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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the CommitteeName will be held in the MeetingLocation at MeetingTime on MeetingDateLegal to consider the following Agenda:

Yours Faithfully

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Tuesday, 18th January 2022

Agenda Item No. 689

Chief Executive Amendments to the Written Statement and Appendices

- A Editorial changes and updating of the draft Plan will be carried out and minor typographical or graphical errors or discrepancies will be amended)
- B Reordering of text, policies and objectives, as required
- C Delete Dunsink from Table 2.14, Dunsink is not included in the figures for this table.
- D Replace the following in Table 2.14

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Agenda Item 690

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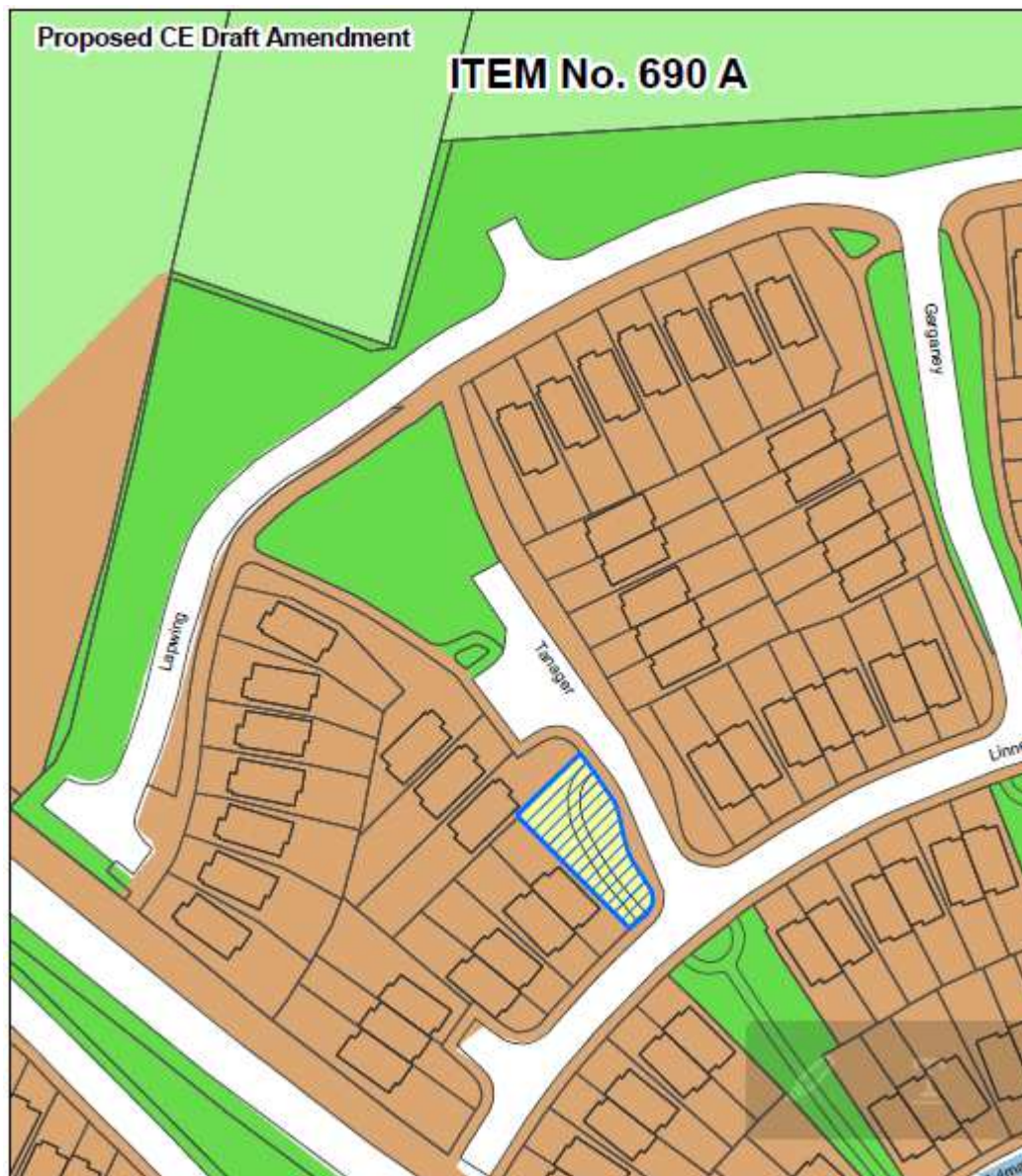
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Chief Executive Amendments to the Sheets

A Sheet 5 – Skerries, Mapping error, should be zoned OS



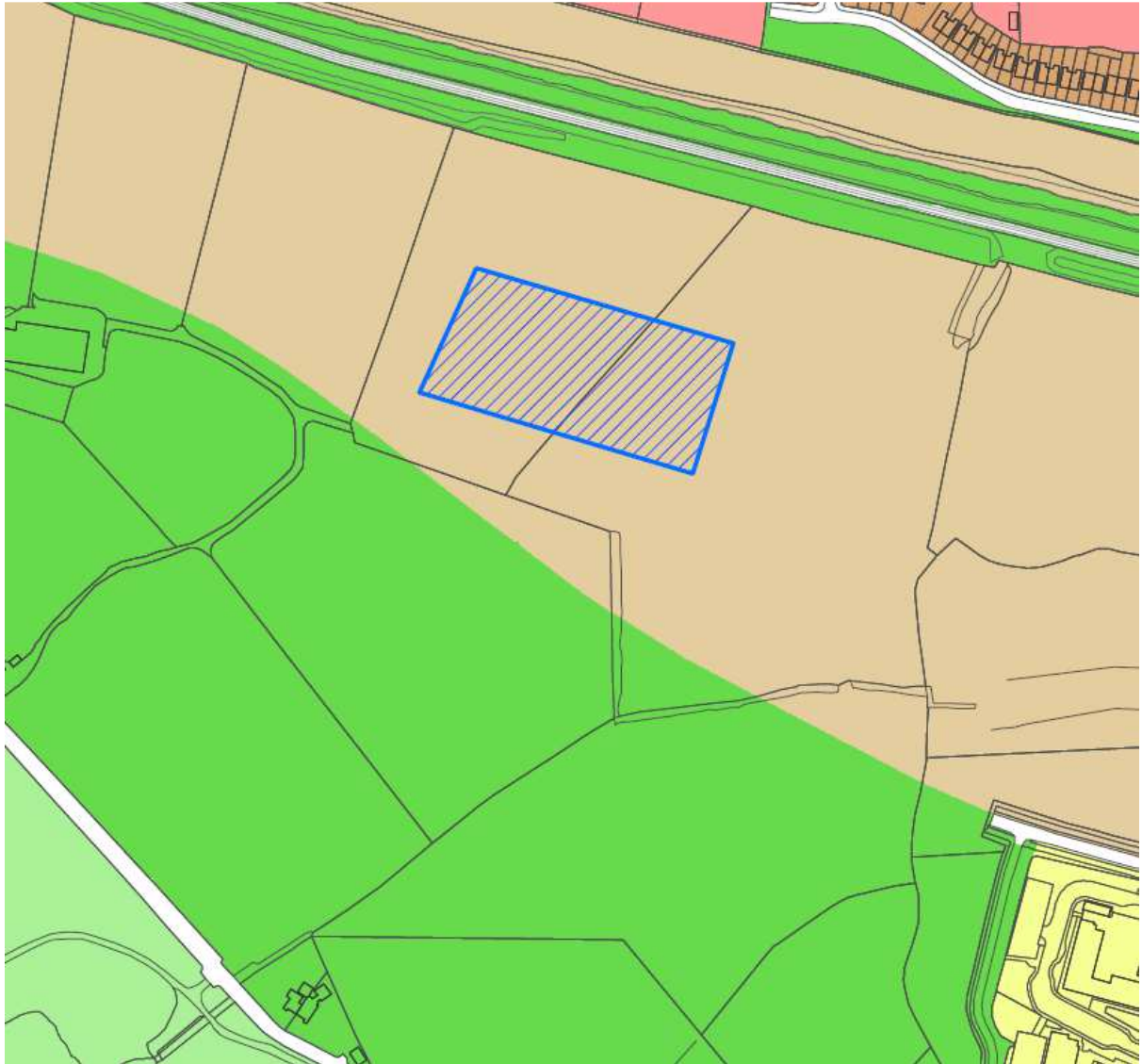
B Sheet 5, mapping error, area hatched in blue should be zoned OS



- C Sheet 10, mapping error, school symbol should be indicated on the CI zoning, not the RA zoning



- D Sheet 13, mapping error, 2 school symbols to be included – as per Kellystown LAP



- E Sheet 13, mapping error, Include local objective:
Provide for a standalone Place of Worship on the lands. Any application for development on the site should be sensitively designed and be accompanied by a design statement.



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Chapter 2 – Planning for Growth, Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy

ITEM No. 41

Motion from Councillor Dean Mulligan : 73737

Table 12.21 Fingal Settlement Hierarchy
In section: Towns and Villages, Metropolitan area
Insert
“St Margaret’s”

REPORT:

The intent of the motion is acknowledged, however it is considered the inclusion of St, Margarets as a specific category of the Settlement Hierarchy would not be appropriate.

Table 12.21 demonstrates the Settlement Hierarchy for Fingal which has been developed in accordance with the guiding principles established under the NPF and the RSES (including MASP). The Settlement Hierarchy aligns with the Core Strategy and is informed by the Housing Strategy and HNDA as set out in the CE Draft Development Plan.

The resultant structure takes into account the important roles and functions which each town and village performs in a regional context and will ensure that future growth and accompanying investment is appropriately directed. Given its location, and particularly given its proximity to Dublin international airport, the future growth of St, Margarets must be carefully considered and its inclusion within a specific category of the Settlement Hierarchy would not be appropriate.

Notwithstanding, Objective 61 of the current Development Plan (2017-2023) required the preparation of a strategy for 'St. Margaret's Special Policy Area' involving consultation between the existing community, Fingal County Council and the DAA. This has been prepared and is included in Appendix 1 of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020.

The Dublin Airport LAP 2020 also includes Objective LEAP 01 which states:

'Commence preparation of a 'Local Enhancement Action Plan' for the 'Special Policy Area' of St. Margaret's within 12 months of the adoption of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan, in consultation with the local community and other relevant stakeholders based on the focus areas identified in this strategy for St. Margaret's. This plan shall address priority actions, funding and a delivery programme for proposed environmental and community enhancement projects.'

RECOMMENDATION:

No change

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert the following text into Section 3.5.15.1 Rural Villages of the Draft Plan as follows:

St. Margaret's is a small linear settlement located c. 7 kms to the south-west of Swords, in the rural area of the County, off the R122 Kilsallaghan/Oldtown Road and immediately to the west of the Dublin Airport 'DA' zoned lands. St. Margaret's Church, Parochial House, Parochial Hall and St. Margaret's National School are centrally located, with existing residential development to the north and south of the existing centre. St. Margaret's Village lies immediately to the west of the Dublin Airport ('DA') zoned lands within close proximity of existing airport infrastructure. This Plan recognises the distinct heritage and recreational assets of the area and supports its enhancement through the roll out of environmental works under any relevant Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

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ITEM No. 46

Motion from Councillor Natalie Treacy : 74226

ADD:

That any of our free infill spaces zoned for housing should be used to build social houses to increase our housing stock.

REPORT:

The intention of the motion is noted and welcomed. A cross-cutting theme of the Draft Plan focuses on the achievement of consolidated development within existing settlements and the many benefits arising from this approach. This is addressed in particular in Chapter 3 Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes. Consolidation may be achieved through the re-use and/or repurposing of previously developed, under-utilised, vacant or derelict properties and sites within existing development boundaries.

Infill development opportunities or gap sites between existing buildings of varying extent also offer opportunities to consolidate existing development and to enhance streetscapes.

The Local Authority actively reviews all suitably zoned lands within its ownership, including infill sites, for residential development purposes. Proposals arising must be compliant with Development Plan standards in relation to qualitative development standards, engineering requirements and access arrangements. Not all zoned infill sites will therefore be available for such purposes given issues

such as e.g. site constraints, proximity to infrastructure, inability to meet Development Plan standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective at appropriate location in Chapter 2 to state:

Where feasible, that infill spaces on residential zoned lands in the ownership of Fingal County Council, are used to build social houses to increase our housing stock.

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ITEM No. 57

Motion from Councillor Howard Mahony : 73699

That the vista along Castleknock Road as a tree-lined boulevard of large established houses be protected.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted.

There is merit in amending the specificity of the subject motion so as to extend its coverage to tree-lined approaches to all towns and to preserve their special character.

In this regard, Objective CSO42 of the Draft Plan reads as follows:

‘Retain the impressive tree-lined approach along the Dublin Road as an important visual element to the town and, specifically, ensure the protection of the mature trees along the Malahide Road at the Limestone Field and property boundary walls which create a special character to the immediate approach to Malahide’.

It is proposed to amend the text of Objective CSO42 so as to read as follows:

‘Retain existing tree-lined approaches to our towns to preserve their special character’.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CSO42 on page 78 from:

~~Retain the impressive tree-lined approach along the Dublin Road as an important visual element to the town and, specifically, ensure the protection of the mature trees along the Malahide Road at the Limestone Field and property boundary walls which create a special character to the immediate approach to Malahide.~~

To:

Retain existing tree-lined approaches to all towns and villages to preserve their special character.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Retain CSO42

And include new objective to read as follows:

Retain existing tree-lined approaches to all towns and villages to preserve their special character.

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ITEM No. 77

Motion from Councillor Joan Hopkins : 73656

To ask the Chief Executive to add the following objective.
Promotion of our coast line for health and wellbeing by providing fully assessable open water public pools at suitable locations in Howth/Sutton/Portmarnock.

REPORT:

The intent of the motion is acknowledged. However it is considered that the policies and objectives contained in the draft Plan and, taken in conjunction with the Development Management process are considered to be sufficiently robust to guide and inform any future development proposals/initiatives of this nature in Howth, Sutton and Portmarnock and in the wider Fingal area. As such, the essence of the motion is considered to be adequately addressed in the Draft Plan.

Given the strategic nature of the Development Plan, the delivery of location specific infrastructure is more appropriately considered within the context of a capital programme.

Fingal recognises the coast as a hugely important resource for the citizens of the County and the wider Dublin region, and will continue to promote its sustainable development, with the Draft Plan including a range of policies to support and promote development in suitable coastal locations and coastal and environmental protection in the Draft Plan.

The increase in popularity of sea swimming is noted and Chapter 9 contains a range of policies and objectives relating to Coastal Tourism and Recreation (Section 9.7.2). Our coastline is recognised as an established area of leisure and amenity, with great potential for tourist related projects including more open water public pools. It is also noted that the infrastructure associated with such activities can conflict with the sensitive nature of the coast and it will be necessary to identify specific locations on the coast where public pools and other water-based activities can be catered for without conflicting with other objectives or being contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Draft Plan includes a number of relevant policies and objectives, including the following:

Policy GINHP31 Coastal Recreation

Encourage leisure and amenity type uses along the coast so long as such uses do not cause significant adverse impacts on the environment, visual amenity and heritage.

Policy GINP32 Coastal and Harbour Access

Enhance and promote access to the coast and harbours, including the promotion of coastal and harbour recreational facilities where appropriate, while also prioritising protecting the coastal environment.

Objective GINHO71 Protection of Beaches

Protect beaches, and bathing areas as valuable local amenities and as a tourism resource and support the maintenance, protection and improvement of access to them.

Policy IUP19 Bathing Water Quality and Beaches

Maintain Fingal's beaches for bathing to a high standard and protect and improve water quality and bathing facilities for them to attain 'Blue Flag' standards.

Policy CIOSP15 - Promote, develop and support the provision and upgrade of "Open Seawater" facilities to the highest specifications and standards at suitable locations across the Fingal region.

Therefore, no change is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Amend CLOSP15 to read as follows:

Promote, develop and support the provision and upgrade of “Open Seawater” facilities, including fully assessable open water public pools to the highest specifications and standards at suitable locations across the Fingal region.

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Motion from Councillor Brian McDonagh : 74071

Insert Policy after CSP24 in Policies and Objectives: Dublin City and suburbs

Protect the Howth SAAO and Buffer zone from residential and industrial development intended to meet urban generated demand.

REPORT:

The intent of the motion is acknowledged and welcomed; however, it is considered the Development Plan and the SAAO Order provide robust protection and guidance for development within the SAAO and buffer zone.

Designation of a Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) is prepared under the Planning Act (PART XIII-Sections 202 and 203) which is a separate process outside of the Development Plan process. however, the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Howth SAAO and Buffer Zone is acknowledged within the Draft Plan, with the inclusion of the following policies and objectives:

'Policy GINHP27 Howth and Liffey Valley Amenity Orders

Protect and enhance the special amenity value of Howth and the Liffey Valley, including its landscape, visual, recreational, ecological, geological, and built heritage value, as a key element of the County's Green Infrastructure network and implement the provisions of the Howth and Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO).

Objective GINHO56 SAAO Management Plans

Implement the Management Plans and work programmes for the Special Amenity Areas and review them as necessary in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

Notwithstanding the above, the Draft Plan contains several other relevant objectives regarding the protection of designated sites, SAAOs and the green infrastructure network.

The SAAO designation for Howth (1999), in conjunction with the policies and objectives set out above and the Development Management process are considered to be an appropriate mechanism to control development in or adjacent to the Howth SAAO and its associated buffer zone.

It is therefore considered that the intent of this motion in terms of the protection of Howth SAAO and its Buffer Zone from inappropriate development is adequately addressed through the proposed Draft Plan policies and objectives, the SAAO designation itself and through the Development Management process.

RECOMMENDATION:

No Change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert two new Policies relating to Howth and Liffey Valley SAAOs.

Protect the Howth Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO), including the Buffer zone, from residential and industrial development intended to meet urban generated demand.

Protect the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO), including the Buffer zone, from residential and industrial development intended to meet urban generated demand.

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Chapter 3 – Sustainable Placemaking & Quality Homes

ITEM No. 153

Motion from Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Ian Carey and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 74196

Ch 3 pg 89

That the strategic aims be amended to include gender and read as follows:
"Ensure that public realm is of a high quality design standard, is inclusive and accessible for all, irrespective of age, ability or gender."

REPORT:

Agreed.

The applicable sentence on page 89 and reads as follows:

Ensure that the public realm is of a high-quality design standard, is inclusive and accessible for all, irrespective of age or ability.

RECOMMENDATION:

Agreed. Amend sentence on page 89 to read as follows:

- Ensure that the public realm is of a high-quality design standard, is inclusive and accessible for all, irrespective of age, ~~or~~ ability or gender.

Revised CE Recommendation:

Amend sentence on page 89 to read as follows:

- Ensure that the public realm is of a high-quality design standard, is inclusive and accessible for all, irrespective of age, ability, for all genders non-binary or none.

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ITEM No. 156

Motion from Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Ian Carey and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 74199

Amend policy SPQHP1 Healthy placemaking to include "diverse and accessible".
Ch 3 pg 90

That the policy be amended to read "....served by a range of local services, provision of quality public realms, diverse and accessible community facilities and open spaces for the benefit of the community."

REPORT:

Policy SPQHP1 of the Draft Plan relating to Healthy Placemaking states that,

'The Council will support the development and creation throughout Fingal of successful and sustainable settlements which endorse the principles of healthy placemaking and which through a multi-faceted approach to planning, design and management continue to ensure the development of attractive high-quality places to live, work and recreate, served by a range of local services, provision of quality public realms, community facilities and open spaces for the benefit of the community.'

The content of the motion is considered acceptable to strengthen the above objective, ensuring that development contributes to healthy placemaking and to support diverse, socially inclusive and universally accessible community facilities which are key priorities of the Draft Plan.

The content of the motion is acceptable and accords with proper planning and sustainable development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Policy SPQHP1 as follows:

'The Council will support the development and creation throughout Fingal of successful and sustainable settlements which endorse the principles of healthy placemaking and which through a multi-faceted approach to planning, design and management continue to ensure the development of attractive high-quality places to live, work and recreate, served by a range of local services, provision of quality public realms, diverse and accessible community facilities and open spaces for the benefit of the community.'

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Policy SPQHP1 as follows:

'The Council will support the development and creation throughout Fingal of successful and sustainable settlements which endorse the principles of healthy placemaking and which through a multi-faceted approach to planning, design and management continue to ensure the development of attractive high-quality places to live, work and recreate, served by a range of local services, provision of quality public realms, diverse and accessible community facilities for all genders non-binary or none and open spaces for the benefit of the community.'

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ITEM No. 157

Motion from Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Ian Carey and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 74200

Amend objective SPQHO2, Ch 3 pg 91.

That the objective be amended to read " Is inclusive al all members of society, irrespective of age or gender or levels of mobility"

REPORT:

The content of this motion is noted and agreed. The policies and objectives of the Plan must be consistent with those encompassed in the NPF and RSES and the Draft Plan sets out guidance relating to healthy placemaking, consolidation and compact growth, social inclusion, housing choice and design which are key to delivering national and regional planning objectives.

Social inclusion is one of the four cross-cutting themes in this Plan and it is a key objective at national, regional, and local level when planning for our communities. The creation of a more socially inclusive, equal and culturally diverse society is a requirement of NPO 28 of the NPF which requires Councils to *'plan for a more diverse and socially inclusive society that targets equality of opportunity and a better quality of life for all citizens, through improved integration and greater accessibility in the delivery of sustainable communities and the provision of associated services'*.

This motion proposes the following additional text:

'Objective SPQHO2inl

Support development which enhances the quality of the built environment, promotes public health, and supports the development of sustainable, resilient communities. In particular development which supports the following key principles will be supported:

- *Demonstrates compliance with the Guiding Principles for the creation of healthy and attractive places as set out in Healthy Placemaking, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031*
- *Promotes the development of healthy and attractive places to live, work, socialise and recreate through the delivery of high-quality public realms and open spaces which encourage physical activity and support well-being.*
- *is inclusive of all members of society, irrespective of age, or gender or levels of mobility*
- *Advocates a universal design approach and is socially inclusive.*
- *Encourages sustainable active transport modes.'*

The proposed additional text is agreed with and it is recommended to amend Objective SPQHO2 of the Draft Plan accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective SPQHO2 of the Draft Plan to include additional text and to read as follows:

Objective SPQHO2

Support development which enhances the quality of the built environment, promotes public health, and supports the development of sustainable, resilient communities. In particular development which supports the following key principles will be supported:

- Demonstrates compliance with the Guiding Principles for the creation of healthy and attractive places as set out in Healthy Placemaking, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031
- Promotes the development of healthy and attractive places to live, work, socialise and recreate through the delivery of high-quality public realms and open spaces which encourage physical activity and support well-being.
- is inclusive of all members of society, irrespective of age, *or gender* or levels of mobility
- Advocates a universal design approach and is socially inclusive.
- Encourages sustainable active transport modes.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective SPQHO2 of the Draft Plan to include additional text and to read as follows:

Objective SPQHO2

Support development which enhances the quality of the built environment, promotes public health, and supports the development of sustainable, resilient communities. In particular development which supports the following key principles will be supported:

- Demonstrates compliance with the Guiding Principles for the creation of healthy and attractive places as set out in Healthy Placemaking, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031
- Promotes the development of healthy and attractive places to live, work, socialise and recreate through the delivery of high-quality public realms and open spaces which encourage physical activity and support well-being.
- Is inclusive of all members of society, *all genders, non-binary, or none*, irrespective of age, or levels of mobility.
- Advocates a universal design approach and is socially inclusive.
- Encourages sustainable active transport modes.

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Chapter 3 – Sustainable Placemaking & Quality Homes

ITEM No. 181

Motion from Councillor Breda Hanaphy : 73913

Amend Objective SPQHO13 to read,

“Ensure that all Fingal County Council lands, zoned for residential purposes, shall be only used for public social, cost rental, and real affordable housing schemes”. The Council will work in cooperation and collaborate with key stakeholders including the DHLGH and the Dublin Housing Supply Co-Ordination Task Force (or any successor) to respond to the current supply challenges in the Dublin region. The Council will also support ‘Active Land Management’ using appropriate Exchequer funding to ensure the delivery of social and affordable housing

REPORT:

The Development Plan ensures that there is adequate zoned land for the provision of housing. The delivery of social, affordable and cost rental housing when led by the Council is based on responsibilities under other legislative codes and is, therefore, beyond the scope of the Development Plan.

Furthermore, it is considered proposed wording would preclude circumstances where it may be more expedient to allow for different development on the lands, such as open space, education and/or community facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

On foot of the amended motion received the following is now recommended:

Amend Objective SPQHO13 to read:

The Council will work in cooperation and collaborate with key stakeholders including the DHLGH and the Dublin Housing Supply Co-Ordination Task Force (or any successor) to respond to the current supply challenges in the Dublin region. The Council will also support 'Active Land Management' using appropriate Exchequer funding to ensure the delivery of social and affordable housing across Fingal County Council lands alongside open space, community and/or educational facilities, where required.

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Chapter 4 – Community Infrastructure & Open Space

ITEM No. 302

Motion from Councillor Ann Graves : 73816

Community Infrastructure and Open Space - Objective CIOSO21

Delete

Healthcare Facilities Support and facilitate the development of health centres, hospitals, clinics and primary care centres where new communities are proposed and in towns, villages and local centres, with good accessibility for all.

Add

Healthcare Facilities Support and facilitate the development of health centres, hospitals, clinics and primary care centres where new communities are proposed and in towns, villages and local centres, with good accessibility for all. Identify a site for a medical facility - primary care centre for Swords to facilitate existing communities.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted, and the Council is committed to supporting the provision of healthcare facilities throughout the County. This motion is proposing to include additional text to Objective CIOSO21 which is detailed below:

'Identify a site for a medical facility - primary care centre for Swords to facilitate existing communities'.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is the primary body responsible for the provision of health care facilities in the County. Fingal County Council will continue to support the provision of public and private healthcare facilities throughout the County on suitably zoned lands and will promote the location of

same close to new and existing communities where services can be easily accessed.

It is considered that the content of the motion is adequately addressed through Objective CIO21.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Include a new objective to read as follows:

Encourage and facilitate the delivery of a primary care centre for Swords.

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Chapter 4 – Community Infrastructure & Open Space

ITEM No. 316

Motion from Councillor Brigid Manton : 74303

Objective CIOS028

To allow the building of Columbarium walls in local cemeteries to allow for the interring of ashes in local areas for the community. This is allowed in some places in Europe and works well . Having the ashes of loved ones interred nearby To allow the building of Columbarium walls in local cemeteries to allow for the interring of ashes in local areas for the community. This is allowed in some places in Europe and works well . Having the ashes of loved ones interred nearby is a great comfort to the bereaved and some of our regional graveyards are not easily accessible except by car.is a great comfort to the bereaved and some of our regional graveyards are not easily accessible except by car.

REPORT:

The intent of the motion is noted.

Future burial requirements of the County including Columbarium walls will be accommodated by regional graveyards. Any expansion of or amendments to existing graveyards will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, through the statutory planning process. It should be borne in mind that many historical graveyards may not have capacity to include such features or be capable of extension.

There are a number of relevant policies and objectives included within the Draft Plan which address graveyard expansion and associated facilities, including the following:

'Policy CLOSP12 Burial Grounds

Continue to support and facilitate the provision of appropriate burial facilities across Fingal.

Objective CIOSO27

Facilitate the development of extended and additional burial grounds, including green graveyards/ natural burial grounds in Fingal, bearing in mind the needs of multi-faith and non-religious communities, subject to traffic, noise and environmental considerations.

Objective CIOSO28

The future burial requirements of the County including Columbarium walls will be accommodated within the Regional graveyards.

Objective DMSO90

Provide and facilitate the development of additional burial grounds, including green graveyards/natural burial grounds in areas across Fingal as required during the life of the Development Plan and which preferably have good public transport links, taking cognisance of the needs of multi-faith and non-religious communities.

Objective DMSO91

Ensure burial grounds are managed and maintained in a manner which respects their cultural heritage and which provides safety and universal access.'

Recommendation:

No Change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CIOSO28 to read as follows:

Facilitate the future burial requirements of the County including the provision of Columbarium walls where possible, within existing and regional graveyards.

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Chapter 4 – Community Infrastructure & Open Space

ITEM No. 323

Motion from Councillor Eoghan O'Brien : 74351

Pg 157

Insert New Objective

Provide Changing Places Toilet Facilities in regional parks.

REPORT:

The intention of the motion is welcomed and agreed. Fingal County Council currently manages a network of parks and play spaces on Council managed land. Fingal County Council's 'Keeping It Green, An Open Space Strategy for Fingal' 2015 provides the strategy for the provision and management of the County's public open spaces. The strategy seeks to improve open space provision through better and more sustainable approaches to its management and outlines qualitative standards for the provision of existing and future open spaces. To achieve high quality open space, Fingal County Council has five basic principles of open space provision: Hierarchy, Accessibility, Quantity, Quality and Private Open Space. Section 4.5.2.2: 'Accessibility' states the following:

4.5.2.2 Accessibility

Public open space and recreational facilities should be accessible by sustainable means of transport namely walking, cycling and public transport, depending on the catchment of the facility in question. The provision for cycling in parks is permitted under Fingal's current Parks and Open Spaces Bye-laws. Infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging is provided for in all new car parks developed in

parks and open spaces. Retrospective EV charging provision in existing car parks is being addressed by the Council's Operations Department.

This motion seeks to insert additional text to the above paragraph relating to the provision of changing facilities in regional parks. Regional Parks are planned and designed to include accessible public toilet facilities, which should include, inter alia, adequate changing facilities which are accessible to all. It is not considered appropriate to add the suggested text to the above paragraph and it is recommended instead that a new Objective be included in Chapter 4, after Objective CIOSO34 (on page 156/7 of the Draft Plan), to read as:

"Support the provision of accessible toilet facilities including baby changing facilities in Regional Parks"

RECOMMENDATION:

Include a new objective after Objective CIOSO34 (on page 156/7 of the Draft Plan), to read as:

Support the provision of accessible toilet facilities including baby changing facilities in Regional Parks.

Amended CE Recommendation:

The following amended recommendation supports the provision of fully accessible toilets with FCC Regional Parks for all ages and abilities.

Include a new objective after Objective CIOSO34 (on page 156/7 of the Draft Plan), to read as:

'Support the provision of fully accessible toilet facilities for all ages and abilities including changing places facilities in Regional Parks.'

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Chapter 5 – Climate Action

ITEM No. 348

Motion from Councillor Brian McDonagh : 74207

on Page 171 of the climate action section amend Policy CAP11 Climate Adaptation to add item G: Plan for and identify last resort flood defence engineering works required to protect vulnerable urban areas from worst case scenario sea level rises in the coming decades as identified by sea level rise flood maps.

REPORT:

The intent of this motion to plan for and identify flood defence engineering works to protect vulnerable urban areas from sea level rises is noted.

This motion requests that an addition point in relation to flood defence engineering works to protect vulnerable urban areas from sea level rises be added to Policy CAP11.

Policy CAP11 (Climate Adaptation Actions in the Built Environment) sets out that *'Development proposals should demonstrate sustainable design principles for new buildings/services/site. The Council will promote and support development which is resilient to climate change. This would include:*

- a. Measures such as green roofs and green walls to reduce internal overheating and the urban heat island effect; b. Ensuring the efficient use of natural resources (including water) and making the most of natural systems both within and around buildings;*
- c. Minimising pollution by reducing surface water runoff through increasing permeable surfaces and use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS);*

- d. Reducing flood risk, damage to property from extreme events– residential, public and commercial;*
- e. Reducing risks from temperature extremes and extreme weather events to critical infrastructure such as roads, communication networks, the water/drainage network, and energy supply;*
- f. Promoting and protecting biodiversity and green infrastructure.'*

The rising sea level impacts by increased potential for flooding and more rapid coastal erosion. OPW are monitoring the existing situation and producing maps to represent Climate Change impacts.

Best practice in coastal zone management suggests non-interference with the coast and coastal processes if at all possible. This is mainly due to the often complex and unforeseen consequences on other parts of the coast that can be caused by protective measures and the costs associated with the installation and future maintenance of coastal protection structures.

Fingal County Council will continue to work with relevant authorities such as the Office of Public Works on the identification and development of additional flood protection measures where necessary. This Plan acknowledges the dynamic nature of the coastline and includes a range of policies and objectives on how coastal change is to be managed.

Coastal monitoring continues to be an integral part of coastal management.

The following policies are considered relevant in terms of protecting vulnerable areas from sea level rises.

Policy CAP30 (Coastal Monitoring) seeks to *'Monitor coastal erosion and accretion along Fingal's coastline to identify locations at risk of coastal erosion and flooding.'*

Policy CAP31 (Coastal Protection) seeks to *'Ensure the provision of appropriate coastal protection measures in locations at risk of coastal erosion and flooding.'*

Policy CAP32 (Coastal Zone Management) seeks to *'Support coastal zone management measures for adapting to climate change which include restoration of degraded ecosystems, increased flood resilience, water quality improvement, habitat conservation and provision of amenities for the residents of and visitors to Fingal.'*

As such, it is considered that the existing policies contain within the Draft Plan are appropriate and fit for purpose in terms of addressing the issue raised in this motion with no further changes necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Include a new objective to read as follows:

Continue to work with national and regional authorities and other key stakeholders with regard to flood defence required to protect vulnerable urban areas from worst case scenario sea level rises in the coming decades.

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Chapter 6 – Connectivity & Movement

ITEM No. 368

Motion from Councillor David Healy : 74008

"Add objective: "Provide for 30km/h speed limits in residential areas, centres of towns and villages and the vicinity of schools.""

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted. Objective CMO40 relating to speed limits and traffic calmed areas seeks to,

'Expand the 30kph speed limits and traffic calmed areas at appropriate locations throughout the County including to all residential developments.'

It is noted that a review of towns and villages within the County will be carried out by the FCC Operations Department to assess the potential for a 30kph speed limit in the context of promoting increased active travel. In the context of this review, the intention of the motion is considered acceptable subject to minor amendment to capture the support for expansion of the 30kph speed limits and traffic calming within all town and village areas where appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CMO40 as follows:

'Expand the 30kph speed limits and traffic calmed areas at appropriate locations throughout the County including in town and village areas where appropriate and to all residential developments.'

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CMO40 as follows:

'Expand the 30kph speed limits and traffic calmed areas at appropriate locations throughout the County including in town and village areas where appropriate and to all residential developments and at schools.'

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Chapter 6 – Connectivity & Movement

ITEM No. 402

Motion from Councillor Eoghan O'Brien : 74421

Pg 198 or 199

Insert new objective

Town centres in all new developments will incorporate a pedestrianised core.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted and is adequately captured in the Draft Plan at Chapter 6 and Section 6.5.6.4 through the promotion and support for the provision of high-quality public realm to encouraging walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Specifically, the plan promotes the 'Healthy Streets' concept for how street environments and the wider street network should be planned to promote healthier, more efficient and more sustainable transport options. The Draft Plan is explicit in requiring that the design and layout of new developments will be required to support quality public realm by providing quality urban design and finishes to create attractive, safe, accessible, connected, comfortable and permeable layouts. Fingal County Council will continue to progress public realm projects and invest in public realm improvements and will continue to work with the NTA, TII and other agencies to ensure that public transport projects deliver high-quality public realm and pedestrian space as an integral part of the projects. Supportive policy and objectives are included in this regard as follows:

Policy CMP12 seeks to, *'Support and facilitate the provision of high-quality and attractive public realm that is accessible for all with a focus on improving connectivity and permeability in accordance with best practice public realm and guidance documents.'*

Objective CMO12 seeks to, *'Encourage and facilitate the delivery of high-quality public realm in tandem with new developments throughout the County through the Development Management process and the retrospective provision in existing developments.'*

It is considered that planning frameworks such as Local Area Plans, Masterplans, Framework Plans and the Development Management process are considered the most appropriate vehicles to address the pedestrianisation of town centre areas in all new developments in conjunction with the policies and objectives set out above which are considered sufficiently robust to promote, support and guide the future development of high-quality public realm for pedestrians in the all-new development proposals within the County.

As such, to include an objective of this nature without due consideration for all design issues in new town centre developments would not be in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development. As such, the content of the motion is considered to be adequately addressed in the Draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CMO12 as follows:

Encourage and facilitate the delivery of a high-quality public realm in tandem with new developments throughout the County through the Development Management process and the retrospective provision in existing developments, including the provision of a pedestrianised core in town centres where appropriate.

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Chapter 11 – Infrastructure & Utilities

ITEM No. 434

Motion from Councillor Mary McCamley : 73579

Chapter 11 New Objective

That the Master Plan for the Tolka River Valley will include the reinstallation of the old Mulhuddart Bridge in or near Mulhuddart Village.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted. Map based objective GIM22 seeks to, *'Prepare and implement a masterplan for the Tolka Valley Park and the Ward River Valley Park.'*

It is noted that the stone from the original Mulhuddart Bridge is currently in FCC storage with a view to all or part of it being repurposed in the context of the adoption of a Park Development Plan for The Tolka Valley Regional Park. The brief for the preparation of the Park Development Plan will reflect the requirement to repurpose the original Mulhuddart Bridge.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new mapped based local objective on Sheet 12 as follows:

'Support and facilitate the re-purposing of the stone from the original Mulhuddart Bridge in the context of the preparation and adoption of the Park Development Plan for the Tolka Valley Regional Park.'

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Chapter 6 – Connectivity & Movement

ITEM No. 438

Motion from Councillor David Healy : 73995

"Amend Objective CMO33a to ""Support and facilitate the TII, NTA and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of an N2 scheme north of Ashbourne aimed at road safety and prioritising active travel and public transport, without increasing overall traffic capacity on the route."

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted and is adequately captured through Objective CMO33 of the Draft Plan relating to roads infrastructure which seeks to *"Support and facilitate the TII, Meath County Council and Kildare County Council in the planning and delivery of the N2 Upgrade north of Ashbourne, the N3 Upgrade between the M50 and Clonee and a new link between the M3 and M4."*

In relation to the N2 Upgrade Meath County Council is working with Fingal County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to develop a scheme along a section of the N2 between Rath Roundabout and Kilmoon Cross. The N2 between Rath Roundabout and Kilmoon Cross currently has a substandard alignment and safety is compromised due to a number of at-grade junctions and private accesses along the existing road. This scheme intends to improve journey times, journey time reliability and to reduce stop-start traffic on the N2 corridor. The scheme also intends to address the environmental and safety impacts associated with these traffic problems.

The Draft Plan is a strategic document. These three schemes are all considered to be national road objectives of strategic importance to the sustainable

development of the County, and accordingly have been grouped together. It is not considered appropriate for each scheme to have its own policy objective both for the sake of brevity and due to the strategic nature of the Plan. As such the intent of the motion is adequately addressed in the Draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Delete words "without increasing overall traffic capacity on the route."

From:

"Amend Objective CMO33a to "Support and facilitate the TII, NTA and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of an N2 scheme north of Ashbourne aimed at road safety and prioritising active travel and public transport, without increasing overall traffic capacity on the route."

To read:

"Amend Objective CMO33a to "Support and facilitate the TII, NTA and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of an N2 scheme north of Ashbourne aimed at road safety and prioritising active travel and public transport"

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Objective CMO33a to read as follows:

Support and facilitate the TII, NTA and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of an N2 scheme north of Ashbourne aimed at addressing road safety issues and facilitating significantly enhanced levels of active travel and public transport measures along the route corridor.

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Chapter 7 – Employment & Economy

ITEM No. 460

Motion from Councillor Mary McCamley : 73441

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New objective

Ensure the continued support for the upgrade of Abbotstown House under the new zoning NSC

REPORT:

it is considered that the policies highlighted below, taken in conjunction with the Development Management process are considered sufficiently robust to guide and inform any future development proposals/initiatives of this nature and in the wider County area. As such, the essence of the motion is therefore considered to be adequately addressed.

Abbotstown House is listed on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS 0683). It is a 19th century house (including adjoining historic structures of walled garden and outbuildings). Abbotstown House is located at the National Sports Campus in Blanchardstown. The Draft Plan sees the introduction of a new land use zoning for the National Sports Campus (NSC). The objective of the zoning is to provide for and facilitate the development of a National Sports Campus.

Fingal's architectural heritage is a finite, non-renewable and irreplaceable resource that needs to be cared for and respected as Fingal develops and grows into the future. Chapter 10 of the CE Draft Development Plan contains a number of policies and objectives that will ensure the conservation, management, protection and enhancement of the architectural heritage of Fingal. In conjunction with policies and objectives outlined in Chapter 10, the

Development Management standards details in Chapter 14 will also provide standards and guidance as to the appropriate measures to be taken when dealing with architectural heritage and the development management process will deal with such issues as those detailed in the above motion.

Notwithstanding the fact that the subject lands have a new land use zoning, it is considered that the content of the motion is adequately addressed through the following policies:

Policy HCAP8 seeks to *'Ensure the conservation, management, protection and enhancement of the architectural heritage of Fingal through the designation of Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas, the safeguarding of designed landscapes and historic gardens, and the recognition of structures and elements with no specific statutory designation that contribute positively to the vernacular, industrial, maritime or 20th century heritage of the County'.*

Policy HCAP11 seeks to *'Conserve and protect buildings, structures and sites of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest by adding or retaining them on the Record of Protected Structures or by designating groups of structures as Architectural Conservation Areas'.*

Policy HCAP12 *'Ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures or adjoining development affecting them are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the special interest, appearance, character, and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scaled and designed'.*

In this context, it is considered that the policies highlighted above, taken in conjunction with the Development Management process are considered sufficiently robust to guide and inform any future development proposals/initiatives of this nature and in the wider County area. As such, the essence of the motion is therefore considered to be adequately addressed.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a new Map Based Local Objective be inserted to read as follows:

'Continue to support the protection of Abbotstown House'

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Chapter 9 – Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage

ITEM No. 506

Motion from Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor Ian Carey, and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 74442

That the Chief Executive include a definition of rewilding in section 9.5.2 of the draft development plan so that what rewilding is clearly defined and inclusion of such a definition would be in line with Objective GINH023 as providing a definition would be promotion of rewilding in itself.

REPORT:

Objective GINHO23 Rewilding states as follows:

Continue to support Fingal's Allotment Strategy, Community Gardens and promote re-wilding and pollinator initiatives within the County.

The forthcoming Fingal Biodiversity Plan will contain the following definition of rewilding: Spaces of innovation in conservation philosophy, science and management, characterized by a desire to restore ecological processes at various scales, often through the introduction of functional species and restoration of natural disturbance.

The Fingal Biodiversity Plan which will undergo public consultation shortly, will contain various rewilding initiatives and it not deemed necessary to include this in the Draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

No Change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Section 9.5.2 to include a definition of Rewilding as follows:

Rewilding is defined as the process of innovation in conservation philosophy science and management, characterized by a desire to restore ecological processes at various scales, often through the introduction of functional species and restoration of natural processes.

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Chapter 9 – Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage

ITEM No. 509

Motion from Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor Ian Carey, and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 73786

That the Chief Executive remove the words "Fingal's Allotment Strategy, Community Gardens" from Objective GINH023 so that it reads "Continue to support and promote re-wilding and pollinator initiatives within the County" as allotments and community gardens, while important in terms of Fingal's Green Infrastructure, are not forms of rewilding and in fact the methods employed on them are often what could be referred to as "unwilding" and so they do not fit within this objective.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted.

Objective GINH023 relates to Rewilding and states as follows:

'Continue to support Fingal's Allotment Strategy, Community Gardens and promote re-wilding and pollinator initiatives within the County'.

It is considered that the issue of re-wilding is not solely related to Fingal's Allotment Strategy and Community Gardens but rather as stated in the Objective, that the Draft Plan will seek to promote rewilding and pollinator initiatives across the County.

In addition, it is considered that the motion is addressed by Objective CIO5030 which states the following:

'Provide a wide variety of resiliently designed, sustainably managed and accessible public open spaces, including allotments, community gardens,

parklands and sporting facilities, on a hierarchical basis throughout the County in order to achieve a choice of open space facilities. Best practice Green Infrastructure Guidelines should be used to determine the location and type of open spaces to be provided.'

RECOMMENDATION:

No Change.

REVISED CE RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective at appropriate location within the written statement:

Rewilding:

Continue to promote and support re-wilding and pollinator initiatives within the County.

Amend Objective GINHO23 as follows:

Allotment Strategy

Continue to support Fingal's Allotment Strategy and Community Garden ~~and promote re-wilding and pollinator~~ initiatives within the County.

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Chapter 9 – Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage

ITEM No. 527

Motion from Councillor Kieran Dennison : 74133

Extend the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown road (R121), Porterstown road, Carpenterstown road and Tower road.

REPORT:

The content of this motion is noted.

The Council recognises that the Liffey Valley and Howth SAAOs are two of the great natural assets of the Greater Dublin Area having a rich natural, built and cultural heritage. The Council will ensure that these areas are protected and enhanced, and that enjoyment by the public is facilitated.

The Order for the Liffey Valley between Lucan Bridge and Chapelizod was confirmed by the Minister for the Environment in March 1990.

It should be noted that the Designation of a Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) is prepared under the Planning Act (PART XIII-Sections 202 and 203) which is a separate process outside of the Development Plan process.

While the designation or expansion of SAAOs does not come under the remit of the Draft Plan, it is also important to note that the Plan does provide robust protection for SAAOs.

Chapter 9 Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage includes: Policy GINHP27: *Howth and Liffey Valley Amenity Orders: Protect and enhance the special amenity value of Howth and the Liffey Valley, including its landscape, visual, recreational, ecological, geological, and built heritage value, as a key element of the County's Green Infrastructure network and implement the provisions of the Howth and Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO).*

Having regard to the above, it is not considered that while the Draft Plan provides for the protection of SAAOs, the designation of new SAAOs or the expansion of such areas falls within the scope of the Draft Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Amendment submitted by Councillor Kieran Dennison to Motion AI074133, Agenda Item No. 527

Omit the word "Extend" replace with "Explore the possibility of extending"

From:

Extend the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown road (R121), Porterstown road, Carpenterstown road and Tower road.

To Read:

Explore the possibility of extending the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown road (R121), Porterstown road, Carpenterstown road and Tower road.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Objective GINHO55 be amended as follows:

Objective GINHO55 SAAO Management Committees

Re-establish the management committee for the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area with an annual programme of quarterly meetings in partnership with South Dublin County Council on an ongoing basis, develop a five year works programme as part of the implementation plan for the SAAO and explore the possibility of extending the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown Road (R121), Porterstown Road, Carpenterstown Road and Tower Road.

It is recommended that a new Map Based Local Objective be inserted to read as follows:

Insert New Map Based Objective

Explore the possibility of extending the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown Road (R121), Porterstown Road, Carpenterstown Road and Tower Road.

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Chapter 14 - Development Management Standards

ITEM No. 662

Motion from Councillor David Healy Councillor Karen Power, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Ian Carey and Councillor Daniel Whooley : 74528

That bicycle parking standards for public transport stations and stops be included in Table 14.16

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted. It is acknowledged that new public transport stations are significant developments. In the case of projects that provide new or upgraded stations in Fingal such as Dart+, Luas and MetroLink, Fingal County Council engages directly with the scheme promoters to ensure the provision of appropriate levels of cycle parking provision. These discussions are based on the existing and proposed passenger levels, surrounding environments and future transportation infrastructure. Given the number of variables above, it is not practical to use a uniform cycle parking standard. In this context, the motion is not considered acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective after Objective DMSO115:

Ensure that all new and renovated public transport stations/stops provide appropriate levels of cycle parking provision based on the existing and proposed

passenger levels, surrounding environments and future transportation infrastructure.

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Sheet 4 Balbriggan

ITEM No. 712

Motion from Councillor Tony Murphy : 73805

To extend the boundary of a Rural Cluster in Balscadden identified in red on sheet 4 for identification to include the rear gardens of two properties.

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted. In the interests of clarity, Balscadden is a designated RV-Rural village in both the FDP 2017-2023 and the Draft Plan. The subject lands equate to 0.6 ha and are located to the east of Balscadden village outside of the village boundary and to the rear of existing stand-alone dwellings with extensive rear gardens which are subject to this motion. The regional facility of the FCC Flemington Graveyard is located to the immediate east of the subject lands.

The lands are zoned GB-Greenbelt and designated 'highly sensitive landscape in both the current FDP 2017-2023 and Draft Plan and form part of the strategic GB-Greenbelt lands located between Balscadden and the extensive rural area of the north County and Balbriggan.

To extend the current RV boundary in this manner would create an impetuous for future additional land rezoning in this strategic greenbelt area which the Council is seeking to protect. In this regard, the 'GB' zoning objective seeks to: *'Protect and provide for a Greenbelt'*. The zoning vision for these lands seeks the relative control of housing development within Greenbelt lands which is necessary to protect and maintain its rural and undeveloped nature in order to demarcate clearly the edge of established settlements, prevent coalesce and

merging of settlements, provide for the continued viability of agricultural and rural uses and provide for amenity uses.

Section 3.5.15.12 as set out in the Draft Plan is explicit in the protection of Greenbelt lands through supportive policies and objectives including Policy SPQHP44, Policy SPQHP53, Objective SPQHO94, Objective SPQHO95 and Objective CSP42.

The subject lands form part of the strategic greenbelt between Balscaddan and the extensive north County area and Balbriggan, safeguarding the innate rural value of the Fingal countryside from unsustainable settlement patterns. Any encroachment into this strategic Greenbelt area would result in coalescence and the loss of definition between urban and rural areas and loss of strategic Greenbelt lands. To would seriously undermine the long-standing policy of the Council with regard to Greenbelt protection and would be contrary to the zoning objective and vision to protect Greenbelt lands as set out in the current FDP 2017-2023 and in the Draft Plan.

Based on the above, the motion is not considered acceptable and would be contrary to proper planning and sustainable development.

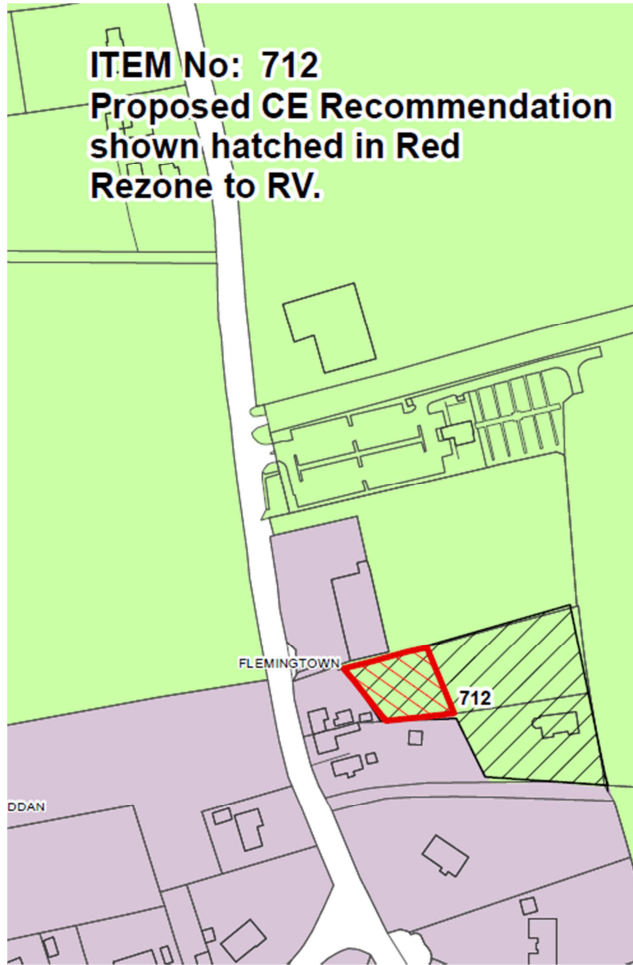
RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Amend RV boundary as per the attached map.

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Proposed CE Recommendation
shown hatched in Red
Rezone to RV.



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Sheet 6 Lusk-Rush

ITEM No. 789

Motion from Councillor Brian Dennehy : 74419

New Objective

Provide for a Distributor Road to the West of Rush

REPORT:

The content of the motion is noted. A map is included with the motion.

A strategic objective of the Draft Plan is to *“Reduce car dependency and promote and facilitate sustainable modes of transport. Prioritise walking, cycling and public transport, while supporting an efficient and effective transport system.”* The Draft Plan also commits to supporting wider regional and national policies such as RSES, the NTA’s Transport Strategy and the NPF.

An improved sustainable transport network is an absolutely integral factor in a range of policy objectives across a number of the Draft Plan’s chapters including climate change mitigation, air quality improvements, public realm enhancements, housing delivery, competitive economic development, and delivery of the public transport and greenway networks.

The Draft Plan is explicit in its support and promotion for the reduction in car use and the promotion of sustainable mobility alternatives including walking and cycling and improved environments to encourage a modal shift to more sustainable modes of transport.

That said, it is important that an assessment of the all the future transportation needs of Rush is carried out and this could include the feasibility of providing a distributor road for the town.

For any roads or transportation project of the likely scale indicated in the motion, the project will be progressed through the standard project phases for the assessment, feasibility, planning, design and construction of road and transportation projects, using the processes set out in the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Project Manager's Manual and associated Project Management Guidelines. This is an iterative, multi-phase approach that includes implementation and recommendations and involves key stakeholders, all of which has been developed over a number of years to be in line with statutory legal, planning and public consultation requirements and best practice nationally and internationally.

In this context, it is considered that a comprehensive and co-ordinated assessment be carried out to inform the future transportation needs of Rush in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and may include the feasibility of providing a Distributor Road to the west of Rush.

As such, it is considered that a new objective be included in the draft Plan to reflect this.

RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective at appropriate location within the written statement to read as follows:

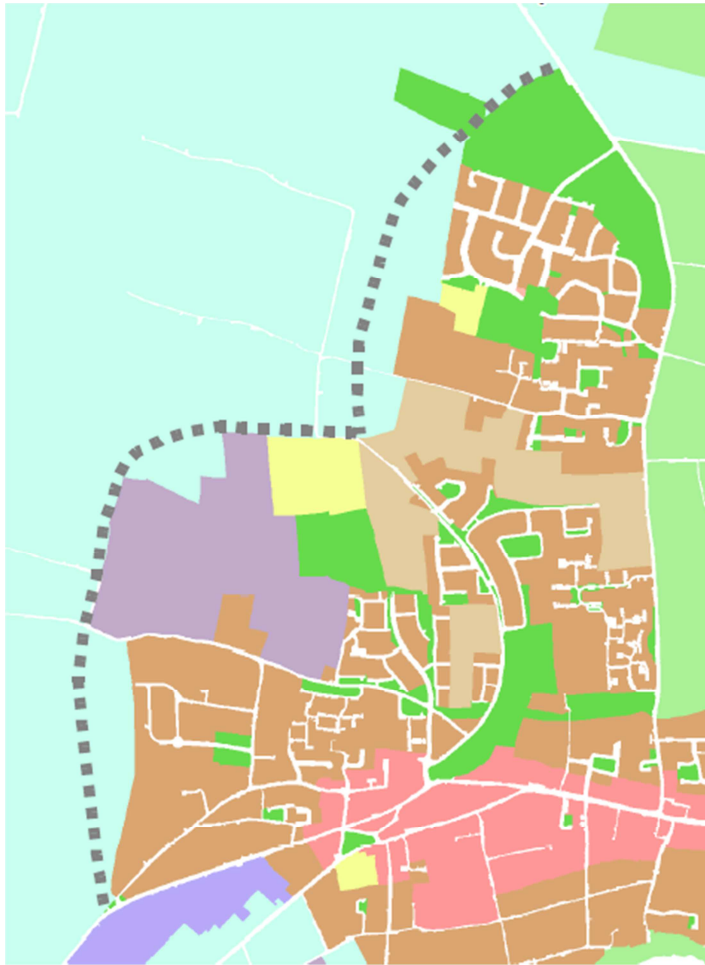
Carry out an assessment to inform the future transportation needs of Rush. This may include the feasibility of providing a Distributor Road to the west of Rush.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Insert new objective at appropriate location within the written statement to read as follows:

Carry out an assessment to inform the future transportation needs of Rush. This may include the feasibility of providing a Distributor Road to the west of Rush.

And include road proposal as per the attached map.



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Sheet 8 Swords

ITEM No. 833

Motion from Councillor Dean Mulligan : 73679

"This council resolves that the lands outlined at N1 Retail Park to the rear of airside retail park opposite R132 from 'GE' and 'GB' to 'OS', in the interest of creating green infrastructure, green necklace connectivity and active travel opportunities along this corridor."

REPORT:

The motion to rezone lands from 'GE' General Employment and 'GB' Greenbelt and to "OS" Open Space is noted. The subject strip of land is located to the south of Airside and measure 1.7 ha.

This land is zoned Greenbelt (GB) with a small section of the land zoned General Employment (GE). The GE zoned lands relate to the N1 Business Park. There is an area of OS lands in the adjacent lands to the east of the subject site. The lands to the south and west are Greenbelt lands also.

The purpose of the greenbelt zoning is to retain areas of largely undeveloped or agricultural land surrounding urban areas. This achieves physical separation between towns and villages. These lands may include farms, agricultural lands and may encompass many different types and scales of landscapes such as wildlife corridors, streams, wetlands, and recreational parks as well as grazing lands.

The objective of the greenbelt is to protect the natural or semi-natural environments surrounding our towns and villages and to protect the unique character of our towns and village communities that might otherwise merge.

In essence, the greenbelt zoning is a valuable tool to protect the setting of towns and villages. A careful balance has to be achieved between new development and the on-going need to protect its high landscape value. The Draft Plan places a high value and protection on greenbelt lands.

This is a very different purpose from the open space zoning, which seeks to provide open space and recreational development. This zoning will allow a form of development which will not necessarily be as natural or rural as that permitted within the GB zoning.

The greenbelt lands around Swords safeguard the innate rural value of the Fingal countryside and form a natural development boundary and should be retained and protected from all other zoning classes.

The relative control on development within the Greenbelt is necessary to maintain the particular rural and undeveloped nature of the Greenbelt in order to demarcate clearly the edge of established settlements, provide for the continued viability of agricultural and rural uses and promote an amenity area for citizens.

It is not considered appropriate to erode the important "Greenbelt" zoned lands at this location in favour of "Open Space" zoned lands. The rezoning of these lands from "GB" to "OS" could result in the loss of greenfield open countryside lands which currently form part of the Strategic Greenbelt around Swords, which is under serious development pressure.

The following Draft Plan policies are noted:

Objective SPQHO94 *'Strengthen greenbelt lands by identifying opportunities for infill development and consolidation of existing towns to reduce the need to zone additional greenfield lands and ensure the preservation of strategic greenbelts between our towns and villages.'*

Policy SPQHP44 Preservation of Greenbelts *'Recognise the importance of and preserve greenbelts in Fingal in order to safeguard valuable countryside to ensure that existing urban areas within Fingal do not coalesce enabling citizens to enjoy the County's natural amenities and to strengthen and consolidate greenbelts around key settlements.'*

It is considered that the existing zoning matrix for Zoning Objective "GB" does not preclude or restrict many open space and recreational amenity uses on site and any application for such a use, will be assessed on a case-by-case basis

through the Development Management process. For example, both 'Community Facility' and 'Recreational / Sports Facility' are uses which are 'permitted in principle' within "GB" zoned lands.

Furthermore, it is noted, the provision of active travel opportunities along this corridor will not be constrained by the GB zoning. The provision of these routes would be more appropriately considered as part of the Sustainable Swords strategy. The Draft Plan is explicit in the promotion and support for the development of a comprehensive and well-connected network of walking and cycling routes within the County in accordance with NTA and TII policies and standards and includes a number of supportive policy and objectives in this regard.

The Council is fully committed to the continued protection of this important Greenbelt and to alter the land use zoning would seriously undermine the longstanding policy of the Council regarding strategic greenbelt reserves and would be contrary to proper planning and sustainable development.

The Greenbelt zoning at this location is considered appropriate and should be retained.

RECOMMENDATION:

No change.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION:

Change from GE to GB as per the attached map.

