47,050	28/02/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd., T/A Eurest	€150,000	25/02/2022	25/02/2022	24/08/2022	6
P&SI	Design and Construction of an all-weather running track and pitch facility and associated ancillary works at	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€1,387,005	25/02/2022	01/03/2022	31/12/2023	22

	Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 14.						
Active Travel	Provision of Services Pursuant to Fingal County Council Safe Routes to School Design Works 2022	Avison Young Planning and Regeneration Ltd.	€329,450	24/02/2022	24/02/2022	25/08/2023	18
Housing	Refurbishment works at St. Catherine's Close, Rush, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€142,950	24/02/2022	01/03/2022	30/09/2022	7
Operations	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of heating system for the Cambridge Butterfly Glasshouse, Malahide Demesne	AMW Glasshouses Ltd	€229,100	23/02/2022	16/02/2022	15/02/2023	12
Libraries	Refurbishment and extension to Skerries Library	Midland Construction Ltd.	€3,678,491	23/02/2022	01/09/2021	31/12/2023	28
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance services for Prefabricated Modular Public Conveniences - Howth/Malahide and Swords/Balbriggan Areas (7 locations)	Healthmatic (Ireland) Ltd.	€75,960	21/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/10/2022	9
Operations	Initial Contract for the Construction, Delivery and Installation of four Corten Steel Planters at the northern entrance to Tyrrelstown Estate	BA Steel Fabrication Ltd.	€31,217	17/02/2022	15/01/2022	15/02/2022	1
Housing	Legal Services in respect of affordable housing delivery at Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran	€50,000	16/02/2022	04/02/2022	04/02/2024	24
Operations	Reinforced grass surfacing works to the existing overflow carpark at St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15.	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€96,795	16/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/06/2022	3
Operations	Emergency Tree Works and Scrub Clearance	King Tree Services Ltd	€48,387.00	10/02/2022	10/02/2022	28/02/2022	0

IT	10GB WAN Point to Point link between Fingal County Council Swords County Hall and Blanchardstown Civic Offices	Eir	€116,295	10/02/2022	01/06/2022	31/05/2027	60
Operations	Arboricultural Maintenance Works	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€50,000	08/02/2022	23/02/2022	23/04/2022	2
EETCD	Conservation led consultancy services to develop the conservation plan for Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Strifeland, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	DBM Design Services Co. Ltd formerly de Blacam & Meagher	€131,395	04/02/2022	18/10/2021	30/04/2022	6
Housing	Refurbishment works at Jugback Close, Swords, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€29,130	03/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
Housing	Refurbishment of properties at Sheephill Green & Corduff Place, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€106,771	02/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
IT	WAN links between Fingal Co sites & link to Government Networks	Eir Ltd	€52,194	31/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Housing	Refurbishment works at 38 Grace O'Malley Drive, Howth, Co. Dublin	McMenamin Building Contractors Limited	€49,860	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Operations	The Supply and Delivery of Trees for the Parks & open space planting program Winter 2022	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€28,651	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/03/2022	2
P&SI	Construction of natural GAA Pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€532,171	24/01/2022	14/01/2022	22/06/2023	17
Operations	Supply of Vehicle Maintenance Services to Fingal County Council	Summerhill Commercial Repair Centre Ltd, T/A M50 Truck & Van Centre	€268,631	24/01/2022	04/01/2022	03/01/2024	24
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Large Commercial Panel Vans	Harris Automotive Distributors	€302,800	23/01/2022	21/01/2022	20/01/2023	12

EETCD	Projection and amplification of Christmas themed images onto various heritage properties and other prominent locations throughout Fingal	Eventco	€40,640	21/01/2022	27/11/2021	31/12/2021	1
P&SI	Audio sound systems in respect of the 2023-2029 Development Plan Meetings	Icon Entertainments	€65,392	19/01/2022	23/01/2022	16/02/2022	0
Operations	The supply and installation of two no. Eco toilets at Shackleton Gardens	Healthmatic Ireland Ltd	€36,230	19/01/2022	15/01/2022	30/01/2022	0
Operations	Initial contract for Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of One Hundred (100) Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins throughout Fingal County Council Administrative Area	Kyron Street Limited	€369,500	17/01/2022	17/01/2022	16/01/2027	60
EETCD	Employer's Representative Led Multi-Disciplinary Integrated Project Design Team services for Design, Planning, Procurement, Construction and Delivery of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan as part of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan	Paul Keogh, Studio PKA Ltd, T'A Paul Keogh Architects	€196,345	17/01/2022	10/01/2022	31/01/2026	48
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Woodchipper	Irish Grass Machinery Limited	€36,520	12/01/2022	22/12/2021	21/12/2022	12
IT	Design, Supply, Installation Commissioning and Maintenance of Audio Visual & Digital Signage Equipment at Civic Offices Blanchardstown	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€87,831	06/01/2022	18/10/2021	17/10/2024	36

Appendix 1 - Financial Reports

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	50,653,517	79,782,200	63%	53,930,124	84,923,500	64%	-3,276,606
Road Transport & Safety	20,565,545	27,382,500	75%	5,592,916	7,864,900	71%	14,972,629
Water Services	12,194,469	13,762,800	89%	11,466,995	17,450,600	66%	727,474
Development Management	10,151,651	16,534,600	61%	2,709,795	5,081,600	53%	7,441,855
Environmental Services	29,663,102	44,689,200	66%	7,265,612	6,821,800	107%	22,397,490
Recreation & Amenity	27,901,967	40,855,700	68%	1,356,565	1,680,300	81%	26,545,402
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	602,863	1,307,200	46%	294,995	296,600	99%	307,868
Miscellaneous Services	36,480,129	28,343,100	129%	29,096,057	12,395,000	235%	7,384,072
Central Management Charge	29,932,083	47,129,600	64%	2,098,802	3,518,900	60%	27,833,281
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,009,733	7,514,600	67%	-5,009,733
Rates				101,492,733	152,239,100	67%	-101,492,733
	218,145,327	**299,786,900**	**73%**	**220,314,328**	**299,786,900**	**73%**	**-2,169,002**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	47,474,457	-33,990,515	-29,954,015
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	30,733,541	-9,900,072	38,576,701
C	Water Services	-12,702,629	2,333,899	-700,839	-11,069,569
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	21,095,293	-26,045,259	-138,742,790
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	2,860,334	-980,196	-19,402,666
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	14,841,204	-672,578	1,472,837
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	16,235,900	-15,190,112	-54,938,044
	Total	**-262,152,603**	**135,574,627**	**-87,479,571**	**-214,057,547**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/08/2022

	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Balance at 31/08/2022 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES *	3,445,254	35,926,347	32,532,797	3,393,550
LOANS	1,972,344	2,017,890	253,983	1,763,907
RENTS	8,567,636	9,486,896	4,493,383	4,993,513

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* value of debit at 31/12/2021 was 7.636m with a credit of 4.191m which has substantially been offset against demands 2022 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

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	A potential project has been identified and an application has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	A new contract is underway to expand bicycle parking across Fingal. Lakeland Civil Engineering commenced works in August and are busy installing bike parking infrastructure in Dublin 15 and Skerries. The Active Travel team are continuing to find and assess new bike parking infrastructure with the help of the public, Elected Members and internal departments.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	The tender for contractors for the first 3 schools has now closed and the tender evaluation is underway. The successful contractor is expected to be known by early September. Design works for the second tranche of schools is currently underway with the Active Travel team and consultants expected to meet with schools and stakeholders in September.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Tender assessment completed and Clifton Scannell Emerson and Associates have been appointed as design consultant for the project. Work on the initial options report has commenced.

FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road have been completed. Epoxy resin works on cycle lanes have been completed on Howth Road and works have commenced on Grange Road. Works on snag items for the project have also commenced.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Review for the options report for phase two has been completed and the report has been issued back to the consultant for items to address.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents have been completed. Tender competition published 02/09/22 for the appointment of a design consultant.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route completed and drafting of design brief and contract documents have commenced. Tender competition to be run during September for the appointment of a design consultant for the project.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €3,500,000	Contractor was constructing new footpaths, Zebra Crossing and junction improvements at Park Avenue along Brackenstown Road in front of the schools during the month of August. Works included landscape reinstatement, concrete kerbs, tactile paving and gully replacement.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mount view Rd D1 €1,100,000	The phase 2b roundabout and junction designs are with the NTA and Cycle Design Office for approval and sign off and once approved these works will commence asap.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Works at Forrest Rd are now complete. Some connection works are now underway to connect the new Toucan Crossing locations to their ESB supply.

		Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout are expected to begin in September.
FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Our design consultant is currently procuring the services for a traffic data collection consultant and topographical consultant to undertake additional surveys. The Active Travel team met with NTA and Bus Eireann to incorporate new bus stops into project and regularise existing stops. The statutory process for the Speed limit reduction for the scheme has commenced.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle, including scheme concept and option selection, preliminary design, planning and statutory processes, detailed design, tender and construction, and project close-out. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle, including scheme concept and option selection, preliminary design, planning and statutory processes, detailed design, tender and construction, and project close-out. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle, including scheme concept and option selection, preliminary design, planning and statutory processes, detailed design, tender and construction, and project close-out. The

		consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July to commence all stages of the project life cycle, including scheme concept and option selection, preliminary design, planning and statutory processes, detailed design, tender and construction, and project close-out. The consultant is currently managing the procurement of topographical surveys and traffic data collections to commence the Design Options Report.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Consultant engaged through PSI for design option development of access path from carpark to Bawn Road.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Ground penetrating radar and point cloud survey works have now been completed and our multi-disciplinary design team have presented a number of possible proposals with a preferred arrangement under development.
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel have appointed a Small Works Contractor for a small works contract which will be utilised to execute some of these works over the coming months.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	A brief for the appointment a of multi-disciplinary Integrated Design consultant is currently out to tender. We are engaging with the ESRI to look at Behavioural Change around Active Travel Measures and engaging with Independent

		Communications specialists who will assist in the Consultation phases for this project.
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	Tender published on E-Tenders in July and the competition to close in September. Once closure date has passed tender assessment will begin.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Project has been paused and will be revisited in 2023.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Public consultation phase completed. Postal submissions have been processed and uploaded to the consultation portal. Draft summary report completed and has been reviewed internally. Due to be uploaded on consultation website. Final draft strategy document currently being reviewed.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	The detailed scope of work is now ready to be placed on E Tenders in order to procure a consultant to carry out the works. This is expected to be published this week.
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary designs and an options report has been carried out and options are currently under review internally with a view to meeting with all Stakeholders asap.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog 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	Connectivity to the Royal Canal Greenway to be delivered as part of the Castleknock to Dunsink Lane and Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh projects.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

Appendix 3 Housing Delivery Construction Programme

Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer, Lusk 53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W - Google Maps	**51** 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Wellview Cul-de-Sacs 53°24'38.4"N 6°23'37.7"W - Google Maps	**20** 7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh 53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W - Google Maps	**69** 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38	**67** 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**300** 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Stage 1 tender seeking Expressions of Interest expected to issue in the coming weeks.	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Contract award stage.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	**31** 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Tender to appoint a contractor issued 24th August.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	Contract award stage.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 10x2Bed	Tender to appoint a contractor issued 19th August.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tuckett's Lane, Howth 53°23'06.7"N 6°03'58.0"W - Google Maps	**8** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed	Ongoing engagement with DHLGH re costs and value for money.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	Tender to appoint a contractor issued 24th August.	Q4 2022	Q3 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169 Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	**2** 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	Awaiting single stage approval from DHLGH	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**700**	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**121**	Pre planning underway.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13**	Pre planning underway.	Q2 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6**	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 to commence in Q3	Q4 2023	Q4 2024

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 18a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR H. MAHONY

LIGHTING IN PUBLIC PARKS

Motion: Councillor H. Mahony

"That the Chief Executive investigate other methods of lighting other than the standard lamp pole to illuminate our parks."

Report:

The Council is currently running a lighting trial at open space in Swords for low level motion activated lighting, which may be considered to be less disruptive to the environment than standard public lighting. This will be assessed on the basis of effective lighting when required (motion triggered on/off) and balanced against environmental light pollution disturbance. The results of this trial will inform our future decisions on such requests.

When considering public lighting in the parks or on open spaces we have to consider a range of matters including, but not limited to the following: -

- Safety of persons using the space
- Prevention of light pollution
- Disturbance to animals.
- Installation disturbance to existing trees and wildlife habitat
- Residents' concerns living near the park/open space
- The potential for anti-social behavior
- Costs (both capital and ongoing).

All our parks and open spaces are areas of great importance for wildlife habitat including many mammal and bird species. Artificial lighting has a very negative impact on nocturnal species such as bats.

It is important to note that the provision of public lighting has to be fit for purpose at all times.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 18b

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – Councillor H. Mahony

SECTION 254 LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Motion: Councillor H. Mahony

"That the Chief Executive will consider that all Section 254 Licence Applications received by Fingal be included in the Weekly Planning List notifications in order for the Members to have the opportunity to make submissions."

Report:

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licences for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Development carried out in accordance with a licence under this section is considered to be exempted development for the purposes of the Act.

There is no requirement for the applicant to notify the public, nor is there any role for third parties to comment on the applications to the planning authority. Fingal County Council are restricted to assessing applications within the limitations of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended.

In relation to above ground telecommunications infrastructure the Planning Authority will consider :-

1. The proper planning and sustainable development of the area
2. Any relevant parts of the development plan or the local area plan
3. The number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road

4. The convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians.

Any person can appeal the Planning Authority's decision to An Bord Pleanála on the granting, refusing, withdrawing or continuing of a licence.

Having considered the Mayor's motion and having regard to the current legislation, Section 254 Licence applications and decisions for over ground electronic communications infrastructures will now be included on the weekly planning list and are available to view on the Council's website at https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/section-254-licences

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14th -15th September

Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath

Conference will commence with registration at 5.00pm & official opening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th September 2022.



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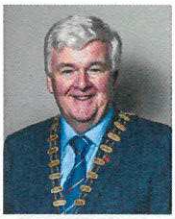
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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Cllr. Nicholas Crossan
President AILG 2021/22

Donegal County Councillor Nicholas Crossan became the first Independent elected member to hold the position of AILG President when he was elected President of the Association of Irish Local Government at the AGM on 30 September 2021.



Peter Burke, TD
Minister for Local Government & Planning

Peter Burke was appointed Minister of State for Local Government and Planning in July 2020. He hails from Mullingar and was elected to the Dáil in 2016, having being involved in electoral politics since 2009 when he was first elected to Westmeath County Council.



Bernd Vöhringer
President of Chamber of Local Authorities, CoE

Bernd was elected as President of the Chamber of Local Authorities in the Council of Europe in 2021. From 1994 to 2000 Bernd was a member of the municipal council of the city of Sindelfingen & has been the Lord Mayor of the City of Sindelfingen, Germany, since 2001.



Colm O' Rourke
RTE Sports broadcaster, GAA Manager & Principal

Newly appointed as Meath Senior Gaelic football manager in 2022, Colm is a former county Irish Gaelic footballer for County Meath in Ireland and a panellist on RTÉ's The Sunday Game. He is also Principal of the St. Patrick's Classical School in Navan.



Brian Doyle
Youth Worker, Involve Youth Project Meath

Brian Doyle is a youth worker with Involve in Meath. He was recently honoured at the Traveller Pride Awards with the youth award for his work with young people and in particular during Covid. Brian is currently studying Global Youth Work in Maynooth University.



Leo Galvan
Irish representative at Democracy Action Week in the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Leo hails from Blanchardstown and represented Ireland at the Council of Europe Youth Forum which works to empower young people to participate actively in the shaping of Europe and societies in which they live.



Senator Fiona O' Loughlin
Chair of the Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus

Fiona is a member of Seanad Eireann & formerly a member of Dáil Eireann. She currently serves as Chair of the Oireachtas Women's Caucus. Serving on the Oireachtas Education & Disability matters committees, Fiona is also the head of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.



Cllr. Darcy Lonergan
Chair of Dublin City Council Women's Committee

Cllr. Darcy Lonergan is current Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin City Council (DCC). Darcy has a background in activism for environmental and social justice and established the DCC Women's Committee, the first cross party all female committee on a local level.



Bernie Bradley
Public Duty Sector, IHREC

Bernie Bradley has worked in the area of accessibility & equality for 25 years, working in both community and voluntary and public sector. Before moving to IHREC Bernie worked in Monaghan County Council for 18 years leading significant change in equality & accessibility.



Cllr. Nick Killian
Vice President AILG 2021/22

Cllr. Nick Killian is an Independent Community Councillor and current Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council. Re-elected for the 5th time in May 2019, Cllr. Killian has been a founding member for some of the most successful initiatives in Ratoath.



Thomas Byrne, TD
Minister for European Affairs

Thomas Byrne was appointed Minister of State for European Affairs in 2020. Hailing originally from Drogheda in County Louth, Thomas served as a member of Dáil Éireann from 2007 to 2011, & subsequently since 2016.



Larisa Miculeț
Moldovan Ambassador to Ireland

Larisa Miculeț has served as Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Ireland since 2020. From 2012 to 2016, Ambassador Miculeț served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations.



Cllr. Jimmy Moloney
Head of the Irish Delegation to CLRAE

Kerry County Councillor Jimmy Moloney represents the Listowel Municipal Area and served as Cathaoirleach of Kerry County in 2021-22. Jimmy was appointed head of Irish delegation to the Congress of Local & Regional Authorities in the Council of Europe in December 2020.



Kay McCabe
Senior Project Manager & Youth Worker, Involve

Kay McCabe is a Senior Project Manager and Youth work co-ordinator at Involve Meath, a Traveller specific youth organisation. Kay has almost 20 years experience as youth worker and has been involved in numerous international youth work programmes.



Grayson McGill
Meath representative for National Executive Comhairle na nOg

Grayson was elected to the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive in Feb 2022 which follows up on the recommendations from Dáil na nÓg to make changes for young people in each of the 31 local authorities.



Cllr. Carmel Brady
Chair of the WoMeN's Regional Caucus

Cavan County Councillor Carmel Brady represents the Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal Area and served as Leas Cathaoirleach of Cavan County in 2017-18. Carmel was elected Chair of the first Women's Regional Caucus in Ireland which was established in Sept 2021.



Emma De Souza
Women's Leadership Co-ordinator, NWC

Emma DeSouza is a citizens rights campaigner known for reaffirming the birthright provisions of the Good Friday Agreement and achieving substantial legislative changes to domestic UK immigration law. Her areas of expertise are International and European law.



Pilar Aguar Fernández
Director, Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)

Pilar holds degrees in Pharmacy and in Food Science and Technology with additional studies in Toxicology. Before joining the European Commission, she worked for the Spanish Ministry of Health in different positions.

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AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2022

Thursday 15th September 2022 - *Afternoon Session*

14.15pm ***Conference Theme 3 - Failte: Equality, Inclusion, Diversity***

Chairperson: Cllr. Mary Hoade, Past President AILG 2021/22

Moderator: Senator Fiona O' Loughlin, Chair of the Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Leader of the Irish Parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe

Speakers: Cllr. Carmel Brady - Chair of the Western, Midlands and Northern WoMeN's Regional Caucus
Cllr. Darcy Lonergan - Chair of Dublin City Council Women's Committee
Emma de Souza - National Women's Council of Ireland
Bernie Bradley - Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission

Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers

15.45pm ***Casestudy of the Food and Veterinary Office, Grange, Co. Meath***

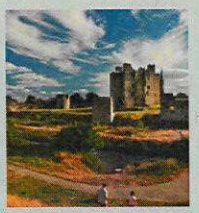
Showcasing the link between the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) of the European Commission and the Council of Europe

Speaker: Ms Pilar Aguar Fernández, Director, Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) of the European Commission

16.30pm **Rooms available for Party Meetings**
19.00pm **Pre-Seminar Dinner Reception & Longservice Councillor Awards**
19.30pm **Guest Speaker: Minister Thomas Byrne TD**, Minister of State for European Affairs
20.00pm **Seminar Dinner**

Friday 16th September 2022 - *Tour of Trim Castle (Optional)*

10.00am



Delegate Guided Tour of Trim Castle, organised by Cllr. Nick Killian

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Trim Castle, Ireland's largest Anglo-Norman castle is a must-visit in the historically rich Boyne Valley in Trim, County Meath.

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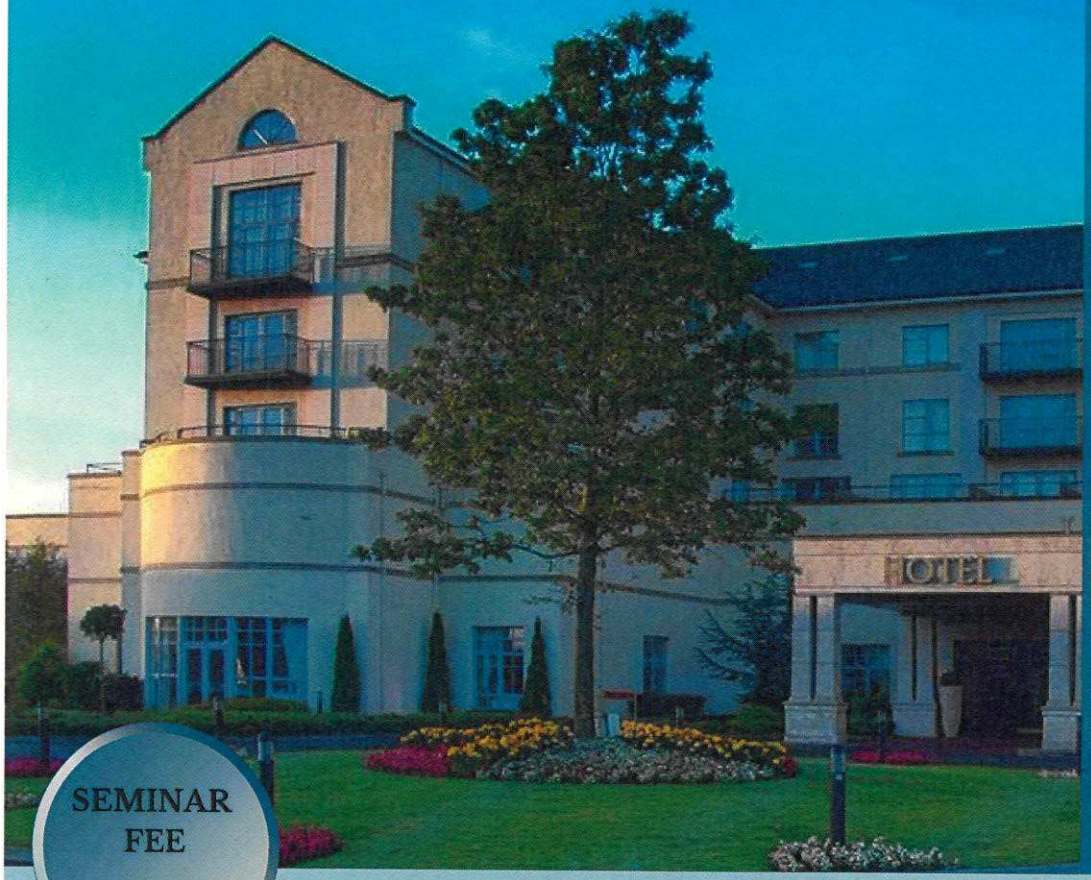
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Spa and Golf Resort
Trim, Co. Meath

14th & 15th September 2022

Registration Starts
5.00pm Wednesday 14th
& 9.00am Thursday 15th
September 2022

Peter Burke TD
Minister for Local Government & Planning
Will officially open the conference on Wednesday 14th Sept 2022 at 7.30pm

Thomas Byrne TD
Minister for European Affairs
has been invited to address the conference dinner on Thursday 15th Sept at 7.30pm

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AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2022

Wednesday 14th September 2022 - *Seminar Opening*

5.00pm *Registration for Delegates*

7.00pm *Official Opening and Welcome Reception to Delegates by*
Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, President AILG 2021/22
Cllr. Nick Killian, Cathaoirleach Meath Co. Co and Vice-President AILG 2021/22
Cllr. Joe Fox, Cathaoirleach of Trim Municipal District
Ms Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive Meath Co. Co.

7.30pm **Guest Speaker: Minister Peter Burke TD**, Minister for Local Government & Planning
Presentation to UCC graduates

8.00pm Hot Buffet Dinner for Delegates

Thursday 15th September 2022 - *Morning Session*

9.00am *Registration for Delegates*

10.00am ***Conference Theme 1 - "Local Government - Leading out in Challenging times"***

Chairperson: Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, President AILG 2021/22
Moderator: Cllr. Jimmy Moloney, Head of the Irish Local Authority Delegation to the Congress of Local & Regional Authorities (CLRAE, Council of Europe

Speakers: Bernd Vöhringer, President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress, Council of Europe
Remote address from Ukrainian Mayor
Larisa Miculeț – Moldovan Ambassador to Ireland
Input from Department of Foreign Affairs Official

Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers

11.30am ***Conference Theme 2 - "Hear Our Voices - Recognising Young People as Community Leaders and Active Citizens***

Chairperson: Cllr. Nick Killian, Cathaoirleach Meath Co. Co and Vice-President AILG 2021/22
Moderator: Colm O'Rourke, RTE Sunday Game Analyst, Meath Gaelic Senior football manager and Principal

Speakers: Brian Doyle and Kay McCabe - Involve Youth Project Meath
Leo Galvan - Irish participant at Democracy Action Week in the Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Grayson McGill - National Executive Meath Comhairle na nOg representative

Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers

1.00pm Lunch

Learning Objective

This conference is directed at presenting Councillors with a practical guide to Budget 2023. We will analyse this year's budget announcements and the implications of these proposed changes. The main Budget changes which may affect most people such as changes in the areas of taxation, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas will be examined in detail, familiarising participants of this seminar with the Budget changes. This will be an overview and not a complete statement of the measures announced in Budget 2023.

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2023. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the Finance Bill is published – this is expected in early 2023. We also cover in some detail how Budgets are altered before the Finance Bill is implemented.

Conference Fee
€100

CELTIC CONFERENCES

VENUE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
CARLINGFORD,
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Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

A Practical Guide to Budget 2023

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30th September,
1st & 2nd October 2022

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 30th September 2022

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 1st October 2022

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Budget 2023 Review

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

The Effects of Budget 2023

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Budget 2023 Costings

Sunday 2nd October 2022

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

Close Conference

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SPEAKER

Peter Hayes

Peter Hayes works as a Tax Consultant and as an Accountant for his own firm, specialising in advising his clients on Income Tax Planning.

Prior to this, he previously worked as a manager in Ernst and Young. He has over 20 years' experience working as a Tax Consultant. He holds an honours degree in Accounting and Finance from CIT and he is a qualified Tax Advisor.

Learning Objective

Occupational Pension (Superannuation)

- Defined Benefit Scheme – Public Service
- Defined Contribution Scheme
- Hybrid

Calculating a Pension

- Vesting Period.
- Pensionable Remuneration.
- Service Reckonable for Pension?
- Member of which Scheme and what category of member.
- PRSI Class.
- Accrual Rate.
- Minimum Pension Age.
- Maximum Retirement Age.

Schemes for Established Civil Servants

- Established Civil Servants recruited before 6 April 1995
- Established Civil Servants recruited on or after 6 April 1995
- Established Civil Servants "New Entrants" from 1 April 2004

Schemes for Un-Established Civil Servants

- Un-established State employees recruited before 1 April 2004
- Un-established State employees "new entrants" from 1 April 2004

Single Scheme

- All recruited from 1 January 2013 Single Scheme

Conference Fee
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Irish State Retirement Pensions & Benefits

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7th, 8th & 9th
October 2022

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 7th October 2022

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 8th October 2022

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Pensions – An Overview

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Pension Management

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS)

Sunday 9th October 2022

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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Close Conference

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SPEAKER

Tony Power works in the Payroll Services Divisions of the National Shared Services Office (NSSO).

Tony has over 20 years' experience in the public sector with the last 5 years managing the day to day operational activities of payroll teams delivering accurate and timely transactions to over 150k payees in the civil service, public service and pensioners.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 19d

NATIONAL PPN CONFERENCE 21ST AND 22ND OCTOBER 2022 - MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL JESSOP STREET, PORTLAOISE CO. LAOIS

Save the Date - National PPN Conference – Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd of October 2022

This year's National PPN Conference, to be hosted by Laois PPN and Laois County Council, will be held on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd of October 2022 in the Midlands Park Hotel, Jessop St, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

This will be the fourth National PPN Conference hosted by a PPN in partnership with their Local Authority. The Annual Conference is a means to showcase the operation of the PPNs in practice and highlight best practice experiences.

This year's conference will again provide an invaluable networking opportunity for Resource Workers, PPN Secretariats, Local Authority staff, elected representatives and others to share experiences and learn from one another. It will also provide an opportunity for the PPN National Advisory Group and the

Department to meet with stakeholders and discuss the latest developments in relation to PPNs.

Further details will follow in due course.

Please bring this information to the attention of your PPN Secretariat and all your PPN member groups.

Learning Objective

This conference is directed at providing Councillors with an informative and educational presentation on the technologically advanced systems designed to harvest energy from renewable sources. The continued depletion of fossil fuels is universally acknowledged as unsustainable and without future. This conference presents some of the modern alternatives to fossil fuels that now appear in regulations governing the building of new houses. It is important for Councillors to have an understanding of these advances in renewable methods.

Particular emphasis will be placed on presenting the information in a practical and logical format for the attendees. The presentations will be provided by an expert professional with many years of experience in renewable energy.

Conference Fee
€100

CELTIC CONFERENCES

VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL
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Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

Innovation in Solar Energy Technology

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28th, 29th & 30th October 2022

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 28th October 2022

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 29th October 2022

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Understanding solar energy?

11am - Comfort break followed at 11.30am with

What is a PV system in energy?

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Harnessing the Technology

Sunday 30th October 2022

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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Close Conference

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SPEAKER

Paddy Rose

Paddy Rose is a renewable energy manager with Advanced Heating and Energy systems Ltd. based in Clonakilty, West Cork. He regularly holds public seminars on solar thermal and solar PV systems. For nearly 15 years he has been providing expert advice to state, semi-state and private bodies including the Defence Forces, Universities and IT institutions. He specialises in the most advanced systems for converting solar energy to domestic and commercial use.

Learning Objective

As people continue to live longer and healthier lives, the desire to grow old in your own home and among your own community are emerging as the most significant challenges for local authorities in Ireland today.

This conference will look at the emerging trends among an ever increasing older demographic and how local authorities can play an important role in addressing these challenges. The development of a statutory home care scheme which guarantees everyone the right to care in their home is nearing completion. This coupled with the progress made within the National Housing Options for Older Persons policy places the local authorities at the centre of care for the elderly building upon their successes to date within the Age Friendly programme.

This conference will assist elected members in understanding the important role they can play in transforming care of the elderly within their communities.

Conference Fee
€100

CELTIC CONFERENCES

VENUE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
CARLINGFORD,
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Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

The role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older People

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11th, 12th & 13th November 2022

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 11th November 2022

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 12th November 2022

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

Changing Demographics

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Transforming Care

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

National Housing Options for Older People

Sunday 13th November 2022

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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SPEAKER

Jim Daly

Jim Daly is a former Minister for Older People who spearheaded the partnership between the Departments of Health & Housing to create real alternatives to the Nursing Home for older people. As a former elected member and Mayor of Cork County Council, Jim understands the role elected members can play in shaping policy regarding care of the elderly. Jim is also Chairman of Home & Community Care Ireland the representative body of all private home care providers in Ireland.

An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Oifig an Runaí Aire
Office of the Minister of State

6 July 2022

Mr Brian Buckley
Fingal County Council
info@fingal.ie

Please quote ref: HPLG-MoSB-00428-2022

Dear Mr Buckley,

I wish to refer to your correspondence dated 16th May regarding the following motion passed:

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive write to the Government expressing the Council's disappointment at the limited number of places assigned to the Local Authority Elected Members and their disappointment with the exclusion of some elected Councillors from the opportunity to put their name forward to participate in the work of the Assembly and further that the Council Members be afforded the opportunity to make a presentation to the Assembly of their agreed view on the most appropriate Local Government structure for the greater Dublin area".

It should be noted that the citizens' assembly is an independent body and does not fall under the aegis of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Department of the Taoiseach has responsibility for convening and supporting citizens' assemblies. The resolutions passed in February 2022 by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann confirm that citizens' assemblies are answerable to, and report to, the Oireachtas. The resolutions set the terms of reference for the Dublin Citizens' Assembly, including the membership and level of participation by elected members from the four Dublin local authorities. This Department has had no role or function in the matter.

My understanding is that the Assembly is inviting submissions, and information in that regard can be found here: https://citizensassembly.ie/en/dublin-assembly/submissions/

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Burke T.D.
Minister for Local Government and Planning

Please note: I am a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015

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Minister of State for Local Government and Planning

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Mr. Charlie McConalogue, TD,
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Agriculture House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2
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27th June 2022

Our Ref: FC/June2.Item12

Support to Fishing Fleet

Dear Minister McConalogue,

At a meeting of Cork County Council the Members resolved as follows:

"That Cork County Council write to the Minister to seek a subsidy for the Irish fishing fleet to offset cost increases in fuel, and to reduce excise duties on diesel. Members agreed to circulate this letter to all Local Authorities".

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

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22nd July 2022

RE: Review of the Rules on Inheritance Tax

Dear Meetings Administrator,

The members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to review and change the rules on inheritance tax in so far as it relates to those who do not have immediate family members i.e. children. Consideration of equality should include the next blood relative".

It was further agreed that a copy be circulated to all Local Authorities for their information and support.

Yours faithfully,

P.P. Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman

Wexford County Council

County Secretary

MD/ZP

26th July, 2022

Mr. Stephen Donnelly,
Minister for Health,
Leinster House,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

At the July Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"The Council agrees to write to Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE CEO Paul Reid requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics is retained and expanded.

The Council also agrees to raise it with our regional health board and/or local hospital and at any other suitable juncture.

The Council then agrees to circulate this motion to other Councils asking them to consider the same".

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Drea,
County Secretary & Communications Officer
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Phone: **053 9196260**

c.c. **Oireachtas Health Committee - (health@oireachtas.ie)**
HSE CEO Paul Reid (ceo.office@hse.ie)
All Local Authorities

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 22

LOCAL POST OFFICE VIABILITY

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive engages with the local Post Office network to ascertain if any Council services could be undertaken in conjunction with their local network."

Report:

An Post through their post office network facilitates offers a number of services to members of the public to engage with the Council. This includes the following:

1. Payment of housing rents
2. Utilisation of the Household Budget in order to manage their finances.
3. Payment of Dog Licences

In addition, An Post offers a range of financial services to the public as outlined on their website: https://www.anpost.com/Money

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO. 23

ADOPTION OF THE EUROPEAN CIRCULAR CITIES DECLARATION 2020

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That this Council resolves to adopt the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020."

Report:

The Council will engage with European Circular Cities to consider the application of this model in an Irish context and assess the feasibility of the proposal. A report will be brought back to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC for discussion.