Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tom O' Leary.

The Mayor, Councillor Howard Mahony, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert

Burns (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Paul Barnes (Events Manager).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/216/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 8th May 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor K. Power and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 8th May 2023 be **ADOPTED."**

F/217/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh

The report by the Chief Executive, setting out the required procedures, which had been circulated was READ.

The nomination of Brendan Ryan to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Brendan Ryan was co-opted as a Member of Fingal County Council.

F/218/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Appointment of one Member to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

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

It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. J. Walsh and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee."

F/219/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Appointment of one Member to North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force

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

It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force."

F/220/23 (Agenda Item No 5)

Appointment of one Member to County Heritage Forum

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

It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed to the County Heritage Forum."

F/221/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Appointment of one Member to Comhairle Na nÓg

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

It was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed to the Comhairle Na nÓg Committee."

F/222/23 (Agenda Item No 7)

Appointment of one Member to the Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the July Council Meeting.

F/223/23 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

The Mayor, Councillor. H. Mahony, advised the Members that an emergency motion had been received prior to the meeting.

The motion from Councillor A. Graves was ruled in order and would be heard 15 minutes before the end of the meeting.

F/224/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 8 to 18, be **ADOPTED**."

F/225/23 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Boland - CCTV - Illegal Dumping of Litter and Waste

F/226/23 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Wrap Around Support for People Availing of Social Housing

F/227/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor K. Power - Cost Rental Backstop

F/228/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Direct contact details for Utility Companies and Public Bodies

F/229/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor P. Mulville - Bike Share Schemes

F/230/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor D. Healy - Solar Panels

F/231/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor T. Kitt - Additional Dog Wardens

F/232/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor T. Murphy - Urban Gull Colonies in Fingal

F/233/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Walsh - Licence Applications for Approval of Phone Masts/Communications Infrastructure

F/234/23 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor A. Henchy - Biodiversity Plan - Recruitment of Two key Posts

F/235/23 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) - Budget 2023

F/236/23 (Agenda Item No 19)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (B) meeting held on 11th May 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2023**

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

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**.

c **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2023**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on 1st June 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Howth Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 7th June 2023 be **ADOPTED.**"

e **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2023**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B meeting held on 8th June 2023 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/237/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Financial Matters

a **Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme- Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal Area**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report be **ADOPTED.**"

F/238/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Proposed exchange of lands at Kellystown, Dublin 15 between Fingal County Council and Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company**

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

"That the lands referred to in the attached report be exchanged in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/239/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Declaration of Roads

a **Ballygossan Park, Phase 1, Skerries, Co Dublin**

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

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the July Council Meeting.

b **Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15**

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

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the July Council Meeting.

F/240/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Paul Barnes, Events Manager. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/241/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Draft Active Travel Strategy for Fingal

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the Active Travel Strategy for Fingal is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/242/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

During the course of the discussion the following motion was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

"The Sinn Féin team will establish a committee to explore options on the re-municipalisation of Fingal's Domestic Waste Collection services, by setting up cross-party group similar to that established in Dublin City Council. We are calling on the Chief Executive to support the objectives of this group by providing necessary resources."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a 3 minute break.

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

FOR: 13 THIRTEEN

AGAINST: 21 TWENTY ONE

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Whooley, Daniel; Power, Karen; Walsh, John; Doyle, Tania; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Carey, Ian; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; McCamley, Mary; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Newman, Joe; Boland, Cathal; Healy, David; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Onwumereh, JK.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion **LOST**.

The Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/243/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony

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

F/244/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

a **AILG - Thursday 15th June 2023 - Mullingar Park Hotel - OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance - Eastern & Midlands/Northern & Western Region**

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

b **AILG - Saturday 17th June 2023 - Avalon House Hotel - "Overview of Existing Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance" - Southern Region**

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

c **AILG - Saturday 22nd July 2023 - Sligo Park Hotel - Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) - A briefing for Councillors**

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

F/245/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 20th April 2023 from Wexford County Council re Able Disabled Campaign**

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

b **Letter dated 25th April 2023 from Westmeath County Council re Construction of Affordable Housing Units**

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

c **Letter dated 8th May 2023 from Mayo County Council re Grant Level Croí Cónaithe**

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

d **Letter dated 9th May 2023 from Clare County Council supporting Macra na Feirme Campaign**

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

e **Letter dated 16th May 2023 from Kerry County Council re - National Pension Scheme for the State**

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

f **Letter dated 16th May 2023 from Kerry County Council - Correspondence with Elected Members to paperless electronic system**

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

F/246/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Letter received 6th April 2023 from Minister of State for Planning and Local Government re Motion 33 - Hybrid Meetings - Council Meeting 17th January 2023**

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

b **Correspondence dated 11th May 2023 from the Office of the Minister re Item 1 - Special Meeting 12th April - Eviction Ban**

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

F/247/23 (Agenda Item No)

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor sought the agreement of the Members to vary the order of business and to take Agenda Item 34 at this stage and this was **AGREED** by the Members.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/248/23 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D. Whooley - Trial of Rainscapes to be allocated in the 2024 Council Budget

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

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

F/249/23 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville - Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries

The motion, in the name of Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Following discussion, the report of the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

F/250/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Internships and Work Experience Programmes

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy.

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

F/251/23 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor C. Boland - 2007 Planning Permission in respect of North Runway Dublin Airport

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor K. Power.

Following discussion, the report of the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED**.

F/252/23 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor P. Conroy - Counselling Services for Councillors

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the July Council Meeting.

F/253/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor P. Rane - Removal of Graffiti in Fingal areas

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Rane was proposed by Councillor P. Rane and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison.

Following discussion, the report of the Chief Executive was **ACCEPTED.**

F/254/23 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor K. Power - Dedicated e-mail address to report dead birds

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor K. Power was **ACCEPTED**.

F/255/23 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor T. Murphy - Sporting facilities capacity

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was **ACCEPTED**.

NON-STATUTORY MOTIONS

F/257/23 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Water Main Connection

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was **ACCEPTED**.

F/264/23 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

The following emergency motion in the name of Councillor A. Graves was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor N. Treacy:

"In light of time constraints - that this Council calls on the Chief Executive to seek independent legal opinion on behalf of elected representatives who have concerns around the omission of a summary of the HSE submission to the Ministerial Direction as part of the Chief Executives report. Specifically advising whether an addendum is required to ensure a balanced report.

Section 31(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) states that the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received by the Planning Authority is required to:

(a) summarise the views of any person who made submissions or observations to the planning authority;

(b) summarise the views of and recommendations (if any) made by the Elected Members of the planning authority;

(c) summarise the views of and recommendations (if any) made by the regional assembly;

(d) make recommendations in relation to the best manner in which to give effect to the draft direction.

As stated by the Executive, "While the Act does not reference specific public bodies and that as a result submissions from such bodies fall under category (a) the views of any person who made submissions or observations to the planning authority and while the submission from the HSE (FIN-C568-14) was listed as one of the submissions received" the same logic could be applied to the submission from the daa which was summarised. It would appear that of the 163 submissions, only one submission, received from daa expressed views which were supportive of Draft Direction 2(c) and this was the one that was summarised, while the HSE, has rejected the ministerial direction and called for the retention of standards that protect human health and asserts that the original text is not inconsistent with the National Objectives as stated by FCC and the OPR and supports the amendment that councillors agreed. They further state that "The inclusion of the strategic objectives in the Fingal Development Plan was a health protection measure. If the Ministerial Direction is confirmed, then these health protection standards should be incorporated into the Noise Abatement Strategy formulated by the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority."

The omission of a summary of such importance is concerning and one that needs clear and explicit legal advice for Councillors to ensure that there are no ambiguities in the future that would impact negatively on the Development Plan."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude the consideration of the emergency motion.

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday, 16th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 4.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:
Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard

Councillors:
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Ryan, Brendan
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors John Burtchaell & Jimmy Guerin.

The Mayor presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan, (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/265/23 (Agenda Item No)

Address of Outgoing Mayor

The Mayor thanked the Elected Members, the Chief Executive and her staff for their co-operation and dedication to the public and the Elected Members throughout the past year. He also thanked Deputy Mayor Councillor Cathal Boland for all his support throughout the year and further thanked his fellow Councillors.

The Chief Executive complimented the Mayor on his dedication to the role as Mayor of Fingal and thanked him on her own behalf and on the behalf of the staff for his work and support throughout the year. Several Members then complimented the outgoing Mayor on the manner in which he carried out the role of Mayor of Fingal throughout the past year.

The Chief Executive then presented the Mayor with a framed photo of his meeting with Joe Biden, President of the USA, a photo album and a commemorative medal to mark his year in office.

F/266/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Election of Mayor

The Mayor then asked for nominations for the election of the Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy:

"That Councillor Adrian Henchy be elected Mayor."

It was then proposed by Councillor N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Ann Graves be elected Mayor."

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

Councillor Henchy: 26 TWENTY-SIX

Councillor Graves: 6 SIX

Abstain: 0 ZERO

Cllr. Henchy: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Newman, Joe; Boland, Cathal; Healy, David; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

Cllr. Graves: Councillors Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Doyle, Tania.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Adrian Henchy elected Mayor.

Councillor Henchy took the chair and was presented with the chain of office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Howard Mahony.

F/267/23 (Agenda Item No)

Address by the Mayor of Fingal, Adrian Henchy

The Mayor congratulated the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their previous year's work especially. The Mayor also thanked his family, friends and colleagues for their support over the years.

F/268/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor, Councillor Henchy, then asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Power:

"That Councillor Grainne Maguire be elected Deputy Mayor."

As there were no other nominations the Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Grainne Maguire elected Deputy Mayor. The Mayor presented Councillor Maguire with the chain of office.

Councillor Maguire thanked the Members and accepted the position of Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor, Councillor Henchy, noted that this is the last meeting of Councillor D. Whooley, and he commended him for his work and commitment over the last number of years. Cllr Whooley thanked the Mayor and Members for their support during his term as Councillor.

F/269/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Election of Area Committee Chairpersons

a Election of Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee

The Mayor, Councillor Henchy, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor K. Power, seconded by Councillor C. Boland:

"That Councillor Ian Carey be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee."

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

Cllr. Mulligan: 6 SIX

Cllr. Carey: 27 TWENTY SEVEN

Abstain: 0 ZERO

Cllr. Mulligan: Councillors Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Doyle, Tania.

Cllr. Carey: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Newman, Joe; Boland, Cathal; Healy, David; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Ian Carey to be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee.

b <u>Election of Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee</u>

The Mayor, Councillor Henchy, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That Councillor Tom Kitt be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor T. Doyle be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee."

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

Cllr. Kitt: 26 TWENTY-SIX

Cllr. Doyle: 7 SEVEN

Abstain: 0 ZERO

Cllr. Kitt: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Boland, Cathal; Healy, David; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

Cllr. Doyle: Councillors Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Doyle, Tania; Newman, Joe.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Tom Kitt to be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

c <u>Election of Cathaoirleach of Howth Malahide Area Committee</u>

The Mayor, Councillor Henchy, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

"That Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Howth/ Malahide Area Committee."

As there were no other nominations the Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Eoghan O'Brien as Area Cathaoirleach of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

The Meeting concluded at 5:25pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO HOWTH SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDRER (SAAO) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, nominations are now sought for the appointment of one Member to Howth SAAO Management Committee.

The Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) was confirmed by the Minister for Environment on the 16th May 2000 to recognise the exceptional character of the area of Howth. The Order protects many of the special qualities of the area and aims to preserve and enhance the character and special features of Howth. The Howth SAAO Management Committee oversees the implementation of the aims of the SAAO, and includes local Councillors, NGOs, Community Groups and other relevant stakeholders. Four Councillors from the Howth /Malahide Electoral Area are nominated as the members of the Committee.

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ITEM NO. 03

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - WIND FARMS

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she will advise in respect of the application for the Community Benefit Fund generated for the establishment of Marine Wind farms and does she see this funding falling under the control of the Local Authority, and if so, is it her view that the fund would be spent across all of Fingal?"

Reply:

Offshore Wind Farms are being supported by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme (ORESS). This scheme requires that a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) equating to €2 per megawatt hour of electricity produced, which will see multi-million-euro annual funds becoming available with each offshore wind farm for the benefit of the local areas.

ORESS sets out that the funds will be required to be independently administered through a 3rd party administrator which will be secured through open competition and not directly though the generators/operators of the facility or the Local Authority.

The administrator will report on the fund to SEAI and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications has published the *ORESS 1 Community Benefit Fund – Rulebook for Generators and Fund Administrators* which sets out how these funds will be governed.

Within this rulebook, community decision making is set at the heart of how these funds will be managed and it is required that a Community Benefit Fund committee will be put in place by the independent fund administrator.

These CBF committees will consist of a minimum of 7 people and a maximum of 20. The generator and administrator will have 2 non-voting seats on this committee. It is also set out that the committee must include at least 2 voting members from non-sectoral organisation organisations or groups such as Local Authorities, Local Community Development Networks, Local Enterprise Offices and Regional Development Agencies.

The CBF committee will be responsible for the identification of the CBF Target Community in line with the terms and conditions of ORESS and the handbook.

The CBF Committee must ensure that:

(a) The CBF Target Local Community has a geographical boundary which is clearly defined, limited and proximate to the relevant ORESS 1 Project; and

(b) The decision to define the CBF Target Local Community is decided upon by a majority vote of the CBF Committee

The CBF Committee must actively review and consider whether the definition of the CBF Target Local Community is fit for purpose and a fair representation of the local community in respect of the ORESS 1 Project. The CBF Committee may, from time to time, update the definition of the CBF Target Local Community

In relation to the establishment of the CBF committee and for clarification, for the purposes of identifying the local community in connection with the formation of the CBF Committee, Fund Administrators must ensure that this local community includes, but is not limited to, the local stakeholders and the surrounding communities that were consulted on as part of the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) process in respect of the relevant ORESS 1 Project.

In addition, the Fund Administrator must:

(a) Ensure that the local community in respect of the ORESS 1 Project is made aware of the proposed formation of the CBF Committee, including by publication in print media, social media or by other means and notifying the local community about the CBF Website;

(b) Publish the proposed CBF Committee selection process on the CBF Website;

(c) Make every effort to ensure that the CBF Committee is representative of the local community in respect of the ORESS 1 Project. This means the Fund

Administrator must be proactive in reaching out to a diverse and inclusive geographic and demographic representative sample of the local community, to include non-profit organisations and representative groups; and

(d) Ensure that a transparent and fair selection process is used to appoint CBF Committee members in accordance with this Rulebook.

Source of Reply
David Storey, Director of Services Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 04

VACANT SITE LEVY PROCEDURE

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure staff in the Planning Department must follow with respect to the inspecting, reporting, filing and the collection of the vacant site levy, the details of this procedure are required in order to understand how this Council failed to secure a vacant site levy of a substantial sum of €2,310,000 on a site valued at €33,000,000 owing to the Council?"

Reply:

In order to be placed on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR), a site/building must comply with the criteria set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015-18 (as amended). Such criteria include that the site or the majority of the site must be vacant or idle, the site size must exceed 0.05 hectares, the site must have adverse effects on the amenity of the area, and the site must be vacant for the preceding 12-month period.

The sum referenced in the question relates to the former Techrete site in Howth. This site was placed on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR) on the 03/12/2019, reference number VS/0119. A demand for payment was issued for 2020 on the 21/04/2021. This demand for payment was €2,310,000 (Two million, three hundred and ten thousand euro). This demand for payment was appealed to An Bord Pleanala (ABP).

ABP made their order on the 13/05/2022 (reference number ABP-310275-21). ABP made an order to cancel the entry of the above site on the VSR, as ABP

considered that the site was no longer vacant. As such, the demand for payment of the vacant site levy was therefore cancelled.

As a result, Fingal County Council removed/cancelled from the VSR in accordance with section 10 (2) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015-18 (as amended).

The inclusion of sites and administration of the VSR is an ongoing process. Demands for payment have issued to the applicable sites for 2019, 2020 and 2021. In some instances, these have been appealed to An Bord Pleanála (as above). Invoices have been issued where demand remain outstanding. Demands for payment for 2022 will issue shortly.

Source of Reply
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 05

POP UP ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to installing pop up EV chargers in our towns and villages to address the shortage in charging infrastructure across the County, similar pop up chargers have been installed by Local Authorities in the UK: https://www.urbanelectric.london/what-we-offer?"

Reply:

The four Dublin Local Authorities have completed a strategic strategy on the provision of EV infrastructure. This has allowed us to examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The 4 Dublin Authorities are currently engaged with key stakeholders regarding the recommendations in the strategy and the roll out of EV infrastructure which will include neighbourhood (bollard/public lighting) and destination chargers in towns and villages across Fingal.

The procurement process for destinations chargers has recently commenced and it is expected a contractor will be in place in June 2023. It is anticipated that the roll out of the destination chargers will commence in Q3 2023 however the exact location of these chargers needs to be identified in consultation with EBS networks.

The procurement for neighbourhood chargers will commence in June 2023. As part of this procurement process charge point operators can include pop up solutions for consideration.

Source of Reply
David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 06

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND INDIVIDUALS IN FINGAL CURRENTLY HOMELESS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive for the number of families and individuals in the Fingal area who are currently homeless, to set out the number of children; whether they all have been given access to a key worker; and the average amount of time being spent in emergency homeless accommodation?"

Reply:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive has overall responsibility for the compilation of statistics in relation to the numbers of families and individuals who are accessing Emergency Accommodation.

As at 31/05/2023 there are 168 families, comprising 255 adults and 402 children, accessing Hotel and B&B Emergency Accommodation. These are families who have their main application for Housing Support with this Local authority.

Families in Emergency Accommodation have approval for the elevated rates of Homeless HAP which was introduced as a pathway to help exit homelessness.

Homeless families and individuals can avail of the services of a key worker. The Housing Support Officers Key worker service is provided by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive via Focus Ireland or the Singles and Families Housing Support Teams.

The Council is currently collating data to establish the number of singles who are currently homeless.

Source of Reply
Loretta Hennessy, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 07

Childcare and after school spaces in Fingal

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to support the increase and expansion of much needed childcare and after school spaces across the Fingal area, in particular, given the acute demand due to the rapid population increase in Fingal?"

Reply:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 supports the provision of appropriate childcare facilities throughout Fingal. The provision of high-quality accessible childcare and after-school facilities in existing and new communities is an important factor for economic and social wellbeing. In line with the DEHLG Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001, the Council encourages the provision of such facilities in new and existing residential developments, within employment zones, town and neighbourhood centres, within educational buildings and close to public transport nodes. The Council also continues to engage with Fingal County Childcare Committee (FCCC) regarding proposals for new facilities.

Specifically, Section 4.5.1.7 of the Plan outlines policies and objectives seeking the provision of high quality childcare in the optimum locations. In addition, the provision of childcare facilities is a use which is 'permitted in principle' and 'open for consideration' within a large number Zoning Objectives and planning applications lodged for such uses are assessed on a case-by-case basis, in terms of contribution towards the achievement of the Zoning Objective and Vision and compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan.

It is considered that the policies and objectives of the Development Plan, taken in conjunction with the Development Management provide a robust framework for the provision of future development proposals/initiatives for childcare facilities.

The Community Development office is currently undertaking research into the provision of community childcare in the county, aligning with the policies and objectives of the development plan, including the feasibility of a sustainable operating model in partnership with key stakeholders with expertise in childcare provision. A sub-committee of the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC has been established to review community childcare provision in Fingal.

Source of Joint Reply
Linda Ennis, Community Development Office
Roisin Burke, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 08

TOTAL AREA OF OFF-STREET CAR-PARKING/SPACES IN THE CHARGE OF THIS COUNCIL

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the total area of off-street car parking and the total number of spaces owned, in the charge of, or rented by the Council, broken down by a) Electoral area; b) Free or subject to a charge; c) Open to the public or reserved for particular uses; and whether this data is available in a mapped format?"

Reply:

The table below provides details on the total number of car parking spaces in charge of or rented by Fingal Council broken down as requested. This data is not available in mapped format.

Off-Street Car Parking No. Of Parking Bays	Pay & Display	Public*	Staff	Other	Total
Operations Department					
Howth / Malahide	143	Portmarnock 104 Racecourse Park 44 Balgriffin Cemetery 175 Fingal Cemetery 48 Robswall 30 Malahide Demesne Kelly's car park 58 Malahide Back Road car park 197 Malahide Demesne Main Car park (+ overflow) 500 Summit Car Park 30 Carrickbrack Rd 50 Seabanks Car Park 180 Balscadden Car Park 53	Malahide Demesne Depot 15 Corrbridge 15	Ross Terrace 4	
Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Swords	175	Ardla Cemetery 10 Whitestown Cemetery	Watery Lane Depot 105	Barnageeragh 80	

		12 Rolestown Cemetery 10 Flemington Cemetery 80 Donabate Cemetery 15 Grallagh Cemetery 10 Donabate Beach 70 Tower Bay Beach 85 Burrow Road Beach 40 Newbridge House 200 Santry Demesne 60 Holywell Park 30 Ward River Valley 250 Rathingle Park 20 Meadowbank Park (Millers Glen) 120 Ardgillan Demesne 240 Skerries Mills 120 Red Island, Skerries 150 Loughshinny Beach 40 Rush South Beach 100 Rush North Beach 10 Balbriggan Beach 130 Bremore Castle 160 Lusk Recreational Hub 36 Skerries Allotment 50	Fancourt Depot 60 Ardgillan Demesne 15 Newbridge Demesne 10		

		Balbriggan Allotment 50 Turvey Allotment 40 Estuary Recycling 20 Centre			
Blanchardstown / Ongar Castleknock/ Mulhuddart	0	Mulhuddart Burial Ground 40 St. Catherine's Park 118 Beechpark 54 Porterstown 73 Millennium 101 Hartstown 65 Mick Walsh 70 Damastown 47 Tyrrelstown 113 Coolmine Recycling Centre 25 Powerstown Allotments 25	Coolmine Depot 35		
Corporate Services					
Civic Offices Grove Road, Blanchardstown			136 and access to an additional 76 spaces, if needed, during daytime working hours		
I Pairc Plaza Swords			80		

Seatown Carpark, Swords			212		
Housing & Community					
Council owned Community Centres		Blakestown x 21 Parslickstown x 48 Corduff Sports x29 Fortlawn x 12 Mountview FRC x 8 Mountview x 27 Fingal Liam Rodgers x public car park Donabate x 65 St MacCulins x 18 Mulhuddart x 40			
Shared Community Centres with Schools Available to public using the centre during school hours only		Tyrellstown x 6 Castaheany x 25 Luttrellstown x 6 Ongar x 36 Castleland x 7 Flemington x 7 Applewood x 8 Holywell x 6 Diswellstown x 6			
LIBRARIES		Malahide:			

		8 public parking spaces (Includes one disabled parking space) <u>Baldoyle:</u> 11 public parking spaces (includes one disabled parking space)			

*Public Car Parking total also includes Burial Grounds, Beaches, Parks and Recycling Centres, Accessible Parking, Age Friendly Parking and EV Parking

Source of Reply
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services

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ITEM NO. 09

TENANT IN-SITU INFORMATION

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on Tenant in-situ purchases since 1st April, 2022 including those that were not purchased and the reasons why?"

Reply:

The table below provides information in relation to Notices of Termination (NoT) and progress with Tenant-in-situ (TIS) Acquisitions in Fingal County Council as of 16th June 2023. 196 of the total number of cases of 497, which are at different stages, arose since 1st April.

NoT/TIS Stage or Category	Number of Cases	Comments
TIS Sale Closed	7	Sales have fully closed and the properties are in the ownership of Fingal County Council.
TIS Sale Agreed/Conveyancing	31	Undergoing legal due diligence stage as part of the conveyancing process which can typically take 2 to 3 months.
TIS Acquisition Under Negotiation with Landlords	71	Includes cases where a decision in principle has been made to acquire the property but acquisition is subject to inspection, condition assessment and valuation.

NoT/TIS Stage or Category	Number of Cases	Comments
NoT/TIS Enquiries Under Consideration	291	There are a large number of NoT/TIS enquiries under consideration, which don't necessarily equate to a request to purchase a tenant-in-situ property. These enquiries are reviewed and assessed as expeditiously as possible, with many cases expected to ultimately result in a TIS Acquisition. The work and assessment in this category include, among other things, cases where assessment is ongoing, different accommodation options are being considered, expressions of interest from landlords are being reviewed and where information has been requested from another local authority in the case of a cross-boundary tenancy.
NoT/TIS Enquiries where Applications Not Proceeding to Acquisition†	97	The Council's approach is centred on the needs of tenants and preventing tenants from getting into homelessness, but some applications do not proceed to a Tenant-in-situ Acquisition for various reasons and it's worth noting we also keep cases under review, to allow for situations where circumstances change, or further information comes to light. Some of the main reasons why applications for Tenant in-situ Acquisitions don't proceed are: • The tenant's needs can be met through allocations from the Council's or AHB's housing stock or through an enhanced level of HAP. • The tenant's income is above social housing income limits, and the case is referred to Housing Agency for consideration under the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme. • Difficulties engaging with landlords or situations where landlords do not engage with the Council or do not wish to sell the property to the Council. • The property referred to us is not actually located within the Fingal County Council area. • Request from a landlord to purchase a vacant property not related to a tenant-in-situ case, although properties of this nature may be considered for acquisition on a case-by-case basis. • Other reasons.

Source of Reply
Robert Burns, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 10

PYRITE REPAIRS ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive for a break down on Pyrite repairs across Fingal and if works are on schedule?"

Reply:

The Pyrite Remediation Scheme was set up on a national basis to remediate dwellings that have been significantly damaged as a result of pyritic heave caused by the swelling of hardcore under ground floor slabs. The Scheme has been prepared by the Pyrite Resolution Board under the Pyrite Resolution Act 2013. The Pyrite Resolution Board were established to oversee the implementation of the scheme and manage the application and appeals process. The Housing Agency, as prescribed under the Act, are tasked with carrying out the remediation of properties accepted into the scheme. Fingal County Council will make contact with the Housing Agency to obtain data on the extent of pyrite remediation work in the Fingal area.

In relation to Fingal-owned housing, there are a number of locations and properties in Corduff Park in Dublin 15 that are known to contain pyrite and a contractor has been appointed to carry out ground investigation works at specified locations which are scheduled to take place in July. Once the investigations have been completed, this will inform the extent and nature of the remedial works required and a strategy and timeline for completion of same will then be prepared.

Source of Reply

Anita Neville, SEO, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 11

GENERAL OPERATIVE POSITIONS IN EACH LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive in terms of human resources how many General Operatives are assigned to each of the local Electoral Areas across Fingal?"

Reply:

General Operatives are not assigned per Electoral Areas. The total number of general operatives/ drivers in each of the 3 operational Areas is provided in the table below.

Operational Area	Number of GO's/ Drivers
Balbriggan /Rush- Lusk/Swords	140
Howth/ Malahide	70
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart /Ongar	75

The demographic of each area dictates the allocation of resources e.g. area size, population, urban/rural, length of road and footpaths, no of open spaces, regional parks and beaches etc.

Total Area Breakdown by Hectare/Acres (Approx.)

	Hectares	Acres
Balbriggan/Swords	32,306	79,829
Howth/Malahide	4,676	11,555
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	8,823	21,800

Source of Reply
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services

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ITEM NO. 12

CURRENT DESIGNATED BATHING WATER BEACHES WITHOUT A "BLUE FLAG STATUS"

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to give provide in a tabular list format and per beach, the outstanding infrastructure / facilities that are required to be installed on the current designated bathing water beaches without a "Blue Flag Status" in order to bring them up to a "Blue Flag Status" by application at year end based on the requirements in the https://beachawards.ie/blue-flag/blue-flag-beach-criteria/; the list can be restricted to only include the beaches where the current water quality status in the current designated bathing area's will allow an application for the "Blue Flag Status " at year end?"

Reply:

Blue Flags are awarded each year by An Taisce to beaches and marinas that meet a range of criteria including amongst others, education and information provision, water quality, environmental management, safety and ancillary services. The most critical of the award criteria, however, relates to bathing water quality, and without satisfying this criterion, a Blue Flag will not be awarded.

The water quality results from the previous four bathing seasons must accompany all applications to An Taisce. To be eligible for the Blue Flag, the beach must show that the required bathing water quality standards of 'excellent' were met.

The water quality results from the scheduled sampling at North Beach, Rush and The Brook Beach, Portrane, which are the only beaches that would currently be

eligible, were assessed at the end of the 2022 bathing season (year 4) by the Environmental Protection Agency and an 'excellent' classification status was applied by them and announced in May 2023. An application for a Blue Flag in 2024 would be accompanied by water quality results for the period 2020 to 2023.

While both beaches have met the excellent water quality rating, we will need to ensure that some of the other criterion for 2024 are met. The criterion for the 2024 Blue Flag Award will be provided in November 2023, when applications for the Blue Flag are invited. Those required to be met for the 2023 process can be viewed at https://beachawards.ie/blue-flag/blue-flag-beach-criteria/

Environment Education and Information Provision
• Information about the Blue Flag Programme must be displayed
• Environmental education activities must be offered and promoted to beach users
• Information about bathing water quality must be displayed
• Information relating to local eco-systems and environmental phenomena must be displayed
• A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed
• A code of conduct that reflects appropriate laws governing the use of beach and surrounding areas must be displayed
Water Quality
• The beach must fully comply with the water quality sampling and frequency requirements of the Blue Flag programme
• The beach must fully comply with the standards and requirements for water quality analysis
• No industrial, waste-water or sewage-related discharges should affect the beach area
• The beach must comply with the Blue Flag requirements for the microbiological parameters E. coli and intestinal enterococci
• The beach must comply with Blue Flag requirements for physical and chemical parameters
Environmental Management
• The local authority/beach operator should establish a beach management committee
• The local authority/beach operator must comply with all regulations affecting the location and operation of the beach
• Sensitive areas at or near the Blue Flag beach must be managed

• The beach must be clean
• Algae vegetation or natural debris should be left on the beach
• Waste disposal bins/containers must be available at the beach in adequate numbers, and they must be regularly maintained
• Facilities for the separation of recyclable waste materials should be available at the beach
• An adequate number of toilets must be provided
• The toilet must be kept clean
• The toilet must have controlled sewage disposal
• There should be no unauthorised camping, driving or dumping of waste on the beach
• Access to the beach by dogs and other domestic animals must be strictly controlled
• All building and beach equipment must be properly maintained
• Coral reefs in the vicinity of the beach must be monitored
• A sustainable means of transportation should be promoted in the beach area
Safety and Services
• An adequate number of lifeguards and/or lifesaving equipment must be available at the beach. In Ireland it is imperative that Blue Flag beaches are lifeguarded on weekends in June, daily in July and August and weekends in September unless an Irish Water Safety Risk Assessment states otherwise
• First aid equipment must be available on the beach
• Emergency plans to cope with pollution risks must be in place
• There must be management of beach users and events to prevent conflicts and accidents
• There must be safety measures in place to protect beach users
• A supply of drinking water should be available at the beach
• At least one Blue Flag beach in each municipality must have access and facilities provided for the physically disabled

Based on the above criteria a public toilet would likely be required at Rush North Beach however, the public toilet at Harbour Road could be considered as appropriate to meet the needs of beach users. All the facilities required are in place or can be in place for the Brook Beach Portrane.

Source of Reply
Mary T Daly Director of Operations and Water Services

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ITEM NO. 13

CASUAL TRADING LICENCES THAT WERE APPLIED FOR AND TAKEN UP THIS YEAR

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed list of all the Casual Trading Licences that were applied for and taken up this year along with a list of the ones that were not taken up and still remain available?"

Reply:

The Operations Department advertised available Casual Trading Pitches in January and again in May 2023. Full details of all taken and available pitches is published on the Council's website at https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-06/Available%20Pitches%2022.6.23.pdf and attached herewith.

We continue to accept and evaluate/process applications on a case-by-case basis.

Source of Reply
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services

Casual Trading Area	Coffee / Snacks Pitch	Hot Food Pitch	Ice Cream Pitch	Flowers / Crafts Pitch
Balgriffin Burial Ground	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Taken
Fingal Burial Ground	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Taken
Kellystown Burial Ground	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Available
Mulhuddart Burial Ground	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Available
St. Fintans Burial Ground	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Taken
Ardgillan Demesne	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Available
Malahide Demesne	Taken	Not Available	Taken	Available
Newbridge Demesne	Taken	Not Available	Taken	Available
Beechpark	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Damastown Park	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Hartstown Park	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Kettles Park	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Millenium Park, Blanchardstown	Taken	Available	Taken	Not Available
Ongar Open Space	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Paddy's Hill Carpark	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Porterstown Park	Taken	Available	Not Available	Not Available
River Valley Park	Available	Taken	Not Available	Not Available
Rogerstown Park	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Santry Demesne	Taken	Not Available	Taken	Not Available
St. Catherine's Park, Lucan	Taken	Not Available	Taken	Not Available
Waterville Park	Available	Available	Not Available	Not Available
Balbriggan Beach Martello Tower	Available	Available	Not Available	Not Available
Barnageeragh Car Park	Taken	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

Donabate Beach	Taken	Taken	Taken	Not Available
Loughshinny Beach Car Park	Taken	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Malahide Beach Car Park	Taken	Available	Taken	Not Available
Malahide Estuary	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Portmarnock Beach	Taken	Taken	Taken	Not Available
Red Island Car Park, Skerries	Available	Not Available	Taken	Not Available
Rush, North Beach	Available	Not Available	Available	Not Available
Rush, South Beach	Available	Available	Taken	Not Available
Tower Bay, Portrane	Available	Taken	Available	Not Available
Howth Summit Car Park	Taken	Available	Not Available	Not Available
Lusk Recreational Park	Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Robswall Estate/High Rock	Taken	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

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ITEM NO. 14

HARRY CLARKE – STAINED GLASS PIECES IN THE OWNERSHIP OF THIS COUNCIL

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Harry Clarke pieces of stained glasses are in the ownership of the Council, the location of the pieces on display and how many are in storage?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council does not have any Harry Clarke Stained Glass Windows in its own ownership or in its care. There are works by Harry Clarke in a number of churches within the county that are in-situ in their window openings and are the property of the relevant religious domination. There are other windows that had to be temporarily removed from a property for their safety and remain in the ownership of the property owner but must be re-instated once the property is repaired, rehabilitated and in use. These windows are in storage and not on display.

Source of Reply
Helena Bergin, Senior Exec Arch Conservation Officer

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ITEM NO. 15

FOOD FORESTS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the concept of a food forests, essentially edible parks, that grow large and small trees, vines, shrubs and plants that produce fruits, nuts and other edible products has been evaluated for inclusion in Fingal, will she consider a pilot scheme, potentially in Swords?"

Reply:

The current County Development Plan includes the following policies and objectives which support the provision of Community Gardens and food foraging areas in parks and open spaces.

- Policy GINHP5 – Green Infrastructure Network
- Objective GINHO10 – Food Production
- Objective GINHO24 – Allotment Strategy
- Objective CIOSO36 – Variety of Open Space

The Council already works with a number of community groups on the provision and development of community gardens in publicly accessible areas in parks and open spaces. This collaborative approach has worked well, ensuring that the food plants are managed, and that the food produced is available for consumption. The Council is open (in consultation with local community groups) to expanding this approach to include larger areas and a wider range of food plants including trees and shrubs in the context of the future development of our parks and open spaces.

Source of Reply
Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 16

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT - POWER TO ORDER IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF WORK

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if Planning Enforcement has the power to order immediate cessation of work where the work being undertaken is clearly and obviously in breach of planning permission or does not have planning permission at all?"

Reply:

Any development which requires permission and does not have that permission is unauthorised development, as is a development which is proceeding in breach of conditions laid down in a planning permission. The carrying out of unauthorised development is an offence.

Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case by case basis. Warning letters are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development(s) or alleged breaches of planning permissions throughout the county. The alleged unauthorised developer has 4 weeks to respond to the allegation. Site inspections by the Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action, if any, to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish the level of enforcement action, if any, required. If an enforcement notice is issued, the notice will set out inter alia:-

- That where the development has planning permission but is not being carried out in accordance with it, that it must fully comply with the permission concerned;

- That certain steps are to be taken within a specified period, including the removal, demolition, or alteration of any structure; the discontinuance of any use of land; or the restoration of the land to its previous state before the unauthorised development began.

In circumstances where the planning authority believes urgent action is required, it may issue an enforcement notice without issuing a warning letter.

Failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice will subsequently lead to legal proceedings.

In extreme circumstances, the planning authority may directly apply to the Circuit Court or the High Court under Section 160 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for an order directing that particular actions take place or cease, as the case may be. Any other person may also seek an injunction against an unauthorised development without reference to the planning authority.

Source of Reply
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3RD JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 17a

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORTS

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Angela Donnelly	
Non-Council Members		
Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
6th June 2023	Online presentation of DRAFT Fingal Harbour Byelaws 2023	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Review of Pricing at the Councils Recycling Centres and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. Pending further review this item was deferred to the next TSPC Agenda in Q1 2024.
6th June 2023	Cycle Buses across the county	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Review of Traffic Management Process	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Update on EV charging implementation plan	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor B. Mc Donagh (Chair), Councillor B. Dennehy, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor D. Mulligan, Councillor T. Kitt and Councillor P. Rane	
Non-Council Members	Mr Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
20th June 2023	Playground Audit	A presentation was given to the Members in relation to a Play Audit. Following a discussion, the presentation was NOTED and agreed that further information would be brought to each of the ACM's specific to each LEA.
	Prioritising Plans and Projects arising out of the Development Plan 2023 - 2029	A presentation on the list of Prioritising Plans and Projects arising from the Development Plan 2023-2029 was given. Following a discussion, the Members were advised that this item would be listed on the Agenda for the CPG Meeting to be held on 26th June and then for consideration at the Full Council Meeting on 3rd July. The presentation was NOTED.
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	A presentation was given to the Members on RZLT. Following a discussion, the presentation was NOTED.

	Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 - 2026	A presentation was given to the Members on the Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 -2026 Following a discussion and agreement on two action points the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Motion – Councillor B. Dennehy – Update on the Draft Sustainable Swords Strategy	The Chief Executives Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Breda Hanaphy; Councillor Anthony Lavin; Councillor Ted Leddy; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.	
Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	**Update**
21st June 2023	Work Programme Update	John Quinlivan, Director of Services reported that the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Fingal Food policy will be discussed at the next SPC meeting in September. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Fingal Economic Strategy	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Fingal Economic Strategy will be complete by year end 2023. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Local Economic &	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan.

	Community Plan	Consultation commencing on LECP and draft LECP will be presented at next SPC meeting in September with approval at full Council meeting by end of 2023. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Stephenstown Economic Zone	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan. Fingal's application to URBACT successful. Fingal to be Project Lead on EcoCore Project. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Fingal Skills Strategy Review	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan. Fingal Skills Strategy Steering Group seeking nomination from SPC. Skills Expo to be held 3rd October in The Helix. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring	Report provided by Aoife Sheridan. 2 funding applications lodged on sustainability projects under MoU. Work commencing on an action plan under Circular Cities Declaration. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
21st June 2023	Regeneration/Town Centre First	Presentation by Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.

HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. Natalie Tracey, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Kieran Dennison, Cllr. Adrian Henchy
Non-Council Members	Ms. Adeline O'Brien, Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Mr. Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
Monday 26th June	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 27/03/2023	
	Update on Housing Delivery	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Vacant homes grants update	Presentation on various vacant home schemes and projects completed to date
	Preventing homelessness, Notice of termination and Tenant-in-situ acquisitions update	Update on the current status of the TIS applications and completed acquisitions
	Fingal Cost Rental Housing	Presentation on social and affordable housing delivery in Fingal
	Motion – Cllr. B. Manton Distribution of Housing	Following discussion, the report was NOTED
	Motion – Cllr. J. Burtchaell Increased percentage of Part V social housing in large scale residential developments	Following discussion, the report was AGREED
	Motion – Cllr. D. Whooley Explanation of, and reforms to, Fingal's housing and population projections	Following discussion, the report was NOTED

CLIMATE ACTION BIODIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Cllr David Healy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy	
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath Joe Hayden, Codema, Neil O'Leary, Codema	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Update
27th June 2023	District Heating	Presentation on the Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme was given by Neil O'Leary/Joe Hayden, Codema NOTED
27th June 2023	Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) Update	Presentation given by Ronan O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment giving an update on the Climate Change Action Plan NOTED
27th June 2023	Motion – Biodiversity CRMs	Following discussion, the report was accepted

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins – Chair Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor John Walsh Councillor Grainne Maguire Councillor Brendan Ryan	
Non-Council Members	Abi Wise (PPN) - Apologies	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Update
28/06/23	Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2023	Proposed Cllr Boland Seconded Cllr Hopkins
28/06/23	Local Economic and Community Plan 2022 –	Presentation given by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, EETCD

	2027	
28/06/23	Pre-Draft Consultation of the Heritage Plan	Presentation given by Christine Baker, Heritage Officer
28/06/23	Draft Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029	Presentation given by Lilian Whelan, Senior Executive Librarian
28/06/23	Motion - Councillor J. Hopkins - Eliminating Plastic Waste in our Libraries - AI090541	Proposed Cllr Hopkins Seconded by Cllr Walsh Motion Agreed by all
28/06/23	Motion – Councillor C. Boland - Purpose-Built Community Centres - AI090642	Proposed Cllr Boland Seconded Cllr Maguire Motion Agreed by all

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy	
Non-Council Members	Maire O'Brien, James Magrane	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Update
29.6.2023	Climate Action plan update	Presentation given by Ronan O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment giving an update on the Climate Change Action Plan NOTED
29.6.2023	Harbour Byelaws	Presentation on draft harbour byelaws 2023 was

		given by Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer Operations and members informed of consultation period 15.6.23 – 31.7.23
29.6.2023	Motion – Coastal Impact from the placement of Coastal Wind Turbines	Report **Accepted**
29.6.2023	Permanent Coastal Measures for Rogerstown (Rush and Portrane)	Following discussion, the report was **Accepted**
29.6.2023	Update on Marine Legislation MAP – Marine Area Plan for Fingal Coast and clarity on Foreshore Licences	Report **Accepted**

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

ITEM NO. 17b

CORPORATE CALENDAR JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

The Corporate Calendar for July to December 2023 was AGREED.

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Fri 30th June		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 3rd July	County Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 4th July		
Wed 5th July		
Thurs 6th July		
Fri 7th July		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 10th July		
Tues 11th July		

Wed 12th July		
Thurs 13th July		
Fri 14th July		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 17th July	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	3.15pm – 5.15pm 6.00pm
Tues 18th July		
Wed 19th July		

Thurs 20th July		
Fri 21st July		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 24th July		
Tues 25th July		
Wed 26th July		
Thurs 27th July		
Fri 28th July		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 31st July		

Tues 1st Aug		
Wed 2nd Aug		
Thurs 3rd Aug		
Fri 4th Aug		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 7th Aug	**BANK HOLIDAY**	
Tues 8th Aug		
Wed 9th Aug		

Thurs 10th Aug		
Fri 11th Aug		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 14th Aug	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	6.00pm
Tues 15th Aug		
Wed 16th Aug		
Thurs 17th Aug		
Fri 18th Aug		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**

Mon 21st Aug		
Tues 22nd Aug		
Wed 23rd Aug		
Thurs 24th Aug		
Fri 25th Aug		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 28th Aug		
Tues 29th Aug		
Wed 30th Aug		

Thurs 31st Aug		
Fri 1st Sept		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 4th Sept	Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Tues 5th Sept	Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 6th Sept	Howth Malahide ACM (Services B) Howth Malahide ACM (Services A)	3.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting
Thurs 7th Sept	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 8th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 11th Sept	Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee County Council Meeting	4.00 pm 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Tues 12th Sept	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 13th Sept		
Thurs 14th Sept	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)	2.00pm – 6.00pm. B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Fri 15th Sept		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 18th Sept	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	3.15pm – 5.15pm 6.00pm

Tues 19th Sept	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 20th Sept	Howth SAAO Management Committee	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 21st Sept	Marine & Coastal Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Fri 22nd Sept		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 25th Sept		
Tues 26th Sept	Housing SPC	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 27th Sept	Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm

Thurs 28th Sept	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Fri 29th Sept		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 2nd Oct		
Tues 3rd Oct	Audit Committee	3.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 4th Oct	Howth Malahide ACM (Services A) Howth Malahide ACM (Services B)	3.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Thurs 5th Oct	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 6th Oct		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 9th Oct	County Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 10th Oct		
Wed 11th Oct		
Thurs 12th Oct	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A)	2.00pm – 6.00pm. A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting.
Fri 13th Oct		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 16th Oct	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	6.00pm
Tues 17th Oct		

Wed 18th Oct		
Thurs 19th Oct		
Fri 20th Oct		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 23rd Oct		.
Tues 24th Oct		
Wed 25th Oct		
Thurs 26th Oct	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Fri 27th Oct		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 30th Oct	**BANK HOLIDAY**	
Tues 31st Oct		
Wed 1st Nov	Howth Malahide ACM (Services B) Howth Malahide ACM (Services A)	3.00 p.m. A meeting to commence on conclusion of B Meeting
Thurs 2nd Nov	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 3rd Nov		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 6th Nov		

Tues 7th Nov		
Wed 8th Nov		
Thurs 9th Nov	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)	2.00pm – 6.00pm B meeting to commence on conclusion of A meeting
Fri 10th Nov		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 13th Nov	Organisation, Procedures & Finance County Council	4.00pm 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 14th Nov		
Wed 15th Nov		

Thurs 16th Nov		
Fri 17th Nov		

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	STARTING TIME
Mon 20th Nov	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	3.15pm – 5.15pm 6.00pm
Tues 21st Nov		
Wed 22nd Nov		
Thurs 23rd Nov	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A)	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 24th Nov		

DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 27th Nov	Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Tues 28th Nov	Housing SPC	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wed 29th Nov	Marine & Coastal Management SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 30th Nov		
Fri 1st Dec		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 4th Dec	Audit Committee	3.00pm – 6.00pm

Tues 5th Dec	Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 6th Dec	Howth Malahide ACM (Services A) Howth Malahide ACM (Services B)	3.00 p.m. B meeting to commence on conclusion of A Meeting
Thurs 7th Dec	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B)	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 8th Dec		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 11th Dec	County Council Meeting	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues 12th Dec	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 13th Dec	Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm

Thurs 14th Dec	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A)	2.00pm – 6.00pm A meeting to commence on conclusion of B meeting
Fri 15th Dec		
DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 18th Dec	Dublin & Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board	6.00pm
Tues 19th Dec	Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Howth SAAO Management Committee	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 21st Dec	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A) ***(Meeting a week early due to Christmas)***	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 22nd Dec		

DATE	**MEETING/FUNCTION**	**STARTING TIME**
Mon 25th Dec	**BANK HOLIDAY**	
Tues 26th Dec	**BANK HOLIDAY**	
Wed 27th Dec		
Thurs 28th Dec		
Fri 29th Dec		

July Council Meeting (1st Monday = 3rd July 2023)

Finance Matters

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the Members on the Financial Standing of the Council, including the Standard Monthly Report on both income and expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account and matters affecting Council finances.

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 203

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2023

Item No. 17c

Prioritising Plans & Projects arising out the Development Plan, 2023 – 2029.

Ms. Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, gave a presentation to the Members, outlining the requirement to prepare a priority list of plans for the lifetime of the development plan and the proposed criteria to be used.

Following discussion, the CPG recommended that the draft priority list of plans be prepared based on the criteria as outlined and this be brought to the members at the meeting scheduled for Friday, 30th of June.

Schedule of CPG Meetings – Sept – Dec 2023

September	Wednesday, 6th September @ 6:30pm *(following Howth Malahide ACM)*
October	Tuesday, 3rd October @ 5:00pm
November	Monday, 6th November @ 5:00pm
December	Monday, 4th December @ 5:00pm

Signed: Councillor Adrian Henchy
Mayor

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 18

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 18a

REPORT ON BORROWING REQUIREMENT – DELIVERY OF 30 COST RENTAL UNITS AT CHURCHFIELDS, MULHUDDART CO DUBLIN

The current phase (phase 3) of the housing development at Churchfields comprises 300 units with Part 11 planning broken down into 220 houses and 80 apartments. The tender process is under way for Phase 3 and it is expected to be on site in early Q4, 2023 with the delivery of new homes coming on stream in late 2024.

As outlined to Members at the OP&F meeting of 12 June 2023 the 300 units will include the delivery of 80 cost rental units to be funded through a combination of government subvention and debt finance with the debt being repaid from future rental income.

Approval for borrowing is a reserved function and the approval of the Council is now sought for the raising of a loan of €22m to fund this project. The approval will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

To enable an application for a loan facility to be made it will be necessary to adopt the following resolution:

"It is hereby resolved that a loan in the sum of €22m be raised for the purpose of funding the delivery of cost rental units at Churchfields Mulhuddart Co Dublin pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001"

This is for **adoption** by the members.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 18b

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

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

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

Approved Housing Body	***Location***	***Category of Need***	***No. of Housing Units of Accommodation***	***Approved Funding €***
Tuath	Hansfield Wood & Pipers Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	Homeless	147	€56,326,324

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.

This loan is subject to a mortgage agreement on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loan will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage 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.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 19

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES

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 1498

21st June 2023

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks**

An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of 1 no. substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate the provision of an electrical supply at the Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin which requires the disposal of land and the granting of a permanent wayleave to ESB Networks.

It is proposed, subject to the necessary statutory approvals, to dispose of land comprising 6 square meters approximately and to grant a permanent wayleave comprising of 1,384 square meters approximately at Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red and coloured in yellow respectively on Drawing No. 5989_07 LD/BS/3/23 dated 13th June 2023, 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. The land to be disposed of comprises 6 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. 5989_07 LD/BS/3/23 dated 13th June 2023.

2. The permanent wayleave comprises 1384 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. 5989_07 LD/BS/3/23 dated 13th June 2023.

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

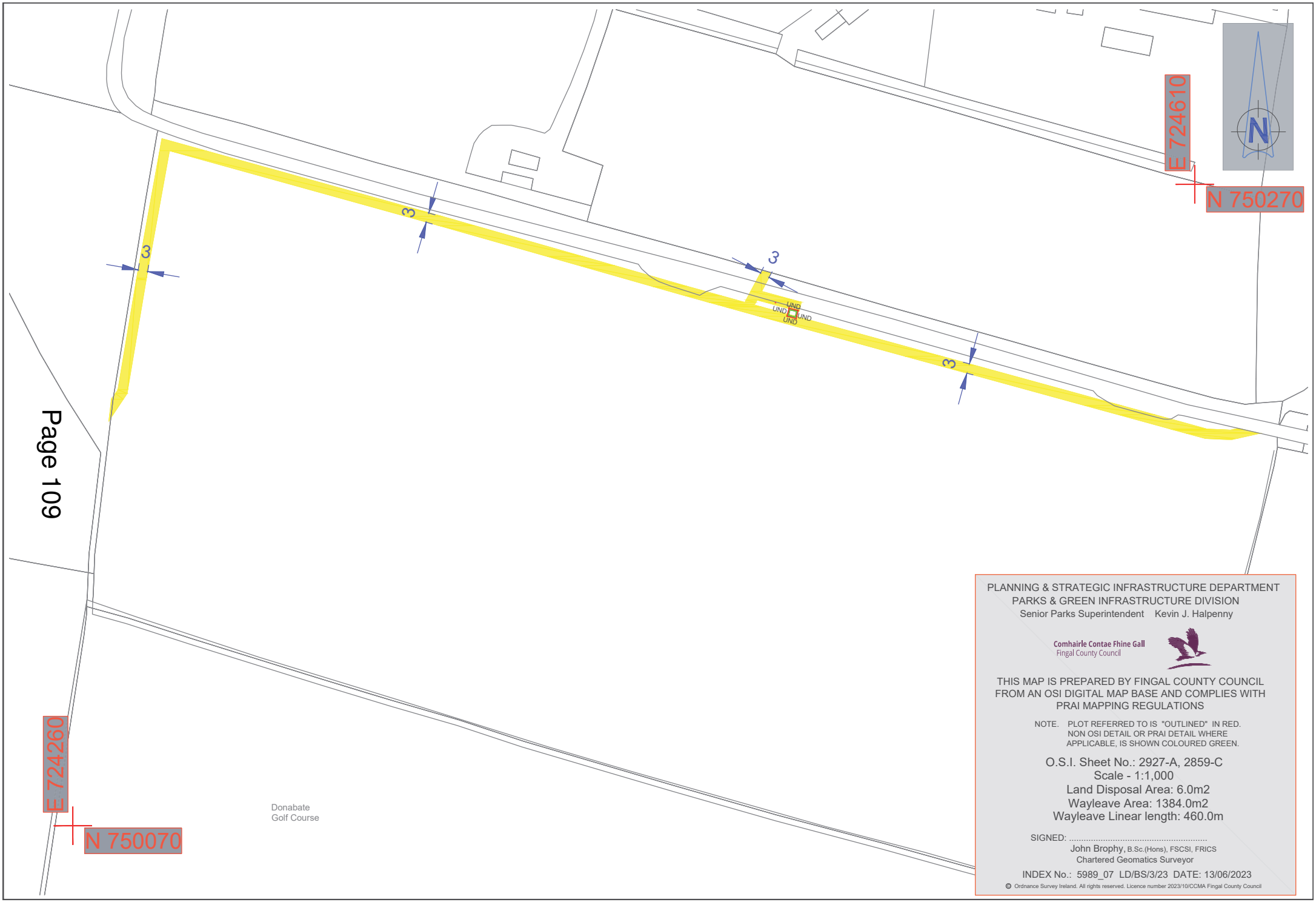
4. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from the Eastern Health Board in 1974 for Housing Purposes.

A briefing on this matter was given to the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee in advance of the July Council Meeting.

Aoife Brennan

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



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John Brophy, B.Sc.(Hons), FSCSI, FRICS
Chartered Geomatics Surveyor

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO 19b

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 persons as set out in the schedule, who have 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
29A Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 13/09/1975	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 20

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 20a

BALLYGOSSAN PARK, PHASE 1, SKERRIES,
CO DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

BC Number – 1727
Taking In Charge – Ballygossan Park
DED –Skerries. TL Skerries

Road Name	Length	Description
Road beginning from House Number 88 moving along south, at the end road of house number 103.	178m 195m	From the west road beginning right after house number 88 moving along south, passing through junction, where houses 98 and 99 are alongside moving further south along the way down passing the house number 103, (178m)
Road Beginning from House Number 88 moving all the way		Road beginning 52 and 51 crossing 2 junctions, moving further west passing house number 38 and

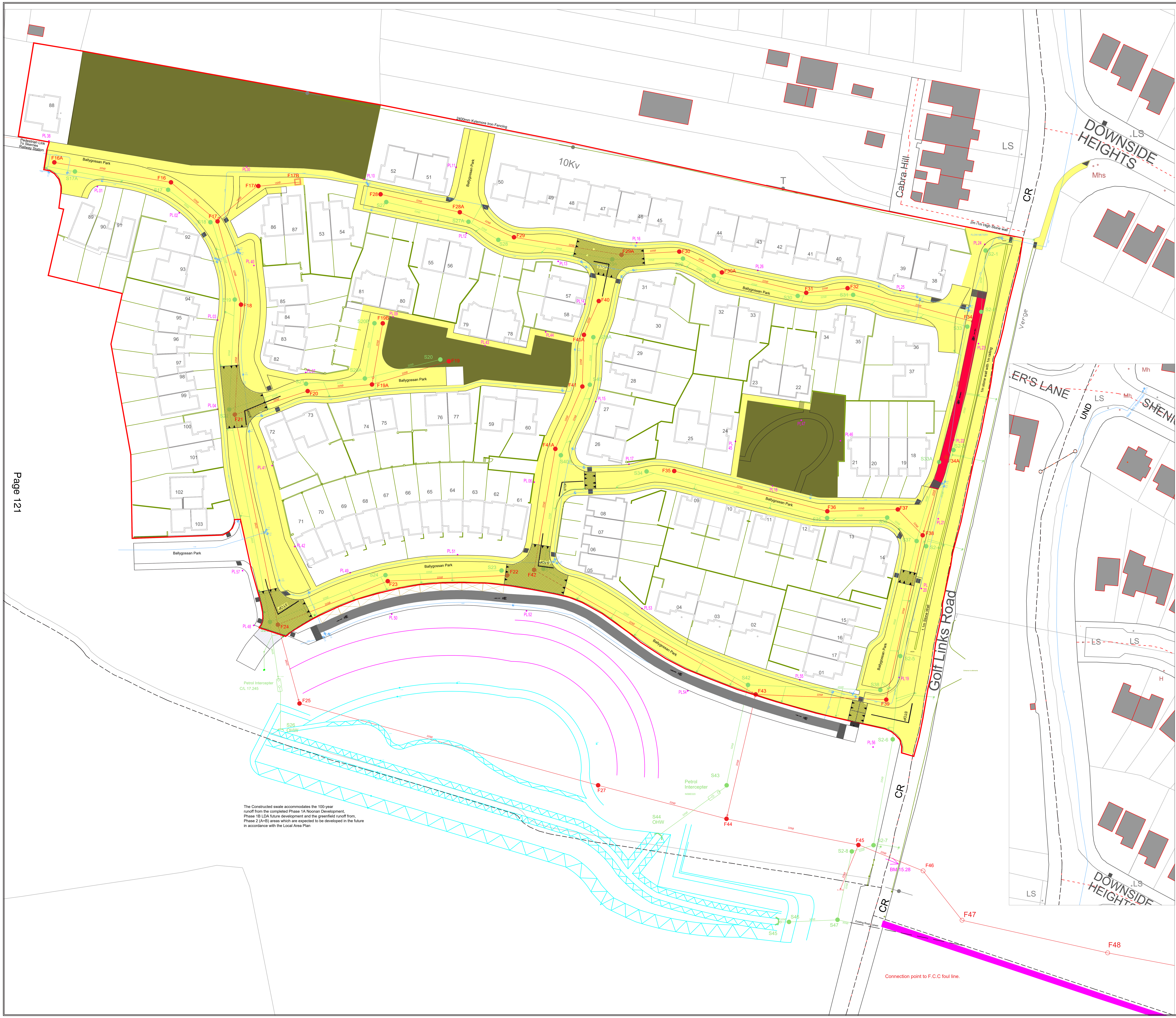
west entering the golf link Road		36.(195m)
Road beginning from the junction	29m	Road beginning from the junction, where house number 55 and 56 close by, moving towards the north passing house number 51 and 50, further at end of the road. (29m)
Road beginning from the junction	103m	Junction Across the house number 47 moving all the way down south passing through another junction where house number 08 and 61 are on the either side of the road, moving further down south at the end of the junction. (103m)
Road beginning from the junction	120m	Road beginning from the junction, close to the house number 61 moving along east joining the golf link road.(120m)
Road beginning from the junction	196m	From the south end of the junction road, after the house number 103, moving all the way to the east side passing through the junction, where house number 61 and 5 are on the either side, moving further east, joining the Golf link road. (196m)
Road beginning from the junction	66m	From the junction, close to the house 97,98 and 99 road moving along the east passing through a junction till end of house no 76(66m).

Road beginning from the junction	22m	Road beginning from house no 74 moving towards the north, where the road ends between house number 80 and 81(22m)
Golf Link Road	147m	From the very south end of the road close to house 01, moving towards north passing along the junction, where house number 14 and 18 are on the either side of the road and then moving further towards north, passing again through a junction where house number 36 and 38 are on either side of the road passing along furthermore towards end the kerb. (147m)
Total Unit = 103	**Total = 1056m**	

Footpath	Length	Description

Footpath beginning from the house number 89	130m	Footpath beginning from the house number 89 moving south till house no 103 (130m)
Footpath beginning from house 88	138m	Footpath moving east from house no 88 all the way to the end of house number 51. (138m)
Footpath beginning from the end of 50	160m	Footpath moving towards east from the end of house number 50 till house number 38, where the footpath ends. (160m)
Footpath beginning from house no 36. Small footpath for houses 22 and 23	246m 42m	Footpath beginning from the house number 36 moving west side till house number 31, going along the way south side till house number 26, and moving east till end of the footpath, where house no 18 is at the end. Small footpath along the side of house no 24, providing access for house no 23 and 22 (42m)
Footpath beginning house 14	269m	Footpath beginning from house no 14 moving west till house no 8, then moving south along the houses 7,6 and 5, further moving east right after house number 1 and further north back to house no 14. (269m)
Footpath beginning from house no 72.	256m	Footpath beginning from house no 72 moving south after the house number 71. Further moving east till the end of the house number 61 and further moving north till house number 60 and towards west till house number 72 forming a closed loop. (265m)
Footpath beginning house no 86	277m	Footpath beginning from house no 86 moving along north till the end of house number 82 and moving towards east along house number 80 and 81 moving further east, and then moving towards north moving

		along the houses 58 and 57, passing along the west till the end of the footpath.(277m)
Footpath joining golf link road and Downside Heights	28m	On the west side, footpath joining from golf link road to downside heights (28m)
	Total= 1546m	



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STORM MANHOLE SCHEDULE:-			
MH No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S17A	24.08	22.83	225mm
S17	24.57	22.66	225mm
S18	24.57	22.49	225mm
S19	23.68	22.07	225mm
S20	24.59	22.62	225mm
S20A	23.51	21.63	225mm
S20B	24.27	22.69	225mm
S21	22.71	21.06	225mm
S22	22.14	20.41	225mm
S23	20.57	19.16	225mm
S24	20.28	18.77	225mm
S25	19.67	17.77	225mm
S26-OWH	15.62	14.80	225mm
S27	26.92	25.43	225mm
S27A	26.52	25.03	225mm
S28	26.08	24.20	225mm
S28A	24.59	22.98	225mm
S29	23.95	22.48	225mm
S29A	23.47	21.95	225mm
S30	22.22	20.77	225mm
S31	21.43	19.94	225mm
S33	20.05	18.22	225mm
S33A	18.91	17.34	225mm
S34	20.83	19.37	225mm
S35	18.92	17.37	225mm
S36	18.39	16.82	225mm
S37	18.05	16.41	225mm
S38	16.7	15.25	225mm
S39A	23.4	21.91	225mm
S40	22.73	21.21	225mm
S40A	21.66	20.11	225mm
S41	20.75	19.12	225mm
S42	17.47	15.05	225mm
S43	16.81	14.98	225mm
S44-OHW	15.75	14.81	225mm
S45	15.46	14.60	225mm
S46	15.46	12.42	225mm
S47	13.23	12.34	225mm
S2-1	19.46	18.03	225mm
S2-2	19.72	17.89	225mm
S2-3	18.92	17.11	225mm
S2-4	18.11	16.58	225mm
S2-5	16.97	15.39	225mm
S2-6	16.08	14.47	225mm
S2-7	14.30	12.68	225mm
S2-8	14.47	12.595	225mm

FOUL MANHOLE SCHEDULE:-			
MH No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F16A	24.02	22.54	225mm
F16	24.59	21.89	225mm
F17	24.58	21.60	225mm
F17A	25.42	23.24	225mm
F17B	25.97	24.67	225mm
F18	23.66	21.21	225mm
F19	24.56	22.59	225mm
F19A	23.56	22.01	225mm
F19B	24.31	22.96	225mm
F20	22.64	21.04	225mm
F21	22.12	19.94	225mm
F22	20.58	18.90	225mm
F23	20.25	18.10	225mm
F24	19.64	17.32	225mm
F25	15.82	13.36	225mm
F27	16.29	12.63	225mm
F28	27.00	25.39	225mm
F28A	26.69	25.12	225mm
F29	25.97	24.21	225mm
F30	24.08	22.31	225mm
F30A	23.45	21.90	225mm
F31	22.14	20.64	225mm
F32	21.55	20.06	225mm
F34	19.71	17.77	225mm
F34A	18.89	17.48	225mm
F35	20.60	19.00	225mm
F36	18.96	17.60	225mm
F37	18.42	16.63	225mm
F38	18.12	15.61	B.D 16.57
			225mm
F40	24.02	22.25	225mm
F40A	23.49	21.98	225mm
F41	22.75	21.33	225mm
F41A	21.76	20.34	225mm
F42	20.76	18.68	225mm
F43	17.36	14.73	B.D 15.83
			225mm
F44	15.56	12.36	B.D 13.90
			225mm
F45	14.34	11.97	225mm

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: March 2023	SURVEYED BY: D. Gormley		
CHECKED BY: D. Gormley	DRAWN BY: Y. Cao		
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . 1727		
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LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Ballygossan Park Phase 1, Skerries
Skerries Skerries

OFFERED FOR TAKING IN CHARGE
Foul Water
Water Mains
Surface Water
Lamp Post
HYD Hydrant
SV

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3RD JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 20b

ENTRANCE OFF ROUNDABOUT ON R121 OPPOSITE THE BOULEVARD, BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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 and footpath be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – BC1729
Taking In Charge –
DED – Blanchardstown. TL Blanchardstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Northside Footpath	21m	From the north of the footpath, a point before the tactile pavings moving towards the south, or towards the entrance point, on the top of the kerb, after tactile paving. (21m)

Entrance Road	17m	Road beginning from the north side close to the footpath moving towards the entrance to the end of the gully point. (17m)
Exit Road	18m	Road beginning from the east side, or the exit. Beginning from the gully points moving southwest. (18m)
Southside Footpath	10m	Footpath beginning from east side close to the exit point, moving along southwest side, Point after the tactile pavings. (10m)
Total	66m	

Bealing Cres
The Blvd
Gazelle Walk
Gazelle Ln
The Blvd
Bishops Orchard
Cruiserath Dr
Tyrrelstown Way
Ballentree Dr
Ballentree Cres
Ballentree Ave
Threads Art
Xcellent PC
Anderson Heating Bathrooms
Hegartys
R121
Curragh Hall Dr
Curragh Hall Green Park
PD Dublin Bathroom
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DATE: March 2023	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: Y. Cao	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . 1729	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite the Boulevord Blanchardstown Blanchardstown

OFFERED FOR TAKING IN CHARGE

Foul Sewer

Water Mains

Surface Water

HYD Hydrant

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd July 2023

ITEM NO. 20c

RAHILLION PHASE 2, DONABATE, CO DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

BC Number –1730
Taking In Charge –
DED –Donabate TL Donabate

Road Name	Length	Description
Rahillion walk	80m	From the north, Road beginning from the Rahillion Parkland moving towards the south, moving through the Rahillion Way junction, till a point where the houses No 1 and 2 are on the opposite side of the road(80m)
Rahillion Way	288m	From the junction intersecting Rahillion walk and Rahillion way moving towards the east intersecting through Rahillion Park and Rahillion Place, further moving east right before Rahillion Drive. There is a small strip of road with cobblestone opposite to House Number 13.

Rahillion Park Rahillion Park	72m 70m	Road beginning from the junction intersecting Rahillion Way and Rahillion Park moving towards the south and there is small strip of pavement moving along towards southeast. Another road called Rahillion park from a point intersecting from Rahillion way moving towards the south, to a point that is adjacent to the Houses No 11 to 6. In addition, there is a small pavement that moves further south, as far as the tactile paving.
Rahillion Place	98m	Road moving south from Rahillion Way to the cul-de-sac which is surrounded by the residential properties.
Total Units = 63	Total = 608m	

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Rahillion

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Rahillion

SURFACE WATER SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S3-01	9.10	7.845		S1-01	7.62	6.474	
			225mm				300mm
S3-02	8.89	7.536		S1-02	8.01	6.339	
			225mm			S1-02 to S1-08:	300mm
S3-03	8.77	7.467		S1-03	7.35	6.538	
			225mm				225mm
S3-04	8.68	7.257		S1-04	7.43	6.371	
			300mm				300mm
S3-05	8.45	7.047		S1-05	9.19	6.30	
			300mm				300mm
S3-06	7.61	6.701		S1-06	9.07	6.231	
			300mm				300mm
S3-07	7.90	6.44		S1-07	8.9	6.16	
			375mm				300mm
S3-07a	7.12	4.85		S1-08	8.9	5.331	
		S3-07a to S3-09:	375mm			S1-08 to S1-10:	375mm
S3-08	6.52	4.52		S1-09	7.93	6.53	
			300mm				225mm
S3-09	6.81	4.398		S1-10	8.99	5.919	
			525mm				450mm
S3-11	6.79	4.29		S1-11	8.98	5.818	
			525mm			S1-11 to S1-13:	450mm
S3-12	6.47	4.062		S1-12	9.52	8.153	
			525mm				225mm
lass 1 Bypass Separator	6.37			S1-13	8.94	5.789	
S3-Hydrobrake	6.13	3.869					450mm
			300mm	S1-16	8.77	5.621	
Connection to existing Ditch Drainage System							450mm
				S1-17	8.68	5.629	
S3-10b	6.75	4.526					450mm
		S3-10b to S3-10:	225mm	S1-18	8.52	5.071	
S3-10a	6.8	4.925					450mm
			225mm	SMH6-Ex (EXISTING)	8.42	1.92	
S3-10c	6.77	4.653					
			225mm	S1-14	7.74	6.14	
S3-10d	6.8	4.644					225mm
			225mm	S1-15	7.62	6.012	
S3-10	6.9	4.384					225mm
			225mm	Connect to SMH6-Ex (Existing) via S1-16			
S3-11	6.79	4.29					
			525mm	S2-01	8.10	6.249	
S3-12	6.47	4.062					225mm
			525mm	S2-02	6.89	5.286	
lass 1 Bypass Separator	6.37						225mm
S3-Hydrobrake	6.13	3.869		S2-03	6.38	4.961	
			300mm				225mm
Connection to existing Ditch Drainage System				S2Rtn (EXISTING)	5.74	4.792	

FOUL SEWER				FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAME
F1-01	9.44	8.121		F4-01	7.66	6.553	
		F1-01 to F1-02:	225mm				225mm
F1-02a	9.02	7.391		F4-03	7.96	6.035	
			225mm				225mm
F1-02	8.92	7.075		F4-04	8.47	5.684	
			225mm			F4-04 to F4-10:	225mm
F1-03	7.75	6.51		F4-05	7.42	6.563	
			225mm				225mm
F10-Ex (EXISTING)	7.46	6.395		F4-06	7.51	6.466	
							225mm
F2-01	9.09	7.742		F4-07	9.16	6.194	
			225mm				225mm
F2-02	9.12	7.073		F4-08	8.93	5.906	
			225mm				225mm
F2-03	7.86	5.975		F4-09	8.83	5.842	
			225mm				225mm
F3.2-Ex (EXISTING)	7.13	5.659		F4-10	8.57	5.629	
							225mm
F3-01	9.16	7.596		F4-11	8.05	5.503	
			225mm				225mm
F3-02	9.07	7.323		F4-12	6.04	5.25	
		F3-02 to F3-04:	225mm				225mm
F3-03	8.99	7.711		F5.3 (EXISTING)	5.63	4.92	
			225mm				
F3-04	8.82	6.668		F4-19	6.71	5.981	
			225mm			F4-19 to F4-17:	150mm
F3-05	7.96	6.34		F4-18	6.79	6.016	
			225mm				150mm
F3.06	7.57	5.892		F4-17	6.87	5.899	
			225mm			F4-17 to F4-15:	225mm
F3-07	7.02	5.52		F4-16	7.07	5.917	
			225mm				225mm
F3.1-Ex (EXISTING)	6.83	5.473		F4-15	6.86	5.831	
							225mm
				F4-14	6.62	5.768	
							225mm
				F4-13	6.36	5.7	
							225mm
				F4-12	6.04	5.25	
							225mm
				F5.3 (EXISTING)	5.63	4.92	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

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TAKING IN CHARGE: Rahillion Phase 2, Donabate
Donabate Donabate

OFFERED FOR TAKING IN CHARGE
COBBLESTONE
Surface Water
Lamp Post
Foul Water
Water Mains

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July 2023

Agenda Item no. 21

PART XI/001/21
Proposed development of 6 no. single-storey dwellings at Garristown, Co. Dublin

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended):

INTRODUCTION

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council (FCC) of 6 no. single-storey dwellings at Garristown, Co. Dublin.

The proposed development consists of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works. The site is located at Garristown, Co. Dublin, off the R130, approximately 50m from Chapel Lane to the west and 250m from Garristown village centre. Proposed site works consist of 4 no. car parking spaces (2 no. accessible) plus 1 no. temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point. A new vehicle entrance is proposed off the R130. Other associated site works include a landscaped communal green, with raised planters, and an external seating area. Site clearance works include the removal of the foundations of a former agricultural building.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice:
In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013, Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in the Irish Times and Irish Independent on Monday 19th December 2022. One copy of the Site Notice was erected on site on the same date.

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

- Irish Water

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:
Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Monday 19th December 2022 to Wednesday 25th January 2023 and submissions were accepted from Monday 19th December 2022 to Friday 10th February 2023, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: Director of Housing and Community, Housing Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are included in Appendix A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. A total of 29 submissions were received during the statutory timeframe. All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended which states that a report shall:

(i) "Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area."

(ii)"Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

(iii) "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2"

(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

(v)"Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

REPORT

(i) Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.

Site description and planning context:

The subject site is located within the rural village of Garristown, Co Dublin. The site is an undeveloped green field and is bounded by trees hedges and a field access gate along the R130 to the north. The site is accessed directly off the R130, which is the approach road to the east of Garristown village. The site has single houses located to both the east and west of the site, and there is an undeveloped green field to the south.

It should be noted that the development went on public display in December 2022 and was expected to be brought to the council in March 2023 under the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, prior to the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which came into effect on Wednesday April 5th, 2023. During the public consultation process two submissions were made requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its power under article 120(3)(b) of the Planning Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed development, therefore the Part XI process was paused until the Board made their determination on 26/06/2023. This proposal is now assessed under the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, in this regard it should be noted that there has been no changes in polices or objetives in the 2023 Development Plan.

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Zoning Objective: RV – Rural Village
"Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved land use plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure."

Vision:
"Protect and promote established villages within the rural landscape where people can settle and have access to community services, including remote work hubs. The villages are areas within the rural landscape where housing needs can be satisfied with minimal harm to the countryside and surrounding environment. The villages will serve their rural catchment, provide local services and smaller scale rural enterprises. Levels of growth will be managed through approved land use plans to ensure that a critical mass for local services is encouraged without providing for growth beyond local need and unsustainable commuting patterns."

The scheme has been designed in accordance with the 'Garristown Local Area Plan 2010', and the 'Garristown Village Design Framework Plan 2010'.

The Garristown LAP was adopted on the 13th September 2010 and was subsequently extended on the 12th July 2017. Under the LAP the subject site was located within 'Existing Development Area of Village.'

The Garristown LAP expired on the 12th July 2020 having been extended in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended.

The site is located within the Garristown Master Plan Area MP2.B and is listed within the Schedule of Masterplans to be commenced over the Plan period within Table 2.18 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and it is noted below this table that a list of Masterplans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan will drafted by the Planning Department on the Council's priorities and subject to resources. The site is also indicated on Fingal North Sheet 2 Sheet No. 14 'Green Infrastructure 1' of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 as being within a 'Highly Sensitive Landscape'.

The application site has an area of 0.18 Ha, and falls approximately 2.1m from the south towards the north. The surrounding context is characterized by the distinctive heritage of Garristown village, the rural topography of the elevated setting, and by the immediate context of detached dwellings in residential ribbon development and green fields. There are no existing buildings on the site, and the site is overgrown with trees and vegetation.

The Development Proposal:

The proposed development consists of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works. The site is located at Garristown, Co. Dublin, off the R130, approximately 50m from Chapel Lane to the west and 250m from Garristown village centre. Proposed site works consist of 4 no. car parking spaces (2 no. accessible) plus 1 no. temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point. A new vehicle entrance is proposed off the R130. Other associated site works include a landscaped communal green, with raised planters, and an external seating area. Site clearance works include the removal of the foundations of a former agricultural building.

The dwellings within the scheme are all single storey with ridge heights of approximately 6.2 metres. Material finishes comprise brick, stone, and render for the external walls and slate effect concrete tiles for the roof.

Mix of units:

This proposed development of Sheltered Housing units include:

One-bedroom units	3 no.
Two-bedroom units	3 no.
TOTAL	6 no.

It is considered that the proposal will make a positive contribution to the existing dwelling mix in the locality by providing dwelling types which are not currently available.

"*The LAP proposes a number of single storey homes interspersed within Development Areas… specifically to suit the accommodation needs of the elderly in the community who may wish to trade down to a smaller house, or for those who wish to relocate from the rural hinterland to live closer to services in the village."* – Garristown Local Area Plan (2010)

The proposal is in accordance with the proviosons of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 above, although it is noted that this LAP has expired.

Residential Density:

The site is currently an undeveloped greenfield site within a small rural village. Suitable densities within small village settlements, as defined in the Sustainable Residential Development Guidelines 2009, are:

- Centrally located sites: 30-40+ dwellings per hectare
- Edge of centre sites: 20-35 dwellings per hectare

The area of the site available for the proposed development of is 0.18 Ha, giving a density of 33 dwellings per hectare. Applying a graduated approach to densities, the density of the proposed development in this small rural village location with its existing setting and mix is considered acceptable given the nature and use of the proposed development.

Public Open Space:

In terms of public open space, the proposed development site comprises 0.18 Ha and 11.7% of this is to be public open space which is in excess of the required 10% under the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 states under Table 14.12 that within new residential development on greenfield sites/LAP lands that the minimum public open space standards shall be between 12% to 15% of the site area. The current proposal is below these standards however it is noted that Objective DMSO40 Open space standard for Age Friendly Housing within the Fingal development Plan 2023-2029 states that Accept reduced open space quantity standards for certain developments,

namely residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation where a reduction is deemed appropriate by virtue of the specific open space needs of the residents and where suitable accessible green open space is available. High quality open space and landscaping plans shall be submitted with planning applications for these developments. Given the location of the proposal within the rural village with access to nearby open space facilities combined with the provisions of Objective DMSO40, the quantum of open space to be provided is considered acceptable.

Private Open Space:

The proposed dwellings are all provided with an area of private open space, all of which exceed the minimum requirement of 60 sq.m. of private open space located behind the front building line of the house as defined in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Site Access and Car Parking Provision:

Shared vehicular access to the site is positioned in the approximate location of the existing entrance gate. Vegetation will be removed to create a verge for adequate site lines, please refer to the site plan which show a new strip of lawn to the roadside. New hedgerow consisting of species native to the area will be reinstated inside the line of visibility.

A total of 5 no. shared car parking spaces are proposed, based on the rates below:

Sheltered Housing	0.5 per unit	3
Visitor parking	1 per 5 units	1
Additional set-down space		1
TOTAL		5

These spaces consist of 4 no. car parking spaces as per the development plan standards, plus 1 no. additional temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point.

Separation Distances:

Separation distances of minimum 2.3m are provided between houses, as per Objective DMS026 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Having regard to the single storey nature of the proposal, its design and separation distance to adjoining properties, no significant impacts are anticipated on the residential amenities of the area or on adjoining property from the proposal. No significant overshadowing or overlooking is anticipated (within the scheme or on property outside the

scheme) having regard to the layout and design of the dwellings and subject to appropriate landscaping / screening being implemented.

Refuse Storage and Bins:

A communal bin storage is provided to the front of the site adjacent to the shared vehicular entrance. This is to facilitate refuse pickup from the road as per surrounding developments.

Design Standards:

The following documents have been consulted in the pre-planning design stage:

- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP, 2023-2029)
- Garristown Local Area Plan 2010 (LAP)
- Garristown Village Design Framework 2010
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DEHLG, 2007)
- Design Manual for Quality Housing (DHLGH, 2009)
- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas; Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG, 2009)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS, 2013)
- Technical Guidance Documents Part A to M of the Building Regulations

In the interest of safeguarding standards, all units follow the minimum floor area standards and individual room space standards in Fingal Development Plan 2017-23.

Landscape design:

The proposed communal green positioned to the front of the site aims to add to the public realm while presenting a welcoming character and reducing the massing visible from the roadside when entering the rural settlement.

Both the public open space, and all rear garden spaces, exceeding 60sqm, are considered acceptable for this proposal. New hedging to the roadside will be beech or hornbeam; the planting strategy envisages a mix of indigenous species acceptable to the council. Benches will be provided to the communal green to encourage use. Each home has a side gate access, and gardens are screened from the public open space by timber fencing.

Raised planters have been included as they are more accessible for the elderly and can also be used for rainwater attenuation. They are positioned to demarcate semi-private threshold spaces, define the forecourts, deal with level changes, and screen the parking.

Hard landscaping will consist of a shared surface for parking and pedestrians with subtle demarcations for parking spaces and circulation zones. Finishes will be of high-quality stone and concrete paving to avoid unsightly expanses of tarmac.

Recessed entrances to each home provide shelter in inclement weather and include seating to encourage social use. These integral benches and raised planters also form purposeful defensible space that act as a buffer between the public footpaths and the private dwellings.

EIA and AA:

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report were prepared and displayed as part of the Part XI public consultation process to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment.

The proposed development is below the stated thresholds requiring mandatory EIA and it has been concluded that having regard to the nature and characteristics of the proposed development there is no likely significant effect, indirect or direct, on the receiving environment, either on its own or cumulatively with other development, therefore, an environmental impact assessment and the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

The AA screening concluded that the proposed development at the Garristown site, either alone or in-combination with other plans and/or projects, does not have the potential to significantly affect any European site, in light of their conservation objectives. Therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is deemed not to be required.

Public Consultation documents:

Details relating to the plans and which were made available for inspection during the Public Consultation Period, are included in Appendix A.

EIA Screening Determination by An Bord Pleanála (ABP):

During the public consultation process two submissions from Garristown Biodiversity Group and Norman Verso were made requesting ABP to exercise its power under article 120(3)(b) of the Planning Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed development.

Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR) prepared and submitted a detailed response letter, on behalf of FCC, to ABP on the 14/02/2023. The following documents were submitted as part of the further requirements to Schedule 7 as requested by ABP and to address the issues raised by the 2no. third party submissions:

- Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) undertaken by Altemar Marine and Environmental Consultancy;
- An addendum from the applicant's arborist, in this case an email from Keith Mitchell of Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd, further addressing the loss of trees on site following his initial tree survey and report.

In summary, CSR's detailed response letter, and the associated EcIA and Arborist Addendum, have addressed the issues raised in the submissions received on the need for the Board to adjudicate on the need for an EIAR.
An Bord Pleanála determined on the 20th of June 2023 that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and accordingly, that the preparation and submission of and Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not therefore required.

Copies of the correspondence with ABP are included within Appendix D of this report.

(ii) "evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

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

Please refer to the **Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report PARTXI/001/21** in Appendix C, which concludes that:

The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the 'RV' Rural village zoning objective of the subject site and would accord with the relevant objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

The Preliminary Planning Report noted a number of issues which were to be addressed at different stages; prior to public display, during detailed design and construction stage, or prior to commencement of the works on site. These issues have been addressed prior to public display, or will be addressed at the appropriate stage of the project development.

(vi) "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2:

A total of 29no. submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

- Garristown Community Council
- Garristown Biodiversity Group
- Colette & Ray Nolan
- Bairbre & Gary Carthy
- Jonathan Molloy & Rebecca Clarke
- Robert & Catriona Quinn
- Damien & Majella Carolan
- Fiona & Brian Mullaney
- Celine Wogan
- Pauline & Philip Wogan
- Priscilla & David McDonnell

- Noeleen & Norman Verso
- Ciara & Jim Kane
- Colette & Ray Nolan
- Mary Rice
- Martin & Orla Cahalane
- Eugenia Madden
- Gina & Gary Glennon
- Karen Haugh & Terry Mooney
- Alieen Ball
- Dermot & Maureen Timmins
- Patricia Wright
- Chris & Aoife Kavanagh
- Pauline Mulvaney
- Janet Quinn & Declan Cronin
- Michael & Karen Lynch
- Sean & Edele Robertson
- Valerie Gunning
- Liam McCarthy

(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

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

(v) "Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

In response to the issues raised in the submissions and observations received during the public consultation process as outlined in Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, it is recommended that due to the rural location of the site the shared car parking provision is to be increased from 5no. car parking spaces to 6no. car parking spaces total, therefore providing 1no. car parking space per dwelling unit.

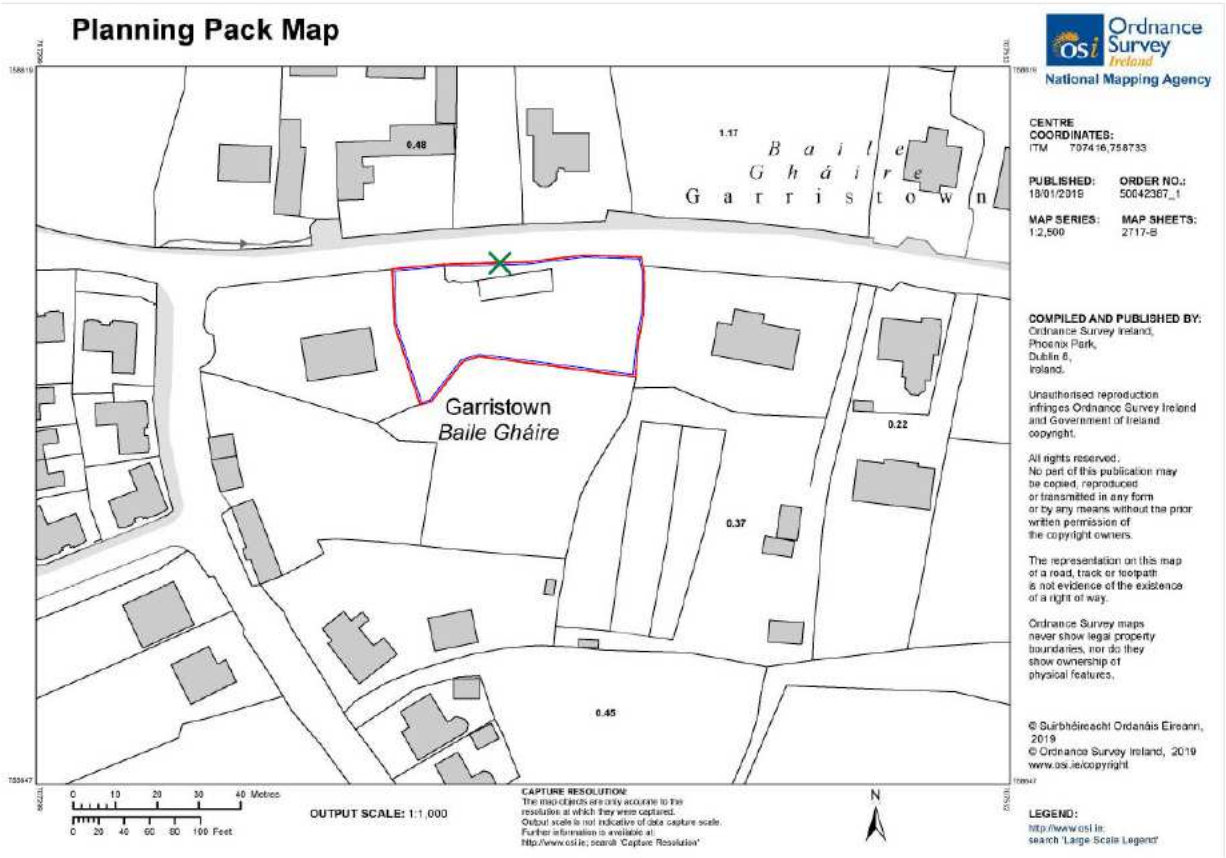
It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A, the revised site plan included in Appendix B, and subject to the recommendations contained within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report included in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A:

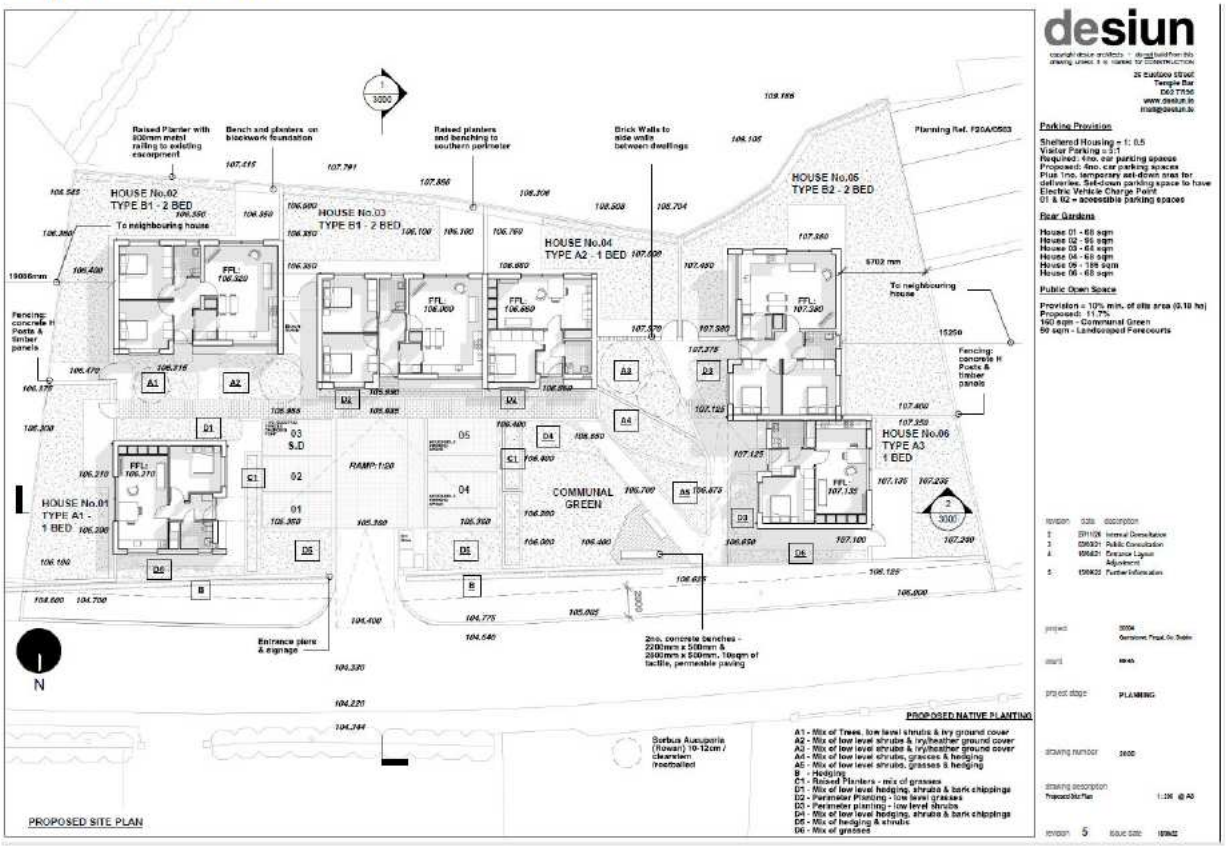
The Notice of the Proposed Development and the Plans and Particulars describing the nature, extent, and principal features thereof, was made available for inspection during Public Consultation. This included:

No	Title	Contents
00	Notices	- Site Notice - Newspaper Notices
01	Architecture	- Architectural Design Statement - Drawing Issue Sheet - Site Location - OS Map - Proposed Site Plan - Architectural Drawing Package
02	Civil & Structural	- Drainage Report - Proposed Drainage Layout Plan
03	Landscape	- Proposed Landscaping Plan - Tree Survey Report & Drawings
04	Surveys	- Topographic Survey
05	Ecology	- AA Screening Report - EIA Screening Report

Site Location Map



Proposed Site Plan



APPENDIX B:

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

Issue	Response of the Chief Executive
Planning & General matters	
Concerns that under the Development Plan *rapid expansion will not be permitted in Rural villages*	The proposed development is a scheme of six single storey sheltered housing dwellings designated for people over the age of 55. The proposed development as a modest scheme of 6no. residential units is not considered a rapid expansion of Garristown village.
Concerns that the proposed development is not in keeping with the Development Plan which encourages development in centre of villages	The site is located within the boundary of the Garristown village and is zoned RV – Rural village, *"Protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure,"* in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The site is located within the Garristown RV1 Boundary and is zoned *"Existing development area of village"* within the Garristown Local Area Plan (LAP) 2010. It is considered that this development is within the centre of the village boundaries, and it is noted that the LAP has identified additional sites (potential residential development areas 8 & 9) located opposite the site and further out to the east boundary of the village along the R130
Concerns that the Garristown Local Area Plan 2010 has expired	*"The scheme has been designed in accordance with the 'Garristown Local Area Plan 2010', and the 'Garristown Village Design Framework Plan 2010'. The project attempts to achieve the aims set out in these documents by providing a sustainable, community centred design appropriate to its village setting."* – DeSiun Architects, Design Statement. A new masterplan for Garristown is scheduled to be commenced as part of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The proposed development is considered appropriate development within the Garristown village boundary.
Concerns the plot / site is too small for 6 dwellings and is an unsuitable location for housing senior citizens	*"The project consists of six dwellings, three 2-bed homes and three 1-bed homes and associated landscaping and site works.* *The site is zoned as an 'Existing development area of village' in the Garristown LAP...* *In terms of sustainable growth highlighted as a necessity for the future economic and social life of the village, the proposal is of an appropriate high density for a single storey development while retaining a human scale to the whole that is proportionate to the character of the village."* – DeSiun Architects, Design Statement "***The LAP proposes a number of single storey homes*** *interspersed within Development Areas 1, 3, 5, and 6, specifically* ***to suit the accommodation needs of the elderly*** *in the community who may wish to trade down to a smaller house, or for those who wish to relocate from the rural hinterland to live closer to services in the village.* ***The specified locations do not preclude the development of this type of dwelling in the remaining residential development areas.***" – Garristown LAP (2010)

Concerns regarding insufficient local facilities to cope with the increasing population. GP / Healthcare / Pharmacy Facilities / no full-time Garda presence	*The proposed development of six single storey dwellings is in keeping with the Garristown LAP, "to suit the accommodation needs of the elderly in the community who may wish to trade down to a smaller house, or for those who wish to relocate from the rural hinterland to live closer to services in the village..."* – Garristown LAP (2010).
Concerns the development is not in keeping with character of Garristown village / Preserving the village character, heritage, and local identity	*"In terms of sustainable growth highlighted as a necessity for the future economic and social life of the village, the proposal is of an appropriate high density for a single storey development while retaining a human scale to the whole that is proportionate to the character of the village. Similar to the multi-housing development off Chapel Lane, this is befitting its location close to the centre of the village.... The site layout has been developed to create a 'village courtyard' composed of single storey homes; three houses are clustered around two forecourts set back off a communal green. There is no legible building line established by the adjacent detached properties. The site entrance and shared open space is therefore framed by two gables that face onto the road and bookend the development."* – DeSiun Architects, Design Statement
Concerns that the development is not a local housing need and is not controlled development of the village	The proposed development is a modest scheme of six single storey sheltered housing dwellings ***"to suit the accommodation needs of the elderly in the community who may wish to trade down to a smaller house, or for those who wish to relocate from the rural hinterland to live closer to services in the village..."*** – Garristown LAP (2010). Under phasing of development in the Garristown LAP (2010) there is an objective *"... that no one planning application for residential development shall be for more than 15 no. dwellings." Therefore, it is considered that the scheme is an appropriate scale of phased residential development in Garristown.*
Concerns that *under the Garristown Village Design Framework Plan the site was designated an edge of the village area, intended as a low-density scheme of individual houses loosely gathered in clusters with generous front and rear gardens. On this basis the proposed development is clearly in contravention of this framework as many of the proposed houses have no front garden...*	The proposed development site under the Garristown Village Design Framework Plan 2010 is not specifically designated as an edge of village development area and the reference to *"low density scheme of individual houses, loosely gathered in clusters with generous front and rear gardens"* relates specifically to development area 4 which is located to the southern boundary of Garristown village. Therefore, the proposed scheme is not in contravention of the Framework. *"Both the public open space, exceeding 10%, and all rear garden spaces, exceeding 60sqm, are above the minimum open space requirements"* – DeSiun Architects, Design Statement.
Transport, Roads, and Infrastructure matters	
Concerns there is insufficient car parking spaces in the proposed development for elderly residents, carers, and visitors. / Overflow parking dangers onto R130 creating traffic issues, health & safety risks, potential obstruction of footpaths for pedestrian use	In accordance with the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2022 the car parking provision for sheltered housing at a ratio of 0.5 spaces per unit, plus 1 visitor parking space per 5 units, therefore requiring a total of 4no. car parking spaces. These have been provided with an additional space, for use as a temporary set-down area for deliveries. Given the rural location of the proposed development it is now proposed to increase this provision to 6no. car parking spaces total within the site, therefore providing 1no. car parking space per dwelling unit. It is noted that the car parking standards for sheltered housing have not changed in the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Concerns whether a Road Safety Audit (RSA) has been performed	It is not proposed to make changes to the existing road infrastructure outside of the site boundary, as this is outside of the scope of this Part XI application, therefore an RSA is not required.
Concerns that the R130 is a major arterial route. Are there adequate sightlines? / Proposed natural stone & hedge boundary should be constructed in the same line as adjacent properties to facilitate traffic sightlines from Chapel Lane onto the R130	The R130 is classified as a Regional Road under the Roads Act 1993 (Classification of Regional Roads) Order 2012. "*A new stone wall, proposed in the traditional construction method, will align with the neighbour's boundary wall and a grass verge will be extended in front of the proposal. Shared vehicular access to the site is positioned in the approximate location of the existing entrance gate. Vegetation will be removed to create a verge for adequate site lines, please refer to the site plan which show a new strip of lawn to the roadside. New hedgerow consisting of species native to the area will be reinstated inside the line of visibility."* – DeSiun Architects, Design Statement *"The applicant has provided a sightline drawing for the proposed development. The applicant has shown sightlines of 70m from a setback of 2.4m to the centreline of the road. DMURS standards require a sightline distance of 49m at this location, on approach to the rural village with a speed limit of 50km/hr. As there is a continuous white line along this section of the R130 prohibiting overtaking, sightlines to the West of the proposed development are taken to the centre of the road and are in excess of the 49m required. This is acceptable to the Transport Planning section."* – Internal Consultation Report.
Concerns regarding Footpath widths and safe pedestrian crossing / existing footpath towards the village is located on the opposite side of the road and is too narrow for wheelchair users (800mm – 1000mm width)	It is not proposed to make changes to the existing public road and footpath infrastructure outside of the site boundary, as this is outside of the scope of this Part XI application.
Concerns regarding pedestrian and Mobility Access for 55 and older residents / steep incline from the site towards the centre of the village	The proposed development is located at the bottom on an incline relative to the main street of the village. The average gradient between the site and the main street via the Grallagh Road / R130 is 1:20 (it is noted that this route starts as a gently sloped route of 1:24 at the site and changes to a steeper gradient of 1:17 on approach to main street). There is an alternative route to the main street via Chapel Lane, this route has an average gradient of 1:27 which is considered a gently sloped route (this route starts at a gradient of 1:24 at the site and improves to 1:29 on approach to main street via Chapel Lane).
Concerns regarding Ambulance, Fire Brigade, and Bin Truck Access	Technical Guidance Document B, Vol. 2, Dwelling Houses, Section 5 covers the requirement, B10, Access and Facilities for the fire service. Subsection 5.4.2 states: *"5.4.2 Provision of Vehicle Access For effective firefighting operations, fire brigade appliances should be able to get within 45 m of the principal entrance to the dwelling house."* All units are within 45m of the roadway and comfortably meet this requirement. It is not envisaged that a bin truck will enter the development. The proposed bin storage area is located close to the entrance of the site which would be collected from the roadside in the same manner as the other dwellings along this stretch of roadway.

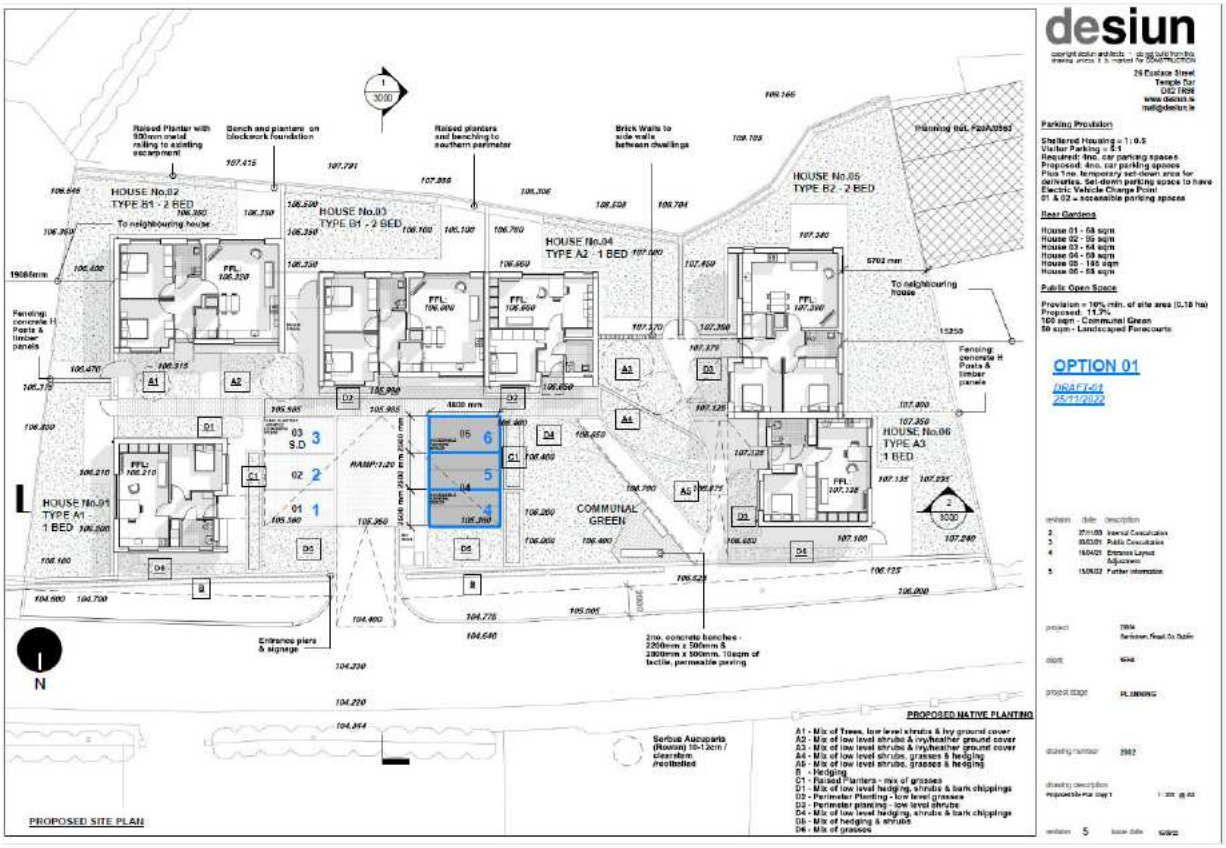
Concerns regarding width of existing road and large vehicle issues / Traffic / Roads	It is not proposed to make changes to the existing road infrastructure outside of the site boundary as this is outside of the scope of this Part XI application. An approved traffic management plan will be a requirement from the appointed contractor prior to construction commencement.
Concerns that Public Transport is very limited in the area	There is an existing Local Bus Link, the 195 Ashbourne – Balbriggan, which serves Garristown village. This transport link via Ashbourne provides further connection to Dublin city, Swords, and Dublin airport, and connection to Drogheda via Balbriggan. It is proposed to provide 1no. car parking space per sheltered housing dwelling, 6no. car parking spaces total, due to the site's location within a rural village. This quantum of car parking provision is above the development plan standard however it is considered an appropriate provision in response to the rural village location and existing public transport facilities.
Concerns regarding Water Supply infrastructure	Irish Water has reviewed the pre-connection enquiry (CDS20004730), dated 27/07/2020, in relation to a Water & Wastewater connection at Naul Road, Garristown, Dublin (the **Premises**). *"Based upon the details you have provided with your pre-connection enquiry and on our desk top analysis of the capacity currently available in the Irish Water network(s) as assessed by Irish Water, we wish to advise you that your proposed connection to the Irish Water network(s) can be facilitated at this moment in time.* *...Water Connection - Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Irish Water* *Wastewater Connection - Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Irish Water"* – Irish Water, Pre-connection enquiry *"The Water Services Department has commented 'No objection subject to conditions' regarding to conditions and it is recommended that the applicant liaise with Irish Water."* – Internal Consultation Report
Concerns regarding Drainage / Foul Water infratructure	Irish Water has reviewed the pre-connection enquiry (CDS20004730), dated 27/07/2020, in relation to a Water & Wastewater connection at Naul Road, Garristown, Dublin (the **Premises**). *"Based upon the details you have provided with your pre-connection enquiry and on our desk top analysis of the capacity currently available in the Irish Water network(s) as assessed by Irish Water, we wish to advise you that your proposed connection to the Irish Water network(s) can be facilitated at this moment in time.* *...Water Connection - Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Irish Water* *Wastewater Connection - Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Irish Water"* – Irish Water, Pre-connection enquiry *"The Water Services Department has commented 'No objection subject to conditions' regarding to conditions and it is recommended that the applicant liaise with Irish Water."* – Internal Consultation Report
Parks and Landscape matters	

Concerns regarding *Biodiversity issues / No site survey for biodiversity has been done, so inadequate assessment for conclusion of 'no significant impact'*	An Appropriate Assessment Screening and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report were both displayed as part of the Part XI Public Consultation period. Two submissions were made to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment with regard to the proposed development. ABP invited the applicant to make submissions or observations in relation to the matter to the Board. Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR) prepared a submission on behalf of the applicant submitting a detailed response letter and an Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) undertaken by Altemar Marine and Environment Consultancy to ABP on the 14/02/2023. In their detailed response letter CSR have stated, *"A site survey has been undertaken and a full EcIA has been undertaken including consideration of biodiversity. The site survey indicates that there are no habitats of conservation significance; no rare or threatened plant species were recorded; no rare or threatened faunal species were recorded; there are no buildings on site that could form a bat roost and there are several trees with adjudged low to moderate bat roosting potential for individual bats; there was no evidence of amphibians or reptiles on site including frogs; the site is not considered suitable for wintering birds.* *Biodiversity is considered in pages 32 to 35 inclusive of the EcIA and it is concluded that standard construction and operational controls will be incorporated into the proposed development project to minimise the potential negative impacts on the ecology within the Zone of Influence (ZoI) including local biodiversity within and proximate to the subject site as outlined in Table 5 of the EcIA*." – Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR), Response to ABP ABP have determined not to direct the local authority to prepare an EIAR.
Concern regarding *Bats possible as mature trees (bats protected at European and national level)*	In their detailed response letter to ABP on 14/02/2023 CSR have stated, *"The opinion expressed in the EcIA is that bats are not present on site. The EcIA identifies over pages 33 and 34 the mitigation necessary to ensure there is no significant environmental impact from the proposed development during construction. For impact on the Designated Sites there is no mitigation required. Mitigation is proposed on those pages for minimising impact on bats, flora, bat fauna, aquatic biodiversity, and bird fauna. Mitigation in that regard relates to pre-construction inspection, control of surface run off, and control of light spill during construction etc. These mitigation measures are relatively standard. In respect of impact during the operational phase, mitigation is proposed on pages 34 and 35 of the attached EcIA. In the operational phase, it is stated in the EcIA that once developed the site would be seen as a stable ecological environment. Planting of native species will be important to re-establish nesting and foraging habitats lost. In the vast majority of instances where there may be operational impact mitigation measures are not required."* – Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR), Response to ABP
Concerns that *the trees / woodland represents a scarce resource within the landscape (IE a stepping stone habitat within network of hedgerows / ecological corridors) / Fingal Tree strategy – Part 4 of Strategy Document (section 4.8) / cutting down of a number of*	In their detailed response letter to ABP on 14/02/2023 CSR have stated, *"It is noted that the trees woodland are a scarce resource within the landscape. This is accepted by the applicant. However, a number of trees are being retained and additional trees are to be planted. It should be noted also that the project arborist advises subsequent to his initial tree survey and report that:* *'The majority of the trees proposed for removal are Ash trees and therefore prone to Ash dieback disease. Whilst Ash dieback disease has*

mature trees / counter to Fingal BAP plan and 'Forests of Fingal' strategy	*been present in Ireland since first introduced in 2012 its spread has significant accelerated in the last couple of years and most Ash I see now are showing signs of infection. The prognosis for infected trees is not good, with it generally anticipated (based on experience in other European countries which have harboured the disease for longer than Ireland) that at least 80% will die. As such I now add the following caveat to tree survey reports where Ash is present on site:* *'Ash dieback' is a disease caused by the Hymenoscyphus fraxineus fungi which is developing rapidly across Ireland since its presence was first detected in Ireland in 2012. The disease is spread by windborne spores and once a tree is infected it will lead to its terminal decline within a few years. At present there is no available remedy and the outlook for the survival of Ash trees in Ireland is poor, with infection rates appearing to accelerate over the past couple of years. It is hoped that genetic diversity may mean some trees might prove resistant to the disease, however there is still great uncertainty at this time regarding survival rates. The Woodland Trust estimate that at least 80% of Ash trees in the UK will die. The retention or removal of Ash trees must therefore be viewed in the context of Ash Dieback disease, and the likelihood that at least 80% of Ash trees are likely to die over the coming years.'* *In regard to the loss of trees in regard to policy please refer to the condition of the trees in the attached tree survey report and the more recent advice from the arborist. The site is also zoned for residential purposes and should be developed for that purpose where the impact on the environment and amenity is not significant."* – Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR), Response to ABP
Maintenance and Other matters	
Concerns regarding *access for maintenance of trees and buildings is very restricted / who is responsible for maintenance of raised planters in the landscaped area? / Hedge maintenance*	North & East Housing Association (NEHA) have indicated they will be responsible for the site ground's maintenance, including soft landscaping and planters.
Concerns regarding solar panels provision for the dwellings	All units will comply with the current Building Regulations, including Part L, whichever version is in force when a commencement notice is lodged. Draft DEAP reports were prepared in June 2020 indicating the projected performance of A2 under the regulations in place at that time. Solar panels are not currently proposed as part of the sustainability strategy to comply with (Part L of) the building regulations. This does not preclude their installation at some point in the future. It should be noted that solar panels are exempted development under The Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 3) Regulations 2022.
Concerns regarding letterbox provision at each dwelling to avoid slips and trips to the road	Individual letter boxes located at each dwelling will be facilitated.

Revised Site Plan

In response to the issues raised during the public consultation process and the rural location of the proposed development the car parking provision has been increased to provide 1no. car parking space per dwelling. (6no. car parking spaces total)



APPENDIX C:

Fingal County Council: Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report PARTXI/001/21

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Register Reference: PART XI/001/21

Proposed Development: Residential Development

Location: Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Proposing Department: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI/ Part 8 (Stage 1b Internal Consultation)

Nature of development:
The proposed development comprises the construction of Six Dwellings, three 2-bed homes and three 1-bed homes and associated landscaping and site works. Stage 1B.

Site Location & Description:
The subject site is located at Garristown, Co. Dublin. The subject site is a grass field which is bounded to the road by trees and hedges and a field access gate. The site has single houses located to both the east and west of the site. The site contains a number of trees and it appears there may have been buildings previously within the site along the road. The site is located within the rural village of Garristown.

Relevant Policy:
Planning Policy Context

National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040

The National Planning Framework (NPF) places a major policy emphasis on renewing and developing existing built-up areas rather than continual outward expansion. Within villages such as Garristown, the objective is that 30% of new housing is to be delivered within the existing built-up areas and/or brownfield sites (National Policy Objective 3C). The NPF acknowledges that rural town living requires a proportionate and tailored approach to residential development, where it is necessary to tailor the scale, design and layout of housing to ensure that a suburban or high density urban approach is not applied to a rural setting and that development responds to the character, scale and density of the town. This is reflected in National Policy Objective 18a.

Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG May 2009)

The Guidelines note that for villages to thrive and succeed, their development must strike a balance in meeting the needs and demands of modern life but in a way that is sensitive and responsive to the past. Development in villages must be plan led. New development should contribute to compact towns and villages. Higher densities may be appropriate in certain locations, for example, in locations close to

centres designated at national, regional or local level planning policy or where served by existing and/or planned high quality public transport corridors. However, in all cases, special care will be required to protect the architectural and environmental qualities of small towns and villages of special character. The scale of new residential schemes for development should be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development.

An accompanying document Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide (May 2009) also provides more detailed guidance in respect of urban design at both neighbourhood and home level. Themes dealt with in the Urban Design Manual include, connectivity, inclusivity and variety at neighbourhood level and efficiency, distinctiveness and privacy/amenity at home level.

Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DOEHLG 2007)

The document provides guidance on providing architecturally appropriate, secure, assessable and adaptable developments and provides indicative guidance in respect of room sizes and internal layout.

Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023:

Settlement

Garristown is a key village centre in the Hinterland Area of Fingal in the settlement strategy of the Development Plan and is part of a network of rural villages which function as small service centres for their surrounding agricultural hinterland. Villages have an important role in the strategy for rural development, being the first choice location for rural generated housing demand (Objective SS07).

Objective RF04 outlines how the development of villages will be managed having regard to:

- Government Guidelines set down in the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, 2009,
- The settlement strategy for rural villages set out in the RPGs, and,
- The Core Strategy of the Fingal Development Plan.

Objective RF05 intends to ensure that a suitable mix of housing type and tenure is available within the villages.

Objective RF07 supports the preservation, protection and enhancement of the natural, built and cultural heritage features that form the basis of the attraction of Fingal's villages as places to live, work and visit.

Objective RF16 requires that Rural Villages are developed in accordance with adopted Local Area Plans and accompanying Village Development Framework Plans.

Objective PM18 refers to the Villages Design Statements prepared for a number of settlements including Garristown and states 'Implement the existing Village Design Frameworks prepared as part of the Local Area Plans for Ballyboghil, Garristown, Naul, Oldtown, Rivermeade and Rowlestown.'

The Fingal Development Plan emphasises the importance of sustainable communities and place making. The strategy of the Development Plan addresses urban design and urban development and design criteria for residential development. Objectives in this respect include:

Objective PM37 Ensure a holistic approach, which incorporates the provision of essential and appropriate facilities, amenities and services, is taken in the design and planning of new residential areas, so as to ensure that viable sustainable communities emerge and grow.

Objective PM38 Achieve an appropriate dwelling mix, size, type, tenure in all new residential developments.

Objective PM39 Ensure consolidated development in Fingal by facilitating residential development in existing urban and village locations.

Objective PM40 Ensure a mix and range of housing types are provided in all residential areas to meet the diverse needs of residents.

Objective PM41 Encourage increased densities at appropriate locations whilst ensuring that the quality of place, residential accommodation and amenities for either existing or future residents are not compromised.

In respect of sheltered housing;

Objective PM48 (mirrored in *Objective DMS46*)
Require that residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation be located in towns and villages for reasons of sustainability, accessibility, social inclusion, and proximity to the availability of services, except where a demonstrated need to locate in a rural environment because of the nature of the care required can be clearly established.

Objective PM49
Consider the existing (and anticipated) character of the area in which a proposed residential care home, retirement home, nursing home or sheltered accommodation is to be located and the compatibility of the use to such an area.

Objective DMS47
Require that applications for residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation consider and demonstrate the following:

- *The potential impact on residential amenities of adjoining properties.*

- *Adequate provision of open space*
- *Provision of adequate parking facilities.*
- *The design and proposed materials.*
- *The size and scale of the proposal must be appropriate to the area.*
- *A location within close proximity of high-quality public transport links and the site should be well served by good footpath links.*

In respect of sheltered accommodation, the *Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023* states that *'it is essential that adequate and suitable open space area and other facilities are provided for.....sheltered accommodation. It is recognised that reduced quantity standards may be appropriate in some cases due to the level of care that is provided or by virtue of the location of the facility. Planning applications for such development should include detailed open space and landscaping plans that take account of the location of the facility, the availability/ suitability of existing open space and the needs of the residents of the facility'.*

> *Objective DMS48*
> *Accept reduced open space quantity standards for certain developments, namely residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation where a reduction is deemed appropriate by virtue of the specific open space needs of the residents and where suitable accessible open space is available. High quality open space and landscaping plans shall be submitted with planning applications for these developments.*

The development of underutilised infill, corner and backland sites in existing residential areas is generally encouraged. A balance is needed between the protection of amenities, privacy, the established character of the area and new residential infill. Objective PM45 promotes the use of contemporary and innovative design solutions to such development subject to the design respecting the character and architectural heritage of the area.

Chapter 12 of the Development Plan outlines the development management standards for new residential development. A range of applicable objectives associated with the provision of residential development are stated, in particular for accommodation standards in terms of sizes and widths (Objective DMS24); separation distances between dwellings (Objective DMS28 and Objective DMS29); and private open space (Objective DMS87). Objective DMS03 requires the submission of an urban design statement for developments in excess of 5 no. dwellings. Development Plan policy on public open space is guided by the requirements of Objectives DMS57, DMS57A/ DMS57B and DMS59.

Land-use zoning:

The subject site is zoned 'RV' 'protect and promote the character of the Rural Village and promote a vibrant community in accordance with an approved Local Area Plan, and the availability of physical and community infrastructure' in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.

Zoning objective Vision - Protect and promote established villages within the rural landscape where people can settle and have access to community services. The villages are areas within the rural landscape where housing needs can be satisfied with minimal harm to the countryside and surrounding environment. The villages will serve their rural catchment, provide local services and

smaller scale rural enterprises. Levels of growth will be managed through local area plans to ensure that a critical mass for local services is encouraged without providing for growth beyond local need and unsustainable commuting patterns.

The Garristown LAP expired on the 12th July 2020 having been extended in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended.

The site is indicated on Sheet No. 14 'Green Infrastructure 1' of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 as being within a 'Highly Sensitive Landscape'.

Garristown LAP:

The Garristown LAP was adopted on the 13th September 2010 and was subsequently extended, expiring on the 12th July 2020. Under the LAP the subject site was located within 'Existing Development Area of Village.'

An accompanying Village Design Framework Plan (VDFP) accompanied the LAP which set out indicative layouts and provided guidance of design. The LAP also required the submission of a Site Design Statement to accompany all planning applications within the village.

Planning History: No relevant history on the site.

F20A/0563 – Construction of extension to, and partial conversion of existing garage to accommodate new single storey attached granny flat to side/ rear of existing dwelling and associated site works adjacent and to the west of the subject site was granted permission on 8th January 2021.

Pre-Application Consultation: Submission made for a Pre-planning reviews held with Fingal County Council on 27/05/22 and comments on the proposal were given on 19th June, 26th June and 16th September 2022

Third party submission:

None received.

Departmental Reports (See attached Appendix 1 for full reports):

Transportation Planning Section – No objection subject to conditions

Pubic Lighting Section – Further details required

Water Services Section – No objection subject to conditions

Irish Water – No report

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division – Points to note/ address

Housing Department – No Report

Details of Proposed Development:

Layout:

The proposal comprises a development of 6 no. sheltered housing units (three 2 bed and three 1 bed homes) around a village courtyard comprised of single storey homes with dedicated private amenity space as well as a communal public open spaces and five shared car parking spaces.

Building design:

The dwellings within the scheme are all single storey with ridge heights of approximately 6.2 metres. Material finishes comprise brick, stone and render for the external walls and slate effect concrete tiles (unspecified colour) for the roof.

Car parking and access:

No in-curtilage car parking is provided, however 5 shared car parking spaces are proposed centrally in the front northern portion of the site.

Bin and bicycle storage:

A bin store has been indicated adjacent to House No.1. No details of bin collection have been provided. Bicycle storage has been indicated between unit Nos. 2 and 3.

Private amenity space:

All of the dwellings within the scheme are served with in excess of 60 square metres of private amenity space.

Public open space:

A centrally located area of public open space is proposed (160 sqm). The public open space accounts for 11.7% percent of the site area of 0.18 hectares.

Boundary treatment and landscaping:

Based on the particulars submitted, the proposed external site boundary treatment is to be timber panel fencing with low level hedging at the roadside verge. It must be noted that the landscape plan lacks clarity and detail.

The proposal entails the removal of 17 trees within the site as well as well as existing hedgerow boundaries to the roadside.

Assessment:

The primary issues for assessment include;

- Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan objectives/Relevant Guidelines:
- Impact on amenity of property and amenity of adjoining area:
- Parks & Green Infrastructure considerations:

- Transportation issues:
- Water & drainage issues:
- Impact on Natura 2000 Sites/EIA Screening:
- Issues Arising:

Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan Objectives/Relevant Guidelines:

The subject site is zoned 'RV' in the Fingal Development Plan 2017–2023. 'Residential' use class as proposed, including sheltered accommodation is considered 'permitted in principle' under the 'RV' zoning objective.

The proposed development is considered to comply with the requirements of *Objective PM48* in relation to the location of sheltered accommodation, *Objective PM49* in respect of the compatibility of the proposed development with the character of the area and *Objective DMS47* in relation to the impact of the proposal on the residential amenity of the adjoining area, the provision of open space, parking, design etc.

Unit mix & Internal Standards:
The proposal accords with *Objective DMS24* in terms of internal areas. Noting the intended use of the dwellings, that being sheltered accommodation, the mix/unit typology (i.e. 3 no. 1 bedroom units and 3 no. 2 bedroom units) is considered acceptable.

Separation Distances:
Objective DMS29 of the *Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023* provides that a minimum separation distance of 2.3 metres is provided between houses. The proposal accords with this requirement.

Private Amenity Space:
The proposed dwellings are all provided for with an area of private amenity space all of which exceed 60 square metres and noting the intended use of the dwellings, that being sheltered accommodation, the proposal is considered acceptable in this regard.

Public Open Space:
In terms of public open space, the proposed development site total comprises 0.18 hectares and 11.7% of this is to be public open space which is in excess of the required 10% under *Objective DMS57B*. The proposal therefore complies with *Objective DMS57B*.

Density:
The density of 6 dwellings on the 0.18 hectare site amounts to a density of approximately 33 dpha. The density of the proposed development in this rural village location and existing setting and mix is considered acceptable given the nature and use of the proposed development.

Impact on amenity of adjoining area (including property):

Having regard to the single storey nature of the proposal, its design and separation distance to adjoining properties, no significant impacts are anticipated on the residential amenities of the area or on adjoining property arising from the proposal. It is noted that under Planning Reg.Ref F20A/0563 that a granny flat was permitted to the existing dwelling to the west of the site which contains a bedroom window adjacent to the proposed rear garden of house No.5, in order to mitigate any potential overlooking from and to this bedroom window it is recommended that appropriate landscaping/ screening is incorporated along this boundary. No significant overshadowing or overlooking is anticipated (within the scheme or on property outside the scheme) having regard to the layout and design of the dwellings and subject to appropriate landscaping/ screening being implemented. Additionally, it is noted that the landscaping plan proposed is lacking in overall detail and clarity and a revised comprehensive landscape masterplan must be submitted for the entire site including the outer boundaries of the site particularly along the boundary with adjacent dwellings to the east and west, prior to commencement of development.

In terms of visual amenity, the dwellings within the proposal generally relate well with one another in terms of scale and design. The proposal provides for variation in the design of the dwellings which provides for a degree of visual interest. Internally permeability/connectivity is provided. The area of public open space is also adequately surveilled by the dwellings it serves. The proposal respects the existing context and character of the area.

It is considered that a more centrally located communal refuse store should be provided within each cluster, located a sufficient distance from dwellings and allowing for a greater degree of accessibility to the units.

Parks & Green Infrastructure considerations:

Parks & Green Infrastructure have commented that a re-survey of the trees is required prior to works commencing and the retention of the A category tree no. T468 and a full landscaping plan is required.

The full report is in Appendix 1 attached.

The Planning Department concur with these comments and they will form part of the recommendation.

Transportation issues:

Transportation Planning Section have commented No objection subject to the following conditions:

1) Details of any proposed pedestrian crossing shall be agreed with the operations department prior to construction of any crossing.
2) No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

3) All underground or overhead services and poles shall be relocated, as may be necessary, to a suitable location adjacent to the new boundary at the developer's expense.

The full report is in Appendix 1 attached.

The Planning Department concur with these comments and they will form part of the recommendation.

Public Lighting issues:

The Public lighting Section of Fingal County Council have recommended that the lighting to be installed is to a lighting design standard and require a software file from the applicant to make comment on the proposed lighting. It is recommended that the applicant responds to this request.

The full report is in Appendix 1 attcahed.

The Planning Department concur with these comments and they will form part of the recommendation.

Water & Drainage issues:
The Water Services Section has commented No objection subject to conditions regarding to conditions and it is recommended that the applicant liaise with Irish Water.

The full report is in Appendix 1 attached.

The Planning Department concur with these comments and they will form part of the recommendation.

Impact on Natura 2000 Sites and EIA screening
The Planning Officer notes the closest Natura 2000 sites i.e. River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA c 14 kms to the north-east of the subject site and Rogerstown Estuary SPA and SAC c 15 kms to the south-east of the subject site. Given the nature of the proposal, the distance to the closest Natura 2000 sites and the lack of a hydrological link to same, the project is not likely to significantly affect the integrity of a European Site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The applicant also submitted an AA Screening Report which stated that:

This screening for AA identifies and assesses potential impacts which may occur as a result of the proposed works to the European site network within a 15km zone of influence. The screening identified four European Sites within 15km of the proposed development, with all sites falling in excess of 13km from the proposed development. The development has been assessed in relation to the location, scale and type of development, and potential sources of impact arising and potential connectivity to any European sites.

The potential impacts of the proposed development have been assessed and no potential direct or indirect impacts upon the Qualifying Interests of any European sites have been identified. It is

therefore concluded that the proposed development either alone or in-combination with other plans and/or projects, does not have the potential to significantly affect any European site, in light of their conservation objectives. Therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is deemed not to be required. The Planning Officer concurs with this conclusion.

The threshold for mandatory EIA for housing is 500 units as per Schedule 5 (Part 2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The development does not meet the requirements for sub-threshold EIA as outlined in Section 103 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is therefore required.

In addition the applicant submitted an EIA Screening Report which stated that:

The proposed development is assessed to fall outside of the requirement for mandatory EIA by virtue of the limited size of the development site, its developed context and prosed activity typology. Having regard to the characteristics of the proposed development sub-threshold EIA is not considered required again, due to the scale and type of development.

Therefore, having regard to the criteria outlined in Section 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, it is concluded that the proposed development will have no likely significant effect, indirect or direct, on the receiving environment, either on its own or cumulatively with other development. It is our professional opinion that no adverse impacts occur such as to warrant an Environmental Impact Assessment for a sub threshold development.

Issues arising:

A Preliminary Construction and Environmental Management Plan should be submitted. This plan should contain details of measures to mitigate impacts on the amenities of the adjoining area and the receiving environment.

Conclusion:
The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the 'RV' Rural Village zoning objective of the subject site and would accord with the relevant objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. The Planning Authority consider that the recommendations outlined below should be taken into consideration in drafting the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of PARTXI.

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

It is considered that the proposed development would be acceptable in principle subject to the following requirements and on foot of further feedback from the consultees prior to final draft documentation (Stage 2).

1. Prior to commencement of development the following amendments (and details of same) shall be submitted to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department for its written agreement;

(i) A landscape plan prepared by a professional landscape architect is recommended showing the location, quantity & sizes and tree species mix. The proposed external site boundary treatment of timber panel fencing should be revised to a weld mesh fence & hedging or concrete panel with the roadside boundary treatment finished with local stone and/or railing & hedging. The landscaping plan shall identify appropriate screening/ landscaping along all boundaries including the eastern and western boundaries of the site with the adjacent properties. The revised landscaping plan shall be implemented in the first planting season following practical completion of the development.

(ii) A re-survey of the trees is required prior to works commencing and the retention of the A category tree no. T468 (assuming no change in condition since the July 2020 survey).

(iii) The public lighting to be installed is to be to a specific lighting design standard and a software file shall be submitted from the applicant prior to the commencement of development.

(iv) The scheme shall incorporate the provision of a centrally located and appropriately screened communal refuse store.

2. The following requirements in relation to drainage shall be carried out in full;

Foul Sewer:

(i) The applicant should submit a pre-connection enquiry to Irish Water as soon as possible.

Water Supply:

(ii) The water supply proposal is not addressed in the engineering report submitted. Applicant to clarify water supply proposal.

(iii) It is not clear if a Pre-Connection enquiry has been submitted to Irish Water. The applicant should submit a pre-connection enquiry to Irish Water as soon as possible.

3. The following requirements in relation to Transportation shall be complied with in full:

(i) Details of any proposed pedestrian crossing shall be agreed with the operations department prior to construction of any crossing.

(ii) No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.

(iii) All underground or overhead services and poles shall be relocated, as may be necessary, to a suitable location adjacent to the new boundary at the developer's expense.

4. Prior to commencement of development the applicant/developer shall submit to the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department a Preliminary Construction and Environmental Management Plan. This plan should contain details of measures to mitigate impacts on the amenities of the adjoining area and the receiving environment.

Appendix 1- Departmental Reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/21

Registration Date:

Development: Six Dwellings, three 2-bed homes and three 1-bed homes and associated landscaping and site works. Stage 1B.

Location: Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

Report

Foul Sewer: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:

1. The foul sewer drainage proposal is acceptable in principle.

2. It is not clear if a Pre-Connection enquiry has been submitted to Irish Water. The applicant should submit a pre-connection enquiry to Irish Water as soon as possible.

3. It is proposed to install a new network of 150mm diameter pipes to serve the proposed house. IW standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03 apply.

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

a. 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.

b. 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.

Surface Water: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:

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

1. A commensurate stage 1 flood risk assessment has been prepared by CORA, on behalf of the applicant.

2. A accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be a highly vulnerable development, but located in its entirety within Flood Zone C (ie <0.1% AEP).

3. No Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the design as the area is not subject to flooding.

Water Supply: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO:

1. The water supply proposal is not addressed in the engineering report submitted. Applicant to clarify water supply proposal.

2. It is not clear if a Pre-Connection enquiry has been submitted to Irish Water. The applicant should submit a pre-connection enquiry to Irish Water as soon as possible.

3. Watermain layout to be designed to Irish Water Code of practice. IW standard details document IW-CDS-5020-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5020-03 apply.

Officer: _____DC_____ Endorsed: ___NMcK_____

Date: _____02/03/2021_____ Date: _03-03-2021_____

Register Reference:	PARTXI/001/21
Development:	Six Dwellings, three 2-bed homes and three 1-bed homes and associated landscaping and site works. Stage 1B.
Location:	Garristown, Co. Dublin.
Report Type:	PartIX (Dev by State Auth)
Lodged:	2022

General

The proposed development is in 50km/hr speed limit area located on the R130 on approach to Garristown Village.

Access onto R130

It is an objective of the Development Plan DMS126 to restrict unnecessary new accesses directly off Regional Roads. The proposed development would be considered a new vehicular access onto the R130. Given that 5 dwellings would be served by the proposed new shared access and that there is no suitable alternative existing access for the proposed development, a new access is considered acceptable in this instance.

Sightlines

The applicant has provided a sightline drawing for the proposed development. The applicant has shown sightlines of 70m from a setback of 2.4m to the centreline of the road. DMURS standards require a sightline distance of 49m at this location, on approach to the rural village with a speed limit of 50km/hr. As there is a continuous white line along this section of the R130 prohibiting overtaking, sightlines to the West of the proposed development are taken to the centre of the road and are in excess of the 49m required. This is acceptable to the Transport Planning section

Design for Pedestrians

A 2.0m footpath would be provided as part of the development along the extent of the front boundary with the R130. This is acceptable to the Transport Planning section.

The pedestrian crossing to the West of the proposed entrance should be clearly visible to oncoming traffic in both directions. Siting a pedestrian crossing at this location would require further investigation to look at ambient speeds and whether traffic calming measures would be required. The adjoining boundary treatment, a large hedge close to the road edge would impede inter-visibility between pedestrians and vehicles and would be of concern to the Transport planning section. The proposed pedestrian crossing has not been included in the applicants red line boundary. Further discussion with the Transport planning section and the Traffic Operations department would be welcomed to agree on delivery of the proposed pedestrian crossing.

Bin Collections

Details of the bin collection have not been provided. Access for a bin truck to the proposed development would require the bin truck to either reverse into the proposed development and drive out or vice versa. Bins would either need to be brought from the development to the main road or a turning facility for a bin truck would have to be provided on site.

Parking

The applicant proposes to provide no in-curtilage parking spaces for each of the 6 houses. The applicant proposes to provide 5 parking spaces for the overall development. 5 are proposed (as outlined in the table below). This is acceptable to the transport planning section

Unit Type	No. of Units	Dev. Plan Standard Rates (sheltered accommodation)	No. of Spaces (Dev. Plan)	No. of Spaces (Proposed)
1 Bedroom House	3	0.5 per unit	2	2
2 Bedroom House	3	0.5 per unit	2	2
Visitor Parking	6	1 per 5 units	1	1 (set down car parking space supplied)
		Total	5	5

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) Details of any proposed pedestrian crossing shall be agreed with the operations department prior to construction of any crossing.
2) No objects, structures or landscaping shall be placed or installed within the visibility triangle exceeding a height of 900mm; which would interfere or obstruct (or could obstruct over time) the required visibility envelopes.
3) All underground or overhead services and poles shall be relocated, as may be necessary, to a suitable location adjacent to the new boundary at the developer's expense.

Signed: Linda Lally

Endorsed:

Date: 14th September 2022

Date:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PARTXI/001/21

Registration Date:

Development: Six Dwellings, three 2-bed homes and three 1-bed homes and associated landscaping and site works. Stage 1B.

Location: Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Applicant: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI (Dev by LAs)

DRAFT Report

1. Trees

The Tree Survey indicates 17no. trees on-site, all within Categories A, B & C indicating a minimum expected lifespan of 10 years for the lowest quality (C category) trees and 20-40+ years for B category trees. Of note is 1no. Category A ash tree whose retention is described as 'Highly Desirable' by the arboricultural consultant. At present it appears no tree retention is proposed.

- The Parks & Green Infrastructure accept the findings of the Tree Survey including a re-survey prior to works commencement and the retention of the A category tree no. T468 (assuming no change in condition since the July 2020 survey). This is particularly appropriate given the scale of proposed tree removals, visual amenity value from public roads and future screening of the proposed development.

2. Landscape

- The drawing titled Proposed Site Plan-Landscaping lacks clarity in landscape details. A landscape plan prepared by a professional landscape architect is recommended showing the location, quantity & sizes and tree species mix. The proposed external site boundary treatment of timber panel fencing should be revised to a weld mesh fence & hedging or concrete panel with the roadside boundary treatment finished with local stone and/or railing & hedging.

Officer: __Mark Finnegan____ Endorsed: _____

Date: ____09/09/22____ Date: _____

Public Lighting Section

The data file from the lighting design engineer is required. When lights are being installed there needs to be a lighting design to a standard. The software most (if not all) designers use is called lighting reality. We too have this software and so we just need the data file.

APPENDIX D:

An Bord Pleanála (ABP): Case Number ABP-315539-23

No	Title	Content
01	ABP letter dated 17th January 2023	- Two submissions made requesting ABP to exercise its power under article 120(3)(b) of the Planning Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the proposed development. - Request by ABP for the local authority (FCC) to provide information to facilitate the Board's consideration of the matter
02	Submissions	- Garristown Biodiversity Group - Norman Verso
03	CSR response submitted on behalf of FCC to ABP on 14th February 2023	- CSR's detailed response letter - Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) undertaken by Altemar Marine and Environmental Consultancy - An addendum from the applicant's arborist, in this case an email from Keith Mitchell of Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd, further addressing the loss of trees on site following his initial tree survey and report
04	ABP decision dated 26th June 2023	- Cover letter - Board Order

Our Case Number: ABP-315539-23

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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An Bord Pleanála

Fingal County Council
County Hall
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Co. Dublin
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Date: 17 January 2023

Re: The proposed development consists of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works located at Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Enclosed for your information is a copy of two submissions from Garristown Biodiversity Group and Norman Verso requesting the Board to exercise its power under article 120(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001,as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the above mentioned proposed development.

In order to facilitate the Board's consideration of the matter you are hereby requested, in accordance with article 120(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, to provide the Board with the following information in relation to the proposed development:

1. A description of the proposed development, including in particular:

(a) A description of the physical characteristics of the whole proposed development and, where relevant, of demolition works, and
(b) a description of the location of the proposed development, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.

2. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development.

3. A description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed development on the environment resulting from:

(a) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant, and
(b) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.

4. The compilation of the information at paragraphs 1 to 3 shall take into account, where relevant, the criteria set out in Schedule 7.

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You are also hereby invited to make any submissions or observations you may have in relation to the matter to the Board.

Your response to this letter should be received not later than 5:30 p.m. on the 14th February 2023 (4 weeks).

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
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Eimear Reilly

From: Eimear Reilly
Sent: Monday 16 January 2023 14:15
To: Garristown Biodiversity
Subject: RE: FCC Planning Ref. No.: PARTXI/001/21

Many thanks, Stephen.

A formal acknowledgement of your request will issue in due course.

Regards

Eimear

From: Garristown Biodiversity [redacted]
Sent: Saturday 14 January 2023 07:21
To: Eimear Reilly [redacted]
Subject: Re: FCC Planning Ref. No.: PARTXI/001/21

HI Eimear,

Thanks for your reply.

[redacted]

Regards

Stephen

On Thu, 12 Jan 2023 at 15:07, Eimear Reilly [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Stephen
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> The Board requires you to provide a correspondence address for in order for this request to be processed. You can send this by return email.
>
> Regards
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> Eimear
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> **From:** SIDS [redacted]
> **Sent:** Tuesday 10 January 2023 09:48

To: Eimear Reilly [redacted]
Subject: FW: FCC Planning Ref. No.: PARTXI/001/21

From: Garristown Biodiversity [redacted]
Sent: Monday 9 January 2023 19:10
To: SIDS [redacted]
Subject: Re: FCC Planning Ref. No.: PARTXI/001/21

To whom it may concern,

As a representative of Garristown Biodiversity Group I would like to apply for a screening determination with regard to a proposal for planning by Fingal County Council. This development would be considered class 15 in schedule 5 of the planning regulations.

Please find the link to the proposal and associated documents for proposed development of 6 no. single-storey dwellings at Garristown, Co. Dublin.

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/part-xi-planning-development-act-2000-amended-and-part-8-local-government-planning-development

I note the County Council state that

"In accordance with Article 81 and Article 120 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended), Fingal County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. Any person may within 4 weeks from the date of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. "

We would request the screening determination for the following reasons

1. No site survey for biodiversity has been done, (it's a Google street view photo!) so inadequate assessment for conclusion of 'no significant impact'

2. Bats possible as mature trees (bats protected at European and national level)

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The Fingal tree strategy states

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This site is wooded land on the outskirts of the village, it has 17 mature trees and the remaining scrub has lots of hawthorn, whitethorn and blackthorn bushes. This area has no footpath access and as such is a haven for wildlife near the village. There is a visible rookery and also it's a common area for mammals such as bats, hedgehogs and foxes.

From Arboriculture report (attached), most trees are category B, with one A. However, in contrast with recommendations for ivy removal in Arboriculture report; in biodiversity terms, the presence of ivy is an added habitat feature - especially for bats.

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Best Regards

Stephen Whelan

Garristown Biodiversity Group

Eimear Reilly

From: Eimear Reilly
Sent: Thursday 12 January 2023 15:12
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hi Norman

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email and will be in touch in due course.

Kind regards

Eimear

From: SIDS[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 11 January 2023 17:17
To: Eimear Reilly[redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

From: Garry Dorgan[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 11 January 2023 17:06
To: SIDS[redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

From: Appeals2[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 11 January 2023 16:29
To: Garry Dorgan[redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

From: Bord[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 11 January 2023 14:41
To: Appeals2[redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

From: Norman Verso[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Bord[redacted]
Subject: Request for a screening determination for development in Garristown

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I have lived beside this site for 48 years and it has been wild since and before then.
There is an active rookery with 41 nests counted last year, 2022. I have personally observed numerous other birds including Blackbirds, Starlings, Thrushes, Tits, Robins, Wrens, Goldcrests, Bullfinches, Chaffinches and Goldfinches feeding and nesting in the site with its overgrown hedges and undisturbed wildness.
Bats also feed in amongst the trees, I have seen them many times late in summer evenings.

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Norman Verso

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LAND PLANNING & DESIGN

CUNNANE STRATTON REYNOLDS

Our Ref: EMP/20497/130223

ABP Ref: ABP-315539-23

Eimear Reilly,
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13th February 2023

BY EMAIL

Dear Ms Reilly,

Proposed development of 6 no. single storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds ad 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works. Garristown, Co Dublin

We refer to your letter of 17th January 2023 to Fingal County Council in respect of the above which contained a request for three things.

Firstly, there was requested a description of the proposed development; secondly, there was a request for a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development; and thirdly, a description of any likely effects of the proposed development on the environment. The information requested is consistent with the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). These requirements are consistent with the European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018 and Annex III of the EU Directive as amended.

Attached to your email were two objections to the proposed development. The first was from Garristown Biodiversity and the second was from a Norman Verso. In responding to your request we also address the issues raised by these 2 no. third parties. In responding to the further requirements of Schedule 7 as requested and in responding to the concerns raised by these 2 no. third parties please see attached:

- Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) undertaken by Altemar Marine and Environmental Consultancy;
- An addendum from the applicant's arborist, in this case an email from Keith Mitchell of Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd, further addressing the loss of trees on site following his initial tree survey and report.

In order, this submission addresses the points raised in respect of Schedule 7, the objections that precipitated this request from the Board and summaries the aforementioned documents to indicate that the impact of the proposed development is not impactful upon the environment.

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Our response to the criteria set out in Annex III and Schedule 7, as per your request, is as follows:

1. Characteristics of the Proposed Development

Schedule 7 requires the following to be considered in any environmental screening in respect of characteristics of the proposed development:

(a) The size and design of the whole project;
(b) Cumulation with other existing and/or proposed development;
(c) The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
(d) The production of waste;
(e) Pollution and nuisances;
(f) The risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;
(g) The risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

Our further assessment on characteristics of the proposed development as requested is as follows:

(a) The size and design of the whole project

The area of the application site is 0.19 ha. The development proposed is modest in scale and massing. It is of low height to further reduce its visual impact. The modest scale of scheme ensures non-significance in terms of impact. Construction works are confined to an area of 0.19ha.

The proposed development consists of construction of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works. The site is located at Garristown, Co. Dublin, off the R130, approximately 50m from Chapel Lane to the west and 250m from Garristown village centre. Proposed site works consist of 4 no. car parking spaces (2 no. accessible) plus 1 no. temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point. A new vehicle entrance is proposed off the R130. Other associated site works include a landscaped communal green, with raised planters, and an external seating area. Site clearance works include the removal of the foundations of a former agricultural building.

(b) Cumulation with other existing and/or proposed development

There are no other existing and/or proposed developments that would have their own impact sufficient to accumulate with the impact of the proposed development. The EcIA attached identifies planning/applications and permissions considered not to be relevant in terms of impact in this case. The site is zoned for development within the defined boundary of the village. Construction works are confined to a small area.

(c) The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity

The application site is defined as ‘infill’ in planning terms and is of low ecological value with minimal ecological habitats present according to the EcIA. Use of water will be related modest from the proposed residential units and there are no high generators of water usage or demand within the proposed scheme. Natural resource may be used in the construction phase including stone, grave and water). There will be no use of natura resources during the operational phase of development.

(d) The production of waste

Operational waste will be domestic waste from the residential units proposed. There will be no construction waste generated. There is no demolition required other than the removal of former foundations found on site.

(e) Pollution and nuisances

There is potential to cause nuisance related to noise, dust and vibration impacts. A construction management plan will provide measures to mitigate likely construction phase impacts. The proposed development will be subject to planning conditions limiting construction hours to protect residential amenity of the area. An operational waste management plan will be implemented to avoid and/or mitigate pollution from operational waste. Implementation of mitigation measures will ensure that there are no negative impacts during the construction phase. No significant negative impacts during the during the operation of the proposed development are predicted.

(f) The risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge

No major accidents are anticipated and such risk is extremely low. There will be strict compliance with building regulations and environmental control.

(g) The risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution)

A construction management plan will detail measures to mitigate any likely impacts associated with noise, dust or pollution from the construction process. With mitigation measures in place no significant negative impacts during construction are anticipated.

2. Location of the Proposed Development

Schedule 7 requires the following to be considered in any environmental assessment screening in respect of location:

'The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the proposed development, with particular regard to—
(a) the existing and approved land use,
(b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground,
(c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas:
(i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths;
(ii) coastal zones and the marine environment;
(iii) mountain and forest areas;
(iv) nature reserves and parks;
(v) areas classified or protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive;
(vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation of the European Union and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
(vii) densely populated areas;
(viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.'

Our further assessment on the location of the proposed development as requested is as follows:

The proposed site is situated along the R130. The site is bound by the regional road to the north, residential properties to the east and west and an open-field to the south. The site can be accessed off R130 through an existing field gate. The boundary to the north and along the R130 is a wooden fence with a mesh, wooden fence to the east and north, and a blockwork fence to the west.

The existing site has a number of existing trees. The site is overgrown with vegetation and groundcover. The site is elevated compared to the road and its immediate surroundings. The site is largely covered by scrub. The lands are sloping up southwards and westwards, with the highest point in the site being the south-western corner and the lowest point being the north-eastern corner.

The application site is located within the village envelope on a vacant overground site some 250m from the centre of Garristown. Under the Fingal County Development Plan 2017 – 2023, and within the emerging 2023-2027 Draft County Development Plan, the site falls within a designated 'Existing Development Area of Village'. The site is not located within or directly adjacent to any Natura 2000 site (SAC or SPA). Current land uses in the vicinity are predominantly agricultural and residential in nature. The nearest watercourse is approximately 40m away from the proposed site, namely the River Delvin. As recognised in the EcIA there is weak and indirect hydrological connection between the subject site and any European site through the site connection to the wastewater treatment plant.

The Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) on site would be considered to be semi-mature or possibly constrained due to presence of trees in close proximity. As a result the stems are tall and relatively thin. These trees do not have cracks or cavities that would form potential bat roosts. However, these trees are clad in heavy ivy growth which would be considered to be of roosting potential for individual bats.

As outlined in the arborist report the majority of trees on site consist of Ash (Fraxinus excelsior). Therefore in the 'do nothing' scenario the medium/long term viability of the woodland, is doubtful, as the trees primarily consist of ash and are likely to succumb to Ash dieback.

(a) the existing and approved land use

The existing use is as overgrowth area providing a recreational amenity for the village of Garristown from a visual perspective only. There is no public access into the application site. As evidenced from a site visit and walk through by the ecologists assisting in this case, Altemar Environmental and Marine Consultants, the site consists of primarily mixed broadleaf woodland containing Ash, Elder, Hawthorn, and Sycamore. This is confirmed in the arborists report already forming part of the Part 8 planning application pack. It should be noted, and this is confirmed on page 31 of the accompanying Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) carried out by Altemar who state on page 31 of their EcIA that *'No habitats of conservation significance were noted within the site outline.'*

Further analysis of the site has been carried out CORA Consulting Engineers. They confirm there are no watercourses running either through or along the boundary of the site. The engineers confirm that the site is not prone to flooding according to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment carried out as part of the review of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023.

The proposed site is zoned as 'RV - Rural Village', that is to protect and promote the character of the Rural Village. The lands immediately surrounding the site is also zoned as 'Rural Village'. The existing uses are predominantly residential in nature at a relatively low density. The is zoned suitably for residential development in the adopted and emerging County Development Plan.

The area further to the south of the site and within the village boundary is in green space/woodland and is quite similar in nature to the subject site but somewhat more open. It is worth pointing out that the site is located within the developed village envelope of Garristown and is comfortably within that boundary, surrounded for the most part by development.

We have further reviewed the planning history of the area and confirm there is no planning history attached to the application site and therefore no approved land use on site. There are no recent significant planning applications in close proximity to the site.

In terms of land uses further afield please see Figure 1 below which shows the site in red in the context of the village of Garristown.

Figure 1: *Site Location within Garristown*



In the emerging County Development Plan, which has reached a significant level of consultation, Garristown is defined as a defined town and village with 'local service and employment functions'. Section 3.5.15.1 indicates that NPO 18b of the NPF advocates a programme for new homes in small towns and villages with local authorities, public infrastructure agencies such as Irish Water and local communities, to provide serviced sites with appropriate infrastructure to attract people to build their own homes and reside in small towns and villages.

There are currently a variety of small, medium and relatively larger-scale commercial enterprises operating in rural areas throughout the County, and this is mirrored in Garristown which provides employment and contributes to the diversification of the rural economy. It should be noted that the Council supports existing rural employment and commercial enterprises and will promote and encourage appropriately scaled enterprises. Garristown provides local services and retail for the everyday needs of the village and in this regard it has the following amenities that would support modest residential provision of the scale and nature proposed. The village contains the following: community centre, coffee shop, local GAA club, convenience store, a public house, a cemetery and places of work including small indigenous industries including truck and machinery repairs.

(b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground

The site is located within a small village with rural activity enjoyment never too far away. There will be a number of trees remove to accommodate development and the justification is set out in the originally submitted arborists report and a further comment from CSR Arboriculture attached to this letter that the majority of trees on site that are to be removed and potentially those remaining will likely suffer and ultimately die from Ash Dieback.

There are a reasonable number of trees to be retained where this is possible and the site would remain surrounded by residential properties in relatively large gardens. The natural screening of the site by surrounding properties facilitates the accommodation of the proposed development without any adverse impact on adjacent residential amenity. It is not considered that the green nature, or indeed the environment of the village will be impacted by the proposed development. The accompanying EcIA, for which a walk through site visit was undertaken, and which is now submitted with the application indicates that within the site there are:

- No habitats of conservation significance;
- No rare or threatened plant species were recorded;
- No rare or threatened faunal species were recorded;
- There are no buildings on site that could form a bat roost and there are several trees with adjudged low to moderate bat roosting potential for individual bats.
- There was no evidence of amphibians or reptiles on site including frogs;
- The site is not considered suitable for wintering birds.

There is no precious use or development of any scarce or valuable land resource the site not being in productive use for some time. The site is defined as an infill development opportunity and would be consistent with national planning policy to prevent urban spread and peripheral unsustainable greenfield development. There is no scare water resource utilised in this instance and the site is approximately 40m from the nearest watercourse which is the River Delvin.

There will be some cut and fill required on site and there is anticipated to be no abnormal transfer of soil out of or into the site.

(c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment including:

(i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths
There are no wetlands, riparian areas or river mouths located in close proximity to the application site and therefore there is no absorption issue to prevent development. As indicated above the nearest watercourse to the site is the River Delvin. The location of the site to the Delvin and its course through the village is shown in Figure 13 of the accompanying EcIA. There is no impact on any wetland, riparian or river mouth from the proposed development

(ii) coastal zones and the marine environment
Figure 12 of the now submitted EcIA shows that the nearest coastline is some 13km away. The nearest estuary (Broadmeadow Estuary) is located some 16km to the south east. There is no impact envisaged from a 6 unit residential development in this regard and no absorption issue arises.

(iii) mountain and forest areas
There are no mountains or forests in close proximity to the application site. The proposed 6 no. residential units are for sheltered housing and are single and two bed and the population generation of the proposed development is inconsequential to mountain and forest areas' ability to absorb any impact on mountains or forests.

(iv) nature reserves and parks
We can see no nature reserves or parks within a 4km radius of the application site. The EcIA identifies those sensitive areas to nature where the public have potential access to.

(v) areas classified or protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive
A Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment has been undertaken by CSR. The potential issue of whether the proposal will have any impact on nature designation sites is additionally assessed in the EcIA undertaken by Altemar. The nearest European designated site, the River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA, is some 13.8km from the application site and will not in any way be affected by a proposed

development of 6 no. sheltered houses. The nearest NHA, pNHA or Ramsar site is located 6.3km away. These will not be affected by the proposed 6 no. sheltered dwellings. These designated sites are listed in Tables 1 and 2 respectively and shown in map form in Figures 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the accompanying EcIA.

(vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation of the European Union and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure
There is no such failure in close proximity to the application site.

(vii) densely populated areas
The proposed development is located within a village towards the lower reaches of the Fingal County Settlement Hierarchy. The proposal provides 6 no. sheltered housing units for which there is a need and there is a shortage of housing across all house types etc. The proposed development of a mix of single and two bedroom units can be assimilated into the existing settlement and community. This is not a densely populated area but the scheme proposed is modest in terms of scale which is keeping with the prevailing densities and character of the area.

(viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.
As per the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and Emerging Plan, the town and Garristown lies within the 'High Lying Character Type' which is of 'High' Landscape Value and 'High' Landscape Sensitivity. The site is clearly within an urban area within that designation.

The Garristown village and environs is also identified as 'Highly Sensitive Landscape', and as such lands around the village are zoned as 'High' Amenity' zoning.

The Garristown village core is designated as an 'Architectural Conservation Area' (ACA) and there are a number of Protected Structures. However, the site does not lie with the ACA and there are no Protected Structures within the site and its immediate surroundings. The proposed site lies at a distance from the ACA.

The broad locality including the site is designated in the adopted and emerging County Plan as a landscape of high sensitivity. The subject site is located well away from within the outer reaches of the village and in some locations the definition between rural, urban and semi urban/rural is somewhat blurred. The application site is located well within the built fabric of the town and is classified as infill development in planning terms. The retention of a number of trees and the planting of additional trees will ensure that the amenity value of the existing landscape will not be affected.

The Garristown environs has a number of 'Views and prospects' for protection, that have been identified on the Green Infrastructure Maps and zoning maps. However, there are no views and prospects close to the site or oriented towards the site. The views and prospects identified are of rural landscape and natural beauty. The proposed development would not impact on the 'views and prospects' of protection or on the landscape character of the area.

The units proposed are located a reasonable distance from the site boundary and all the subject structures are single storey only. This is not a site of any historical, cultural or archaeological significance. There are no protected structures either on the site or in close proximity. There are no national monuments within the site or in close proximity. There are no known archaeological features identified in the area.

3. Characteristics of the Potential Impacts

There are no significant likely effects of the proposed development on the environment. As per Schedule 7, referred to above, the criteria for setting out the characteristics of the potential impacts is as follows:

The likely non-significant effects on the environment of proposed development taking into account—

(a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected),
(b) the nature of the impact,
(c) the transboundary nature of the impact,
(d) the intensity and complexity of the impact,
(e) the probability of the impact,
(f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact,
(g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or development, and
(h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.

There are likely to be positive and negative potential environmental impacts from the proposed development proceeding, none of which are anticipated to be significant. A significant benefit of the proposed development is the provision of residential accommodation for the existing and future population.

The most likely negative impacts, none of which are likely to be significant, are likely to include the following:

- Modest increased demand on local amenities and facilities including schools, sports clubs etc
- Construction traffic that may result in traffic congestion on the local road network for a short period
- Modest increase in foul and storm water discharges to the public sewers and local sewage treatment plant
- Modest increased water usage from the proposed development impacting on water supply resources

None of these are considered to be significant given the relatively modest scale of development and relatively small number of housing units proposed.

The following is proposed, or can be provided, by way of mitigation:

- Construction Management Plan and Construction Waste Management Plan
- Provision of landscape screening
- Modest supply of car parking and provision of cycle parking.

There will be no significant impact as indicated below.

Material Assets: Traffic and transport
The proposal is located within the established village road network and is within 250m of the centre of the village which is served by public bus. There are some 4 no. car parking spaces plus 1 no. temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point for the 6 no. sheltered dwellings proposed. The proposed loading on the road network from 4 cars would be negligible.

Air Quality and climate
This is a modestly scaled development with limited engineering works required to accommodate development. There is no demolition required only site clearance. No major engineering works are anticipated to bring the site to a state of readiness for construction to commence. Adjacent residential properties are located a reasonable distance away from the boundary of the site within relatively secluded gardens. There is no significant impact from the construction or operational phases of 6 no. single storey residential units in an established residential area.

Noise and Vibration
Noise and vibration will not be significant during the construction or operational phases. Construction will be for a limited period.
Biodiversity
The site is of limited biodiversity value and the impact of retention of a number of trees, planting and landscaping will result in an insignificant impact on biodiversity during construction and in the operational phase.

Archaeology
There are no known archaeological features on site. There is no impact in this regard.

Architectural and Industrial heritage
The built features within the proximity of the site are of a relatively recent vintage. The site has no protected structures and there are none in close proximity to the site. The site is not located within or close to a Conservation Area or any Architectural Conservation Area.

Townscape and visual
The proposed development will largely be screened by existing boundary treatments of existing premises and or gardens and additional boundary treatment is proposed so that the proposal will not be highly visible in the context of only 6 no. single storey dwellings. The proposed development is characteristic in the context. Therefore, it is not expected to have negative impacts in the townscape or the visual characteristics of the town.

Land
The proposal involves development of an underdeveloped or undeveloped infill opportunity. There is no wasteful use of land.
Water and hydrology
The water and drainage report included in the accompanying planning application indicates that there is no surface water or drainage issue, and that water and waste connections available.

Resources and waste management
The use of resources for the proposed development will be minimal. Waste will obviously be of a domestic scale.

Population and human health
The population yield from a residential scheme of 6 no. units and comprising 9 no. bedrooms totals some 9 no. persons. The population of Garristown grew from 1,628 in the 2016 census to 1,793 in the 2022 census. That represents a growth of some 165 people or a percentage growth of some 10.14% during 2016-2022.

Material Assets: Services, infrastructure and utilities
Existing access to services and utilities will be utilised. There is no requirement for new infrastructure as all that is needed by way of roads etc is already provided. The nearest broadband connection point as per the National Broadband network is 8.5kms.

Major accidents and disasters
There is no prospect of any major accidents or disasters.

Cumulative and interactive effects
There are no other developments in close proximity to the application site either under construction or with the benefit of planning permission that would interact with any impact associated from the proposed development. There are no significant impacts that would either on their own, during either the construction and operational phases, that would generate a significant impact, either positive or negative.

Our EIA Screening assessment on Part III of Schedule 7 is as follows:

(a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)

As outlined in CIEEM (2018) 'The 'zone of influence' (ZOI) for a project is the area over which ecological features may be affected by biophysical changes as a result of the proposed project and associated activities. This is likely to extend beyond the project site, for example where there are ecological or hydrological links beyond the site boundaries.' In line with best practice guidance an initial zone of influence be set at a radius of 2km for non-linear projects (IEA, 1995).

The potential ZOI of the construction phase of the project in the absence of mitigation was deemed to be within the site outline and nearby sensitive receptors including the Delvin River. However, due to the self-contained nature and limited temporal/ geographical scale of the project, within an agricultural environment with set boundaries, in addition to compliance requirements in relation to SUDS, Water Pollution Acts and on site discharges, it is considered that the impacts of the proposed works, following mitigation, would not extend beyond site outline, with the exception of mammal and avian activity where the proposed site may form part of a larger territorial range. The project would also involve reprofiling, excavations and construction, which may impact beyond the site through noise, dust and light impacts. Standard but robust construction phase controls need to be implemented to limit the potential impact of the proposed development into the surrounding environment. The ZOI of the operation of the proposed development would be the immediate area of the proposed development site.

The spatial extent of any impact, will be minimal, and will be confined to the immediate village of Garristown. Any impact will be confined to the application site which covers some 0.19ha. Any impact, and there will be no significant impact, will be confined to the immediate locality of the site particularly in respect of the construction period. That construction period is not expected to exceed 1.5 years.

(b) the nature of the impact

The nature of the construction impact is not considered to be significant with mitigation proposed such as a construction management plan. The nature of the operational phase of development will not have a significant impact on the surrounding environment. The operational phase will result in the development of permanent residential accommodation and ancillary services. The nature of the use inappropriate to the location and proximity to existing facilities and amenities. No significant negative impacts are predicted.

(c) the transboundary nature of the impact

There are no construction or operational phase transboundary impacts.

(d) the intensity and complexity of the impact

The intensity and complexity of the construction phase is not considered significant. The operational phase of the proposed development is modest in scale, not intense nor is the impact predicted likely to be complex or significant.

(e) the probability of the impact

Non-significant construction impact is probable. This will be short term and not significant. Any impacts will be mitigated by the Construction Management Plan (CMP). The operational phase will bring probable impact of a non-significant nature. Measures will be put in place to avoid, reduce, or

mitigate any likely negative impacts. The development will be occupied all year round. Impacts will be non-significant and irreversible.

(f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact

Construction and therefore construction impacts will commence within 6 months of the grant of planning permission. The period of construction is likely to be for 1.5 years. The construction impacts will be restricted by planning condition in terms of hours of construction. No permanent or irreversible negative impacts are anticipated as a result of the construction phase. No significant negative construction impacts are predicted. In operational terms the development will be occupied all year round. Impacts which will be non-significant will be irreversible.

(g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or approved development

There are no existing or proposed significant developments in the locality for a cumulative impact to be established.

(h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact

There is no possibility of effectively reducing the impact of the proposal which is not considered to be significant in the first instance.

Expected Residues and Emission and the production of waste

Residues and emissions form the construction period are related to construction waste and emissions from construction plant. No unusual residues or emissions, are expected during the construction period and the construction management plan will mitigate likely impacts of construction works.

No residues are anticipated during the operational phase of development. Emissions will be linked to heating systems and will be within the appropriate standards and regulations for modern residential developments.

Operational waste that will be generated by the proposed development will be domestic in nature and scale. All domestic waste will be disposed of by a licensed waste contractor.

In summary, the conclusions of the EIAR screening exercise are as follows:

EIA assessment criteria	Construction Impacts	Operational Impacts
1. Characteristics of proposed development The characteristics of the proposed development, in particular:		
	The proposed development comprises some 6 no. residential units, 4 no. car parking, landscaping and associated works. The size of the subject site is 0.19ha. The proposed development is consistent with the designation of the site within the village of Garristown where residential development is acceptable in principle and is consistent with the adopted and emerging Fingal County development Plan.	

(a) The size and design of the whole project	There will be no significant impact during the construction phase. The construction works are confined to an area of 0.19ha and will be completed over an estimated 1.5 year period. A construction traffic management plan (CTMP) can be put in place for the construction phase. With mitigation measures detailed in the CMP/CTMP in place no significant negative impacts are likely during the construction phase	The proposal is not out of scale or design that would be impactful in a significant manner during the operational period. It is not out of keeping with the scale or design of surrounding development.
(b) Cumulation with other existing and /or proposed development	A search of the Fingal County Council planning register indicates that there are no proposed or recent significant construction projects in the vicinity of the proposed development. The proposed development has been designed to ensure there will be no adverse impact on the residential amenities of the area.	The proposed development is located in a village and near other residential dwellings. The development will connect to existing services. It is not considered likely that the operation of the proposed development will result in significant cumulative environmental impacts with other developments existing or proposed.
(c) The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity	Energy, including electricity and fuels, will be required during the construction phase. Raw materials will be used during the construction process but this usage will not be significant during the construction phase. No significant negative impacts are likely.	Water, consumption of electricity and energy related to the residential occupancy of the completed development. There will be no significant use of natural resources during the operation phase. No significant negative impacts are anticipated.
(d) The production of waste	The construction process will not result in construction related waste. No significant negative impacts are predicted.	Operational waste generated will be domestic waste from the residential units. All domestic waste will be disposed of by a licensed waste contractor. No significant negative impacts are predicted.
(e) Pollution and Nuisances	There is potential to cause nuisance related to noise, dust and vibration impacts. The CMP details measures to mitigate likely impacts. The proposed development will be subject to planning conditions limiting construction hours to protect the residential amenity of the area. Implementation of mitigation measures will ensure that no negative impacts are likely during the construction phase.	An Operational Waste Management Plan can be implemented to avoid and / or mitigate pollution from operational waste. Parking is provided on site to prevent traffic congestion and the site is accessible to local bus. With mitigation measures in place no significant negative impacts during operation of the proposed development are predicted.
(f) The risk of major accidents and / or disasters which are relevant to	No major accidents are anticipated. There will also be	No major accidents or disasters are anticipated. There will also be strict

the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge	strict compliance with building regulations and environmental controls. No significant negative impacts are predicted.	compliance with building and fire regulations with mitigation measures in place, no significant negative impacts are predicted.
(g) The risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution)	The CMP details measures to mitigate any likely impacts associated with noise, dust or pollution from the construction process. With mitigation measures in place no significant negative impacts are anticipated.	The proposed development will be connected to public water and sewer infrastructure. No emissions other than from air conditioning and heating units are anticipated. No significant negative impacts are anticipated.
2. Location of proposed development The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by proposed development, with particular regard to:		
(a) The existing and approved land use	Residential development proposed is consistent with the zoning of the subject site. No significant negative impacts are predicted.	The completed development will provide for residential units and will assist address a local and national housing shortage. The proposed use is compatible with the predominant existing land use in the area. No significant negative impacts are anticipated.
(b) The relative abundance, availability quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground	This is an infill site within the development boundary of the village. The area is overwhelmingly residential in character and is not sensitive in terms of natural resources. There are no sensitive habitats or significant mature trees within or surrounding what is a brownfield site that was previously developed. A search of recent records in the National Biodiversity Datacentre Database (NBDC) has indicated no rare or endangered habitats or species present in the locality. The EcIA indicates no rare or endangered habitats or species within the site. No significant negative impacts are predicted.	The proposed operational phase will not have any significant impact on natural resources. No significant negative impacts are predicted.
(c) The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying attention to the following areas: (i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths; (ii) coastal zones and the marine environment; (iii) mountain and forest areas, (iv) nature reserves and parks, (v) areas classified or protected under national legislation, Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive,	Items (i) to (iv) do not apply in this instance. There are no natural environments in close proximity to the site likely to be impacted by the construction of the proposed development. In respect of item (v) AA Screening has been undertaken which concluded that there would be no significant effects on Natura 2000 sites as a result of the proposed development. The EcIA indicates mitigation measures to protect the Designated Sites (see Table 5 of the EcIA).	It is not anticipated that there will be any significant impact on any of these items during the operational phase of development.

(vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation of the European Union and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure, (vii) densely populated areas, (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	Item (vi) does not apply in this instance. In respect of (vii) the subject site is within the built-up area and defined development boundary of the existing village, where there is already substantial existing residential development. There may be some minor disturbance from noise and traffic during construction over a short period of time. This will not be significant. In respect of item (viii) the site is not in proximity to landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance. There are no protected structures within or in proximity to the site. No significant impacts are likely from the construction phase of the development.	
3. Type and Characteristics of Potential Impacts Likely significant effects of projects on the environment must be considered in relation to criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Annex, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in Article 3(1), taking into account:		
The magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected) and the nature of the impact.	The site size is 0.19ha and it is located in a built-up area that is served by public transport. A Construction Traffic Management Plan will be put in place to mitigate negative impacts on traffic flow. With mitigation measures no significant negative impacts are predicted. The construction impacts have potential to cause nuisance associated with noise, dust and traffic but these will be limited, temporal and not significant. Mitigation is proposed to alleviate those concerns. With mitigation measures in place no significant negative impacts are predicted.	The scale of development at 6 no. units is modest for an urban environment at an appropriate density in an appropriate location on a site that is infill. The proposed density of development is appropriate, given the level of services, amenities, infrastructure and public transport available in the area. The operational phase will result in the development of permanent residential accommodation and ancillary services. The nature of the use is appropriate to the location and proximity to existing facilities. No significant negative impacts are predicted with mitigation outlined on Table 5 of the EcIA.
The transboundary nature of the impact	There are no construction phase transboundary impacts.	There are no operational phase transboundary impacts.
The intensity and complexity of the impact	The intensity and complexity of the construction phase is not considered significant. No significant negative impacts are predicted subject to mitigation outlined in Table 5 of the EcIA.	The operational phase of the development is modest in scale, not intense nor is the impact predicted likely to be complex or significant. No significant negative impacts are predicted subject to mitigation.
The probability of the impact	Non-significant construction impact is probable. This will be short term and not significant. Any impacts will be mitigated by the CMP.	The operational phase will bring probable impact of a non-significant nature. Measures will be put in place to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any likely negative impacts.

The expected onset, duration, frequency, and reversibility of the impact.	Construction and therefore construction impacts will commence within 6 months of the grant of planning permission. The period of construction is likely to be for 1.5 years. The construction impacts will be restricted by planning condition in terms of the hours of construction. No permanent or irreversible negative impacts are anticipated as a result of the construction phase. No significant negative impacts are predicted.	The development will be occupied all year round. Impacts which will be non-significant will be irreversible.
The cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and / or approved projects;	No other adjacent major construction projects are known or identified which will have an impact cumulatively with the proposed development.	The proposed development is in character with the area and surrounding development.
The possibility of effectively reducing the impact.	The CMP will avoid, reduce or mitigate construction impacts related to noise, dust and traffic during the period of construction which will be relatively short.	The predicted impact is not significant, and the reduction of impacts is neither needed nor proposed in this instance,

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Garristown Biodiversity Group indicate in their submission to the Board that the development should be considered Class 15 in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. Our reading is that Schedule relates to development that is Part 10 and not Part 8 by virtue basically of requiring an EIA. Class 15 however refers explicitly to dams. That is clearly not proposed in this instance. In our view the potential impact of the proposed development are not sufficiently substantial to warrant an EIA. Obviously, where no EIA is required a Part 10 application cannot be made to An Bord Pleanála. The removal of a number of trees on site do not warrant the requirement for an EIAR.

There are 4 no. concerns expressed elsewhere in the Garristown Biodiversity Group submission. The first is that there is a criticism that a site survey for biodiversity has not been undertaken and that the site has not been visited and assessed 'on the ground'. A site survey has been undertaken and a full EcIA has been undertaken including consideration of biodiversity. The site survey indicates that there are no habitats of conservation significance; no rare or threatened plant species were recorded; no rare or threatened faunal species were recorded; there are no buildings on site that could form a bat roost and there are several trees with adjudged low to moderate bat roosting potential for individual bats; there was no evidence of amphibians or reptiles on site including frogs; the site is not considered suitable for wintering birds.

Biodiversity is considered in pages 32 to 35 inclusive of the EcIA and it is concluded that standard construction and operational controls will be incorporated into the proposed development project to minimise the potential negative impacts on the ecology within the Zone of Influence (ZoI) including local biodiversity within and proximate to the subject site as outlined in Table 5 of the EcIA.

The second concern from the local Biodiversity Group is that bats may be present on site. The opinion expressed in the EcIA is that bats are not present on site. The third concern is that the trees woodland are a scarce resource within the landscape. This is accepted by the applicant. However, a number of trees are being retained and additional trees are to be planted. It should be noted also that the project arborist advises subsequent to his initial tree survey and report that:

> *'The majority of the trees proposed for removal are Ash trees and therefore prone to Ash dieback disease. Whilst Ash dieback disease has been present in Ireland since first*

introduced in 2012 its spread has significant accelerated in the last couple of years and most Ash I see now are showing signs of infection. The prognosis for infected trees is not good, with it generally anticipated (based on experience in other European countries which have harboured the disease for longer than Ireland) that at least 80% will die. As such I now add the following caveat to tree survey reports where Ash is present on site:

'Ash dieback' is a disease caused by the Hymenoscyphus fraxineus fungi which is developing rapidly across Ireland since its presence was first detected in Ireland in 2012. The disease is spread by windborne spores and once a tree is infected it will lead to its terminal decline within a few years. At present there is no available remedy and the outlook for the survival of Ash trees in Ireland is poor, with infection rates appearing to accelerate over the past couple of years. It is hoped that genetic diversity may mean some trees might prove resistant to the disease, however there is still great uncertainty at this time regarding survival rates. The Woodland Trust estimate that at least 80% of Ash trees in the UK will die. The retention or removal of Ash trees must therefore be viewed in the context of Ash Dieback disease, and the likelihood that at least 80% of Ash trees are likely to die over the coming years."

In regard to the loss of trees in regard to policy please refer to the condition of the trees in the attached tree survey report and the more recent advice from the arborist. The site is also zoned for residential purposes and should be developed for that purpose where the impact on the environment and amenity is not significant.

The EcIA identifies over pages 33 and 34 the mitigation necessary to ensure there is no significant environmental impact from the proposed development during construction. For impact on the Designated Sites there is no mitigation required. Mitigation is proposed on those pages for minimising impact on bats, flora, bat fauna, aquatic biodiversity, and bird fauna. Mitigation in that regard relates to pre-construction inspection, control of surface run off, and control of light spill during construction etc. These mitigation measures are relatively standard.

In respect of impact during the operational phase, mitigation is proposed on pages 34 and 35 of the attached EcIA. In the operational phase, it is stated in the EcIA that once developed the site would be seen as a stable ecological environment. Planting of native species will be important to re-establish nesting and foraging habitats lost. In the vast majority of instances where there may be operational impact mitigation measures are not required.

The submission from Norman Vasco reiterates the objection to the scheme from the Garristown Biodiversity Group and the request for a determination of EIAR screening from the Board. We believe those concerns are addressed in this letter and the attached EcIA.

We believe that we have addressed the issues raised in the submissions received on the need for the Board to adjudicate on the need for EIAR.

We trust the above responds adequately to the Boards queries in your letter of 17th January.

We await acknowledgement of safe receipt.

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Introduction

Background

Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) has been defined as '*the process of identifying, quantifying and evaluating the potential impacts of defined actions on ecosystems or their components*' (Treweek, 1999). "*The purpose of EcIA is to provide decision-makers with clear and concise information about the likely ecological effects associated with a project and their significance both directly and in a wider context. Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and landscapes and maintaining natural processes depends upon input from ecologists and other specialists at all stages in the decision-making and planning process; from the early design of a project through implementation to its decommissioning*" (IEEM, 2010).

The following EcIA has been prepared by Altemar Ltd. at the request of North & East Housing Development for a proposed residential development at Garristown, Fingal, Co. Dublin.

Study Objectives

The objectives of this EcIA are to:

1. Outline the project and any alternatives assessed;
2. Undertake a baseline ecological feature, resource and function assessment of the site and zone of influence;
3. Assess and define significance of the direct, indirect and cumulative ecological impacts of the project during its construction, lifetime and decommissioning stages;
4. Refine, where necessary, the project and propose mitigation measures to remove or reduce impacts through sustainable design and ecological planning; and
5. Suggest monitoring measures to follow up the implementation and success of mitigation measures and ecological outcomes.

The following guidelines have been used in preparation of this EcIA:

- Guidelines on the information to be contained in Environmental Impact Statements (EPA, 2002);
- Guidelines on the information to be contained in EIARs (2022);
- Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) (IEEM, 2019);
- Advice Notes on current practice in the preparation of EIS's (EPA, 2003);
- Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management Guidelines for EIA (IEEM, 2005).

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Description of the Proposed Project

The proposed development consists of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works. The site is located at Garristown, Co. Dublin, off the R130, approximately 50m from Chapel Lane to the west and 250m from Garristown village centre. Proposed site works consist of 4 no. car parking spaces (2 no. accessible) plus 1 no. temporary set-down parking space with an electric vehicle charge point. A new vehicle entrance is proposed off the R130. Other associated site works include a landscaped communal green, with raised planters, and an external seating area. Site clearance works include the removal of the foundations of a former agricultural building.

On the 18th January 2023 a letter was submitted from An Bord Pleanála to Fingal County Council in relation to the proposed development. As stated in the letter '*Enclosed for your information is a copy of two submissions from Garristown Biodiversity Group and Norman Verso requesting the Board to exercise its power under article 120(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, to require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the above mentioned proposed development.*

In order to facilitate the Board's consideration of the matter you are hereby requested, in accordance with article 120(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, to provide the Board with the following information in relation to the proposed development:

1. A description of the proposed development, including in particular:

(a) A description of the physical characteristics of the whole proposed development and, where relevant, of demolition works, and

(b) a description of the location of the proposed development, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.

2. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development.

3. A description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed development on the environment resulting from:

(a) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant, and

(b) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.

4. The compilation of the information at paragraphs 1 to 3 shall take into account, where relevant, the criteria set out in Schedule 7.'

The following EcIA has been prepared in response to the ecological/environmental/biodiversity elements requested by An Bord Pleanala. The proposed site outline, location, site plan (existing and proposed), and elevations are demonstrated in Figures 1-5.

Landscape

The landscape strategy for the proposed development has been prepared by desiun Architects to accompany this planning application. The proposed landscape plan is demonstrated in Figure 5.



Figure 1. *Proposed site outline and location*



Figure 2. *Proposed site outline*

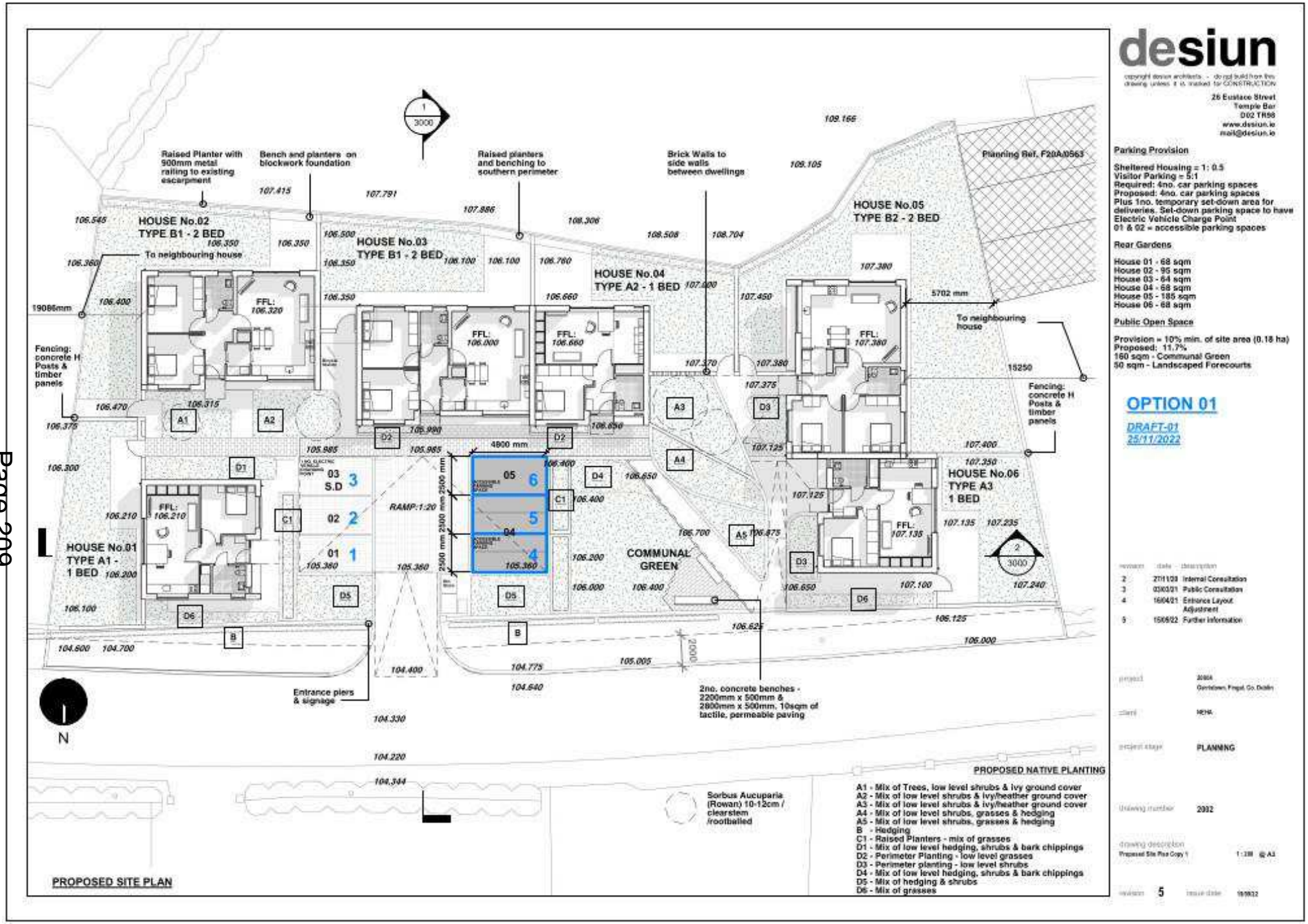


Figure 3. *Proposed site plan*

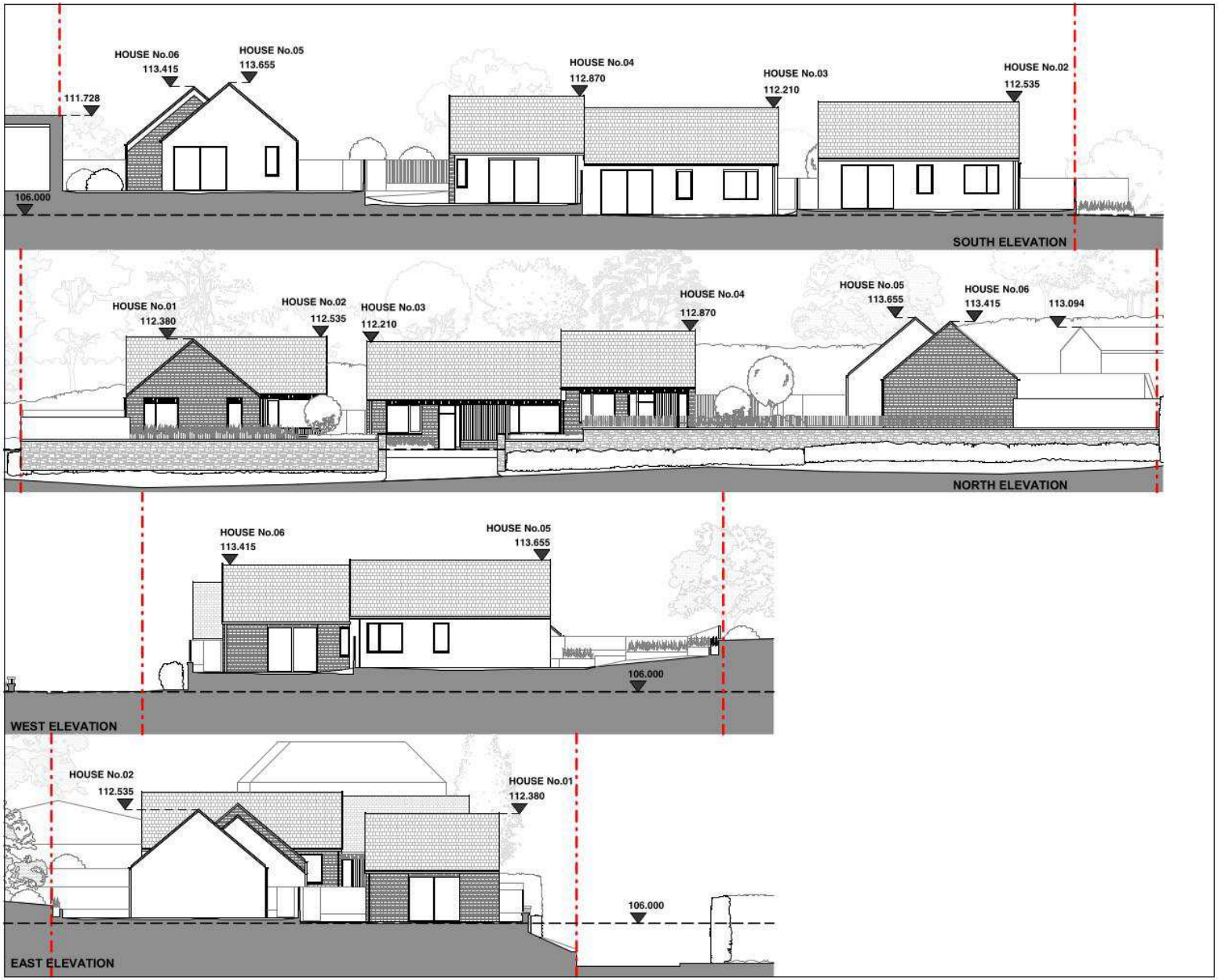


Figure 4. *Proposed contiguous elevations*



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PROPOSED NATIVE PLANTING

A1 - Mix of Trees, low level shrubs & ivy ground cover
Species: Guelder Rose, Dog Rose & Common Ivy
A2 - Mix of low level shrubs & ivy ground cover
Species: Buckthorn, Dog Rose & Common Ivy
A3 - Mix of low level shrubs & ivy ground cover
Species: Buckthorn, Dog Rose & Common Ivy
A4 - Mix of low level shrubs, grasses & hedging
Species: Buckthorn, Mahonia, Dog Rose & Sweet Vernal
A5 - Mix of low level shrubs, grasses & hedging
Species: Dog Rose, Honeysuckle & Sweet Vernal
B - Hedging
Species: Hornbeam to verge, Beech to perimeter
C1 - Raised Planters - mix of grasses
Species: Purple Moor grass, Yorkshire Fog & Sweet Vern
D1 - Mix of low level hedging, shrubs & bark chippings
Species: Hawthorn and Guelder Rose
D2 - Perimeter Planting - low level grasses
Species: Purple Moor grass, Yorkshire Fog
D3 - Perimeter planting - low level shrubs
Species: Viburnum & Mahonia
D4 - Mix of low level hedging, shrubs & bark chippings
Species: Honeysuckle, Mahonia & Early Dog Violet
D5 - Mix of hedging & shrubs
Species: Hawthorn and Guelder Rose
D6 - Mix of grasses
Species: Purple Moor grass, Yorkshire Fog & Sweet Vern

Quercus Robur (Oak)
18-20cm / clearstem / rootballed
Betula pendula (Birch)
10-12cm / clearstem / rootballed
Sorbus Aucuparia (Rowan)
10-12cm / clearstem /rootballed

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Figure 5. *Proposed landscape plan*

Arboricultural Assessment

A Tree Survey report has been prepared by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds to accompany this planning application. This report details the following arboricultural impact assessment:

'*All the trees are proposed for removal to facilitate the proposed development. New tree planting is proposed as part of the scheme, which will assist to some degree in mitigating against the proposed losses.*

Category 'U' trees are recommended for immediate removal, (fell or monolith to safe height), on general management grounds, irrespective of site development – none were identified during this survey.

The following trees or a significant portion of their anticipated rootzone are in direct conflict with the proposed development and are therefore proposed for removal;

Tag No	Tree Species	Tree Class	Number of trees
T457	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T458	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T459	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T460	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T461	Fraxinus excelsior	C1	1
T462	Sambucus nigra	C1	1
T463	Crataegus monogyna	C1	1
T464	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T465	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T466	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T467	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T468	Fraxinus excelsior	A1	1
T469	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T470	Fraxinus excelsior	C1	1
T471	Crataegus monogyna	C1	1
T472	Fraxinus excelsior	B1	1
T473	Acer pseudoplatanus	B1	1

This loss of these trees is inevitable when considered in the context of the site scale and the development proposals. Whist generally of moderate to low value they do cumulatively contribute a significant visual & ecological benefit - which will be lost on their removal.

It is therefore recommended that replacement semi-mature trees, of a suitable species are incorporated into the proposed development to help mitigate against the loss. Native species should be used where possible to increase biodiversity and ecological value in this semi-rural location.

Indirect Impacts

Cognisance must also be given to indirect impacts - in particular care must be taken to ensure the proposed development and ancillary works do not represent an unacceptable conflict with the calculated 'Root Protection Area' of the existing trees outside of the site whose root zones may extend into the site area.

Disturbance of 'Root Protection Area' may just as readily kill or destabilise a tree over time, by means of root damage/severance and or earth compaction/covering preventing essential transfer of water, air and nutrients to roots.

As no trees are proposed for retention this will not be an issue – however care should still be taken during works such as tree felling, to avoid physical damage to trees in adjoining property.

Additional Considerations

There are existing trees located in the adjoining property to the north, however their relative youth in conjunction with their set back distance means that their 'Root Protection Area' is unlikely to have extended into the proposed development site.

Summary of Trees to be Removed

Tree Class	Quantity
A Class Trees	1
B Class Trees	11
C Class Trees	5
U Class Trees	0
TOTAL	**17**

It is noted that four replacement trees (Sorbus aucuparia 10-12cm/clearstem rootballed trees are proposed within the landscape scheme by way of replacement planting.'

It should be noted that the majority of the trees proposed for removal are Ash trees and therefore prone to Ash dieback disease. Following consultation with the project arborist, further information on ash dieback was provided and is outlined below:

'Ash dieback' is a disease caused by the Hymenoscyphus fraxineus fungi which is developing rapidly across Ireland since its presence was first detected in Ireland in 2012. The disease is spread by windborne spores and once a tree is infected it will lead to its terminal decline within a few years. At present there is no available remedy and the outlook for the survival of Ash trees in Ireland is poor, with infection rates appearing to accelerate over the past couple of years. It is hoped that genetic diversity may mean some trees might prove resistant to the disease, however there is still great uncertainty at this time regarding survival rates. The Woodland Trust estimate that at least 80% of Ash trees in the UK will die. The retention or removal of Ash trees must therefore be viewed in the context of Ash Dieback disease, and the likelihood that at least 80% of Ash trees are likely to die over the coming years.'

The Tree Classifications and Constraints Plan and Arboricultural Impact Assessment drawing are demonstrated in Figures 6 & 7.



Figure 6. *Tree Classifications and Constraints Plan*



Figure 7. *Arboricultural Impact Assessment*

Drainage

An Engineering Report has been prepared by CORA Consulting Engineers to accompany this planning application. This report outlines the following drainage strategy for the proposed development:

Existing Drainage

In relation to the existing drainage on the subject site, the report states that:

'*The proposed site is located between two residential properties on an undeveloped piece of land. As the site is undeveloped it is assumed that there is no drainage to the site. A survey shall be completed prior to construction to establish if there are any services crossing the site. The existing drainage records from Irish Water show a 225mm diameter sewer and a 180mm diameter HDPE water mains on the road to the north of the site. From a walk of the site there are a number for road gullies along the road to the North of the site for surface water.'*

Proposed Drainage Scheme

In relation to the proposed drainage scheme, the report states that:

'*In order to comply with modern drainage standards, it is proposed to drain the foul and surface water generated from the proposed dwelling using a separate system for each. It is proposed to provide new pipework to serve the newly constructed properties which shall then discharge to a new connection to the public sewer system.*

The rainwater falling on the roof areas of the new properties shall flow by gravity through an entirely separate network to soakaways located under the parking and green areas to the north of the site.'

Surface Water Discharge

Specifically, in relation to surface water discharge, the report states that:

'*The proposed surface water drainage schemes have been designed in accordance with Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study using sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).*

It is proposed that the surface water generated on the roofs will drain by gravity to new surface water soakaways located in to the north of the site under the parking and green areas. There is sufficient space in this location to comply with the recommended separation distance. The new rainwater pipes shall be installed to the properties with 150mm diameter surface water pipes forming a network where necessary which will feed the surface water soak-aways. The proposed soak-away shall be constructed with 20-40mm crushed stone with no fines wrapped in a geotextile membrane.

The soak-away has been sized based on rainfall data for the specific site location and in accordance with BRE Digest 365. An on-site soakaway test was carried out to determine the soil infiltration rate.'

Foul Waste Discharge

Specifically, in relation to foul waste discharge, the report states that:

'*The foul sewage generated from the property is to fall by gravity via new foul pipework to connect to the public foul sewer running along the road to the north of the site. It is proposed to install a new network of 150mm diameter pipes to serve the proposed house*.'

The proposed foul and surface water drainage layout is seen in Figure 8.

Flood Risk Assessment

Additionally, a flood risk assessment has been conducted for the subject site. Conclusions of the flood risk assessment are outlined as follows in the Engineering Report:

'*We are of the opinion that the proposed construction on the site to the east of Garristown shall have no adverse flood risk impacts. This is based on the assessment within this report of the volume of foul water discharging to the public network. The surface water from the roof areas shall discharge to the on-site soakaway and permeable paving shall be constructed for all hardstanding areas to ensure that the surface water is dealt with on site.*

The property is not susceptible to any flood events which is also confirmed upon review of the Stategic Flood Risk Assessment from Fingal County Council Development Plan 2017 to 2023. Following a review of previous known flooding events within the local area and accounting for local knowledge there have been no previous instances of flooding for the site location. With this information and the extent of the proposed development there should be no change in flood risk for the subject site.'

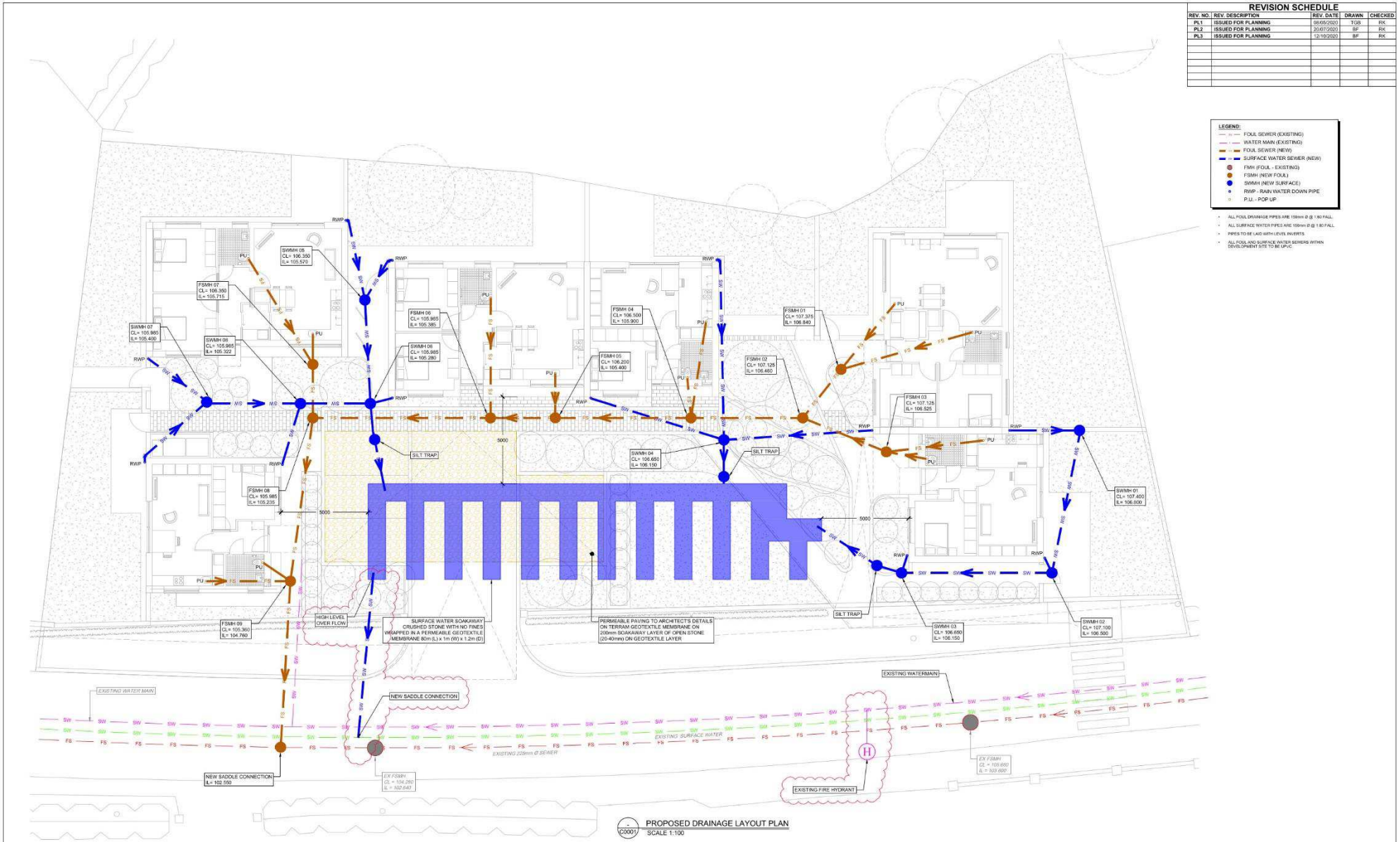


Figure 8. *Proposed drainage layout plan*

Ecological Assessment Methodology

Desk Study

A desk study was undertaken to gather and assess ecological data prior to undertaking fieldwork elements. Sources of datasets and information included:

- The National Parks and Wildlife Service
- National Biological Data Centre
- Satellite, aerial and 6" map imagery
- ESRI (QGIS)

A provisional desk-based assessment of the potential species and habitats of conservation importance was carried out on 07th February 2023. Altemar assessed the project, the proposed construction methodology and the operation of the proposed development.

Spatial Scope and Zone of Influence

As outlined in CIEEM (2018) '*The 'zone of influence' for a project is the area over which ecological features may be affected by biophysical changes as a result of the proposed project and associated activities. This is likely to extend beyond the project site, for example where there are ecological or hydrological links beyond the site boundaries.*' In line with best practice guidance an initial zone of influence be set at a radius of 2km for non-linear projects (IEA, 1995).

The potential ZOI of the construction phase of the project in the absence of mitigation was deemed to be within the site outline and nearby sensitive receptors including the Delvin River. However, due to the self-contained nature and limited temporal/ geographical scale of the project, within an agricultural environment with set boundaries, in addition to compliance requirements in relation to SUDS, Water Pollution Acts and on site discharges, it is considered that the impacts of the proposed works, following mitigation, would not extend beyond site outline, with the exception of mammal and avian activity where the proposed site may form part of a larger territorial range. The project would also involve reprofiling, excavations and construction, which may impact beyond the site through noise, dust and light impacts. Standard but robust construction phase controls need to be implemented to limit the potential impact of the proposed development into the surrounding environment. The ZOI of the operation of the proposed development would be the immediate area of the proposed development site.

Field Survey

A field survey of the proposed development site at Garristown, Co. Dublin, was carried out by Altemar Ltd. on the 09th February 2023. The purpose of the field surveys was to identify habitat types according to the Fossitt (2000) habitat classification and map their extent. In addition, more detailed information on the species composition and structure of habitats, conservation value and other data were gathered.

Survey Limitations

The surveys covered appropriate seasons for mammal assessments. The survey was conducted outside of the appropriate seasons for flora, fauna and bat assessments.

Consultation

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) were consulted in relation to species and sites of conservation interest. Data of rare and threatened species were acquired from NPWS. The National Biological Data Centre records were consulted for species of conservation significance.

Impact Assessment Significance Criteria

This section of the EcIA examines the potential causes of impact that could result in likely significant effects to the species and habitats that occur within the ZOI of the proposed development. These impacts could arise during either the construction or operational phases of the proposed development. The following terms are derived from EPA EIAR Guidance and are used in the assessment to describe the predicted and potential residual impacts on the ecology by the construction and operation of the proposed development.

Magnitude of impact and typical descriptions

Magnitude of impact (change)		Typical description
High	Adverse	Loss of resource and/or quality and integrity of resource; severe damage to key characteristics, features or elements.
	Beneficial	Large scale or major improvement of resource quality; extensive restoration; major improvement of attribute quality.
Medium	Adverse	Loss of resource, but not adversely affecting the integrity; partial loss of/damage to key characteristics, features or elements
	Beneficial	Benefit to, or addition of, key characteristics, features or elements; improvement of attribute quality.
Low	Adverse	Some measurable change in attributes, quality or vulnerability; minor loss of, or alteration to, one (maybe more) key characteristics, features or elements.
	Beneficial	Minor benefit to, or addition of, one (maybe more) key characteristics, features or elements; some beneficial impact on attribute or a reduced risk of negative impact occurring
Negligible	Adverse	Very minor loss or alteration to one or more characteristics, features or elements.
	Beneficial	Very minor benefit to or positive addition of one or more characteristics, features or elements.

Criteria for Establishing Receptor Sensitivity/Importance

Importance	Ecological Valuation
International	Sites, habitats or species protected under international legislation e.g. Habitats and Species Directive. These include, amongst others: SACs, SPAs, Ramsar sites, Biosphere Reserves, including sites proposed for designation, plus undesignated sites that support populations of internationally important species.
National	Sites, habitats or species protected under national legislation e.g. Wildlife Act 1976 and amendments. Sites include designated and proposed NHAs, Statutory Nature Reserves, National Parks, plus areas supporting resident or regularly occurring populations of species of national importance (e.g. 1% national population) protected under the Wildlife Acts, and rare (Red Data List) species.
Regional	Sites, habitats or species which may have regional importance, but which are not protected under legislation (although Local Plans may specifically identify them) e.g. viable areas or populations of Regional Biodiversity Action Plan habitats or species.
Local/County	Areas supporting resident or regularly occurring populations of protected and red data listed-species of county importance (e.g. 1% of county population), Areas containing Annex I habitats not of international/national importance, County important populations of species or habitats identified in county plans, Areas of special amenity or subject to tree protection constraints.
Local	Areas supporting resident or regularly occurring populations of protected and red data listed-species of local importance (e.g. 1% of local population), Undesignated sites or features which enhance or enrich the local area, sites containing viable area or populations of local Biodiversity Plan habitats or species, local Red Data List species etc.
Site	Very low importance and rarity. Ecological feature of no significant value beyond the site boundary

Quality of Potential Impacts on Biodiversity

	Impact Description
Negative /Adverse Impact	A change which reduces the quality of the environment (for example, lessening species diversity or diminishing the reproductive capacity of an ecosystem; or damaging health or property or by causing nuisance).
Neutral Impact	No effects or effects that are imperceptible, within normal bounds of variation or within the margin of forecasting error.
Positive Impact	A change which improves the quality of the environment (for example, by increasing species diversity; or the improving reproductive capacity of an ecosystem, or by removing nuisances or improving amenities).

Significance of Impacts

Significance of Impact	Description of Potential Impact
Imperceptible	An effect capable of measurement but without significant consequences.
Not significant	An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment but without significant consequences.
Slight Effects	An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment without affecting its sensitivities.
Moderate Effects	An effect that alters the character of the environment in a manner that is consistent with existing and emerging baseline trends.
Significant Effects	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity alters a sensitive aspect of the environment.
Very Significant	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity significantly alters most of a sensitive aspect of the environment.
Profound	An impact which obliterates sensitive characteristics.

Duration of Impact

Duration of Impact	Description
Momentary	Effects lasting from seconds to minutes
Brief	Effects lasting less than a day
Temporary	Effects lasting less than a year
Short-term	Effects lasting one to seven years.
Medium-term	Effects lasting seven to fifteen years.
Long-term	Effects lasting fifteen to sixty years.
Permanent	Effects lasting over sixty years
Reversible	Effects that can be undone, for example through remediation or restoration

Possibility of Impact

Possibility of Impact	Description
Likely Effects	The effects that can reasonably be expected to occur because of the planned project if all mitigation measures are properly implemented.
Unlikely Effects	The effects that can reasonably be expected not to occur because of the planned project if all mitigation measures are properly implemented.

Results

Proximity to Designated Conservation Sites

Designated conservation sites (National and international) within 15km of the proposed development are seen in Figures (9-12) and Table 1 and Table 2. It should be noted that the proposed development site is not within a designated conservation area. The closest Natura 2000 site is River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA, located 13.8 km from the proposed development site. The nearest SACs to the proposed development site are the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and Rogerstown Estuary SAC (14.3 km away). There are no Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) within 15km of the proposed development. Cromwell's Bush Fen is the nearest proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA), at 6.3 km from the proposed development There are no Ramsar Sites within 15km of the subject site. As can be seen from Figure 13, a tributary of the River Delvin is located 38m from the subject site and outfalls to the marine environment at Gormanston Beach.

Out of an abundance of caution, it is considered that there is an indirect hydrological connection to marine-based designated conservation sites via foul and surface water drainage. Given that works are proposed in close proximity to a tributary of the Delvin River, it is considered that there is an indirect hydrological connection to marine-based conservation sites during the construction phase of development. During operation, surface water drainage will discharge via a SuDs system into the ground. During an overflow event, surface water drainage will outfall to an existing public surface water sewer located to the north of the site, which in turn outfalls to a tributary of the Delvin River. Foul wastewater from the proposed development will discharge to the existing public network located to the north of the site. From there, it will be pumped to a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) where it will be treated prior to being discharged into the marine environment. There is, therefore, a weak indirect pathway from the proposed development site to conservation sites within the marine environment via foul and surface water drainage. It would be expected that in the absence of any mitigation measures impacts from silt or accidental pollution from the proposed development would be negligible by the time it reaches the conservation sites in the marine environment, due to the dilution, mixing and considerable distance across a marine environment.

A separate Appropriate Assessment Screening has also been carried out by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds for Natura 2000 sites. This report concludes with the following: "*The potential impacts of the proposed development have been assessed and no potential direct or indirect impacts upon the Qualifying Interests of any European sites have been identified. It is therefore concluded that the proposed development either alone or in-combination with other plans and/or projects, does not have the potential to significantly affect any European site, in light of their conservation objectives. Therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is deemed not to be required.*"

Table1. Natura 2000 sites within 15km of the proposed site

Designation	European Site	Distance
SAC	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC	14.3 km
SAC	Rogerstown Estuary SAC	14.3 km
SPA	River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA	13.8 km
SPA	River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA	14.4 km

Table 2. NHAs, pNHAs, and Ramsar sites within 15km of the proposed development site

Status	Site Name	Distance
pNHA	Cromwell's Bush Fen	6.3 km
pNHA	Bog of the Ring	9.3 km
pNHA	Balrath Woods	9.8 km
pNHA	Duleek Commons	10.6 km
pNHA	Thomastown Bog	11.2 km
pNHA	Knock Lake	11.5 km
pNHA	Laytown Dunes/Nanny Estuary	13.1 km
pNHA	Rogerstown Estuary	14.3 km
pNHA	Rossnaree Riverbank	14.9 km

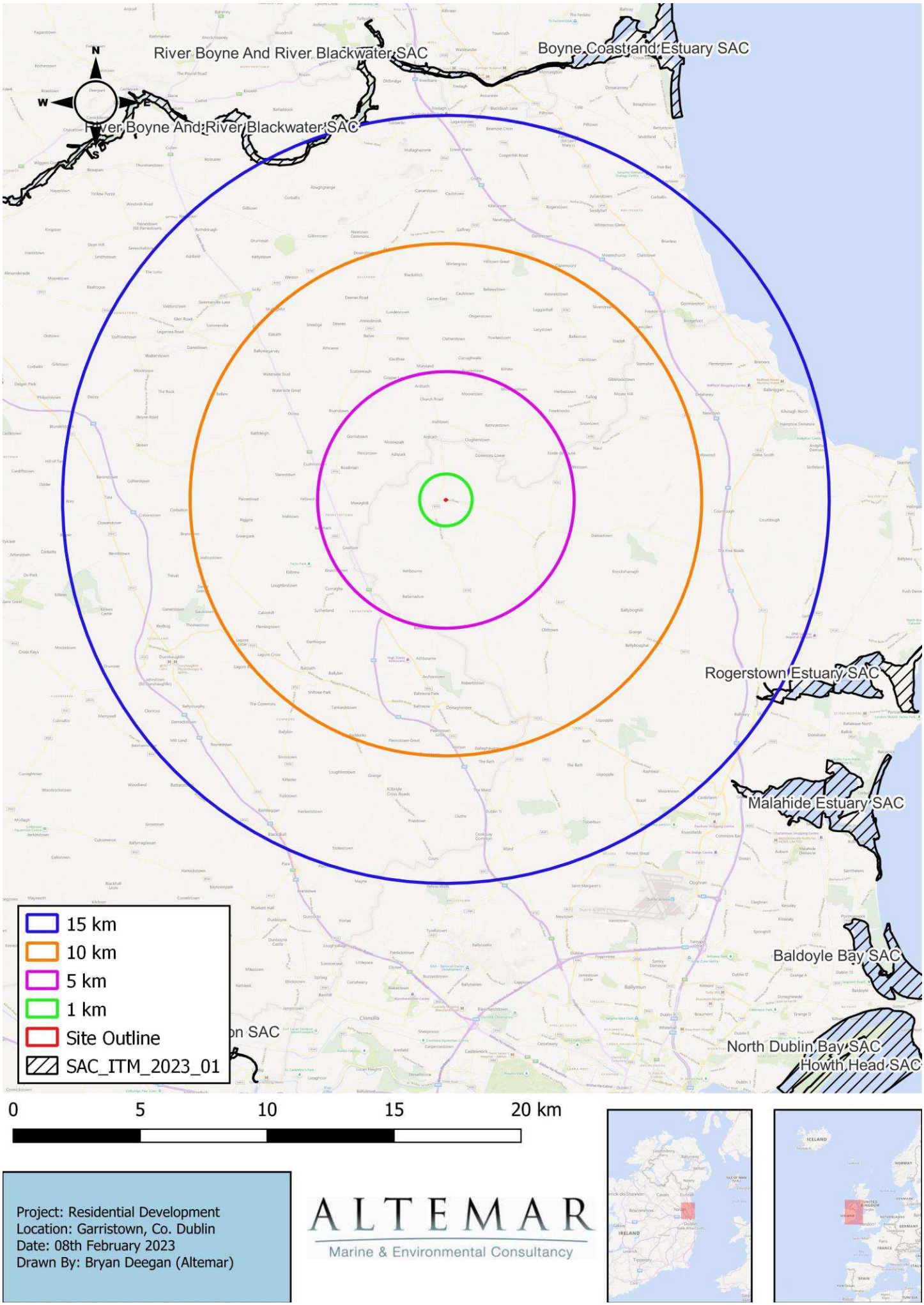


Figure 9. *Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) within 15km of proposed development*

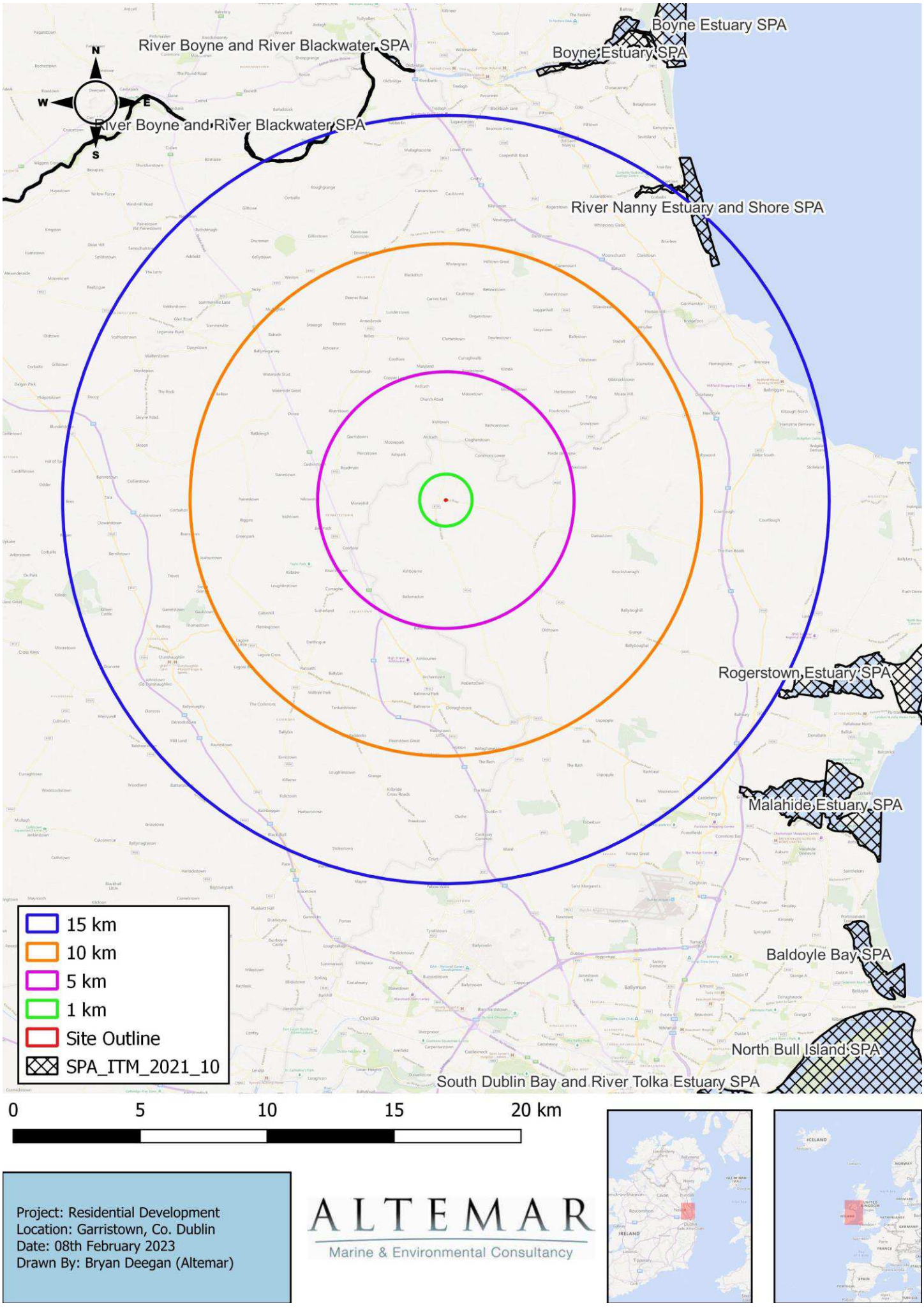


Figure 10. *Special Protection Areas (SPA) within 15km of proposed development*

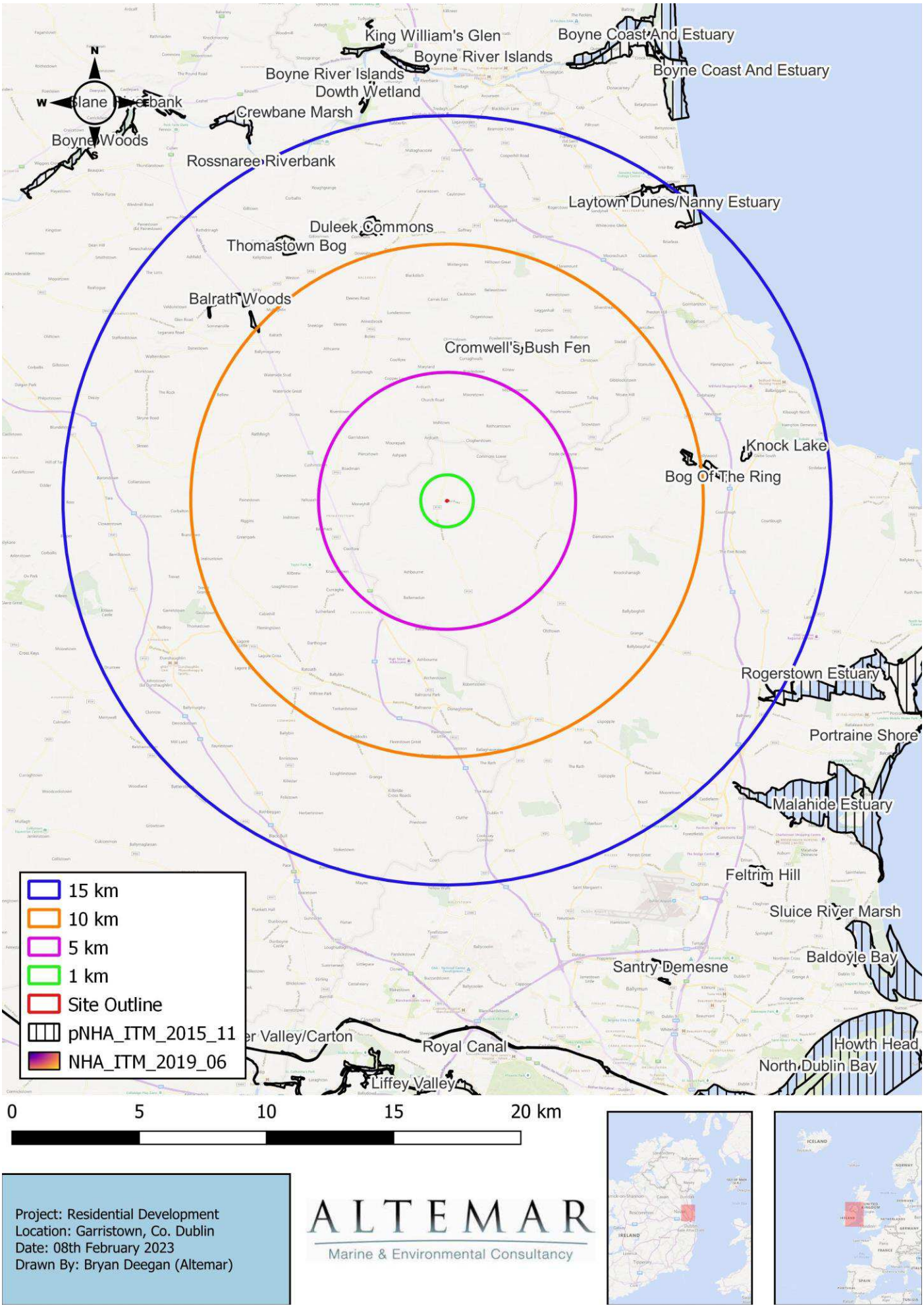


Figure 11. *Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHA) within 15km of proposed development*

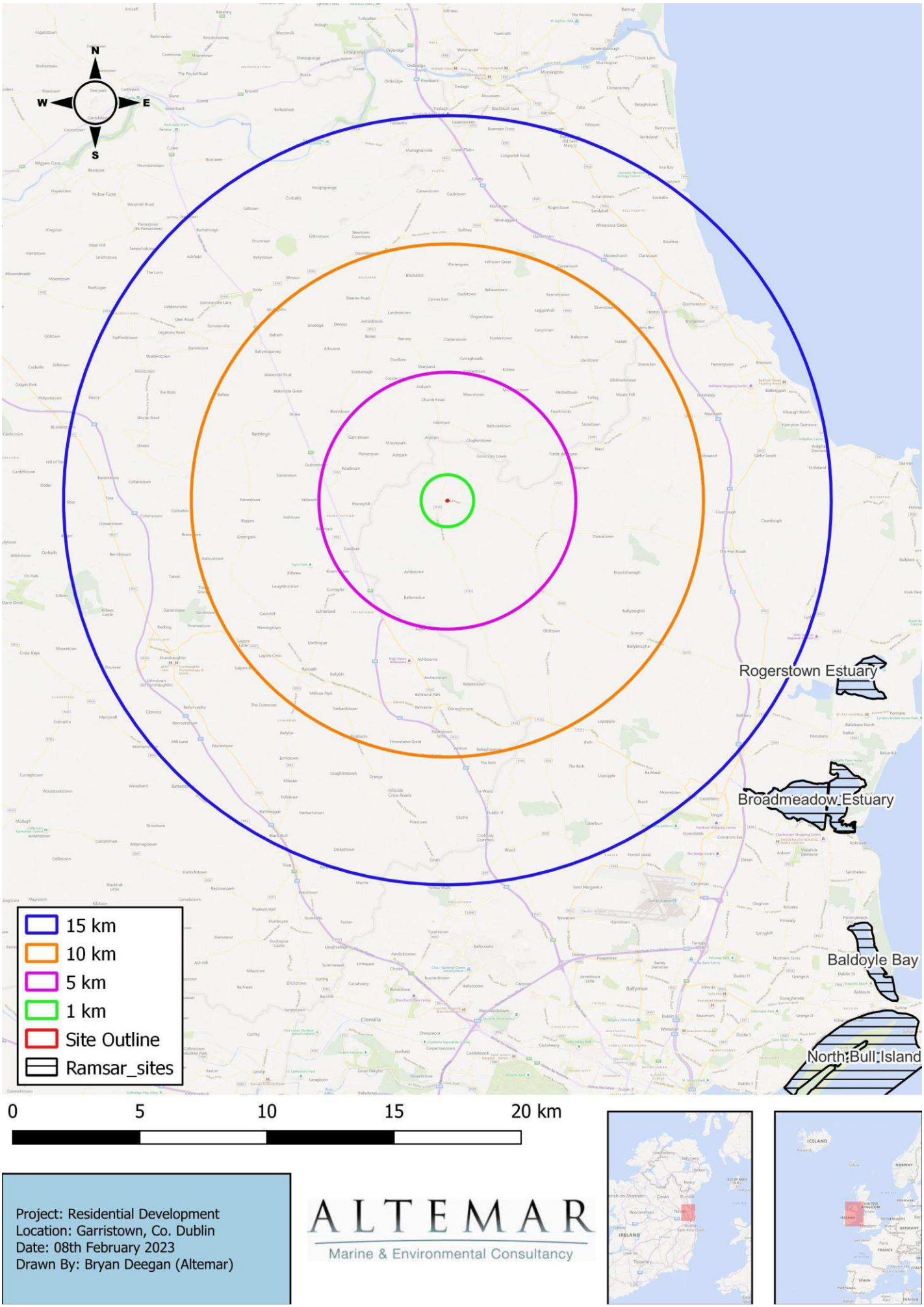


Figure 12. *Ramsar sites within 15km of proposed development*

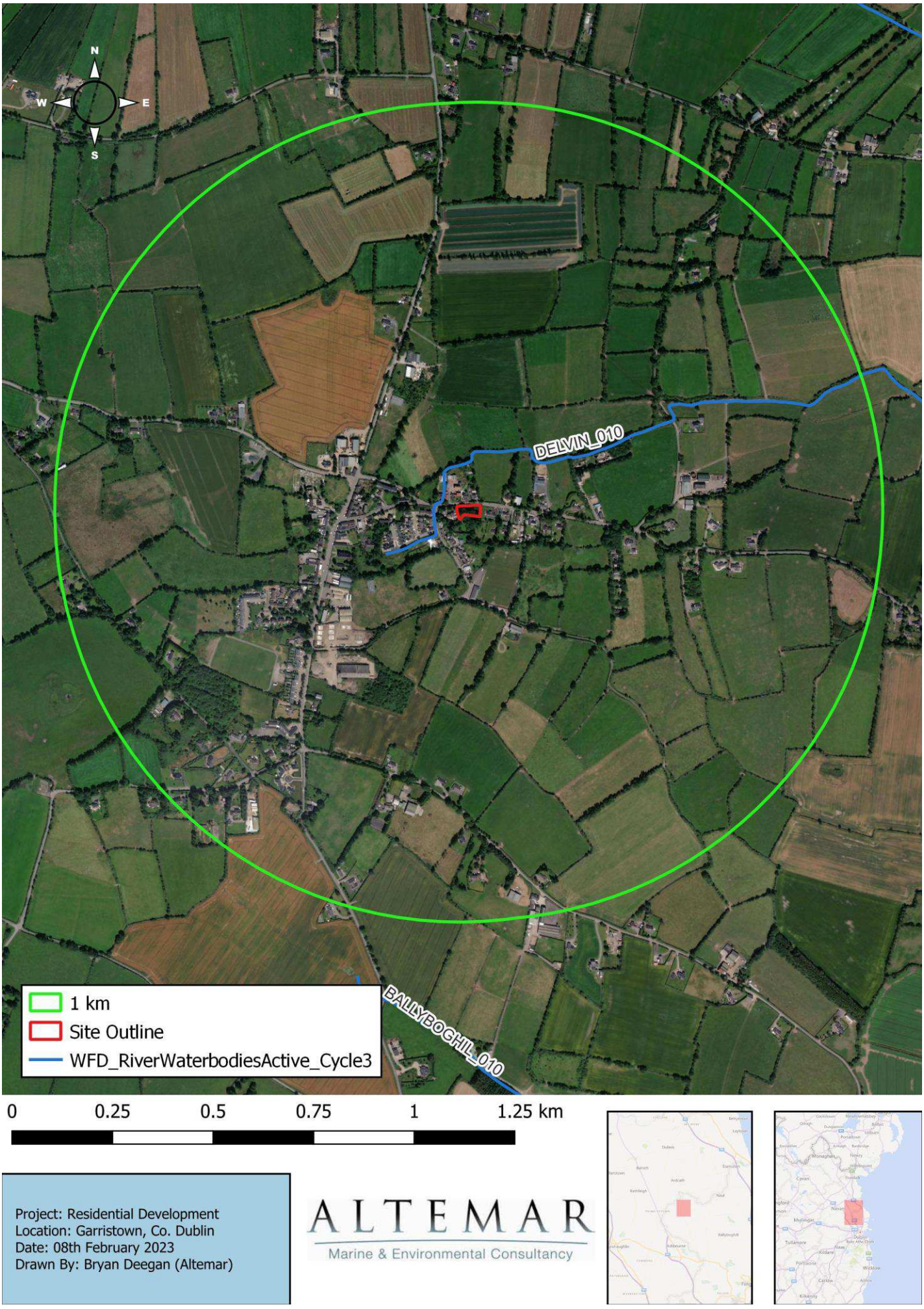


Figure 13. *Watercourses within 1km of the subject site*

Habitats and Species

A site assessment was carried out on the 09th February 2023. Habitats within the proposed site were classified according to Fossitt (2000) (Figure 14).



Figure 14. *Fossitt (2000) Habitat map of proposed development site*

BL1- Stone walls and other stone work

No buildings are present within the site outline. A portion of the northern boundary and southern boundary of the subject site consists of stone walls overgrown with Ivy (*Hedera*), Male fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*), and Harts-tongue ferns (*Asplenium scolopendrium*). No flora or fauna of conservation importance were noted in this area.



Plate 1. Stone wall to the rear of the site.

BL3- Buildings and artificial surfaces.

No buildings are present within the site outline. A portion of the north-eastern boundary consists of a concrete wall overgrown with scrub. No flora or fauna of conservation importance were noted in this area. This area is covered by scrub.

WD1 (Mixed) broadleaved woodland

The majority of the subject site consists of WD1 (Mixed) broadleaved woodland. Species within the woodland include Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), and Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Cow Parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*), Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Cleavers (*Galium aparine*), Creeping Buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), Clovers (*Trifolium sp*.), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus agg*.), thistles (*Cirsium arvense, C. vulgare)*, Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) and Box (*Buxus sempervirens*). It is important to note that a small area of Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) is noted on site. This area of knotweed is associated with a small area of fly tipping within the site. The house to the west also appears to be depositing material into the site.

The Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) on site would be considered to be semi-mature or possibly constrained due to presence of trees in close proximity. As a result the stems are tall and relatively thin. These trees do not have cracks or cavities that would form potential bat roosts. However, these trees are clad in heavy ivy growth which would be considered to be of roosting potential for individual bats.

As outlined in the arborist report the majority of trees on site consist of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). Therefore in the do nothing scenario the medium/long term viability of the woodland, is doubtful, as the trees primarily consist of ash and are likely to succumb to Ash dieback.



Plate 2. Woodland floor heavily clad in ivy and cow parsley.



Plate 3. Woodland with thin ash heavily clad in ivy.



Plate 4. Small stand of Japanese knotweed.



Plate 5. Tree heavily clad in ivy

Evaluation of Habitats

The proposed development site consists primarily of a (mixed) broadleaved woodland containing Ash, Elder, Hawthorn, and Sycamore. No habitats of conservation significance were noted within the site outline.

Plant Species

The plant species encountered at the various locations on site are detailed above. No rare or plant species of conservation value were noted during the field assessment. Records of rare and threatened species from NBDC and NPWS were examined. No rare or threatened plant species were recorded within the proposed development site.

Invasive Plant species
Approximately 2m^2 of Japanese Knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) was noted onsite. This appears to be a relatively recent infestation as canes were relatively small.

Fauna
Records of rare and threatened species from NBDC and NPWS were examined. No rare or threatened faunal species were recorded within the proposed site.

Bats
There are no buildings on site that could form a bat roost. There are several trees of low-moderate bat roosting potential for individual bats, noted on site (ash with dense ivy growth).

Amphibians/Reptiles
The common frog (*Rana temporaria*) was not observed on site. There are no features within the site boundary that could be important to frogs.

Terrestrial Mammals
No mammals of conservation importance were noted on-site. No breeding or resting places of mammals of conservation importance were noted on site.

Birds
The bird species noted on site are seen in Table 6. The site is primarily covered by trees and scrub would not be seen as a habitat that would be used by wintering birds.

Table 6: Bird Species noted in the vicinity of the proposed development.

Common Name	***Scientific Name***
Rook	*Corvus frugilegus*
Robin	*Erithacus rubecula*
Blackbird	*Turdus merula*

Historic Records of Biodiversity

The National Biodiversity Data Centre's online viewer was consulted in order to determine the extent of biodiversity and/or species of interest in the area. First, an assessment of the site specific area was carried out and it recorded no species of conservation interest in the site area. Following this a 2km^2 grid (O05U) was assessed. Table 4 provides a list of all species recorded in both grid areas that possess a specific designation, such as Invasive Species or Protected Species.

Table 4. Recorded species, associated designations and grid references

Date of Record	Species Name	Designation
25/03/2007	*Common Frog (Rana temporaria)*	*Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive || Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex V || Protected Species: Wildlife Acts*
31/12/2011	*Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Common Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Common Linnet (Carduelis cannabina)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Common Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species*
31/12/2011	*Common Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Common Wood Pigeon (Columba palumbus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species*
31/12/2011	*Eurasian Curlew (Numenius arquata)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List*
31/12/2011	*Eurasian Tree Sparrow (Passer montanus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*House Martin (Delichon urbicum)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*House Sparrow (Passer domesticus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List*
31/12/2011	*Rock Pigeon (Columba livia)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive || Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species*
05/03/2020	*Yellowhammer (Emberiza citrinella)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern || Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List*
31/12/2006	*Eurasian Badger (Meles meles)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts*
14/08/2014	*Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus sensu lato)*	*Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive || Protected Species: EU Habitats Directive >> Annex IV || Protected Species: Wildlife Acts*
29/04/2021	*West European Hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus)*	*Protected Species: Wildlife Acts*

Potential Impacts

This report has been prepared to outline the construction and operational phase measures in addition to detailing the potential impacts on sensitive receptors within the Zone of Influence (ZOI) in the absence of mitigation measures.

Potential Construction Impacts

The overall development of the site is likely to have direct negative impacts upon the existing habitats, fauna and flora. Direct negative effects will be manifested in terms of the removal of the site's internal habitats. The removal of these habitats will result in a loss of species of low biodiversity importance. However, the site and in particular the scrub and ivy would form a local nesting resource for birds. Out of an abundance of caution, it is considered that there is the potential for contaminants and pollutants to enter a tributary of the Delvin River (a watercourse located 38m from the site) and impact on downstream biodiversity. Additionally, the removal of trees on site may result in the loss of potential bat roosts (ivy cover).

Designated Conservation sites within 15km

It should be noted that the proposed development site is not within a designated conservation area. The closest Natura 2000 site is River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA, located 13.8 km from the proposed development site. The nearest SACs to the proposed development site are the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and Rogerstown Estuary SAC (14.3 km away). There are no Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) within 15km of the proposed development. Cromwell's Bush Fen is the nearest proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA), at 6.3 km from the proposed development There are no Ramsar Sites within 15km of the subject site. As can be seen from Figure 13, a tributary of the River Delvin is located 38m from the subject site and outfalls to the marine environment at Gormanston Beach.

Out of an abundance of caution, it is considered that there is an indirect hydrological connection to marine-based designated conservation sites via foul and surface water drainage. Given that works are proposed in close proximity to a tributary of the Delvin River, it is considered that there is an indirect hydrological connection to marine-based conservation sites during the construction phase of development. During operation, surface water drainage will discharge via a SuDs system into the ground. During an overflow event, surface water drainage will outfall to an existing public surface water water sewer located to the north of the site, which in turn outfalls to a tributary of the Delvin River. Foul wastewater from the proposed development will discharge to the existing public network located to the north of the site. From there, it will be pumped to a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) where it will be treated under licence prior to being discharged into the marine environment. There is, therefore, a weak indirect pathway from the proposed development site to conservation sites within the marine environment via foul and surface water drainage. It would be expected that in the absence of any mitigation measures impacts from silt or accidental pollution from the proposed development would be negligible by the time it reaches the conservation sites in the marine environment, due to the dilution, mixing and considerable distance across a marine environment.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Negligible / International / Neutral Impact / Not significant / Long-term. Mitigation is not required.

Biodiversity

The impact of the development during construction phase will be a loss of existing habitats and species on site. It would be expected that the flora and fauna associated with these habitats would also be displaced. The site primarily consists of (mixed) broadleaved woodland with a dense ground flora of ivy and cow parsley. All trees onsite will be felled as part of the proposed development. Further, excavation and reprofiling works are proposed during the construction phase of development. Out of an abundance of caution, and in the absence of mitigation measures, there is the potential for effects on biodiversity on site and downstream biodiversity located within the Delvin River.

Terrestrial mammalian species

No protected terrestrial mammals were noted on site. Loss of habitat and habitat fragmentation may affect some common mammalian species.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / site / Negative Impact / Not significant / short term. Mitigation is needed in the form of a pre-construction inspection for terrestrial mammals including bats of conservation importance.

Flora

The survey was carried out in the suboptimal period. No protected flora was noted on site. Site clearance will remove the flora species on site. Invasive species were noted on site.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / site / Negative Impact / Not Significant / Short term. Mitigation is required in relation to invasive species on site and a pre-construction inspection.

Bat Fauna

All trees that are of bat roosting potential (covered in ivy) located within the subject site will be felled as part of the proposed development.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Moderate adverse / site / Negative Impact / Not significant / short term. Mitigation is needed in the form of a pre-construction inspection, provision of additional roosting opportunities and control of light spill during construction.

Aquatic Biodiversity

Given the proximity of a tributary of the Delvin River is located 38m from the subject site, it is considered that, out of an abundance of caution, there is the potential for downstream impacts on aquatic biodiversity via silt and contaminated surface water runoff.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Moderate adverse / county/ Negative Impact / Slight Effects / short term. Mitigation measures are required to control surface runoff from the site.

Bird Fauna

Removal of trees would result in a loss of potential foraging and nesting habitats.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / Local / Negative Impact / Not significant / long term.

Mitigation measures are required to ensure nesting birds re not impacted.

Potential Operational Impacts

Once developed, the site would be seen as a stable ecological environment. Planting of native species will be important to re-establish nesting and foraging habitats lost.

The new drainage networks will have to comply with SUDS and County Council requirements and, as a result, would have negligible impact on habitats and species surrounding the proposed development site.

Designated Conservation sites within 15km

The proposed development includes a sustainable drainage strategy. There are no designated sites located directly downstream of the works.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Negligible / International / Neutral Impact / Not significant / Long-term

Biodiversity

Biodiversity value of the site will improve as landscaping matures.

Terrestrial mammalian species

No protected terrestrial mammals were noted in the vicinity of proposed works.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / local/ Negative Impact / Not significant / long term.

Flora

No protected flora was noted on site. Invasive species will be removed during construction.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Neutral / site / Not significant / long-term

Bat Fauna

The proposed development will change the local environment as buildings will be erected and the existing trees and vegetation will be removed.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / International /Negative Impact / Not significant / long term. Mitigation is required in relation to the provision of additional roosting opportunities and the provision lighting in compliance with bat lighting guidelines.

Aquatic Biodiversity

Standard measures will be in place in relation to surface water discharges. No additional mitigation is required.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / local / Negative Impact / Not significant / long term.

Bird Fauna

The proposed development will change the local environment as new structures are to be erected. The buildings are comprised of solid materials consisting of a solid material on the exterior which includes sections of concrete and glass. These buildings would be clearly visible to bird species and would not pose a significant collision risk. However, the presence of buildings on site and increased human activity may reduce the potential for breeding birds to forage.

Potential Impacts in the absence of mitigation: Low adverse / site / Negative Impact / Not significant / long term. Mitigation in required to provide additional nesting and foraging resources for birds.

Mitigation Measures & Monitoring

Standard construction and operational controls will be incorporated into the proposed development project to minimise the potential negative impacts on the ecology within the Zone of Influence (ZoI) including local biodiversity within / proximate to the subject site are outlined in Table 5.

Table 5. Mitigation Measures.		
Sensitive Receptors	**Potential Impacts**	**Designed-in Mitigation**
The Delvin River **Biodiversity On-site**	• Habitat degradation • Dust deposition • Pollution • Silt ingress from site runoff • Downstream impacts • Negative impacts on aquatic fauna	**Construction Phase Mitigation** • A project ecologist will be appointed to oversee all works. • A preconstruction inspection for mammals including bats within ivy clad trees will be carried out. • Local watercourses (The Delvin River) and drains will be protected from dust, silt and surface water throughout the works. • Local silt traps established within the site. • Mitigation measures on site include dust control, stockpiling away from watercourse and drains • Stockpiles and runoff areas following clearance will have suitable barriers to prevent runoff of fines into the drainage system and watercourses. • Fuel, oil and chemical storage will be sited within a bunded area. The bund will be at least 50m away from drains, ditches or the watercourse, excavations and other locations where it may cause pollution. • Bunds will be kept clean and spills within the bund area will be cleaned immediately to prevent groundwater contamination. Any water-filled excavations, including the attenuation tank during construction, that require pumping will not directly discharge to the stream. Prior to discharge of water from excavations adequate filtration will be provided to ensure no deterioration of water quality. • Mitigation measures on site include dust control, stockpiling away from watercourses and drains • Bunds will be kept clean and spills within the bund area will be cleaned immediately to prevent groundwater contamination. • During the construction works silt traps will be put in place in the vicinity of all runoff channels of the stream to prevent sediment entering the watercourse. • Petrochemical interception and bunds in refuelling area • On-site inspections to be carried out by project ecologist. • Maintenance of any drainage structures (e.g. de-silting operations) will not result in the release of contaminated water to the surface water network. • During the works silt traps will be put in place • No discharges will be to the watercourse during and post works • Silt traps established throughout site including a double silt fence between the site and the watercourse. • Sufficient onsite cleaning of vehicles prior to leaving the site and on nearby roads, will be carried out, particularly during groundworks. • The Site Manager will be responsible for the pollution prevention programme and will ensure that at least daily checks are carried out to ensure compliance. A record of these checks will be maintained. • The site compound will include a dedicated bund for the storage of dangerous substances including fuels, oils etc. Refuelling of vehicles/machinery will only be carried out within the bunded area. • Concrete trucks, cement mixers or drums/bins are only permitted to wash out in designated wash out area greater than 50m from sensitive receptors including drains and drainage ditches. • Abstraction of water from watercourses will not to be permitted.

Table 5. Mitigation Measures.		
Sensitive Receptors	Potential Impacts	Designed-in Mitigation
		• Spill containment equipment shall be available for use in the event of an emergency. The spill containment equipment shall be replenished if used and shall be checked on a scheduled basis. **Operational Phase Mitigation** • A project ecologist will be appointed to oversee completion of all landscape and drainage works. •
Birds (National Protection)	• Removal nesting habitat. • Removal foraging habitat. • Destruction and/or disturbance to nests (injury/death).	• "Relevant guidelines and legislation (Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts, 1976 to 2012) Should this not be possible, a pre-works check by a qualified ecologist should be undertaken to ensure nesting birds are absent. • Planting will provide suitable cover for nesting birds and encourage insect diversity that would sustain birds. • 15 bird boxes will be placed on site. The selection of bird boxes will be carried out by the project ecologist and will provide a nesting resource for a variety of garden birds. • Additional planting of native hedgerow species (at least 30 trees) including hawthorn, blackthorn and crabapple will be carried out in consultation with the project ecologist.
Bats (International Protection)	• Removal roosting/foraging habitat. • Lighting Impacts	• A pre site clearance inspection of trees on site will be carried out by a bat specialist. If roosting bats are found, NPWS will be informed and a compliance with a Derogation licence will be carried out. • Lighting at all stages should be done sensitively on site • Post Construction assessment/compliance with proposed lighting strategy. • 4 bat boxes will be placed on site to offset the loss of trees with bat roosting potential.
Flora	• Spread of invasive species distribution	• An invasive species specialist will be employed to remove invasive species on site. • Japanese knotweed will be removed in line legislative requirements and overseen by an invasive specialist. • Given that the rear of the site is open space. It is recommended that the stone wall to the rear of the site is retained if possible. If this is not possible it is recommended that the stone wall is reinstated and existing fern species are relocated. • A pre construction in season floral assessment will be carried out.
Mammals	• Death/injury • Destruction of resting/breeding places • Disturbance	• A pre-construction survey will be conducted to ensure that there are no badger setts in any areas of scrub on site. Badgers may also construct new setts in the period between this survey and development proceeding. • Lighting at all stages should be done sensitively on site with no direct lighting of treelines or the riparian corridor. • Post Construction assessment/compliance with proposed lighting strategy to ensure compliance with bat lighting guidelines.

Adverse Effects likely to occur from the project (post mitigation)

As outlined in the arborist report the majority of trees on site consist of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). Therefore, in the do nothing scenario the medium/long term viability of the woodland, is doubtful, as the trees primarily consist of ash and are likely to succumb to Ash dieback.

Standard construction and operational mitigation measures are proposed. These would ensure that water entering the surface water drainage network and the Delvin River is clean and uncontaminated. However, early implementation of ecological supervision, prior initial mobilisation and enabling works is seen as an important element to the project, particularly in relation to the implementation of surface water runoff, invasive species, site clearance mitigation.

In the short to medium term there will be a moderate adverse not significant impact on local biodiversity due to the loss of nesting and foraging resources for birds and areas of bat roosting potential. With the successful implementation of standard mitigation measures to limit surface water impacts on the watercourses, landscaping, biodiversity mitigation/supervision, no significant adverse long-term impacts are foreseen from the construction or operation of the proposed project on terrestrial or aquatic ecology. Residual impacts of the proposed project will be localised to the immediate vicinity of the proposed works. Additional resources to offset loss of nesting, roosting and foraging resources will be in place.

The construction and operational mitigation proposed for the development satisfactorily addresses the mitigation of potential impacts on terrestrial, avian and aquatic biodiversity through the application of the standard construction and operational phase controls as outlined above. In particular, mitigation measures to ensure compliance with Water Pollution Acts and prevent silt and pollution entering the Delvin River will satisfactorily address the potential impacts on downstream biodiversity. No significant adverse impacts on designated conservation sites are likely in the absence of mitigation measures outlined above.

It is essential that these measures outlined are complied with, to ensure that the proposed development does not have "downstream" environmental impacts and significant impacts on biodiversity on site.

Cumulative Impacts

There are several proposed developments located in the area immediately surrounding the subject site. The following is a list of planning applications as identified on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's 'National Planning Application Map Viewer' portal:

Table 6. In-combination effects evaluated

Planning Ref.	Address	Proposal
F22A/0132	Site located to the east of the R130 Road and to the south of Chapel Lane, Garristown, Co. Dublin.	The change of house type from 4 bedroom detached two storey dormer dwelling house with attic accommodation to 4 bedroom detached two storey dwelling houses on Sites 1,2 and 5 of development previously granted planning permission under ref. F20A/0223 including minor internal boundary revisions to accommodate revised house types. No other amendments to the development previously granted planning permission under ref. F20A/0223 are proposed.
F21A/0704	Lands zoned RV-Rural Village located to the south of the Chapel Lane, Garristown, Co Dublin, and to the east of lands approved, for development under Reg., Ref. F20A/0223	(i) construction of 34 no. dwellings comprising: (a) 1 no. four-bedroom, 2 storey dual frontage detached dwelling (House Type 1); (b) 6 no. four bedroom, 2 storey semi-detached dwellings (House Type 2); (c) 20 no. three bedroom, 2 storey semi -detached dwellings (House Type 3); (d) 2 no. three-bedroom, 2 storey semi-detached dwellings (house Type 3A); (e) 2 no. two-bedroom 2 storey end of terrace dwellings (House Type 4); (f) 1 no. two-bedroom 2 storey terrace dwelling (House Type 4A); and (g) 2 no. two-bedroom single storey semi-detached dwellings (House Type 5). Each dwelling will be provided with private amenity space and 2 no. on-curtilage parking spaces;(ii) Continuation of vehicular and pedestrian access approved under Reg. Ref. F20A/0223 to serve the development. A shared surface is also proposed to serve house nos. 13-34: (iii) Provision of 3,725sq.m of public open space. A footpath is proposed from the proposed public open space through the approved public open space to Chapel Lane; (iv) provision of SuDs surface water drainage; and (v) all other associated site development

Planning Ref.	Address	Proposal
		works, including landscaping and boundary treatments and all ancillary infrastructural and engineering works, necessary to facilitate the development. Planning permission has previously been granted under Reg. Ref. F19A/0117 for the demolition of the existing grain store buildings, electricity plant building and removal of existing concrete grain silo bases on the site.
F20A/0223	lands to the east of the R130 Road and to the south of, Chapel Lane, Garristown, Co Dublin	Construction of 21 no dwellings comprising (a) 2 no. four bedroom 2 storey detached dormer dwellings with attic accommodation (House Type 1); (b) 1 no. four bedroom 2 storey detached dormer dwelling with attic accommodation (House Type 1A); (c) 2 no. 3-bedroom 2 storey semi-detached dwellings (House Type 1B); (d) 14 no. three bedroom 2 storey semi-detached dwellings (House Type 2) and (e) 2 no. 3 bedroom 2 storey semi-detached dwellings, with optional room at attic level (House Type 2A). Each dwelling will be provided with private amenity space and 2 no. on-curtilage parking spaces; (ii) provision of vehicular access to serve the development off Chapel Lane and 5 no. separate vehicular access points off the R130 Road to serve Unit Nos. 1,2,3,4 & 5. (iii) provision of an access road, footpaths and landscaped public open space; (iv) provision of SuDs surface water drainage and (v) all other associated site development works including landscaping and boundary treatments and all ancillary infrastructural and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development. Planning permission has previously been granted under Reg. Ref. F19A/0117 for the demolition of the existing grain store buildings, electricity plant building and removal of existing concrete grain silo bases on the site.
F19A/0117	The East of the R130, & to the South of Chapel Lane, Garristown, Co Dublin	The demolition of existing grain store buildings and electricity plant building and removal of existing concrete grain silo bases.
F18A/0606	The East of the R130 &, to the North of Chapel Lane, Garristown, Co Dublin	The proposed development will consist of the demolition of existing grain store and the construction of 20 no. dwelling houses, comprising 4 no. two storey 4 bedroom detached houses, 4 no. two storey 4 bedroom semi-detached houses and 12 no. two storey 3 bedroom houses, 1 no. pedestrian entrance onto Main Street, 3 no vehicular entrances onto Chapel Lane, widening of Chapel Lane (into the application site) along site frontage, new path, public open space, landscaping and all associated site works.
F18A/0400	Remun, Garristown, Co. Dublin.	Development of 1 no. detached dwelling on this site of 0.8 acres. The development will consist of a single-storey house with an internal mezzanine, and will be of a pitched gable-roof design. The entrance to the site will be adjusted and improved for use by both the proposed and the existing adjacent family dwelling, using pre-existing vehicular sightlines. The application will include a new well, an onsite treatment system with aeration treatment, polishing filter and percolation area to cater for wastewater generated from the development. Surface and roof water drainage will run to a new soakaway on the site. Also included for are all associated siteworks and landscaping.
F17A/0692	Garristown Orchard, Garristown, Co Dublin	Permission for the construction of 11 houses on lands at Garristown Orchard, Garristown, Co. Dublin accessed from Chapel lane and the Garristown Orchard development, to which this is an extension. The development comprises 4 no. three-bedroom houses, 5 no. four-bedroom houses and 2 no. five-bedroom houses. The development utilises existing roads, services and public open space at Garristown Orchard, approved under F04A/1570 and F06A/1780 and includes upgrading the existing surface water drainage network at Garristown Orchard.

Based on a review of the planning applications located proximate to the subject site, there are no significant projects that have been granted planning or currently under construction, proximate to the development, that could potentially cause in combination effects on European sites. Given this, it is considered that in combination effects with other existing and proposed developments in proximity to the application area would be unlikely, neutral, not significant and localised. It is concluded that no significant effects on European sites will be seen as a result of the proposed development alone or combination with other projects.

No significant cumulative impacts are likely in relation to the proposed development.

Residual Impacts and Conclusion

The construction and operational mitigation proposed for the development satisfactorily addresses the mitigation of potential impacts on sensitive receptors through the application of the standard construction and operational phase controls outlined above. The overall impact on the ecology of the proposed development will result in a long term minor adverse not significant residual impact on the ecology of the area and locality overall. This is primarily as a result of the loss of terrestrial habitats on site, the felling of trees with bat roosting potential, and is supported by the creation of additional biodiversity features including a sensitive landscaping strategy. Enhancements measures are recommended and should be designed in consultation with the project ecologist.

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An Bord Pleanála

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Date: 26 JUN 2023

Re: The proposed development consists of 6 no. single-storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 no. 2-beds and 3 no. 1-beds, and associated site and landscaping works located at Garristown, Co. Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An order has been made by An Bord Pleanála determining the above mentioned case. A copy of the order is enclosed.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. In addition, the Board will also make available the Inspector's Report and the Board Direction on the decision on its website (http://www.pleanala.ie).

This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Fingal County Council

APPLICATION by Garristown Biodiversity Group of The Forge, Baldwinstown, Garristown, County Dublin and Norman Verso of Chapel Lane, Garristown, County Dublin requesting An Bord Pleanála to consider and determine, in accordance with its powers under article 120(3)(cc) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Fingal County Council should be directed to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of a proposed development consisting of 6 number single storey, detached and semi-detached dwellings composed of 3 number 2 beds and 3 number 1 beds, and associated site and landscaping works at Garristown, County Dublin.

DECISION

NOT TO DIRECT the local authority to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the following:

(a) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

(b) the nature and scale of the proposed development which is significantly under the threshold in respect of Class 10(b)(i) (Infrastructure – Dwelling Units) of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

(c) the location of the site on lands that are zoned as 'RV: Rural Village' under the provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan, 2023-2029 and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this Plan undertaken in accordance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC),

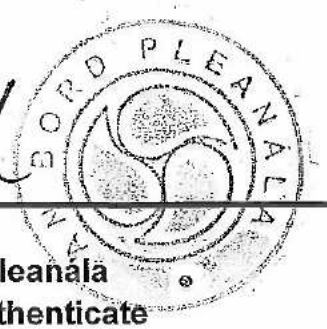
(d) the limited scale of the proposed development on an infill site served by public infrastructure,

(e) the pattern of development in the vicinity,

(f) the submissions made by the applicants requesting a determination and by the local authority, and

(g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and accordingly, that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not therefore required.



Peter Mullan
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this 20th **day of** June, **2023**

An Bord Pleanála

Judicial Review Notice

Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that any application for leave to apply for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the date of the decision of the Board, save for decisions made pursuant to a function transferred to the Board under Part XIV of the Planning and Development Act 2000, where any application for leave to apply for judicial review must, as set out in sub-section 50(7), be made within 8 weeks beginning on the date on which notice of the decision of the Board was first sent (or as may be the requirement under the relevant enactment, functions under which are transferred to the Board, was first published). These time periods are subject to any extension which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with sub-section 50(8).

Section 50A(3) states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that (a) there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and (b) the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the costs of certain judicial review proceedings in the High Court; pursuant to Section 50B(1), Section 50B applies to the following proceedings:

(a) proceedings in the High Court by way of judicial review, or of seeking leave to apply for judicial review, of—
(i) any decision or purported decision made or purportedly made,
(ii) any action taken or purportedly taken,
(iii) any failure to take any action, pursuant to a statutory provision that gives effect to
I. a provision of the EIA Directive 85/337/EEC as amended to which Article 10a (as inserted by Directive 2003/35/EC) of that Directive applies,
II. the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC, or
III. a provision of the IPPC Directive 2008/1/EC to which Article 16 of that Directive applies, or
IV. Article 6(3) or 6(4) of the Habitats Directive; or

(b) an appeal (including an appeal by way of case stated) to the Supreme Court from a decision of the High Court in a proceeding referred to in paragraph (a);

(c) proceedings in the High Court or the Supreme Court for interim or interlocutory relief in relation to a proceeding referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

The general provision contained in section 50B(2) is that in proceedings to which the section applies each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant, to the extent that the applicant succeeds in obtaining relief, against a respondent or notice party, or both, to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on www.citizeninformation.ie

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An Bord Pleanála

Fógra faoi Athbhreithniú Breithiúnach

Athbhreithniú breithiúnach ar chinntí an Bhoird Pleanála faoi fhorálacha na nAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (arna leasú).

Ní fhéadfaidh duine ar mian leis nó léi agóid a dhéanamh in aghaidh bhailíocht chinneadh de chuid an Bhoird é sin a dhéanamh ach trí athbhreithniú breithiúnach. Tá forálacha in Alt 50, 50A agus 50B den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, maidir le dúshláin i leith bhailíocht chinneadh an Bhoird.

Ní féidir bailíocht cinnidh arna ghlacadh ag an mBord a cheistiú ach amháin trí iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (S.I. Uimh. 15 de 1986). Ceanglaíonn fo-alt 50(6) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go gcaithfear aon iarratas ar chead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach a dhéanamh laistigh de 8 seachtaine ó dháta chinneadh an Bhoird, seachas cinntí a dhéantar de bhun feidhme aistrithe chuig an mBord faoi Chuid XIV den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, i gcás nach mór aon iarratas ar chead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, mar atá leagtha amach i bhfo-alt 50(7), a dhéanamh laistigh de 8 seachtaine ag tosú ar an dáta ar ar tugadh fógra faoi chinneadh an Bhoird ar dtús (nó mar a cheanglófar faoin achtú ábhartha, ar aistríodh feidhmeanna faoi chuig an mBord, a foilsíodh den chéad uair). Tá na tréimhsí ama seo faoi réir aon síneadh a fhéadfaidh an Ard-Chúirt a cheadú de réir fho-alt 50(8).

Sonraítear in alt 50A(3) nach ndeonófar cead d'athbhreithniú breithiúnach mura bhfuil an Chúirt sásta (a) go bhfuil forais shubstaintiúla ann chun a áitiú go bhfuil an cinneadh neamhbhaill nó gur chóir é a chur ar neamhní agus (b) go bhfuil leas leordhóthanach ag an iarratasóir san ábhar is ábhar don iarratas nó i gcásanna a bhaineann le measúnú tionchair timpeallachta ar comhlacht é a chomhlíonann critéir shonraithe.

Tá forálacha in alt 50B maidir le costais imeachtaí athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh áirithe san Ard-Chúirt; de bhun Alt 50B(1), tá feidhm ag alt 50B maidir leis na himeachtaí seo a leanas:

(a) imeachtaí san Ard-Chúirt mar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, nó trí chead a lorg chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, ar—
(i) aon chinneadh nó cinneadh airbheartaithe a rinneadh nó a airbheartaítear a rinneadh,
(ii) aon ghníomh a rinneadh nó a airbheartaítear a rinneadh,
(iii) aon mhainneachtain aon ghníomh a dhéanamh, de bhun forála reachtúla a thugann éifeacht

I. d'fhoráil de Threoir EIA 85/337/CEE arna leasú lena mbaineann Airteagal 10a (arna cur isteach le Treoir 2003/35/CE) den Treoir sin,
II. do Threoir SEA 2001/42/CE, nó
III. d'fhoráil de Threoir IPPC 2008/1/CE a bhfuil feidhm ag Airteagal 16 den Treoir sin maidir léi, nó
IV. d'Airteagal 6(3) nó 6(4) den Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga; nó

(b) achomharc (lena n-áirítear achomharc de chás ráite) chun na Cúirte Uachtaraí i gcoinne breithe ón Ard-Chúirt in imeacht dá dtagraítear i mír (a);

(c) imeachtaí san Ard-Chúirt nó sa Chúirt Uachtarach le haghaidh faoisimh eatramhach nó idirbhreitheach i ndáil le himeacht dá dtagraítear i mír (a) nó (b).

Is í an fhoráil ghinearálta atá in alt 50B(2) ná go n-íocfaidh gach páirtí in imeachtaí lena mbaineann an t-alt a chostais féin. Féadfaidh an Chúirt, áfach, costais a dhámhachtain in aghaidh aon pháirtí in imthosca sonraithe. Tá foráil ann freisin go ndéanfaidh an Chúirt costais imeachtaí nó cuid de chostais den sórt sin a dhámhachtain d'iarratasóir, a mhéid a éirfonn leis an iarratasóir faoiseamh a fháil, i gcoinne freagróra nó páirtí fógra, nó an dá cheann, a mhéid a chuir an chaingean nó an t-easnamh ar thaobh an fhreagróra nó an pháirtí fógra go páirteach leis an bhfaoiseamh atá á fháil.

Tá eolas ginearálta ar nósanna imeachta athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh ar fáil anseo a leanas, www.citizensinformation.ie.

Séanadh: Mar eolas atá an méid thuas ceaptha. Ní airbheartaíonn sé a bheith ina léirmhíniú ceangailteach ó thaobh dlí ar na forálacha ábhartha agus bheadh sé inmholta do dhaoine atá ag smaoineamh ar chaingean dlí comhairle dlí a lorg.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 22

PRIORITISING PLANS ARISING OUT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

Presentation will be given at the Council Meeting

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

3rd July, 2023
Item 23

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – JULY 2023

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Chief Executive's Foreword

On Friday June 16th, the Annual General Meeting of Fingal County Council was held at which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024 was announced. I am very pleased to congratulate Cllr Adrian Henchy as he takes the chains of office as Mayor and Cllr Gráinne Maguire who will be Deputy Mayor for the coming year. I look forward to working with the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor as they begin their term and hope they enjoy the experience. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony and Deputy Mayor Cllr Cathal Boland for their outstanding contribution, tireless work and commitment to the people of Fingal in carrying out their duties over the last year. I'm sure there have been many memorable moments for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the hundreds of engagements carried out since June 2022 and each will hold special significance. The visit of the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, in April 2023 was a particularly wonderful occasion and it was a source of great pride for the people of Fingal that the President was warmly welcomed to Ireland by then Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony. As Cllr Mahony and Cllr Boland pass the ceremonial chains to our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor, they take with them the good wishes and gratitude of their constituents, friends and colleagues on Fingal County Council.

Last month Malahide Castle played host to 7 hugely successful concerts as Depeche Mode, Paolo Nutini, Blur, Sam Fender, Florence + The Machine, Sting and Hozier took to the stage. Thousands of happy fans descended on the coastal town to hear their favourite hits and enjoy the festival atmosphere at this iconic venue. As with any large scale event, the planning that is required to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience is phenomenal. We are fortunate in Fingal County Council to have an incredibly experienced Events Unit who, for many years, have presided over the most highly anticipated concerts, shows and large events and have worked closely with multiple agencies to make these events happen. I would like to thank the Events Unit for their tireless endeavours and I look forward to next year's concert series.

The weather could not have been better for the launch of our €2m sporting hub in Porterstown Dublin 15 on Thursday June 15th. In glorious sunshine, the facility was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony who was joined by Minister of State Jack Chambers TD and Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD. It was a very proud day for Fingal County Council, Elected Members, local sporting clubs and the Dublin 15 communities as the ribbon was cut on this state of the art all weather field and running track. To have a sporting facility such as this will ensure that local teams and athletes have the best possible training facilities on their doorstep and will encourage and foster talent and promote excellence within its gates.

Each year Newbridge House & Gardens plays host to Flavours of Fingal. This annual county show is a huge draw for people who come from far and wide to experience the 2-day event. Attracting an average of 80,000 visitors every year, Flavours of Fingal is the flagship summer event hosted by Fingal County Council. Held last weekend, this year's extravaganza combined the popular farming, equestrian, music and dancing showcases with new attractions including a circus tent featuring performers from the Broken Theatre Company, the Wellness Lawn, Dog agility competitions and Dublin's Coast and Fields Food Market. The ever popular Fingal Village gives an unique insight into the work of the council and representatives from departments were on hand to showcase the work we do each day. I was delighted to see so many people enjoy the wonderful attractions and it was particularly lovely to welcome members of the Ukrainian community living in Fingal to the event.

There is still much of the summer left to enjoy and we are looking ahead to another weekend of music and entertainment as historic Swords Castle welcomes back country music superstar Nathan Carter with support from Andy Coogan on Friday July 28th. Saturday July 29th will see Spandau Ballet's Martin Kemp take to the stage for an 80's extravaganza. Supported by a Cher Tribute, Choons and MC Enya Martin, this is guaranteed to appeal to pop fans of all ages. I am delighted that the castle continues to be the focal point for summer entertainment in Swords and I hope you all enjoy the festivities.

Best wishes,
AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Wellbeing Update:

Wellbeing Seminars:

We will be scheduling dates for seminars in August to help with Anxiety, This year we have delivered 23 seminars with a total attendance of 1042 staff.

Employee Assistance Service:

The most recent report from spectrum has shown Anxiety and Relationships issues are main issues people are calling the service with, we are scheduling seminars for anxiety in Sept, and we also have a support directory available to staff with a list of services for relationship advice and support. We will also carry an information drive for the employee assistance service again in August, including depot visits, information at the canteen and through staff messages and a staff competition.

Menopause in the workplace:

The menopause in the workplace training is ongoing. The menopause hub will issue reminders to all staff in July that have yet to register and complete this training.

LGMA Wellbeing Programme Funding:

We have completed our application for LGMA & Healthy Ireland wellbeing funding and hope to secure the maximum amount of €12,000 towards our wellbeing programme.

Fingal 10K:

The Fingal 10k is taking place on July 16th and we have a group of 66 participating this year.

Fingal County Council
Wellbeing Programme

Learning & Development:

In 2023 there are continued high levels of training being provided to improve capacity and competency of our staff while ensuring health and safety compliance. New courses and opportunities are being added all the time.

New courses being introduced in 2023:

- **Supervisory Skills Outdoor staff**
- **Personal effectiveness outdoor staff**
- **Getting the most from PMDS**
- **Grade 7 Training**
- **Introduction to PC skills outdoor staff**

Scheme of Assistance

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education in related areas. The program provides funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level. We have approved 19 applications this year including: Msc in Energy Management, Msc in Information of Libraries Management, Horticulture, Project Management, Drinking Water Treatment Certificate, Diploma & Masters in Local Government Studies courses.

Training delivered:
June is another busy month for training the following courses will be completed by June 31st

41 courses delivered, with approx. **360** attendees, totalling **297.5** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills
Ignite programme 7
Dignity and Equality
Effective Business Writing
Minute Taking
Time Management
Grade 6 Training
Grade 5 Training
Interviewers Skills training
Pre-Retirement training
Procurement training
Personal Effectiveness Grade 3 & 4
Council Meeting Staff Induction

Health and Safety
Driver CPC Module
Safe Pass
Lifeguard Ladder training
Environmental Impact & Appropriate Assessment
Grab Truck
Safety at Roadworks
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Outdoor staff
Manual Handling outdoor
Manual Handling Lifeguards
First Aid
Fire Warden
Abrasive Wheels

Wellbeing
Menopause in the Workplace Training ongoing

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 30 site safety inspections and audits. From January to date the HSU has completed 160 site safety inspections and 25 safety audits. The Unit during the month of June assisted the Training Section with manual handling training for on-boarding Lifeguards and manual handling practical assessments for existing indoor staff. There was one interaction with a HSA inspector at the start of the month and responses to staff H&S queries continued during the month. The Unit met with Uisce Eireann's Eastern regional H&S management team to conclude the overview of Water Services safety management system being transferred to Uisce Eireann.

Customer Services

CCU stats to 27th June 2023

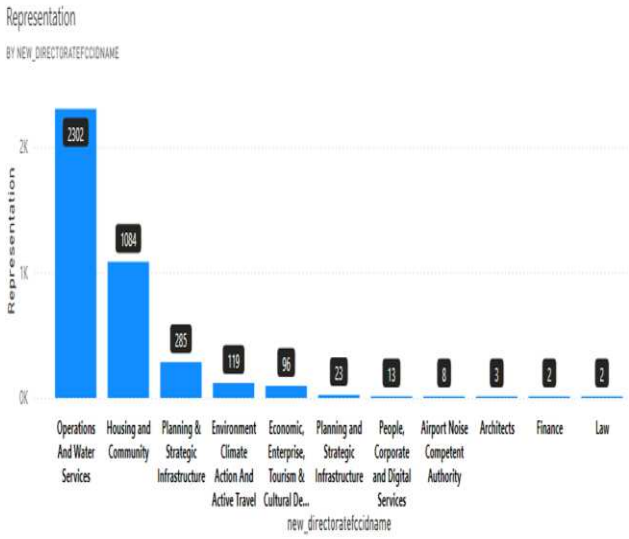
Calls:	10,701
emails:	1,773
In Person:	1,251

CRM

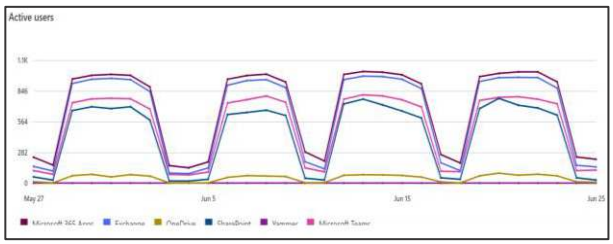
Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of June had a total of 722 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



Digital Services
Digital Working



In June, staff took part in 7,625 Teams meetings. 23,365 Teams calls were made, and 820,086 emails were received or sent by the Council.
979 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 9 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 99.9% server availability and 99.9% network availability was achieved in the month of June. There were no significant outages affecting services.

Infrastructure & Support

Phase 3 of the Teams Meeting Rooms project advanced with the installation of Teams meeting room facilities at the Coolmine Operations Depot Training Room. Additional Teams Meeting facilities were installed at County Hall and at the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown. The offices of the Directors of Service, and The Mayor's Office were included in this phase.



The provision of the new Teams Meeting Room technologies in the Coolmine Operations Depot will allow Management and Staff to host onsite operational team meetings and training with staff in person and/or remotely.

The Digital Services Department commenced a program of work to enhance the Council's Disaster Recovery, Network resilience and Cyber Security capability. The works include the expansion of the Councils vSAN , Firewall infrastructure and additional Server hardening.

The Infrastructure and Operations Team deployed WiFi access points in Water Treatment Plants to assist with the move to Uisce Eireann.

Affordable Housing Portal – Hayestown

The online application portal for those seeking to purchase an affordable home in Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, went live at 12pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023**.** The application portal is a hosted solution, in collaboration with Interform Ltd.



Communications
Website

The fingal.ie website attracted 128,237 page views in the first three weeks on June which generated 274,499 page views. This is already ahead of the figures for June 2022 which were 107,183 and 253,046 respectively. The most popular page was the one providing information on the Malahide Concerts which attracted 21,457 visitors while other popular pages were the Hayestown Affordable Housing Scheme and the Mass & Prayer Schedule for Fingal cemeteries.

Media

The Council issued 26 press releases up to June 26 which included the announcement of the election of a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. There were also several press releases issued in relation to the Malahide Concerts and next month's Flavour of Fingal and Unison Music Festival. Other topics covered were the Softball World Cup qualifier in Balbriggan, Bathing Water Notices, the Mayor's Awards and funding for summer projects.

The campaign to find a name for one of the new kid goats on Howth Head was very successful and attracted a lot of media attention not only in the Dublin region but from other parts of Ireland as well. There two public calls to action, with 455 names suggested initially before 1,213 people participated in a poll to select one of the four shortlisted names which were Saorla, Talún, Fiáin, and Danu. Talún, with 797 votes, emerged as the most popular choice.



Video

The Communications Unit continues to produce videos highlighting the work of the Council and in recent weeks published videos telling the story of the Mayor's Awards, the opening of Porterstown Recreational Hub and benefits of Playful Streets. From June 1 to June 26, the Council's You Tube channel had 8,081 views.

The awarding of a gold medal for the Fingal garden at Bloom helped drive traffic to three videos which were made about it with a 3D video. which allows viewers to walk around the garden, having an engagement rate of 14% from 3,991 impressions.

It can be viewed at https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=VmuY5oAQ7Tr

Social Media

Friday, June 23, was Your Council Day. This is an annual initiative where the 31 local authorities around Ireland promote their work through their social media channels. Fifty posts were delivered across the Council's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels with a video post about the planned Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme attracting the most views.

Building Facilities Management

Energy Performance Contract – Building Facilities

The works phase of our EPC is now completed by the ESCO(Energy Service Company). The 2 civic offices have entered the services phase of the contract for 8 years to carry us through to 2030.

Some delays were experienced in the completion of the works phase due to several different factors. Both parties worked tirelessly to resolve and complete all actions required to get the project to works completion.

The services phase of the contract now involves monitoring and verification of energy in both buildings.

2019 energy consumption of the buildings is used as the baseline year to track progress and verify savings.

The overall energy savings target set is combined 30% of Total Energy cost calculated.

CURRENT JUDICIAL REVIEW CASES

Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High court Record Number 2022/15JR
Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris v An Board Pleanala and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council High court Record Number 2023/581 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373JR
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Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited - High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG - High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Kimpton Vale Limited V An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council Record no 2022/390JR
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029



Production of the current draft Tourism Strategy was completed in early June. Editing is ongoing and we are also working with a graphic designer to present the strategy in a user-friendly brochure format. The final draft will be presented to the September EETCD SPC meeting, and if approved, to the full council meeting in early October.

Fingal Food Policy



Production of the draft Fingal Food Policy was also completed in early June. The policy takes account of the strong food heritage of Fingal, but brings this into the context of the current market offering and future potential for growth of this sector. The policy includes a Vision for Fingal Food and Drink Industry, a Mission Statement, Policy Format and Six Policy Principles.

Key Areas of the strategy include:

1. Vision and goals
2. Priorities and focus areas
3. Strategic actions with key performance indicators and timeframes
4. Collaboration and partnerships
5. Monitoring and evaluation
6. Resources and implementation
7. Policy review and adaptation

This will also be presented to the September EETCD SPC meeting, and if approved, to the full council meeting in early October.

Fingal Food & Drink Network

Dublin's Coast & Fields

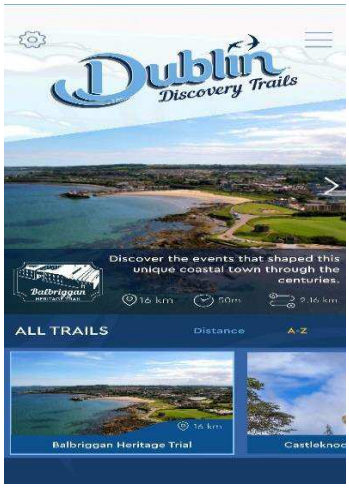


Members of the Fingal Food and Drink Network participated in the launch of Flavours of Fingal County Show on May 30th.

Plans for the Network's presentation at Flavours of Fingal County Show are finalised. The network will present an interesting mix of cooking demonstrations, food pairing, a focus on sustainability, panel discussions and foraging walks. There will also be a showcase of local produce from members of the network.

Flavours of Fingal will also host the next networking event for members at on Saturday 1st July.

Digital Walking Trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan



It is envisaged that the two digital walking trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan that will feature on the Dublin Discovery Trails App will be launched shortly.

Our consultants have now provided the draft trails and they have been circulated to interested parties for final comments.

EETCD are in discussion with relevant parties on the launch date and the marketing and promotion of the trails to ensure they have the maximum reach.

Meeting of the Dublin Local Authority Tourism Network

Tourism representatives of the 4 Dublin local authorities met in Dun Laoghaire on 2nd June to discuss items of mutual interest. Topics included governance structures, progress on tourism strategies, Failte Ireland, Dublin branding, visitor data and measurement and across Dublin collaboration. The next meeting of the group will be held in Fingal in September.

EVENTS

Softball Launch

A photoshoot for the launch of the Women's Softball World Cup took place on Monday 19th June in Balbriggan, this was attended by the new Mayor, local Councillors and the coach and players from Softball Ireland. The Events Unit is assisting Softball Ireland with mail drops to residents in Balbriggan with a discount code and social media support.



Concerts in Swords Castle

The Martin Kemp show is now SOLD OUT, tickets remain available for Nathan Carter.

Flavours of Fingal





The launch of Flavours of Fingal 2023 took place with the outgoing Mayor, kids entertainers, equestrian and Dublin's Coast & Fields Members. New additions this year include the following:

- Kids Theatre Show
- Circus Tent & Acts
- Vintage Cars
- Dublin Coast & Fields Cookery Demo
- Fingal Wellness Area
- Dog Agility
- Irish Dancing

The new website is now live www.flavoursoffingal.ie and tickets for the shuttle buses and car parks are selling well. Positive media coverage of the launch was received in the Irish Independent, the Herald, Dublin Gazette, the Star & The Sunday World.

Unison Festival

The photoshoot launch for the Unison Concerts in Balbriggan & Blanchardstown took place on Wednesday 28th June in Bremore Castle with Mayor Adrian Henchy & various artists from the Festival lineup including the headliner Soule and Ships Wheel. The Mayor will also officially open the festival on Saturday 8th of July at 12pm in Balbriggan.





Malahide Concerts

The Malahide Concerts were a great success. Over the course of seven unforgettable nights, renowned artists such as Sting, Sam Fender, and Depeche Mode graced the stage, captivating the hearts and souls of the audience. With an astonishing attendance of 175,000 over the 7 nights the euphoric atmosphere, electrifying performances, and seamless organization made the Malahide Concerts an unparalleled success, elevating Malahide Castle as a premier destination for remarkable live music experiences.



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle – Roof and Window Conservation Works



The roof and window conservation works on Ardgillan Castle are progressing well. The works have been strategically divided up into five core phases due to the scale of the building.

Phase one and two of the works are now complete, which included the installation of fall restraint systems. Phase three of the works are underway which includes the re-slating of main roof area and the replacement of gutters. Repair works to the window sashes and frames are at an advantaged stage and are being reinstated in batches as they are completed.

Malahide Castle - Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater Harvesting/CHP





The Mechanical & Electrical consultants have finalised the tender package for the Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater harvesting/CHP following extensive enabling survey works onsite. The tender is due to be issued at the end Q2.

The works will consist of a full replacement of the boilers, reintroduction of the CHP and Rainwater Harvesting System, thus providing enhanced efficiencies over time by reducing costs and by promoting energy and water conservation.

It is envisaged the works will commence in late Q3, 2023 following a tender review and evaluation period.

ARTS OFFICE

Youth and Education

Fingal Arts Office delivered the following projects in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023.

Celestial Mechanics

Celestial Mechanics presented a learning experience for children through both visual art and science at Dunsink Observatory. This unique engagement with children from St. Philip's NS Mountview aged 10-11years was facilitated by artists Aileen Murphy, Mary Jo Gilligan and Julia McConville. Following a tour of the observatory and a screening of telescopic imagery facilitated by scientist Prof. Peter Gallagher and educator Sadhbh Leahy of DIAS, the children created a series of large paintings inspired by themes of astronomy. On Saturday 10th June the children's paintings went on display at Dunsink Observatory with a picnic for guests to mark Cruinniú na nOg.





From the Earth

Children from St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown and artist Edel Clarkson welcomed families and the local community to celebrate the installation of their newly created ceramic artworks on the school grounds for Cruinniu na nOg. Over the course of four weeks the children engaged with nature and art. Practical workshops focused on observational drawing, clay modelling, construction and glazing techniques.



Baby Bop Orchestra

An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Cllr. Tom Kitt, Cllr. Punam Rane and Deputy C.E. Ethna Felten joined families at Millennium Park to enjoy a series of interactive and lively classical music concerts pitched at early years children on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg, Violinists Megan Churcher and Natalia Jaworek, clarinettist Margot Maurel, tubist Adam Buttimer and flautist Ciara Corrigan-Margetts, of the Royal Irish Academy, played a musical programme of classical waltzes, Finnish tangos and familiar Disney tunes for everyone to dance along to in a playful and friendly first introduction to brass, woodwind and strings.



A New Beat

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre's Piper's Garden was alive with music and dance on Sat 10th as young people aged 12 – 18 years took to the stage to showcase 'A New Beat'. Over the course of six weeks musician Robbie Walsh and choreographer Roisin Whelan facilitated a learning experience in bodhrán and contemporary dance culminating with a public performance on Cruinniu na nOg.



Finscealta Beo

Children of Scoil an Duinninigh and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords performed their Irish language play 'Finscealta Beo' to a live audience at Carnegie Court Hotel on Sat 10th following a series of theatre workshops facilitated by professional theatre makers Sean and Niall McDonagh of High Rock Productions.



Music Education

Fingal Arts Office & Fingal Music Generation offered free music workshops for young people at Burgundy House Swords on Saturday 10th of June in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023, Creative Ireland Programme.

Vocal Workshop - Finding your Voice

Facilitated by professional vocalist and musician educator Mary Flynn, this workshop took participants aged 7-11years through some of the fundamentals of vocal practice, with a fun practical session.

Guitar Workshop

Music educator and composer Shane Latimer introduced participants aged 12-15 years to a variety of guitar styles, music genres and music technology employed by professionals in today's recording studios.

Song writing & Recording Workshop

Composer and musician educator Matt Winston led a workshop in song writing and recording technology.





Public Art

Dublin Canvas

Submissions received and selected for this year's Dublin Canvas initiative in Fingal.

Boxes in Swords, across Dublin 15, Balbriggan, Howth and Meekstown are set for a refreshed design for 2023. We will work with Dublin Canvas for a bigger programme in 2024.



National policy on Per Cent for Art, Arts Council Consultation

The Arts Office led a Fingal contingent to represent at the event at Woodquay from our architects, planning, curatorial, artistic and community partners as part of the Arts Council's National Per Cent for Art Policy Consultation.



DRAÍOCHT

July will see both our Create Dance groups (participants are children/young people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities) and the D15 Youth Theatre perform their shows in Draíocht's Main Space. A summer programme of workshop and projects for children and young people will take place over June/July.

Draíocht's next Exhibition 'Making Sculpture' curated by D15 writer/curator, Sara Muthi, opens on June 28th. A response space around the theme of sculpture has been developed for the First Floor Gallery.

Draíocht has partnered with the Community Department to place an artist in the Welcome Rooms in Corduff and Parslickstown Community Centres.

With the assistance of the Community Department, Draíocht is delivering an 8-week pilot project in 5 community centres which will take place from October to December 2023. On consultation, it has been agreed that we develop a Choir in each.



Announcement of Recipients of the Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2023

Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Age and Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival are delighted to announce Colette Cullen and James English as the recipients of the Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award. This award aims to celebrate and support older artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

Colette Cullen, a playwright and James English RHA, a painter, will commence their residencies in

the coming months at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in the beautiful, tranquil setting of County Monaghan. The award, which comprises of a four-week residency including a travel and materials stipend, will provide an ideal environment for the successful recipients to research and develop new work with the potential to present outcomes during Age and Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival 2024.

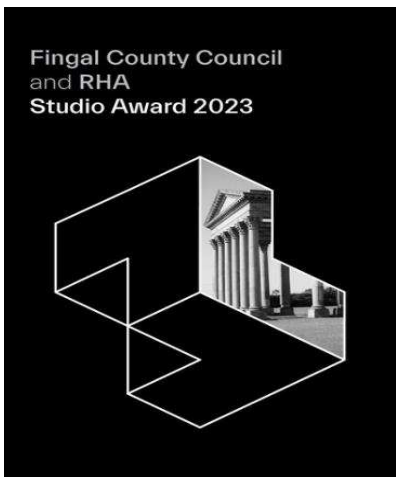


Images courtesy of the artists

When Rachel Met Fiona, 2022 by Colette Cullen. Directed by Iseult Golden featuring Eilish McLaughlin (left) & Emma Dargan-Reid (right). Photographer: Al Craig

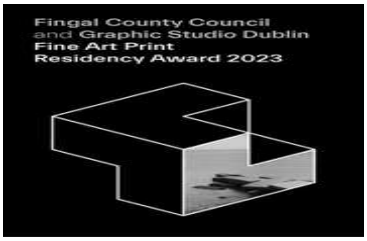
River Sedges, 2023 by James English, Oil on canvas. Photographer Gillian Buckley

Open Call Fingal County Council and RHA Studio Award



Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA), invited applications for a funded studio opportunity at the RHA for a professional artist for the period of one year; the residency will commence at the end of September 2023. The award offers an artist the opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA and covers the cost of studio rental and administration. The award is open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art. The closing date for the submission of applications is Monday 24th July.

Open Call Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Fine Art Print Residency



Fingal Arts Office invited applications for the Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award. As part of the ongoing commitment to professional artists, Fingal Arts Office in partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin is offering two fine art print residencies to professional artists at any stage of their careers, working in any discipline, who are interested in exploring print processes. The closing date for the submission of applications is Thursday 27th July.

Local Writers selected for the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme

Fingal Arts Office partnered with the Irish Writers Centre to provide professional development opportunities to support Fingal writers through the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme. Four local writers; Alicia Byrne Keane, Thomas Brezing, Lauren Lawler and Jack Poole have been selected by the Irish Writers Centre to receive professional literary mentoring over the next eight months from an acclaimed Irish writer of their choice.

Following a national call out, 37 writers were selected from nearly three hundred applicants. Fingal Arts Office funds the literary mentorships along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicants from the

county would be selected. Their support will ensure that the chosen mentees receive this potentially life-changing support free of charge. It is also an investment in the long-term literary reputation of the region.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

June was full of beginnings and endings at The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. With the end-of-term concert for the Music School, the culmination of our Cruinniu na Óg project, making way for the beginning of The Garden Party Summer Programme and a new art exhibition. In a move much celebrated by the local community, we also took advantage of the Garden Party opening evening to announce that the TSEAC café has new operators who will be re-opening imminently.

The Garden Party

The Garden Party 2023 began on June 9th with a collective of Breton folk artists called Arzan. We invited members of community groups, local business owners and members to the opening, which was well attended and a great night had by all.

Thus far in June, the Garden Party has also seen Emma Doran and Neil Delamare perform, and this coming weekend we will host the Cinema Weekend with a Mamma Mia Singalong and a Family screening of Wall-E.



Children

Our Fingal County Council and Creative Ireland funded project "A New Beat" came to an end with a performance of the work created on June 10th, Cruinniu na Óg. This project was a great success, bringing together children from different parts of the community and introducing them to both the Bodhran and contemporary dance. The aim of this project was to examine new routes of access to the traditional arts for children who otherwise would not take part.



Music School

On June 6th we had our first in person end-of-term concert since pre covid. The majority of our 53 students (both adults and children) performed, playing Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Bodhran, Uillean Pipes, Banjo, Guitar and Box Accordion. Memorably, some of the students were meeting each other and their teachers for the very first time, as TSEAC has continued the option for students to attend zoom classes.





Art

On June 14th we launched our new exhibition which features artwork from a local group of artists called the Boathouse Painters. The opening was very well attended with over 70 people visiting.

Workshops

On June 17th and 18th Conleth Gent held a sold out wood turning workshop in the Piper's Garden.

Café

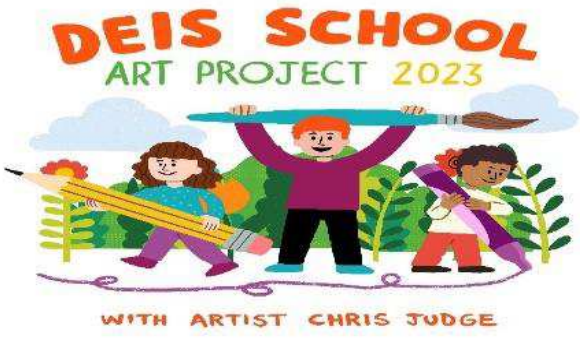
Rosie McNerney and Alan Purcell will be taking over the TSEAC café in the coming weeks and have been providing catering at all Garden Party events. Rosie and Alan run three other cafes in the Fingal area, notably the award-winning Cottage in Swords. We have been working closely with Alan and Rosie to ensure this new engagement will be a great success for the centre and the community.

Libraries

Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland - Collaborative Artworks with Deis Schools

As part of Fingal's Creative Ireland programme, artist Chris Judge is engaging in a collaborative artwork programme with students and teachers in Bracken Educate Together National School in Balbriggan, and St Philips SNS in Blanchardstown. Students are working with Chris to develop ideas and drawings for the overall artwork, which Chris will distil to create a single large-scale artwork (250cm x 100cm) for a key wall in each school.



Cruinniú na nÓg

Summer got off to a creative start in Fingal Libraries with Cruinniú na nÓg on 10th June. This day of free creative activity was a great success, with over 400 children taking part in activities at the festival held in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, and over 300 children taking part in 15 different workshops and events throughout Fingal Libraries' branch network. Children and young people got the opportunity to try their hand at graffiti art, drumming, making videos, clay modelling and willow weaving among many other activities.



Taoiseach Leo Varadkar visited the festival village in Millennium Park where he met with members of the Baby bop Orchestra, took part in sensory activities with Childvision, created his own piece of art with Graffiti Ink and visited the mobile library.



Roderic O'Gorman TD visited Blanchardstown library where he took part in an art workshop with Alan Nolan, Children's author and a coaster making session in the maker space.



Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons continue to cast their spell over Fingal and a full programme of gaming will be taking place in Swords, Blanchardstown, Baldoyle, Malahide, Balbriggan and Howth libraries this summer, as part of the Fingal Community Gaming Programme.





Mobile Summer Library Tour

The Fingal Libraries Mobile Van will be at community festivals in Fingal this summer. The mobile van was at the Safer Blanchardstown Festival in Millennium Park on 17th June, where children were entertained by Murf the Magician. Upcoming festivals include Flavours of Fingal Saturday, 1st July, Sunday, 2nd July; Meakstown Summer Festival Saturday, 8th July, and Donabate/Portrane Summer Festival Saturday, 12th August.



Repair Café at Fingal Makerspace

Repair Café was a partnership between Fingal Makerspace, Tog Hackerspace and Make Create Innovate.

The objectives were to:

· Reduce waste by repairing items instead of throwing them away

· Encourage the community to learn practical repair skills

· Foster social connections and community engagement

· Raise awareness about the importance of sustainability, the circle economy, and resource conservation.

Ten volunteer fixers participated on the day with 99 items brought in for repair by 61 members of the community. Many fixers were from the local community.

It was a very busy day and the response from the community was really fantastic. The diversity of participants was striking on the day. We made a short video which captures the essence of the day and the sentiment from those participating. There is very strong interest from all participants and the library setting is really suited to this kind of community engagement.

Summer library highlights

- The Calm Café for Kids with Orlaith O'Sullivan – an 8-week course which guides children to care for their hearts and minds.
- Traditional Irish tales with storyteller Róisín Murphy
- Summer Arts & Crafts with artist Kim Jenkinson
- A Sensory Music Workshop with Musical Tots.
- The Art of Poetry – A Rhyming & Rapping workshop with writer Maeve Devoy
- Impossibly Good Ideas - a writing workshop with author Shane Hegarty
- How to find your voice and stand out with author & illustrator Aoife Dooley - A talk about the inspiration behind Aoife's books & top tips on how she creates graphic novels.
- Sensory Summer Cooking with the Cool Food School
- Mr. Spice Bag – author Freddie Alexander visits libraries
- Story Time, drama and role play with a dog safety message from Dogs Trust

There will also be a variety of story time and arts and crafts sessions run by library staff across all the branches throughout the month. These are always extremely popular and are greatly enjoyed by all attendees.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2023, to be held in partnership with DCU, is taking place on 3rd October and will be a one-day event at The Helix, DCU to promote future education and skills options to TY students in Fingal. Notices were sent to all secondary schools in Fingal and over 1,700 students are registered to attend the Expo in October.





The kick-off meeting for the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition" was held in Brussels in May 2023. The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan. On June 20th , the Fingal Skills Strategy team attended training in preparation for the launch of the project website. The first formal communications meeting will take place in early July. The next meeting of the SKYLA Project partners is scheduled to be held in Fingal in November 2023 and planning for the city visit is underway.

The Council was successful in its application to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development called EcoCore. The programme officially kicked off in June 2023 with launch sessions for lead partners and project partners leading into the activation stage of the project. Urbact and Fingal County Council have appointed a lead expert to provide expertise and guidance throughout the project.

The project focuses on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors. The project duration is 2.5 years.

Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The kick-off for the EcoCore project partners will be scheduled online in July 2023 to discuss a roadmap from the project, budget, establishment of the Urbact Local Group

(ULG) and scheduling city visits. Following this kick-off meeting the Lead Expert and Fingal County Council as Lead Partners shall commence work on the baseline profiles of all participating partner cities, the network roadmap and management. Representatives from each of the project partners will attend the Urbact Summer University in Malmo, August 28th – 30th to build skills in action planning via Urbact methods.

CITIZEN, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES PROGRAMME (CERV)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

European Commission | Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

The second Green IT Your Work meeting took place in Alicante on 10th & 11th May. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland who are continuing work on the objectives of Green IT Your Work.



The trip involved a visit to the Hogar Provincial composting centre which manages and maintains a community composting bio-waste pilot plant. A social centre managed by the Diputación de Alicante. The group also visited Casa Tápena (Onil) to learn about projects around environmental education and the use of the natural environment as a resource.
The next event will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece on 29th August 2023.

InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan from September 28th to October 1st 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal, Foroige, sports clubs and scout group to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. This collaborative project will see 20 young people from local clubs and youth groups take part in leadership and sports education training in July with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects.

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL

EETCD is currently inputting into the new Local Authority Climate Action Plan and aligning economic objectives and actions under the Plan.
The Council has collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects and awaits funding decisions:

1. DIFFER is a proposal for a Feasibility Study of District Heating in Fingal & an investigation of the feasibility of district heating from data centres in Fingal to supply Dublin Airport which has been submitted to the SEAI
2. ATLAS is a proposal to consider AI real-time connect on-demand mobility as a service which has been submitted to SFI for the Sustainable Communities Challenge.

CIRCULAR CITIES DECLARATION

The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is now commencing on an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal's profile has been published on the Circular Cities website at CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Fingal County Council has been awarded €150,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme for a Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. KPMG have been appointed to carry out the feasibility study. In late June KPMG presented both a stakeholder engagement summary and preliminary options appraisal to the DBEC Directors. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will be complete in Q3 2023.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Fingal Local Community Development Committee

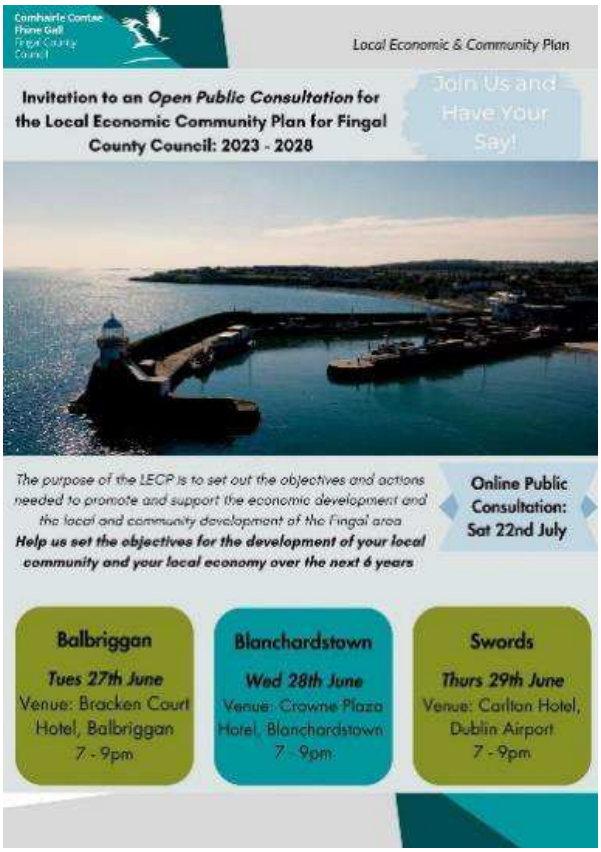
FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 28th June.

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 – 2027

Consultants Grant Thornton have commenced work on the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewing the last LECP, drafting high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and initial 2-year Implementation Plan. Initial consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders took place in June 2023 and Sub-Committees are being established to collate input to the LECP with an Economic Sub-Committee, a Community Sub-Committee and a Sustainability/Environment Sub-Committee. Public consultation events are scheduled to take place on:

- Tuesday 27th June - Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan 7pm - 9pm
- Wednesday 28th June – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown 7pm - 9pm
- Thursday 29th June – Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport 7pm – 9pm



Information on the new LECP will also be published on the Council's consultation portal in July and will be open for submissions. The Council has also scheduled a webinar on the new LECP for 22nd July 2023.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal was allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More than 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is completed, and payments of the grants to community groups/organisations has commenced.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15th March 2023.
Fingal County Council has welcomed the allocation of €1,748,912 under the Community Recognition Fund for 26 projects across Fingal.
There is an allocation of €850,512 for eight projects in Swords and €435,000 has been provided for four projects in Dublin 15. Three projects in the Howth Malahide Local Electoral Area have received a total of €92,000 while €96,600 will be spent on four projects in Skerries, Rush and Lusk. Three projects in Balbriggan will be funded by grants amounting to €44,000 while two projects in Baleskin will receive a total of €30,200 and one in Santry will receive €20,000.
60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18th October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDC and consultation has been carried out with the LCDC, Local Response Forum and relevant stakeholders. The Council is now moving forward with project implementation on each of the projects.

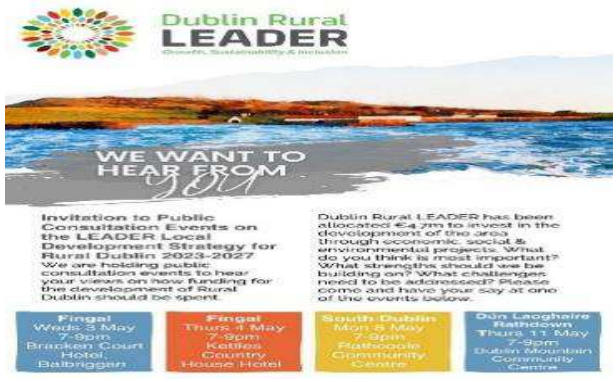
SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help 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 on the ground to assist with this. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response.

Procurement for SICAP for the programme period 2024-2028 is anticipated to commence in Q3 2023 and the Department of Rural & Community Development has issued a Prior Information Notice on etenders and Council staff have attended procurement support sessions. The SICAP Oversight Committee has met to consider the procurement of the new SICAP programme contract and is preparing documents for publication in July.

LEADER PROGRAMME

In December, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) approved in full the allocated LEADER 2021-22 Transition Programme for eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.
On 26th January Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced details of the applicant groups who were successful under Stage 1 of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme, Fingal LCDC was successful to run the next LEADER Programme for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.



A series of public consultation workshops with stakeholders were held across the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG area in May to inform the new Leader Development Strategy. The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is finalising the new Leader Development Strategy for submission by the 14th July 2023.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan to Ardgillan to interact with other service users and avail of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The occupational therapists are very happy with the impact on patients. A review of the programme is being carried out in July with plans in place to relaunch the programme again in September 2023.

Woodlands for Health

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Stroke Survivors Classes

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and the Sports Office are supporting a stroke survivors' class in Dublin 15. The class, which started in May, will occur monthly (until December 2023) and is focused on older adults who have had cardiac issues in the past. The collaboration will see the addition of some low intensity exercise through the provision of a fitness instructor and used as an opportunity to provide participants with information and supports on quitting smoking and/or reducing their alcohol intake. The programme is open to anyone who has had cardiac issues, and anyone interested in attending can contact Katie ksoden@irishheart.ie for more details



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 fitouts can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong following the Connected Free Voucher Scheme run in 2022.

Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

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 Balbriggan Leadership Group, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. The Leadership group will receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at the next Leadership meeting scheduled for 26th June.



The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025, Tender documents to appoint a contractor are currently being prepared prior to being issued to E-tenders shortly. Replies to the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire have been received are being evaluated. Irish Water are due on-site in Quay Street on the 1st September. Car park resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle) is progressing in advance of the site works at Quay Street.

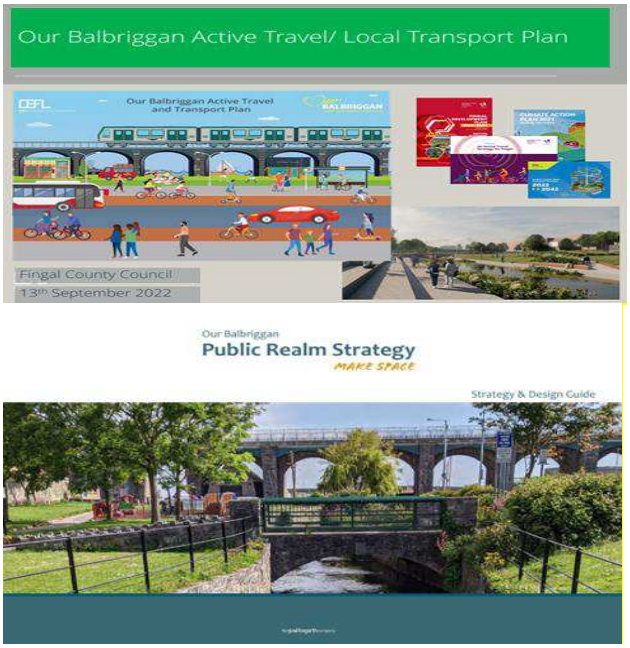
The pre-planning process for 2 – 4 Dublin Street commenced in March. Planning documentation was presented to the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Area Committee in May prior to the Part VIII being published in July going to full Council in September/ October. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub. 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are both almost complete with both expected to be published shortly further to final internal review which is almost complete.

Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) began in early June. Annexes at the rear of DeBruns buildings are also being surveyed before being demolished.

A Balbriggan Shopfront Scheme was launched in early May with over 20 applications received. Successful applicants have been approved and were informed in early June.



Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering are delivering a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour, as part of a wider package of improvements. Work is progressing on the provision of new lights and shoreside services on the West Pier. The main Harbour upgrade works are scheduled to be completed in July.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 5.1k followers on Facebook. The Our Balbriggan Office looks forward to supporting Balbriggan in hosting the World Softball Championship and Unison Summer Festival in July.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there will be three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The second meeting of new Town Team has been held recently in Lusk Cultural Centre. A community briefing is being held in early July to establish the Community Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local community. The tender request to secure a consultant to support the preparation of a new Town Plan is currently ln e-tenders.



Lusk Cultural Centre 3 years ago



Lusk Cultural Centre today

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEMES

The Regeneration Office continues to oversee the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council has been approved for €100,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and 30 properties in the centre of Rush have been approved for funding. Works will continue over the summer period and a number of premises have now been completed in the town.
The Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme are currently being sought from properties in Donabate Town Centre. €36,000 in funding has also been approved from the Department of Rural and Community Development for this Scheme under the last Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022.

The application made to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 has been successful with €500,000 now approved for St. Margarets, The funds will be used to purchase properties to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities. This funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family.

ORIS: The Regeneration office is currently inviting expressions of interest for projects that could be considered as applications for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland. The scheme supports outdoor recreation activities such as walking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and hiking. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

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 June 2023 are as follows:

FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) ran a very successful Summer BBQ event on June 21st in the Malahide Rugby Club. The 2 speakers Linda Monahan, Corporate to Calm and Denise "Inspired" Horan discussed how to make the most of your business throughout the Summer months & shared some great tips for small business owners. The event was attended by over 150 people and generated a lot of impact on Social media from the attendees.

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING

A further 29 clients attended the June Fingal Business Briefing (FBB), bringing to 142 the total participants at 3 briefings year to date. The Fingal Business Briefing is a monthly event where owner/managers of Fingal-based small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs learn how they can access a vast array of services from the LEO and other state agencies.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Leadership for Growth Management Development Programme concluded on June 16th. The participants are now working on their Assessments and future business plans and will be presented with certificates upon finalising those plans. A second programme is planned for September 2023. This is a hybrid programme (in-person and online) and enables ambitious owner/managers to develop their management capabilities as well as providing a networking platform. Another programme will start in September 2023.

ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT SCHEME

A new Energy Efficient Grant Scheme launched on 26th May, to be rolled out through the Local Enterprise Offices. The scheme will enable small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient. The grant will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum amount of €5,000. The scheme aims to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive.

TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER SCHEME



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme supports 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. So far in 2023, a total of 34 applications have been approved in the amount of €71,673. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on **Friday 7th July** (online).

BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS AND MENTORING



Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered in-person and online. To date the Business Advice clinic has offered advice and support to 448 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 151 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD. LEO Fingal has a panel of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. The panel of Mentors meet up on a regular basis facilitated by LEO Fingal. The next Mentor meeting will take place on 30th June where we are introducing "Mentor Information Sharing" sessions, where mentors will have an opportunity to learn from each other.

MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOANS

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted five MFI loan applications YTD. An online lunchtime briefing was held on June 15th to learn all you need to know about how to create a winning loan application, joined by a Guest speaker from Microfinance Ireland.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The LEO Fingal team are busy planning the Q3 & Q4 Training schedule and adding new classes and programmes to the curriculum. The programme will be launched from end of June with the first courses available to book from early July. There have been 1648 people attending training events either in person or online with Fingal LEO year to date achieving 94% of the yearly target set by Enterprise Ireland.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MICROEXPORTERS

The Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) grant enables clients to explore and develop new market opportunities. The TAME grant part-funds the costs that can be incurred investigating and researching export markets, e.g. exhibiting at Trade Fairs, preparing marketing material and developing websites specifically targeting overseas markets. There have been 4 TAME Grants approved YTD with a value of €2,500 each.

UKRAINE ENTERPRISE CRISIS SCHEME



Assistance for business energy costs is being awarded to qualifying businesses affected by the increase in input costs or supply chain issues in relation to the Ukraine war. Clients are being advised to speak to the Local Enterprise Office to assess eligibility and to apply. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

DIGITAL START

The Digital Start Programme provides support to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services for eligible businesses. Digital consultants help to develop a unique digital strategy that transforms businesses by identifying they are on their digital business journey, developing a digital adaptation plan based on identified need and assisting to implement a digital plan. There have been 9 approvals in 2023 YTD.

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 1 June and approved €111,850 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €355,250 has been approved across nineteen applications by Fingal Businesses. A further 2 Agile Innovation grants to the value of €101,000 have also been approved in 2023. The next EVAC meeting is Wednesday 28th June.

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Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Floral Display Contract**

Summer Floral Displays Countywide

As part of the annual Floral Display Contract the Summer Displays have been installed countywide during June. For the 2023 summer displays each planter contains 40% pollinator plant content along with the usual fillers to achieve the required five-month display. For summer 2023 the grower has trialled some new experimental mixes with an aim to increase the pollinator percentage year on year.



- **Newbridge Demesne**

New Pedestrian Access

Works nearing completion on a redesigned pedestrian access from the existing carpark to the front of Newbridge House. Some railing still to be installed but the newly planted backdrop is ready just in time for The Flavours of Fingal County Show.





- **Santry Demesne**

Perennial Planting Scheme

As part of the 2023 Programme of Works a new perennial planting scheme has been added to the entrance to Santry Demesne. Planting scheme in accordance with The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan





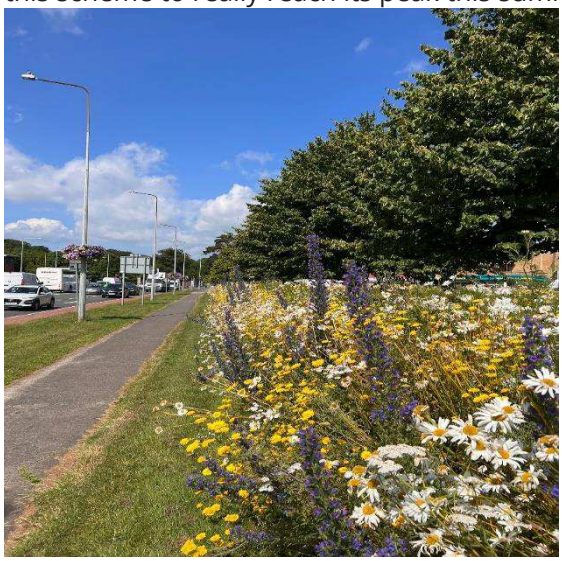
Eco Toilet Walled Garden

Following ongoing collaboration with Santry Community Garden an Eco Toilet has been installed to facilitate the fantastic community garden volunteers.



Wildflower Planting

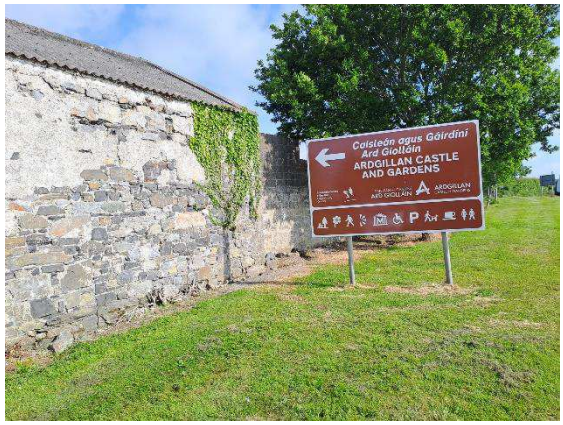
The approach road to Santry Demesne has a spectacular wildflower planting display. The warm weather during early summer 2023 has allowed this scheme to really reach its peak this summer.



➢ Ardgillan Demesne

Improved Road Signage

Replacement Road Directional Signage has been installed on all the approach roads to Ardgillan Demesne.



New Swings

The long-awaited replacement swings have been installed at Ardgillan Playground.



➢ Skerries

Knee Rail at Mourne View, Skerries

The installation of a knee rail around the open space at Mourne View is nearing completion.



Floral Display at Harbour Road, Skerries

Planters in situ along Harbour Road with a colourful mix of summer bedding and pollinator friendly plants.



➢ Lusk

Wildflower area at the recently taken in charge Rathmore Park, Lusk



➢ Ward River Valley Park

Steps Refurbishment

The second set of steps currently being refurbished in the Ward River Valley Park are almost complete. The third set will commence during Autumn 2023.



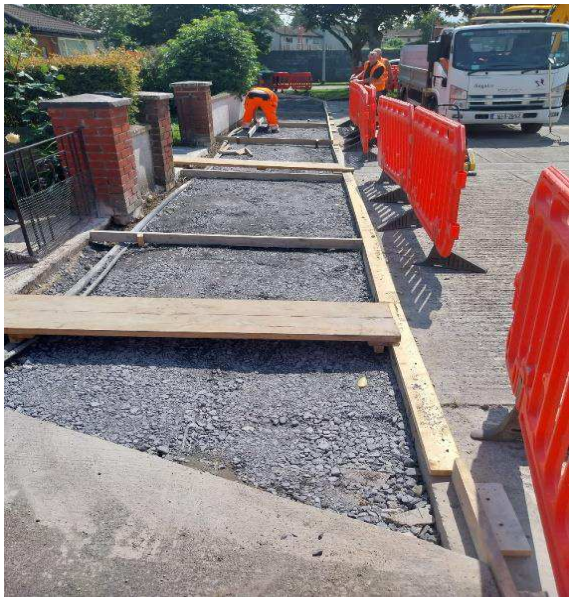
Seating

An additional 6 park benches and 3 bins have been installed at the Swords Manor section of the Ward River Valley Park



Footpath Works





Concrete footpath repair works by internal Operations crew at Pine Grove, Swords





Installation of Park Bench bases at Brackenstown Road, Swords



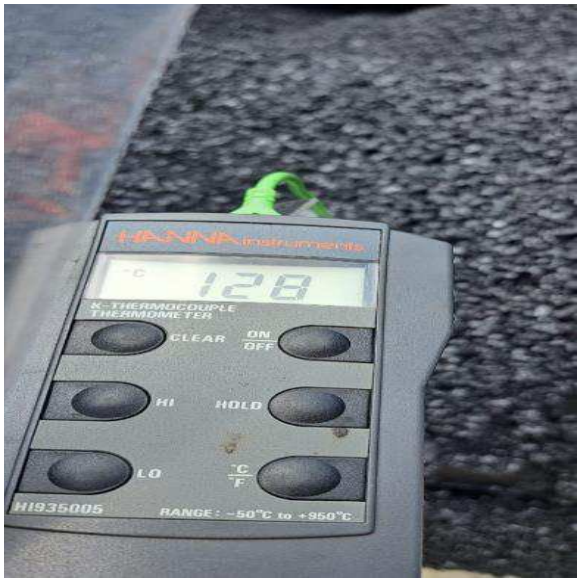
Footpath works outside Fingallians GAA club, Swords



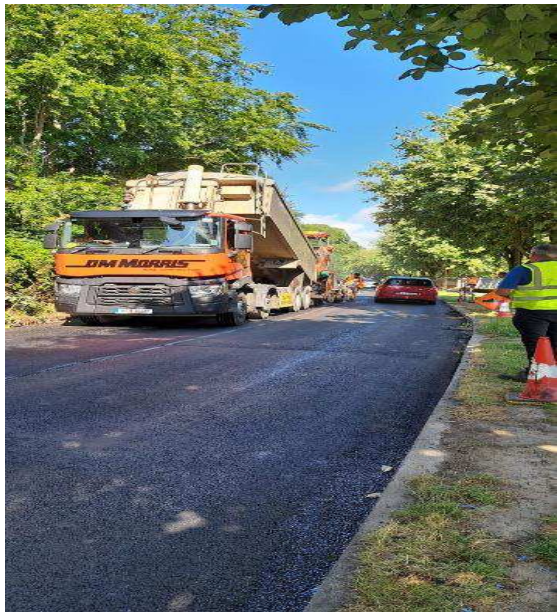




Water main installation works for Estuary Recycling Centre, Swords







Donabate Turvey Avenue Road inlay works

Skerries Lighthouse Window

Footpath works by Operations crews, Swords Oakland





Dangerous section of 8ft deep ditch piped by Balbriggan Roads Crew, Oldtown.



New Gully installed by Balbriggan Roads Crew at area previously prone to flooding in Walshestown.







Road resurfacing works carried out as part of the Roads Capital Programme on R-128 Loughshinney





Footpath works carried out as part of 2023 Programme of Works in Orlynn Park, Lusk.





Resurfacing works ongoing on R-132 Delvin Bridge to Balbriggan as part of the Roads Capital Programme





Replacement of Skerries Lighthouse window from plastic to glass

Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works

Work is progressing on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. The work continues very well throughout all the work areas of roads & footpaths, traffic management and parks & open spaces. Concrete footpaths were replaced in Millview Lawns and on Millview Rd as part of the 2023 POW. Concrete paths were also replaced on Harbour Rd Howth and Duncarraig Sutton as part of the 2023 POW.

- **Footpath Works**

Depot Works



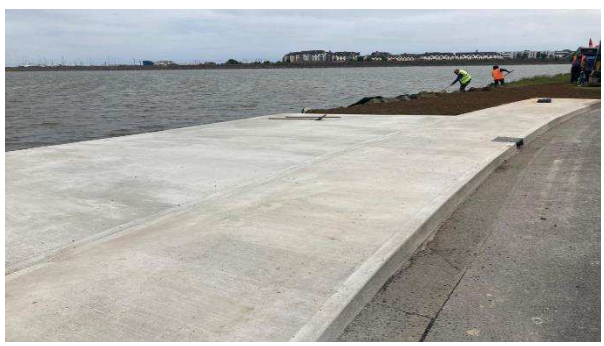
Footpaths replaced and drop kerb and tactiles installed at Glencarraig, Sutton by crews



Pedestrian crossing installed on station Rd.



Path repaired and jetty Cave Strand, Malahide. Work by contractors



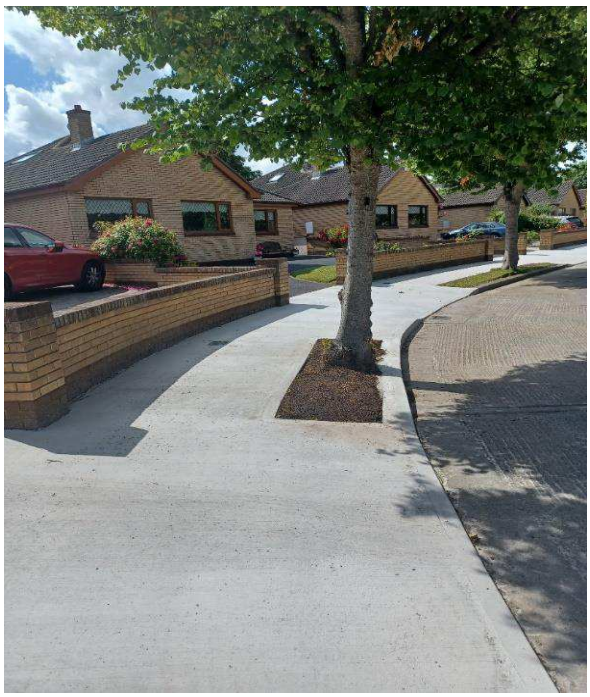
Cave Strand



Millview Rd, Malahide Concrete footpaths 2023 POW



Footpaths upgrade in Duncarraig Sutton – Part of the programme of works carried out by contractors



Footpath improvements in Parkvale Baldoyle. These works are being carried out by the Malahide Howth Ops team and will continue for the next couple of weeks.





Malahide Demesne Concerts

Good atmosphere for the Malahide Concert Series in Malahide Demesne for all 7 concerts throughout the month of June.









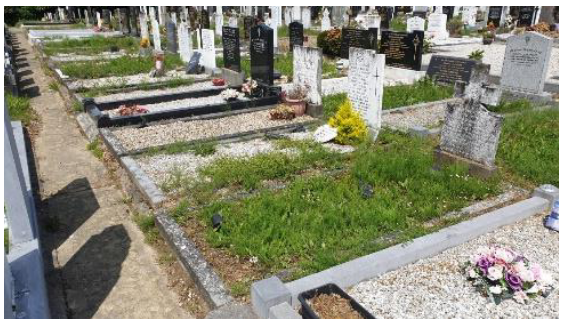


Burial Grounds Works

Staff tackling the amarestrial weed at our Fingal burial grounds.











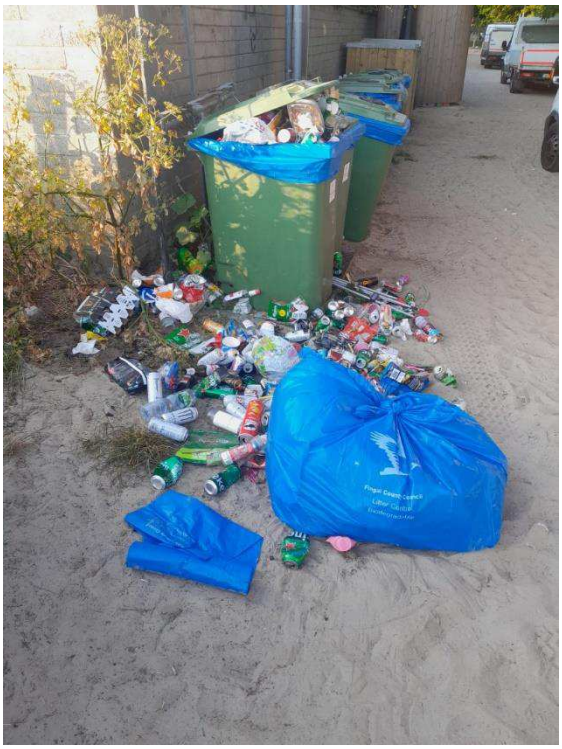
Saint Fintan's Blessing of the Graves

Cleansing











Our cleansing staff tackling the beaches Howth Malahide.

Parks & Open Spaces







Repair to dune fencing at Portmarnock Beach

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New footpath - Coolmine

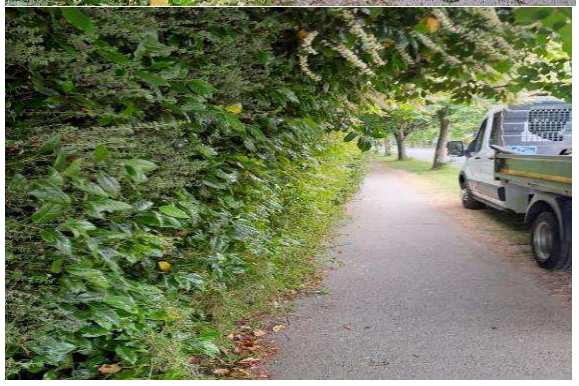




Before and after photos of new footpath inserted along back wall of Recycle Centre Porters Road at fire station Coolmine

Cutting of Hedgerow on Carpenterstown Road



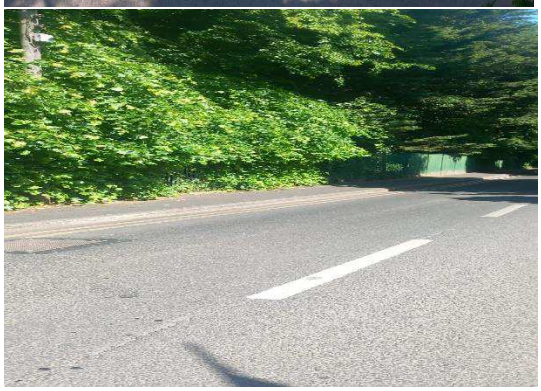


Before and after photos of Hedgerow cut back on The Carpenterstown Road which were blocking Pedestrians on footpath.

Hedgerow Cutback at Grove Road

These works were carried out for health and safety of the public to use the footpaths.





Planting at Lanesborough

Planting took place at Lanesborough Gardens this month.





Removal of Bollards – Finglas

120 Bollards in Dunsoughly Finglas along fenced area which were removed with a Stump Grinder.



Entrance to Coolmine Industrial Estate





The entrance to Coolmine Industrial Estate was planted recently with Red Thyne and finished off with Bark Mulch at Entrance to Coolmine Ind Estate.

Planting at Martin Savage Memorial Monument



Summer bedding was planted at the Martin Savage Memorial Monument on the Navan Road.

Cutting back of hedgerow at Cherry Park

Hedgerow was cut along footpath at side of 1 Cherry Park Carpenterstown beside Coolmine Roundabout.







Car Parking Services
April 2023

There was a total of 1596 parking tickets issued during May 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

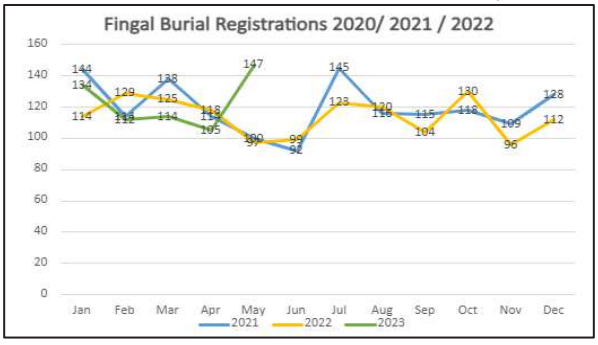
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - May 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	849
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	171
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	151
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	144
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	108
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	38
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	35
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	23
9H - PARKING IN AN ELECTRIC BAY	14
04B - Vehicle Parking Opposite a Continuous White Line	11

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2023
North Street - Swords	122
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	115
South Strand Skerries	76
Church Road - Malahide	75
Harbour Road - Skerries	75
Main Street - Swords	65
The Green - Malahide	61
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	51
Coast Road - Malahide	49
Railway Street Balbriggan	45

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 105 Interments in April 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

Countywide Traffic Signals Tender

The Traffic Section issued the 2023 Traffic Signal's contract for tender. Tender submissions have been received and will be evaluated over the coming weeks.

It is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in July and works will commence countywide in August 2023.

Countywide Traffic Calming Tender

The Traffic Section has issued a request for tender for the 2023 Traffic Calming Ramps contract. Closing date for the RFT is 29/6/23. Following the tender review of submissions, a contractor will be selected. Works are expected to commence countywide in August 2023.

Traffic Signal relocation

Work has been carried out at the New Road junction with R126 Donabate Distributor Road – Signal pole relocation to accommodate new footpath and cycle lane.



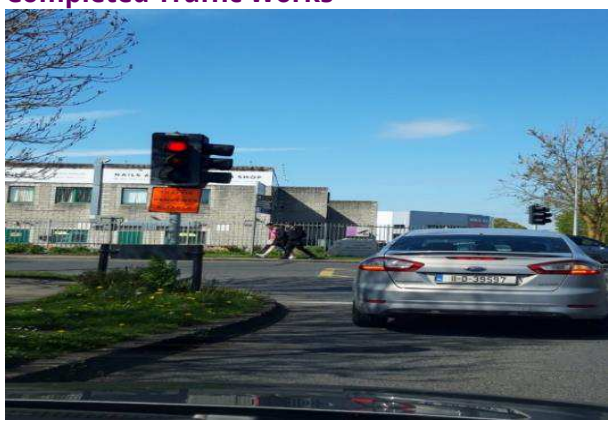


New Road junction with R126 Donabate Distributor Road

Construction Works

In the Swords area, Contractor, KLM, has completed their investigation works/slit trenches for the TII Metrolink scheme along the R132 Swords Bypass.

Completed Traffic Works



The lights sequence was altered at the junction of St. Mochtas and Coolmine Industrial estate, improving efficiency at the junction.



Upgrade works at the junctions of IKEA and Decathlon are progressing well and should be completed in July.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

90 hires were put in place from 01/06/2023–30/06/2023, engaging 23 suppliers.

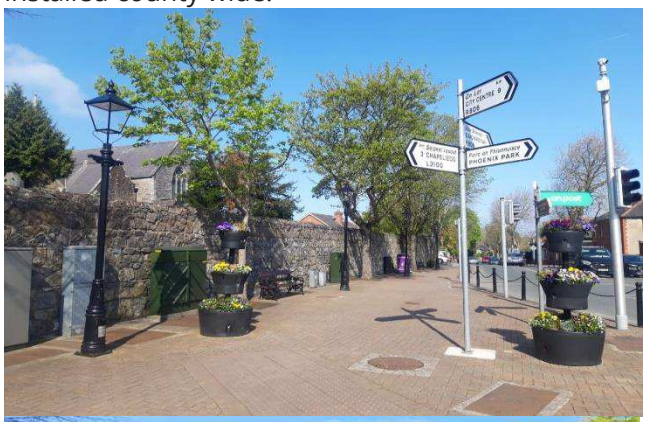
Hire of Steel Tracked Excavator and Operator for the Material Segregation and Site works in the Walled Garden, Millennium Park in Dublin 15



Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 98.5% of all lights switched to LEDS.

80% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed county wide.





Faults reduce to 0.29 % of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



Millbank Tower Rush (POW)

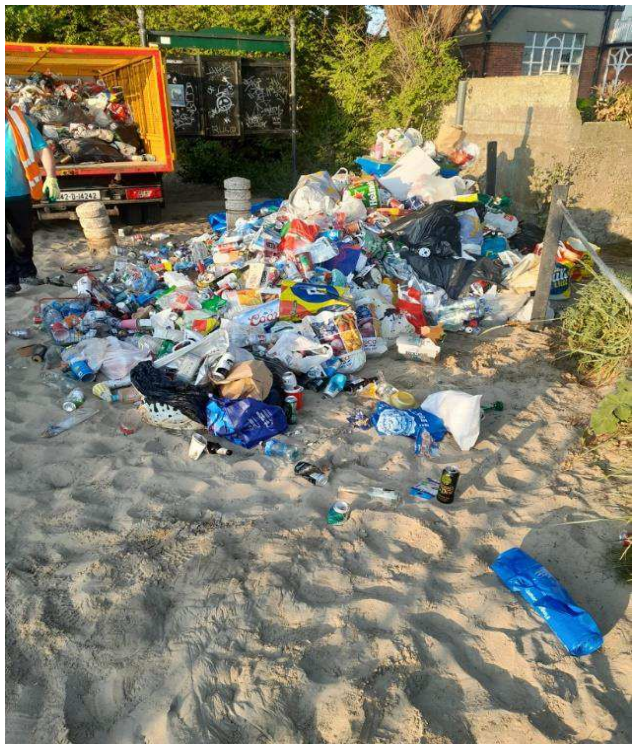
The Millbank has been lit using feature lighting as part of the 2023 Programme of Works (POW)

Beaches and Lifeguard Service

The influx of visitors to our beaches during the recent spell of warm weather provides additional challenges for cleansing crews and for the Lifeguard Service

Additional bins have already been deployed to all beaches to deal with the increased numbers of visitors expected. Additional cleansing crews are operational from 5.30am on all beaches on Sunday and Monday mornings to undertake beach clean-ups prior to the arrival of the next day's visitors.

Beach users are asked to follow 'Leave No Trace principles and bring their litter home with them to avoid incidences of accumulations such as that shown in the photo.



Cleansing crews from Howth Malahide Operational Area tacking the accumulation of rubbish as part of the early morning clean-ups at one of Fingal's beaches

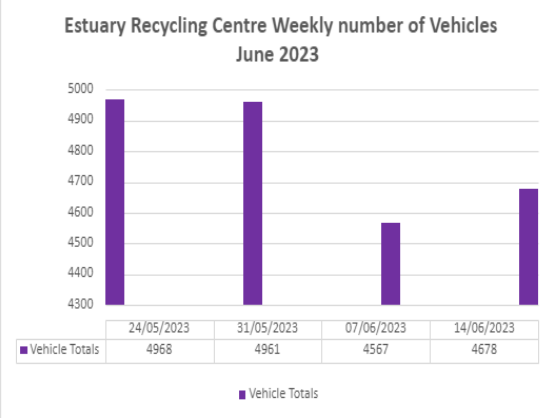
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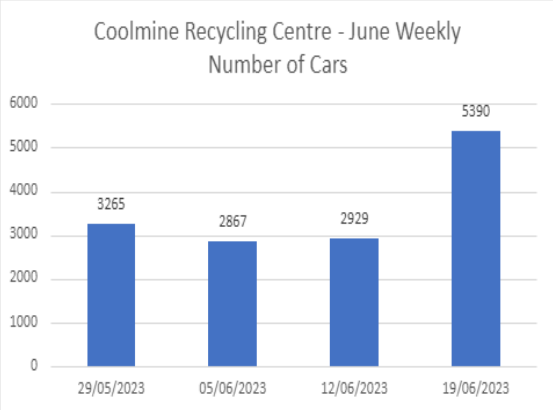
Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season an increase of 5 on last year. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Council has secured just 27 lifeguards for the season ahead. Last year we were successful in employing 35. The availability of qualified and interested candidates has gradually reduced over the past number of years.

With the conclusion of state exams, availability of those recruited for the 2023 Bathing Season has started to ramp up and we will move to a 7 Day service at some of our beaches for the months of July and August. However, this puts additional pressure on the reduced number of lifeguards available and this year will see us having to close some Life Guard Stations at some of the designated bathing water beaches in order to provide a full service at the busier and more challenging locations.

The Council will publish on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms, notice of manned lifeguard stations, weekly in advance.

Recycling Centre's Update





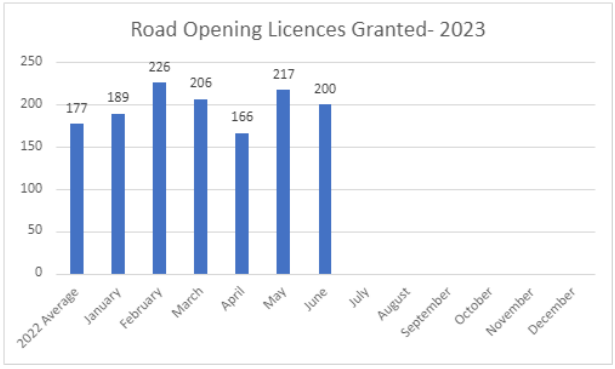
License's

- **Road Opening License's**

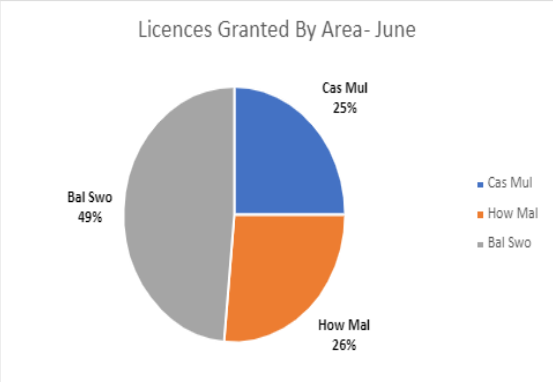
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges.

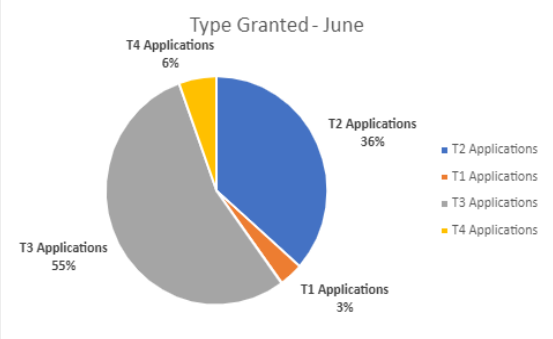
Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening Licences are a cross functional process for the department and are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

200 Licences were granted in the month of **June**, **60%** of which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.









- Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have advertised any available casual trading pitches in both February & April many of which have been taken up with a record number of Traders in 2023.

Any remaining available pitches can be found on the Fingal County Council website and applications will be taken on a case-by-case basis.



Street Furniture renewals are now up to date for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out and will intensify throughout the summer's months. Additional inspections to ensure compliance have been carried out on New Street during concert evenings.

We will be issuing refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023. When preparing the budget for 2023 provision was made for income of €17,050.00. To date €23,625.00 has been received from Street Furniture License's.

This income will not now be realized and the consequential reduction in income and expenditure will be reflected in the Revised Budget for 2024.

Storm Water

- Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million, although this is being kept under review. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- Howth Stormwater Culvert

Topographical and Manhole Surveys have been undertaken. Rain gauges and flow monitors are being installed on the catchment network and will be followed by a CCTV Survey of the sewer. The information from these surveys will inform the condition parameters of the existing sewer and will allow for a preliminary design to be developed. It is expected that the surveys will be complete by the end of June.

- Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are now complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network have been replaced in the Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk estates. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface. Final road reinstatement works are planned for Q3 2023.





- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of a surface water outfall pipe on Burrow Beach is scheduled to begin following the seabird wintering season around March 2024. It will be executed by our own Direct Labour section. Advanced materials purchasing will commence in due course.



- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

An in-house Design has been drafted and is currently being evaluated with a view to being progressed to construction phase. Scantech Geoscience Ltd were awarded the contract to conduct a GPR and pavement thickness survey. Survey works were completed on the 07/06/2023 and a report is being drawn up. Once complete work can begin on project timeline planning and a commencement date can be planned. This project will commence a scheme involving the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localized flooding and allow for future capacity.

- **Ongar Development StormWater Remedial Works**

Remediation works have commenced on the drainage network in Ongar following its Taking in charge. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers and have a duration of five months. With about 25% of the works programme expended all reinstatements of footpath and road are complete with drainage repairs underway currently.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently being planned and costed. Two areas not previously mapped and surveyed have been identified with work due to start in Q3 2023. A contractor will be procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing.

As a result of a connection request for future development CCTV surveys were carried out on the Ballycoolin Rd in D15. Unfortunately, this survey had to be abandoned due to heavy silt. This network will now need to be jetted and a condition survey report will be commissioned. Once complete these surveys will determine the feasibility and capacity of this line to take the proposed increased volumes.

A precast headwall has been ordered for White's Road in Castleknock. This headwall is due to be installed before the end of June.

A CCTV survey is being carried on Clonsilla Rd, Clonsilla, D15 to determine the viability of a new connection to an existing network for a business connection.

An investigation was carried out to determine the source of oil contamination of the Storm Water network at the Estuary in Swords. Fingal Environment section received complaints of oil in the inner Estuary. Water Services have since placed

oil booms and soak mats. The findings of this survey are currently being analysed by FCC environment to determine is additional steps are required.

Multiple misconnection surveys are taking place in Balbriggan to assist with ongoing investigations to determine if misconnections are present in these networks. These surveys have been commissioned to assist FCC Environment to identify the cause of high E. coli levels that a regularly being detected in the Harbour area.

To date surveying has started in Clonard Court and a heavily silted and restricted line was identified. This will need to be jetted to free up the line to continue the surveys.







Works are ongoing on a Storm Water private drain under public restriction in Hamilton Avenue in Balbriggan. A new section of pipe will be laid to repair the collapsed section of pipe.





Storm Water Connections:
Currently there is 1 connection application being processed as of the 21st of June 2023. To date 8 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

Water Services
Update on the Framework for future of Water Services and the Effective Date for Fingal County Council
A new framework for the future of water services was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022.

- **Master Co-Operation Agreement**

The Úisce Éireann/Fingal County Council Master Co-operation agreement was signed by the Council on the 5th May 2023. This Agreement replaces the existing Service Level Agreement.

- **Effective Date**

Fingal County have now been notified by Uisce Éireann that the Effective date for this Council is between 25th and 27th July, 2023. Full responsibility for the direct management of public water services will transfer from Fingal County Council to Uisce Éireann on that date and UE will take over Management and Direction of the Fingal Water Services staff.

- **Local Authority Water Services Staff**

Fingal Water Services staff means Council personnel engaged in the provision of Water Services for more than 50% of their time at the Effective Date. Staff Briefings are currently underway with all staff.
Staff working in LA Water Services currently have several options available to them:-

I) Remain as "Local Authority Water Services Staff" and transition to Uisce Éireann;
II) Apply for positions, including promotion opportunities, and posts out of LA Water Services in the Local Authority and opportunities to apply for posts within Uisce Éireann;
III) Seek to remain as local authority employees – reassignment at current or analogous grade within the Local Authority
IV) Voluntary Redundancy Scheme (VRS), as applicable (guidelines awaited)

Items i, ii, iii, remain a person choice of individuals

All staff can continue to work within their local authority if they choose to do so. After the effective date the Council will manage requests for transfer/reassignment. This process will continue up to the end of 2026.

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Industrial Relations
Notice Letter from the Union was received by all local authorities on 15th May with regards to the withdrawal of labour by its members and the placing of pickets for 48 hrs from 0:00hrs on Wednesday 7th June until 24:00 hrs on Thursday 8th June. Industrial Action for 7th June was called off with all aspects of the Irish Water Framework to be honoured.
Further Notice letter received from Unite Union with regards to he withdrawal of labour by its members

Water and Drainage Connections:
There are 20 applications in progress with FCC as of from 22/6/23 which consists of 6 Water Connection and 14 Drainage connections. FCC returned 26 applications to Uisce Eireann so far in June 2023 as per Maximo/d365.

Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives
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 Uisce Éireann.
Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**
Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works – Uisce Éireann 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.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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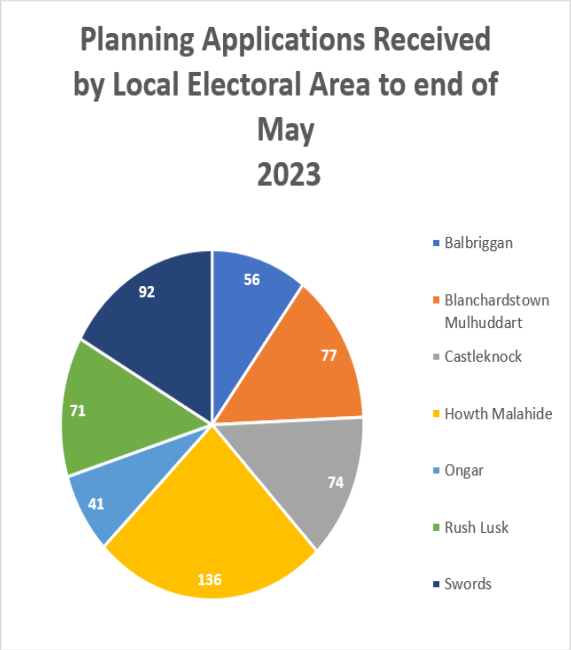
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Planning Applications

There have been 547 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to the end of May 2023. 81 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 466 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1st, 2023, to May 31st, 2023, four Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From January 2023 to May 2023 six decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these six decisions made, all have been to grant Permission (2,587 Units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 11 decisions on SHD applications in the period from January 2023 to the end of April 2023. No decisions have been made by An Bord Pleanála in May thus 10 SHD's (7,406 units) remain with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 502 planning decisions have been made to the end of May 2023. There have been 418 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 84 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 35 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 223 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 46 commercial/retail grants of permission and 26 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 12 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 3 relates to 20 – 50 units, 5 relate to 50 -100 units and 6 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

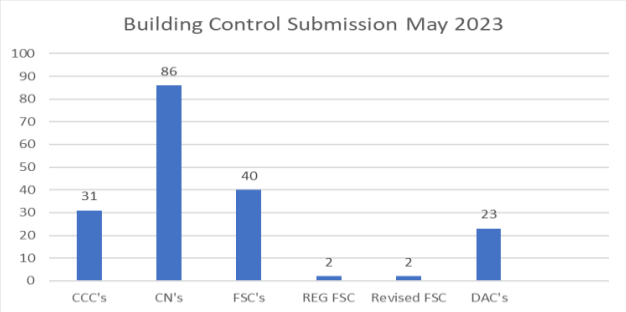
Building Control Admin

In May 2023, there were 184 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 86 Commencement notices, 31 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 44 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 141 decisions in May 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 50 decisions to grant and 91 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Fingal Development Plan was adopted on 22nd February 2023. The new Plan will come into effect on 5th April 2023.

The adoption of the Plan marks the end of the 99 week process which included three rounds of public consultation, numerous webinars, meetings and over 2,600 submissions.

The Development Plan sets out the framework to guide future development within Fingal with the focus placed on the places we live, the places we work, and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. The aim is to progress to a more sustainable development pattern for Fingal County Council in the immediate and long-term future.



The Fingal Development Plan is subject to draft Ministerial Directions at present. Fingal County Council received notification from the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning of his intention to issue a Direction pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This draft Direction was on public display for two weeks, between 18th April and 2nd May. 172 submissions have been received. In accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report on submissions received has been prepared and circulated to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and Elected Members.

The OPR issues a recommendation to the Minister to issue a Direction with or without minor amendments. And/or the OPR can appoint an inspector where there is a material amendment proposed to the Minister's draft Direction or further investigation is deemed necessary.

Within 6 weeks of receiving the OPR's recommendation, the Minister will issue a Direction and;

- If agrees, issues a Direction to the local authority. The Direction takes immediate effect.
- If disagrees, prepares a statement outlining the reasons for not agreeing with the OPR, which is laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

Separately, the Council is aware of judicial review proceedings as follows, in relation to the Development Plan: DAA v FCC Reynolds and McDonough v FCC and MKN Properties Limited and another v FCC.

Sustainable Swords

The Sustainable Swords Strategy was agreed by the Members at the December meeting. this follows extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. The Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords. The agreed Strategy and all other supporting documents can be found here:
www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



In May, the Sustainable Swords project was entered into the IPI awards on Friday in 4 categories.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Government's 'Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.
The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. These locations have been identified within statutory land use plans as being appropriate locations for housing and they have benefitted from investment in the key services to support the delivery of housing.

Fingal County Council has prepared a draft map of the land considered to be in scope for the RZLT as of October 1, 2022.

The draft map is available to view:
https://fingalcoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5871c1ac8daa40e081292b978e1ee83a.

Draft Map Submissions:

- Number of submissions received on Draft map – **121 submissions - 142 land parcels in total**
- Number of rezoning requests – **3**
- Number of sites removed from the Draft map – **26 removed, 3 part removed**
- Number of sites retained on the Draft map – **97 retained, 9 part retained**
- Number of sites whereby there was 'no action' (residential property for example) – **7 (no action) 6 (part no action)**
- Number of appeals lodged to ABP – **83**

Next Steps

Where land was included on the draft, and where no submissions were received relating to the land, it is to be included in the final map.

Where an appeal was made to ABP which has been decided within the relevant statutory time frame, or in any event, not later than 30 days prior to the publication date for the final maps (i.e. 1stNovember 2023), then the final map shall reflect the decision of ABP.

Where ABP has not reached a decision in respect of an appeal by 30 days prior (by 1stNovember 2023) to the publication of the final map on 01 December 2023, the land in question shall be included in the final map and the landowner may seek a deferral of tax liability until the appeal has been determined.

Where no decision has been made by ABP at least 30 days prior to date of publication of the final map, or where a decision is subject to JR which has not been determined at least 30 days prior to date of publication, then the land is included on the final map.

The final maps will identify all of the land considered to be in scope for FCC and will provide for the overall area in hectares.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Recreational Hub

Works on the new Porterstown Recreational Hub have reached substantial completion. The facility includes a 400m 6 lane athletics track surrounding a full sized 3G all-weather sports pitch, both surfaces have been certified to conform to World

Athletics and FIFA standards and will be lit by LED floodlights.
Designed for high intensity use, Porterstown Recreational hub has the capacity to cater for the high demand of local sporting organisations and schools representing a spectrum of sporting codes. The venue will undoubtedly inspire the community to engage in sports and become a valuable amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and wider area. Officially opened on 15th June, the facility will be ready for public use over the coming weeks.


Aerial shot of Porterstown Recreational Hub


Official opening photo at Porterstown

Play Space Projects at Lanesborough Park, Howth Harbour, Garristown Library and Bremore Regional Park

The procurement phase for the design and delivery of four quality play spaces at Lanesborough, Howth, Garristown and Bremore has concluded. The winning tenderer is a specialist play space contractor who has been formerly appointed on foot of the process. These much anticipated works are to take place over the coming weeks and months.



Imagery of Play Provision proposed for Howth Harbour

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 26/06/2023

Building Control

- There were 20 Building control site inspections in June 2023 with 44 separate buildings being inspected.
- The 2 developments Ballygossan Park Phase 1 in Skerries and the "Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown" advertised for the June 2023 meeting were put back to July 2023 due to Councillors request for additional information. As a result of this, all further Taking in Charge drawings will be presented at the relevant Area Committee Meeting prior to be Taking in Charge at the full Council Meetings. The Taking in Charge drawings will also incorporate a QR code which will navigate to the development in Google Maps to allow members of the public and councillors quickly identify the area.
- We also advertised Rahillion Phase 2 and Knightsgate Avenue for taking in charge later in the year.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract is underway and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in the Blackwood estate. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council.

Pictures



Checking Insulation in a housing development in Lusk.

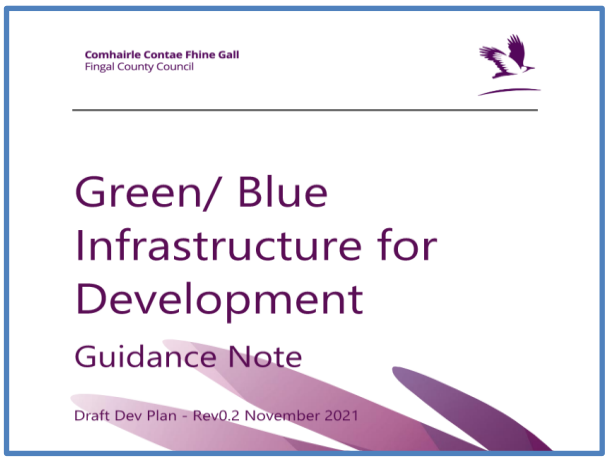


Checking web joists and timber frame in a housing development in Clonsilla.

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 SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Transportation Planning

Ongar Barnhill Road

Tender applications from suitable contractors were received in June. These tenders are being assessed and it is intended that a contractor will be appointed for construction in Q3 this year. Construction will last almost 2 years.

Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The project is progressing with completion expected in late Autumn or shortly after. A site visit for Councillors from the BMCO committee was arranged on the 15th of June. From late June until August the pedestrian access west of Snugborough Rd to Tolka valley park will be temporarily closed to allow for construction works. Local diversion signage will be in place. During late June/ early July there will be night time black top surfacing works near the roundabout at Waterville. Traffic management changes will take place over the coming weeks.



PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Projects

Following the recent appointment of a project consultant for Stages, Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation, Close-out, and Review. A meeting has taken place with TII's MetroLink project team to coordinate both projects and will continue throughout the design phase. The consultants are in the process of drawing up a programme for the detailed design stage to undertake the project. There has also been ground investigation works carried out in June and more will continue in May to allow for informed decisions at the detailed design stage.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

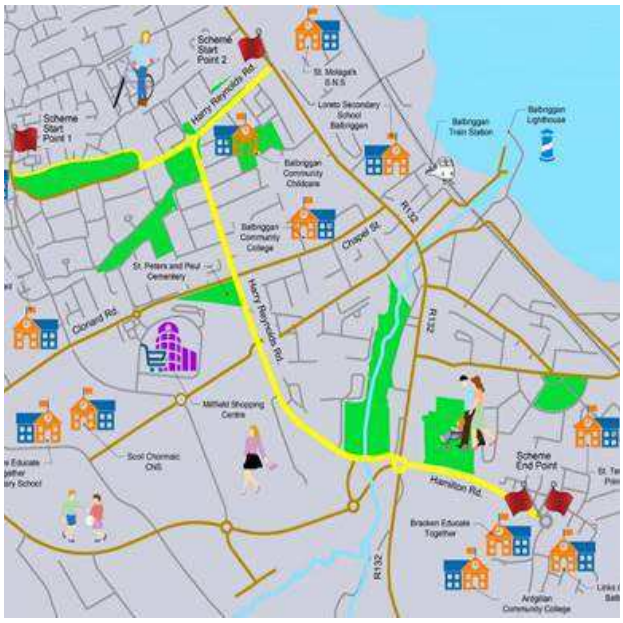
The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes. The tender assessment has now taken place and the successful and unsuccess letter are being issued now with the standstill period in place. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed in July 2023. Swords projects will follow on directly including the Western Distributor Road. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Following completion of a public procurement process Jons Civil Engineering was appointed on the 15th of June as contractor for the construction phase and will shortly begin work on construction of this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan.



The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route will provide a cycle-link between Drogheda Street and Hamilton Road in Balbriggan. The route will serve 3 school campuses at Ardgillan Community College, St. Molagas and Balbriggan Educate Together National School, as well as offering a safe cycling and walking route to shops, childcare facilities and community amenities
To assistant with communication of the project to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council]

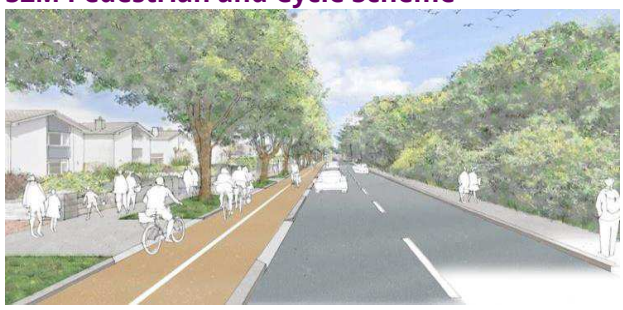


A sod turning event for project is programmed to take place on the Harry Reynolds Road on the 29th of June to kick start the construction works onsite.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the successful and unsuccess letter are now being issued. The Swords WDR will be one of the early projects to be appointed, target date for the commencement of consultancy services is Q3 2023.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has received NTA Board Approval for a preliminary cost estimate of €45m and is now finalising the preliminary design. The project team has published its findings from the 2022 Preliminary Design Public Consultation and the Public Consultation Report is available online @ https://www.fingal.ie/suttontomalahide . The public consultation process has helped the team to identify areas for review or potential change and this design review is continuing. Following this review process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Royal Urban Greenway Update



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €34m has received NTA Board Approval and the project now proceeding toward finalising the preliminary design. Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Fingal Coastal Way



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has published its findings from the 2022 Emerging Preferred Route Public Consultation and the Public Consultation Report is available @ https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-way. The public consultation process has helped the team to identify areas for review or potential change and this review is continuing.

PSI-012 Broadmeadow Way

The civil and ground investigation contractor has mobilised to site to commence a works package which includes security fencing, new culvert and ramp. These works will continue over the summer months under Fingal County Council and Irish Rail specialist supervision. This is an important milestone which will inform the detailed design of the northern causeway element of the project.

The project team has appointed a specialist consultant to advise, coordinate and oversee multi-annual ecological and biodiversity surveys as required by our planning consent and surveys are currently underway. Land acquisition negotiations with a number of landowners and design coordination with Irish Rail are ongoing. As part of the Foreshore licence process, FCC are coordinating a Foreshore public consultation for the Broadmeadow Way Greenway on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The consultation commenced on 14th June and will run until 14th July 2023.



PSI-026 Portrane Road Enhancement Project

Fingal County Council is making final preparations to lodge an application to An Bord Pleanála to use a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. The project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of Portrane Road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála, the CPO will allow Fingal County Council to purchase privately-owned land that is required to widen the path and deliver the project. The CPO application is due to be lodged to An Bord Pleanála in early July and, subject to Bord approval, construction works are expected to commence later this year.

PSI-042 Donabate Transportation Projects

A letter of award is expected to issue in the coming week and a multi-disciplinary engineering consultant will be formally appointed to assist the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team to work on the initial phases of the Donabate Transportation Projects. The consultants initial appointment is to provide concept feasibility, option assessment and initial design work for these projects. It is expected that subsequent phases of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

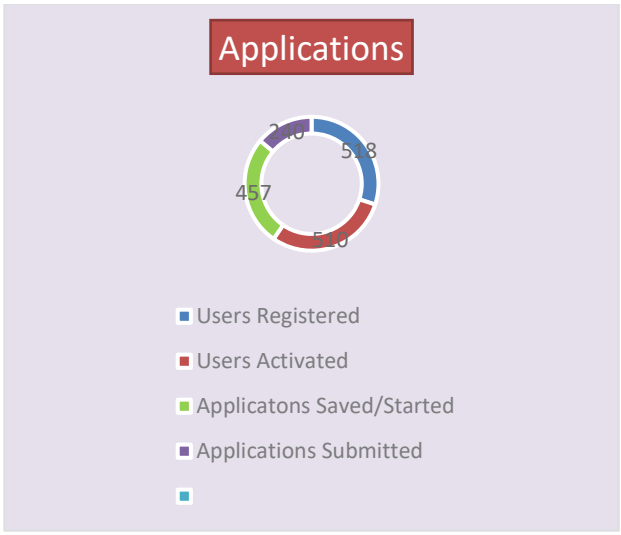
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Housing Supply

Affordable Housing Applications for Hayestown Rush

The online application portal for those seeking to purchase a home at Hayestown, Rush went live at 12pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023. To date, 518 users registered on the portal, 510 users activated an application and 457 have started their application. A total of 240 applications have been submitted to date.





The link to the portal remains opened until 5pm on the 4th of July 2023 and is available to access at **https://www.fingal.ie/AffordableHousing**.





Homes on offer under the scheme will be a mix of two and three-bedroom houses. Prices for eligible applicants will start at €228,000 for a 2-bedroom mid-terrace house, with prices for a 3 bed mid-terrace house starting from €284,500 and prices for a 3-bed semi-detached house starting from €299,500.



The Housing Department will be attending Flavours of Fingal on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July at the Fingal Village to provide more information to the public in a one-to-one setting. The housing information event will be an opportunity for residents looking to purchase an affordable home or renovate a home to learn about the various housing schemes and grants available to them from the Council and receive guidance and support on the application process.

This follows on from a successful information event in Blanchardstown in May and will provide an excellent opportunity for residents and anyone wishing to make their home in Fingal to speak directly with members of Fingal's Housing team in a one-on-one setting and get answers to any questions they may have.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	135
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	470
Planning and Design	449
Part V	143
TOTAL	1,197

Visit to Liscappagh





18 homes delivered in partnership with Cluid Housing Association at Dun Sí, St. Marnocks Bay, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin





Progress of Projects on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane 14 units

Three units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 6 units at the beginning of June 2023.



Fingal County Council- Affordable Housing Scheme at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin
52 Affordable & 10 Social Units

Works commenced on the first number of affordable units at Hayestown, Rush early June 2023



Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings







Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Clonsilla Road – 1 unit



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Sheepmoor Avenue – 1 unit



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be in demand by prospective homeowners who cannot secure commercial lending to proceed with a house purchase. As of the 26th of June 2023, Fingal County Council have received 363 applications, of which 173 have been seen by the Credit Committee, after which 57% have secured approvals in principle.

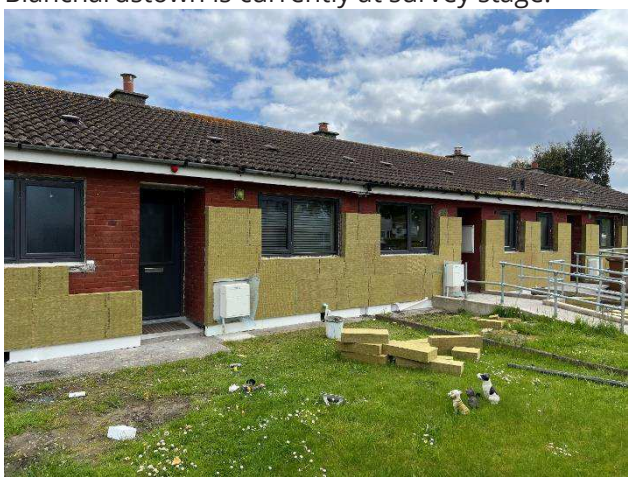
The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. As of the 14th March 2023 Fingal County Council introduced the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all of their documents in one place before submitting them. The portal is located at Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2023 Retrofit programme is well underway with works nearing completion in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (Phase I), Barnewall, Donabate and Rivermeade Park, St. Margaret's. The project features extensive improvements including electrical and heating upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

Works are under way in Phase II Strandmill, Portmarnock and will shortly be commencing in St. Catherine's Close, Rush and The Court, Glasmore Park, Swords, while Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown is currently at survey stage.



External Wall Insulation underway in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process is set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	22nd June 2023
In the letting process	44
Undergoing re-let repairs	24
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	6
TOTAL	**74**

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. Works are currently reaching completion in Inbhir Ide, Malahide and are ongoing in Sheephill and Corduff Grove, Blanchardstown.



Before and after painting pictures taken in Sheephill Estate, Blanchardstown

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 182 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,771 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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.

Rents

The new rent review process continues and tenants are required to return their Rent Assessment Form with the relevant documents so that an assessment can be carried out and the correct rent charge applied to the account.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one Possession Order with 7 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

Private Rented Inspections

The private rented inspections team had another successful year in 2022, exceeding the target set by the DHLGH by inspecting 6112 dwellings equalling 117% of the annual target, placing Fingal in the first quartile of local authorities nationally.

For 2023, following the roll out of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 is set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.

The team continue to work on meeting this target and improving compliance. 64.5% of the target was reached by the end of May comprising of a total of 3,407 inspections and 2,952 dwellings inspected.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

The list position is also available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1st January 2023.

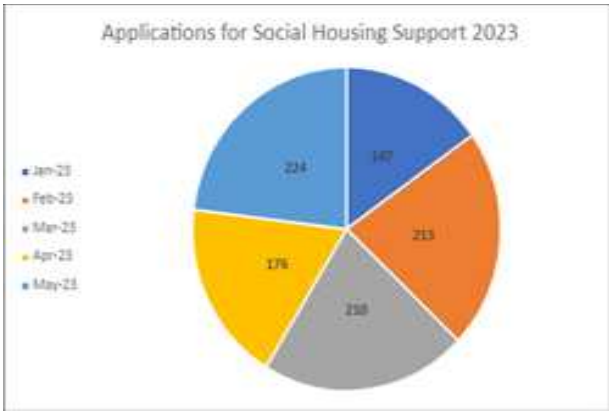
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

The revised thresholds from 1st January 2023 for different household compositions are detailed in the table below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Breakdown of 970 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 31st May 2023



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review.

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.

Choice Based Lettings June Advertised Properties





Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
14th - 20th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	3	Apartment	833	55
14th - 20th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	2	Apartment	1079	140
14th - 20th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	2	Apartment	1239	162
14th - 20th June	Liscappagh, Cappagh Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apartment	1143	163
21st – 27th June	Melville Way, Meakstown, Finglas, Dublin 11	1	Apartment	723	125
			Total		**645**

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Wellview Dublin 15, Allocations

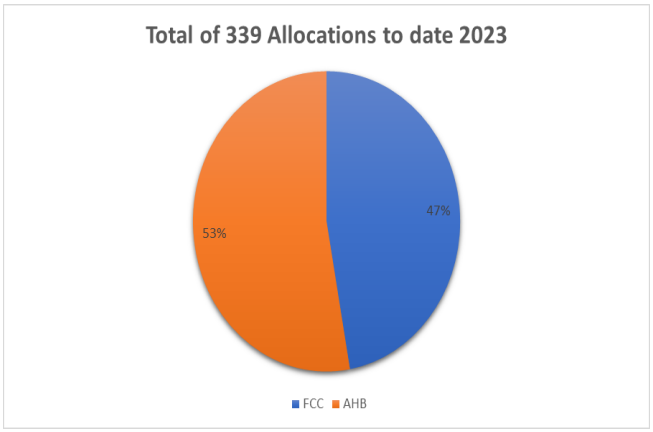
20 units in Wellview, Dublin 15 have been delivered. The Wellview development consists of 2 beds, 3 bed and 4 bed specially adapted properties. 16 units have been allocated during June 2023.



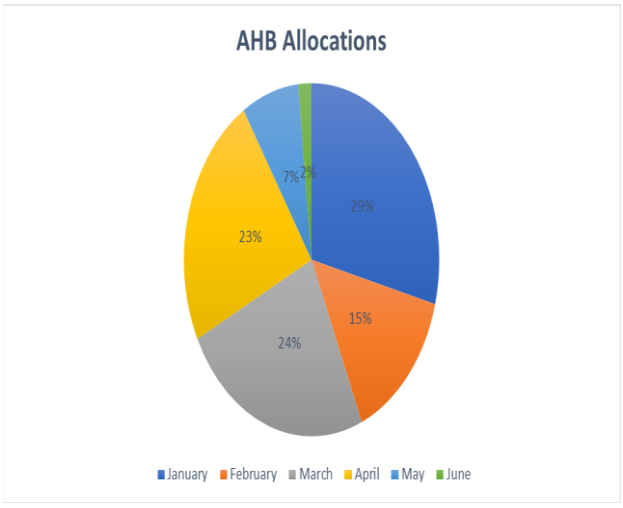




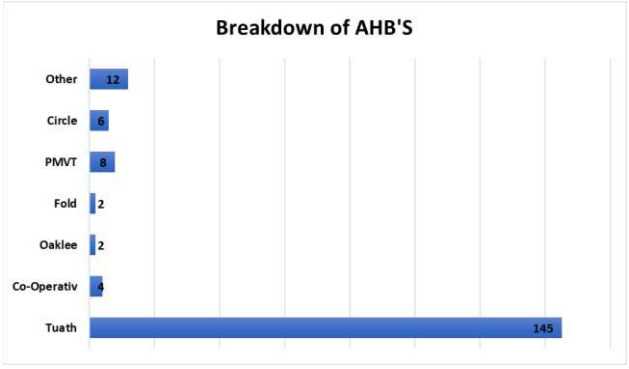
Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 179 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 160 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



AHB nominations month by month.



This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB'S per nomination sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023 so far.

Cluid housing association have confirmed the delivery of 18 units in Saint Marnock's Bay, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. This development consists of both 3 and 2 bed properties. Fingal County Council have nominated to 16 units thus far.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Homeless Services

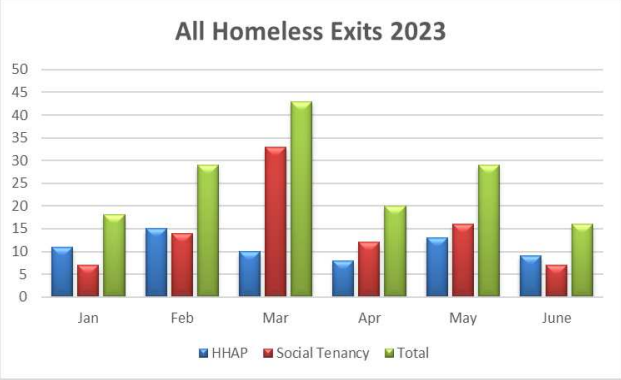
Homeless Exits 2023

During the month of June 2023, 16 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Homeless HAP accounts for 9 of these tenancies, comprising 5 homeless preventions and 4 who exited from emergency accommodation.

Separately there were 7 households that exited homelessness into social tenancies (1 of whom exited emergency accommodation).

In total 5 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during June 2023.

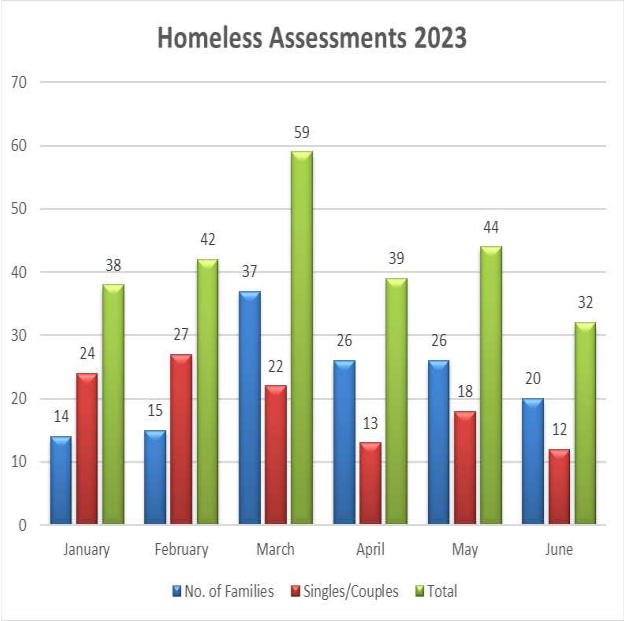


Homeless Presentations

Fingal's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

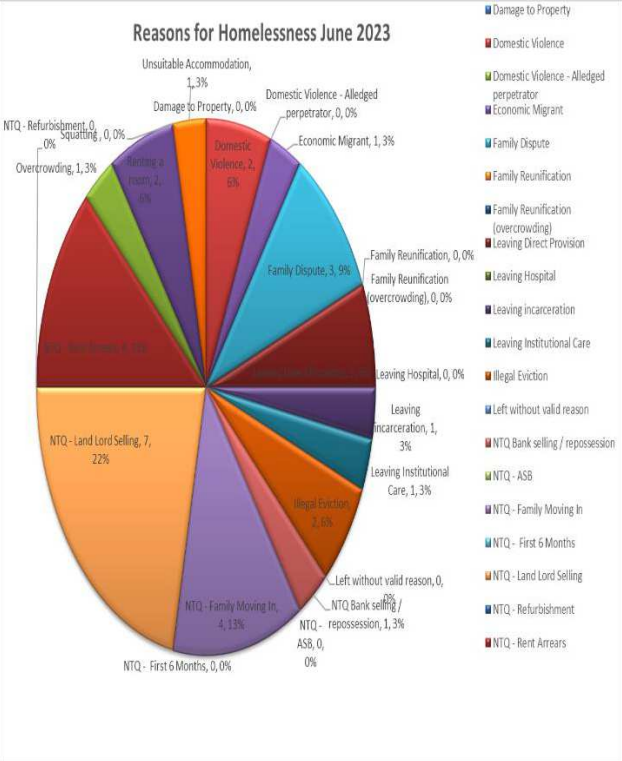
In June 2023, there were a total of 32 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 20 families and 12 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 254 full homeless assessments completed.



During June 2023, of the 32 Homeless Assessments carried out, 16 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served, equating to 50%. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 2 (6%) of assessments during June 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (9%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (3%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 32% comprise various reasons are outlined on the chart below.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continue to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer supports. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council or will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the 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 was developed based on 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.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

- We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.
- When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.
- The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.
- The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the

social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 7 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 31 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 71 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 291 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-Situ Scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then make contact with the landlord with regard to the purchase of property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:
Fingal County Council Housing Department
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. **01 890 5090 or homeless@fingal.ie**
Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone 1800 707 707

Launch of Fingal County Council 's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 held on 17th May 2023, Council Chamber, County Hall.

The Council's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 was launched by former Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony on 17th May 2023, in the Council Chamber, County Hall Swords which was filled to capacity on the day. The launch was attended by the Chief Executive, elected members. Housing SPC, Senior Council officials, Disability Steering Group, Disabled Persons Organisations, Service Users, Service providers, Housing Agency, HSE, various Approved Housing Bodies and advocacy groups.

The Strategy was prepared in collaboration with the Disability Steering Group, comprising, Chairperson, Mr. Robert Burns, Director of Services Housing & Community Dept., and the various aforementioned stakeholders.

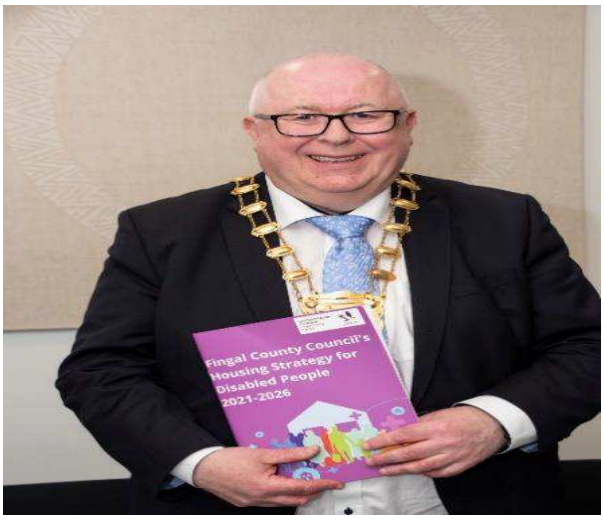


This new Strategy builds on the strategic aims of the previous one, (2016- 2020) whilst setting new aims, thereby reinforcing the Council's commitment to responding to the challenges and availing of the opportunity to improve service delivery in helping meet the needs of disabled people.

The core objective of the Strategy is to promote equality of access for disabled people to the full range of housing options available, to work collectively and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and to ensure that the strategic aims set out are implemented in a fair, equitable and timely manner. The Strategy aims to provide disabled people with better opportunities and foster a more inclusive community. The approach not only prioritises accessibility but also recognises the importance of creating environments that promote independence, equality, and integration for all residents.

Individuals with disabilities, whether they be mental, sensory, intellectual, or physical - regularly face numerous challenges in finding suitable housing options that meet their specific needs. However, the Council believes that this forward-thinking approach – will help to break down these barriers and creating a living environment that enables people with disabilities to thrive and actively participate in their local communities.

Launching the strategy, the former Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony said: "I am proud to launch this strategy which I believe will help secure a better housing experience for those with a disability and further empower them to live the life they want to lead. It is a really important collaborative piece of work that brings increased opportunities for independence and supports the physical, mental and emotional well-being needs of people."





Key elements of the new housing strategy include:

- Universal Accessibility: All housing units should be appropriately designed and future proofed with universal accessibility in mind, particularly in the planning stages of new housing developments. This means incorporating features such as wider doorways, ramps, elevators, and accessible bathrooms to ensure individuals with disabilities can navigate their homes with ease and dignity. By eliminating physical barriers, we are promoting independence and empowering residents to live with greater freedom and autonomy.

- Integrated Communities: Our strategy encourages the development of integrated communities where individuals with disabilities live alongside their peers without disabilities and ensuring personal supports are in place for people transitioning congregated type settings into locations of peoples choosing, close to services, public transport etc. By promoting diversity and inclusivity, we are fostering social connections, reducing stigmatisation, and creating opportunities for meaningful interactions among residents. This integration allows individuals with disabilities to become active participants in community life, breaking down stereotypes and building stronger, more cohesive neighbourhoods.

- Supportive Services: Recognising that some individuals with disabilities may require additional support, our strategy looks to ensure that adequate support services are available for people who need them. Interagency collaboration, particularly with the HSE in this regard, is an integral part of the implementation of the aims of the Strategy. These services can include personalised care plans, assistance with daily living activities, and access to healthcare resources. This approach will help provide residents with the tools they need to live independently and pursue their goals.

The benefits of this strategy extend far beyond the individuals directly impacted. By embracing inclusive housing, we are nurturing a more diverse and dynamic community that thrives on the strength of its inclusivity.



Recognising the fundamental importance of accessible and supportive housing, the comprehensive strategy addresses the unique housing requirements of people with disabilities. By championing the provision of inclusive and accessible housing options, the strategy looks to deliver a range of substantial benefits to both individuals and the wider community.



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TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

Traveller Accommodation

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 have commenced. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

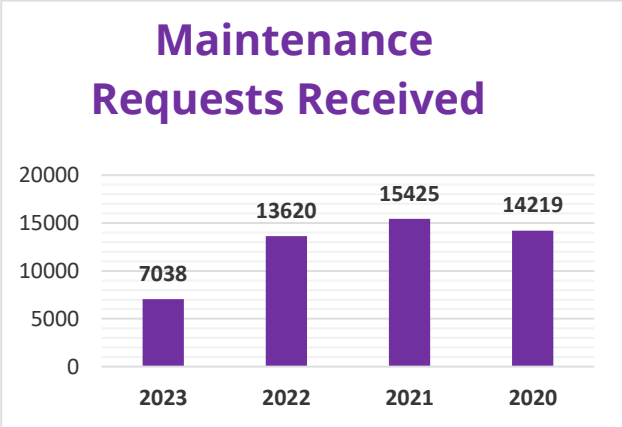
Housing Welfare Service

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.

Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual heating 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. The 2023 Programme of work continues, with

Contractors working across the County in areas such as Whitestown, Mary Brennan, Rossan, Bealing Avenue, Linn Dubh, Dun Saithne, Brega, Mooretown, Jugback and Castlegrange.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The 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 health 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.

The Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area has resumed, with the most recent meeting taking place in early May. The next meeting of the Blanchardstown Forum is scheduled to take place on 14th July 2023. The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management.

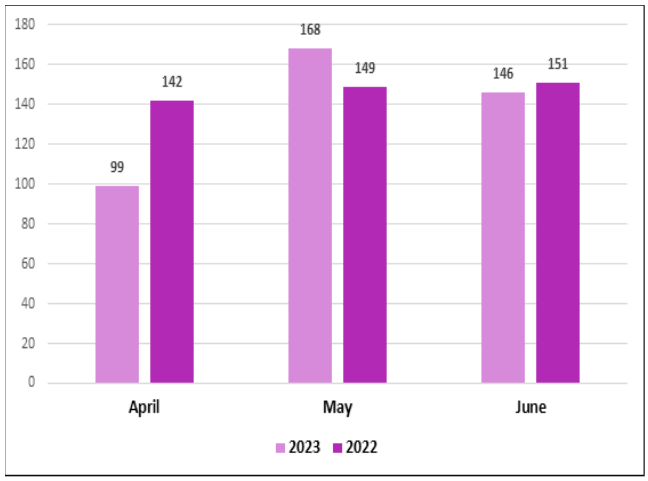
ASB Caseload Management

June 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	9	6	2	1
Rush / Lusk	25	22	3	0
Swords	25	19	4	2
Howth / Malahide	21	20	1	0
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	51	38	4	9
Ongar	14	1	2	11
Castleknock	1			1
Total	146	106	16	24

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	**43**
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	**16**
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	**3**
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	**813**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	**568**
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	**923**
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

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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The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum chaired by the Mayor continues to meet regularly most recently on the 20th June 2023 to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2nd November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently operating at full capacity utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **179 persons** have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

OfferAhome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties (OfferAHome) to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th of November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800 euro** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. See website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com for further information. The Council is developing closer working relations with Helping Irish Hosts with Helping Irish Hosts having a stand in the Council's tented village at Flavours of Fingal where they provided advice on hosting Ukrainians and encourage further participation in hosting.

Vacant Homes

In addition to the 9 vacant properties that came into the ownership of the Council via CPO in recent years, 2 additional dwellings are advancing through the CPO process, one which has a large associated site. It is expected CPO will commence with respect to a third property shortly. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy, assist citizens get a home and is attracting increasing enquiries, applications and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This is a national scheme administered by local authorities introduced under Housing for All. This scheme provides new choices for people to live in towns, villages and rural areas in Ireland through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties subject to the application meeting the scheme criteria. Note the scheme covers all parts of the country (urban and rural) and applications are accepted with respect to all geographical areas in Fingal. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties build pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The scheme now also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private-rented market when refurbishment is complete. Prior to the recent change, the grant approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant approved owner.

To date, **51 applications** have been received under the scheme, **14** which have been approved in principle with further applications moving to approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is on-going with the Vacant Homes Team present at the Fingal Tented Village at Flavours of Fingal to promote the grant scheme and at the Council's Housing Information Event on the 17th May 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.

For enquiries on the above scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

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Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community Building community capacity, strengthening community participation and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

In June the Community Development Office worked in partnership with several community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below.

Mountview Community Youth and Sports Hub - Celebrating Community Event.

The Community Development Office have been working closely with Mountview Community Youth and Sports Hub to deliver their Celebrating Community Event. This event took place on the 23rd of June in both Mountview Community Centre and Fortlawn Community Centre and was received well by the whole community. During the event the community centre showcased all the supports and service they have to offer. There were several free taster sessions including Mommy and Me Fitness Classes, Reiki, Martial Arts classes, Ballroom Dancing to mention a few. The D15 Toy library also had a water play activity that was enjoyed by all.



Celebrating Mountview and Fortlawns success

The community office delivered presentation of the Fingal Community Hub supports available in the Mountview and Fortlawn community to the Mayor of Fingal, Local Councillors and the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. This event invited attendees to celebrate the achievement of the Mountview and Fortlawn Community in its success at winning 1st Place Urban Neighbourhood Category IPB Pride of Place 2022. The Taoiseach had the opportunity to meet all the groups that were key players in winning the award. This was a great opportunity for the winners to showcase the hard work they continue to do.



Thrive Balbriggan

The Thrive Balbriggan Project, which aims to improve the mental health of all in the community of Balbriggan, met in June to brainstorm and introduce the newly elected committee to all stakeholders while celebrating the great work completed to date. The Group welcomed new volunteer members and generated ideas to support the workplan for the coming months.

Thrive Balbriggan aims to create a happy and healthy community of Balbriggan, represent all residents living in the area and encourage participation in projects and events aiming at improving their mental health and wellbeing. Since its inception in 2021 Thrive Balbriggan has brought agencies and the community together to support a healthy and positive community in Balbriggan, with local Connect Cafes and high-profile events such as the annual "Hello How Are You Day"

Failte Isteach Donabate End of Season Event

Failte Isteach Donabate marked a highly successful year of activities with an event to honour students and tutors in early June. Sixteen students, the majority of whom are from Ukraine, were presented with certificates of participation. Nine volunteer tutors, who organise both weekly language support seasons in the centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays were presented with certificates recognising the great voluntary work they do.

As a mark of thanks from the participants, a short play in Ukrainian was staged in the library. Failte Isteach Donabate is a partnership between the local Failte Isteach volunteer group and the Community Development and Libraries Departments.

Classes will resume in the autumn, and we wish both participants and tutors a restful and enjoyable summer break




Preparations for Pride of Place 2023

Work is well underway for preparation of the judging of the three Fingal entries in this year's IPB Pride of Place competition, which will take place in the first week of September.

Pride of Place recognises the best in community development in Ireland and is organised each year by Co-operation Ireland.

Garristown Community Council will represent Fingal in the category for populations of between 500 and 1500 and a local committee is already meeting fortnightly to plan the event.

In Swords the Broadmeadow Community Garden Group are entered in the Biodiversity and Climate Action category, a new category introduced this year to highlight how communities can play their part in climate change.

Finally, the Draiocht Arts centre in Blanchardstown will represent Fingal in the Creative Place Category with an emphasis on the tremendous work they do engaging families, children and the community of Dublin 15 in the arts in general.

The winners of the 2023 Pride of Place competition will be announced at an event in Armagh City on 10th November 2023 hosted by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.







Taste of Nations at Summerfest, Balbriggan

On the 4th of June 2023 the Taste of Nations participated in Balbriggan Summer Festival. Taste of Nations is an ongoing activity carried out by the Balbriggan Integration Forum during the Balbriggan Summerfest, which occurs on the June Bank holiday every year.

The event is one of the most important integration events in Balbriggan every year and is vital in building links across communities and cultures in the town. Every year thousands of people in the town attend the Summerfest.



Castleland Community Funday to mark Centre Reopening in Balbriggan

Castleland Community Centre in Balbriggan, partnership with the Castleland Development Group hosted a Community Fun Day to celebrate the full reopening of the Centre in June. The centre, had been shared with a local school while refurbishments work took place in recent years.

Castleland Development Group comprises several stakeholders including Castleland Community Centre, DDELTB, Balbriggan Garda, Foroige, Castleland Neighbourhood Watch, Castleland Park View Residents Association and Fingal County Council Community Office.

The Funday included workshops delivered by DDELTB, a Thrive Balbriggan connect Café to promote better mental health in the community, Foroige workshops, and various family friendly activities, including a balloon twister, fairground train and games. There was a strong turn-out from the local community on the day.

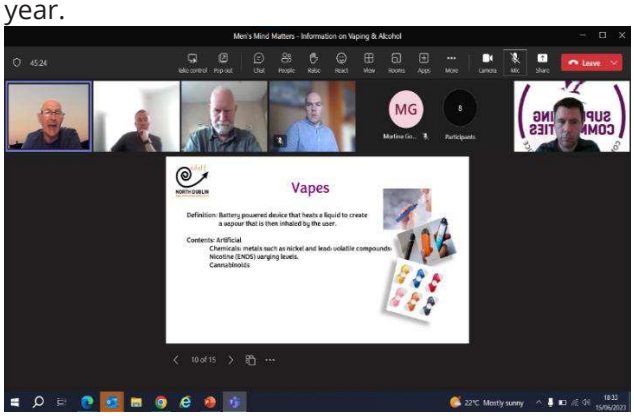


Men's Minds Matter Online Workshop

The Community Office in partnership with the Sports Office and Healthy Fingal hosted an online workshop on the theme of Men's Minds Matter as part of Men's Heath Week. The free online information session included presentations from John O'Sullivan and David Creed of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

The topics of Vaping and cocaine use and the effects of same and information on the supports and services available in Fingal were foremost on the workshop.

The workshop was aimed at fathers of all ages to inform them during Men's Health Week and in the run up to Father's Day on June 18th. The session was well attended and will be repeated later in the year.



MIND, Malayalee Indian Mega Mela Day, ALSAA Sports Campus Swords

A spectacular multicultural event in ALSAA Sports Campus, welcomed over a thousand people from different communities to celebrate the Malayalee Indian community here in Fingal. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony opened the celebration by lighting the event lamp.

Showcasing the best of South Indian traditions, food, dance and culture, there was something for everyone including indoor and outdoor games, sports, art, writing competitions, fashion shows, live music and bands entertained everyone in attendance as they enjoyed the day.

https://youtu.be/6i6rZ8UZvGs



Residents Association and Local Enhancement group forum

Over 27 Residents Association Estate Enhancement groups have responded to the development of a Fingal Resident Association and Local Enhancement Group Forum. The forum will focus on

(i) sharing of experiences and exchange of best practices among member groups

(ii) providing expertise/ training in areas relevant to the member groups

(iii) developing resources that will enhance the knowledge and skills of Resident Association and Local Enhancement group members

The majority of those consulted expressed the need for supports in funding, climate action, community engagement and project development. A local advisory group met on the 15th June and identified *'energising and bring new people into your group'* as a key theme for an event in early Sept .

Climate Action Heros Awards



Following a two-week national competition organised by Global Action Plan in April. Fingal have scooped the top three teams national awards. Over 21 groups in Fingal registered to log their everyday climate action friendly actions. 517 people participated nationally and 143 were from Fingal. 15 community groups successfully completed the challenge. The three winning groups are the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland, Castleknock Tidy Towns, Myrtle The Coast Residents Ass, Baldoyle.

In total, Fingal made a saving of 14,744.12 Co2 omissions. Participating groups will be acknowledged at the Climate Action Hero Award Ceremony on Wednesday 28th June in County Hall. Swords 6.30pm

The challenge created an awareness of Climate Action and the positive impact that both individuals and groups can make in reducing CO2 omissions. The Community Office invested significant effort to encourage participation from local groups.

Facilities

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office is pleased to partner with Quality Matters and the Fingal Community Facilities Network in producing an operational guidance manual. This resource has been created to help community facility managers, boards of management and staff, who face daily challenges with a range of diverse tasks, to oversee the day-to-day operation of their community facilities. It provides practical guidance on the key areas of facility management in simple and comprehensible language, while linking to resources where more in-depth, detailed information can be found. The guidance manual, which will be available online and supported with a wide range of available resources/ templates, will be updated regularly to ensure it remains relevant and up to date. Funding for the guidance manual has been provided by Fingal County Council https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/policy-hub/

The concept of the guidance manual is to provide a centralised location where community organisations managing community facilities can access a wide range of resource materials.

Community facilities provide opportunities for activities, sports and recreational initiatives, social and community interaction and meeting spaces; all of which benefit the local community. Fingal County Council recognises the enormous challenges facing volunteer boards of management and centre managers on a day-to-day basis. The Council's vision is to support community facilities to enhance wellbeing and meet the changing needs of communities.

Balbriggan Travellers Project - Annual Mass of *Health & Hope* and Information Sharing Event.

On Tuesday the 13th of June, we were delighted to attend the *Health & Hope Mass* for the travelling community in Matt Lane Community Facility, St Macullins Park, Balbriggan. This well attended annual ceremony, is an opportunity for service users to remember loved ones, celebrate the work of the Balbriggan Travelers project and participate in a range of on- site information sessions encompassing the themes of *Health and Hope*. This year's poignant ceremony included a presentation from the HSE Smoking Cessation

team, information on Menopause supports and raising awareness around the supports available to anyone experiencing domestic violence.
Additionally, *Involve Traveller Youth Service* distributed their award-winning game 'No Shame' Displaying a life-size version of the game, they encouraged everyone to take part in a lively, informative, and enlightening game which highlights the importance of protecting your mental health. The *Involve Traveller Group* are determined to raise awareness amongst young people on how they can improve their overall wellbeing. They are also happy to deliver information and demonstrate their award-winning board game to other service providers and community groups. An offer that members of the Community Development Team intend to take them up on soon.





Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities

Comhairle na nÓg

Three participants from the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg have been nominated to sit on the National Youth Assembly of Ireland for 2023/2024. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg had a day-long gathering in Blanchardstown to progress their topics and plans for the forthcoming 2023 AGM. The FCNN co-ordinator and FCC Community Development Office representative attended the Annual National Comhairle na nÓg coordinators event hosted by the Youth Reform Strategy and Participation Unit of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, held in Dublin last month. The event participants learned about emerging trends, projects and opportunities for Comhairle Na nÓg nationally. The participants also brainstormed on ways to engage on these topics and learn from other Comhairle groups around the country.

Fingal Play Streets Pilot project

Fingal has partnered with A Playful City to collaborate with 12 communities on the delivery of playful streets over the summer season. The pilot was launched on 27th May in Taylor Hill, Balbriggan and this was followed on 25th June with playful streets in Ballygarra Park – Garristown, Clonmethan Green – Oldtown, Taylor Hill, Racecourse Commons – Lusk and St Catherines - Rush. The council has worked on streamlining the road closure process as well as developing engagement with communities on the delivery and ownership of the project. It is intended to provide supports to a further 8 locations over July and August.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rp18XRqaHX8&feature=youtu.be
https://www.irishtimes.com/health/your-wellness/2023/06/06/playful-streets-how-parents-are-reclaiming-their-local-roads-for-their-children-to-play/



Integration

Africa Day Celebrations in Lusk, Balbriggan & Blanchardstown 2023

Fingal Africa Day was celebrated across the county in May/June with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs / Africa Aid in collaboration with the Fingal Integration team. The groups and events that were supported with funding were Lusk Community Council, Balbriggan African Community & African Advocacy Network Ireland. The event celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life.

On Thursday, 25th May, Lusk Community Council celebrated Africa Day with the theme "Shared Heritage", in collaboration with the Fingal Community Development office. The aim of the event was to showcase African culture and the importance of diversity and inclusion





On Saturday, 27th May, Balbriggan African Community celebrated Africa Day with the theme "Africa as a Continent "in Flemington Community Centre. The event showcased the elements from different countries within Africa





On Sunday, 28th May, the African Advocacy Network Ireland celebrated Pride of Africa achievement awards in Dublin 15 to recognize the accomplishment and service to the African communities in Ireland





Voter Registration Pop-Up Info Sessions

As part of our Fingal Africa Day Celebrations, Fingal Integration Team in collaboration with the Corporate Department hosted a Voter Registration pop-up information session at Lusk Cultural Centre on Thursday, 25th May.





Ukrainian Supports

Donation of Bikes to Liam Rodgers Centre



In June the Community Development Department took delivery of 20 folding bikes for use by Ukrainian refugees at reception centres. We'd like to thank Francesco Pilla of UCD for funding the initiative and Bleeper for providing these bikes.

This is the second large donation of bikes for rest centres, having received 10 refurbished bikes from the ReDiscovery centre in Ballymun for the residents of Shoreline in Donabate.

We now have plans in place for Adult cycle training in both locations, and integrated cycle training in both local schools for Irish and Ukrainian students to learn cycle safety together. This is being delivered in collaboration with our Active Travel Department

Older & Wiser Group of Senior Ukrainians forms in D15



As a result of a request for space to gather socially received through the Fingal Community Ukrainian Information Network we made a room available in Blanchardstown Library on Monday mornings. This space has now facilitated the formation of the Older & Wiser group, led by Olena (a member of the Network and incredible Ukrainian volunteer) This group already boasts 21 members, with plans to expand and visit other senior groups in the county. Fingal Community are delighted to support and facilitate the Older & Wiser group.

Carnegie Ukrainian Seniors Tour Malahide



In June, the Carnegie Ukrainian Seniors took a very special summer trip to tour Malahide on Toots, the Tourist Train. Facilitated by the Fingal Ukrainian Support Group and financed by Fingal Community Department, the group of 14 had an incredible day. Pictured above, 97-year-old Maria enjoying the Malahide scenery with her fellow guests.

Age friendly

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through this strategy, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Fingal's Older People Conference 2023



On the 26th May 2023 – Fingal's Older Peoples Council hosted a very successful annual OPC conference in Kettles Hotel, Swords. 134 older people, who represent the voice of the older people from many older adult groups from across the county, were in attendance on the day **.**

This year's conference was themed "***Aging Well in Fingal"*** and guest Speakers, Celine Clarke, Age Action, Bernie Murphy & Tara Mills, Dublin North's HSE's ICPOP team, Louise Edmonds, Age Friendly Ireland and Andrew McCann, Citizens Information spoke about Ageism, preserving your memory, falls prevention, assistive technologies, and knowing your rights. The topic presentations were followed by a lively panel discussion with questions received from the conference attendees on real life issues faces Fingal Citizens as we all age.

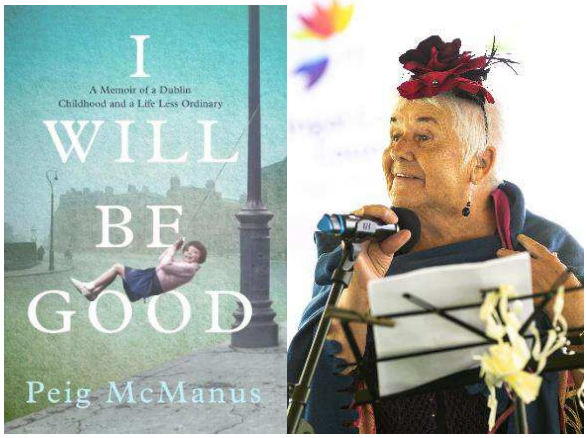
Just before lunch the conference attendees were treated to a book reading from Peig McManus' newly published book, *"I will be good".* Peig is a long-standing member of the Fingal Older Peoples Council and is an active advocate of resolving issues for older people across the county.

After lunch the conference attendees were entertained by "Stage 2" with music and dancing until the conference ended.

As part of the conference the attendees were asked to complete a short survey highlighting their priority areas of concern across the 8 Age Friendly Values of the Older Person including Housing, Transportation, Civic Participation, Outdoor Environments, Communication, Civic Engagement, Community Supports & Health Services and Social Inclusion as they Age in Fingal. The data received will be collated to form the basis of the research and development of Fingal's new Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028.



Fingals OPC Published Author



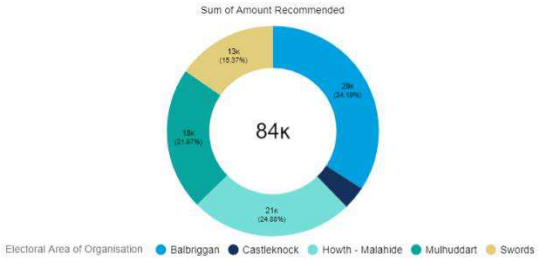
Peig McManus, who is a long-standing Fingal OPC member has recently published her memoir "*I'll be Good".*

Peig grew up in one of the last of Dublin's tenements, under the shadow of the Second World

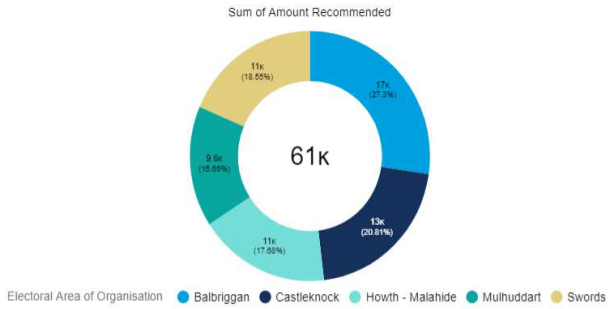
War. She learned early about social barriers and, from a young age, set about a path of community activism and educational reform.
Peig trained as a therapist and worked for many national organisations. She worked in radio and television for many years, and pursued studies and practice in homeopathy and meditation.
If you would like to hear more about Peig's book and her full and exciting life you can tune into her radio interview on **Tuesday 20th of June on 89.5 FM Hospital Radio from 10 a.m. to 11.00 am**. You can also get an opportunity to hear readings from Peig's memoir as she plans to take part in Fingal Libraries ***Write Time Festival*** in September.
Fingal's OPC would like to congratulate Peig on this amazing achievement and wish her all the success in the world as she promotes her book over the coming months.

Funding

Activities Funding (up to 16th June 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 40 projects to the amount of €83,644 in 2023.
Howth Malahide – €20,812 – across 10 projects
Swords - €12,855- across 6 projects
Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €21,377 – across 11 projects
Balbriggan - €28,600 - across 13 projects
Sports Equipment Funding (up to 16th June 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 24 projects to the amount of €61,083 in 2023
Howth Malahide – €10,802 – across 4 projects
Swords - €11,331 - across 5 projects
Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €22,275 – across 9 projects
Balbriggan €16,676 – across 6 projects

Sports Office

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities

Physical Activity Leader Refresher Training



On the 13th of June, 18 trained Active Physical Active Leaders (PALs) took part in a four-hour refresher training workshop in Blakestown Community Resource Centre. Fingal Sports Office partners with Age & Opportunity to support these training initiatives. Active PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) training workshops train older people how to lead sport and activity sessions in their local groups and communities. This was the first refresher workshop provided by the Active Age & Opportunity Team and they were keen to research how many of the participants have returned to leading their groups since the pandemic. There were participants from Blanchardstown Active Retired, Corduff Resource Centre, Rush Men's Shed, Castleknock Community Centre and representatives from care homes. They all agreed that the process was slow to return to activity but that programmes such as Older Adult Exercise Programmes, Walking Football and the Refresher Workshop helped with re-connecting with groups and to exchange and share ideas.

Fingal ParkFit Programme



The Fingal ParkFit 10-week fitness initiative, kicked off last week at three prominent locations in Fingal County: Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Holywell Park in Swords, and Martello Tower in Balbriggan. The programme aims to promote physical activity, community engagement, and overall well-being. In its inaugural week, the ParkFit Programme witnessed an impressive turnout, with over 110 enthusiastic participants joining the initiative.

The participants exhibited great enthusiasm, displaying a strong commitment to improving their fitness and overall health. The initiative's ability to attract individuals from diverse backgrounds and fitness levels is a testament to its inclusivity and broad appeal. The engaging activities and supportive environment at Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Holywell Park in Swords, and Martello Tower in Balbriggan have contributed to the success of the programme. The ParkFit Programme is expected to continue fostering a sense of community, promoting physical activity, and empowering individuals to achieve their fitness goals over the coming weeks.

Summer Project Leaders Workshop

10 Summer Project leaders took part in Fingal Sports '*Summer Project Workshop'*. Coordinators who received Community Grant funding for their summer projects had the opportunity to do the 2-hour course which looked at the practicalities of hosting a summer project from event management, safety and practical ideas for activities during their camps. Each participant also received a Sport Ireland Accreditation in the 'Understanding Physical literacy' Course.



Try Track and Field Finals Event

Athletics Ireland in collaboration with Fingal Sports hosted a Finals Day in ALSAA Sports Centre as a culmination of the 6-week schools programme. 400 students attended on the day with children getting to experience running races on a professional track. Since February, 12 Fingal school have taken part in the programme with over 2000 children experiencing Track and Field events. Many of these students have also fed into Fingal's Balbriggan Sports Hub on Saturday mornings with a similar community programme to be set up in Corduff for September. It is envisaged that this will create a sustainable community-club link to Athletics Clubs in the local areas.

Transition Year Soccer Graduation and New Programme

Fingal County Council has been working in partnership with the FAI on a Transition Year Course for young males based in Corduff Sports Centre Dublin 15 whereby selected participants follow a year long programme of soccer, health, fitness and education since 2016. The class of 2022/23 graduated on Thursday 25th May in Corduff Sports Centre in an event which was presided by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony and joined by Councillors and Officials from Fingal County Council, the FAI, Course leaders and coaches. Special guests on the day included Ireland U21 Manager Jim Crawford & Ex Student and current Millwall FC Striker Aidamo Emakhu.

In September, Fingal County Council is very pleased to be extending this course offering to high potential girls, again in partnership with the FAI. This new course will mirror the successful course for boys which has been running since 2016 in Corduff Sports Centre. The course gives TY students an opportunity to sample full-time football training while also fulfilling their educational requirements and obtaining qualifications in coaching and fitness training.

Over the course of the 2023-24 school year, the 25 Transition Year students participating in the programme will mix their academic subjects with a range of football coaching courses and modules in Fitness Instruction, Media Skills and Personal Development, as well as football training and strength and conditioning work.

In addition, the participants will undertake an ITEC Fitness Instructors Course delivered by Litton Lane Fitness Training. They will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education and gain valuable work experience. The Sports Office, FCC looks forward to this inaugural course commencing in September and hopefully welcoming participants to their graduation ceremony in 2024.

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Active Travel Strategy

The Active Travel Strategy was presented at the full Council meeting in June 2023 and has been adopted by the councillors.

The Strategy is now intended for use by planners, decision makers and anyone else within the council who is in a position to influence how people travel around the county.

Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

The laying of the new red cycle paths along Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is progressing well and will be completed in late June. The new roundabout layout with Zebra Crossings at Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is now operational. Works have commenced on the installation of signage, line marking and bollards.

Recently completed roundabout on St Cronins PCL Scheme





R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

Tender competition closed with 2 no. submissions. An evaluation board has assessed the tenders and aim to appoint a contractor to undertake the construction works during the month of July.

Seatown Road Swords:

Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued for review by Active Travel.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender documents were published by CPU and the tender competition is now live with a closure date during July.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Phase 1 of the scheme is substantially completed.

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA

Design brief being prepared for the connectivity project. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Small works are being completed around the existing car park through Operations department.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders. A meeting with residents was held on 24th May 2023. Our next steps are to incorporate the comments expressed at the site meeting on 24th May 2023 into the proposal. This will be developed to detailed design and tendered for the construction of the works as soon as possible.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Majority of works have been completed by contractor regarding footpath, cycle lane and resurfacing works. Awaiting ESB connection for the new pedestrian crossing on Station Road.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. Further design changes are being developed by the design team taking into consideration future BusConnects projects in the immediate area. A Gateway 2

Report is nearing finalisation to be issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. In June the initial draft options report was submitted to FCC for review which will be carried out over the coming weeks.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Work is continuing developing the options report for the project where a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored. A draft options report has been submitted to FCC.

The internal review has taken place and will be issued back to the designers for their consideration.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and the first tender assessment has been completed. We are now proceeding to Stage 2 of the tendering process. Stage 2 will be published during month of July.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street
The submission and observation period, as part of the statutory consultation process, closed on Friday, 2nd of June. A review of all submissions and observations is currently underway. The submissions are being grouped into themes, and responses are being prepared. An appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála and a submission is being prepared to be lodged to An Bord Pleanála.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan
Tender competition has closed and assessment is ongoing. It is the aim to appoint a consultant during July to commence work on the Active Travel plan.

Skerries Active Travel Plan
Stage One of the tender competition is open and once the deadline has passed an assessment board will be organised to examine any submissions for stage 1.

Skerries Harbour Road:
Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals occurred during the month of June and this feedback will be taken on board prior to progressing onto public consultation phase.

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 through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground. A number of projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution later this year.
Where other projects are 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.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:
Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued for review by Active Travel.

Rush South Beach:
Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with Landowners will follow to get agreement on design options and for landtake required.

Access Constraints
Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22) and guidance from the NTA (Access Control of Active Travel Facilities) the Active Travel Unit has mapped the access constraints (in particular kissing gates) within Fingal. We have put together a list of access constraints to be considered for removal and works proposed to improve for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these constraints provide a positive impact in these areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access constraints across the county.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure
Contractor is currently on site at various locations across the county and is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in the coming weeks. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each area. Installation works have now commenced.



Recently installed bike repair station

Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

We are nearing the completion of this Safe Routes to School project with all construction works and main planting of rain gardens now complete. The project team will do a final snagging walk through with of the design consultants, Operations and the Active Travel engineer to catch any final elements that need to be addressed. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed at the school and the planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the school is closed. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed. The planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the provision of permanent parking signs and the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the school is closed and is weather dependent. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor. Below are photos of the protected cycle lane, the raised table crossing outside the school and one of the raingardens installed.

Round 1 – Tranche 2

Design is currently underway for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction later in the year. An initial meeting has been held with the NTA regarding the preliminary designs of the project. Work is ongoing in relation to progressing the design to detailed stage.

Round 2

In mid-December An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop briefs to enable the tender process for designers and contractors to carry out the works.



Mobility & Behaviour Change

Walking & Cycling Buses

A walking bus and cycling bus were held at St Cronan's NS Swords on Friday 23 June, to mark the end of their Get Active Week. Members of the Active Travel team led a walking and cycling bus, to promote the use of the newly installed walking and cycling infrastructure leading to the school

In partnership with Owen McGrath from Fingal Sports Office we also facilitated a 'shake and wake' movement session for junior and senior infants in the school yard, with the students having lots of fun and getting some fresh air and energy to start the day.





Hansfield ETNS walking bus

During the month of June we held a number of pop up walking buses for students in the primary school. Each Walking Bus was very well attended with over 60 children taking part across the two days. We hope to continue this progress in September



Portmarnock Cycle Bus

Our Walking and Cycling Officers joined The St Marnocks Walking Bus for their final spin of the school term. Over 20 children too part on the day and it was also a great chance to present the school with their Bling Your Bike to School event from Bike Week.

Walking & Cycling Bus Promotions

We have redesigned the Walking & Cycling Bus Webpage on Fingal.ie to highlight the process of setting up a Walking & Cycling Bus for the next school year. This information has gone out to schools, on social media and to the two teachers magazines (INTO & ASTI)

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/roadsafety/cycling-and-walking-buses

We are planning to hold a webinar for parents interested in setting up their own Walking or Cycling Bus in August prior to the schools returning.

Holyfamily SNS – Cycle to Ballyboughal

We were delighted to be able to support the 6th class students from Holyfamily SNS on their annual Cycle to Ballyboughal. 47 students completed their Cycle Right Training under the tutelage of their teacher Tommy Duffy. The event was supported by An Garda Siochana and a host of volunteers.



Active Schools Week – Roll or Stroll

As part of Active Schools Week we engaged with several schools to encourage students to take part in Active Travel on the school commute by Walking, Cycling or Scooting to school at least three times during their Active Schools Week. This proved a great success by all the schools who took part and it is something we hope to build on again for 2024.

Try a Bike Days- Coolmine & Watery Lane Depots

Two 'Try a Bike Days' were held, one in Watery Lane Depot and another in Coolmine Depot. Cycle Bike, based in Capel Street were on hand with a range of bikes for staff to take on a test ride and ask questions. The days were a great success, with lots of interest from staff. We are hoping to run further events for Fingal staff during the year.



Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16
April 23	114	80	16	18
May 23	65	34	11	14
June 23	50	26	8	16

We had connectivity and eCharger issues throughout the month of May and June which effected the rollout of the service. These have largely been resolved now and we expect Trip numbers to increase accordingly in July

Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike May 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

You can pick up a Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

1334 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
1366 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (18%) & Wednesdays (15.9%)
Howth, Sutton and Blanchardstown were the most popular starting points
Average number of 140 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

TIER eBike Update

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 Mobility May 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	May
Trips	2,757
No of Customers	1,276
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	11,354 km
Average Trip Duration	19 min
Average Trip length (KM)	4.1 km

Blanchardstown was the most popular location for eBike Share, followed by Skerries and Malahide. Lusk saw the largest month on month increase, seeing an increase of 322%

There is a still a relatively high level of missed demand for eBike share, we are currently going through a large programme of works to increase parking density for all bike users.

ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLA and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's.
As part of this activity, the ECAAT Dept is coordinating input from across Departments, and is engaging with internal teams on action review and development at present.
Updates will be provided to the Climate Action SPC and Public Consultation is planned for September / October.

World Sand Dune Day event – Rush South Beach – Saturday 24th June 2023

World Sand Dune Day, designed to highlight the importance of sand dunes, is celebrated annually on the last Saturday in June by coastal communities and projects across the world. The event was established in 2021 by Dynamic Dunescapes and Sand of LIFE, two projects working to restore coastal sand dune systems.
This year, World Sand Dune Day fell on Saturday 24th June and Fingal County hosted a well-attended and very successful sand dune awareness event at Rush South Beach. Rush South Beach stretches for 2.4km and is backed by a little over 1km of sand dunes. For coastal communities like Rush, sand dunes are the first line of defence against coastal erosion, flooding and storm-force winds. Sand dunes are fragile and are at risk of being damaged by intense storms which we will see more of in the future as a direct result of climate change.
For the event, the Council's Climate Action Section partnered with An Taisce's Clean Coasts, Dublin's Climate Action Regional Office CARO and Rush Tidy Towns to deliver a walk and talk to the dunes which raised awareness of the importance of sand dunes, how we are managing the dunes and also what locals can do to help protect the sand dunes.
Fingal's newly elected Mayor, Councillor Adrian Henchy opened the event and outlined why sand dunes are so important. David Storey, Fingal's Director of Service Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department gave an overview of Fingal's Climate Action Plan and highlighted the Council's commitment to protecting and managing sand dunes as a nature-based solution to counteracting the impacts of climate change on the coastline. Professor Iris Moeller and PhD student Abbie Nugent from Trinity College's Geography Department, gave a talk on sand dune geomorphology and how we can protect sand dunes. Rush Tidy Towns gave a talk on their recent Sustainable Development Goal SDG Champions Award for their work in the local community.
Overall, the event was very well received and feedback from attendees has been very positive. The Climate Action Section look forward to hosting future World Sand Dune Day events at other coastal locations in Fingal.



Professor Iris Moeller TCD talks all things sand dunes at Rush South Beach





New signage at Rush South Beach to encourage people to stay off the dunes to protect them from damage. Newly erected cordon and bi-lingual signage to encourage people to stay off the dunes

Environmental Awareness

The Anti Litter Anti Graffiti funding Competition was launched and promoted with community groups around Fingal. Groups can apply for up to €1,500 funding support to assist with litter and graffiti spots and local awareness projects. Applications are currently being assessed.

The National School Litter Poster Competition was won by Naul National School. The poster will be printed on signage for parks in the Swords Balbriggan area. Fingal County Council partnered with the National 'Love this Place' Leave No Trace Summer litter campaign. Media assets will be promoted widely over the summer months.
Recycled paint is being promoted and made available to communities throughout Fingal for public spaces. This is in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.
Fingal County Council took part in National Food Waste Recycling Week. Over 2,000 free kitchen caddies were given out to members of the public for food waste through the 10 hub Community Centres. A display of food waste/ compost and 'Do's and Don'ts' was exhibited at the staff canteen in county hall.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Environment have installed a new Bring Bank facility at Mick Walsh Park, Ladyswell, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 which was long awaited in the area and has been welcomed by residents for the recycling of glass and cans.





Mick Walsh Park Mulhuddart Dublin15

Painting Project on the Bottle Banks

The painting project continued throughout June and below are some images of the much-improved sites. Environment have received positive feedback from the local Tidy Towns associations as they are judged on the Bottle Bank facilities in their areas.




Howth Reservoir Carpark painting the top of the Banks




Rivervalley ,Swords painted above

Social Media

We continue in Environment to publicise our new sites through social media, especially coming up to bank holiday weekends.




Beech Park Clonsilla, above

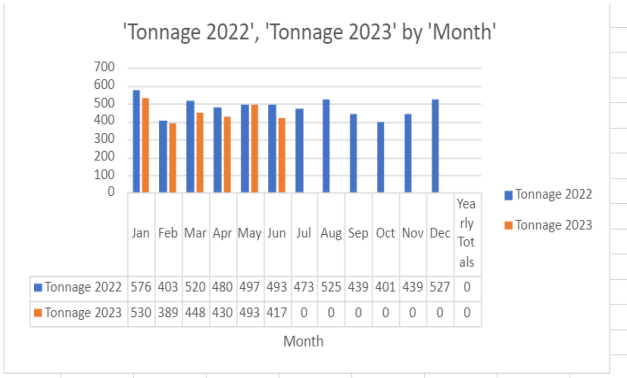
New Location for Bottle Bank

Location of Bottle Bank at Donabate Supervalu was moved to a more favourable position from the carpark to the entrance of the supermarket.





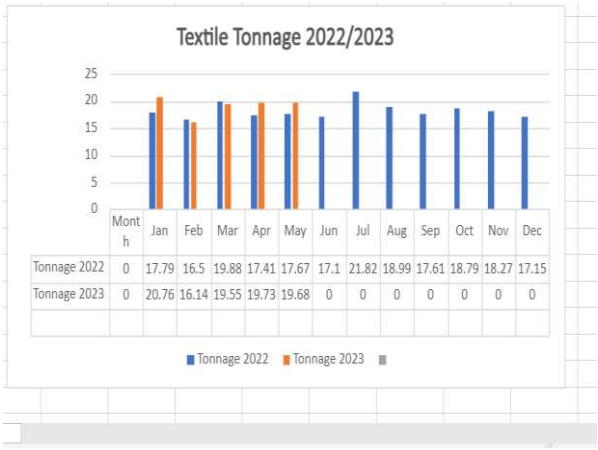
The Glass Tonnage Report for June 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected June 2022 is shown below. There were 417 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 26th of June 2023, this is compared to 493 tons which were collected in the month of June 2022.





Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for May 2023 was 19.68 tons compared to 17.67 tons which was collected in May 2022.



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tonnage 2022	0	17.79	16.5	19.88	17.41	17.67	17.1	21.82	18.99	17.61	18.79	18.27	17.15
Tonnage 2023	0	20.76	16.14	19.55	19.73	19.68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0







Baldoyle Red Arches Site popular for textile recycling with over 400 Kgs in the month of May.

Litter Management

In June, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots.

A Balbriggan beach litter awareness event took place on the 9th of June 2023, during which the Litter Warden met with members of the local Tidy Towns committee, Local Schools and Community Groups.



Dog Fouling is an issue on all our beaches and can have a potential impact to water quality. Planned bathing water sampling will take place from May to September this year.

The Litter wardens continue to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, they carry out extra inspections daily and on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place. They carried out

an awareness campaign in June on the following beaches, engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

- **Balbriggan**
- **Skerries**
- **Loughshinny**
- **Portmarnock**
- **Rush South**
- **Rush North**
- **Donabate**
- **Portrane**
- **Burrow beach, Sutton**
- **Claremont**

Litter Wardens also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

The Litter Warden also checked to see if any issues had arisen for the Operations crews, carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notices, if evidence found.

A total of 276 planned inspections were carried out on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area. All the bring banks in the Fingal were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts.

The Litter Wardens carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

There were 3 cases before the district court in June. One case was paid in advance and was struck out.

2023	Fines issued	Notices issued
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
June	35	37

One fine was issued for dog fouling.

The following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs June 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	12
Env - General Litter Issue	13
Bottle Banks	7
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Env – Abandoned cars	31
Unauthorised signage	1

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 212 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 22nd June 2023.
Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles.
To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved***
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 22nd June 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 22nd June 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	3
TOTAL:	**2**	**5**

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces bye-laws and Beach and Foreshore bye-laws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places.

The dog wardens are also continuing with door-to-door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to Environment@Fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100. 135 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during June 2023. 53 fines were issued during June 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Mar	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556
June	256	135	40	53	€200	€1,500

The Animal Welfare Section received 45 complaints in relation to dogs in May 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in February, March, April and May 2023 in comparison with the same months in 2022. An annual dog licence fee is €20 and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
April	529	451	54	41	€18,140	€14,760
May	1217	918	132	64	€42,820	€27,320
June	647	516	77	41	€23,720	€16,060

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€18,456
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays.

The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of the month there were 15 dogs in the shelter. During June 2023, 13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 1 dog was surrendered by a member of the public.

Of these 29 dogs, 6 have been reclaimed by their owners, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 6 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of June there are 10 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of June 2022	4	**Dogs in Shelter at start of June 2023**	15
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	12	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	5	Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	6
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	2	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS at Request of AGS	0	PTS at Request of AGS	0
PTS	0	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of June 2022	8	Dogs in shelter at the end of June 2023	10



Avril was not reclaimed by her owner and is available for rehoming



Hayley was rehomed to a member of the public



Enrico was rehomed to Mollie Moo's Rescue

Horses

Weekly equine welfare inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the number of horses and any welfare concerns that the horses may have. Any horses with welfare concerns are removed from the landfill by our contractor to their shelter facility to receive veterinary treatment. The 10 hay feeders continue to be refilled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage is available for the horses on the landfill until there is more grass growth on the site. Currently there are 82 horses on the landfill site.

No horses were reported as having welfare issues on Dunsink Landfill during June 2023 and no horses were seized from public spaces.

Six horses were rehomed in June.

Water Quality

Fingal County Council have commenced a number of misconnection surveys in order to try and reduce cross contamination within the surface water networks which outfall to our rivers. The Drainage and Environment Departments are currently conducting 2 significant misconnection surveys which cover a drainage network of over 53 acres of paved surface. Misconnection surveys can be complex and challenging surveys sometimes yielding very little outcomes, however to date Fingal County Council has already identified a number of point source misconnections and in each case the property owner has been advised of the misconnection and has agreed to redirect the misconnection to the foul sewer.





Bathing Water Quality

Fingal County Council has completed 2 rounds of its 2023 scheduled bathing water monitoring programme with all beaches found to be of Excellent water quality found at all bathing areas in round 1 however recorded 2 fails in round 2. Both fails were thought to be due to network issues with a recorded accidental spillage upstream of Claremount beach and a significant misconnection in Balbriggan.

Water quality has been restored to excellent water quality at Claremount Beach to good water quality at Balbriggan however the prohibition notice at Balbriggan was temporarily left in place until the misconnection issue which is been rectified is fully resolved.

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The table below outlines key financial staistics at the end of May 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of May 2023 is **46%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	72.5
Rates Collection %	46%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €9.3m this is c.**23%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	9.3
Levies collected as % of 2022	23%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May is €34.0m which is c. **96%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	34.0
Percentage of budget YTD	96%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of May

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	107	
Value €m	39.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	22	(i)
Value €m	190.4	
No. of procurements under evaluation	35	(ii)
Value €m	50.5	
No. of procurements at approved	8	(iii)
Value €m	5.1	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the Mayl.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUN 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	43,527,261	90,151,700	48%	43,773,008	94,681,700	46%	-245,747
Road Transport & Safety	14,657,410	32,392,400	45%	4,994,916	8,698,800	57%	9,662,494
Water Services	9,623,678	14,994,900	64%	8,780,285	18,028,400	49%	843,392
Development Management	9,679,722	19,874,200	49%	3,396,820	5,480,800	62%	6,282,901
Environmental Services	22,360,061	48,361,500	46%	4,799,912	10,542,200	46%	17,560,149
Recreation & Amenity	24,486,264	49,953,500	49%	1,114,483	2,386,500	47%	23,371,782
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	686,960	1,380,600	50%	192,733	340,100	57%	494,227
Miscellaneous Services	11,892,592	22,836,300	52%	14,232,047	24,576,200	58%	-2,339,455
Central Management Charge	22,806,098	53,803,600	42%	1,787,919	3,904,000	46%	21,018,178
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,889,650	9,779,300	50%	-4,889,650
Rates				77,665,350	155,330,700	50%	-77,665,350
	159,720,045	**333,748,700**	**48%**	**165,627,124**	**333,748,700**	**50%**	**-5,907,079**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	45,924,973	-17,070,856	-16,172,509
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	10,247,411	-4,703,668	17,577,216
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	471,897	-519,662	-10,859,186
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	13,257,702	-21,163,281	-142,209,502
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	2,709,486	-910,364	-19,504,184
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	17,126,056	-9,200,162	-6,177,179
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	10,238,036	-8,856,150	-50,861,004
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**99,975,561**	**-62,424,143**	**-228,206,348**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 30/06/2023 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	€3,146,921	€70,676,108	€68,070,777	€2,605,331
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,077,780	€260,702	€1,817,078
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,126,446	€4,099,292	€5,027,154

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2
Contracts Awarded to end of May

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 69,163	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repair 2 - 10 sq mts Phoenix Residential Estate, Castleknock, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 65,000	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Ecology/Biodiversity Advice, support, management and coordination of surveys - Broadmeadow Way	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	**23/05/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	**18/05/2023**
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 74,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**12/05/2023**
Operations	Supply only of Ready Mix Concrete for Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 50,600	18/05/2023	31/12/2023	7	**11/05/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 1 x 7.5 Tonne Tipper Truck	FUSO Ireland, MMC Commercials	€ 127,722	05/05/2023	04/05/2024	12	**05/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Edgewood Lawn, Corduff, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 109,787	15/05/2023	15/08/2023	3	**04/05/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Removal of Asbestos from a house on Parnell Square East Dublin 1	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 35,900	01/04/2023	01/06/2023	2	**04/05/2023**
Libraries	Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Library Building Automation solution (My Open Library) for Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 41,005	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**04/05/2023**
Operations	Road resurfacing & Ancillary Works, on the R122 Fieldstown Bridge 1 to Surgalstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 671,175	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 473,469	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
EETCD	Economic Consultancy Services for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 157,500	09/05/2023	08/11/2023	6	**03/05/2023**
Operations	Installation of new timber knee rail fencing in Swords	Fingal Farm Home and Garden	€ 45,687	08/05/2023	08/07/2023	2	**02/05/2023**

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Survey for the design stage of the N3 M50 to Clonee Road Scheme	IO Geomatics Ltd	€	164,950	16/01/2023	15/07/2023	6	**28/04/2023**

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re-Instatement of Car Park Surface & Footpaths, ducting and 5 x light sockets and assoc. works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€	28,850	24/04/2023	12/05/2023	1	**26/04/2023**
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€	90,000	28/06/2023	07/07/2023	8 days	**25/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	John Civil Engineering Co. Ltd	€	7,715,430	15/05/2023	15/06/2024	13	**24/04/2023**
Housing	Employers Representative Led Integrated Consultant Design team for proposed residential developments at Holywell & Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Henchion Reuter Architects	€	2,449,510	01/04/2023	29/02/2028	58	**19/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of 2. No.Half MUGAS to Wellview and Parslickstown Residential Estates	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€	75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**19/04/2023**
Operations	Supply & Installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	PWS Signs Ltd	€	33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	€	89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	€	80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€	100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	**17/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€	84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	€	61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetary	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€	30,092	25/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Supply and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Hub at Littlepace Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€	113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	**13/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€	25,650	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€	37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	**12/04/2023**
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	€	2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	**12/04/2023**

Operations	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€	79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10.5	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	€	53,295	24/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**09/04/2023**

Operations	Hire of 1 x 85 HP Plus 4 wheel Drive Tractor/with driver/operative 1 x Backhoe Excavator, 1 teleporter, 1 x John Deer Gater with cab	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€	62,883	10/04/2023	30/09/2023	5	**06/04/2023**
Libraries	Creator - Makers In Residence Programme & Development of Maker Spaces	Make Create Innovate Limited	€	117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	**06/04/2023**
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	€	50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	**05/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€	136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**05/04/2023**
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€	621,115	17/04/2023	11/07/2024	15	**04/04/2023**
EETCD	Enabling Works - initial contract for SCQ Enabling Works (€5m/€750k)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€	834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	**04/04/2023**
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€	81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	**03/04/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Provision of a Water Hygiene Programme	Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd. T/A HBE	€	71,892	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	24	**01/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works at Bun a Knock, Naul	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	€	38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and L	Triangle Computer Services	€	93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**31/03/2023**
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	€	34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	**31/03/2023**
EETCD	Development of the Castleknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion of same in the Dublin Discovery Trails AR App	Peel Entertainment Group Ltd t/a Peel Interactive	€	50,000	27/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**31/03/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 6 - 12 Sq Mts at Mainstreet, Howth, Co. Dublin	Formac Construction	€	80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	€	77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	€	39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023

Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€	110,000	01/01/2023	31/08/2023	8	**29/03/2023**
Digital Services	Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance Services	Irish Mapping & GIS Solution Ltd.,	€	27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**28/03/2023**
EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	€	41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	**28/03/2023**

Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€	39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	€	47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	**27/03/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€	806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	**24/03/2023**
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	€	56,063	01/03/2023	29/02/2024	12	22/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	County Hall Courtyard Upgrade Works	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€	989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**22/03/2023**
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€	52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	**21/03/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock,	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€	30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**20/03/2023**
Operations	Supply of Macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for Road Repairs	Roadstone Ltd,	€	95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	**15/03/2023**
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€	27,504	02/04/2023	01/07/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€	72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€	75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	€	50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**09/03/2023**
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	€	112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**07/03/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€	51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	**04/03/2023**
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	€	70,000	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	**01/03/2023**

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	**01/03/2023**
Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	**28/02/2023**
Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	**28/02/2023**
Housing	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	**27/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrel Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	**24/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	**23/02/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	**22/02/2023**
Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	**21/02/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	**21/02/2023**
Digital Services	Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	€ 198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	**21/02/2023**
Community	Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	**20/02/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	**16/02/2023**
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	**16/02/2023**

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 89,500	14/02/2023	15/05/2023	2.5 months	**14/02/2023**
Housing	10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	**13/02/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	**10/02/2023**
Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	**09/02/2023**

Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	**07/02/2023**
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	**06/02/2023**
EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Po	Marie Brouder	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**31/01/2023**
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	**23/01/2023**
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	**20/01/2023**
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**18/01/2023**
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	€ 29,000	23/01/2023	23/06/2023	6	**17/01/2023**
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**16/01/2023**
Operations	Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**

Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€	78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€	101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	**09/01/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	€	145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**05/01/2023**
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	€	100,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
LITCD	Production, Promotion and Distribution of Tradfest: The Fingal Sessions (six half hour TV Shows for Domestic (RTE) and global distribution	TASCQ	€	130,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Housing	Weekly Bin Collections and Ad hoc Skip Collections from the Halting Sites in the Fingal Area	Starrus Holdings Ltd	€	64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	**01/01/2023**
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€	240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€	78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€	25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€	36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**01/01/2023**

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023**	**Comments**
FCC/19/0005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	Phase One of the project has reached substantial completion.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e. topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant to be reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work is continuing on developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant to be reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	Contractor currently on site laying red SMA. Work has also commenced on line marking, signage and bollard installation.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	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 are developing a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €465,000	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 are preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Tenderers have been evaluated and it is expected to appoint a contractor during July.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Engineering consultants are finalising concept designs and options report. The project team will then engage with the public and stakeholders to gather feedback on draft designs.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued to Active Travel for review.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options.

FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	Statutory consultation has closed for the project. An appeal has been lodged to ABP by local resident association. Council to compile submission to ABP in relation to this appeal.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Tender competition is ongoing for Stage 1 of the process.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Tender is currently being assessed with a view to appoint consultant during July.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works are ongoing around existing car park through Operations.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and tender assessment completed. It is expected to proceed to Stage 2 of the tendering process in July.
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Resurfacing works have been completed for cycle lane and footpath. Minor enabling works carried out footpath upgrade works towards Kinsealy.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

FCC/ 23/XXX	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender was uploaded to eTenders in June and it is planned to assess any submitted tenders during July.
FCC/23/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team for review.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Construction work is now complete and final snagging works and inspections are proposed for early June.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.

Appendix 4

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	Social	Bowden Court (Outlands), Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169a Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	**2** 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	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	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place (Former Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 9x2Bed 1x1Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katies Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	On Site	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	**14** Restoration of existing cottages	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

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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	The second stage tender process has been published to the shortlisted tenderers 21st April. Tender return 14th July.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**121** 37x1Bed 72x2Bed 12x3Bed	The second stage tender process has been published. Tender return 7th July	Q4 2023	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13** 6x1Bed 7x2Bed	Design Team being appointed. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, -6.217958 Google Maps	**36** 36x2Bed	Design Team preparing detailed plans for construction. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025

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Schemes at Pre-Planning 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, 4A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**217**	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 planning application for 217 units was lodged to ABP earlier in June.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
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**	Part 8 Process Ongoing.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Ballymastone Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172	A decision to Grant Permission was made by An Bord Pleanala on 28 March 2023. Judicial Review process has commenced.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	54	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025

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Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	**82**	On site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	**159**	On site	Q3 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Dept Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society Fund	Linking Generations Northern Ireland	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€9,750	TBC
HSE Lottery Funding	Building Facilities	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€12,500	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Liam Rogers CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Holywell CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Applewood CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC

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MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 24

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 24a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

ALEXIS MAC ALLISTER ARGENTINIAN FOOTBALLER

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the established Fingal connection with the Argentinian World Cup winning soccer player, Alexis Mac Allister, that the relevant Departments within this Council reach out to the Mac Allister family in Fingal, the Argentinian Football Association/Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland with a view to marking Alexis' incredible success and formally retracing his roots from Argentina to Fingal?"

Report:

If the Motion is passed the Council will initiate a process to retrace Alexis Mac Allister's roots from Argentina to Fingal including making contact with the Mac Allister family in Fingal. The Members will be updated when the process has been concluded.

Source of Report
Nikki Halleran, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

ITEM NO. 24b

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

EXEMPTION OF FEES - ROAD CLOSURES - COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive uses her discretion or explores a policy position for Community Voluntary Groups and Not for Profit organisations, in not charging them for road closure/advertising fees, who are staging local community events, mostly on a shoestring budget with support from this Council, but who are then hit with a substantial bill for road closures/advertising at a significant cost."

Report:

Temporary road closure orders are granted in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 for the purpose of facilitating a road race, for the carrying out of works or for any other purpose. Applicants are required to pay for the advertising costs only related to the granting of a temporary road closure order. In exceptional circumstances, where community and voluntary groups or Not for Profit organisations apply for a temporary road closure order, these costs are waived. This is done on a case-by-case basis where groups or organisations make a case that the advertising costs would cause them undue hardship.

Source of Report
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services

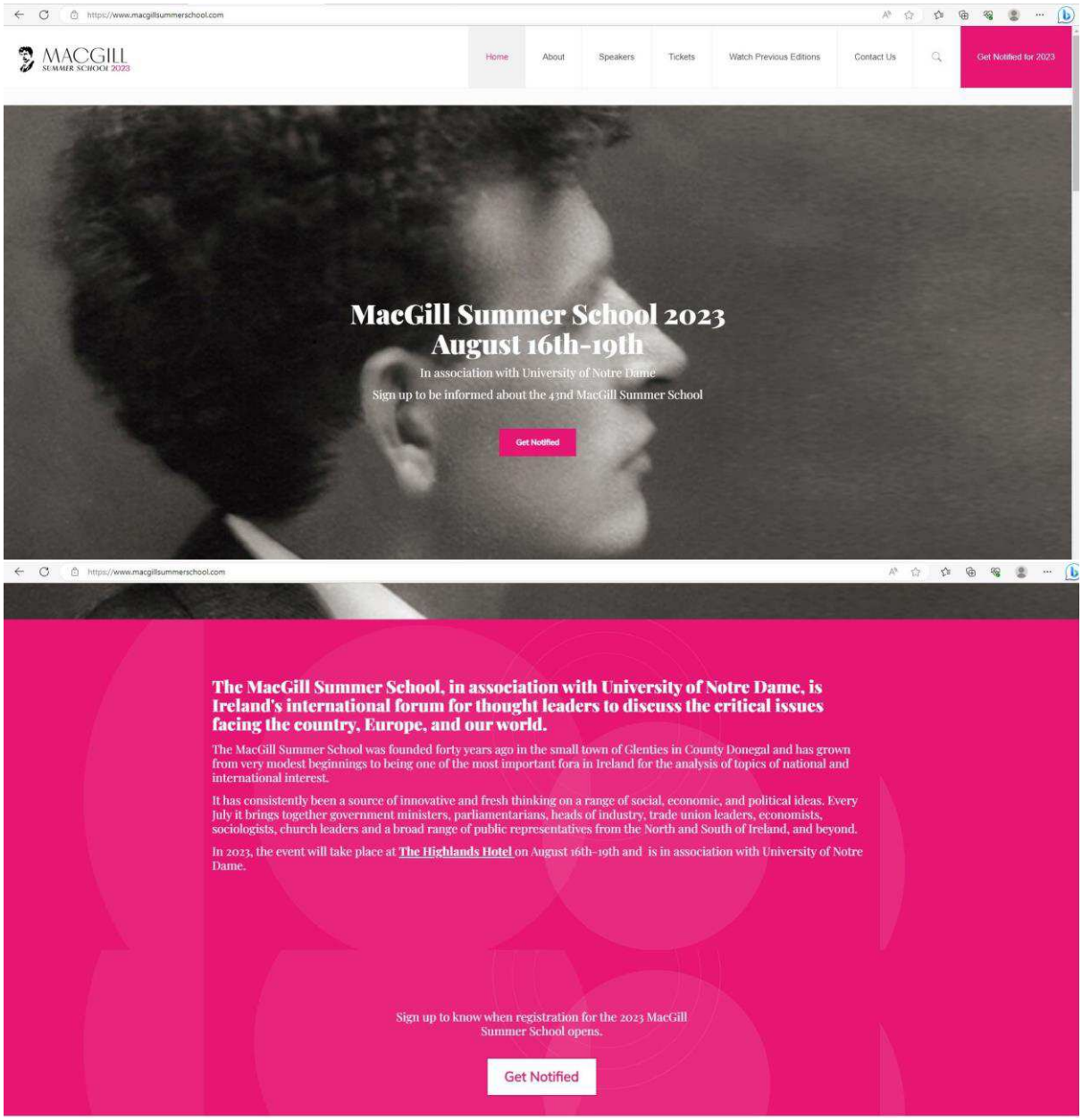
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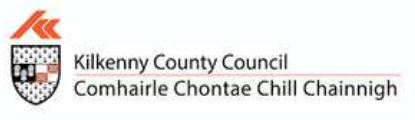

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Ministerial Foreword



I warmly welcome the publication of AILG's 2023 Training Brochure, which will greatly assist the State's 949 City and County Councillors and ensure that they receive relevant training and development so that they can continue to serve their communities to the highest standard possible.
The Association of Irish Local Government trains and pioneers capacity building and policy development for locally elected representatives and I wish to acknowledge the important work and efforts of AILG and their training partners, including the Climate Action Regional Offices, the Office of the Planning Regulator, Uisce Éireann, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and indeed my own department.

Since my recent appointment last December as Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, I have been immensely impressed by the degree to which local government has continued to display its commitment to looking after the needs of our communities despite challenging times. Every Councillor knows both the importance of and the particular spotlight on planning and housing in their local communities, and it is vital that you are properly informed and supported to deliver on your statutory planning duties. In addition to the important area of planning, Ireland's Climate Action Plan is now firmly established as a pillar of Irish government policymaking and plays a key leadership role locally and nationally in delivering effective climate action.

I applaud your commitment to your role as local representatives and for constantly investing time and energy into delivering the best results for your local communities. Local Government is the closest arm of the State to the citizen and I am consistently impressed by the degree to which local government has continued its front-line work looking after citizens during the toughest of times.

Ministerial Foreword

One of the key functions of AILG is to ensure Councillors receive relevant training, resources and support to meet their legislated responsibilities. I warmly welcome the recent launch by AILG of the Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government in partnership with the University College Cork (UCC). The continued education of the State's 949 City and County Councillors is vital in strengthening local democracy, where important choices about the future development of local communities are decided by you, the Elected Members.

I firmly believe that the work by the national agencies, which has yielded strong results in recent years, must be complimented by a bottom-up approach – a service on the ground, locally active, where individuals and micro businesses can seek help in taking those first tentative steps to greater things.
I really value and appreciate the important contribution of the City and County Councillor and I look forward to engaging constructively with AILG into the future and indeed with all members across the country.

Kieran O' Donnell TD
Minister of State for Planning and Local Government

President's Foreword



Since 2014, AILG have been given an education and training remit from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide and ensure that our Local Authority Elected Members receive appropriate and relevant training and development as they govern Irish local authorities currently and into the future.

Our AILG Elected Member Learning and Training Development Programme has grown from strength to strength over the last seven years in providing tailored training and education programmes to our 949 Elected Members.

In late 2021 AILG partnered with UCC in developing their Level 7 Certificate in Continuing Education Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government. This year, AILG has renewed its partnership with UCC in supporting the Climate Learning Program, which is the only university bearing credit CPD programme of its kind in Ireland offering a recognised qualification in this sector. This is a major milestone and exciting new development which will help AILG to move towards our goal of developing an accredited Continuous Professional Development (CPD) internal training programme for our Elected Members.

The development of the 2023 AILG Local Authority Elected Members Training Programme, would not have been possible without the work, involvement and support from key partners and contributors. Together, our collective contributions will encourage further engagement, enhance knowledge and strengthen the influence of local authority Elected Members in making a difference at local and community levels.

This year's programme will build on our current strong training programme and will consist of a blended hybrid approach of both in-person and online learning.

I encourage each of our 949 Local Elected Members to partake in the training. It is imperative that our Elected Members have the necessary knowledge, education and leadership expertise to help them to meet their legislated responsibilities and to continue to strengthen and improve our local government system.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick
AILG President 2022-23

Training Partners & Contributors

The development of the AILG Local Authority Elected Members Training Programme would not have been possible without the work, involvement and support from the below key partners and contributors.

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Local Authority Elected Member **Planning Training Programme for 2023**

The 2023 planning training programme seeks to build on the 2021 and 2022 programmes which gave Elected Members a strategic overview of Ireland's planning process, the role of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and topical planning issues that members must carefully consider in the context of their reserved policy making and other legal functions.

For 2023, the programme will deliver further in-depth training and information on topical matters relevant to development plan preparation and Elected Members wider planning functions.

In 2023, four events will be delivered by the Office of the Planning Regulator. Members will receive high quality presentations from expert speakers with easy-to-use supporting material which will address the following topics:

1. Preparing and Making Local Area Plans: Driving Urban and Rural Regeneration

2.Connecting Ireland and Rural Public Transport Investment: Opportunities for Rural Regeneration

3.OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance

4.Integrating Energy Supply and Planning

Attendance at these events and/or viewing the recordings from the online events will give elected members an excellent strategic understanding of their local authority's role in these pressing areas.

AILG 2023 Elected Councillor Training Calendar of Events

Module	Training Topic	Date	Regional Applicable	Location
Module 1 (In-person)	*Electoral Reform Act*	23rd Feb 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	Tullamore Court Hotel Offaly
		25th Feb 2023	Southern Region	Radisson Blu Hotel Limerick
Webinar 1	*Preparing and Making Local Area Plans: Driving Urban and Rural Regeneration*	24th Feb 2023 online	Presentations from Senior Planning Staff in Kildare County Council, Cork County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.	
Module 2 (In-person)	*Local Authority Climate Action Plans*	23rd March 2023	Southern Region	Clayton Whites Hotel Wexford
		25th March 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	Fairways Hotel Dundalk
AILG Annual Conference	*AILG Annual Conference 2023 Hotel Kilkenny*	19th and 20th April 2023	All Councillors can attend	Hotel Kilkenny
Webinar 2	*Connecting Ireland & Rural Public Transport Investment: Opportunities for Rural Regeneration*	28th April 2023 online	Presentations from the Office of the Planning Regulator and the National Transport Authority.	
Webinar 3	*Urban Regeneration and Development Fund" - Call 3 Funding and Engagement with Elected Members*	26th May 2023 online	Presentations from the Planning division of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	
Module 3 (In-person)	*OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance*	15th June 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	Mullingar Park Hotel Westmeath
		17th June 2023	Southern Region	Avalon House Hotel Castlecomer Kilkenny
Webinar 4	*Irish Language Training for Elected Members*	30th June 2023 online	Presentations from national experts.	
Webinar 5	*Councillor Personal Security Awareness - Dealing With Threatening Communications*	14th July 2023 online	Presentations from national experts from Crime Management Group	
Module 4 (In-person)	*Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) - A Briefing for Councillors*	20th July 2023	Southern Region	Radisson Blu Hotel Cork
		22nd July 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	Sligo Park Hotel Sligo

AILG 2023 Elected Councillor Training Calendar of Events

Module	Training Topic	Date	Regional Applicable	Location
AILG Autumn Seminar	***AILG Autumn Seminar 2023***	13th and 14th Sept 2023	All Councillors can attend	Sligo (venue TBC)
Webinar 6	***Integrating Energy Supply and Planning***	22nd Sept 2023 online	Presentations from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and the Office of the Planning Regulator.	
Module 5 (In-person)	***Elected Member Personal Security - Positive Home, Workplace and Mobile Security Practices***	19th Oct 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	Hotel Kilmore Cavan
		21st Oct 2023	Southern Region	The Rose Hotel Tralee
Webinar 7	***Councillor Security Awareness - Dealing With Protests & Detecting Potentially Hostile Behaviour***	27th Oct 2023 online	Presentations from national experts from Crime Management Group.	
Module 6 (In-person)	***Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023- A Briefing for Elected Members***	16th Nov 2023	Southern Region	The Tower Hotel Waterford
		18th Nov 2023	Eastern & Midland/ Northern and Western Region	The Clayton Hotel Galway
Webinar 8	***Progress Report on Housing for All***	24th Nov 2023 online	Presentations from the Housing Agency and the Housing Division of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	

Please note that the above training calendar is **subject to change**.

Training Module 1 (In-Person) February 2023

"A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act"

Delivered by Petra Woods, Martin Hehir, and Ruth Murray from the Franchise Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The individual presentations will deal with:

- Overall programme of electoral reform as provided for under the Electoral Reform Act 2022 and in particular the newly established Electoral Commission (An Coimisiún Toghcháin) and its functions.
- Provisions of Part 3 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022 which underpins a major reform of the electoral registration process.
- Awareness campaign undertaken in 2022, as well as the changes to systems and the new electoral registration forms.

Module Aims/Objectives

- Provide an understanding of the overall programme of electoral reform including the Electoral Commission.
- Highlight key changes to systems and electoral registration forms.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 23rd Feb 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Tullamore Court Hotel
Saturday 25th Feb 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Northern & Western and the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assemblies.	The Radisson Blu Hotel Limerick

Training Webinar 1 (February) 2023

"Preparing and Making Local Area Plans: Driving Urban and Rural Regeneration"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 24th February, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

With many City and County Development Plan reviews complete, this first webinar in the 2023 programme of successful AILG-OPR planning training for Elected Members, will provide essential information on preparing statutory Local Area Plans under the Planning Act 2000, with an emphasis on good practice in making such plans relevant and delivery focused.

The presentations will be delivered by:
-Amy Granville, Senior Planner, Kildare County Council;
-Pádraig Moore, Senior Planner, Cork County Council;
-Fintan O' Brien, Assistant Secretary, Department of Rural and Community Development.

The presentations will:
·Provide an overview of the Local Area Plan preparation process and developing a new generation of Local Area Plans for Kildare.
·Focus on Turning Local Area Plans into Reality: Cork County Council's Experience in Implementing Local Area Plans.
·Provide guidance in relation to linking Local Area Plans and National Programmes supporting town and village renewal.

Course Aims/Objectives

- Provide Elected Members with essential information about how to prepare local area plans and the statutory and policy context within which these plans are prepared;
- Demonstrate, through case studies, how local authorities have secured effective implementation of their statutory plans; *and*
- Inform Elected Members about the range of financial and other supports being provided by Government to local authorities to revitalise towns and villages by addressing vacant and derelict buildings and bringing them back to use.

Training Module 2 (In-Person) March 2023

"Local Authority Climate Action Plans"

Delivered by the Climate Action Regional Officers and Saolta, the Global Citizenship Education strategic partnership programme in partnership with the Irish Development Education Association.

The presentations will:

- Focus on the localisation of the SDGs and Local Voluntary Reviews, providing Councillors and Local Authorities with Guidelines for the development of Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LA CAPs).
- Update Elected Members on the climate science and policy required for the LA CAP and the timeline associated with its development.

Module Aims/Objectives

- The role of the local authority and Elected Members at each stage of the LA CAP. How to give Leadership personally and as part of the corporate entity.

- Introduce the importance of Global Citizenship Education in the role of understanding the links between local issues facing communities in rural and urban settings in the context of the UN SDGs and the LA CAPs.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 23rd March 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	Clayton Whites Hotel Wexford
Saturday 25th March 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area. 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	The Fairways Hotel Dundalk

Training Webinar 2 (April) 2023

"Connecting Ireland and Rural Public Transport Investment: Opportunities for Rural Regeneration"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 28th April, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

The presentations will be delivered by Senior Personnel from the National Transport Authority and the Office of the Planning Regulator and they will seek to demonstrate how rural transport planning and town and village planning can deliver more sustainable development.

The individual presentations will deal with:

- The role and functions of rural public transport in Ireland;
- Current arrangements for the long-term planning and development of rural public transport services;
- Ongoing initiatives to develop the network as part of the wider transport system;
- Practical case studies in successful service enhancement; and
- General trends in relation to the take-up of services.

Webinar Aims/Objectives

Provide Elected Members with;

- Practical information regarding the current development and longer-term planning of rural public transport services;
- An overview of ways to better co-ordinate rural public transport and their statutory planning functions in relation to town and village plans and for the betterment of rural communities;
- Knowledge in relation to the systems for the overall management and funding of rural public transport services and the operational and resourcing context such services must operate in.

Training Webinar 3 (May) 2023

"Urban Regeneration and Development Fund" - Call 3 Funding and Engagement with Elected Members

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 26th May, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

Delivered by Paul Benson, Principal Officer, Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit (URDF) Planning Division, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The URDF programme is a €2billion fund which seeks to drive compact growth and development in cities and large towns across the country. The most recent Call 3 funding under the URDF programme will see a €150m revolving fund being made available to local authorities to tackle long term vacancy and dereliction within URDF eligible areas.

There will be a key role for Councillors in relation to Call 3 through the S.183 disposal notice process and this training webinar will be an opportunity to explain this role and the detail of Call 3 to Elected Members.

Webinar Aims/Objectives

- Brief Councillors on Call 3 funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit.
- Outline the key role that Councillors will have in Call 3 funding through the S. 183 disposal notice process.

Training Module 3 (In-Person) June 2023

"OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance"

The summer in-person OPR-AILG training events will provide an opportunity for Elected Members to meet with the Planning Regulator and senior OPR personnel who will provide topical presentations to help to build the knowledge base of elected members on pressing matters relating to the functions of the OPR and the proper planning and sustainable development of both urban and rural areas, including the evolving legislative framework for planning and emerging policy guidance.

Presentations will be delivered by the Planning Regulator and Senior Personnel from the OPR.

These events will be subject to a content update as the year/programme progresses.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 15th June 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Mullingar Park Hotel Westmeath
Saturday 17th June 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

Training Webinar 4 (June) 2023

"Irish Language Training for Elected Members"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 30th June, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

The individual presentations will cover;

- Learning “relevant Irish language phrases that Elected Members can use when delivering speeches or attending community events.
- Learning useful phrases and vocabulary that will help Elected Members include more Irish in their day-to-day correspondence with colleagues and the public and that will help them to fulfil their obligations under the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021.

Webinar Aims/Objectives

- Provide Elected Members with an updated knowledge of the Irish language with particular attention paid to useful phrases and vocabulary which has specific relevance in their day-to-day role as public representatives.

Training Webinar 5 (July) 2023

"Councillor Personal Security Awareness - Dealing With Threatening Communications"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 14th July, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

Delivered by national experts from Crime Management Group.

The presentation will deal with;

- Types of threats
- Positive and negative threat Indicators
- Delivered items threats
- Evacuation strategies

Webinar Aims/Objectives

- Provide Elected Members with positive personal security practices and how to deal with threatening communications to ensure a safe environment.

Training Module 4 (In-Person) July 2023

"Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) - A Briefing for Councillors"

Delivered by Senior Engineering and Corporate staff in Uisce Éireann.

From Spring 2023 operational control of water and wastewater services has been taken on by Uisce Éireann. The transfer to the national utility has taken place with the company working closely with the local authorities who have had charge of water services for more than a century. The AILG has made strong representations to Uisce Éireann to urge that channels of communication be put in place for Councillors to raise concerns with the company now that local control of water services has moved from the councils. The training indicated here forms part of a suite of interactions which Uisce Éireann will make available for Councillors.

Module Aims/Objectives

Senior Engineering and Corporate staff will provide information on a range of water-related topics including:

- Management of national water and wastewater assets
- Maintenance of the water and wastewater system
- Investment and planning
- Managing capital projects
- Customer care and billing.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 20th July 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	Radisson Blu Hotel Cork
Saturday 22rd July 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area. 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	Sligo Park Hotel

Training Webinar 6 (September) 2023

"Integrating Energy Supply and Planning"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 22nd Sept, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

The presentations will be delivered by Senior Personnel from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and the Office of the Planning Regulator.

The presentations will:

- Present an overview of the key current development opportunities and challenges in relation to the electricity and other networks;
- Highlight the critical role to be played by the electricity network in the context of Ireland's climate action plan; *and*
- Summarise the key role that can be played by the planning process, particularly at regional and city and county development plan level, in ensuring Ireland meets its current resilience and sustainability energy supply challenges.

Webinar Aims/Objectives

Provide Elected Members with:

- Practical information as to the current development and longer-term planning of Ireland's energy supply systems; *and*

- An overview of ways to better co-ordinate energy supply systems within the context of the operation of the planning process.

Training Module 5 (In-Person) Oct 2023

"Elected Member Personal Security - Positive Home, Workplace and Mobile Security Practices"

Delivered by Crime Prevention Officer, Sergeant Peter McConnon.

The Presentations will update and inform Elected Members on;

- Positive home security practices
- Positive workplace security practices
- Positive mobile security practices
- Travel security practices

Module Aims/Objectives

Provide Elected Members with;

- Practical travel security practices.
- Provide Elected Members with practical information on positive security practices at home and in the workplace to ensure a safe environment.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 19th Oct 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Hotel Kilmore Cavan
Saturday 21st Oct 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	The Rose Hotel Tralee

Training Webinar 7 (October) 2023

"Councillor Security Awareness - Dealing With Protests & Detecting Potentially Hostile Behaviour"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 27th Oct, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

Delivered by Brian Cremin, Managing Director of Crime Management Group, this presentation will deal with the subject of protests and immediate actions Elected Members can take on the commencement of a protest.

The Presentations will update and inform Elected Members on;

- Actions where advance notice is obtained
- Identifying possible high-value assets or operations that may be targeted
- Protecting sensitive information
- Advice to staff
- Immediate actions on commencement of a protest
- Detecting Potentially Hostile Behaviour Using Non-Verbal Messages; METT: Micro Expression Training Tools, SETT: Subtle Expression Training Tools
- Managing your own body language

Webinar Aims/Objectives

Provide Elected Members with;

- Knowledge on positive security practices in relation to protests.
- Detecting Potentially Hostile Behaviour Using Non-Verbal Messages.

Training Module 6 (In-Person) Nov 2023

"Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023 - A Briefing for Elected Members"

Presentations from AILG staff and national and local experts will;

- Inform and brief Elected Members on relevant Government Legislation Programme for 2023 and other related matters of consequence for Local Authority Elected Members.
- Provide detailed questions & answers and roundtable discussions with Elected Members.

Module Aims/Objectives

- Inform Elected Members of key Government policy and legislation for 2023 and matters of consequence.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 16th Nov 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	The Tower Hotel Waterford
Saturday 18th Nov 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area. 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	The Clayton Hotel Galway

Training Webinar 8 (November) 2023

"An update on Housing for All Programme"

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Friday 24th Nov, 2023	Online	10.00 - 11.30am

Presentations from the Housing Agency and national experts from the Housing Division of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will:

- Update Elected Members on the progress made on each of the 'Housing for All' Pathways and other measures put in place to support housing stock;

1. Pathway to Supporting Homeownership and Increasing Affordability.
2. Pathway to Eradicating Homelessness, Increasing Social Housing Delivery and Supporting Social Inclusion.
3. Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.
4. Pathway to Addressing Vacancy and Efficient Use of Existing Stock.

Webinar Aims/Objectives

- Provide Elected Members with a detailed briefing and update on the implementation of each 'Housing for All' Pathway to achieving housing for all.
- Provide an update on other measures in place to support social and affordable housing provision.
- Inform Elected Members of the policy and legislative context.



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ITEM NO. 26

CORRESPONDENCE

12th June 2023

Minister Charlie McConalogue T.D.
Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister McConalogue,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 12th June the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to your offices for consideration:

'That Wicklow county Council write to Minister McConalogue requesting him to contact all Dáil party leaders and MEPs to remind them of their own declarations on the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and their commitment to youth and community groups, made in 2019, and more recently to the 2 Citizens Assemblies (adult & youth), regarding the restoration of nature as a matter of urgency, and that consultation takes place with farmers, foresters, community groups and other stakeholders to discuss any issues relevant to them. Furthermore, that Wicklow County Council writes to all party leaders urging them to work together with their MEPS to pass a strong EU Nature Restoration Law without delay. If passed, we request that Wicklow County Council forwards this motion to all City & County Councils without delay'.

Yours sincerely,

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HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
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Ref: RM/REP/230303

13 March 2023

Nikki Holleran,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall,
Main Street,
Swords,
County Dublin

REPDR.23.01344
Motion: Councillor A. Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive together with all other relevant stakeholders including the HSE, Irish Heart Foundation and Defibrillators Suppliers look at all options in piloting a system across Fingal that quickly and readily identifies on a persons' phone the nearest available defibrillators to any person or organisations who identify that they need access to defibrillators, given that time is of critical importance, I am calling on a renewed emphasis and focus to this proposal for Fingal."

Dear Nikki,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) National Ambulance Service (NAS) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Motion 36 agreed by Fingal County Council.

Percentage survival from OHCA in 2021 was reported as 6.1%, with 178 people returning home to their families (National Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry, 2022). It is the aim of the multi-agency OHCA Strategy Governance Implementation Group that Ireland should achieve similar survival rates to our best performing European neighbours, who consistently achieve survival rates exceeding 10%.

The OHCA Strategy Governance Implementation Group has a specific aim to implement a NAS National AED (defibrillator) Registry which is mapped to the National Ambulance Service dispatch system, and a supporting app for dispatching first responders. Work has already begun on developing the AED Registry, with specific emphasis on ensuring the cyber safety of our national ambulance service dispatch system.

Implementation of the AED Registry and first responder app is a substantial capital and technological project and as of yet, no funding stream has been identified to enable NAS to progress implementation in 2023. Any such development will be subject to Public Procurement regulations and is likely to exceed the threshold for advertisement at EU level.

In the meantime, it is important to note that the facility to register defibrillators with the NAS already exists and defibrillators can be registered at the following link: Community AED Registration.

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Our current solution is simple and lacks the interoperability that is needed for a fully integrated AED registry/first responder system but, in the event of cardiac arrest, it enables our emergency call takers to direct callers to defibrillators that are registered in their area.

It is also important to note that NAS has a network of over 250 Community First Responder (CFR) Schemes, supported by our Community Engagement Team. In the event of a cardiac arrest, CFRs receive an automated text message that directs them to the scene of any cardiac arrest incident that occurs in their catchment area. For more information may I refer you to the www.becomeacfr.ie website which was developed with funding from the OHCA Strategy.

However, in relation to the Fingal Council area, the majority of 999 calls for cardiac arrests are received by Dublin Fire Brigade which is a Local Authority service. In this regard, while NAS is increasing the number of registered AEDs and automated dispatch of CFRs nationally, it does not receive the majority of 999 calls in the Fingal Council area. In this context, NAS cannot activate CFRs or notify callers of the proximity of an AED to the emergency where NAS has not received the 999 call.

I trust this information is helpful.

Robert Morton
Director
National Ambulance Service

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ITEM NO. 27

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health
Office of the Minister

HEA-MO-01244-2023
27th April 2023

Ms. Nikki Halleran

County Hall
Main Street
Swords
K67 X8Y2

Dear Ms. Halleran,

Enhanced community response to cardiac arrest is critical to improving survival rates and this is wholly recognised in the National Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy (OHCA) – Putting Survival at the Heart of the Community (2019).

Percentage survival from OHCA in 2021 was reported as 6.1%, with 178 people returning home to their families (National Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry, 2022). It is the aim of the multi-agency OHCA Strategy Governance Implementation Group that Ireland should achieve similar survival rates to our best performing European neighbours, who consistently achieve survival rates exceeding 10%.

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It is important to note that in the event of cardiac arrest, the current system enables our emergency call takers to direct callers to defibrillators that are registered in their area. The

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facility to register defibrillators with the NAS already exists and defibrillators can be registered at the following link: https://www.nationalambulanceservice.ie/community/aed/

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Conroy

Fiona Conroy
Private Secretary to the Minister for Health

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Ms. Nikki Halleran

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Reference No: DAFM-MMO-00929-2023

Dear Ms. Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence of 3rd March 2023 to Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding support for a ban on Hare Coursing. Minister McConalogue has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Coursing is regulated under the Greyhound Industry Act, 1958, chiefly by the Irish Coursing Club, subject to the general control and direction of Rásaíocht Con Eireann; hare coursing is managed and regulated by the Irish Coursing Club. The organisation consists of 89 affiliated clubs from Ireland and Northern Ireland, all of whom are governed by the ICC's rules and regulations.

The granting of licenses for the netting and tagging of hares is a matter for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage - National Parks and Wildlife Service. A monitoring committee on coursing is in place, comprising officials from this Department, the ICC and the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS), to monitor developments in coursing and, in that regard, the situation is kept under constant review to ensure that coursing is run in a controlled manner. The committee meets annually to review the previous coursing season and any matters arising.

The Minister believes that it is critically important that those involved in coursing operate in accordance with the regulatory framework and that the welfare of both hares and greyhounds is always at the forefront.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Rigney
Private Secretary

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ITEM NO. 28

COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR COUNCILLORS

Motion: Councillor P. Conroy

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to the provision of free counselling services for Councillors, in line with the service provided for Councillors in other Local Authorities such as Dublin City Council."

Report

The Council will give consideration to the provision of a free counselling service for Councillors if the motion is passed.

Source of Report
Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 29

FREE OF CHARGE - RECYCLING FOR RESIDENTS OF FINGAL

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive, considers approving a compassionate recycling window of a few hours, to a full day, in a week for residents of Fingal to bring their recyclable waste, free of charge, to any Fingal Recycling Centre to mitigate the current high cost of living."

Report:

The Polluter Pays Principle is one of the key principles underlying the European Unions (EU) environmental policy. Application of the principle means that the polluter bears the cost of their pollution. The proposal of providing a compassionate recycling window year-round would not be in line with the Polluter Pays Principle. The Council does provide an amnesty in the week leading up to Halloween each year, which provides free access to the Council's recycling centres at Coolmine and Estuary in Swords. A National Mattress Amnesty run in conjunction with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government permits members of the public to bring unwanted mattresses to the recycling facilities for safe disposal. The Council also proposed as part of the recommendation to increase charge at the recycling centres to extend opening hours in Coolmine in line with Estuary.

Source of Report
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services

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ITEM NO. 31

INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT DISABLED PEOPLE

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That this Council agrees that going forward any structures built in the Fingal area must have facilities that support the disabled, new facilities and developments should consider the inconveniences that the disabled face on a daily basis, therefore, making it easier to allow disabled people to access facilities in a more sufficient manner."

Report:

Technical Guidance Document Part M "Access and Use" of the Building Regulations underpins the principle of "Universal Design" for all buildings and works on buildings and their environs meaning 'the design and composition of an environment that can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people, regardless of their age, size and disability'. Part M of the Building Regulations and Technical Guidance Document are constantly being updated and amended, in fact, they were both amended earlier this year to include a provision for Changing Places Toilets.

Building Regulations Part M applies to all buildings and works on buildings, however in relation to non-dwelling buildings, there is extensive requirements for the whole building and its environs, whereas the current situation with dwellings is that they are to be accessible for the purpose of visitation only. Therefore, for all non-dwelling buildings and common areas in Apartment Blocks, the Owner must apply for a Disabled Accessibility Certificate (DAC) which

is only granted when the applicant demonstrates that their design meets all the requirements of the Part M Technical Guidance Document. It is an offence to occupy a building before the DAC is granted.

Source of Report
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 35

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITIONS WITH FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive reviews the minimum education requirements for Administration positions in Fingal County Council, as a minimum leaving certificate requirement with no work experience exception, can result in older applicants being unable to apply for Council Administration positions."

Report:

The recruitment grade of Clerical Officer provides applicants with 4 avenues of entry into this grade which include either educational attainments or relevant work experience encompassing demonstrable clerical/administrative skills. Higher supervisory clerical/administrative posts require educational attainments as a means of progression. The qualifications for these posts are laid down by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for adherence by all local authorities including Fingal County Council.

Source of Report
Joe O'Reilly, Senior Executive Officer, People, Corporate & Digital Services Department