Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th November, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	**Councillors:**
Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Burtchaell, John	McCamley, Mary
Butler, Darragh	McDonagh, Brian
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear	Mulligan, Dean
Coppinger, Ruth	Mulville, Paul
Corkery, Luke	Newman, Joe
Dennison, Kieran	O'Brien, Eoghan
Dockrell, Eoghan	O' Leary, Tom
Donnelly, Angela	Onwumereh, JK
Graves, Ann	Quinlan, Patrick
Guerin, Jimmy	Quinn, Malachy
Hanaphy, Breda	Ryan, Brendan
Haughey, Cathal	Sheehan, Gerard
Hopkins, Joan	Shovlin, Siobhan
Humphreys, James	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Johnston, Corina	Troy, Ellen
Kelly, Darren Jack	
Kitt, Tom	
Leddy, Ted	

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Robert O'Donoghue, John Walsh.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh 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); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); David Storey (Director of

Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer), Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/436/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

F/437/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 20 be **ADOPTED**."

F/438/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Boland - Disruptive Council Tenants

F/439/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Consent Process for Operation Department works at Council Heritage Properties

F/440/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Direct Contact Number for Urgent Housing and Homelessness-Related Queries

F/441/24 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Newman - Removing Trees from Parks

F/442/24 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor T. Doyle - Housing Loan Qualifying Criteria

F/443/24 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing List

F/444/24 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Enforcement Action regarding Dublin Airport

F/445/24 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor M. Quinn - Private Rental Inspections

F/446/24 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor D. Healy - Installation of Photovoltaic Solar Panels on Council-owned Land and Buildings

F/447/24 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Ryan - Empty Nesters Scheme

F/448/24 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Ryan - Barriers to the Delivery of Housing Plans

F/449/24 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. Johnston - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

F/450/24 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Broadmeadow Greenway Project

F/451/24 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor A. Graves - Protected Buildings

F/452/24 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Walsh - Voids in Fingal

F/453/24 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Dog Washing Stations

F/454/24 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Multi-storey Car Parks

F/455/24 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Homes Register

F/456/24 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Collection of Bonfire Material

F/457/24 (Agenda Item No 21)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024**

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

The Mayor called for a report on the recent judgment in relation to the lands at ALSAA.

The Chief Executive read the following report into the record:

> "Following the recent judgment of the High Court in daa plc v Fingal County Council [2024] IEHC 589, delivered on the 17th October 2024, which quashed the zoning decision of Fingal County Council in relation to the ALSAA lands, on the basis that irrelevant, non-planning considerations had been taken into account, the Council must now decide whether it wants to apply for leave to appeal against the said judgment. The lands are now effectively unzoned and any future zoning will require a decision of the Council.
>
> I do not recommend that leave to appeal be sought. An appeal for these purposes comprises an application for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, and if necessary, an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.
>
> In the event that the Elected Members vote in favour of the said application(s) for leave to appeal, pursuant to s.153(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), the Chief Executive shall continue to have the express authorisation of the Elected Members to apply for leave to appeal and if granted, to so appeal the said judgement and to do all things necessary for such purposes.

Having regard to the findings of the court above, it is proposed that leave to appeal is not sought."

The following motion was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That this Council appeals, pursuant to s153(2) of the local Government Act 2001, the recent judgement of the High Court in daa plc vs FCC (2024) IEHC 589, quashing the zoning decision of FCC in relation to ALSAA lands."

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That this Council appeals the recent judgement of the High Court in daa plc vs FCC (2024) IEHC 589, quashing the zoning decision of FCC in relation to ALSAA lands."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a suspension of standing orders for a 3minute recess.

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

FOR: 9 NINE
AGAINST: 26 TWENTY-SIX
ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors John Burtchaell, Ruth Coppinger, Angela Donnelly, Ann Graves, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Dean Mulligan, Joe Newman, Malachy Quinn.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Paul Mulville, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then declared the amended motion **LOST**.

It was **AGREED** that the appeal is not sought.

b **Report of Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2024**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on 6th November 2024 are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, 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 Thursday 7th November 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/458/24 (Agenda Item No 22)

Financial Matters

a **Authorisation of the Overdraft Accommodation 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **AGREED**:

"That the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the securing of Overdraft Accommodation on the Council's Revenue Account to a limit of €25m for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025."

F/459/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of land including the Grant of a Right of Way and the Grant of a Wayleave to the rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland**

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

"That lands including the grant of a right of way and the grant of a wayleave to the rear of Whitestown Avenue, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 1st November 2024, be disposed of to Gas Networks Ireland, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Homes Limited**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the December meeting.

c **Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Uisce Éireann**

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

"That the grant of wayleave at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 1st November 2024, be granted to Uisce Éireann, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d **Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings**

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

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

F/460/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Declarations of Roads

a **Willan's Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15**

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

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

b **Lily's Estate, Dublin 15**

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

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

F/461/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Membership 2024 -2029

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

The Mayor informed the members a motion was received and has been ruled out of order.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED** the Membership to the seven Strategic Policy Committees as set out in the foregoing report.

F/462/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 - 2029

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED** that-

"That the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/463/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Lorcan Blake, Grant Thornton and Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED** that-

"That the 'Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029' be hereby **ADPOTED**."

F/464/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Chief Executive congratulated and expressed her thanks to Ms Helen O'Neill, Law Agent who recently retired in October 2024. The Members were informed that Elaine McDonald has been appointed as interim law agent.

The Mayor advised the Members that a motion has been received.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor J. Newman:

"The recent judgement against Fingal County Council cited commentary of eleven member as one of the reasons for the ruling going against the Council.

This is because the court felt some contributions went beyond planning rationale.

So as to avoid this in the future the members call upon the CE to ensure that all reports and documents in the next Development plan are prepared and presented to the members in one lot prior to the commencement of the plan so that these can be considered in the round by the members who can prepare properly as opposed to being forced to make contributions on documents that they have only received, in some cases, hours before meetings.

This will afford the members in Fingal the same opportunities as enjoyed by our colleagues in other local authorities."

Following discussions, Councillor J. Guerin withdrew the motion.

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

F/465/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Mayors for Peace**

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

The motion was **AGREED**.

b **Councillor B. McDonagh - Domestic Violence Refuge Across Fingal**

It was **AGREED** to take Item 29b and Item 34 concurrently.

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

F/466/24 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor R. Coppinger - Domestic Violence Refuge Accommodation in Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor R. Coppinger was proposed by Councillor R. Coppinger and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

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

F/467/24 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

It was noted there was no business.

F/468/24 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 10th October 2024 from Donegal County Council Re - Extradition Procedures**

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

b **Letter dated 10th October 2024 from Donegal County Council Re - Hedge Cutting**

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

c **Email dated 14th October 2024 from Westmeath County Council Re Minister for Education - SPHE Classes**

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

d **Letter dated 15th October 204 from Roscommon County Council Re - Minister E. Ryan - School Transport**

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

e **Letter dated 15th October 2024 from Roscommon County Council - Re - Min. McConalogue Roadside Trees**

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

F/469/24 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Emailed dated 4th October 2024 from Minister of State, Sports Office Re Item 47 - Cllr T. O'Leary - Increase Funds for Fingal Sport and Community Facilities Via Sports Lotto Funds**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/470/24 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor D. Healy - Conditions aimed at preventing Multiple Apartment Units being sold to a Single Buyer

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

It was **AGREED** by the members to extend the meeting to conclude Item 33.

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

FOR: 34 THIRTY-FOUR
AGAINST: 0 ZERO
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Ruth Coppinger, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Ann Graves, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

The Mayor then declared the motion **PASSED**.

F/471/24 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Water supply Issues - Uisce Éireann

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

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Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 2.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:
Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

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McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinn, Malachy
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Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors John Burtchaell, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital); Mary T Daly (Director of Services, Operations); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Paul Carroll (Director of Services, Housing and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); John Quinlivan, (Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise,

Tourism & Cultural Development), Sinead Murphy, (Senior Engineer), John Daly, (Senior Engineer), Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer) & Gerard Reardon, (Principal Sports Officer).

F/472/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year Ending 31st December 2025

The Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year ending 31st December 2025 which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh gave a brief introduction and outlined the proposed format for the meeting, whereby an address would first be given by the Chief Executive followed by an overall presentation on the Budget by the Head of Finance, Mr. Oliver Hunt. Each Division would then be examined individually, and Members would be afforded an opportunity to pose questions at the end of the presentations.

The Mayor, advised that the Members were required by law to consider and note each Division and votes would be taken on the various motions.

Councillor J. Guerin declared he had a conflict of interest on Division C and would not partake if a vote was required.

The Chief Executive then introduced the Budget for the Council on behalf of the Executive. The Chief Executive said that the Executive was committed to improving and enhancing the services provided to match the growing needs of the County.

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

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



Budget Meeting - Procedure

- Procedures as outlined by Mayor
- Members consider and note the Budget by Division
- Resolution required to:
  Adopt draft or amended budget
- Resolution required to
  Determine Annual Rate on Valuation
- Resolution required to
  Agree transfers to capital as provided in the annual budget.
- Resolution on scheme of rates abatement.
  Resolution will be required to set the rates abatement rate at 0% for 2025.

2025 Budget – Process

- Regular updates to members through OP&F on financial issues.
- Facilitated meetings with all political groupings and independents during summer and early autumn.
- Regular updates to CPG.
- Budget book issued Wednesday 20th November.
- Budget briefing to all members Wednesday 27th November.
- 48 questions submitted and answered.
- Budget was recommended for approval by the CPG at its meeting 2nd December.

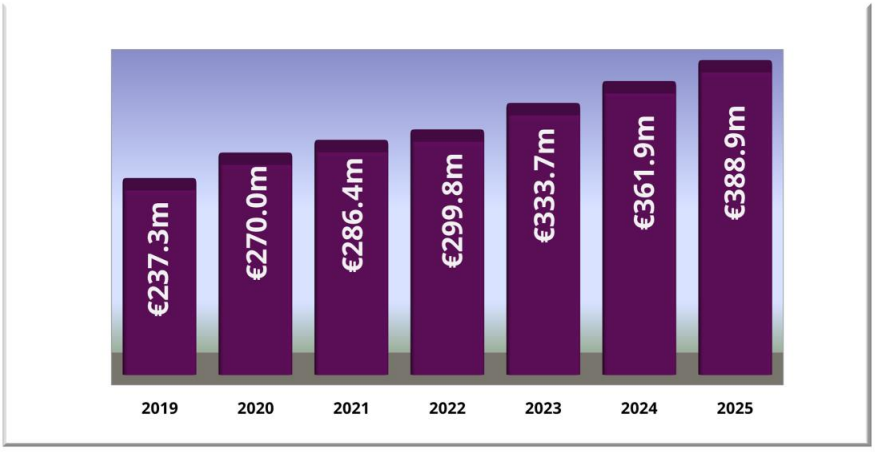
2025 Budget - objective

Overall objective for 2025 is sustaining quality services and to assist the delivery of the required infrastructure projects in the County.

2025 Budget

Division	Description	Adopted Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Variance
Expenditure				
A	Housing & Building	117,198,500	135,762,200	18,563,601
B	Road Transportation & Safety	43,149,700	44,021,700	871,999
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	20,367,900	18,914,800	-1,453,100
D	Development Incentives & Controls	30,635,200	36,202,300	5,567,099
E	Environmental Protection	54,123,600	54,781,800	658,201
F	Recreation and Amenity	70,260,900	73,719,900	3,459,001
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,736,200	1,881,700	145,500
H	Miscellaneous Services	24,425,200	23,591,300	-833,700
		361,897,200	**388,875,700**	**26,978,500**
Income				
A	Housing & Building	-108,782,900	-127,434,300	-18,651,401
B	Road Transportation & Safety	-9,613,900	-9,648,900	-35,000
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	-17,644,900	-15,633,400	2,011,500
D	Development Incentives & Controls	-7,143,200	-10,800,000	-3,656,800
E	Environmental Protection	-11,449,800	-9,271,900	2,177,900
F	Recreation and Amenity	-5,952,500	-5,504,500	448,000
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-417,700	-436,700	-19,000
H	Miscellaneous Services	-29,381,900	-29,694,100	-311,800
		-190,386,800	**-208,423,800**	**-18,037,000**
	Commercial Rates	-159,144,100	-167,751,600	-8,607,500
	Local Property Tax	-12,366,300	-12,700,300	-334,000
	Total income	**-361,897,200**	**-388,875,700**	**-26,978,500**

Revenue Budgets 2019 - 2025



2025 Budget - Increase vs 2024 Budget

- Significant upward pressures on costs:

Payroll	€4.2m
DRHE	€1.5m
Pension and retirements cost	€1.0m
IT – revenue spend	€1.1m
Fire Service	€0.5m
Community	€0.23m
Housing maintenance	€0.5m
Housing adaptation grants	€0.9m

- Housing - P&A / CAS / LTL €16.0m (grant funded)

2025 Budget - Increase vs 2024 Budget (contd)

- Operations €1.5m
  Public lighting/Recycling centres/Street cleaning/public conv/ parks & open spaces

Libraries (primarily book fund)	€325k
Arts office	€240k
Events (community grants)	€150k

- Capital Funding

Swimming Pool	€500k
Libraries & Heritage	€450k
Community centres	€300k

- Reduce rates vacancy relief to 0% (€800k)
- Energy costs (€1.9m)

2025 Budget - funding

Increased Income (vs 2024 budget)

➢DHLGH Grant (payroll funding)	€6.5m
➢Rate buoyancy	€7.1m
➢Housing rent (inc. social housing supply)	€2.5m

Reduced Income (vs 2024 budget)

➢WTE facility distribution	(€3.0m)
➢Funding from Covid res	(€5.0m)

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2025 Budget – Strategic Financial Issues

- Payroll – **€22m** funding for non UE payroll from Central Government.
- Pension costs – 2019: **€14.6m** – 2025: **€22.2m**
- Capital funding – Significant requirement for ongoing and increased funding from the revenue account.
- Rates buoyancy - €7.1m total in 2025 budget driven by Globals
- Rates Revaluation Appeals – DAA appeal / Globals
- Uisce Eireann – Overhead recovery
- International geopolitical situation

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Mr. Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building, under the following headings:

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Division A

Housing and Building

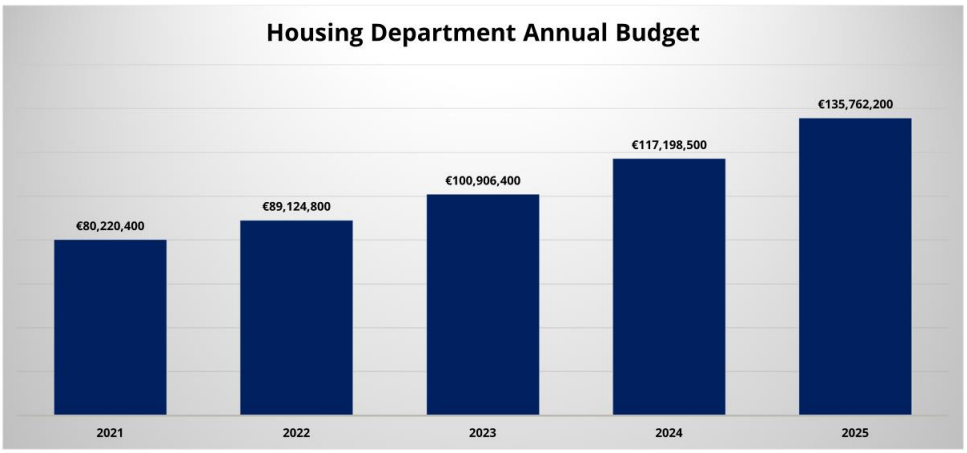
Budget 2025

Expenditure €135.8m

Income €127.4m

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Housing Department Annual Budget



Housing Department Annual Budget





Increase of €18.6million or 15.8% in Budget 2025

Driven by an increase in housing supply, activity and operational needs.

Housing Supply
Additional housing stock:
- AHB Payment & Availability €11.9m
- Mortgage-to-Rent and Long-term Leases €4.8m

Housing Maintenance
- Increase in Council housing stock and maintenance activity €0.47m

Homeless Accommodation Provision
- Homeless Provision Contribution €1.56m

Housing Grants Provision
- HOP's, HAG's & MAG's €0.9m

Housing Support to AHB's



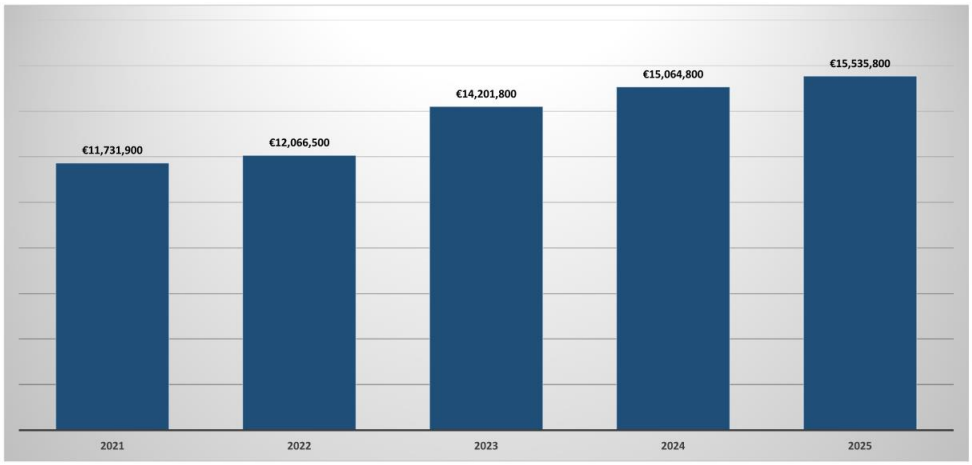


Increase of €11.9 million in Budget 2025 to fund Payment & Availability (P&A) payments to AHB's

Additional homes available to people off the Council's housing list:
- 469 new units (Turnkey and Part V) closing at the end of 2024, with full P&A payment applicable in 2025
- 408 new units (Turnkey and Part V) coming on stream in 2025, part P&A payment in 2025
- Rent reviews for c. 618 units in 2025



Housing Maintenance Expenditure



Housing Maintenance Expenditure





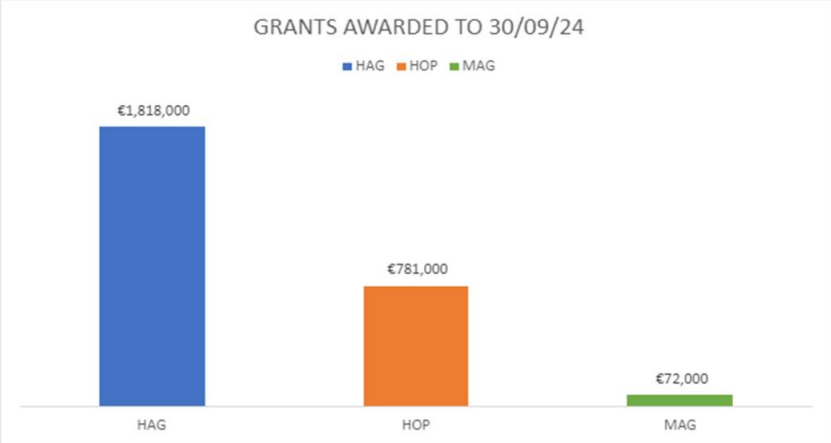


Increase of €471,000 in Budget 2025 to fund Housing Maintenance

- Over 6,800 social homes being managed between FCC-owned & leased stock
- Older stock has more complex needs
- 15,000 maintenance requests each year
- Maintenance frameworks in place to streamline work, ensure value for money & minimise impact of inflation
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Annual service of c. 5,000 boilers & heating systems
  - External painting & joinery repairs to 1,000 homes

Housing Adaptation Grants

Budget **€4.4m** – 347 applications approved to the end of September 2024



Housing Adaptation Grants

Examples of Works

- Stairlifts
- Bathrooms
- Mobility aids
- Ramps











Vacant Property Grant Refurbishment Scheme

Grant Scheme Launched in 2022, ongoing receipt of applications

111 grants approved since 2022, 62 approved to date in 2024

€1.88m budgetary provision for 2025

Before



After



Before



After



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Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€3,030,000	€3,030,000	€3,150,000

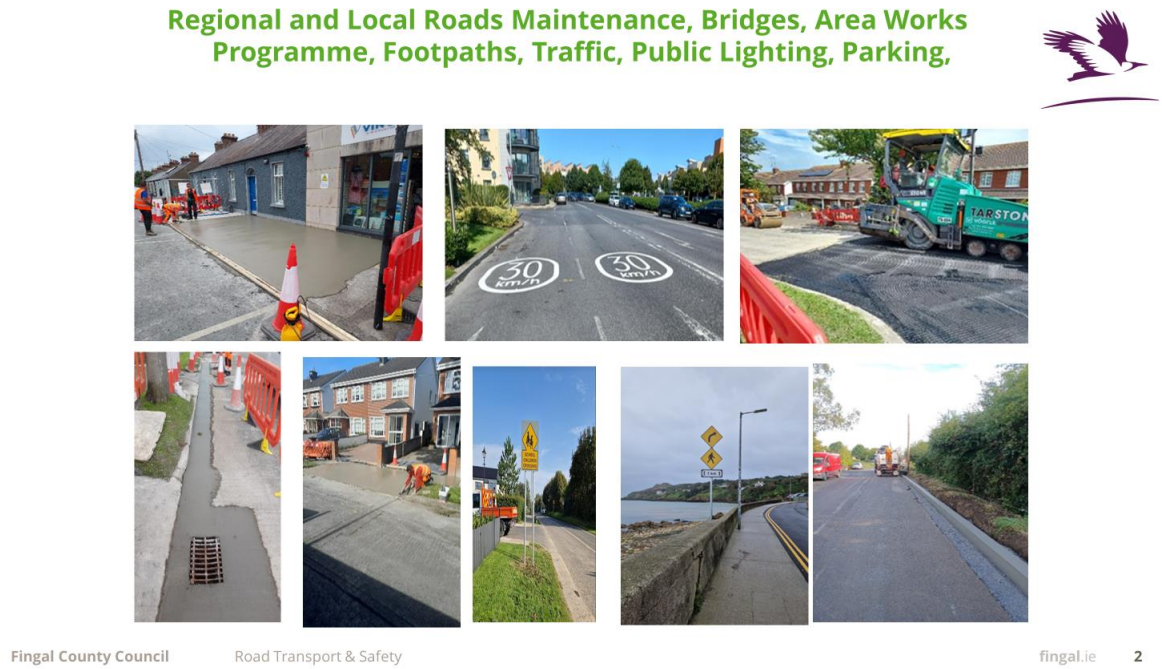
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The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building.

DIVISION B – ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations, and Ms Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety under the following headings:





Main Elements of Expenditure

B03 and B04 - Regional & Local Road Maintenance	**€26.5m**

- Non-Discretionary Roads Work Programme (Local and Regional)
- Discretionary Roads Works Programme (Area Works Programme)
- Provision for footpaths, cycle lanes, surface dressing, gully cleaning, winter maintenance and management of grass verges.

B05 - Public Lighting (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€ 5.0m**
B06 - Traffic Management (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€ 5.0m**
B08 - Road Safety & School Wardens	**€ 3.4m**
B09 - Car Parking	**€ 1.0m**

Maintenance and Improvement Regional (B0305) and Local Roads (B0405 & B0406)

- Improvement and Maintenance works undertaken when carrying out restoration works and roads includes works in all cycle lanes.
- Maintenance to Cycle Lanes includes the following:-
  - Replacing and maintaining of bollards.
  - Line Marking
  - Mini Sweepers assigned to cleaning of cycle lanes in each area
  - Restoration works.
- A record is kept of all footpath repairs as per requests from the public and Councillors. Approx 10% of the footpath works are provided for in the Area Work Programme. Remainder is from the Maintenance and Improvement budget.
- Cycle Lanes 2025 Works Programme
  - Survey of all existing cycle lanes
  - Works Programme to be developed for each area.

Area Programme of Works 2025

Regional and Local Roads (Pavement Man System) - LPT

Roads Reconstruction/Restoration/Overlay	€3,914,500

Area Works Programme 2024

• Roads Special Works Programme	€1,308,000
• Traffic Management Works	€1,200,000
• Public Lighting	€ 366,000
Total	**€2,874,000**

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee December 2024/January 2025

Main Sources of Income

Anticipated Income from Pay & Display Schemes	€2.0m (Net €1.1m)
Local Property Tax Roads	€3.9m
National Transport Ireland and TII	€1.88m
Other Income	€1.2m

- Road Opening Licence Fees
- Abnormal Loads
- Taking in Charge
- Hoarding Licences
- Street Furniture Licences

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Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Active Travel

Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main items of Expenditure

School Wardens	**€1,091,700**
Publicity & Promotion	
➢ Shared Mobility	**€ 300,000**
➢ Active Travel	**€ 379,200**
➢ Road Safety	**€ 18,500**

Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main Sources of Income

- Publicity & Promotion **€ 20,000**

  **Bike Week, School Streets

- Active Travel (NTA Funded) **€1,085,900**

Road Safety, Promotion & Education









Road Safety, Promotion & Education






Walking & Cycling Officers

Operational Plan 2025

Schools
Walking & Cycling Buses
Fresh Air Friday
Cycle Right Training
Active Travel Logger
School Street Events

Staff Projects
Cycle Friendly Employer
Smarter Travel Mark
Bike Repair Workshops
eBike Trials
Pooled Bike Scheme
Walktober/Marchaton

Community
Cycling Lessons
eCargo Bike Trials
Balance Bike Buddies
Ongar Community Bike Library
Quiet Streets
Community Bike Rides

Sustainable Transport
Bike Share
Car Clubs
Community Car
eCargo Bike Share
EVPZ

Age Friendly
Cycling Without Age
Sofa to Saddle
Try a Bike Days
Walk & Talk Groups

Awareness Weeks & Events
Bike Week 2025
European Mobility Week
Climate Action Week
European Week of Sport

Disability Groups
Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability
Fingal Wheelchair Bike Project
Fingal Trike Lessons
Tandem Cycling Training

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Transfers to Capital

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

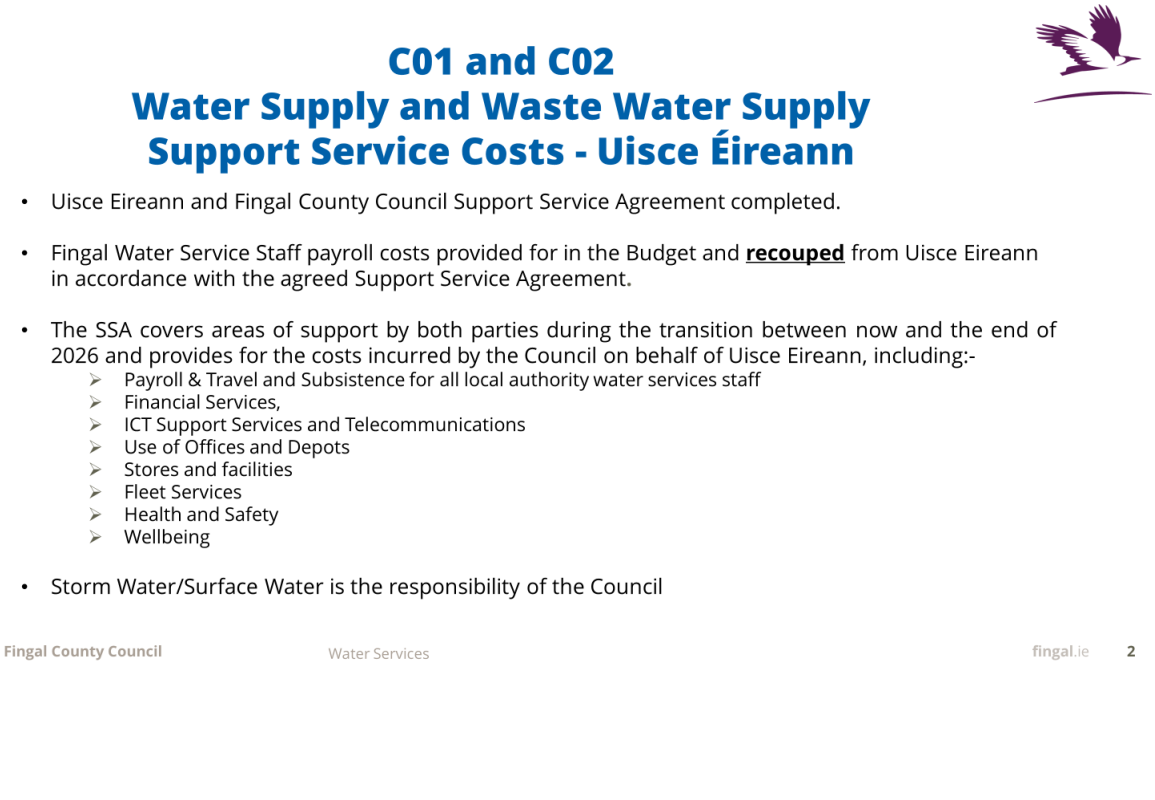
Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€ 900,000	€ 1,775,000	€ 1,010,000

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

DIVISION C – WATER SERVICES

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





C04 – Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences - €1,463,000

- Increased Revenue Provision to meet the costs of maintenance and ongoing cleaning of all existing and new Public Conveniences in the County.
- Eco, Modular, Changing Place (Single Door Entry) Units and Portoloos
- Total No. of Units = 38 Blocks, 164 cubicles

Newly Refurbished Units at Rush and Malahide Muldowney





C0802 – Storm Water Maintenance of Pumping Stations (5), Stormwater pipes, manholes, outfalls and screens







Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€ 0	€ 200,000	€ 200,000

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

DIVISION D – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Matthew McAleese, Director, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, Mr. Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D – Development Management, under the following headings:

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Division D
Development Management

Budget 2025

Revenue Expenditure €36.2m
Revenue Income €10.8m

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Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Expenditure 2025	**€10.5m**
Major element of expenditure is Payroll	€7.6m
Total Income	**€2.5m**
Planning Application Fees	€1.6m
Commencement Notices	€250K

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning Applications / Decisions:

- 1,282 applications lodged to end September 2024. (1,169 valid)
- 547 of the 1,282 applications were E applications via portal (43%)
- 1,018 decisions issued to end September 2024. (778 grants / 175 refusals)

Large Scale Residential Developments:

- 11 Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) applications have been received to end September 2024
- 15 Decisions issued (10 grants, 3 refusals and 2 for further information) to end September 2024. The total combined number of units granted through LRD applications was 1,817.

Strategic Housing Developments:

- 3 SHD's remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

E-PLANNING PORTAL

- Work is on-going and progressing nationally with the LGMA in relation to the introduction of ePlanning.
- Planning portal went live in Fingal County Council in March 2024.
- Applicants/Agents now able to lodge planning applications electronically, reducing the cost of printing and overall costs of lodging a planning application in person.
- Portal will enable agents to submit future applications for any local authority in the Country through the same online tool.

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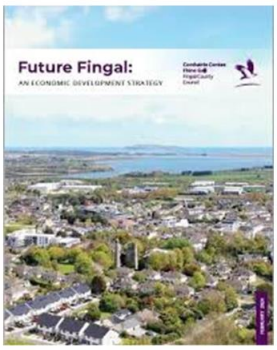
Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

Economic, Enterprise, Property & Local Development

D0401, D0403, D0601, D0902, D0905, D0906, D1001.	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	6.014m	2.849m
2024 Revised	6.580m	3.411m
2025 Proposed	9.470m	6.557m



- Strategic Framework – Future Fingal / Sustainable Fingal
- Industrial Lands Development
- Landbank Development & Property Services
- Investment & Funding Opportunities
- Marketing & Promotion
- Local Development Support
- Enterprise Development & Local Enterprise Support



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Urban & Rural Regeneration

D0901	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	2.389m	0.625m
2024 Revised	2.467m	0.758m
2025 Proposed	2.453m	0.625m

Streetscape Scheme 2024

New Funding for Streetscape Enhancement Projects in Fingal's town centres



- URDF & RRDF Funding Schemes
- Our Balbriggan & Expansion of Town Centre First
- Town & Village / Rural Area Renewal Programmes
- Derelict Sites (Div E)
- Commercial / Town Centre Enhancement Schemes



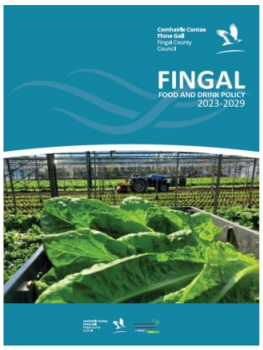
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Our Rural Future

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

Tourism Development & Promotion

D0501, D0502, D1102	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	1.030m	0.009m
2024 Revised	0.893m	0.024m
2025 Proposed	1.121m	0.009m

- Tourism Strategy Implementation
- Food Strategy Implementation
- Tourism Ireland & Failte Ireland
- Tourism Stakeholder & Sector Relationships
- Fingal Tourism Marketing & Promotion





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Community Development Office

Community Development Office
Interagency Support

PPN & Comhairle na nÓg

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	152,700	110,700	42,000
2024 Revised	119,400	110,700	8,700
2025 Proposed	182,600	110,700	71,900

Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€1,653,000	€1,703,000	€1,625,000

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

DIVISION E – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance and Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the

Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services under the following headings:





Environment Division

Litter	Fire Service (Dublin City Council)	Climate Action, Community Climate Action Fund & Environmental Awareness
Recycling and Bottle Banks	Landfill Aftercare/ Historical Landfills & Contaminated land	Waste Regulation Poolbeg WTE
Air & Noise Pollution	Dog and Horse Control	Water Quality -Bathing Water -Water Pollution Complaints -Water Framework Directive Farm and Septic Tank inspections

Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI)

Jan-Feb 2025 – prepare Env Inspection Plan to implement National Enforcement priorities:

Air & Noise	Water Pollution	Waste
Solid Fuel Inspections	Water Pollution Complaints	Tackling Illegal Waste Activities
Air Quality Monitoring Activities and data use	Pressures from Agriculture – Farmland (spreading) significant increase in the target number of inspections	Construction & Demolition Waste
Environmental Noise Directive Activities	Domestic Wastewater Treatments Systems	Household Waste
Air & Noise Control	Discharge Licences / Misconnections	Commercial Waste
Ongoing Air & Noise work	Local Priorities and Water Quality Monitoring	Plastics and Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Environmental Enforcement Performance is assessed every year by the EPA against these priorities.

Balleally Landfill to Rogerstown Park
Enabling Works

8 Work Packages designed and delivered through Consultancy framework and Fingal County Council:

- **Landfill Gas System management**
- **Leachate Balancing infrastructure**
- **Leachate Cells Pumping upgrades**
- **Settlement Monitoring**
- **Renewable Energy Feasibility Study**
- **Electrical Substation Upgrade**
- **Maintenance shed & Fire Main**



Litter Management

- There are currently 4 Litter Wardens whose roles are to enforce the Litter Pollution Acts.
- They also raise awareness with the public and businesses in the County regarding littering & dog fouling.
- 1161 complaints to include littering, dumping, abandoned cars & dog fouling were assigned to the Litter Wardens for investigation.
- 4620 patrols were carried out at Bring Bank locations and Litter black spots up to 31st October 2024.



Litter Management

Fines Issued 2024	Warning Notices 2024
254	22

The Litter Wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches in 2024 and its potential impact to water quality.

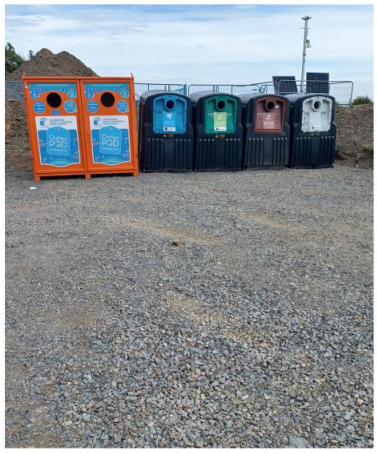
They carried out extra inspections over the weekends in 2024, prior to planned bathing water sampling.

They engaged with dog owners and dispensed dog poo bags & made people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.



Bottle Banks & Textile Banks - E02

- Collection & recycling of Glass Bottle & Textiles
- Tonnages collected returning to pre-covid levels
- New bottle banks were installed at the following locations in 2024:
- 1. Mick Walsh Park, Tyrellstown,
- 2. St. Peregrine's GAA Club, Coolmine, and,
- 3. Beech Park, Clonsilla.



Environment Division

Climate Action

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

- Costs associated with the Climate Action section which co-ordinates activities associated with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 (CAP) include Salaries, Training and ancillary staff costs.
- A financial contribution to City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema) who are financed by the four Dublin local authorities and provide technical assistance in relation to energy efficiencies and local-level energy policy, planning and projects; €140,000 support annually.

Environment Division

Climate Action Cont'd.

- Consultancy services contingency in relation to identifying and developing potential for Decarbonising Zones and District Heating within the County and for support to SEC's.
- Implementation of a number of actions under the Environment division; enhancement of existing actions, and development and implementation of new actions under the CCAP; and to cover funding shortfalls.
- Climate action awareness activities and promotional material – advertising, media, consultancy, events.

Environment Division

Climate Action



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Environment Division

Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF)

- €1.124m awarded to Fingal from DECC
  - €550k spend in 2024; €574k spend in 2025.
- 25 Community/Sports Groups granted/part granted funding for range of projects across the 5 themes in 2024
- Projects underway with some already complete
- Phase 2 to be announced by DECC in 2025

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Environment Division



Environment Division

Environmental Awareness €370k

- Litter & dog fouling campaigns; Materials for Adopt-a-Patch support to communities; Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Competition - 30 funded community/school projects, Dublin Community Clean Up, Audio devices, beach workshops, murals, doggie dispensers;
- Environmental awareness workshops for communities and schools in waste prevention, ReUse, Recycling, Instruments Project, Fast Fashion and Biodiversity;
- Supporting communities: Keen to be Green Project with 32 Fingal Community Centers during the 'Water' phase
- Circular Economy: Bike Reuse and Recycled Paint for communities in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre;
- Leaf mould composting for 40 community groups;
- Green Schools program, Picker Pals, ReLove Fashion; Composting for Schools & food waste wormeries, school gardens & nature books;
- Cinema Advertising

Environment Division





Fire Service

- Provided by Dublin City Council.
- Costs apportioned by population, households, rateable valuation.
- Provision in Fingal Budget 2025 - €25.85m

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Division E

Operations

Operations
Street Cleaning, Recycling and Burial Grounds -

- E02 - Recycling Facilities and Bring Centres **€4.6m**
  - Provision for Wages, Minor Contracts and Security
  - Income Provision for Service Charge Increases from 1/1/2025
- E06 - Operation of Street Cleaning Service **€9.2m**
  - Street Cleaning, Leasing of Solar Bins, Provision of New Litter Bins
- E09–Operation and Maintenance of Burial Grounds **€2.6m**

Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€1,650,000	€1,750,000	€900,000

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

DIVISION F – RECREATION & AMENITY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, Mr. Paul Carroll, Director, Housing & Community Development, and Mr. Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation & Amenity under the following headings:

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Division F

Recreation & Amenity

Budget 2025

Revenue Expenditure	**€73.7m**
Revenue Income	**€ 5.5m**

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Operations

Outdoor Leisure Areas

F03
Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches

€28.1m

F0301and F0302 - €21.9m
Parks & Playgrounds









Parks, Pitches, Open Spaces, Playgrounds & Beaches

- Regional Parks – Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry, Tolka Valley, St. Catherines Lucan, Millenium and Malahide Demesne;
- All Neighbourhood and Town Parks;
- Residential Open Space;
- Talbot Gardens;
- Shakleton Gardens;
- Sports Pitches;
- Multi-Use Games Areas;
- All-weather Pitches;
- Tennis Courts; Cricket Grounds; Bowling Greens;
- Playgrounds and Skate-Parks;

Parks, Playgrounds & Beaches

- Christmas Trees, Floral Displays;
- Biodiversity Works
  - Fingal Tree Officer
  - Management of Street Trees – Approx 50,000
  - Woodland Management Plans
  - Town Biodiversity Plans
  - Wildflower Meadows
- Day to day maintenance of Beaches and protection of sand dunes;
- Lifeguard Service;
- Discretionary Parks Works Programme across the 3 areas.

Area Programme of Works 2025

Area Programme of Works Provision 2025

- **Parks and Open Spaces = €1,222,600**

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee
December 2024/January 2025

F0303 - Beaches & Lifeguard Service - €488,800







Lifeguard Service June – September 2023

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	6	1	11	2	76	22	9
Skerries South	1	1	20	0	185	24	7
Loughshinny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush South	0	0	1	0	192	24	8
Portrane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donabate	4	0	25	4	253	35	6
Malahide	2	0	5	2	415	183	13
Portmarnock	9	2	55	7	1231	210	97
Sutton	7	1	67	5	440	90	19
Howth	0	0	1	0	45	9	1
JUN-SEPT FULL RETURNS	29	5	185	20	2837	597	160

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Operations

Parks, Playgrounds & Beaches

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Division F

Recreation & Amenity

Budget 2025

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Local Development

	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	1.596m	1.490m
2024 Revised	0.843m	0.790m
2025 Proposed	0.643m	0.590m

LCDC
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Fingal Local Community Development Committee

- Community Recognition Fund
- Morton Stadium



Recreation & Amenity



Cultural Development - Libraries

F201,F202, F204, F404	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	11.76m	0.615m
2024 Revised	12.05m	0.390m
2025 Proposed	12.71m	0.391m

- Book fund target reached
- Library Operations, events & festivals
- Opening hours at all libraries
- My Open Library expansion
- Creative Ireland

Swords Cultural Quarter





Recreation & Amenity

Cultural Development - Arts

	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	4.155m	0.050m
2024 Revised	4.389m	0.082m
2025 Proposed	4.414m	0.100m

- Day to Day Arts Activities
- Arts Centre Subventions
- SCQ Capital Transfer & Loan Payment
- Artists Support & Contributions
- Community Arts Festivals





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Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland Programme
2017–2022

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Tourism & Cultural Development – Heritage Properties / Visitor Attractions

F0504	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	3.387m	0.559m
2024 Revised	3.658m	0.559m
2025 Proposed	3.654m	0.549m

- Day to Day Operation Sites as Visitor Attractions
- Support & Subvention to Holding Companies
- Protection & Conservation of Heritage
- Product Development with Fáilte Ireland
- Development and marketing of Sites
- Capital Transfer to fund Major Capital Works Prg



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Tourism & Cultural Development – Festivals & Events

F0505	Expenditure	Income
2024 Adopted	3.954m	0.325m
2024 Revised	4.562m	0.220m
2025 Proposed	4.144m	0.223m

- Events Strategy
- Funding & Supporting Community Events
- Events Programme – Increasing Costs
- Events Partners - Sponsorship Programme
- Flavours of Fingal



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Community Development Office
Community Development Supports

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	2,857,300	0	2,857,300
2024 Revised	3,612,300	3,500	3,608,800
2025 Proposed	3,281,900	3,500	3,278,400

Community Development Office
Strategic Supports



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	175,000	0	175,000
2024 Revised	215,500	0	215,500
2025 Proposed	170,000	0	170,000

Community Development Office
Facilities Supports

Fingal Community Facilities Network
Connecting Communities



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	2,753,100	0	2,753,100
2024 Revised	2,790,200	30,000	2,760,200
2025 Proposed	3,006,700	0	3,006,700

Community Development Office
Funding Supports



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Safer Halloween
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	300,000	2,000	298,000
2024 Revised	450,000	3,500	447,000
2025 Proposed	300,000	2,500	297,000

Community Development Office
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

FINGAL INTEGRATION

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2024 Adopted	81,000	7,500	73,500
2024 Revised	189,000	162,800	26,200
2025 Proposed	255,000	193,700	61,300

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Sport Development Office

Sports Development

Our Purpose & Our Commitments

Our Purpose – Inspiring Active Lifestyles for all in Fingal

- **Our 6 commitments**
  - Commitment 1 – Make sport and physical activity a priority
  - Commitment 2 – Improve opportunities and choices for everyone to be active
  - Commitment 3 – Raise the profile and visibility of sport and physical activity
  - Commitment 4 – Focus on participation in the outdoors
  - Commitment 5 – Enhance our access to quality Sport and Physical Activity facilities
  - Commitment 6 – Collaborate with local, regional and national stakeholders

Sports Development

Sports 2025 budget - €1.7 m (2024 - €1.7m)

Increase participation numbers in sports and activities across the county, with specific focus on Women in Sport and Inclusion initiatives. A provision of €471,200 is being made available in 2025 to support this.

In 2025 €150,000 is being provided for Sports equipment support grants across the county

The Sports Office will continue to work as an active partner of the *'Active Cities'* project which is supported by Dormant Accounts Funding. The vision of this project is to engage, maintain and increase the number of citizens participating in sport and physical activity

Sports Development

- To increase participation in Sport & Physical Activity targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults, and people with disabilities
- Support and deliver a range of sporting programmes, in conjunction sports NGBs, targeting key groups & pillars
- County-wide Sports & Recreation Facilities Audit. To be completed November 2024
- Sports Strategy 2024-2029. Launched January 2024



Sports Development

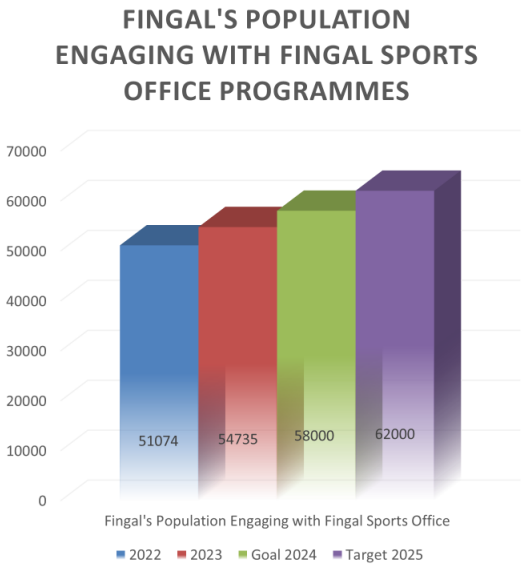
- **Fingal Co-Funded Development Officers**
  - FAI
  - Tennis Ireland
  - Basketball Ireland
  - Cricket Ireland
  - Leinster Rugby
  - Swim Ireland
  - Hockey Ireland

- Fingal Co-Funded Development Officers run programmes within their sport to local clubs, community groups and key target groups set by the Sports Office.
- The Sports Office regularly works with other National Governing Bodies to support their work in targeting key groups in the Fingal community to highlight their sport, utilising community centres, schools, beaches, and parks.



Sports Development

Fingal Sports Office has placed greater emphasis on community engagement through our community programmes which has resulted in increased engagement numbers and a larger target for 2025.



Sports Development

- **Programmes**
- Fingal Sports Office have a development officer in all Local Electoral Area, each development officer has key programmes to run in their area while also ensuring the same programmes are ran across the county.

  - School Programmes
  - Sport Ireland Initiatives (HERMoves, Active Disability)
  - Active Cities Programme
  - School PE Training Days
  - Safeguarding Training
  - First Aid
  - Sport Inclusion Training
  - Disability in Sport Programmes



Sports Development



- **Community Programmes**
- Fingal Sports Office run programmes in key locations across Fingal depending on needs of the community

  - Parent and Toddler Programme (5 Locations)
  - Community Exercise - Fingal on the Move (6 Locations)
  - Over 55's Exercise (5 Locations)
  - Children's Sports Hub - After School/Weekend Sport (6Locations)
  - Summer Parkfit (10 Locations)
  - Community Sport Festivals (County Wide)
  - Sport Ireland Initiative Events - European Week of Sport, HEROutdoors etc. (Supported by Fingal Sports Clubs)

Sports Development

FCC have engaged UK Modular Pool experts 'ReCreation' and 'FMG Consultancy' to deliver a 'Feasibility Study' for a Modular Swimming Facility for the Castlelands Site in Balbriggan.

This Pool study is almost completed and will be presented to elected officials on 28th November

Similarly, we are approaching the end of our FCC 'Sports Facilities Audit' with KPMG Future Analytics and hope to present to stakeholders in December

Sports Development



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Sport Development Office

Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€5,934,600	€7,516,600	€6,961,900

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

DIVISION G – AGRICULTURE, FOOD & THE MARINE

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations and Mr. John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Food and Marine under the following headings:

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division G

Agriculture, Food & The Marine

Budget 2025

Revenue Expenditure €1.9m
Revenue Income €0.4m

Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

- **G02 Harbours** – Operation & General Maintenance (Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny) - **€637k**
- Contribution to Shared Veterinary Service including Dog Warden Service - **€800k**
- Horse Seizure Service & Horse Pound Facility - **€147k**

Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours

Harbours - €636,800

- Operation and General Maintenance (Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny)
- Wages, Minor Contracts, Materials and Plant Hire
- New Harbour Bye-Laws- Income from Berthing Fees

Dog Shelter & Dog Warden Services

- Midland Animal Care provide dog shelter services for stray dogs picked up by the Dog Warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. The dogs are then either reclaimed by their owners or are re-homed to members of the public or to rescue shelters.
- Number of dogs brought to shelter up to 31st Oct 24:
  - Strays 140
  - Surrenders 32
  - Re-claimed 22
  - Re-homed to rescue 85
  - Re-homed to public 50
  - In shelter @ 31st October 24 19
  - No of Dog related CRMs:
    - (1 January to 31st October 2024) 530



Dog Wardens

- **There are 6 Dog Wardens who provide a 7-day service and patrol all areas including towns, housing estates, beaches & parks.**
- **Investigate dangerous dog reports, issue 10-day notices to owners who do not have a dog licence, issue fines for failing to produce a licence, enforce park byelaws, conduct licence checks in housing estates, attend court cases.**

Dog fines/Licences	2024 (up to 31st October 2024)
No of fines issued	405
Total amount of fines paid	€26,722
No of annual licences purchased	9243
No of Lifetime licences purchased	672
Income from Licences	€278,940

Dog Wardens

The Dog Wardens attend various festival/events throughout Fingal to include "Flavours of Fingal", Howth Maritime Festival and attend Litter Awareness Days on numerous beaches to advise dog owners of their responsibilities

The Dog Wardens assist Garda and other statutory agencies in addition to other Council Departments in relation to exercising functions under The Control of Dogs Act 1986 and 1992.

Horse Shelter & Welfare

Under Control of Horses Act 1996, the Council has powers to collect and impound any stray horse that may cause a danger to people or property or cause a nuisance.

The Horse Welfare and Inspection Programme continues on Dunsink Landfill

Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€150,000	€550,000	€150,000

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Food and The Marine.

DIVISION H – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services under the following headings:

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division H
Miscellaneous Services

Budget 2025

Revenue Expenditure **€23.6m**
Revenue Income **€29.7m**

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CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services

- Members' Expenses / Allowances
- Register of Electors
- Voter.ie for 2025
- Building Facilities

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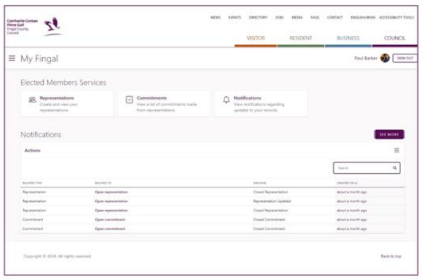
DIGITAL SERVICES

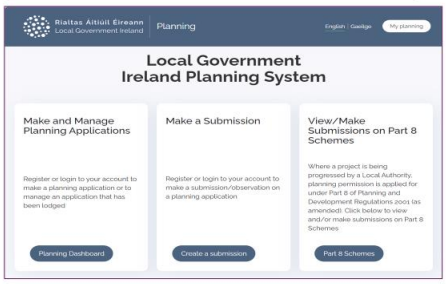
Digital Services

Revenue spend:
Budget 2025 - €10.4m
Budget 2024 - € 9.975m

Priorities

- New CRM services MS Dynamics 365
- myFingal Customer Portal
- eHousing Programme (Phase 2)
- ePlanning Programme (Phase 2)
- Housing Loans
- GIS systems upgrade
- CE Orders (Digital Signature Module)





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PEOPLE SERVICES

People Services

Budget 2025 - €4.7m

Priorities

- Learning & Development - €742k
- HR Administration - €747k
- Recruitment - €356k
- Health & Safety- €540k
- Network Fingal Forum - €321k
- Wellbeing - €85k

Pension and Retirement costs €22.2m

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Fingal County Council

FINANCE

Miscellaneous Services

Finance

- Administration of Rates including:- €18.8m
  - Provision for rates loss arising out of valuation appeals process;
  - Refund of rates on vacant properties (2024 and prior);
  - Bad debt provisioning;
  - Rates administration.
- NPPR Income €0.05m

Commercial Rates – Abatement

Rates on vacant premises

- Currently vacancy relief in FCC is 30%.
- Budget reflects a reduction in this to zero.
- Public consultation in August – no submissions.
- Moving to zero will reduces cost in the budget by €800k.
- DCC and SDCC both have set their vacancy relief at 0%.

Relief applied in 2023

Description	Amount
Total relief Applied during 2023	€1,160,791.66
Relief relating to 2022 and prior	€889,758.63
Relief relating to 2023 only	€271,033.03

Commercial Rates – Abatement

Rates on vacant premises

- Setting of the Vacancy Abatement rate is a reserved function to be voted on at the Annual Budget Meeting
- The Legislation requires that the Members consider the matter each year and it is recommended that an Abatement rate of 0% be adopted for 2025.

Recommendation

- That an Abatement rate of 0% apply for **2025.**

Transfers to Capital

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

Budget 2024	Revised 2024	Budget 2025
€13,000,000	€14,000,000	€13,000,000

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

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh advised the Members that five motions were received and that all motions were ruled out of order.

The Mayor, then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions. The Members asked questions on several aspects of the provisions made in the Annual Budget, which were responded to by the Executive.

BUDGET – MOTION 1

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council adopts for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2025, the Annual Budget set out in Tables A to F."

BUDGET – MOTION 2

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council determines in accordance with the budget as adopted the rate as set out in Table A to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the Financial Year ending 31 December in 2025 for the purposes set out in Table A".

BUDGET – MOTION 3

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council approves of the transfer to the Capital Account of the sums provided for various Capital purposes in the Annual Budget for 2025 as adopted"

BUDGET – MOTION 4

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Fingal County Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.
Such a scheme in respect of vacant property will provide for an abatement of 0% of rates due to Fingal County Council by a liable person for the financial year ending 31 December 2025"

The Meeting concluded at 4.11pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF SIX MEMBERS TO FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM

The Biodiversity Forum is made up of representation from Fingal Elected Council (6), various Council Departments, Public Participation Network (PPN), State Agencies and Nature Conservation NGO's.

One Elected Member comes from each of the following three Strategic Policy Committees (Marine & Coastal Management SPC; Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC; Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC).

By having one Elected Member from each Area Committee, there will be greater opportunity for local priorities to be identified within the overall list of 100 actions in the Biodiversity Plan.

The purpose of the Forum is to develop an implementation plan for the Fingal Biodiversity Plan covering the period 2023-2027 and oversee and monitor the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan between 2023 and 2030. The Fingal Biodiversity Plan will be reviewed and updated where necessary in 2027.

The forum meets twice a year. The first meeting took place in March 2024 to discuss the actions to be implemented in the upcoming year. The next meeting is due to take place in February 2025 to report on the actions undertaken in 2024 and discuss actions for 2025.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 03

FORMAL/INFORMAL MEETINGS UISCE ÉIREANN

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive what formal/informal meetings have taken place between Fingal County Council's management and Uisce Éireann to establish the time line for the provision of full fresh/foul services to all residentially zoned lands in the County?"

Reply:

Uisce Éireann submits responses to individual planning applications to Fingal County Council regarding waste and potable water. Timelines and capital investment of Foul and Drinking Water Network improvements are managed by Uisce Éireann.

In preparing the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the planning authority engaged with Uisce Éireann, including in relation to the preparation of Table 11.1 *'Uisce Éireann Statement of Capacity' (Uisce Éireann February 2023)* Section 11 Infrastructure and Utilities. This table sets out the relevant actions underway and to be undertaken in ensuring the provision of county wide water and wastewater services across Fingal.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 04

NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive for the number of Social Workers currently employed by this Council, including the grade of each, the department they are assigned to, and the number, if any, of current Social Worker vacancies?"

Reply:

There are three social workers currently employed by the Council. All three are at Professional Social Worker grade and are assigned to the Housing Department. There are no vacancies.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 05

INACTIVE SITES WITH FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of inactive sites in the County where full planning permission has been given but no building activity has commenced and the number of dwellings with planning permission on these inactive sites currently in the years from 2019 to 2023?"

Reply:

A recent survey carried out by Fingal County Council staff (for the purposes of compiling the Housing Supply Coordination Task Force for Dublin Q3 2024 Report), identified 54 non-active sites in Fingal which have received planning permission for developments of 10 dwellings or more. One of these non-active sites is a Large Residential Development (LRD) which is currently under judicial review.

The total number of dwellings granted permission, but not commenced on these sites is 10,514 dwellings consisting of 2,467 houses and 8,047 apartments.

In addition, only two sites in Fingal have been granted before 2019 that have not commenced. Both sites were granted extensions of time in May 2020. There are a total of 573 dwellings consisting of 322 houses and 251 apartments in these two sites. That leaves a total of 9,941 dwelling consisting of 2,145 houses and 7,796 that have been granted since 2019 and have not commenced.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 06

PLANS FOR STREET FEAST IN THE COUNTY 2025

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to supporting and funding Street Feast in the County in 2025, considering its benefits in promoting peaceful co-existence in our communities?"

Reply:

A budget provision has been made in the Community Development Office 2025 Revenue Budget to provide ongoing financial support to Street Feast in 2025.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing and Community Development

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 07

Replacing Defective Street Lights

Question: Councillor T. Leddy

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the manpower cost for replacing all the defective LED streetlights in Fingal, and, if this cost is covered by the existing warranty?"

Reply:

The tender process for the supply and delivery of the LED lights was carried out in 2015 by Dublin City Council for the 4 Dublin local authorities and was for the supply and delivery of the LED light fittings only. It did not include the installation of the unit. The installations were carried out by the Council. The total costs for purchase and installing of the lights was covered by the Council under the Capital Programme.

The original supplier under the original contract only covers the cost of repairs to faulty lights, as the contract was a supply and delivery contract. The faulty lights related to a batch of lights which were supplied in 2018 and has affected approx. 3,500 lights in the Fingal area.

The labour cost for replacing the faulty blue streetlights is not covered by the warranty on the luminaires as it was a supply and delivery contract only. The warranty only covers the repair and/or replacement of the light fittings themselves.

For 2024, the labour cost from January to October, for replacing the faulty blue streetlights is €186,457.70 including VAT, and is currently being carried out by the Council's Public Lighting contractor.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 08

DAMAGE TO PUBLIC TOILETS

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the numerous instances of damage and destruction to public toilet facilities across Fingal and how this issue can be dealt with going forward?"

Reply:

The recent instances of damage and destruction to public toilets are noted below:

In the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operational area the Eco toilet in Tyrellstown Park was badly fire damaged on the 10th November 2024. It has been fenced off for public safety and will remain closed whilst the Council evaluates the cost of repairs or a possible alternative solution in this area.

In the Howth/Malahide area the wheelchair accessible public toilet at Howth Summit was set alight and badly damaged in July 2024. Repairs have been carried out and the toilet is back open for use.

On 17th November 2024 one of the new public toilets at Malahide beach was set alight, resulting in a lot of smoke damage. Repairs are currently being carried out and the toilet is due to reopen from 29th November 2024.

In the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Operational area the recurring vandalism at the public toilets in both the Ward River Valley (WRV) and Town Parks has posed an ongoing challenge for the Operations Department since they were opened. The cost of repairs following each incident, some of which have involved arson, has

been considerable and on one occasion the Ward River Valley facilities were reopened after extensive repairs only to be vandalised again within hours. These units are currently on lease and the proposal is to remove these toilets and install eco-toilets.

In addition to the closures of the Public Toilets in Swords the Public Toilets in Santry Demesne have also experience closures due to vandalism in the past.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

PAVING OF GARDENS AND FLOOD RISKS

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what data is held by the Council in relation to the increased areas of paving over time in towns, villages and suburban areas in Fingal due to the paving of gardens for car parking and on the resulting increases to flood risks in the affected areas?"

Reply:

There is no data held by the Council on the total increased cumulative area of paving of gardens in towns, villages and suburban areas for car parking (known as urban creep) however, the resulting flood risk can be mitigated by the introduction of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). This Council has very recently completed Fingal County Council's Householder SuDS Guide in Q4 2024 to inform homeowners of how they can help mitigate the effects of climate change by implementing sustainable drainage practices in their own homes. This includes alternative permeable options for driveways and patios and de-paving existing impermeable surfaces.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 10

STREET FEAST 2025

Question: Councillor Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council intends to continue to financially support Street Feast for 2025?"

Reply:

A budget provision has been made in the Community Development Office 2025 Revenue Budget to continue to provide ongoing financial support to Street Feast in 2025.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing and Community Development Office

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 11

FINGAL COASTAL WAY

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Fingal Coastal Way Greenway to include an update on the route development and assessment process and timeline for delivery of same?"

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and their project appraisal guidelines are thus applicable.

At present this project is within Phase 2 (Options Selection) of the guidelines, with a view to progressing to Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) in 2025, to be followed by Phase 4 (Statutory Consent & Land Acquisition) with an application to An Bord Pleanála.

Detailed design and procurement of a main contractor to undertake the works will follow subject to receiving the necessary planning approval and funding for the project.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12a

Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee Meeting (OP&F) held on Monday 11th November 2024

Matters of Organisation and Procedure and Finance

Approval of Corporate Calendar January - June 2025

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 1st January 2025 to 30th June 2025, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, it was proposed and **AGREED** to move the Full Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 21st January 2025 to Monday, 13th January 2025.

The Calendar of Meeting Dates, with amendments, was **AGREED** by the Members.

Finance Matters

Monthly report on both Income and Expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account

A presentation was given to the Members by Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN RUSH LUSK SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Crossroads Donabate Portrane GA-003251	€1079	Room Hire 4.12.24 Light Refreshments x 40 pax, Stationery AGM, Posters/Flyers	N	N/A	€868.00

		advertising AGM AGM Room Hire 15.1.25 Sound Hire Guest Speaker - travel expenses			
Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns GA-003248	€2116	Pop Up Gazebo Annual Insurance	N	N/A	€2116.00
Skerries Men's Shed GA-003252	€800	Pure Movement Pilates Class	N	N/A	€800.00
Ballyboughal Tidy Towns GA-003246	€2596	Ego Battery Hedge Cutter Ego battery &charger 2 shovel/rake/ spade Hose Reel 2 wheelbarrows Sandwich Board Insurance - Ego LB580 battery blower 3 Trestle Table	Y	2023 – €1801.76	€2997.50
Santry Community Garden GA-003255	€4387	Apiary Refurbishment Pollinator Plants Orchard Wooden Posts Garden Strimmer	Y	2023 - €2920.00	€3000.00

Swords Tidy Towns GA-003219	€5000	Folding Ramps 500 kg Lawnmower Loading Ramps 400 kg Loading Ramps 200 kg Straps Van Quote	Y	2024 - €1803.00	€1053.00
Lusk Senior Citizens GA-003237	€2160	Leonards Coach Hire Chair Pilates: Michelle Lacey	N	N/A	€3000.00
Black Raven Pipe Band GA-003269	€3000	20 Pipe Band Chanters	Y	2023 - €3000.00	€3000.00
Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland GA-003245	€3000	Books	N	N/A	€2603.00
Lusk Community First Responders CLG GA-003264	€3000	2 Prestan Diversity Manikin 1 Prestan Female Manikin 1 Prestan Diversity Infant Manikin Laerdal QCPR Manikin, AED Trainers and pads Projector Screen Pocket Face Masks, Laptop Replacement Face Shield Adult-Child-Infant Replacement	N	N/A	€2503.00

		Lungs Adult, Child, Infant			
Swords Woodland Association GA-003256	€2661	Design of calendar Printing of 1,500 calendars Insurance	Y	2023 - €2451.00	€2661.00
Donabate Tidy towns GA-003265	€3000	Engrave and place entrance Stone Hoe x 2 Plants x 50 Shovel x 2 fork x 2 leaf vacuum battery and charger for leaf vac	Y	2022 - €2949.37	€2992.00
Churchfield Residents Association GA-003233	€1890	Defibrillator	Y	2024 – €1462.00 2023 – €1775.00	€1442.30
Mourne Estate Residents Association GA-003267	€3000	3-Speed Petrol Lawnmower Multi-Tool MT130 4 types of Various bedding Plants x 185 in total	Y	2023 - €2998.30	€2994.00

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect**	**Summary of What Funding is Required for – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the**

	of this Application		Y/N	to Date and Broken Down by Year	Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Balbriggan Cricket Club GA -03282	€31,939.00	Supply and fit of Safety Netting and Matting for their Indoor Training Centre. Both items of protective equipment are vital to ensure the safety of users of the hall.	No	N/A	€31,938.48

It was **proposed** by Councillor G. Maguire and **seconded** by Councillor J. Newman

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required for – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale

				Down by Year	**for Approval**
Ballyboughal Boxing Club	€3000	Ballyboughal Boxing Club wish to purchase new mirrors for their training facility. These mirrors will support their athletes with technique and allow them to demonstrate during their classes for their underage/academy.	Y	2023	€3000
Balbriggan and Skerries Fishing Club	€3000	Balbriggan and Skerries Fishing Club wish to purchase new rods and fishing lines along with additional equipment required to support their community initiatives. By having more equipment to be used by several people, they can offer more community/participation initiatives for their club to gauge interest.	N/A	N/A	€3000
Ballyboughal GAA Club	€3000	Ballyboughal GAA Club require funding for gym equipment, gym equipment will enhance the clubs gym facilities and improve participation in both the juvenile and adult section of the club. It will also give the club opportunities to deliver will provide the club with a key training tool especially for youth.	N/A	N/A	€3000

Balrothery Football Club	€3000	Balrothery FC require funding to purchase new futsal goals to facilitate indoor training; additional portable goals will support an increase in participation of underage groups and young academies.	Y	2022-2023 €3000	€3000
Swords Thunder Basketball	€3000	Swords Thunder Basketball team require funding towards a new scoreboard for their home games, this scoreboard will allow the team to comply with the rules of their league, ensure equipment failure does not happen and support volunteers in an easier system to use.	Y	2023 - €3000	€3000

It was **proposed** by Councillor G. Maguire and **seconded** by Councillor C. Boland.

That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sport Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029

Mr. Gerry McDermott, Senior Executive Officer, People Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to the Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McDonagh and seconded by Councillor Dennison and AGREED that the CPG **RECOMMEND** the Corporate Plan to full Council for approval at its meeting on Monday, 9th December.

Budget 2025

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a verbal update to the Members in relation to the Annual Budget for 2025. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McDonagh and seconded by Councillor Dennison and AGREED that the CPG **RECOMMEND** Budget 2025 to full Council for approval at its meeting on Tuesday, 3rd December.

Webcasting Protocol

The Chief Executive introduced this item and gave a brief overview to the CPG. Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave the Members a brief presentation on the possible requirements that should be considered for a webcasting protocol. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McDonagh and seconded by Councillor Donnelly and **AGREED** by the CPG that Corporate Services draft a Webcasting Protocol to be brought back to the CPG.

AOB

Outgoing Councillors

Casual Vacancies within the Membership of Fingal County Council

Following the success of three Fingal County Councillors at the General Election, it was clarified that a Special Meeting of the Council must be held, no sooner than 14 days after the date of the vacancies, to fill the vacancies arising. A date is to be agreed on or after 16th December, and the Special Meeting will be called by the Mayor.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12d

REPORTS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REPORT OF PUBLIC REALM TRANSPORTATION/ MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

Council Members	**Councillor Darragh Butler – Chairperson** Councillor Corina Johnston Councillor Malachy Quinn	
Non-Council Members	Siobhan O'Donnell	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
25/11/2024	Strategic Policy Committee Membership, Role and Work Programme 2025	A presentation was given by Mary T Daly, Director of Operations, outlining an overview of the committee and a proposed work programme was discussed to be approved at the next meeting of the committee. Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.
25/11/2024	Fingal Road Safety Plan	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, on the Fingal Road Safety Plan. Following

		discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.
25/11/2024	Active & Sustainable Transport Update	A presentation was given by Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer – Active Travel Unit, outlining the role of the Active Travel Unit. Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.
25/11/2024	Active Travel Strategy and STEP UP project	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, outlining the STEP UP scheme and Fingal's involvement. Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.

REPORT OF
HOUSING STRAGETIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2024

Council Members	**Councillor T. Leddy – A/Chairperson** Cllr. J. Burtchaell, Cllr. C. Haughey, Cllr. B. Ryan, Cllr. G. Sheehan. **Apologies**:- Cllr. B. Hanaphy, Cllr. R. O'Donoghue, Cllr. A. Tormey.	
Non-Council Members	Mr. D. Branagan, Mr. J. Doran, Ms. Jo. Fulham, Mr. J. Uwhumiakpor	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
Tuesday 26th November 2024	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Housing SPC held on Monday 25th March 2024	Proposed by Cllr. J. Burtchaell and seconded by Cllr. G. Sheehan
	The Land Development Agency (LDA)	Invitation issued to all Councillors to attend presentation by the LDA

		outlining delivery, targets and planned developments.
	Disability Strategy Update	Presentation on objectives/strategies and demands of housing disabled people.
	Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2024	Presentation of Housing Need Assessment process and what is required by applicants.

REPORT OF
MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2024

Council Members	**Councillor Angela Donnelly – Chairperson** Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor Paul Mulville
Non-Council Members	Charles Sargent, Maire O' Brien, David Story, Director of Services, Catherine O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Ala Kerzzo, Executive Engineer, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer

Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27.11.24	Headed Item – Outdoor Recreation Plan	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **Noted**
	Headed Item – Update on Balleally Landfill	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **Noted**
	Coordinated Response to Coastal Erosion	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **Accepted**
	MARA Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **Accepted**

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12e

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE (SERVICES B) AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Baldoyle Forum Clg GA-003292	€1206	Blinds	Y	2023 - €2912.33	€1206

It was **proposed** by Councillor D. Healy and **seconded by** Councillor A. Tormey
That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____
Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 12f

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR (SERVICES B) AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Riverwood Biodiversity Group GA-003270	€618.00	Autumn/ winter plants Graphics for website	Y	€2,378.00 – 2024	€618.00
Afternoon Ladies Huntstown	€1,950.00	Shelbourne Park Night at	N	N/A	€1,950.00

GA-003280		Races Transport Kilmainham Jail Transport Botanic Gardens Transport Howth Day out Transport Ardgillan House Transport			
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre Ltd GA-003286	€2,817.00	Easylift tables x 6 Projector	Y	€1,202.00 – 2022 €1,200.00 - 2023	€2,852.70
Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group GA-003281	€3,000.00	Training Course Additional Materials (capping) Hand Tools, Trowels etc. Cement Mixer Hire Room Hire	Y	€3,000.00 - 2023	€3,000.00
Ashleigh Residents Association GA-003257	€1,700.00	Purchase Defibrillator Purchase Battery/Pad Kit, Purchase Outdoor Storage Cabinet Training, users (expenses only,	N	N/A	€1,700.00

		estimate) Training Room (10 hrs @ 23.25/hr) Installation (wall mounting, estimate) Installation (electric connection estimate) Annual Insurance for Association.			
Corduff Resource Centre GA-003284	€2,814.00	Easylift Lightweight Folding Tables x 8	Y	€2,967.00 - 2022 €2,999.60 – 2023	€2,814.00
Viking Sub Aqua Club GA-003259	€3,000.00	Swimming Pool Rental over 16 weeks Registration Fees for 15 people	Y	€2,980.00 - 2022	€3,000.00
Woodpark Residents Association GA-003283	€1,217.00	Children's Entertainer Insurance Sports Activity Room Hire	Y	€2,387.00 - 2022	€1,217.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor M. McCamley and **seconded by** Councillor T. Kitt. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor JK Onwumereh
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 13

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 14

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &

Cultural Development Dept,

County Hall,

Swords,

Fingal,

Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1593

27th November 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Homes Limited.

In keeping with the National Housing Strategy, "Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland", Fingal County Council's vision for the Mooretown lands is to develop a sustainable mixed tenure housing development integrated with the existing urban areas in Swords. This project gives the opportunity to provide dwellings in accordance with the target delivery set out in the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

Fingal County Council has a policy to facilitate the delivery of housing on lands within the Council's ownership. The Council is providing a mixed tenure development on the subject site which forms part of a larger landholding at Mooretown, Swords owned by the Council. This development has been made possible through AHF funding of c. €15 million and SHIP funding of c. €61 million and through the support of the Land Acquisition Fund.

The key outcomes that the Council has sought to achieve with this project are:

- the delivery of homes of the right type, quality and cost at the right locations to address housing supply demands.
- to provide First Time Buyers and Fresh Start Applicants with an opportunity to purchase a home at an affordable price.
- to secure the sustainability of the development with a mixed tenure approach to support strong social integration and cohesion.

The subject site for the proposed development is in Mooretown, at the northwestern edge of the

town of Swords, Co. Dublin, approx. 2 km from Swords town centre. It is a greenfield site of 9.53 hectares approximately with continuously sloping ground in a south-north direction. There is an existing link street with a pedestrian and two-way cycling path which connects the school campus located directly at the western site boundary.

A set of riparian corridors, with their natural streams, hedgerows and rich flora and fauna cross the lands and define the western and some of the northern and southern edges of the site as well as creating exclusion zones for development within the site.

The development constitutes the first phase of the Framework Plan for the lands at Mooretown and proposes a compact residential settlement of 274 no. dwelling houses, own-door duplexes and apartments and multi-storey apartment units, arranged in clusters varying in height from 2 to 5 storeys, with an average density of 39 units per hectare.

The development includes all associated road infrastructure with new Link Road, local access roads and car parking as well as extensive pedestrian and cycling connections, with secure bicycle parking to all residential units, comprehensive landscaping of associated open spaces and natural amenities with hard and soft landscaping as well as play areas, connections to existing services and all ancillary / enabling site development works.

Apartment Blocks 2A and 2B each comprise 25 no. apartments. Each of the 7 no. 3 storey duplex/apartment corner buildings comprise 2 no. apartments and 2 no. upper floor duplexes while each of the 3 no. 2-storey duplex/apartment corner buildings comprise 2 no. apartments and 1 no. ground floor duplex.

A two-stage procurement process was used to select the Economic Operator to develop the Council's lands at Mooretown Co. Dublin. Glenveagh Homes Limited has been selected as the most economically advantageous tender.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to dispose of Council owned land comprising of an area of 9.53 hectares approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-3060-24 dated 29th July 2024, contained within Folios DN743, DN744 and DN242014F at Mooretown, swords, Co. Dublin, subject to finalising a Development Agreement (noted below) and there being no challenge during the standstill period, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is the delivery of mixed tenure housing & green infrastructure.

2. The disposal includes the entering into by the Council of any and all wayleaves, licences for work, and easements necessary to facilitate the construction and provision of all housing, services, utilities and green infrastructure.

3. The lands to be disposed of comprises 9.53 hectares approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-3060-24, Dated 29th July 2024 (copy attached) contained within Folios DN743, DN744 and DN242014F.

4. The developer shall carry out the Development on the development site in accordance with the planning permission (Planning Reference LADP/002/24) and the Development Agreement.

5. The preferred tenderer will execute the Development Agreement and become the "Developer". The Development Agreement includes the grant of a licence from the Council to the Developer (and its sub-contractors, professional team etc.) to enter the site for the purpose of the delivery of the development.

6. The Developer shall adhere to the Development Agreement in respect of insurance obligations. The Developer shall be responsible for insuring the Works being completed on the Development Site. The Developer shall take out or procure the maintenance of Public Liability Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with the Development Agreement and each policy shall contain provisions which require a specific indemnity in favour of Fingal County Council. The Developer shall ensure that All Risks Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance is taken out and maintained in accordance with the Development Agreement.

7. The Developer's Consideration payable to the Council in respect of the lands for the affordable units shall be the total sum of €7,100,000 (seven million one hundred thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable) paid on the completion of phases as agreed. The Developer's Consideration is payable by the Developer as a pre-condition for the completion of the transfer of title to the lands for each Affordable Unit.

8. 151 no. Affordable units shall comprise 2 bed housing units with a base price payable to the Developer including VAT of €334,000.00 (three hundred and thirty-four thousand Euro) and 3 bed housing units with a sale price including VAT of €384,000.00 (three hundred and eighty-four thousand Euro) as specified in the Development Agreement. Fingal County Council may take additional equity in each unit. The Affordable Housing Units will be sold by the Developer to Affordable Housing Applicants (the Nominees) nominated by Fingal County Council all in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

9. The cost of the Social Houses and Cost Rental Apartments are fixed for the duration of the works. The base price of the Affordable Units as specified in the Development Agreement are fixed for the first 18 months from the base date specified in the Development Agreement. The "All Items Consumer Price Index" published by the Central Statistics Office will be used for the purpose of indexation.

10. The term of the Development Agreement shall be for a duration of 33 months from the date of execution of the Development Agreement with an option to extend by agreement.

11. The Developer is required to provide an appropriate form of performance security in the form of a parent company guarantee or performance bond.

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

13. Fingal County Council will retain ownership of the undeveloped phases of the Development Site and will only transfer title to a phase containing affordable units upon practical completion, and in agreed phases, to the Developer (excluding any social units within a phase, title to which shall be retained by Fingal County Council). The transfer of title to a given phase will be completed, subject to all payments that are required as part of the Developer's

Consideration having been made and subject to all practical completion requirements in the Development Agreement having been completed.

14. The social units will be completed in accordance with the standards and specifications outlined in the Employer's Requirements.

15. The Development Agreement is non-assignable or transferrable by the Developer to any other party, save in the case of a financial institution which has entered into a mortgage with the Developer for the purposes of financing the development, which mortgage must be approved by Fingal County Council in writing and must have been entered into specifically for the purpose of financing the Developer to undertake the development of the site.

16. Both parties will be responsible for their respective fees in the transaction.

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

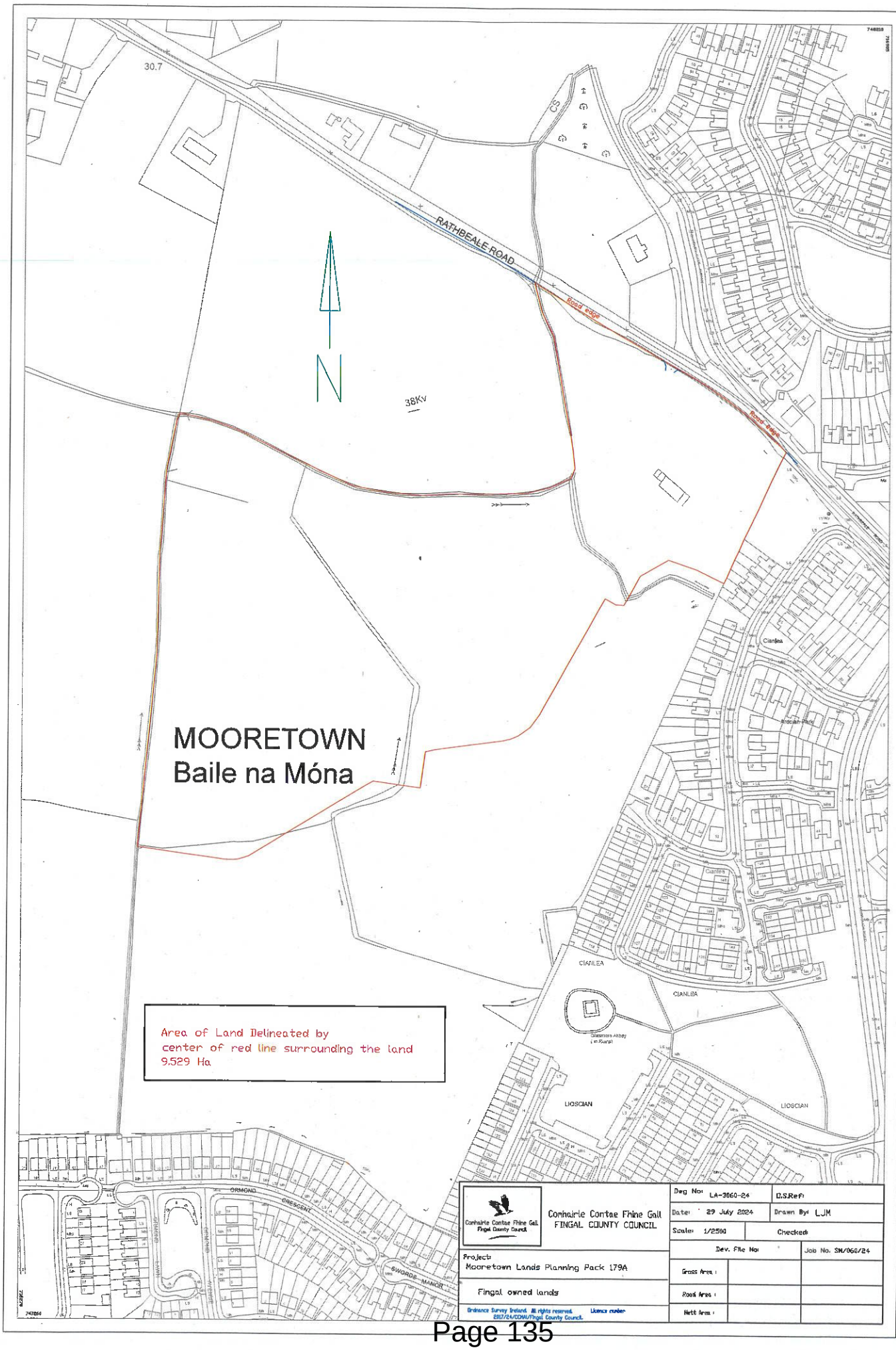
18. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the Development Agreement andassociated legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired by Fingal County Council from Mary O'Sullivan & John Collins, Personal Representatives in the Estate of Brendan Collins (Deceased) for Housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th December 2024.

Aoife Brennan

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


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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Project:
Mooretown Lands Planning Pack 179A
Fingal owned lands
Dwg No: LA-3660-24
O.S.Ref:
Date: 29 July 2024
Drawn By: LJM
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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 1544

7th November 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mr. Derry Peacock

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To facilitate works on a Council housing project on Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, Fingal County Council's Housing Department sought permission from the adjacent landowner, Mr. Derry Peacock to demolish the existing boundary wall between the two properties up to the existing gate pier. The demolition of the existing boundary wall by the Council was agreed with Mr. Derry Peacock in exchange for a portion of Council owned land contained within Folio DN240633F.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 to dispose of Council owned land comprising of an area of 14 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Map No. LA-5118-23 dated 5th September 2024, contained within Folio DN240633F at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to facilitate a Council housing project on lands at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached Map No. LA-5118-23, for identification purposes only, comprising a total area of 14 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €100.00 (one hundred euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. That the land shall be disposed of with full unencumbered freehold title.

5. That the Council shall arrange for the demolition of the existing shared boundary wall, and construction of a new boundary wall to the front of the purchaser's site on a like for like basis in terms of materials, height and finishes.

6. That the purchaser shall permit the Council to arrange for the demolition of a length of approx. 2.7m of the shared boundary wall to the front of the purchaser's site to a height no lower than 300mm above the existing ground level.

7. That the Council will pay the purchaser's reasonable legal costs incurred in this transaction.

8. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

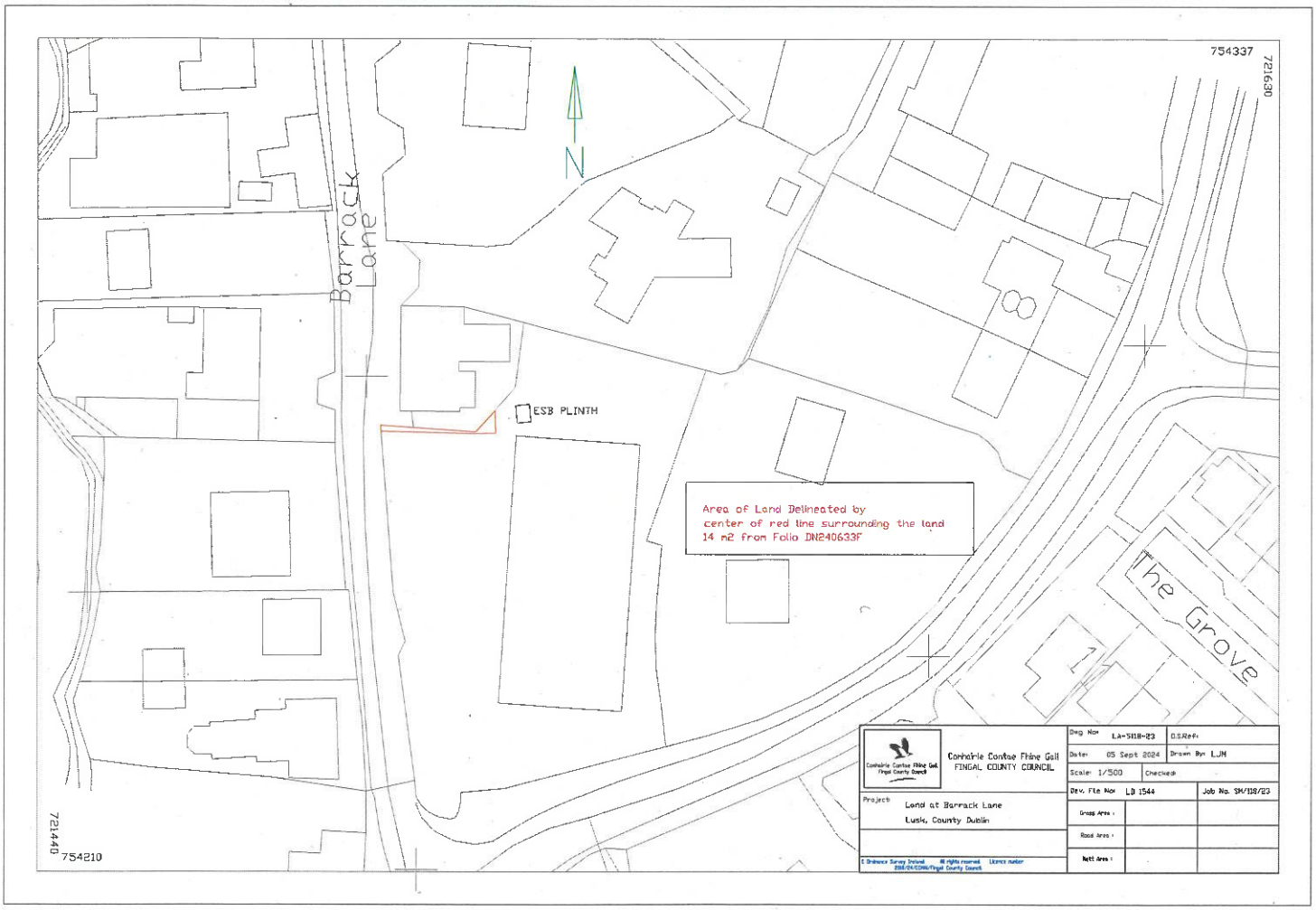
9. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired in July 2019 from Eric & Mary Leonard for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the agenda for the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) which was held on 14th November 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th December 2024.

Aoife Brennan

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


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Project
Land at Barrack Lane
Lusk, County Dublin
Dwg No: LA-SIB-23
O.S.Ref:
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1558

28th November 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of proposed disposal of land at North Road, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Clive Rooney

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Chief Executive Order EETCD/302/2023 authorised Property Services to acquire a plot of land at Sheepmoor Lane, Clonsilla, Dublin 15 from Clive Rooney on behalf of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department to facilitate a site compound for the construction of the Royal Canal Urban Greenway.

The planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway requires the identification of construction compound locations along the route of the Greenway and a plot of land at Sheepmoor Lane, Clonsilla was deemed a preferred location by the Royal Canal Urban Greenway design team. Following negotiations with the landowner, Clive Rooney, it has been agreed that the Council will dispose of land at North Road, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Mr Rooney in exchange for the required site compound for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway at Sheepmoor Lane, Clonsilla, Dublin 15.

I recommmend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 538 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Map No. LA-4160-23 dated 20th March 2024 (copy attached), contained within Folio DN106655F, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the land swap is to facilitate the provision of a site compound at Sheepmoor Lane, Clonsilla, Dublin 15 for Fingal County Council for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway Project in exchange for the provision of a compound at North Road, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 for the storage of materials associated with Mr. Rooney's roof repair business.

2. That the land to be disposed of comprises 538 square meters approximately, as shown outlined in red on the attached Map No. LA-4160-23, dated 20th March 2024, contained within Folio DN106655F.

3. The land is to be disposed of with full freehold title.

4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands as a land swap on the basis of an exchange of equal value for the acquisition of lands at Sheepmoor Lane, Clonsilla, Dublin 15.

5. That the purchaser will be liable for any VAT or Stamp duty arising.

6. The Purchaser will be responsible for the boundary treatment of the disposed land, if applicable, to be agreed in advance with the Council.

7. Each party will be responsible for their own professional costs in respect of this matter.

8. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals

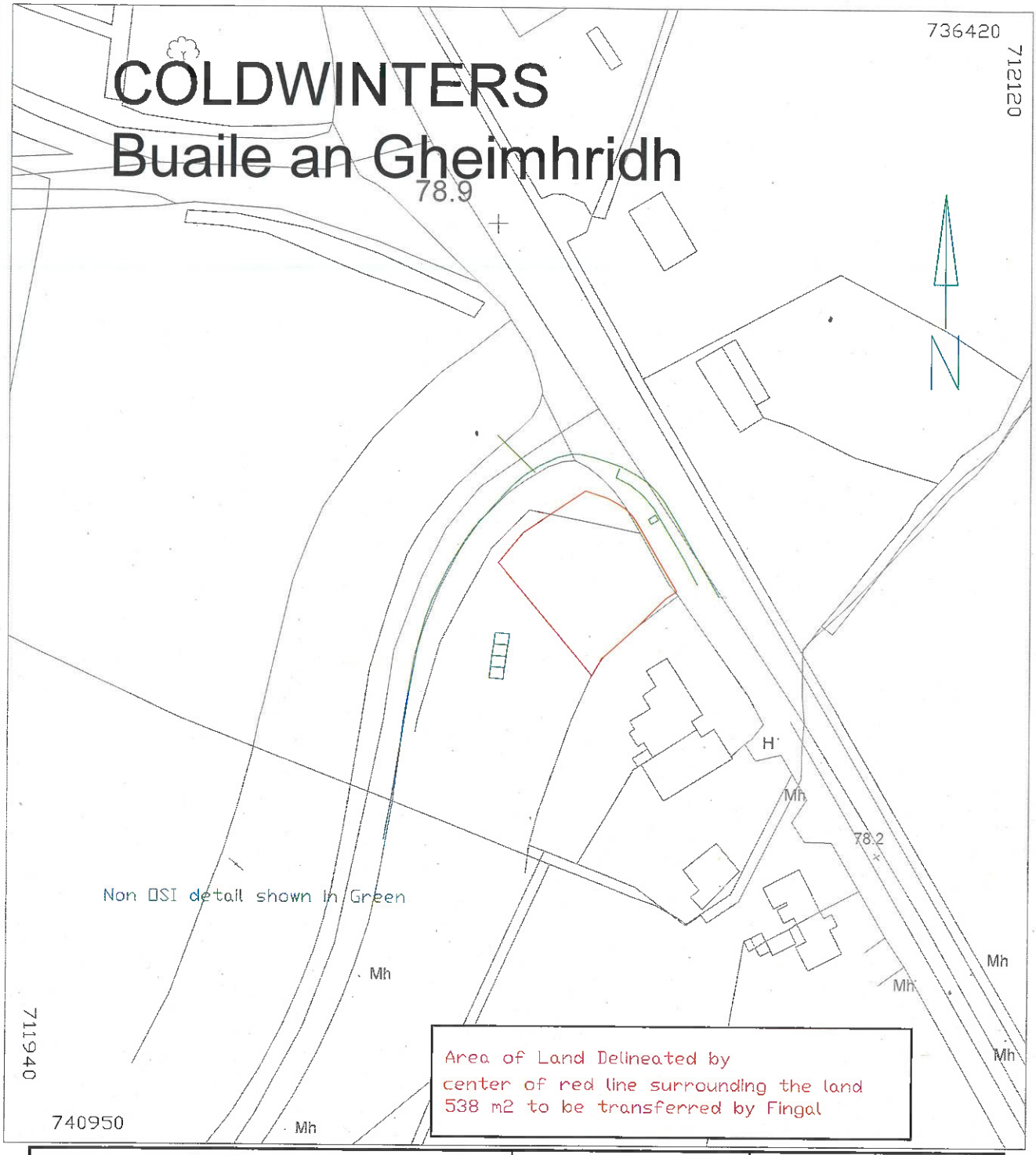
9. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from Roadstone Dublin Ltd on 14th October 1994 for transportation purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for the 5th December 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th December 2024.

Aoife Brendan

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



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dwg No:	LA-4160-23	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	20 Mar 2024	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	LD1558	Job No.	SM/160/23
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

Project:
Land at Coldwinters' N2

Land to be transferred by :
Fingal Co Co

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO 14d

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
Leura Lodge, Knocklyon, Adamstown, Garristown, Co.Dublin	Joseph & Frances Morrison	David Byrne & Fiona Wilson	150 years from 11/10/1975	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55
68 Balglass Road, Howth, Co.Dublin	James Joseph Lewis	Michael Dillon	150 years from 01/03/1974	£15.00 = €19.04 x 59.17 = €1,256.59	£15.00 = €19.04 x 59.17 = €1,256.59
87 Seaview Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin	John J Carroll & Eileen Carroll	Donal O'Riordan	150 years from 13/04/1974	£2.60 = €3.30 x 59.17 = €195.26	€195.26 +€130.00 = €325.26
48 Aisling Heights, Blanchardstown Dublin 15	Mary B Casey	Banagher Oil Limited, Akash & Danielle Aggarwall	150 years from 29/07/1976	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55

101 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co.Dublin	John Derek Hatch	John Derek Hatch	150 Years from 06/11/1971	£15.00 = €19.04 x 59.17 = €1,126.59	€1,126.59 + €130.00 = €1,256.59

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ITEM NO. 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15a

ONGAR VILLAGE, 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 be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1756
Taking In Charge – Ongar Village, Dublin 15
DED: Blanchardstown-Blakestown , TL: Philbblestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Main Street	267m	From the Ongar Distributor Road at Blackwood, Ongar Estate Entrance head east 182m to roundabout junction of Main Street and North Street, head south east 85m to junction of Main Street and Ongar Square.
North Street	69m	From roundabout junction of Main Street and North Street, head north 69m to junction of North Street and The Paddocks, outside No. 17 North Street.

Ongar Square	110m	From junction of Main Street and Ongar Square, head north east 16m, head south east 24m, head south west 31m, head north west 24m, head north east 15m to Main Street and Ongar Square, outside No. 1 Main Street.
The Mall	114m	From junction of Ongar Square and The Mail, outside No. 1 Ongar Square, head south west 46m, head south 68m to junction of The Mail and Hayworth Drive.
	Total Length: 560m	

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Ongar Village

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
S131.1	64.22	58.27	1350mm
S132	64.32	58.25	1350mm
S132.1	64.32	58.61	1350mm
S133	63.85	58.19	1350mm
S133.1A	63.46	62.15	225mm
S133.1B	63.35	62.25	225mm
S133.1C	63.15	62.41	225mm
S163	63.62	60.67	300mm
S164.1	63.12	61.06	300mm
S164	62.70	60.51	300mm
S165	63.21	59.90	600mm
S165.1	63.01	60.00	300mm
S166	62.82	59.80	600mm
S166.1	62.55	60.35	375mm
S166A.1	63.51	62.11	225mm
S167	63.14	59.34	600mm
S167.1	63.08	59.88	300mm
S167.1.1	63.21	60.11	225mm
S167.2	63.26	60.50	300mm
S167.3	63.36	60.40	300mm
S167.3.1	63.39	60.54	300mm
S167.4	63.49	60.49	300mm
S167B.2	64.01	62.35	225mm
S167B.3	64.62	62.60	225mm
S167B.4	64.53	62.82	225mm
S167A	63.48	60.48	225mm
S168	62.57	59.40	600mm
S169	63.29	57.76	1350mm

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
F12	63.33	60.10	225mm
F13	63.45	59.88	225mm
F13.1	63.10	60.10	225mm
F19.2	65.11	59.56	225mm
F19.3	63.90	59.93	225mm
F19.4	63.57	60.02	225mm
F19.5	63.16	60.16	225mm
F19.6	63.08	60.28	225mm
F19.6.1	62.80	60.40	225mm
F19.6.1.1	62.80	62.57	225mm
F19.6.2	62.48	60.80	225mm
F19.6.3	62.52	60.92	225mm
F19.7.1	63.25	61.00	225mm
F19.8	63.06	60.61	225mm
F19.8.1	63.31	60.71	225mm
F19.8.2	63.31	60.81	225mm
F19.10	63.40	61.18	225mm
F19.10.1	63.41	61.41	225mm
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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Ongar Village, Phibblestown, Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15b

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

BELLINGSMORE ESTATE, DUBLIN 15

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1765
Taking In Charge – Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
DED: The Ward, TL: Hollywoodrath

Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	500m	From the Tyrrelstown Distributor Road at Bellingsmore Estate Entrance head north-west 440m to outside No. 35 The Avenue. Section of The Avenue included from No. 22 The Avenue head south 60m to entrance of Le Chéile Secondary School.
Hollywood Road	98m	From Outside No. 1 The Avenue head south-west 98m to roundabout junction of Hollywood Road and entrance to Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School.

The Drive	132m	From Junction of Hollywoodrath Road and The Drive, Outside No. 1 The Drive head west 52m to outside No. 14 The Drive, head south-west 80m to outside No. 8 The Drive.
The Close	91m	From Junction of The Drive and The Close, Outside No. 1 The Close head south 46m to outside No. 2 The Close, head south-west 45m to outside No. 6 The Close, including turning head.
The Wood	152m	From Junction of The Drive and The Wood, Outside No. 4 The Drive head north-west 109m to outside No. 13 The Wood, From outside No. 5 The Wood head south-west 43m to outside No. 7 The Wood.
The Green	427m	From Junction of Hollywoodrath Road and The Green, Outside No. 1 The Green head west 400m to outside No. 33 The Green, From outside No. 27 The Green head south 27m to outside No. 32 The Green.
The Walk	178m	From Junction of The Green and The Walk, Outside No. 4 The Green head south 126m to outside No. 10 The Walk, From outside No. 14 The Walk head west 52m to outside No. 19 The Walk.
The Crescent	273m	From Junction of The Green and The Crescent, Outside No. 23 The Green head south 40m to outside No. 30 The Crescent, head east 104m to outside No. 14 The Crescent, head south-west 72m to outside No. 16 The Avenue,

		From outside No. 27 The Crescent, head south 25m to outside No. 22 The Crescent, From outside No. 14 The Crescent, head east 32m to outside No. 18 The Crescent.
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Bellingsmore Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

Manhole Schedule — Foul

ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
F1.3	75.552	74.447		Ø150mm
F1.2	75.471	74.046		Ø150mm
F1.1	75.851	73.619		Ø150mm
F.EX1	75.454	73.395		Ø225mm
F.EX2	74.966	73.102		Ø225mm
F.EX3	74.577	72.521		Ø225mm
F.EX4	74.247	72.022		Ø225mm
F.EX5	73.949	71.649		Ø225mm
F6.0.1	73.861	71.415		Ø225mm
F.EX6	73.713	71.067		Ø225mm
F7	73.414	70.97		Ø225mm
F8	72.573	70.708		Ø225mm
F26	72.247	70.016		Ø300mm
F26.1	71.922	69.95		
F9	75.735	74.342		Ø150mm
F11	75.054	73.386		Ø150mm
F12	74.251	72.573		Ø225mm
F13	74.739	72.428		Ø225mm
F14	74.745	72.26		Ø225mm
F15	74.692	71.9		Ø225mm
F16	74.739	71.742		Ø225mm
F17	74.642	71.603		Ø225mm
F18	74.531	71.51		Ø225mm
F19	73.948	71.139		Ø225mm
F20	73.335	70.76		Ø225mm
F21	72.847	70.462		Ø225mm
F22	72.775	70.417		Ø225mm
F23	72.64	70.343		Ø300mm
F23A	72.541	70.318		Ø225mm
F24	72.328	70.096		Ø300mm
F26	72.247	70.016		

Manhole Schedule — Foul

ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
F2.4	75.346	74.252		Ø150mm
F2.3	75.321	74.001		Ø150mm
F2.2	75.194	73.705		Ø150mm
F2.1	75.072	73.55		Ø150mm
F.EX2	74.966	73.102		
F5.7	75.802	74.471		Ø150mm
F5.6	75.583	73.774		Ø150mm
F5.5	75.49	73.549		Ø150mm
F5.4	75.083	72.675		Ø225mm
F5.3	74.957	72.531		Ø225mm
F5.2	74.931	72.49		Ø225mm
F5.1	74.374	72.208		Ø225mm
F.EX5	73.949	71.649		
F5.4.1	74.683	73.322		Ø150mm
F5.4	75.083	72.675		
F5.1.2	74.707	73.576		Ø150mm
F5.1.1	74.472	72.506		Ø150mm
F5.1	74.374	72.208		
F6.4	74.478	73.15		Ø150mm
F6.3	73.825	72.356		Ø150mm
F6.2	73.845	72.221		Ø150mm
F6.1	73.615	72.029		Ø150mm
F.EX6	73.713	71.067		
F14.4	75.584	74.339		Ø150mm
F14.3	75.311	73.049		Ø150mm
F14.2	75.217	72.811		Ø225mm
F14	74.745	72.26		
F14.2.1	74.842	73.64		Ø150mm
F14.2	75.217	72.811		
F16.1	74.783	73.274		Ø150mm
F16	74.739	71.742		Ø150mm
F20.2	73.673	71.827		Ø150mm
F20.1	73.284	71.505		Ø150mm
F20	73.335	70.76		
F23.1	72.813	70.932		Ø150mm
F23	72.64	70.343		

Manhole Schedule — Storm

ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
S24	74.819	73.259		Ø225mm
S25	74.718	71.928	72.168	
S51	72.737	71.217		Ø225mm
S52	72.608	71.063		
S31	75.795	73.965		Ø225mm
S32	75.548	73.708		Ø225mm
S33	75.529	73.679		Ø225mm
S34	75.462	73.462		Ø225mm
S36	75.125	73.275		Ø225mm
S37	74.958	73.053		Ø300mm
S38	74.469	72.594		Ø300mm
S39	74.41	72.5		Ø300mm
S44	74.499	72.209		Ø450mm
S45	74.493	72.183		Ø450mm
S46	73.877	71.977		Ø450mm
S47	73.314	71.534		Ø450mm
S48	73.357	71.327		
S35	74.692	73.472		Ø225mm
S36	75.125	73.275		
S40	75.561	74.161		Ø225mm
S42	75.217	73.082		Ø300mm
S43	75.045	72.765		Ø300mm
S43.1	74.981	72.701		Ø300mm
S43.2	74.703	72.458		Ø300mm
S43.3	74.695	72.415		Ø300mm
S44	74.499	72.209		
S41	74.876	73.446		Ø225mm
S42	75.217	73.082		
S22.1	74.6	73.46	73.69 73.78	Ø150mm
S22	74.691	72.441		

Manhole Schedule — Storm

ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
S1	75.536	74.171		Ø225mm
S2	75.451	74.021		Ø225mm
S.EX3	75.899	73.619	73.739	Ø225mm
S.EX9	75.194	73.124		Ø300mm
S.Ex10	74.584	72.994	73.114	Ø300mm
S.Ex11	74.271	72.791		Ø300mm
S13	73.931	72.411		Ø300mm
S15A	73.821	71.771		Ø300mm
S15	73.729	71.499		Ø375mm
S16	73.451	71.081		Ø375mm
S16A	72.624	70.914		Ø375mm
S17	72.238	70.628		Ø375mm
S53	72.049	70.009		Ø600mm
S54	72.001	69.856		
S				
S6	75.347	73.867		Ø225mm
S7	75.171	73.521		Ø225mm
S8	75.043	73.433		Ø225mm
S.Ex9	75.194	73.124		

Manhole Schedule — Storm

ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
S12	74.261	72.881		Ø225mm
S13	73.931	72.411		Ø225mm
S14	73.697	72.267		Ø225mm
S14.1	73.589	72.059		Ø225mm
S15	73.729	71.499		
S18	75.744	73.984		Ø225mm
S19	75.187	73.627		Ø225mm
S20	74.22	72.84		Ø225mm
S21	74.692	72.692		Ø225mm
S22	74.691	72.441		Ø225mm
S23	74.673	72.053		Ø225mm
S25	74.718	71.928	72.168	Ø300mm
S26	74.621	71.871		Ø300mm
S27	74.512	71.832		Ø300mm
S28	74.057	71.714		Ø375mm
S29	73.831	71.501		Ø375mm
S48	73.357	71.327		Ø450mm
S49	72.862	71.152		Ø450mm
S50	72.742	71.132		Ø450mm
S52	72.608	71.063		Ø450mm
S53	72.049	70.009		

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	OS Ref. 3061-B		

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown - TIC
Hollywoodrath The Ward

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15c

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

HEATHFEILD ESTATE, THE WARD

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 – 1770
Taking In Charge – Heathfield Estate
DED: The Ward, TL: Cappoge

Road Name	Length	Description
Heathfield Drive	149m	From the junction of Cappoge Road turn Right onto Heathfield Drive head East for 149m to junction of Heathfield View.
Heathfield Walk	185m	From the junction of Heathfield Park & Heathfield Crescent heading South for 60m passing the Tri-junction of Heathfield Way and then continue South for 61m to the junction of Heathfield Drive and then heading South for 64m to end of Heathfield Walk.

Heathfield Way	263m	From Tri-junction of Heathfield Walk heading West, passing Ti-junction of Heathfield Grove, for 263m to the Tri-Junction of Heathfield Park.
Heathfield View	330m	From turning of Heathfield Terrace heading South, passing Tri-junction of Heathfield Park and then continue South to the end of Heathfield View for 330m.
Heathfield Terrace	250m	From the turning of Heathfield View, onto Heathfield Terrace heading West for 250m to the end of the road.
Heathfield Green	121m	From the junction of Heathfield Park & Heathfield Grove heading North for 121m to the junction of Heathfield Terrace.
Heathfield Crescent	131m	From the junction of Heathfield Park & Heathfield Walk heading North for 131m to the junction of Heathfield Terrace.
Heathfield Grove	58m	From the junction of Heathfield Park & Heathfield Green heading South for 58m to the junction of Heathfield Way.
Heathfield Park	449m	From Tri-junction of Heathfield View heading West, passing junction of Heathfield View & Heathfield Crescent, the junction of Heathfield Grove & Heathfield Green, Tri-junction of Heathfield Way, junction of Heathfield Avenue, for 449m to the end of the road.

Heathfield Avenue	75m	From the junction of Cappoge Road turn Right onto Heathfield Avenue head North for 75m to junction of Heathfield Park.
Heathfield Close	110m	From the junction of Heathfield Avenue turn Left onto Heathfield Close head West for 110m to the end of the road.
	Total Length: 2121m	

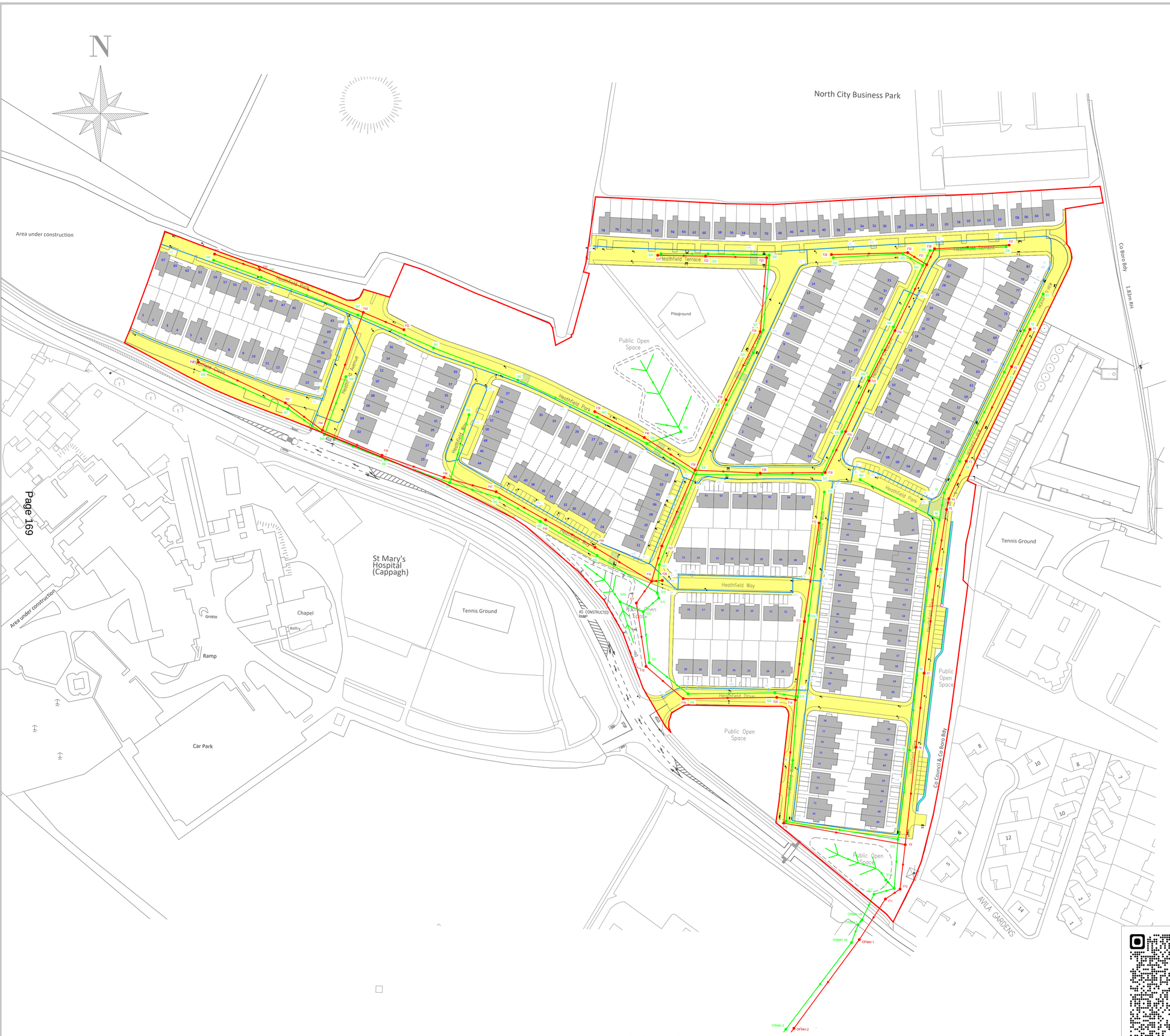
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Heathfield Avenue	75m	From the junction of Cappoge Road turn Right onto Heathfield Avenue head North for 75m to junction of Heathfield Park.
Heathfield Close	110m	From the junction of Heathfield Avenue turn Left onto Heathfield Close head West for 110m to the end of the road.
	Total Length: 2121m	



Foul Sewer			
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F3	72.522	70.725	225mmØ
F4	72.467	70.550	225mmØ
F5	72.647	70.500	225mmØ
F6	72.432	70.412	225mmØ
F12	72.825	71.385	225mmØ
F13	72.431	69.375	225mmØ
F16	72.355	68.815	225mmØ
F17	72.570	68.715	225mmØ
F21	73.701	72.040	225mmØ
F22	73.608	71.695	225mmØ
F23	73.533	71.333	225mmØ
F24	73.303	71.090	225mmØ
F25	73.446	70.801	225mmØ
F26	73.048	BD 70.890 BD 70.135 69.160	225mmØ
F27	72.642	68.932	225mmØ
F28	72.359	69.026	225mmØ
F29	73.995	72.435	225mmØ
F30	73.745	71.125	225mmØ
F31	73.583	70.793	225mmØ
F32	73.284	70.434	225mmØ
F33	73.050	70.110	225mmØ
F34	73.202	69.845	225mmØ
F35	73.068	69.700	225mmØ
F36	73.110	69.430	225mmØ
F37	73.201	72.230	225mmØ
F38	73.574	71.860 70.935	225mmØ
F40	72.868	71.428	225mmØ
F41	74.130	72.580	225mmØ
F42	73.845	BD 72.450 71.295	225mmØ
F43	73.302	71.123	225mmØ
F44	72.640	70.740	225mmØ
F45	72.656	70.505	225mmØ
F46	73.209	70.259	225mmØ
F47	72.753	70.105	225mmØ
F49	72.114	69.804	225mmØ
F50	73.662	71.742	225mmØ
F51	73.289	71.540	225mmØ
F52	73.492	71.315	225mmØ
OFMH1	69.477	66.927	300mmØ
OFMH2	68.197	66.362	300mmØ
OFMH3	67.457	65.857	300mmØ
OFMH4	65.977	65.177	300mmØ
OFMH5	65.962	64.862	300mmØ

Surface Water Sewer			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Diameter
S1	73.289	71.430	225mmØ
S2	73.164	71.205	225mmØ
S3	72.881	70.861	300mmØ
S4	72.499	70.550	300mmØ
S5	72.451	40.440	300mmØ
S6A	72.841	70.911	225mmØ
S6	72.608	70.260	375mmØ
S7	72.491	70.090	375mmØ
S13	72.888	71.140	300mmØ
S14	72.498	69.835	300mmØ
S16	71.362	68.898	600mmØ
S19	73.044	69.960	600mmØ
S20	72.795	69.910	600mmØ
S24	73.653	71.993	225mmØ
S25	73.559	71.650	225mmØ
S26	73.489	71.330	225mmØ
S27	73.309	71.105	225mmØ
S28	73.216	70.995	225mmØ
S29	73.440	70.695	225mmØ
S30	72.990	70.200	375mmØ
S31	72.533	70.033	525mmØ
S32	74.006	72.340	225mmØ
S33	73.724	72.054	225mmØ
S34	73.619	71.919	225mmØ
S34A	73.285	71.550	225mmØ
S35	73.065	71.365	225mmØ
S36	73.185	71.145	300mmØ
S37	73.050	70.720	375mmØ
S44	72.877	70.657	375mmØ
S45	74.134	72.884	225mmØ
S46	73.812	72.562	225mmØ
S47	73.241	71.841	300mmØ
S48	73.012	71.872	225mmØ
S49	72.592	71.253	450mmØ
S50	72.601	71.052	450mmØ
S51	73.104	70.898	450mmØ
S52	72.720	70.830	450mmØ
S53	72.551	70.750	450mmØ
S54	72.190	70.660	450mmØ
S55	73.310	71.810	225mmØ
S56	73.670	71.685	375mmØ
S57	73.447	71.407	375mmØ
OSMH1	69.678	67.060	450mmØ
OSMH1A	69.545		450mmØ
OSMH1B	69.417	66.817	450mmØ
OSMH2	68.182	66.192	450mmØ
OSMH3	67.004	63.800	450mmØ

Heathfield Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	October 2024	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan/Y.Cao
CHECKED BY:	P.Gillespie	DRAWN BY:	Y.Cao
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1770
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Heathfield Estate
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Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15d

THORMANBY HILL, HOWTH

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 – 1768
Taking In Charge – Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
DED: Howth, TL: Howth

Road Name	Length	Description
Thormanby Hill	471m	From the junction of Thormanby Road turn Left onto Thormanby Hill head West and then North for total 471m to the end of Road.
	Total Length: 471m	

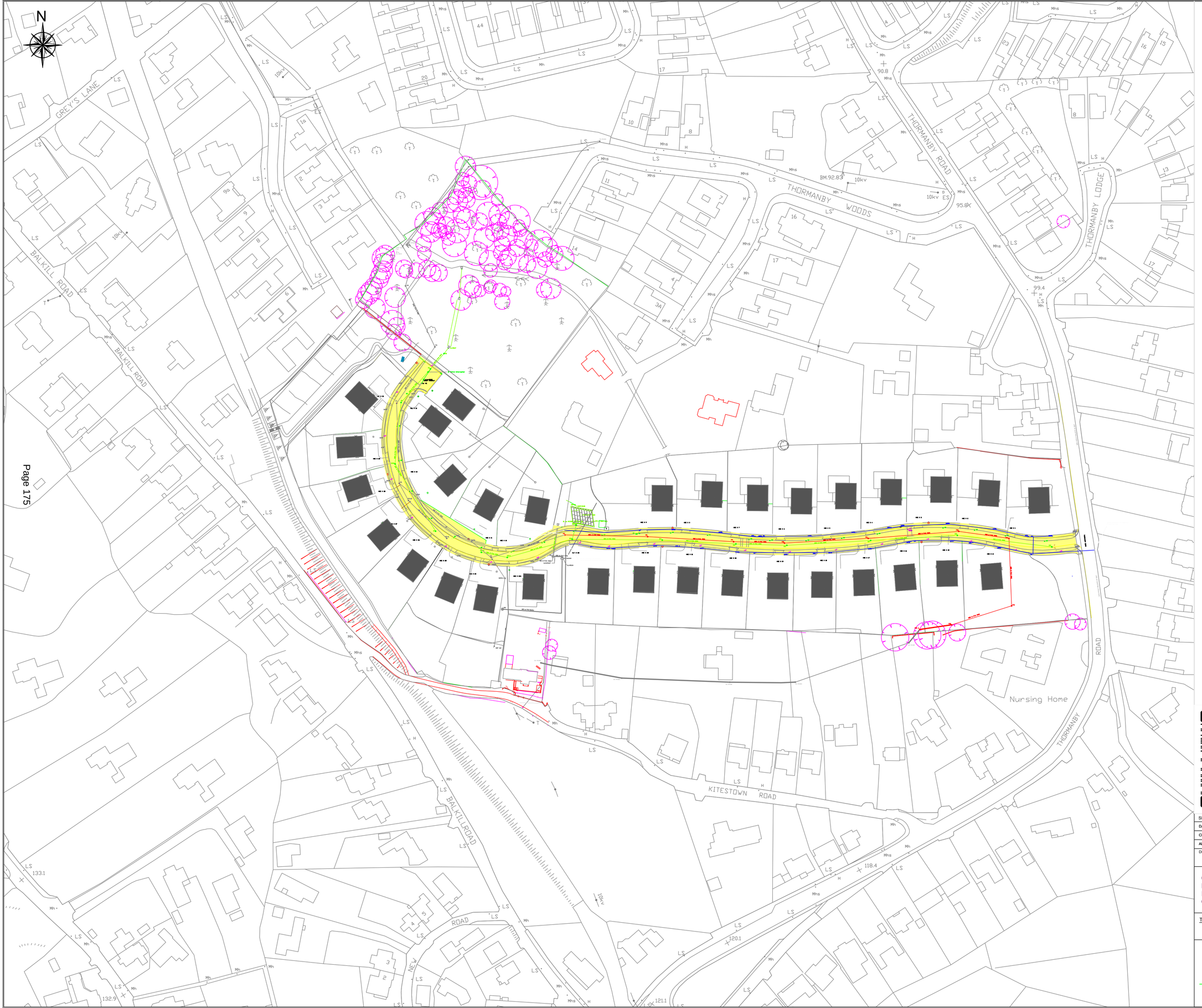
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Taking In Charge – Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
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	Total Length: 471m	

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SURFACE WATER

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
S1	90.36	89.17	225
S2	90.59	89.22	225
S3	91.74	89.95	225
PETROL INTERCEPTOR	91.87	90.08	225
S5	93.35	91.51	225
S6	95.80	93.46	225
S7	97.97	95.72	225
-	-	-	-
HYDRO BRAKE	93.52	92.02	375
S12	94.25		375
S13	94.20	92.30	375
S13-1	96.45	94.41	225
S13-2	97.14	95.18	225
S14	93.92	92.55	225
S15	95.05	93.45	225
S16	96.25	94.65	225
S17	98.62	97.11	225
S18	101.90	99.82	225
S19	106.12	103.45	225

FOUL PIPELINE

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
F95 (outfall)	88.52	86.79	225
F1		87.11	225
F2	89.35	87.55	225
F3	90.26	88.46	225
F4	93.51	90.62	225
F5	96.52	91.08	225
F5-10	97.16	93.98	225
F5-11	97.90	96.36	225
-	-	-	-
F6	96.91	91.58	225
F6-1	97.03	94.97	225
-	-	-	-
F7	94.20	91.89	225
F8	93.78	92.20	225
F9	94.99	93.26	225
F10	96.18	94.73	225
F11	98.51	97.15	225
F12	101.90	100.02	225
F13	104.26	101.42	225
F14	105.49	101.73	225
F15	103.91	102.07	225
F15A	103.4	102.27	225

WATERMAIN ASSET SCHEDULE	
TYPE	NUMBER OF:
BOUNDARY BOXES	13
FLOW METER CHAMBER	0
FLOW METER KIOSK	0
SLUICE VALVES	3
HYDRANTS	3
AIR VALVES	2
WASHOUT HYDRANTS	1
SCOUR CHAMBERS	0
HEADWALL	0
PRV / PSV CHAMBER	0
PRV / PSV KIOSK	0
BOOSTER PUMP STATION	0

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth
DED: Howth TL: Howth

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15e

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

PORTMARNOCK SOUTH PHASE 1 A, (Saint Marnock's Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock

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 – 1767
Taking In Charge – Portmarnock South Phase 1A DED: Portmarnock, TL: Portmarnock

Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	254m	From the junction of Station Road turn Left onto The Avenue head South for 254m to junction of The Drive.
The Drive	246m	From the junction of The Avenue heading South-West for 55m passing the junction of Finches Gate and then heading West for 79m to the junction of Saint Marnock's Bay Drive and then heading South for 112m to the turning of The View.

The Walk	147m	From junction of The Avenue heading South-West for 147m to the Tri-Junction of The Lawn.
The Rise	168m	From junction of The Walk heading North and then West for 168m to The Lawn.
The Lawn	325m	From House No. 1on The Lawn heading West and then South for 325m to The View.
The View	72m	From House No. 29 on The Lawn heading East for 72m to The Drive.
Saint Marnock's Bay Drive	55m	From junction of The Walk heading South-East for 55m to junction of The Drive.
	Total Length: 1267m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1767
Taking In Charge – Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnocks Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock
DED: Portmarnock , TL: Portmarnock

Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	254m	From the junction of Station Road turn Left onto The Avenue head South for 254m to junction of The Drive.
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Saint Marnock's Bay Drive	55m	From junction of The Walk heading South-East for 55m to junction of The Drive.
	Total Length: 1267m	

FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)	MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)
F1.22	12.00	10.34		S1.19	12.03	10.77	
			225				225
F1.21	11.73	10.12		S1.18	11.68	10.53	
			225				225
F1.20	11.84	9.88		S1.17	11.84	10.23	
			225				300
F1.19	11.62	9.71		S1.16	11.64	10.10	
			225				300
F1.18	11.69	9.60		S1.15	11.71	10.02	
			225				300
F1.17	12.09	9.42		S1.14	12.12	9.88	
			225				300
F1.16	12.15	9.37		S1.13	12.19	9.83	
			225				300
F1.15	11.59	9.02		S1.12	11.60	9.56	
			225				300
F1.14	11.53	8.98		S1.11	11.52	9.53	
			225				300
F1.13	11.40	8.74		S1.10	11.37	9.29	
			225				375
F1.12	11.52	8.45		S1.9	11.58	9.13	
			225				375
F1.11	11.46	8.40		S1.8	11.51	9.10	
			225				375
F1.10	11.12	8.14		S1.7	11.13	8.94	
			225				375
F1.9	10.97	8.06		S1.6	11.01	8.89	
			225				375
F1.8	10.95	8.02		S1.5	10.97	8.79	
			225				450
F1.7	10.42	7.04	B.D. 7.80	S1.4	10.43	8.59	
			225				450
F3.8	10.42	7.02		S1.3	10.31	6.56	B.D. 8.56
			225				750
F3.7	10.12	6.97		S1.17	10.10	5.74	B.D. 6.54
F2.10	12.10	10.42		S2.10	12.11	10.85	
			225				225
F2.9	11.69	10.01		S2.9	11.71	10.44	
			225				225
F2.8	11.46	9.77		S2.8	11.43	10.18	
			225				225
F2.7	11.63	9.55		S2.7	11.62	9.95	
			225				225
F2.6	10.75	9.01		S2.6	10.70	9.39	
			225				225
F2.5	10.48	8.34		S2.5	10.45	8.77	
			225				300
F2.4	9.56	7.77		S2.4	9.58	6.79	B.D. 8.02
			225				600
F2.3	10.09	7.56		S2.3	10.16	6.72	
			225				600
F2.2	10.43	7.32		S2.2	10.44	6.64	
			225				600
F2.1	10.30	7.08		S1.3	10.31	6.56	
			225	S3.4	11.77	10.52	
F1.7	10.42	7.04					225
F3.4	11.80	10.08		S3.3	11.58	10.26	
			225				225
F3.3	11.58	9.84		S3.2	11.54	10.15	
			225				225
F3.2	11.46	9.74		S3.1	11.05	9.69	
			225				225
F3.1	11.05	9.26		S2.2	10.44	6.64	B.D. 9.21
			225	S4.2	10.40	9.26	
F2.2	10.43	7.32	B.D. 8.77				225
F4.1	11.08	9.66		S4.1	11.04	9.01	
			225				300
F2.5	10.48	8.34		S2.5	10.45	8.77	
F5.1	11.69	9.99		S5.1	11.66	10.41	
			225				225
F1.12	11.52	8.45	B.D. 9.78	S1.9	11.58	9.13	B.D. 10.29
F3.7a	10.25	8.55		S5.3	8.28	6.96	
			225				600
F3.7	10.12	6.97	B.D. 8.30	S5.2	8.67	6.92	
							600
				S5.1a	9.14	6.85	
							600
				S2.4	9.58	6.79	

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Portmarnock South, Phase 1A.
DED; Portmarnock. TL: Portmarnock.

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 15f

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

OAK PARK, KINSEALY

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 – 1769
Taking In Charge – Oak Park, Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy.
DED: Kinsealy, TL: Kinsealy

Road Name	Length	Description
Oak Park	299m	From the junction of Kinsealy Lane turn left onto Oak Park head West for 147m to the end of Road. From the junction at House No.'s 51 & 52 heading North for 36m and then heading East for 36m to the junction at House No. 28. From the junction at House No. 18 heading North for 80m to the end of Road.
Oak Park Footpath	57m	From the junction opposite House No. 53 heading North for 57m to the end of footpath.

Kinsealy Lane Footpath	112m	From junction of Kinsealy Lane and Castleway heading North for 112m to the backyard of House No.1.
	Total Length: 468m	

Road Schedule

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Road Name	Length	Description
Oak Park	299m	From the junction of Kinsealy Lane turn left onto Oak Park head West for 147m to the end of Road. From the junction at House No.'s 51 & 52 heading North for 36m and then heading East for 36m to the junction at House No. 28. From the junction at House No. 18 heading North for 80m to the end of Road.
Oak Park Footpath	57m	From the junction opposite House No. 53 heading North for 57m to the end of footpath.
Kinsealy Lane Footpath	112m	From junction of Kinsealy Lane and Castleway heading North for 112m to the backyard of House No.1.
	Total Length: 468m	

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SURFACE WATER SEWER

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S 1	8.265	7.129	
			225mm
S2	8.265	6.765	
			225mm
S3	8.29	6.554	
			225mm
S3A	8.305	6.376	
			225mm
S4	8.250	6.279	
			225mm
S5	8.150	6.224	
			225mm
S6 (HYD-BRAKE)	7.932	6.042	
			300mm
S7	7.468	5.770	
			375mm
S8	7.050	5.482	
			375mm
Outfall		5.470	
S3	8.29	6.554	
			225mm
S3.1	8.490	7.570	
			225mm
S3.2	9.610	8.595	
S4	8.250	6.279	
			225mm
S4.1	9.753	7.5593	
			225mm
S4.11	9.819	8.182	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Nov 2024	SURVEYED BY:	F MCNeary	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
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Fingal County Council

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Oak Park, Kinsealy

DED: Kinsealy TL: Kinsealy

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT ON PROPOSAL TO INITIATE A VARIATION TO THE FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

Pursuant to S13(1A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

December 2024

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1. Introduction

At the meeting of the Elected Members of Fingal County Council on Monday, 11th November 2024, the following motion from Councillor D. Healy was passed by a vote of 34 votes in favour ("the Motion"). This achieved a total vote which exceeded the ¾ threshold required under the Act.

"That the Council, pursuant to S.13 (1A) of the Planning and Development Act, hereby requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report on the following proposal to initiate a process to consider a variation of the Development Plan:

The insertion in the Development Plan of the following: 3.5.9.4 Apartments not designated as Build- to -Rent Policy SPQHP33A Apartment schemes not designated as build-to-rent may be required in their planning decision to offer for sale to the public a proportion of units (other than those covered by a Part V agreement), the proportion, up to 100%, to be determined, taking into consideration the demand in the area, particularly the demand to purchase an apartment to move to/from a larger dwelling."

The Motion concerns a proposal to initiate the statutory process to vary the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 ("the **Development Plan**"). It is noted that the Motion references s.13 (1A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ("**the PDA"**) which details the statutory process for making a variation to a development plan. The full text of s.13 (1) and s.13(1A) provides:

(1) A planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, decide to make a variation of a development plan which for the time being is in force.

(1A) (a) The members of a planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, submit a resolution to the manager of the planning authority requesting him or her to prepare a report on a proposal by them to initiate a process to consider the variation of the development plan which for the time being is in force where three quarters of the members of that authority have approved such a resolution.

(b) The manager of a planning authority shall submit a report further to a request under paragraph (a) to the elected members within four weeks of the adoption of the resolution.

The making of a variation to a development plan is a reserved function – per ss. 131-132 and Schedule 14-14A of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

This document constitutes the report for the purposes of s13 (1A) (b) and as a result, it will address the request/proposal to initiate the variation process under s. 13 as required in the Motion passed by the Elected Members on 11th November 2024.

2. Overview of the Variation Process

Prior to addressing the issue raised in the Motion as passed by the Elected Members, a brief overview of the process which must be followed in varying a development plan under s.13 of the PDA is set out below.

2.1 Initiating a Variation of a Development Plan

Section 13(1) allows for a planning authority, at any time, for stated reasons, to decide to make a variation of a development plan which is in force.

In this instance, in accordance with s.13(1A)(a) of the PDA, it is the Elected Members of the planning authority who have initiated this process by passing the Motion (approved by three quarters of the Elected Members) – requesting that a report be prepared in accordance with the requirements of s.13(1A)(b) of the PDA.

2.2 Public Notices and Notification of Minister, OPR and Regional Authority

Section 13(2) states that where a planning authority proposes to make a variation in a development plan, it must send notices to a number of specified/prescribed bodies including the Minister, the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and the relevant Regional Authority. (see also, *inter alia*, Art.13 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended ("**the 2001 Regulations**").

It must also publish notice of the proposed variation in one or more newspapers circulating in the area stating the reason for the proposed variation and informing the public that written submissions can be made to the planning authority in relation to the proposed variation. Section 13(3) of the PDA outlines that the notices under s.13(2) must include the following information:

"A notice under subsection (2) shall state—

(a) the reason or reasons for the proposed variation,

(b) that a copy of the proposed variation may be inspected at a stated place or places and at stated times during a stated period of not less than 4 weeks (and the copy of the draft variation shall be kept available for inspection accordingly), and

(c) that written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed variation made to the planning authority within the said period will be taken into consideration before the making of the variation."

Section 13(3)(3A) provides for the Minister or the OPR to make such recommendations as they consider appropriate in relation to the proposed variation.

2.3 Chief Executive's Report on Submissions

In accordance with s.13(4), not later than 8 weeks after giving notice of the proposed variation, the Chief Executive of a planning authority is required to prepare a report on any submissions or observations received and to submit this report to the Elected Members. Amongst other things, this report must provide a summary of:

- the recommendations, submissions and observations made by the Minister, and the OPR;
- the issues raised and recommendations made by the relevant regional assembly;
- the submissions and observations made by any other persons, in relation to the draft development plan in accordance with this section.

The report must also give the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government.

2.4 Consideration of the Report and Recommendations from the Minister and OPR

Section 13(5) states that the members of a planning authority shall within 6 weeks of receiving the report from the Chief Executive, consider the proposed variation and the contents of the report. It is important to note that s.13(5)(a)(aa) specifies that:

> *"Following consideration of the proposed variation and the report of the manager… where a planning authority, after considering a submission of, or observation or recommendation from the Minister, or from the Office of the Planning Regulator… or from a regional assembly… decides not to comply with any recommendation made in the proposed variation and report, it shall so inform the Minister, the Office of the Planning Regulator or regional assembly, as the case may be, as soon as practicable by notice in writing which notice shall contain reasons for the decision".*

2.5 Resolution on the Proposed Variation

Section 13(6) sets out how (subject to other provisions relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment/Appropriate Assessment) having considered the proposed variation and Chief Executive's report, the Elected Members may, as they consider appropriate, by resolution, make the variation with or without further modification (subject to s.13(6)(c)), or they may refuse to make it.

2.6 Statutory Obligations to Consider National and Regional Planning Policy

Section 13(7) of the PDA restricts the members of the authority to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant

policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

Section 13(14) of the Act states that *"statutory obligations"* as referred to above include, amongst other things the obligation to ensure that the development plan is consistent with:

(i) the national and regional development objectives specified in the National Planning Framework, and the regional spatial and economic strategy, and
(ii) specific planning policy requirements specified in guidelines under Section 28 of the PDA.

2.7 The Role of the Minister and the OPR in the Variation Process

As stated above, s. 13(3)(3A) provides for the Minister or the OPR to make such recommendations as they consider appropriate in relation to the proposed variation. The role of the Minister and the OPR in relation to the variation process mirrors their role in the development plan process which allows for the Minister to direct a planning authority to take such specified measures as he or she may require in relation to that plan.

These provisions are set out s. 31 of the PDA which, amongst other things, states that the minster may make a direction if he or she is of the opinion that the Planning Authority, in making a development plan or a variation of a development plan, has failed to implement a recommendation made to the planning authority by the Minister or the OPR, or to take account any submission or observation made by the Minister or the OPR.

The role of the OPR is set out in s.31AM of the PDA, which allows for the Office to consider whether or not a variation is consistent with any recommendations made by the Office. Where the OPR is of the opinion that a variation has not been made in a manner consistent with its recommendations, it is required to issue a notice to the Minister containing recommendations that the Minister take such steps to rectify the matter.

2.8 Summary of Key Statutory Requirements in the Variation Process

Having regard to the foregoing, the PDA contains a number of clear requirements which are key to the consideration of a variation of a development plan. These key requirements can be summarised as follows:

- In making a variation to a development plan, Elected Members are restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.
- The statutory obligations referred to above include the obligation to ensure that the Development Plan is consistent with the national and regional development

objectives and specific planning policy requirements specified in guidelines under s.28 of the PDA.

- The Act provides for the Minister or the OPR to direct a planning authority to take such specified measures as he or she may require in relation to that Plan should the planning authority fail to have regard to the recommendations of the OPR and the Minister.

It is further noted, pursuant to s.28 of the PDA, in carrying out its functions under the PDA, the planning authority is required to "*have regard*" to relevant Ministerial Guidelines – the Development Plan Guidelines (2022), containing guidance on the process involved in varying a development plan.

The following section of this report considers the Motion to initiate a process to make a variation to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 in the context of the key requirements of the PDA as discussed above.

3. Consideration of the Motion to Initiate a Variation:

This section sets out the Chief Executive's consideration of the Motion "requesting [the Chief Executive] to prepare a report on [the] proposal by [the Elected Members] to initiate a process to consider the variation of the development plan which for the time being is in force " – in accordance with the requirements of s.13(1A) of the PDA.

After briefly summarising the initial response to the Motion by the Chief Executive, prepared in advance of the vote on the motion, this section will consider the issues raised by the Motion and how they relate to the requirements of the PDA as outlined in the previous section.

As outlined above, the Development Plan Guidelines (2022) consider the variation process provided for by s.13 of the PDA and in respect of s.13(1A) state (Section 3.9):

> "Elected members may submit a resolution to the Chief Executive of the planning authority to request a report on a proposal to initiate a process to consider the variation of a development plan. The motion to request the Chief Executive to initiate varying the plan must be supported by three-quarters of the members of the planning authority. In responding to such a motion, the Chief Executive is required to prepare a report on the proposed variation within four weeks and if he or she considers the proposal is not justified, is required to outline reasons for not initiating the variation process, in writing.
>
> In making a variation, members are restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government."

The said Guidelines also detail:

> "In making a variation to the development plan, the proposed variation and the other parts of the plan must continue to be internally consistent i.e. a proposed variation should also address and incorporate any necessary adjustments to other relevant parts of the plan"

3.1 Initial Response by Chief Executive to the Motion as Tabled:

The Chief Executive prepared a response to the Motion as tabled for the full Council meeting on Monday 11th November 2024. This response provided a high-level overview of the PDA as it relates to initiating the variation procedure, before stating that in making resolutions in relation to variations, Elected Members are restricted to considering:

- the proper planning and sustainable development of the area;

- the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area: and

- any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or any Minister of the government.

The Chief Executive's response went on to state that Members must consider whether the content of the proposed variation is appropriate as a variation of the Development Plan and that where a Planning Authority decides to proceed with a variation of a Development Plan, it must follow the statutory process set out under s. 13 of the PDA.

3.2 Consideration of the Content of the Motion:

The Motion passed by the Elected Members calls for the insertion of the following text in Chapter 3 of the Development Plan

> *3.5.9.4 Apartments not designated as Build- to -Rent Policy SPQHP33A Apartment schemes not designated as build-to-rent may be required in their planning decision to offer for sale to the public a proportion of units (other than those covered by a Part V agreement), the proportion, up to 100%, to be determined, taking into consideration the demand in the area, particularly the demand to purchase an apartment to move to/from a larger dwelling.'*

As outlined above, the planning authority (Elected Members), in considering a variation, is restricted to considering:

- The proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates (per s.13(7)).

- The statutory obligations on any local authority in the area (per s.13(7)). In this regard, s.13(14) defines "*statutory obligations*" as including:

  "(a) in relation to a local authority, the obligation to ensure that the development plan is consistent with—

  (i) the national and regional development objectives specified in—

  (I) the National Planning Framework, and

  (II) the regional spatial and economic strategy, and

  (ii) specific planning policy requirements specified in guidelines under subsection (1) of section 28…"

- Any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

Having regard to the above and in consideration of s.13(7) of the PDA, the Chief Executive's consideration of this motion will be addressed under the following headings.

- Section 28 Guidelines on the Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing;
- National and Regional Planning Policies;
- Existing Policies and Objectives in the Development Plan and
- Text of the Policy proposed by the Motion

3.2.1 Section 28 Guidelines on Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing

Section 28 of the PDA empowers the Minister to issue planning guidelines to planning authorities, including where applicable, An Bord Pleanála - regarding any of their functions under the PDA. Planning Authorities are obliged to have regard to any guidelines issued under s. 28 which apply nationally.

Section 28 Guidelines for Planning Authorities "*Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing*" were published in 2021 and updated in 2023 and are "*aimed to prevent multiple housing and duplex units being sold to a single buyer*".

The guidelines aim to provide an 'owner occupier' guarantee by ensuring that new 'own-door' houses and duplex units in lower-density housing developments can no longer be bulk-purchased by institutional investors in a manner that causes the displacement of individual purchasers or social and affordable housing, including cost-rental.

Apartments were not included in this measure as the focus of the Guidelines was on protecting traditional family homes while continuing investment where it is needed- i.e. apartment developments which have viability constraints. This remains the case. No change was made to this situation in the 2023 review, with the update specifically stating:

> *"As the guidelines have now been shown to be successfully implemented and yielding a high rate of home ownership, the next monitoring update will be in June 2024 for a three year review.*

Section 2 of these Guidelines references other Section 28 Guidelines on Design Standards for New Apartments, stating that these 'Apartment Guidelines' seek to provide for maximum flexibility and allow for any permitted development to be acquired in full or in part, for private rented sector (PRS) commercial investment purposes, without any specific 'build-to-rent' planning status.

Section 2 of the Section 28 Guidelines on Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing goes on to state that:

> *"…this level of flexibility is considered necessary to facilitate broad investment in the delivery of increased housing supply, which remains critical. It therefore continues to apply to all apartment development, in order to ensure that undertaking such*

development remains viable, especially higher density schemes in established urban areas."

Finally, it should be noted that the Section 28 Apartment Guidelines referenced above apply to all housing developments that include apartments that may be made available for sale, whether for owner occupation or for individual lease.

They also apply to housing developments that include apartments that are built specifically for rental purposes, whether as 'build to rent' or that were originally permitted or built as 'shared accommodation' that may subsequently be proposed as standard apartment development and unless stated otherwise, they apply to both private and public schemes.

In conclusion, the proposed variation to the Development Plan as set out, would be inconsistent with the foregoing Guidelines issued under s.28 of the PDA.

3.2.2 National and Regional Planning Policy

As noted above, Planning Authorities must have regard to any guidelines issued under s. 28, and these Guidelines apply nationally. The PDA does not provide for Local Authorities to modify the operation of Section 28 Guidelines by adding to them/providing adjustments so as to go beyond their initial scope.

The Section 28 policy documents discussed in the previous section effectively represent national government policy and, in this respect, are cognisant of the differences which currently exist regarding ownership controls on different types of housing development - including apartments, multi-unit house and duplex developments.

This distinction cannot be viewed as an oversight which could be addressed by a variation to the Development Plan but should rather be regarded as national government policy on the ownership of different types of housing developments.

In this regard, it should be noted that the PDA specifically provides for the Minister and the Office of the Planning Regulator to intervene to prevent Planning Authorities adopting Development Plans or Variations to Development Plans which, in their opinion, would contravene national planning policy.

In addition, it should be noted that Regional Assemblies, including the Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority (EMRA), also have a role in ensuring that Development Plans and Variations to Development Plans accord with the provisions of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for their area.

Having regard to the text of the proposed variation, it is likely that EMRA in any submission, could point to the fact that the introduction of a measure which could impact the provision of a particular housing type by one Local Authority, could have a distorting effect on the delivery of housing by other Local Authorities in the same region.

This last issue highlights the potential unintended consequences of the introduction of additional restrictions on specific forms of residential development as such restrictions could undermine policies aimed at increasing overall housing supply by creating additional hurdles for the delivery of new housing developments which is a central government policy.

3.2.3 Text of the Policy Proposed by the Motion

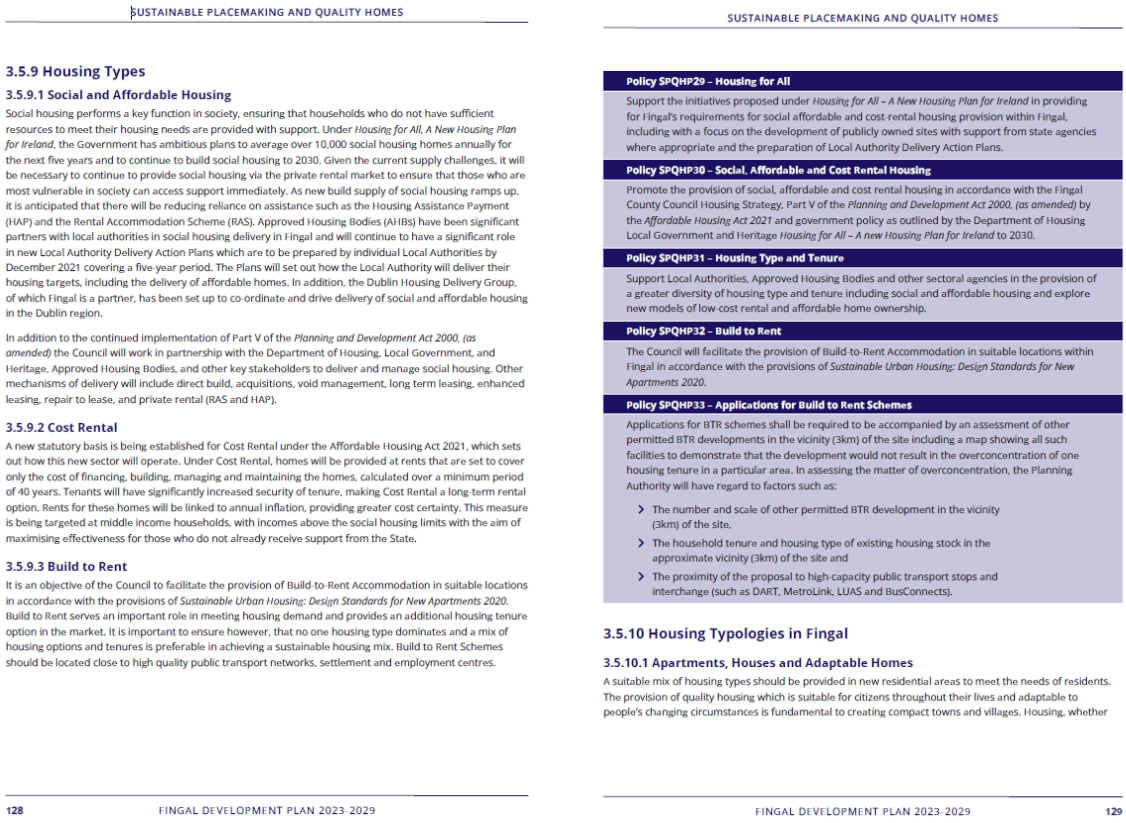
In relation to the text of the proposed policy, it should be noted that the Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities require policies and objectives of the Development Plan to be, *inter alia,* capable of implementation and should be referenced against an indicator for the purposes of monitoring.

In this instance, it is unclear how this is to be measured - i.e. there is an element of subjectivity to be applied, -taking into account the demand in the area, particularly the demand to purchase an apartment to move to/from a larger dwelling.' This may present particular issues in determining when to apply the policy as a condition to a grant of permission and would be likely to operate on a case-by-case basis, rather than have widespread applicability depending on the situation presenting.

In addition, the text of the proposed planning policy is unclear in terms of the definition of what would constitute "the public". As proposed, the proposed additional policy would not preclude private individuals from purchasing multiple units to rent on the private market. Conversely, it could however, potentially restrict certain housing bodies from purchasing multiple units in a particular development in order to address a specific social need (for example to provide housing for people with disabilities).

Finally, it should be noted that the insertion of the proposed additional text is not consistent with the overall structure of the relevant section of the Development at pages 128 and 129 (see screenshots of both pages below).

The proposed additional Section '3.5.9.4 Apartments not designated as Build- to -Rent would be included as a heading without any explanatory text provided, as was included for Section 3.5.9.3 Build to Rent (see screenshot of page 128 of the Development Plan below). This could cause additional uncertainty for potential applicants for new residential development.



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3.5.9 Housing Types

3.5.9.1 Social and Affordable Housing

Social housing performs a key function in society, ensuring that households who do not have sufficient resources to meet their housing needs are provided with support. Under *Housing for All, A New Housing Plan for Ireland*, the Government has ambitious plans to average over 10,000 social housing homes annually for the next five years and to continue to build social housing to 2030. Given the current supply challenges, it will be necessary to continue to provide social housing via the private rental market to ensure that those who are most vulnerable in society can access support immediately. As new build supply of social housing ramps up, it is anticipated that there will be reducing reliance on assistance such as the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS). Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) have been significant partners with local authorities in social housing delivery in Fingal and will continue to have a significant role in new Local Authority Delivery Action Plans which are to be prepared by individual Local Authorities by December 2021 covering a five-year period. The Plans will set out how the Local Authority will deliver their housing targets, including the delivery of affordable homes. In addition, the Dublin Housing Delivery Group, of which Fingal is a partner, has been set up to co-ordinate and drive delivery of social and affordable housing in the Dublin region.

In addition to the continued implementation of Part V of the *Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended)* the Council will work in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, Approved Housing Bodies, and other key stakeholders to deliver and manage social housing. Other mechanisms of delivery will include direct build, acquisitions, void management, long term leasing, enhanced leasing, repair to lease, and private rental (RAS and HAP).

3.5.9.2 Cost Rental

A new statutory basis is being established for Cost Rental under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, which sets out how this new sector will operate. Under Cost Rental, homes will be provided at rents that are set to cover only the cost of financing, building, managing and maintaining the homes, calculated over a minimum period of 40 years. Tenants will have significantly increased security of tenure, making Cost Rental a long-term rental option. Rents for these homes will be linked to annual inflation, providing greater cost certainty. This measure is being targeted at middle income households, with incomes above the social housing limits with the aim of maximising effectiveness for those who do not already receive support from the State.

3.5.9.3 Build to Rent

It is an objective of the Council to facilitate the provision of Build-to-Rent Accommodation in suitable locations in accordance with the provisions of *Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments 2020*. Build to Rent serves an important role in meeting housing demand and provides an additional housing tenure option in the market. It is important to ensure however, that no one housing type dominates and a mix of housing options and tenures is preferable in achieving a sustainable housing mix. Build to Rent Schemes should be located close to high quality public transport networks, settlement and employment centres.

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Policy SPQHP29 – Housing for All

Support the initiatives proposed under *Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland* in providing for Fingal's requirements for social affordable and cost-rental housing provision within Fingal, including with a focus on the development of publicly owned sites with support from state agencies where appropriate and the preparation of Local Authority Delivery Action Plans.

Policy SPQHP30 – Social, Affordable and Cost Rental Housing

Promote the provision of social, affordable and cost rental housing in accordance with the Fingal County Council Housing Strategy, Part V of the *Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended)* by the *Affordable Housing Act 2021* and government policy as outlined by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage *Housing for All – A new Housing Plan for Ireland* to 2030.

Policy SPQHP31 – Housing Type and Tenure

Support Local Authorities, Approved Housing Bodies and other sectoral agencies in the provision of a greater diversity of housing type and tenure including social and affordable housing and explore new models of low-cost rental and affordable home ownership.

Policy SPQHP32 – Build to Rent

The Council will facilitate the provision of Build-to-Rent Accommodation in suitable locations within Fingal in accordance with the provisions of *Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments 2020*.

Policy SPQHP33 – Applications for Build to Rent Schemes

Applications for BTR schemes shall be required to be accompanied by an assessment of other permitted BTR developments in the vicinity (3km) of the site including a map showing all such facilities to demonstrate that the development would not result in the overconcentration of one housing tenure in a particular area. In assessing the matter of overconcentration, the Planning Authority will have regard to factors such as:

- The number and scale of other permitted BTR development in the vicinity (3km) of the site,
- The household tenure and housing type of existing housing stock in the approximate vicinity (3km) of the site and
- The proximity of the proposal to high-capacity public transport stops and interchange (such as DART, MetroLink, LUAS and BusConnects).

3.5.10 Housing Typologies in Fingal

3.5.10.1 Apartments, Houses and Adaptable Homes

A suitable mix of housing types should be provided in new residential areas to meet the needs of residents. The provision of quality housing which is suitable for citizens throughout their lives and adaptable to people's changing circumstances is fundamental to creating compact towns and villages. Housing, whether

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3.2.4 Existing Policies and Objectives in the Fingal County Development Plan

The last consideration relates to the fact that the Fingal Development Plan already contains a number of policies and objectives in relation to achieving a mix of unit types, including measures to achieve down-sizing/right-sizing. In this regard, the following policies and objectives are contained in the adopted Development Plan:

- Policy SPQHP20 – Adaptable and Flexible Housing
- Policy SPQHP21 – Accessibility
- Objective SPQHO18 – Age Friendly Principles
- Objective SPQHO19 – Range of Housing Options for Older People
- Objective SPQHO20 – Dementia Issues in the Built Environment
- Objective SPQHO21 – Adapting Homes and Intergenerational Living
- Objective DMSO37 – Age Friendly Housing.

These policies in conjunction with supporting housing and development management policies and objectives contained within the Development Plan, currently provide a robust basis for the provision of suitable housing options at appropriate locations.

4. Conclusion

This document constitutes the report referred to in s.13(1A)(b) of the PDA.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, this report has been provided to the Elected Members within four weeks of the adoption of a resolution to make a variation to the Fingal County Development Plan on Monday 11th November 2024.

As required under s.13(7) of the PDA, in making a variation under this section, the members of the authority shall be restricted to considering:

- The proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates (per s.13(7)).

- The statutory obligations of any local authority in the area (per s.13(7)). In this regard, s.13(14) defines "*statutory obligations*" as including:

  "(a) in relation to a local authority, the obligation to ensure that the development plan is consistent with—

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- Any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

In this regard and as set out in this report, the proposal to vary the Development Plan in the manner proposed has been considered against the criteria specified under S.13(7) of the PDA. In this regard, the proposal is considered not to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and furthermore, would not be consistent with the statutory obligations of the local authority and would not be consistent with the policies and objectives of ministerial guidelines under s. 28 of the PDA.

5. Recommendation:

In conclusion, it is the recommendation of the Chief Executive that the proposal to vary the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 in the manner proposed would not be consistent with the criteria stipulated under s.13(7) of the PDA, which criteria the Elected Members of the local authority are restricted to considering in making a variation.

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Message from the Mayor and Chief Executive





The Fingal County Council Corporate Plan, *Delivery for All,* is the outcome of an extensive consultation process with communities, businesses and the staff of Fingal County Council. It charts an ambitious course for a resilient, inclusive, and thriving county over the next five years.

Addressing the evolving needs of our diverse communities, and underpinned by planned growth, social cohesion and digital innovation, it focuses on delivering high-quality services and infrastructure to enhance quality of life for our communities together with a healthy business environment.

At the heart of the plan is delivery of strategic infrastructure to support balanced economic, social, and environmental goals. Housing development is central to this approach, with an emphasis on sustainable and adaptable mixed-tenure projects. By integrating climate resilience into planning and zoning, we aim to support lasting and adaptable communities that will safeguard future generations.

Our economic strategy seeks to position the county as a leading destination for trade, tourism, and sustainable business that will attract investment. We also recognise the importance of nurturing a dynamic local economy that avails of new opportunities and drives local growth. Partnerships in education and skills development will provide the capabilities needed to thrive in these industries and sectors.

Working in partnership with our statutory colleagues and other stakeholders, we are focused on creating safe, inclusive spaces that foster civic engagement, community quality of life and a strong sense of belonging. By supporting initiatives that promote health, well-being and cultural engagement, we will engage and connect with our diverse communities.

Digital transformation is ongoing, and during the lifetime of this Corporate Plan, we will see enhanced access to technology and digital skills across the county. We will maintain our leadership in climate action, prioritising sustainable urban planning and promoting environmental responsibility in our communities to create a low-carbon, biodiverse future.

Through transparency, accountability and a culture of nurturing staff well-being, we are committed to providing responsive, high-quality services. This Corporate Plan reflects our ambition to enrich the lives of our communities, and benefit all of those who work in and visit the county, creating a robust foundation for generations to come.

Brian McDonagh
Mayor of Fingal

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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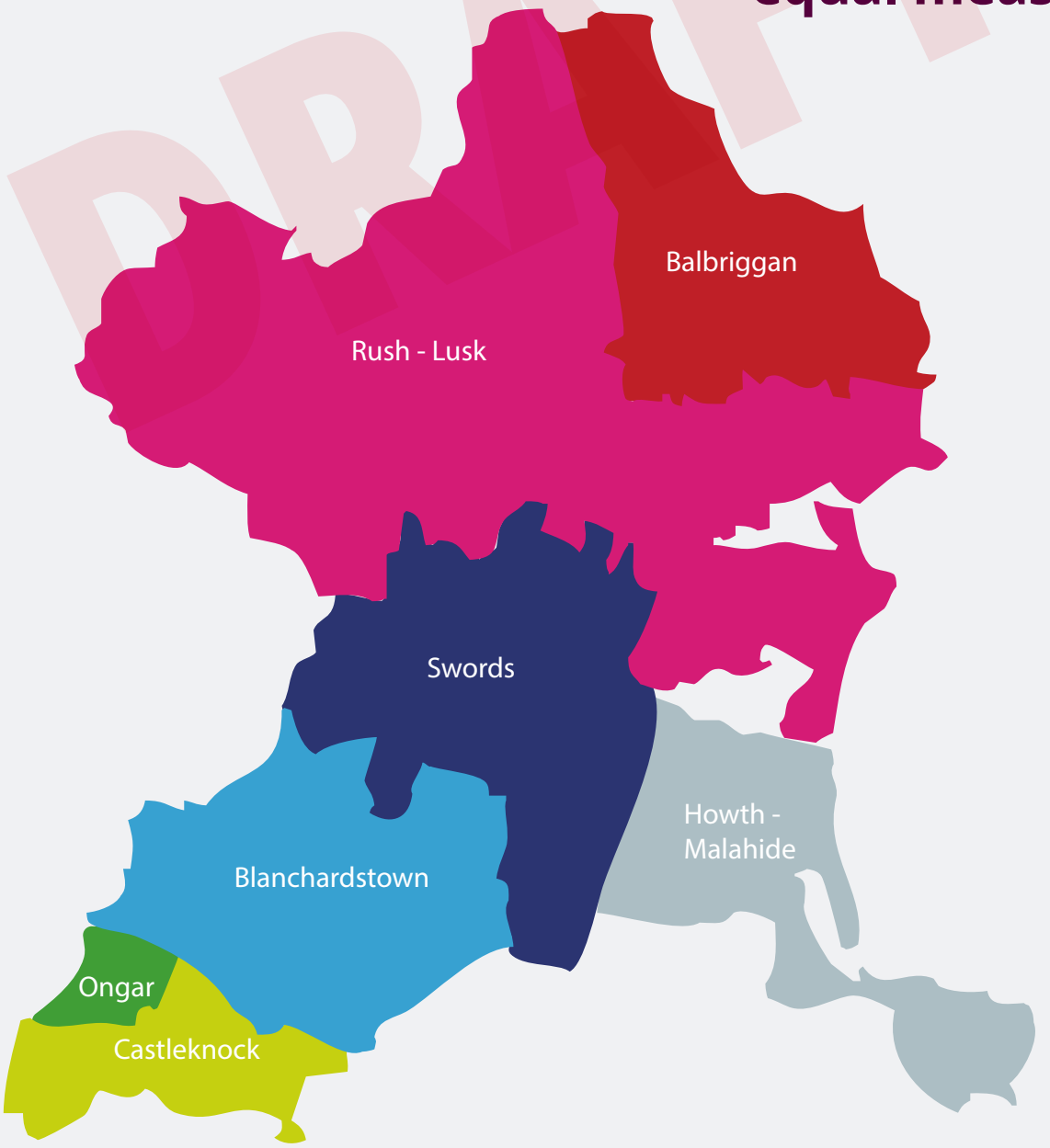
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Fingal is defined by the diversity of its residents and its landscape in equal measure

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Our Context

Our Location

The county of Fingal comprises a geographical area of 450 square kilometres stretching from Balbriggan in the north of the county to Blanchardstown in the south west and over to Howth in the east. It is rural, urban, coastal and suburban. It is defined by the diversity of its residents and its landscape in equal measure. Its coastline stretches over 88 kilometres with 13 major beaches, three protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats. The River Liffey borders its south western edge.

Fingal is home to strong, established communities tracing their roots back hundreds of years, side by side with emerging communities looking forward to exciting futures. It is also a county rich in cultural heritage with the local authority playing a major role in the development of key visitor attractions including Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge House, Malahide Castle and Gardens and Skerries Mills.

The county benefits from its proximity to Dublin City and Port through the Port Tunnel and its location on the Dublin Belfast economic corridor. The major arterial routes of the M50, M1, M2 and M3 link the county with the rest of Dublin and with the north of the country. Dublin Airport, located in the heart of the county, is also a significant economic driver in the county.

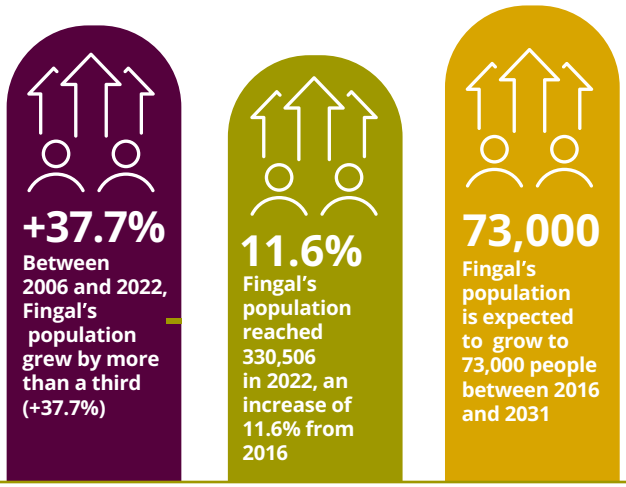
The Dublin Enterprise Zone, located in Blanchardstown and consisting of 1,571 hectares of industrial land, is home to many household names in the IT and pharmaceutical sectors; it supports 34,600 jobs and is home to over 1,100 companies.

Following the amalgamation of the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown with Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and Institute of Technology Tallaght, Fingal is now home to a campus of Technology University Dublin (TUD). In 2022, a planned €50 million third level institution was announced for Swords, thus positioning the county as a future educational hub for its young and growing population.

Fingal County Council is led by a Chief Executive and an Executive Management team and provides a wide range of services, including but not limited to infrastructure and parks, community and leisure facilities, libraries and cultural activities, housing, planning, environmental services, maintenance transportation routes, and business support.

Our Population

Fingal's population is the fastest growing of any county in Ireland. It is characterised by its diversity and youthfulness, relative to other local authority areas across the country and its population is expected to continue to grow by 73,000.



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How the Corporate Plan has been developed

Policy Review

The Corporate Plan 2025-2029 has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended. It has also been prepared in line with the Council's statutory obligations under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014 to eliminate discrimination, protect human rights and promote equality of opportunity.

Additionally, developing the Corporate Plan has entailed analysis and review of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, relevant national policies and strategies, Fingal's County Development Plan (2023-2029), its Local Economic and Development Plan (2024-2029) and a suite of other regional and local associated strategies and plans.

Internal and External Consultation

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in-person and online consultation workshops held for community, business and disabled people organisations representatives

3

in-person and online consultation workshops held for staff

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in-person consultation workshop held for Elected Members

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people took part in the consultation workshops

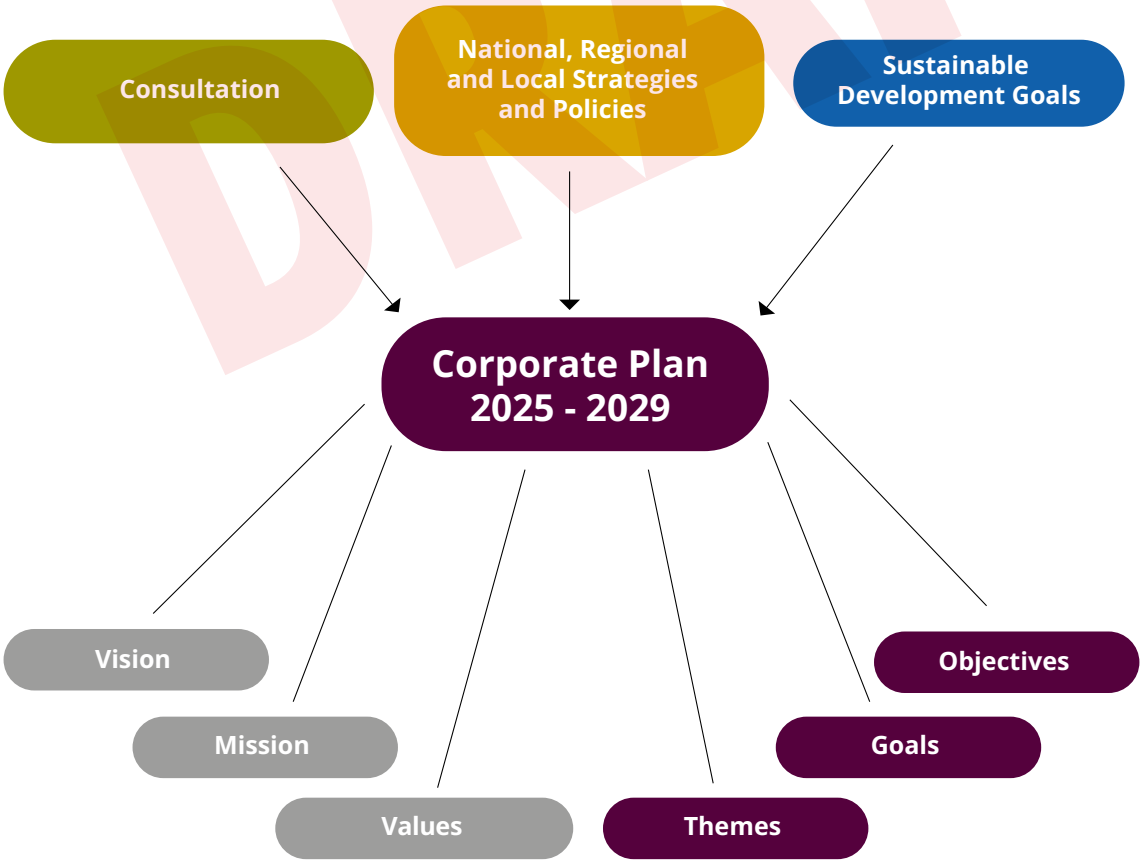
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responses to consultation survey

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How the Corporate Plan works

The core focus of the Corporate Plan 2025-2029 is ***Delivery for All.*** It is characterised by an overview of Fingal's current strategic and operational context, a vision reflecting its ambition, a mission statement demonstrating its purpose, its organisational values describing its core principles, six overlapping themes incorporating its breadth of delivery, six goals setting the organisational targets and 40 detailed objectives. A suite of associated national, regional and local strategies and plans supports the delivery of the Plan.



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Delivery for All: Corporate Plan 2025-2029

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Vision

Fingal – connecting people through inclusive communities and vibrant and sustainable places.

Mission

To provide a high-quality people-centred service, enable planned growth, lead on climate action and celebrate our cultural heritage.

Our Values

Accountable: We behave transparently and with integrity in our delivery of quality services.

Ambitious: We strive for excellence setting high standards to drive positive change across Fingal.

Accessible: Our services, resources, and amenities will be easy to use.

Inclusive: We value diversity; everyone feels welcome, respected and empowered to participate.

Resilient: We are committed to building a sustainable county to strengthen our communities and protect our environment.

Delivery for All: Themes and Goals

THEMES	GOALS
Delivering Strategic Infrastructure	Deliver, promote and support housing and strategic infrastructure that will secure Fingal's future.
Enabling Economic Growth	Enable a dynamic and outward- focused sustainable economy that will position Fingal to leverage growth opportunities.
Connecting with our Communities	Create and foster safe, well-designed places and neighbourhoods where empowered, resilient and inclusive communities can thrive.
Embracing Technology and Innovation	Leverage the benefits of a digitally enabled society.
Driving Climate Action	Lead the transition to a biodiverse and decarbonised society.
Providing a High-Quality Service	Provide a framework for quality service delivery that combines skill, flexibility, and motivation, while supporting staff wellbeing and resilience.

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Our ambition is to enrich the lives of our communities, and benefit all of those who work in and visit the county, creating a robust foundation for generations to come

Delivery for All: Objectives

Theme 1

Delivering Strategic Infrastructure

Goal 1

Deliver, promote and support housing and strategic infrastructure that will secure Fingal's future.

1. Align land use planning with environmental, social and economic goals for balanced growth.
2. Integrate climate risk assessments into planning, zoning and infrastructure projects to ensure long-term resilience across the region.
3. Ensure that utilities, transportation and infrastructure are in place to benefit businesses and communities in the county.
4. Fulfil National Planning Framework objectives to deliver on the housing potential of brownfield and infill sites.
5. Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.
6. Prioritise environmentally sustainable building practices, supporting our climate and biodiversity goals.
7. Ensure an effective and efficient Building Control service, including effective market surveillance of construction products and enforcement of Construction Products Regulation.
8. Monitor and respond to changes in demographic trends, market dynamics, and economic conditions to adapt Fingal's housing strategy as needed.

Theme 2

Enabling Economic Growth

Goal 2

Enable an outward-focused dynamic and sustainable business economy that will position Fingal to leverage growth opportunities.

1. Position Fingal as a leading destination for trade, tourism, and long-term business partnerships by promoting the county's unique economic assets, and attracting foreign direct investment tailored to its regional strengths.
2. Support local enterprise growth, social enterprises and sectoral clusters by positioning Fingal as a premier destination for startups and established businesses.
3. Advance the Sustainable Fingal Initiative to drive the county's shift toward a Net Zero Economy.
4. Promote economic activity within communities by maximising the potential of local economic hubs.
5. Support the development of a digitally enabled business ecosystem to facilitate inward investment and local business growth.
6. Work with partners in education to prioritise upskilling and reskilling programmes that align with high-demand sectors and emergent industries.

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Theme 3

Connecting with our Communities

Goal 3

Create safe places and neighbourhoods where empowered, resilient and inclusive communities can thrive.

1. Ensure that safe and cohesive communities experience a strong sense of place in connected and resilient neighbourhoods.
2. Enhance engagement, integration and communication, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to housing, services, and opportunities.
3. Promote programmes that support mental and physical wellbeing, encourage active lifestyles and involvement in sport, recreation and leisure, strengthening social bonds within Fingal's communities.
4. Create initiatives that encourage engagement in civic activities and volunteerism, facilitating opportunities for people of all backgrounds and genders to participate.
5. Provide safe, sustainable and accessible places and public spaces to meet the diverse needs of our communities.
6. Develop and promote Fingal's distinct arts and cultural identity and its libraries, while encouraging participation throughout people's lives.
7. Safeguard and celebrate Fingal's unique heritage assets.
8. Collaborate with local educational institutions, and other providers to facilitate programmes for all age groups, including the marginalised and more vulnerable in our communities.

Theme 4

Embracing Technology and Innovation

Goal 4

Encourage and support communities and businesses to leverage the benefits of a digitally enabled society.

1. Drive the accessibility, efficiency and user experience of Council services by integrating digital solutions across key services and functions.
2. Promote and maintain a world-class digital infrastructure across Fingal.
3. Support the provision of digital skills training programmes, ensuring that people of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to develop essential digital skills.
4. Offer digital infrastructure supports and resources tailored to the needs of local businesses, empowering them to grow and compete effectively in a digital economy.

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Theme 5

Driving Climate Action

Goal 5

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a biodiversity rich and decarbonised society, underpinned by community engagement and environmentally committed businesses.

1. Prioritise sustainable urban planning, improved public transportation options and active travel to lower emissions and create sustainable communities.
2. Strengthen climate resilience by developing and implementing climate adaptation projects aimed at reducing the impacts of future climate-related events.
3. Enhance energy efficiency across Council operations through the implementation of energy-saving technologies, sustainable procurement practices, and operational efficiencies.
4. Strengthen engagement, raise awareness and collaborate on initiatives with businesses on sustainable business practices and the circular economy.
5. Develop Fingal as a model of community-driven sustainability by fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among residents and stakeholders to increase community understanding and action on climate change.

Theme 6

Providing a High-Quality Service

Goal 6

Create a framework for quality service delivery that combines collaboration, skill, flexibility, and motivation, while ensuring staff wellbeing and resilience.

1. Deliver on Fingal's vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture.
2. Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development.
3. Ensure that our democratic functions and service delivery processes are underpinned by good governance, oversight, transparency and accountability.
4. Explore additional funding sources to deliver growth and enhance quality of life in the county.
5. Create a welcoming environment that respects diversity, embraces equality, integration and inclusion, and promotes meaningful participation in Council activities.
6. Promote a culture of digital transformation within Fingal County Council to foster innovation and support continuous improvements in service delivery.
7. Aim to ensure that our decision-making is guided by evidence-based data analytics in the delivery of our programmes, projects and services.
8. Maintain effective and responsive internal and external communications structures to address organisational and community needs.
9. Deliver on our Public Sector Duty by ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to access, avail of and / or benefit from any service or function provided through the Corporate Plan.

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Our Operating Context



Delivery for All

Delivery for All is integral to our Corporate Plan and puts a people-centred focus at the heart of our service delivery. It means that every person in Fingal should be able to access the services, supports, and opportunities that they need to thrive. It commits us to listening to our communities, understanding their unique needs, and arriving at solutions that make a positive difference in everyone's life. This is marked by an emphasis on age-friendly and equal opportunity principles in the delivery of our local authority services.

Our six themes describe our integrated approach and provide the framework for our Corporate Plan.

- Delivering Strategic Infrastructure
- Enabling Economic Growth
- Connecting with our Communities
- Embracing Technology and Innovation
- Driving Climate Action
- Providing a High-Quality Service

By embracing clear, open communication and working inclusively, we aim to ensure that no one is left behind. Together, through the life of this plan, we will continue to build a Fingal that is safe, welcoming, supportive and responsive to everyone living, working and visiting in the county.

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Delivering Strategic Infrastructure



Fingal County Council's Development Plan (2024-2029) sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the county. It focuses on the places where people live, where they work, visit and do business, and how they interact and move between these places while protecting their environment. The county is home to distinctive towns and villages, parks and offices, residential streets and squares, industrial and creative spaces. This built environment has shaped not just how our county looks but has had a profound impact on how and where we live, work, visit and do business with each other.

Since its establishment in 1994, Fingal has continued to grow and has experienced rapid development and change. Our population is projected to increase by approximately 73,000 by 2031. Meeting the needs of our ever-increasing population means building new homes, providing space for these homes as well as supporting social infrastructure, attracting new employment opportunities, and providing space and facilities for future employment.

Our strategic location within the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA), offers significant potential for growth and investment. Our economic assets are unparalleled; Dublin Airport, proximity to Dublin City and Dublin Port via the Dublin Tunnel, including direct access to the national and regional road and rail transport networks in the country as well as excellent links to Europe by air and sea.



Promoting, supporting and enabling the development of such infrastructure, which includes housing, roads, amenities, public transport and active travel, recreational and cultural facilities, will ultimately benefit both businesses and communities in the county. Supporting the sustainable development of Dublin Airport, in accordance with the applicable Local Area Plan, is also a key priority for us.

Our new three-year Capital Programme, with a value of €1.57 billion will be invested in 331 individual projects from 2025 to 2027. This represents a 16% increase, reflecting the Council's ongoing commitment to growth and investment in the county. The Council has also adopted an annual budget of €389 million to be invested during 2025 in more than 924 different services for the people of Fingal.

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Delivering Strategic Infrastructure

Delivered 6,577 social housing units via acquisitions, build, leasing, HAP and RAS, January 2020 - Q3 2024.

Published Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Key Infrastructure:

3 major roads built

2 major road upgrades completed

75.7km of cycle infrastructure completed

2 Recreational Hubs opened

3 new parks opened

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Enabling Economic Growth

A strong economy is essential for Fingal's growth and well-being. Our goal is to create an environment where businesses can thrive, residents can find fulfilling work, and communities can benefit from sustainable development. Supporting local businesses—including more incubation spaces for startups and small enterprises—and providing clear information on available supports will foster long-term economic growth throughout the county.

To strengthen the local business ecosystem, we are focused on facilitating connections and creating forums for businesses to network, develop local hubs, and build a stronger business community. We also aim to support key sectors, establishing formal networks for specific industries to increase their visibility and impact.

Promoting Fingal as a business hub and showcasing its unique strengths will attract investors and highlight the county as a top location for business. Examples already in place are the Sustainable Swords initiative which aims to balance economic growth with environmental responsibility, and Smart Balbriggan, Ireland's first Smart Town, where technology is enhancing residents' quality of life.



Fingal is also home to the agri-food sector with many key national horticulture brands located in the county, accentuating the county's importance in food production. Our 600 farmers produce 14.5% of national potato output, 47% of field vegetable output and 37% of protected fruits, vegetables and nursery plants, all assets to the local economy.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is a major contributor to Fingal's economy, bringing new jobs and resources to the region. The Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) in Dublin 15 plays a critical role, supporting 34,600 jobs and is home to over 1,100 businesses. It benefits from both foreign and local investment, further strengthening and adding value to Fingal's business community. Our young, diverse, and highly educated population makes it an attractive destination for investment, with over 30% of residents holding a third level qualification.

While the Fingal economy is close to full employment and has high participation rates; there are still geographic areas and population cohorts where joblessness is more common. Understanding and breaking down barriers in these areas, and among these cohorts, is a means to facilitate greater labour market participation.

We believe that a strong local economy supports everyone. By fostering economic growth, attracting investment, and nurturing local businesses, we are working to build a prosperous, vibrant place to live in, visit and work.

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Enabling Economic Growth

Published Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028

6 economic strategies published

155,063 residents in employment

6,289 rate-payers

3 enterprise centres operating

19,249 people attended training, networking, event and seminar opportunities run by Fingal Local Enterprise Office.

8 economic clusters and a vibrant agrifood sector

Xplore Your Future:
Transition Year Skills Expo

Fingal Skills Strategy launched

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Connecting with our Communities



Fostering healthy, inclusive, and resilient communities is essential. This Corporate Plan aims to bridge the connections between diverse communities and deepen mutual understanding, so every resident feels valued and has access to resources and participation. To serve our diverse communities effectively, we must stay connected. Listening to local voices, understanding unique needs, and communicating openly allow us to build trust and tailor our services.

With a diverse population that is continually growing — especially due to net inward migration driven by global events — our focus is on creating a sense of belonging and safety for all residents, both new and long-standing.

Promotion of inclusive neighbourhoods, underpinned by universal design principles while offering quality of opportunity and a breadth of services to all, is a key priority of our County Development Plan. It notes that design of proposed developments should strive to cater for all abilities and age groups including children, older people and people with a range of disabilities.



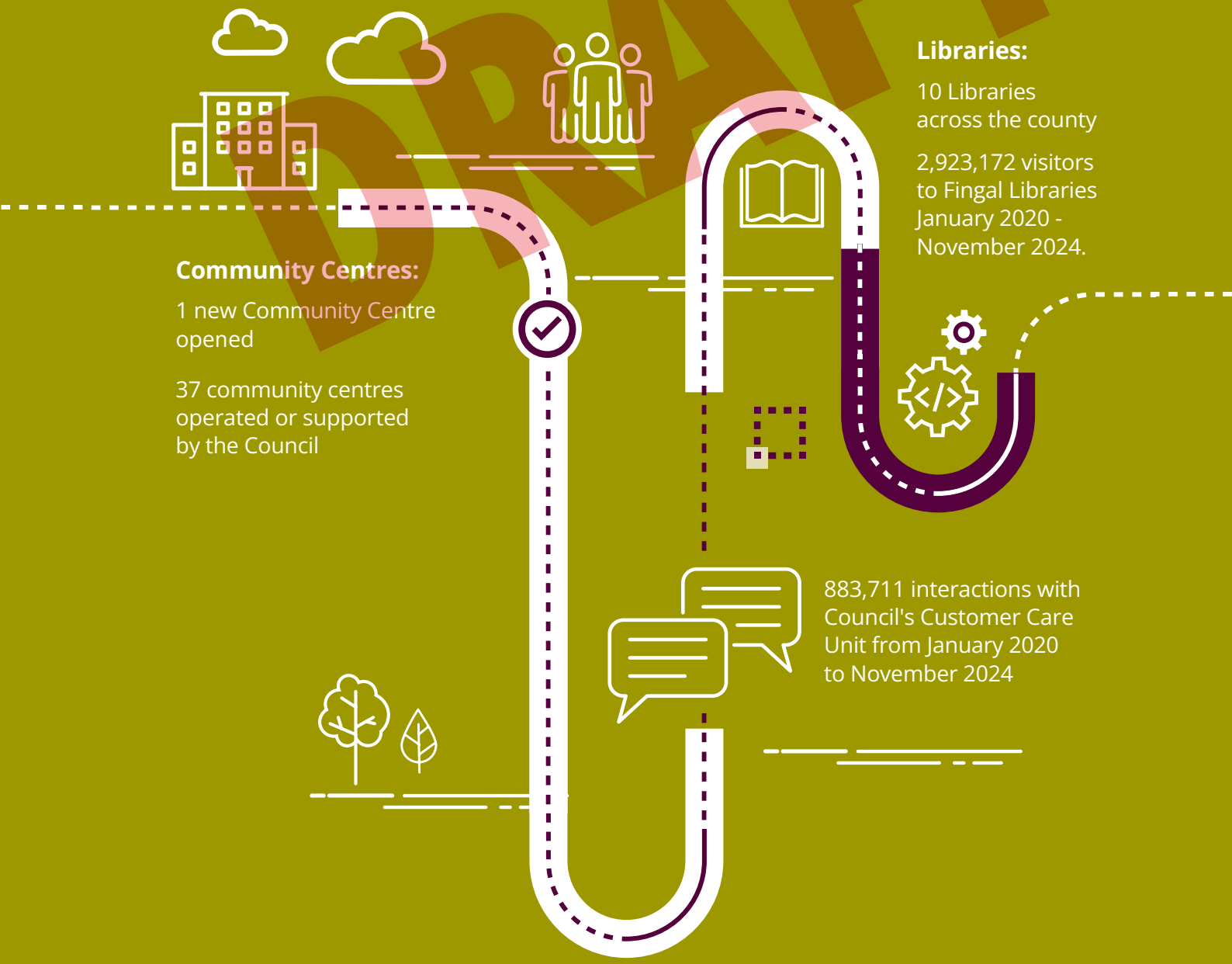
We will work in partnership to improve access to education and job opportunities, supporting community programmes to reduce inequalities. We will also promote active living for all ages and backgrounds and access to mental and physical health activities to enhance overall well-being.

Fingal County Council continues to strive to become a more accessible and inclusive Local Authority for. In September 2023, we appointed our first full-time Access Officer. Over the past twelve months the Access Officer has taken a leading role in researching and developing plans for an Access Strategy, the first of its kind for Fingal County Council. Whilst Fingal may currently have one of the youngest population bases in Ireland, this means that we must continue to support persons of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in the years ahead.

Engaging residents in local decision-making is key. By enabling greater involvement in local democracy, we can foster a sense of ownership in residents, which can lead to stronger, more unified community growth. This is illustrated by our numerous community initiatives, our library services and our partnership approach to community safety. We will build on existing efforts to strengthen volunteerism in Fingal to further bolster community bonds.

Connecting with our Communities

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Libraries:

10 Libraries across the county

2,923,172 visitors to Fingal Libraries January 2020 - November 2024.

Community Centres:

1 new Community Centre opened

37 community centres operated or supported by the Council

883,711 interactions with Council's Customer Care Unit from January 2020 to November 2024

A sustainable future is one that includes everyone

Fingal's rich arts, culture, and heritage are defining features of our identity. Iconic spaces like the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and Draíocht Theatre highlight our commitment to creative expression. However, there are many opportunities to further promote, protect, and expand these sectors for artists, residents and visitors alike. In embracing cultural inclusion, we will continue to support arts and cultural initiatives making Fingal a safe, welcoming and inspiring place for all cultures and backgrounds.

Promoting our unique heritage involves continuing to build Fingal's brand and making its historic sites more accessible, especially through improved transport links, so everyone can enjoy these treasures. Preservation is equally important; celebrating the legacy of our past contributes to positive place-making and ensures that these sites remain well-protected for future generations.

Embracing Innovation and Technology

Fingal County Council is committed to facilitating the rollout of the National Broadband Plan. We recognise the vital role broadband will play in our urban and rural economic and social development. We are focused on enhancing the digital economy and supporting our communities to take advantage of a digitally enabled society. Innovation helps us reach more people, respond faster, and deliver better services. By embracing digital solutions and new technologies, we are transforming how we operate, with our dynamic workforce making our services more accessible and efficient for everyone. As a result, we can secure sustainable economic growth and prosperity for the county and remain resilient and adaptable in a rapidly changing world.

Our digital strategy prioritises four key pillars: digital infrastructure, digital business, digital community and digital government. These pillars are strategically aligned to the County Development Plan and support its vision to help bridge the digital divide so that communities and businesses can gain access to digital services.

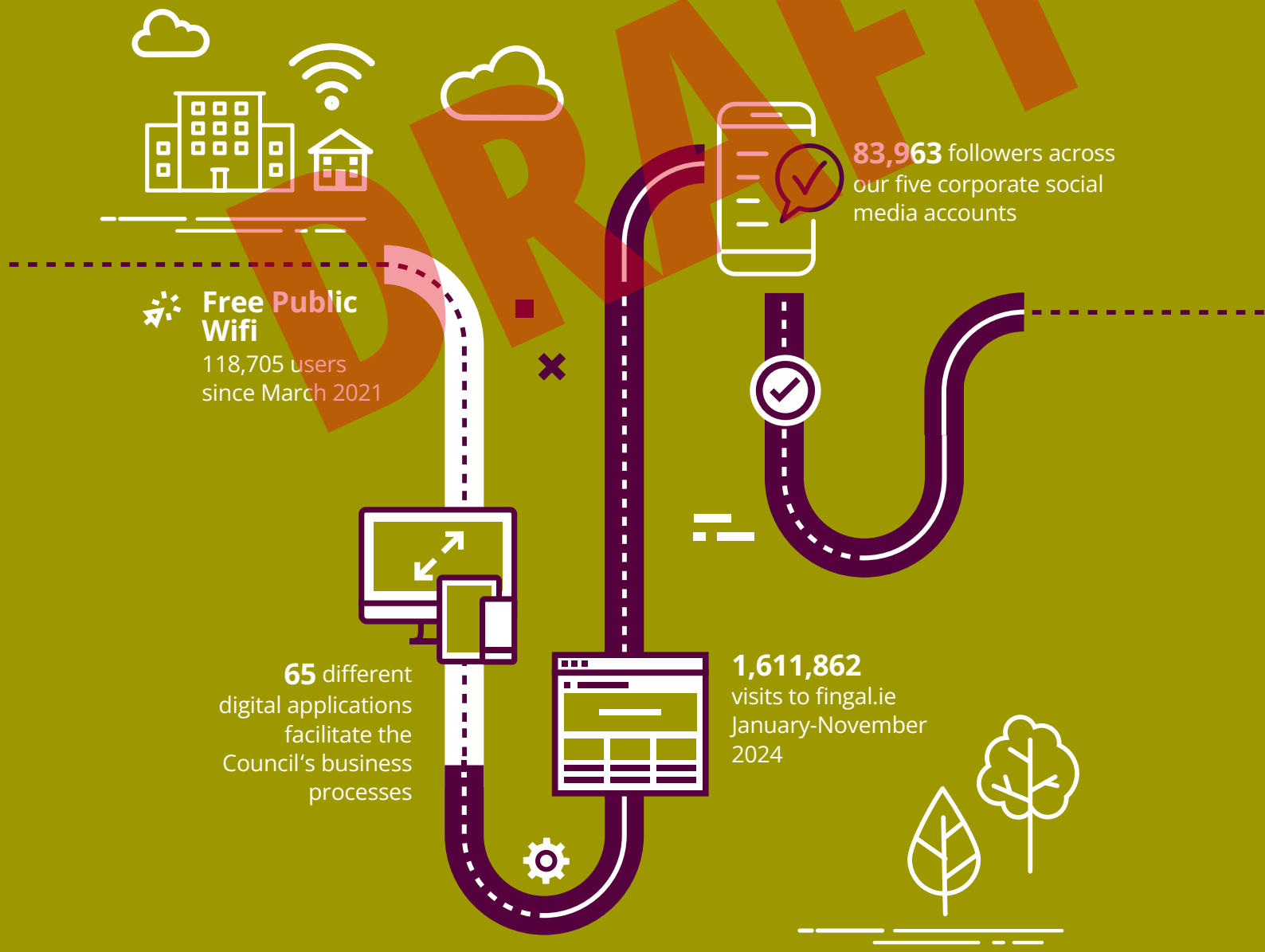


Implementation of this strategy will provide more widespread access to high-speed broadband infrastructure and create more awareness of its potential uses and benefits. Coupled with this will be the need to support the overall skills development required to take advantage of the opportunities of a digitally enabled society. Access to online Council services and enhanced job creation prospects will be a welcome consequence of our focus on the digital economy.

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Embracing Technology and Innovation

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Free Public Wifi
118,705 users since March 2021

83,963 followers across our five corporate social media accounts

65 different digital applications facilitate the Council's business processes

1,611,862 visits to fingal.ie January-November 2024

Driving Climate Action



Climate change is a critical challenge facing us today, with impacts that are increasingly visible in our daily lives. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and environmental shifts are affecting people, nature, and the economy. We recognise the urgency to act; human activities contribute significantly to climate change, and energy security and renewable energy production have become more important than ever.

In response, our Corporate Plan makes climate action a central priority, integrating it across the entire plan. This approach aligns with international, national, and regional goals, aiming for a low-carbon, climate-resilient Fingal. Our Climate Action Policy details strategies for reducing energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions through both mitigation (addressing causes of climate change) and adaptation (adjusting to its effects) while engaging with residents and businesses to build awareness and encourage participation.

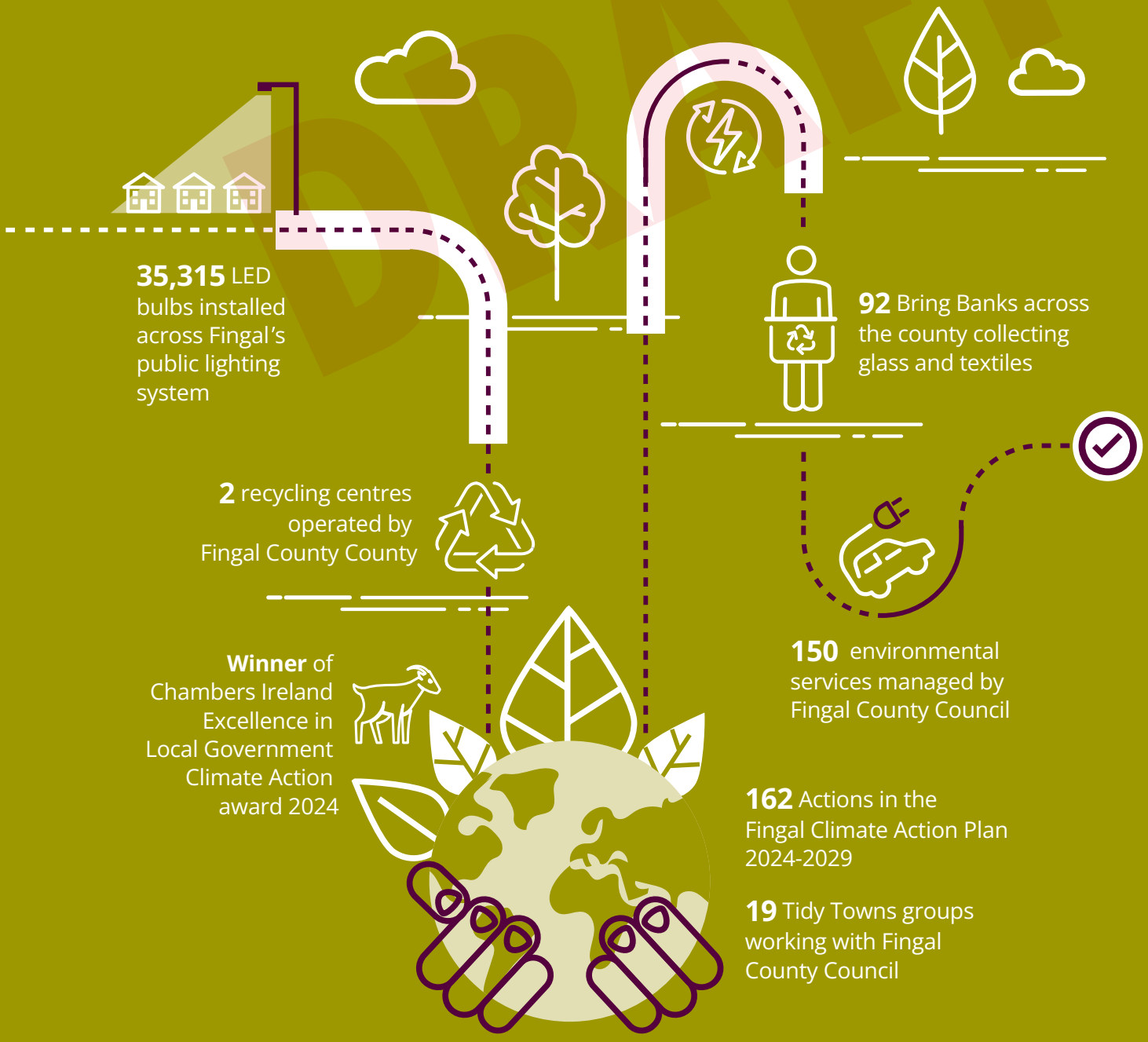
We are committed to supporting compact, well-connected communities, concentrating growth within existing towns and urban areas. This approach reduces travel distances and supports sustainable modes of transport, helping to lower emissions. By coordinating land use and transport, we aim to create a Fingal where people can live closer to work, education, and services, cutting down on car dependence.



The county's unique landscape—including its coastline, rivers, and mix of urban and agricultural land—presents specific climate challenges. To address these, we include provisions for sustainable flood management, waste and water services, green infrastructure, and transportation systems that can adapt to changing conditions.

A sustainable future is one that includes everyone. Through careful planning and development, we aim to foster a resilient, low-carbon future, a greener Fingal and a healthier place in which to live, work and visit that will benefit generations to come.

Driving Climate Action



35,315 LED bulbs installed across Fingal's public lighting system

92 Bring Banks across the county collecting glass and textiles

2 recycling centres operated by Fingal County County

Winner of Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Climate Action award 2024

150 environmental services managed by Fingal County Council

162 Actions in the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

19 Tidy Towns groups working with Fingal County Council

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Providing a High-Quality Service

Fingal County Council is dedicated to creating a community where every individual can thrive. Our mission, guided by our Corporate Plan, is to deliver high-quality services that enhance quality of life, support local development, and foster an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment for all. By focusing on transparency, inclusivity, and a people-centred approach, we are building a strong foundation for the future.

A data-driven decision-making approach allows us to tailor our projects and programmes effectively

We believe that excellence begins with our people. Through professional development, a focus on well-being and a supportive workplace culture, we empower our staff to deliver outstanding service. This approach, paired with clear oversight and transparent governance, ensures that our community has confidence in our decisions.

Recognising that sustainable growth requires investment, we are resourcing a wide variety of vital projects to improve local infrastructure and quality of life. We also provide comprehensive support to our elected members, equipping them to serve the community effectively and stay responsive to local needs.

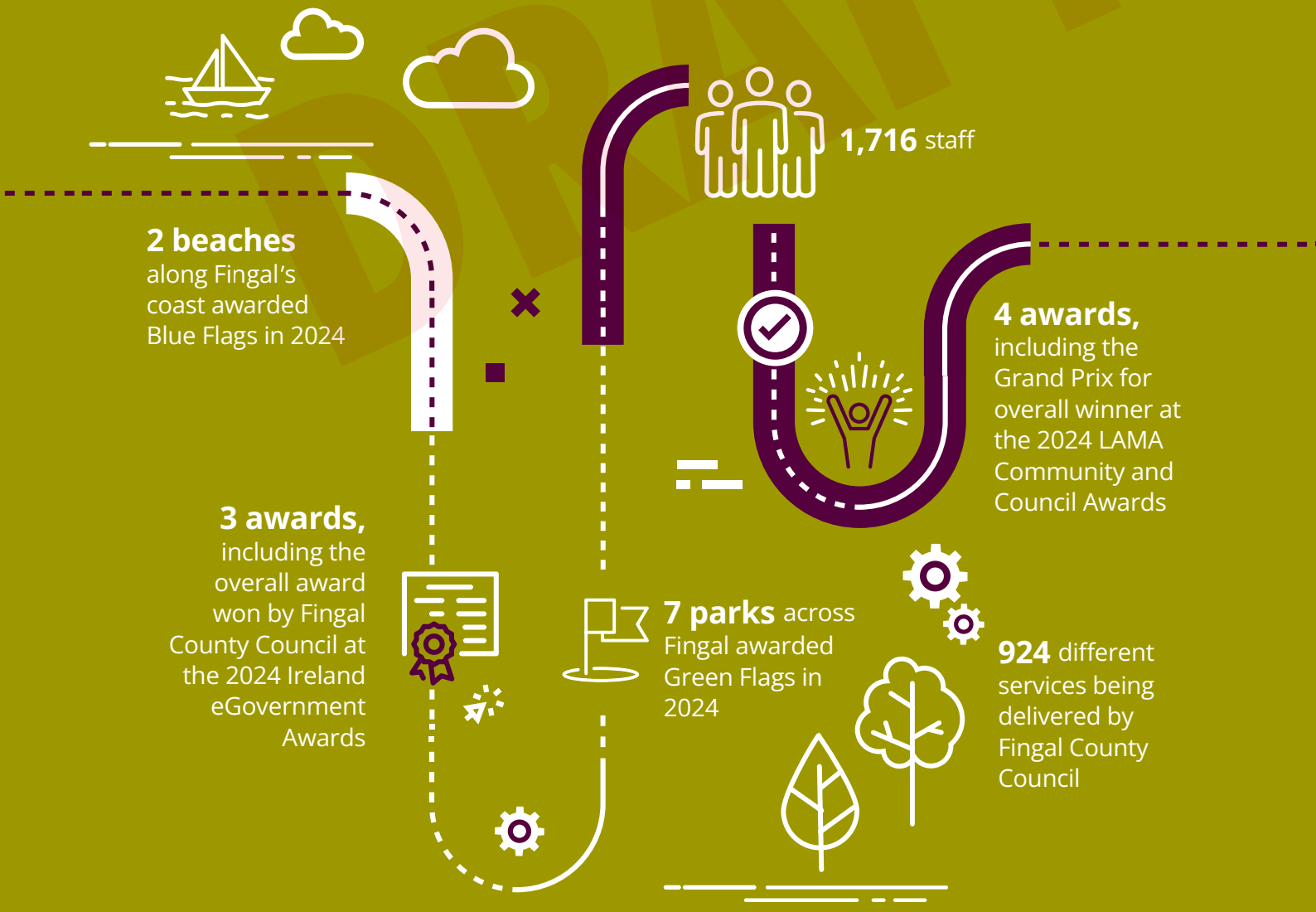


Fingal County Council strives to make every resident feel welcomed and respected. We celebrate diversity, fostering opportunities for everyone to participate in Council activities, so that all voices are heard. By embracing digital transformation, we are making our services more accessible and efficient, aligning with the needs of our community.

A data-driven decision-making approach allows us to tailor our projects and programmes effectively, ensuring resources are used to maximum benefit. Our open communication channels further strengthen our connection with the public, ensuring that our services meet their expectations and address their needs promptly.

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Providing a High-Quality Service



2 beaches along Fingal's coast awarded Blue Flags in 2024

1,716 staff

4 awards, including the Grand Prix for overall winner at the 2024 LAMA Community and Council Awards

3 awards, including the overall award won by Fingal County Council at the 2024 Ireland eGovernment Awards

7 parks across Fingal awarded Green Flags in 2024

924 different services being delivered by Fingal County Council

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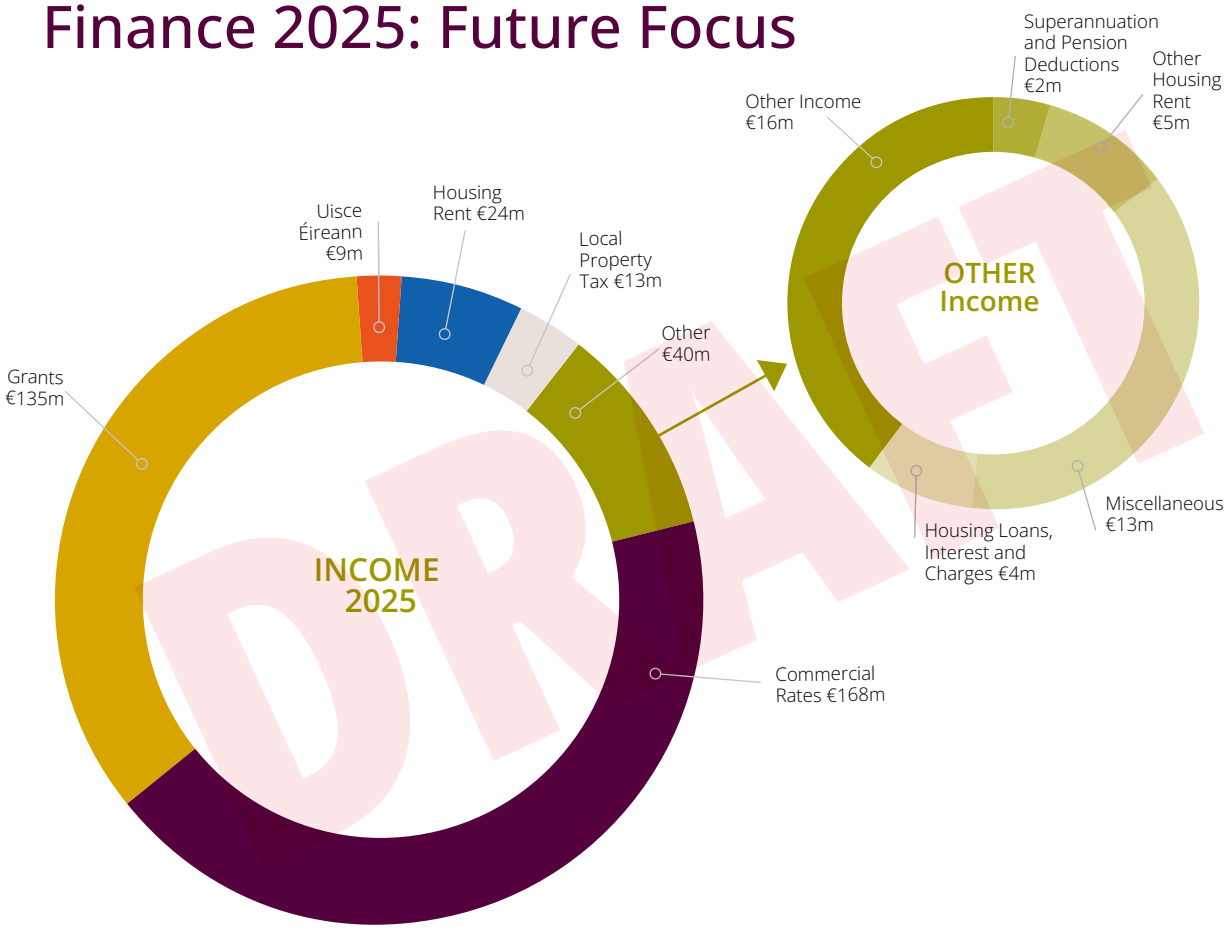
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By upholding our Public Sector duty, we work to remove barriers to our services so that all residents have equal access. We are committed to ensuring staff wellbeing and empowering them to reach their full potential, knowing they are essential to achieving our vision for Fingal.

This Corporate Plan reflects our dedication to a high-quality, people-centred service for everyone in Fingal, building a community where people can belong, thrive and feel at home.

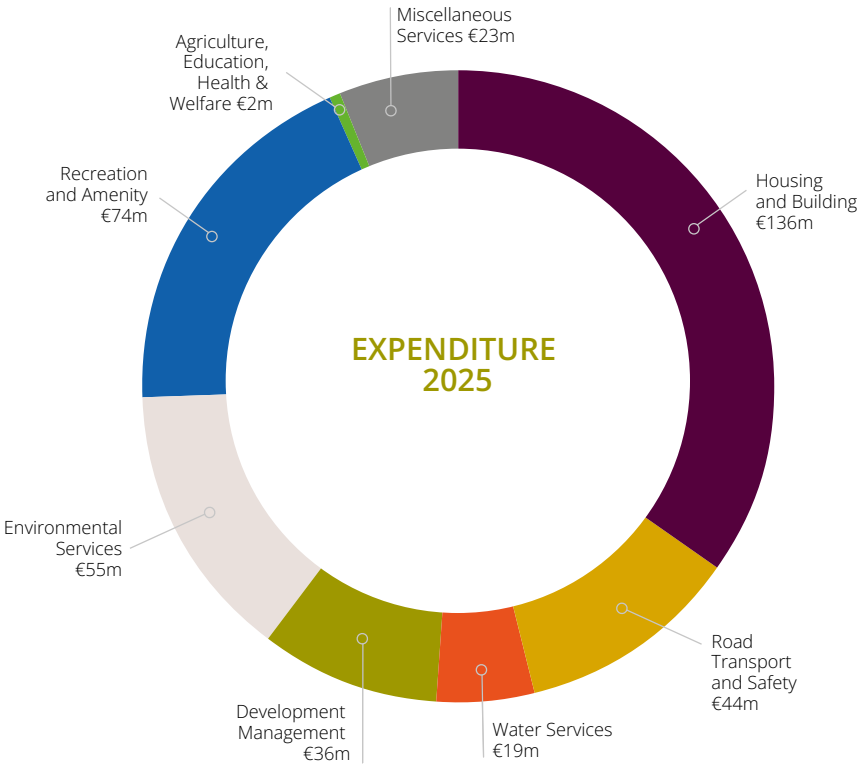
Finance 2025: Future Focus



169% increase in capital expenditure between 2020 and 2024

88% increase in revenue expenditure over the past 10 years (2015 to 2025)

€1,181 will be spent per head of population by Fingal County Council in 2025



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Implementing and Monitoring the Plan

Progress on achieving objectives will be monitored through national, regional and local protocols and plans. It will also take into consideration and align with NOAC performance indicators and guidelines, where appropriate. Fingal County Council operates a live risk register which is reviewed quarterly and identifies potential risks within our internal and external operating environment. We will adhere to the administrative and oversight requirements of the recently published Code of Corporate Governance for Local Authorities.

National

National Service Indicators

National Oversight & Audit Commission

Regional

Interactions with the Office of the Planning Regulator

Interactions with the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

Local

Local Authority Annual Report

Annual Service Delivery Plan - quarterly reviews

Audit Committee Reports

Local Government Audit Reports

Annual Budgets - quarterly reviews

Three Year Capital Programmes - annual and quarterly reviews

End of Year Accounts and Outturn Report

Monthly Chief Executive Report to Council

Departmental Operational Plans

Performance Management Development System (PMDS)

Customer Surveys

Consultation Portal

Managing Risk

Risk management helps the Council take advantage of opportunities and tackle challenges so we can stay on track to achieve our objectives. By managing risks, we improve our chances of success and reduce the probability of uncertainty.

Each quarter, Fingal County Council carefully evaluates risks in all the activities that support our goals and objectives, making sure we work in an efficient, effective, and economical way.

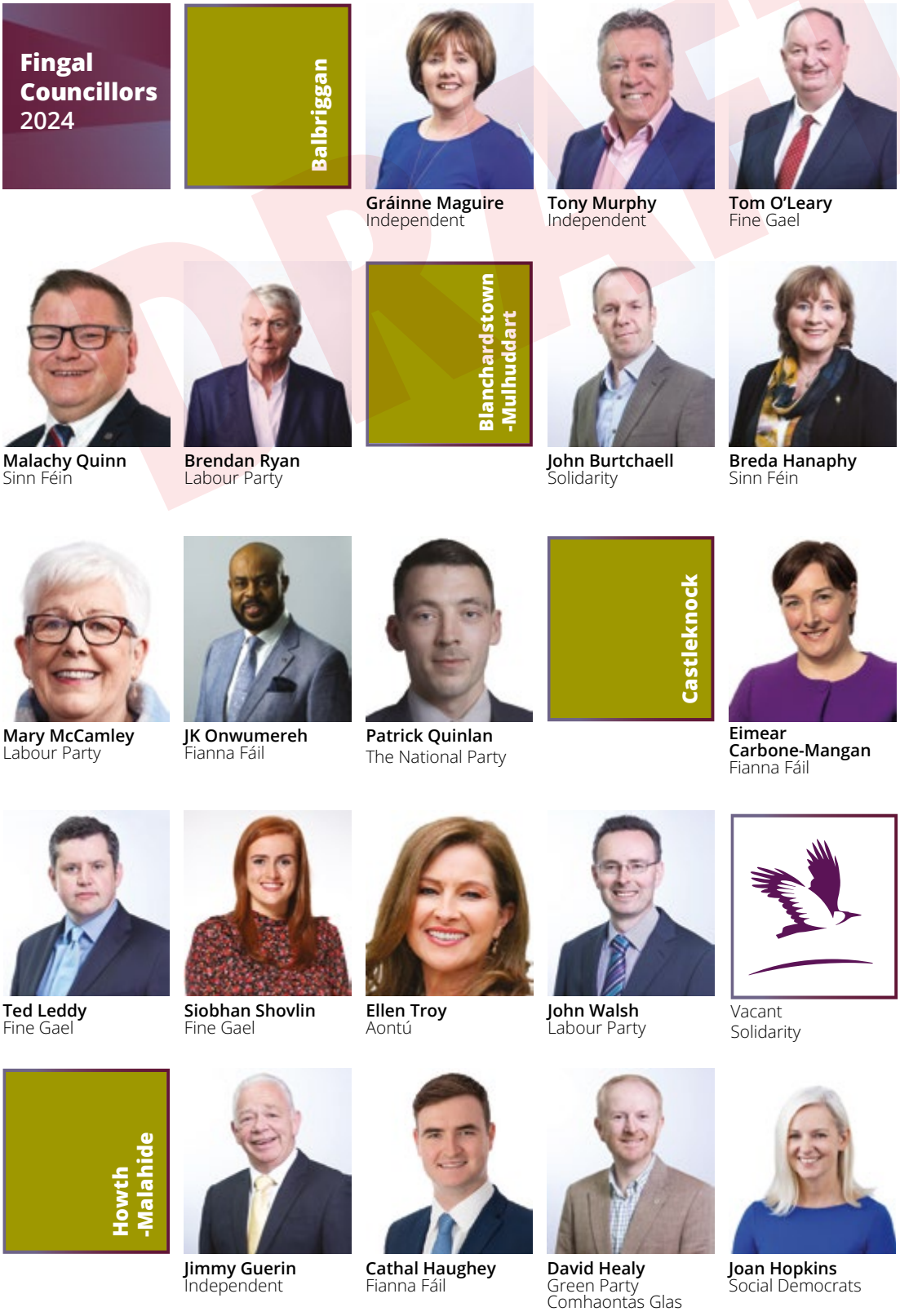
We are committed to a zero or low risk approach when it comes to the safety of our staff, customers, and community, as well as preventing fraud, corruption, and any actions that are unfair or unjustifiable.

To drive more innovation, efficiency, and reward in the future, we may occasionally take higher risks, always working to maintain a high-quality service to our communities.

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Our Elected Members



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Our Elected Members



Brian McDonagh
Labour Party



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Aoibhinn Tormey
Fine Gael





Kieran Dennison
Fine Gael



Angela Donnelly
Sinn Féin



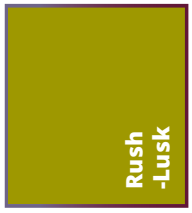
Tania Doyle
Independent



Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil



Gerard Sheehan
Aontú





Cathal Boland
Independent



Eoghan Dockrell
Fine Gael



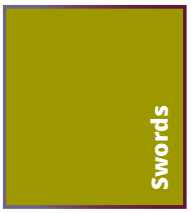
Corina Johnston
Labour Party



Paul Mulville
Social Democrats



Vacant
Labour Party





Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Luke Corkery
Fine Gael



James Humphreys
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Darren Jack Kelly
Independent



Dean Mulligan
Independents 4 Change



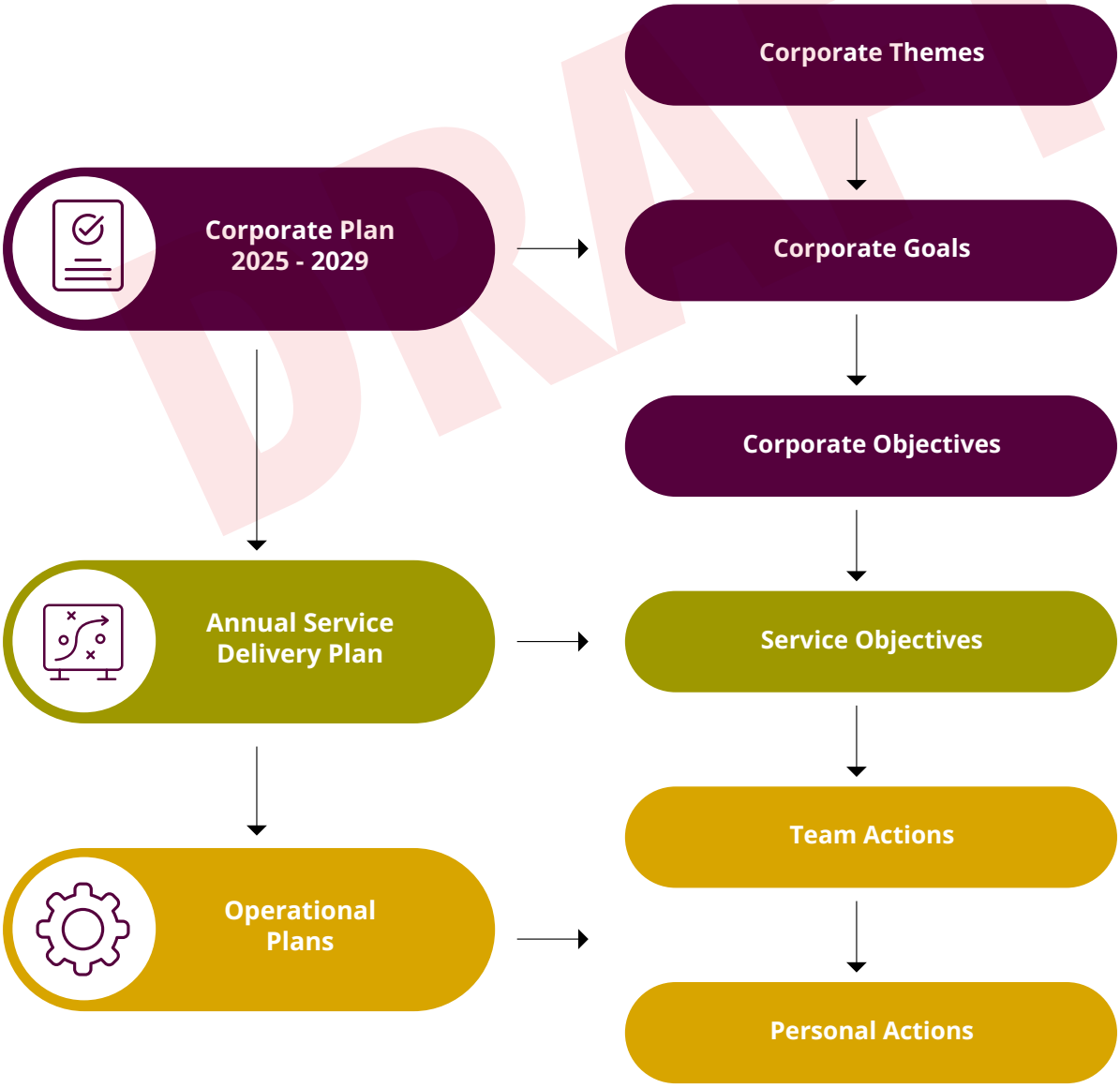
Joe Newman
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Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives



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Organisation Structure



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We are committed to supporting cohesive, well-connected communities

The Council and its Committees

COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council is the policy decision making body and meets on a monthly basis with separate meetings for the Annual General Meeting and the adoption of the Annual Budget. It consists of 40 Members elected every five years. The current Council took up office in June 2024 and will remain in office until June 2029. The position of Mayor is put forward for election at the Annual General Meeting in June of each year.

AREA COMMITTEES

Business of a more local nature is assigned to Area Committees of which there are three:

- Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee - 16 Members
- Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee - 17 Members
- Howth/Malahide Area Committee - 7 Members

The role of Area Chairperson is put forward for election each year at the Annual Meeting of the County Council.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters, as part of the governance arrangements that operate within the Council. The Audit Committee is established by resolution of the Council upon nomination by the Corporate Policy Group and consists of seven members, three Elected Members and four external members.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) advises and assists the elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring, and review of policy. It consists of the Mayor, as Chair, and the Chairpersons of seven Strategic Policy Committees.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) formulate, develop, monitor, and review policy which relates to the functions of the Council. The SPC's are made up of elected Members and nominees from sectoral interest bodies associated with the particular area of focus of the committee. The SPC Chair is elected for the full five-year term of the Council.

Strategic Policy Committees 2024-2029

Membership by committee	Elected Members	Sectoral Interest	Total
Housing	8	4	12
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	7	3	10
Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment	6	3	9
Community, Sports & Culture	6	3	9
Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development	6	3	9
Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management	6	3	9
Marine & Coastal Management	6	3	9
Total	45	22	67

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Shared Services

National

Age Friendly Ireland Programme
Meath County Council (National Lead)

Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP)
Limerick City and County Council (National Lead)

Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)
Kilkenny and Tipperary County Council (Joint National Leads)

Local Government Operational Procurement Centre (supplygov.ie)
Kerry County Council (National Lead)

MyPay
Laois County Council (National Lead)

National Building Control
Dublin City Council (National Lead)

National Building Control Market Surveillance Office
Dublin City Council (National Lead)

National Dog Registration
Louth County Council (National Lead)

Road Management Office
Donegal, Cork County, Cork City, Kerry, and Tipperary County Councils (Joint National Leads)

Waste Collection Permits
Offaly County Council (National Lead)

Regional

Age Friendly Regional Programme

Fingal County Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council}

Louth County Council

Meath County Council

South Dublin County Council

Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre

Fingal County Council (Regional League)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

Kildare County Council

Meath County Council

Westmeath County Council

Wicklow County Council

Louth County Council

Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Fingal County Council

South Dublin County Council

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Newry Mourne and Down District Council (Regional Lead)

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Belfast City Council

Dublin City Council

Dublin City University

Fingal County Council

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Louth County Council

Meath County Council

Ulster University

Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB)

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

Dublin Marketing Group

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Fingal County Council

South Dublin County Council

Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE)

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

Dublin Rural LEADER

Fingal County Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

South Dublin County Council

Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Fingal County Council

South Dublin County Council

EV Charging Infrastructure for Dublin

Fingal County Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

Smart Dublin

Dublin City Council

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

This is a shared service on an equal partnership basis and there is no Regional Lead. The Smart Dublin Manager reports to the Smart Dublin Steering Committee and the chair of this committee rotates.

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Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dublin City Council

South Dublin County Council

Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authority (WERLA)

Dublin City Council (Regional Lead)

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Fingal County Council

South Dublin County Council

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Highlights 2020-2024

2024

Published Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028, Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029, Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy, Active Together: Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan, Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029, Step-By-Step Guide To Becoming An Anti-Racist Organisation; Lusk Town Centre First Plan.

Construction commenced on Cultural Centre and 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords; 200 social, affordable and cost rental homes at Church Fields, Mulhuddart; improvement works at Quay Street and Harbour in Balbriggan; and Baldoyle Community Centre.

Opened refurbished Carnegie Library in Swords; new facilities for young people and the redeveloped Arboretum at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown; new playground at Lanesborough Park in Meakstown; and Multipurpose Youth Facility in Rush.

Opened Fingal's first Passive House development at Monastery Court, Lusk; affordable homes Show Village at Church Fields in Mulhuddart; the upgraded Snugborough Interchange in Blanchardstown and Meakstown Community Centre.

Commenced rollout of Electric Vehicle Chargers in public locations; distributed 10,000 trees to the public for planting across the county; approved Bye-Laws for Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush Harbours and installed Learn 2 Cycle Tracks at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown and Brackenstown Road, Swords.

Organised elections across seven Local Electoral Areas

Completed Ireland's largest LED switch across Fingal's public lighting network with 35,315 bulbs installed; launched St Patrick's Way & Art Trail in Skerries and commenced works to repair Cascades and construct Fish Bypass Channel on the Ward River in Swords.

A total of 803 social housing units were delivered to the end of Q3 2024 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams.

2023

Opened Ward River Recreational Hub in Rivervalley, Swords, Swords Archaeological Park and the first phase of Swords Regional Park.

Opened Rathmore Park in Lusk, Porterstown Recreational Hub in Castleknock and Church Fields Link Road which includes Ireland's first cycle-friendly roundabout.

Published the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029, the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027, a Guidance Manual for Fingal Community Facilities, a Housing Strategy for Disabled People, and the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030.

Commenced construction on Meakstown Community Centre and the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route in Balbriggan as well as the refurbishment of Carnegie Library in Swords.

Commenced construction on 1,200 private, affordable and social homes at Balmoston, Donabate and 62 affordable and social homes at Hayestown, Rush as well as Ballymastone Recreational Hub in Donabate and the Ongar-Barnhill Link Road.

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Enabling works also commenced for Swords Cultural Centre and 36 homes on Seatown Road.

Installed first bike bunkers in Fingal at Barnwall Court, Balbriggan.

Launched Fingal Community Gaming Programme, the Transition Year Football and Fitness Course for Girls and the Children's Interpretative Centre at Casino Railway Museum in Malahide as well as an Irish Sign Language Service for visitors to Council offices.

Partnered with CONNECT to launch Smart Balbriggan.

Completed wetland development works at Turvey Nature Park and wetland restoration works at St Ita's in Portrane in Donabate.

Hosted InclusEU and URBAC EcoCore events in Balbriggan and first ever Xplore Your Future Transition Year Expo in The Helix. Also hosted Women's Softball World Cup group in Balbriggan.

A total of 1,406 social housing units were delivered in 2023 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams.

2021

Opened The Shackleton Garden in Clonsilla and Hole in the Wall Road in Balgriffin.

Launched Liffey Valley Tourist Trail, the Choice Based Letting Scheme and made free outdoor public wi-fi available in towns and villages across Fingal.

Published the Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan, a Masterplan for Castlelands and the Balbriggan and Fingal Commemorations Programme.

Launched Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Programme and a new online Housing Assistance Programme application process.

Installed Dublin's first Electric Vehicle lamp post charge points and returned Old Irish Goats to Howth Head as part of a three-year Biodiversity Programme.

Hosted the 2021 European Cross Country Championships in Abbotstown.

Delivered a total of 1,802 social housing units in 2021 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams.

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2022

Opened a Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library, introduced JAM Card and C-Pen Readers to Fingal Libraries and reopened the Great Banquet Hall in Malahide Castle.

Launched the Dublin Coastal Trail and the **Vacant Homes Action Plan.**

Published the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal and Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026.

Worked with Irish Water to install new wastewater infrastructure installed at Loughshinny and introduced a "We-Go-Swing" to Millennium Park in Blanchardstown.

Assumed ownership of Hartstown Community Centre and introduced Remote Working Hubs at BASE Enterprise Centre in Mulhuddart.

Opened Ireland's first pop-up swimming pool In Donabate, installed 150 solar powered compactable smart bins across Fingal County Council and distributed 16,000 trees to the public during National Tree Week.

Delivered 1,248 social housing units via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams and began the journey to ensure our social housing stock has a minimum BER rating of B2 by 2030.

2020

Responded to COVID-19 pandemic by establishing COVID-19 Response Forum, a Community Call Helpline and the *Fingal In It Together* initiative to encourage people to shop local.

Successfully migrated the Council's administrative staff to a remote working environment.

Opened Casino Model Railway Museum and Village Green in Malahide, the Donabate Distributor Road, the Rathbeale Road upgrade and the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Greenway.

Launched the Fingal Digital Strategy 2020 – 2023 and the new fingal.ie website.

Delivered 1,318 social housing units via acquisitions, build, leasing, HAP and RAS streams.

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Awards 2020-2024

2020

All Ireland Community and Council (LAMA) Awards

Best Community-Based Initiative Award for 'Community Car' Age-Friendly Sustainable Transport Service

An Taisce Beach Awards

Blue Flag to Velvet Strand Portmarnock

Green Coast Award to Velvet Strand Portmarnock & Burrow Beach Sutton

Green Flag Awards

Green Flags awarded to Ardgillan Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Millennium Park, Newbridge House and Farm, Santry Demesne and St. Catherine's Park

Pollinator Project Award for Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

Community Award for the Rock Garden, Swords

IPB Pride of Place Awards

Swords Tidy Towns runners-up in category for population over 5000

Excellence in Local Government Awards

Supporting Sustainable Communities Award for Shop Local Website

2021

An Taisce Beach Awards

Green Coast Award for Rush South Beach

All Ireland Community and Council (LAMA) Awards

Best Heritage Project Award for Swords Castle Conservation Project

Best Business Working with the Community Silver Award for Fingal County Council Public Wi-Fi Roadmap

Best CSR Community Programme Bronze Award for Weather Stations for Schools

Best Waste Management Programme Bronze Award for Clean Up campaign

Green Flag Awards

Green Flags awarded to Ardgillan Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Newbridge House and Farm, Santry Demesne and St Catherine's Park

Community Award for the Rock Garden, Swords

Tennis Ireland Awards

Bronze Clubmark Award for Swords Tennis Club

2022

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2022

Bayside Community Association Urban winner of Neighbourhood/Village category

An Taisce Beach Awards

Blue Flag awarded to Velvet Strand Portmarnock, Balcarrick Beach, Donabate, and South Beach, Rush

Green Coast Award to Balcarrick Beach, Donabate

Irish Landscape Institute Awards

Best in Section and President's Award for Howth Head Goat Grazing Project

Best in Section for Shackleton Gardens, Skerries Town Park Playground, Lanesborough Park and Fingal Play Policy

Highly Commended for Fingal Tree Strategy and Bremore Regional Park

Commended for Ardgillan Glasshouse Restoration

Green Flag Awards

Green Flag to Millennium Park, Blanchardstown; Santry Demesne; Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate; St. Catherine's Park, Lucan; Malahide Demesne; Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan

Community Award for the Santry Community Garden and The Rock Garden, Swords

Green Heritage Site Accreditation for Malahide Demesne

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2023

IPB Pride of Place Awards

Mountview, Dublin 15, winner of 'Urban Neighbourhood' category

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Communications Award for 3D/Virtual Reality Models of Public Realm Projects

An Taisce Beach Awards

Blue Flag to Velvet Strand Portmarnock; Balcarrick Beach, Donabate; and South Beach, Rush
Green Coast Award to Balcarrick Beach, Donabate

Green Flag Awards

Green Flag to Millennium Park, Blanchardstown; Santry Demesne, Hartstown Park; Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate; St. Catherine's Park, Lucan; Malahide Demesne; Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan

Community Award for the Santry Community Garden and The Rock Garden in Swords

World Urban Parks Awards

World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award for Fingal County Council's Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Kevin Halpenny

Bord Bia Bloom Garden Awards

Gold Medal for "A Breathing Space for Fingal" Show Garden

All Ireland Community and Council (LAMA) Awards

Best Communications Initiative / Innovation Award for Chief Executive's Innovation Fund

2024

All Ireland Community and Council (LAMA) Awards

Grand Prix Award for Fingal County Council as the Overall Winner

Best Housing Regeneration and Urban Planning Award for Church Fields Master Plan

Best Irish Language Initiative Award for the Seachtain na Gaeilge Bilingual Walk in Ardgillan Demesne

Local Authority Energy Decarbonation Award for Fingal County Council's Energy Management Team

Best Tourism Initiative Award for Fingal Cultural and Tourism TV series "Tradfest, the Fingal Sessions" and "Ireland in Music"

An Taisce Beach Awards

Blue Flag to Velvet Strand Portmarnock; Balcarrick Beach, Donabate
Green Coast Award to Balcarrick Beach, Donabate

Bord Bia Bloom Garden Awards

Gold Medal for "Coming Home to Nature" Show Garden
Best in Show Large Garden Award
Best Construction Team Award
Most Sustainable Garden Award

Ireland eGovernment Awards

Overall Winner Award for Fingal County Council
Smart Cities Award for VR3D Planning Consultations
Education Award for VR for Libraries initiative

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2024

Lusk Community winners in Community Award for populations over 5,000
Castleknock Community Centre runners-up in the Inclusive Communities Category

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Climate Change Award for Wildfire Management on Howth Head

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Policy Context

Strategic and Policy Documents relevant to Fingal County Council 2024-2029

National/EU

A Roadmap for Social Inclusion: Ambitions, Goals and Commitments 2019-2025

Better Public Services - Public Service Transformation 2030 Strategy

Building Control Acts 1990 to 2024

Building Regulations 1997 to 2024

Building Control Regulations 1997 to 2024

Climate Action Plan 2023 and Climate Action Plan 2024

Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Flood Risk Management 2019 – 2024

Climate Action Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage

Climate and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

Code of Practice for Inspecting and Certifying Buildings and Works

Community Climate Action Fund (DCCAE)

National Cyber Security Strategy

Connect Government 2030, A Digital and ICT Strategy for Ireland's Public Service

Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan

Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011

Culture and Creativity Strategies 2023-2027

CycleConnects

DCCAE: National Digital Strategy

DEBI Innovation 2020

Development Plans Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2022)

DHLGH Data Strategy

Digital for Good: Ireland's Digital Inclusion Roadmap, August 2023

Digital Local Government: Working for Everyone - Ireland's Local Government Digital and ICT Strategy 2030

Digital Single Market

eGovernment Strategy

Embracing Ireland's Outdoors - National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027

Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (Council Directive 2010/31/EU)

Energy Security in Ireland to 2030

EU Biodiversity Strategy

EU Birds Directive

EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

EU Renewable Energy Directive (2023/2413)

EU Solar Energy Strategy (COM (2022/221)

EU 'Floods' Directive

EU Just Transition Plan for Ireland 2021-2027

EU Good Practice for Market Surveillance

EU Habitats Directive

EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

EC (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

European Flood Awareness System (EFAS)

European Union (Construction Products) Regulation (S.I. 225 of 2013, as amended)

European Union (In-Building Physical Infrastructure for High-Speed Electronic Communications) Regulations 2023

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022 to 2025

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Flood Risk Management Plans and Maps produced under National CFRAM (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management) programme (floodinfo.ie)

Get Ireland Active - National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland

Guidelines for Inclusive Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making (DRCD)

Guidelines for the Local Authority Climate Action Plans

Guidelines for New Emergency Accommodation (DHLGH, September 2022)

Green Public Procurement Strategy 2024-2027

Groundwater Protection Response

Guidance on Appropriate Assessment for Planning Authorities (National Parks & Wildlife Service)

Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management

Healthy Ireland - A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025

Heritage Ireland 2030

Housing First National Implementation Plan 2022-2026

Housing for All

Housing for All Action Plans and Progress Updates

Housing for All Roadmap for increased adoption of MMC in public housing delivery

Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) Introductory Guide

Housing for All guidance for design build housing contracts

Housing Action Delivery Plans

Housing Options for our Ageing Population policy (2019)

Ireland's National Energy and Climate Plan 2021 - 2030

Ireland's Road Haulage Strategy 2022–2031

Local Economic and Community Plan Guidelines 2021 (DRCD)

Local Government Digital and ICT Strategy 2030

Major Emergency Management Framework 2006 (MEM)

Major International Sports Events Policy and Strategy Framework

Marine Planning Policy Statement

Market Surveillance Regulation (EU) No. 2019/1020

Market Surveillance of Construction Products Strategy

Met Eireann strategic plan 2017-2027

National Adaptation Framework

National AI Strategy

National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 -2030

National Bioeconomy Action Plan 2023-2025

National Broadband Plan

National Clean Air Strategy

National Cycle Network Plan

National Landslide Database and Landslide Susceptibility Map

National Development Plan

National Disability Strategy

National Energy and Climate Plan 2021 - 2030

National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service

National Implementation Plan for the SDGs 2022-2024

National Heritage Plan - Heritage Ireland 2030

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027

National Marine Planning Framework

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National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) Reports

National Organic strategy 2024-2030

National Planning Framework 2040

National Policy on Architecture 2022

National Road EV Charging Plan 2024 to 2030

National Skills Strategy

National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2024-2027

National Sports Policy 2018-2027

National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

National Sustainable Mobility Policy 2022-2030 and associated Action Plan 2022-2025

National Swimming Strategy 2024-2027

National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 - 2025

National Vacant Housing Reuse Strategy

Net Zero Industry Act

OECD Skills Strategy Ireland: Assessment and Recommendations

Open Data Strategy

Our Living Islands – National Islands Policy 2023-2033

Our Public Service 2020

Our Rural Futures

People, Place and Policy – Growing Tourism to 2025 and the associated Tourism Action Plans

Policy on Property Acquisition and Disposal

Policy Statement on Geothermal Energy for a Circular Economy

Policy Statement on Mineral Exploration and Mining

Programme for Government: Our Shared Future

Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024

Project Ireland 2040

Protocols on Transfer and Sharing of Property Assets

Public Sector Energy Efficiency Strategy

Public Service Apprenticeship Plan 2023

Public Service Agreement 2024 - 2026

Public Service Data Strategy

Public Transport Accessibility Retrofit Programme

Renewable Electricity Policy and Development Framework

Renewable Transport Fuel Policy 2023-2025

Report on Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management

River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027

Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030

Rural Development Policy 2020+ Next phase

Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone 2020-2030

SláinteCare | Right Care, Right Place Right Time

Sráidainmneacha: Treoirlínte/Streetnames: Guidelines

Strategic Emergency Management Framework 2017 (SEM)

Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways

Strategy for World Heritage in Ireland 2024-2034

Statement on Petroleum Exploration and Production in Ireland

Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support

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the Community and Voluntary Sectors in Ireland

The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration National Public Library Strategy 2023 - 2027

The National Language Strategy 2010 - 2030

The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan

The National Search and Rescue Plan

The National Tourism Policy Framework 2025-2030

Town Centre First

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

Water Services Policy Statement 2024 - 2030

Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022 – 2023

Wind Energy Development Guidelines (WEDGS)

Young Ireland: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2023-2028

Youth Homelessness Strategy 2023-2025

Regional

Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028

Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan

Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

Dublin Region Energy Master Plan

Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan

Dublin Region Homeless Action Plan 2022 - 2024

Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy

European Regional Development Fund Operational Programmes 2021 - 2027

Flood Risk Management Plans and Maps including relevant local plans (floodinfo.ie/publications/)

National Transport Authority – Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016 - 2035

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies

Regional Enterprise Plans

Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 - 2030

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Eastern and Midlands Region 2019-2031 (RSES)

Strategy Plans of other Regional Bodies (HSE, An Garda Síochána)

Local

Active Travel Strategy for Fingal

Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 - 2029

Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan 2022 - 2027

Eight Year Framework for Arts 2018 - 2025 (with the Arts Council of Ireland)

Fingal Access Strategy

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy

Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy

Fingal Arts Plan 2019 – 2025

Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 - 2030

Fingal Children & Young Peoples Services Plan

Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg Annual Plan

Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy

Fingal Community Development Office Strategy

Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2024 - 2029

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Fingal County Council Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 - 2026

Fingal County Council HR Policies and Procedures

Fingal County Council ICT Strategy

Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Plan 2025 - 2029

Fingal Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023 - 2027

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Fingal Digital Strategy

Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029

Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030

Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024 -2029

Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029

Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 – 2028

Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 - 2024

Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024

Fingal Public Participation Network Strategic Plan

Fingal Skills Strategy

Fingal's Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029

Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy

Healthy Fingal Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025

Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021-2026

Keeping it Green – An Open Space Strategy for Fingal

Local Area Plans, Framework Plans, Masterplans and Studies

Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 - 2025

Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws and Strategies

Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029

Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal

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Sustainable
Development
Goals
1
NO POVERTY
2
ZERO HUNGER
3
GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4
QUALITY EDUCATION
5
GENDER EQUALITY
6
CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7
AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8
DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9
INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10
REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12
RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
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CLIMATE ACTION
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LIFE BELOW WATER
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LIFE ON LAND
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PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
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PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Our Plans and Policies and UN SDG

THEMES	GOALS	PLANS & POLICIES	UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Delivering Strategic Infrastructure	Deliver, promote and support housing and strategic infrastructure that will secure Fingal's future.	Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 Sustainable Swords Strategy Fingal County Council Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 – 2026 FCC Traveller Accommodation Plan 2025 - 2029 Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021-2026 Local Area Plans, Framework Plans, Masterplans and Studies	
Enabling Economic Growth	Enable a dynamic and outward- focused sustainable economy that will position Fingal to leverage growth opportunities.	Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 – 2028 Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy Fingal's Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029 Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 Fingal Skills Strategy Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 - 2024	
Connecting with our Communities	Create and foster safe, well-designed places and neighbourhoods where empowered, resilient and inclusive communities can thrive.	Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029 Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018 -2023 Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 - 2029 Fingal Arts Plan 2019 – 2025 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030 Fingal Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023 - 2027 Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024 Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal Healthy Fingal Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan 2022 – 2027 Eight Year Framework for Arts 2018 - 2025 (with the Arts Council of Ireland) Community Development Office Strategy Fingal Access Strategy Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 – 2025 Sustainable Swords Strategy	

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THEMES	GOALS	PLANS & POLICIES	UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Embracing Technology and Innovation	Leverage the benefits of a digitally enabled society.	Fingal Digital Strategy Fingal County Council ICT Strategy	
Driving Climate Action	Lead the transition to a biodiverse and decarbonised society.	Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2024 - 2029 Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030 Active Travel Strategy for Fingal Keeping it Green – An Open Space Strategy for Fingal The Forest of Fingal – a Tree Strategy for Fingal	
Providing a High-Quality Service	Provide a framework for quality service delivery that combines skill, flexibility, and motivation, while supporting staff wellbeing and resilience.	Fingal County Council HR Policies and Strategies Fingal County Council ICT Strategy Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024	

To serve our diverse communities effectively, we must stay connected

Other Associated Bodies

Statutory/Non-Statutory Bodies, Committees and Organisations, to which Fingal County Council elects, nominates or appoints persons.

Airport Regions Conference (ARC)

Ardgillan Castle Ltd

Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)

Audit Committee

BASE Enterprise Centre

Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force

County Heritage Forum

Comhairle na nÓg Committtee

Draíocht

Drinan Enterprise Centre

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board

Dublin North East Drugs and Alcohol Task Force

Fingal Age Friendly Alliance

Fingal Coastal Liaison Committee

Fingal Sports Partnerships Committee

Fingal Tourism Ltd

Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

Irish Institute of Music and Song

Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd

Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee

Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)

Malahide Castle & Newbridge House Ltd

Mill Hill Limited

Naming and Commemorative Committee

North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force

Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA)

Our Balbriggan Leadership Group

Regional Health Forum Dublin North East

Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

St Margaret's Liaison Group

Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team

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Promoting our unique heritage involves continuing to build Fingal's brand and making its historic sites more accessible

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The Consultation Process

To inform the development of the Corporate Plan, Fingal County Council undertook public and internal consultation.

The consultation period ran from June until October 2024, during which the County Council engaged with the public, Elected Members, and staff, through workshops and surveys as follows:

- **Public:** Two consultation workshops with community and business groups, and a public survey
- **Elected Members of Fingal County Council:** A consultation workshop and online survey
- **Internal:** Consultation workshops with office-based and outdoor staff, including the Network Fingal Forum, and a staff survey.

The aim of the consultation was to gather feedback from the public, Elected Members of Fingal County Council, community and business representative groups, and Council staff.

The Council used both in-person and online methods of engagement to gather feedback – these included online surveys, in-person and online workshops and written survey submissions.

Fingal County Council implemented a promotional campaign to ensure that the public, community and business representative groups, the Elected Members of Fingal County Council, and staff were engaged, and feedback gathered. The Council promoted the consultation to its staff via email, the intranet, the internal staff newsletter, and notices. The Elected Representatives were notified of the consultation through emails, and presentations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) meetings.

Participants at the consultation workshops were advised of the consultation surveys. Elected Members were encouraged to share the public survey with their constituents.

Public Survey

A survey was developed to gather the views of the wider public. It was hosted on the Council's website (https://www.fingal.ie/news/council-launches-public-survey-inform-new-corporate-plan). The survey was live from 11 September to 30 September 2024.

This survey was designed to gather feedback from the public and stakeholders to inform the new Corporate Plan. The survey comprised nine questions and was anonymous to allow respondents to answer openly. The survey questions covered how people interact with Fingal County Council, what priorities they believed were most important in relation to Managing the County and Community and Culture. The survey also asked general demographic questions including age group and in which Local Electoral Area the respondent lived.

The public survey received 228 responses during the consultation period from 11 September to 30 September 2024. Both online and written submissions were received.

An online survey was circulated to all Elected Representatives to gather their insights into key issues and priorities they wished to see addressed in the new Corporate Plan. This survey was provided in addition to a dedicated in-person workshop conducted with Councillors. Ten Elected Representatives completed the online survey which was available from 11 September to 30 September 2024.

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An online survey was made available to all staff to collect feedback to ensure that Council staff perspectives are integrated into the development of the new Corporate Plan. The staff survey received 169 responses during the period 11 September to 30 September 2024. Of these respondents, the majority (60%) live as well as work in Fingal County.

Workshops

The workshop comprised a number of focused discussions that included reviewing the previous Corporate Plan and looking forward to the next five years, as follows:

- Vision and Mission
- Corporate Values
- Priorities and Actions for 2025-2029.

Six key themes emerged: Connected, Grow, Inclusion, People, Safety and Sustainable. These themes have informed the framework for our Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

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Public Sector Duty

Fingal County Council is an equal opportunities employer in line with current best practice and regulatory guidelines. We continue to work towards fulfilling our obligations under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and protect the human rights of staff, customers, service users and everyone affected by our policies and plans. Additionally. we will adhere to our obligations under the Official Languages (Amendment) Act (2021). Cloífimid lenár ndualgais i leith Acht na dTeangacha (Leasuithe) Oifigiúla (2021).

Fingal County Council has currently prioritised its obligations as a public body under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). We have carried out meaningful consultation with the disabled community on the issues and gaps in our existing service provision in terms of accessibility and inclusion.

Since then, arising from the consultation the actions of the Access Strategy have been identified and formed. Actions are assigned to internal departments of Fingal County Council based on the services they provide, with many involving cross-departmental responsibility. As of November 2024, an internal working group has been identified with the task of meeting quarterly to discuss action progression, and to discuss new ideas and initiatives outside of those actions in order to build on and improve year-on-year.

The Access Strategy will be guided by several key Articles of the UNCRPD to ensure a human rights-based approach.


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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 18

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed at the November meeting of the Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee that Standing Orders relating to attendance of media at SPC meetings be amended. The amendments to Standing Order nos. 120, 149 and 155 and are highlighted in red text below;

VISITORS

149. Attendance of the public at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Visitors may be present at meetings of the Council in the visitor's area, unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines and they may report and publish the proceedings of the Council. Visitors may also be present at all meetings of the standing Committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i), j), k) and l) of Standing Order No.14.

MEDIA

155. Attendance of media personnel at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Only Accredited Media are allowed access to meetings of the Council and must operate in designate areas of the Council Chamber or meeting room. The numbers and types of media personnel to be admitted to a meeting will be agreed in advance of the meeting by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

Accredited Media will be facilitated in person at the following meetings of the Council a), b), c) and d) of Standing Order No. 13. Accredited Media may also be present at meetings of standing Committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i), j), k), and l) of Standing Order No. 14. Media must apply by email to press@fingal.ie for accreditation, (subject to Standing Order No. 120).

Media must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance and comply with rulings of mobile phone and social media of Standing Order No. 151 and No. 154.

120. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No.14, meetings of any standing ~~or special~~ committee numbered c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l shall ~~not, without the authority of the Committee,~~ be open to the public or media unless otherwise agreed by the committee .

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 19

NOMINATIONS FOR ROAD SAFETY WORKING TOGETHER GROUP (RSWTG)

Fingal have set up a RSWTG and invited participants from An Garda Siochana, Dublin Fire Brigade, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority and Dublin Airport.

The setting up of the Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group follows an action set for each local authority in "Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030" and actions for same set out in the "Action Plan - Phase 1".
The two specific actions are:

- Action No. 94: Establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority area to coordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level.
- Action No. 95: Each Local Authority RSWTG to publish a multi-agency Road Safety Action Plan and to publish an annual review on progress with implementation.

The Council requested that each Area Committee nominate a representative to attend the RSWTG and that these Members be ratified by the full Council.

The following nominations were received:

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords - Cllr. Darren Jack Kelly

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar - Cllr. Angela Donnelly

Howth/Malahide - Cllr. David Healy

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT FLEMINGTON LAP

22nd NOVEMBER 2024

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SECTION 1:

INTRODUCTION:

Introduction:

In accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP) went on public display from Tuesday 10th September 2024 to Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at the offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall Swords; at the Civic Offices, Grove Road Blanchardstown; Balbriggan Library, George's Square, Balbriggan and on the Fingal County Council online consultation portal https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

A total of 22 no. Submissions were received in relation to the Draft LAP, including a submission from the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR). Numerous other submissions were received from public bodies as well as from community groups and members of the public.

Section 20(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires the Chief Executive of a planning authority to prepare a report on any submissions or observations received which is to be submitted to the members of the local authority for their consideration. According to the Act, such a report shall:

(i) List the persons who made submissions or observations.

(ii) Provide a summary of:

-The recommendations, submissions and observations made by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR)

-The submissions and observations made by any other persons, in relation to the draft local area plan.

(iii) Contain the opinion of the Chief Executive in relation to the issues raised and his or her recommendations in relation to the proposed local area plan taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory

obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

It should be noted that as stated in Section 20(3)(cc) in the case of each planning authority within the GDA, this Chief Executive's report is required to summarise the issues raised and the recommendations made by the DTA (now the NTA) and outline the recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to the manner in which those issues and recommendations should be addressed in the proposed local area plan.

In order to fulfil the criteria set out above, the report is set out as follows:

Section 1: Introduction.
Section 2: Chief Executive's Recommendations.

Section 3: List of Persons/Organisations who made Submissions.

Section 4: A summary of the Recommendations and Observations submitted by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) and the Chief Executive's Response to each Recommendation and Observation and list of Proposed Recommendations to the Elected Members.

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Section 6: A summary of Submissions and Observations received from other Public Bodies/Persons, and submissions classified by Theme; the Opinion of the Chief Executive and Proposed Recommendations to the Elected Members for Amendments to the Draft Plan.

Section 7: A list of the recommendations to the Elected Members for Amendments to the Draft Plan (ordered in accordance with the structure of the Draft LAP document.

Section 8: Overall Recommendation.

With regard to recommended changes to the text of the Draft LAP, new text is denoted in green italics e.g. ***new text***, with deleted text denoted by red strikethrough e.g. ~~deleted text.~~

Editorial changes and updating of the Draft LAP will be carried out, and minor typographical or graphical errors or discrepancies will be rectified. In addition, all maps will be updated where relevant to reflect any proposed changes if agreed.

It should be noted that all changes as recommended have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and **Appendix 1** to this report includes a table detailing the screening of the Chief Executive's Recommendations to the Elected Members for Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

In addition, **Appendix 2** consists of an updated version of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which has been amended to reflect changes which have been recommended by the Chief Executive on foot of the recommendations of the OPW and the contents of other submissions.

SECTION 2:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

CER 1 Executive Summary Public Consultation Page 5

Amend as follows:

The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024. ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.***

CER 2 CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.4 Pre-Draft Public Consultation Page 8

Amend as follows:

1.4 ~~Pre-Draft~~ Public Consultation

The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024**.** ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.***

Once the public consultation period ~~has~~ closed, the Council ~~will consider~~ ***considered*** all submissions received in the preparation of the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan.
~~Elected Members will then decide to adopt the LAP or to make alterations.~~

CER 3 CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities Page 41

Under Heading Challenges, text to be amended as follow:

~~**The capacity of the existing surface water drainage network in the Balbriggan area must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development.**~~
~~**If there is no capacity for the additional surface water, a new outfall will be required.**~~

Insert amending text as follows:

The Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) outlines that infiltration is likely to be feasible at the site (subject to standard infiltration / percolation testing as part of detailed design) which would be preferred to other forms of discharge from the site in line with the SuDS discharge hierarchy. In the event that infiltration is shown not to be entirely feasible, in the absence of open channel watercourses, any discharge would be to the surface water sewer network. In such event the capacity of the existing surface water drainage network must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the

development. In the event of insufficient capacity and / or absence of available connection point, new connections / sections of sewer may be required. It is noted that in line with requirements of the SDS and Fingal CDP, flow from the site will be required to be limited to greenfield (i.e. pre-development) runoff rate and achieve sufficient pollutant removal in line with SDS and CIRIA SuDS Manual to ensure no increase in flood risk and enhancement of water quality both on- and off-site.

CER 4 CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map Page 32.

Update Figure 6.5 as follows:

Include the town bus route alignment.

CER 5 Replace and update the following images to address cartographical error.

Figure 1.1 Location of LAP Lands; Character Areas image on page 15; Figure 3.1 Proposed Flemington LAP Development Layout; Figure 4.3 Hedgerow locations; Figure 5.1 Character Areas; Figure 5.2 Character Area 1; Figure 5.5 Character Area 2; Figure 5.6 Character Area 3; Figure 5.7 Character Area 4; Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map, Figure 6.8 LAP Street Hierarchy; Figure 6.10 Options for Active Travel Linkages onto Flemington Lane and the R132 Route, Figure 7.3 SuDS Concept Masterplan; Figure 8.3 proposed Community Uses in Character Area 1 adjacent to Plaza area and Active Travel Hub; Figure 9.1 Phasing of development.

Update all corresponding images within supporting documents on finalisation.

CER 6 **Amend and update land area values as follows to address cartographical error:**

Executive Summary Page 5

Replace c.~~17.4 hectares~~ **(gross)** with ***17.2 hectares (gross)***

CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.2 Flemington Page 7

Replace ~~c.17.4 hectares~~ with ***c.17.2 hectares***

CH 5 Character Areas Table-Character Area 1 Page 24

Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.5.57 hectares~~ with ***c.5.6 hectares***

CH 5 Character Areas Character Table -Character Area 4 Page 27

Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.4.57 hectares~~ with ***c.4.4 hectares***

SECTION 3:

LIST OF PERSONS/ORGANISATIONS THAT MADE SUBMISSIONS:

A total of 22 no. submissions were received during the public display of the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan between the 10th of September 2024 and the 22nd of October 2024. All submissions have been given careful and serious consideration and Fingal County Council wish to thank those who engaged in the public consultation process. Listed in Table No.1 are the submissions received, including the name of the person or organisation making the submission and its allocated identification number.

Table No.1: List of Submissions:

ID No.	Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation/On Behalf Of
FIN-C716-1				Transport Infrastructure Ireland
FIN-C716-2	Mr.	Cian	O'Mahony	Environmental Protection Agency
FIN-C716-3	Mr.	Alan	Russell	Meath County Council
FIN-C716-4				Department of Transport
FIN-C716-5				Balbriggan Community Council
FIN-C716-6				Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
FIN-C716-7	Mr.	Sean	McEvoy	Balscadden National School
	Mr.	Christopher	White	
FIN-C716-8	Mr.	Gerry	Howley	Gerry Howley

FIN-C716-9	Mr. & Mrs.	Anthony & Dympna	Pyne	Anthony and Dympna Pyne
FIN-C716-10		Lisa	Fitzpatrick	Environmental Health Service
	Mr.	Niall	Roche	Environmental Health Service
FIN-C716-11	Ms.	Rhona	Tolan	Rhona Tolan
FIN-C716-12	Mr.	Kevin	Hughes	Hughes Planning
FIN-C716-13	Mr.	John	Spain	John Spain Associates
FIN-C716-14	Mr.	Conor	Galvin	Office of Public Works
FIN-C716-15				Balscadden District Community Council
FIN-C716-16	Ms.	Mairead	Garry	Department of Education
FIN-C716-17	Mr.	Brian	Bone	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
FIN-C716-18	Ms.	Anne-Marie	O'Connor	Office of the Planning Regulator
FIN-C716-19	Ms.	Niamh	McDonald	Uisce Éireann
FIN-C716-20	Mr.	Michael	McAree	National Transport Authority
FIN-C716-21	Mr.	Jonathan	Murray	Downey Planning
	Mr.	Donal	Duffy	
FIN-C716-22	Mr.	Kevin	Tolan	KT Designs - Architectural and Planning Consultants

SECTION 4:

SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING REGULATOR (OPR) AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE:

FIN C716-18 Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR)

A comprehensive submission was received from the Office of the Planning Regulator (FIN-C716-18)

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The Office of the Planning Regulator (the Office) wishes to acknowledge the considerable and evident work of the authority in the preparation of the draft Local Area Plan.

(b) The Office welcomes the preparation of the draft Local Area Plan as provided for by way of objectives of the County Development Plan. The Office is of the view that the preparation of a single local area plan for Balbriggan town, encompassing Flemington would facilitate a more co-ordinated and integrated approach to the development of these strategic lands and would also fulfil the statutory requirement to prepare a local area plan for Balbriggan under Section 19(1)(b) of the Act. The Office refers to submissions to the draft County Development Plan and to the draft Lissenhall East Local Area Plan and notes the lack of a local area plan for the wider settlement limits opportunities to ensure a co-ordinated strategy for sustainable and compact growth.

(c) The undeveloped lands to which the draft Local Area Plan relates offer the potential to provide good quality and well-located housing in a plan-led manner, and in an area with a strong need for housing. There is also a welcome emphasis in the draft Local Area Plan on linking housing delivery with the provision of essential amenities, community and ecosystem services to support the creation of sustainable communities at a location set to benefit from

improved public transport services as outlined in the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 (GDA Transport Strategy).

(d) The Office notes the potential of the LAP to provide good quality and well-located housing in a plan-led manner and welcomes the emphasis on linking housing delivery with the provision of essential amenities, community and eco-system services to support the creation of sustainable communities at a location set to benefit from improved public transport services. The Plan sets out a clear strategy and framework for the future development of the lands concerned.

(e) **Recommendation 1: Compact Growth**. In relation to Consistency with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, the Office notes the location of Balbriggan within the Core region of RSES for the EMRA and its designation as a Self-Sustaining Town. The Office welcomes the Vision of the Plan in this regard. Regarding consistency with the Development Plan and Core Strategy, the Office notes the Residential Area- RA -zoning of the lands, Section 2.4 of the Plan and the intention to develop four Character Areas to comprise residential mixed typologies, active travel, and community facilities to be generally consistent with the County Development Plan. In relation to Population, Residential Development and Compact Growth, the Office notes generally, the Core Strategy of the Development Plan, projected growth for Balbriggan to 2029, projected housing demand, the categorisation of the lands as Tier 1 and the previous undertaking of a settlement capacity audit as part of the County Development Plan. The Office refers to Section 3.3 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) and guidance on residential densities, specifically referring to Objective 3.1. Whilst acknowledging the application of higher densities for these lands based on existing public transport availability could be considered excessive, the Office indicates that lower densities make it less viable to expand public transport infrastructure and the policy intention should be to seek higher densities in certain locations across the Local Area Plan where appropriate and site context is suitable, having regard to the density ranges for suburban areas

referred to in Table 3.3 (of the Guidelines). The submission therefore includes the following recommendation:

Recommendation 1- Compact Growth
The Planning Authority is required to: (i) Include a policy objective to state that the Planning Authority will implement the density ranges for large towns in section 3.3.1 of the Compact Settlement Guidelines and (ii) Identify the character areas where there is scope within the context of the Compact Settlements Guidelines for higher densities to be applied in order to maximise the return on public transport investment.

(f) Recommendation 2: Transport and Active Travel Modes. In relation to transport and accessibility, the Office notes the importance of considering the role of the draft LAP area in its wider context to ensure that the framework for sustainable development has regard to the promotion of sustainable transport and active travel modes to provide future residents with a range of travel choices. The Office welcomes the alignment of the draft Plan with the NTA's GDA Transport Strategy, the designation of Active Travel Hubs and provision of the Active Travel Spine. The Office notes the absence of preparation of a Local Transport Plan for Balbriggan as provided for under Objective CMO4 of the Development Plan and indicates there is a lack of evidence provided to demonstrate how the Plan contributes to ensuring the integration of land use and transport planning and the co-ordination of transport priorities between the plan lands and the wider Balbriggan settlement. The Office indicates that the Local Area Plan should provide additional detail on how specific connectivity and active travel proposals as set out in the draft Plan, link up with active travel access towards and into Balbriggan town centre. The Office notes an absence of specific objectives which relate directly to public transport provision or

improvements and indicates that the provision of new bus stop facilities at appropriate location(s) on the R132 should be a local area plan land activation requirement. The Office also indicates that the Plan is unclear in the manner in which the subject lands can be served directly by the Balbriggan town bus service and indicates that through engagement with NTA and the relevant bus operator, an understanding of the feasibility of the infrastructure required should be investigated as part of development phasing. In this regard, extending the town bus service to connect the LAP lands to Balbriggan train station should be a priority objective of the Plan. The submission includes the following Recommendation:

Recommendation 2- Transport and Active Travel Modes
The Planning Authority is required to amend the draft Local Area Plan for Flemington to show how active travel proposals set out will directly link into existing public transport infrastructure in the area: (i) Indicate by way of map or otherwise how prioritisation of the above travel measures proposed is aligned with wider active travel proposals for Balbriggan. (ii) Identify any additional infrastructure required to ensure that the growth anticipated for these lands will connect into the wider active travel connections planned for Balbriggan and (iii) Review section 6 of the draft Local Area Plan to provide specific policy objectives in relation to improvements in accessibility to public transport provision.

(g) The submission concludes that the resolution of the stated issues has the potential to set a new standard for future development in the area which would help it align with Government targets to meet net carbon neutral approach by 2050 under the Climate Action Plan 2024.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The Chief Executive welcomes the OPR's submission and acknowledges the thorough engagement of the Office with the content of the Draft Flemington LAP.

(b) The adopted Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Map Sheet 4 refers to Balbriggan and clearly identifies and delineates the development boundaries of the town. The land use zoning objectives pertinent to the settlement, together with specific map-based objectives, proposed connectivity and movement proposals/routes, architectural conservation areas, protected structures, national monuments, designed views, school sites, etc. are clearly identified. The Fingal Development Plan also makes statutory provision for a new local area plan for Flemington under Section 2.4.1. With regard to the requirement for a LAP for the entire town of Balbriggan, it is considered that the combination of highly detailed planning policy, allied with the proposed Flemington Local Area Plan, the previously adopted Castlelands Masterplan, the proposed Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan (at Draft stage), together with other strategies for Balbriggan including the *'Our Balbriggan'* rejuvenation plan, as well as overarching policies for the settlement as set out in Section 2.7 'Settlement Strategy' of the Plan, means that a robust planning framework has been established for the settlement in accordance with the requirements of the Core Strategy. Furthermore, the provision of a LAP for Balbriggan did not form part of the OPR notices issued to the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning in March and July 2023 as part of the Fingal Development Plan process.

(c) The comments of the Office are noted and welcomed.

(d) The comments of the Office are noted and welcomed.

(e) Section 5.3 Housing of the Draft LAP refers to density ranges across the LAP lands as contained within the *Sustainable Residential Development Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*. As recommended by the Office and in response to part (i) of Recommendation 1, Section 5.7 Character Area Objectives of the Draft LAP will be amended to include a new objective in

relation to the implementation of density ranges for large towns as set out at Section 3.3.1 of the '*Sustainable Residential Development Compact Settlements-Guidelines for Planning Authorities*'. In relation to the requirements of part (ii) Recommendation 1 to identify Character Areas where there is scope for higher residential densities to maximise the return on public transport investment, it is considered that the Gateway Building locations as identified within Character Areas 1 and 4 can provide such opportunities. (refer to Figure 3.1). Such proposals for increased density will be required to align with the residential density ranges set out for 'Key Towns' as provided for within the '*Sustainable Residential Development Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*'. More generally, residential densities proposed within individual planning applications will be assessed through the Development Management process and must accord with the density ranges as specified in national planning guidance.



Figure 3.1 - Proposed Flemington LAP Development Layout

(f) The requirement of Recommendation 2 in relation to prioritisation of active travel measures to align with the wider active travel proposals for Balbriggan is noted. Accordingly, Figure 6.10 in the Draft LAP will be amended to illustrate existing bus stops and routes, together with the manner in which proposed

LAP active travel measures will link with existing public transport as recommended. In relation to additional infrastructure, Objective 6.8 of the Draft LAP, which seeks to *'examine the feasibility of providing a new signalised pedestrian/cyclist crossing on the R132 Route so as to provide increased and safe connectivity with the LAP lands'*, is considered to appropriately address this point, as it will support onward connections with active travel initiatives planned for the wider Balbriggan area e.g. the Fingal Coastal Way, upgrades to Harry Reynolds Road, R132 Coney Hill Balbriggan to Bremore Cottages improvements, R132 through Balbriggan from Dublin Road roundabout to Bremore Castle and future GDA cycle network upgrades. The Chief Executive also notes that Objective CMO4 is a live Objective of the Fingal Development Plan which was adopted in 2023. Having regard to the OPR's recommendations regarding Section 6 Movement and Transportation objectives, it is proposed that a new Objective be inserted at Section 6.8 of the Draft LAP requiring engagement with transport providers to ensure improvements in public transport accessibility and upgrades as necessary.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE OPR CH5 Character Areas Section 5.7 Character Areas Objectives Page 30

Insert new Objective (5.14) Character Areas Objectives as follows:

5.14 Proposals for residential development within each character area will be required to accord with the density ranges as set out for Key Town/ Large Town (Suburban/Urban Extension) within the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (or any update thereof)

CE OPR CH6 Movement and Transport Section 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives Page 38

Insert new Objective (6.11) in Section 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives as follows:

6.11 Engage with transport providers regarding improvements in public transport accessibility within the LAP area, in order to develop an integrated, inclusive, and accessible network that supports all residents, including those with mobility challenges, to reach essential services, employment, and recreational destinations.

CE OPR CH6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.10 Page 36

Amend Figure 6.10 as follows:

Image to Illustrate existing bus stops and routes together with the manner in which proposed LAP active travel measures link with existing public transport.

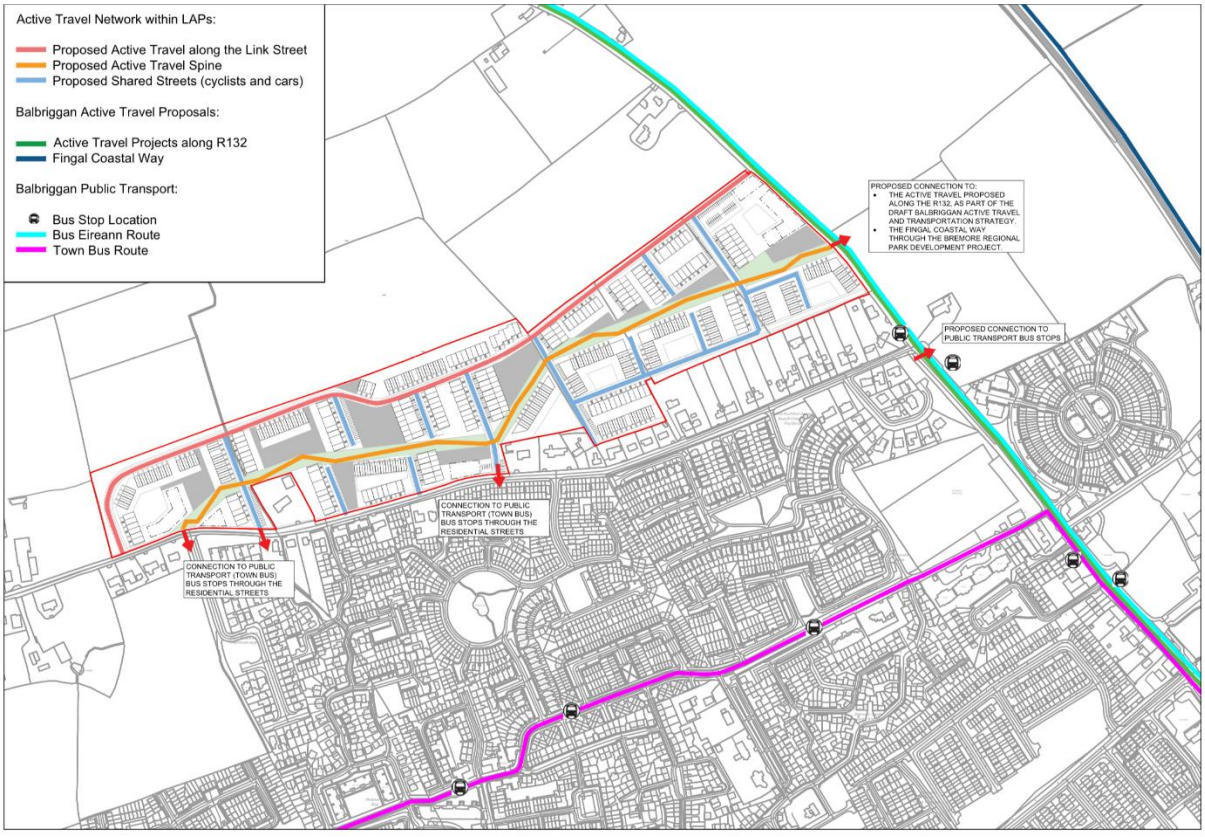


Figure 6.10 - Options for Active Travel Linkages onto Flemington Land and the R132 Route

SECTION 5:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (NTA), THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE SUBMISSION AND PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS:

FIN-C716-20 National Transport Authority (NTA)

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The National Transport Authority (NTA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan.

(b) Under the first heading- Overview, the submission expresses support for the preparation of an LAP for Flemington which it states, provides an opportunity to ensure a plan-led approach to the development of the lands in a manner to support sustainable development and integration of land use and transport planning. The submission supports the primary transport elements of the Draft LAP which are considered to align with the Transport Strategy, including:

- The development of a well-connected, walkable and accessible urban extension to the existing built-up area of Balbriggan.
- Promotion of increased levels of pedestrian and cyclist movement through the provision of high-quality infrastructure and the application of the principle of filtered permeability.
- Facilitation of alternative modes of travel to the private car through the provision of active travel hubs which can accommodate bicycle/car sharing and integrate with surrounding bus networks.

(c) Under the heading -Integration with Local Transport Plan, the Authority states it is important that the future transport needs of Flemington are considered as part of a local transport plan for Balbriggan and that the preparation of the LAP is undertaken in a co-ordinated manner with the local transport plan. The Authority also notes Objective CMO4- Local Transport Plan for Balbriggan as contained within the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

(d) In relation to public transport, the submission welcomes detail provided in relation to existing bus routes as indicated in Figure 6.5 which illustrates the extent of existing transport infrastructure. The submission requires that the alignment of the current town bus service should also be mapped given its current and potential enhanced role in accommodating local trips.

(e) In relation to Movement and Transport Objectives under Section 6.8, the Authority notes no objective in reference to potential enhancement of bus services or infrastructure. It is recommended to include in the Draft Plan objectives seeking the provision of improved bus stop infrastructure and pedestrian crossing points, as well as enhancement of public transport services in this area through engagement with the NTA. This should include measures to upgrade the existing bus stop pair on the R132 adjacent the lands and to provide a pedestrian crossing point at this location.

(f) The submission seeks a general objective to enhance and accommodate public transport services in this area through engagement with the NTA.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The content of the submission is noted and welcomed.

(b) The comments of the NTA are welcomed.

(c) The *Draft Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation Strategy 2023-2030* was reviewed during the preparation of the Draft LAP. The recommendations and measures included in the Active Travel & Transportation Strategy, in the vicinity of the LAP lands, were taken into consideration when preparing the Draft LAP. The Chief Executive notes that CMO4 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, requiring the preparation of a Local Transport Plan for Balbriggan in consultation with the NTA and other relevant stakeholders continues to be a current objective of the Plan adopted in 2023.

(d) The recommendation to include the existing alignment of the town bus service on an appropriate map is noted and the draft Plan will be updated accordingly.

(e) Recommendations regarding the upgrading of bus stops on the R132 route and provision of a pedestrian crossing are noted. The LAP addresses the potential

for a crossing and states that the proposed active travel spine should be complemented by a crossing facility on the R132, thereby creating a link with the Bremore Regional Park Development Project, facilitating safe access to sports facilities, central open spaces, recreational areas, and ancillary infrastructure. This connection will also enable access to the future Fingal Coastal Way. The location of the bus stops as referred to are outside of the designated boundary of the LAP and any upgrade to same would therefore relate to works outside of the LAP. It is noted however, that as part of 'Connecting Ireland', a major public transport initiative developed by the NTA, the two bus stops adjacent to Bremore Cottages will be upgraded with the provision of bus poles. Any additional future upgrade of the bus stops on the R132 route can be facilitated through the Development Management process. Having regard to upgrade works in general, Fingal County Council will continue to work with the relevant transportation providers and stakeholders in relation to delivering public transport enhancements in the area.

(f) Requirement for a general objective to enhance and accommodate public transport services in the area through engagement with the NTA is noted. A similar objective is proposed for Section 6.8 of the LAP (Refer to Objective 6.11 as proposed under the Office of the Planning Regulator, Section 4).

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE NTA CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map Page 32

Update Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Page 32 to include town bus route alignment.

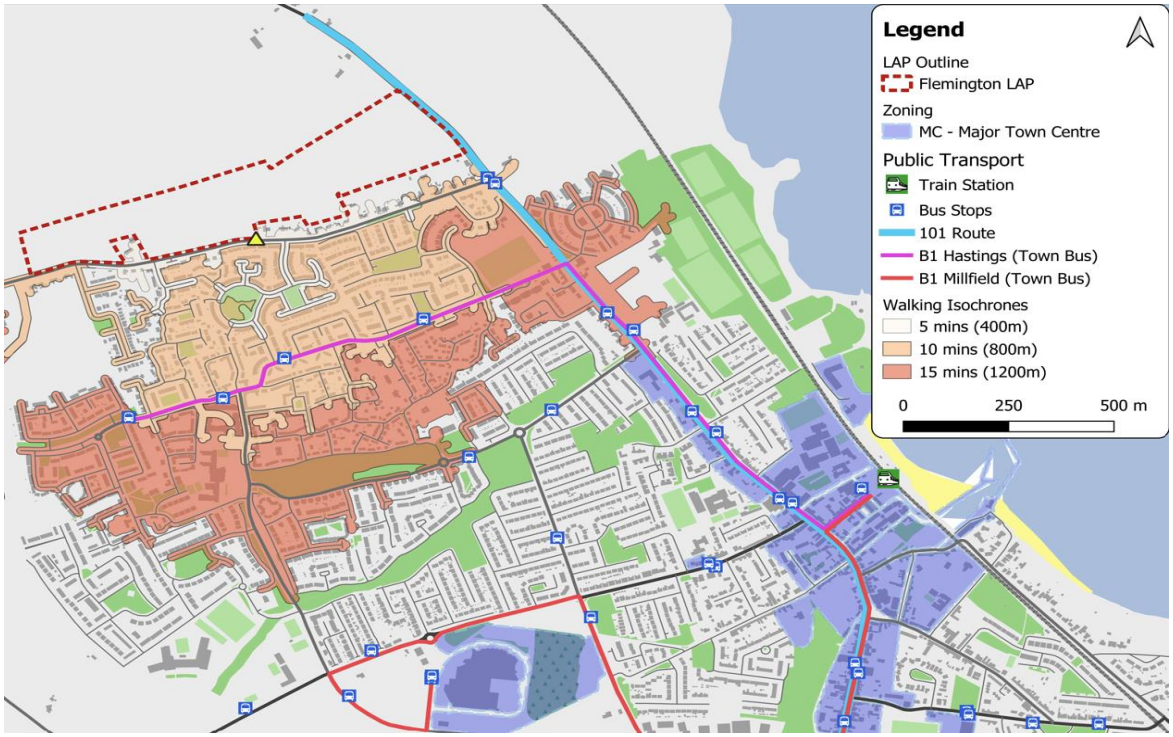


Figure 6.5 - Walking Isochrones Map

SECTION 6:

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES/PERSONS AND SUBMISSIONS CLASSIFIED BY THEME; THE OPINION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND PROPOSED RECOMMENDTAIONS TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN:

FIN-C716-14 Office of Public Works (OPW)

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The OPW, as lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Local Area Plan for Flemington Balbriggan.

(b) The OPW welcomes the acknowledgement of the guidelines and the preparation of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and detailed Surface Water Management Plan and Sustainable Drainage Strategy.

(c) The submission notes the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) and Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study (ICPSS) and notes that PFRA indicative flood maps including ICPSS have been superseded by the national indicative fluvial coastal and groundwater flood mapping. The OPW does not intend to update the PFRA.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The submission from the OPW is welcomed.

(b) Commentary in the submission in relation to the SFRA, Surface Water Management and Sustainable Drainage Strategy is noted and welcomed.

(c) Text within the SFRA will be updated.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE APP III Surface Water Management Plan and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Update Appendix III Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to reflect the requirements of the OPW. Please see amended SFRA document which accompanies this Chief Executive's Report for details of the amendments made.

FIN-C716-2 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The EPA notes the findings of the SEA Determination that Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Draft LAP.

(b) The EPA recommends the Plan is consistent with proper planning and sustainable development. Adequate and appropriate critical service infrastructure should be in place, or required to be put in place, to service any development proposed and authorised during the lifetime of the Plan. In considering the Plan, regard should be taken of the need to align with national commitments on climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as incorporating any relevant recommendations in sectoral, regional and local climate adaptation plans. The Plan should align with any key relevant higher-level plans and programmes and be consistent with NPF and relevant RSES. The Plan should also align with OPW's Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (OPW 2009)

(c) The EPA will publish the next iteration of the State of the Environment Report in October 2024. Once published, this report should be considered and integrated as appropriate, in implementing the plan or programme over its lifetime.

(d) Where amendments to the Plan are proposed, the submission states that these should be screened for potential likely significant effects with referenced legislation. The submission also advises to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive where relevant. Where an Appropriate Assessment is required, the key findings and recommendations should be incorporated into the SEA.

(e) The submission refers to numerous available guidance and resources as well as steps to be taken prior to finalising the SEA Determination.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) Comments noting the SEA screening are acknowledged.

(b) The Draft Plan aligns with national commitments on climate change mitigation and adaptation, and with key higher-level plans and programmes ensuring consistency with all relevant policies and objectives of the National Planning Framework and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (EMRA RSES). The provision of critical service infrastructure to serve the plan lands is reflected in the phasing section of the Draft LAP and the plan is consistent with the requirements of the OPW's Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (OPW 2009)

(c) The LAP has taken cognisance of the recently published State of the Environment Report (October 2024) by the EPA. As set out in the Executive Summary, the LAP will focus on developing the lands in a manner which promotes long term sustainability, whilst minimising carbon emissions and mitigating impacts on the natural environment. The objectives of the LAP seek to afford protection to the natural environment while balancing the need for new development. The draft Plan will be amended to include text supporting the State of the Environment report and any subsequent edition updates.

(d) Comments are noted. Environmental assessments including SEA and AA Screenings were undertaken. Aligned with this, the comments and response to the submission of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are noted.

(e) Commentary in relation to guidance, regulations, resources and steps to be taken prior to finalising the SEA Determination are noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE CH4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives.

Include new Objective 4.12 within the Table Pg. 22

Objective 4.12: It is a general objective of this LAP to support the achievement of the key messages as contained within the State of the Environment report and any subsequent editions of the report.

FIN-C716-19 Uisce Éireann

Summary of issues raised:

(a) Uisce Éireann (UÉ) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan.

(b) The submission provides commentary with regard to Water Services Infrastructure –Water Supply and Network Capacity, noting availability of capacity and impending Water Supply Capacity Register updates.

(c) In relation to Wastewater Collection, the submission notes the Stamullen project referenced in Chapter 7 of the Draft LAP, is now completed, with sewage from the Stamullen area now pumping to Balbriggan.

(d) General commentary provided in the submission relating to Section 7.4 Foul Drainage, Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities is noted. The submission welcomes the inclusion of Objectives in relation to Sustainable Water Management under Section 7.8.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The submission from Uisce Éireann (UÉ) is welcomed.

(b) Commentary within the submission in relation to water supply and network capacity updates is noted.

(c) Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage will be updated to reflect completion of the Stamullen Wastewater Upgrade Scheme.

(d) Sections 7.4 and 7.7 of the Draft Plan will be updated. Commentary in relation to Section 7.8 is noted and welcomed.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage

Amend Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage as follows:

~~The Stamullen Waste Water Upgrade Scheme is currently underway to address the limited capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).~~

~~The WWTP is located to the north west of Flemington in Stamullen, Co. Meath. The project involves two phases - the first of which is the installation of c.2km of twin rising mains and a gravity sewer on the R132 from the Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan, at which point it may connect into the sewer network which terminates in Skerries WWTP. Installation of this sewer line was completed in 2022.~~

~~The second phase is currently under construction and includes a further 4km twin rising main, which has been completed, and the construction of a pumping station in place of the Stamullen Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will allow pumping of wastewater from this location to Skerries.~~

~~It is proposed that all foul water from future development on the LAP lands be connected into this foul network for treatment at the Skerries WWTP, subject to engagement and agreement with Uisce Éireann and connection applications.~~

~~It is likely that a pump station will be required for the development on the LAP lands due to the foul network at the proposed point of connection being a rising main.~~

Include updated text as follows:

Having regard to foul water, it is most likely that the LAP lands will connect to the existing sewer network and go forward to Quay Street Pumping Station and then pumped forward to Barnageeragh Wastewater treatment Plant in Skerries.

CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities Page 41

Amend Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities as follows:

~~A foul sewage pump station may be required in order to connect to the rising main on the R132 Route to the Skerries Waste Water Treatment Plant (subject to confirmation from Uisce Éireann).~~

FIN-C716-4 Department of Transport:

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The submission from the Department of Transport (DoT) welcomes the opportunity to provide general observations.

(b) The submission refers under Sustainable Mobility to the Climate Action Plan and National Sustainable Mobility Policy and indicates that Fingal County Council should seek to ensure that the Draft Plan fully reflects these goals, principles, and objectives to ensure the maximum alignment with national efforts to achieve Ireland's climate action targets.

(c) The submission refers under 'Moving Together Strategy' to the development of a national demand management strategy which will seek to improve efficiency, equity and well-being of public space, particularly the use of road and streets, supporting active travel, shared mobility and public transport services.

(d) The submission also refers under 'Air Quality' to a new Clean Air Strategy for Ireland published by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. Under Section entitled 'LA Climate Action Plans 'the

submission refers to recommendations in relation to the drafting of Local Authority Climate Action Plans.

(e) The submission refers under paragraph entitled 'Electric Vehicles' to Chapter 2 of the draft Plan and indicates that reference should be made to a number of documents where appropriate:

- National EV Charging Strategy 2022-2025
- National Network EV Charging Plan (NECP) 2024 to 2030
- Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan (RLP) 2024 to 2030.

(f) The submission also refers to a number of key policies and requirements relevant to accessible, integrated and sustainable public transport which the Department considers should be reflected in the proposals -National Disability Inclusion Strategy (NDIS) 2017-2022; United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD); 'whole journey approach'; DMURS Interim Advice Note – Covid 19 Pandemic Response; Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan (2022-2025).

(g) The submission welcomes the text in Section 8.6 of the Plan in relation to achieving the principles of universal design.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The submission from the Department of Transport is welcomed.

(b) The Draft LAP seeks to provide future residents with a broad range of travel options aligned with strategic proposals as outlined in the 'National Transport Authority's Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042' while supporting the delivery of transport objectives set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. A key objective of the Draft Plan is to provide a central Active Travel Spine through the lands to promote sustainable journeys. This is further supported by a key theme of the Plan to promote active modes of travel through the delivery of physical infrastructure which would promote sustainable movement by walking and cycling modes within a connected, legible and accessible residential neighbourhood, thereby contributing to achievement of climate action targets.

(c) The future national demand management strategy is noted.

(d) Commentary regarding new Clean Air Strategy is noted. Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was adopted in February 2024.

(e) Policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 provide appropriate guidance regarding electric vehicles. In particular, Section 14.17.10 of the Plan provides minimum standards for EV charging points and infrastructure including requirements for multi-unit residential developments. Furthermore, Policy CAP27 seeks to increase the number of electric powered re-charging parking bays in Fingal while Policy CMP1 seeks to bring forward initiatives and the implementation of EV charging points in support of decarbonising motorised transport. All applications for development brought forward for consideration through the Development Management process, will be required to demonstrate compliance with policies and objectives of the Development Plan with respect to electric vehicles and will be required to comply with relevant national guidance as referred to within the Department's submission.

(f) The ethos behind the delivery of a 'whole journey' approach is one which the Draft LAP promotes. A universal design to the built environment, including accessible footpaths, roads, pedestrian crossing points and bus stops shelters are fundamental to the formation of a successful well-integrated built environment and are principles which are promoted in the Draft LAP.

(g) The Chief Executive welcomes the comments of the Department. The Draft LAP seeks to ensure that future development proposals incorporate the principles of Universal Design in order to deliver accessible, useable, safe and connected streetscapes and public spaces to positively influence the quality of life of future residents, their sustainable movement and social interaction.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

FIN-C716-6 Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Summary of issues raised:

(a) Submission from the Department recommends objectives/policies are included in the LAP to support the implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation measures in the Climate Action Plan 2024, Fingal Development Plan and Fingal LACAP and sets out a number of points under subsequent headings.

(b) The Department recommends that an objective/policy is included in the LAP to support the implementation of CAP24 (and annual revisions).

(c) The submission also recommends inclusion of objectives/policy to support the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures in CAP24, the Fingal Development Plan and Fingal LACAP.

(d) The submission refers to the National Adaptation Framework (NAF) and indicates that policy/objectives are included to support implementation.

(e) The Department recommends that the LAP include policies/objectives to ensure the implementation of the Fingal LACAP and related actions, thereby ensuring consistency and alignment between both Plans. In this regard, the Department welcomes the objective of the draft Plan requiring that '*Development of the LAP lands will be undertaken in a sustainable manner so as to assist with County's decarbonisation targets as set out within the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029*'.

(f) The Department welcomes the inclusion of objectives (including Environment and Sustainability Objectives 4.9 and 4.10) which generally align with objectives (renewable energy).

(g) The Department refers under Renewable Energy to renewable energy and positive objectives within the Fingal Development Plan in relation to the support and promotion of renewable energy.

(h) The submission recommends that the Local Authority examine the potential of district heating including district heating derived from waste heat, (where available, technically feasible and cost-effective) and commit to carrying out a feasibility exercise and the use of heat mapping in support of same in the draft policies.

(i) The submission also recommends that the LAP include objectives/policies to support circular economy principles.

(j) The Department recommends that the draft LAP includes reference to and includes objectives and/or policies to support and facilitate the development of telecommunications infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The Draft LAP references the Climate Action Plan 2024 in Sections 3 and 4, acknowledging that the built environment and transportation sectors have a key role to play in achieving climate change objectives. A key theme of the Draft LAP is 'Environment' which seeks to ensure the future growth of the LAP lands are undertaken in a manner that is sustainable over the long term where new development proposals can assist with decarbonising the built environment while mitigating any significant impacts upon the natural green and blue environment. Objective 4.1 of the Draft LAP will be amended to include reference to the Climate Action Plan 2024.

(b) The LAP includes reference to climate change and climate action. Objective 4.1 of the Draft LAP will be strengthened to include reference to supporting the implementation of the National Adaptation Framework 2024.

(c) The draft Plan is supportive of CAP24 and Fingal LACAP. Developments brought forward for development under the Plan will be required to demonstrate compliance with policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

(d) It is considered the stated objectives of the LAP (and those to be amended as above) will ensure consistency with the implementation of the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024.

(e) It is considered the stated objectives of the LAP (and those to be amended as above) will ensure consistency with the implementation of the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024. Commentary welcoming objectives of the plan are noted.

(f) Comments noted and welcomed.

(g) Comments in relation to Renewable Energy and positive supporting objectives within the Fingal Development Plan promoting renewable energy are noted and welcomed.

(h) Policies and objectives relating to District Heating/Waste Heat are provided at Sections 5.5.3.6 and 14.21.2 of the Fingal Development Plan. Objectives 4.8 and 4.9 of the LAP support and promote new buildings within the Plan lands to be designed as energy efficiently as possible and to promote best practice in the use of renewable energy infrastructure and technologies.

(i) Policy CAP25 of the Fingal Development Plan supports the shift towards the circular economy approach while Policy CAP26 provides guidance regarding Waste Management Plans for construction and demolition projects. Objective 4.2 of the LAP requires in terms of best practice, that planning applications should be accompanied by a Sustainability Statement detailing the overall sustainability of any proposed scheme, and such matters concerning demolition and waste management would be included therein.

(j) Section 11.3 of the Fingal Development Plan addresses the matter of digital infrastructure and contains numerous objectives to support the role out of same. It is considered this matter is sufficiently addressed within the higher order plan and development proposals brought forward on the LAP lands will be required to comply with objectives of the Fingal Development Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives Page 22

Amend Objective 4.1 as follows:

Development of the LAP lands will be undertaken in a sustainable manner ***so as to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 and National Adaptation Framework 2024 so as to*** *assist with* ***the*** *County's decarbonisation targets as set out within the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.*

FIN-C716-16 Department of Education

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The Department expects that any school place requirement arising from the forecasted population growth would be catered for through existing school facilities or the expansion thereof.

(b) There are thirteen schools (eight primary and five post-primary) located in Balbriggan. The Department's preference would be to expand these existing facilities (if possible) should there be a requirement for additional school places as a result of the planned population increases.

(c) The Department will engage with the Council where the findings of an assessment require a review of existing or future school site provision within a specific location, including in relation to additional special educational needs provision. The Department will consult with the Council if and when additional special educational needs accommodation is required within specific locations.

(d) The Department welcomes the continued engagement with the Council regarding the development of both new and existing schools.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) Commentary in relation to the ability of existing schools within Balbriggan to meet projected forecasted demand arising from the LAP lands is noted and welcomed.

(b) Possible expansion of existing schools should the need arise is noted.

(c) The Chief Executive welcomes future engagement with the Department of Education as required.

(d) The Chief Executive welcomes continued engagement with the Department of Education and will assist the Department in its role of providing educational facilities within Fingal.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

FIN-C716-17 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The submission from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is welcomed. The submission notes the high archaeological potential of the area and recommends development proposals be accompanied by an Archaeological Impact Assessment Report, including the results of an archaeological geophysical survey.

(b) Under Nature Conservation, the submission states that the LAP should aim to preserve as far as possible the town land boundary hedgerow between Flemington and Bremore, the hedgerow along Flemington Lane and other boundaries of these lands.

(c) The submission welcomes LAP Environment and Sustainability Objective 4.4 (each Character Area is accompanied by botanical tree and hedgerow surveys) and Objective 4.5 (Planting plans will accompany development proposals).

(d) The submission indicates that Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the Draft LAP is necessary and that a Natura Impact Report (NIR) should be prepared in relation to the Draft LAP.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) Section 4.6 of the Plan refers to Archaeology and Built Heritage and advises that no archaeological or built heritage matters are linked to the LAP lands, while stipulating that the onus is with individual developers to clearly demonstrate that no archaeological or built heritage impacts arise as a result of future development proposals. In this regard, Objective 4.7 states *'planning applications shall clearly demonstrate that development proposals on the LAP lands will not result in any adverse upon archaeology or the built heritage'* .

(b) Objective 4.5 of the Plan states that *'planting plans will accompany development proposals and provide detailed information regarding the retention, removal and new planting of hedgerow and trees and other vegetation as appropriate. Development proposals shall be also accompanied by bird surveys'.* It is

recommended that this Objective is amended to provide additional clarity in relation to the protection of townland boundaries.

(c) Noted and welcomed.

(d) Fingal County Council welcomes the submission from the Department and appreciates the opportunity to clarify the conclusions contained in the supporting documentation, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report. As set out in its submission, the Department considers that there is a route for surface water run-off from the LAP lands to the North-West Irish Sea SPA. It states that the apparent existence of such a pathway means that *"the possibility of polluted runoff from the LAP lands during any development of them reaching this SPA and causing adverse effects to Special Conservation Interest bird species for it consequently definitely arises*". The Department acknowledges that *"dilution factors and its size would probably mean that such effects would be localised to the nearest sections of the North-West Irish Sea SPA and certainly would not affect any other European site".*

The Department's position appears to be based on the information contained in the Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS, which was included as Appendix III - b to the Draft LAP). Figure 3.1 of the SDS (*Existing Flow Route Analysis*) provides a visual representation of theoretical overland flow paths for water at the site, based on computerised modelling and analysis of topographical and hydrological data. As it currently stands, rainwater arising on the site, should it not infiltrate directly to ground, may flow out of the site and enter the surface water drainage system to the south. There are no controls over water flow (such as volume or quality) from the site at present. However, the implementation of the Draft LAP will require all potential development to take account of best practice surface water management, using the SuDS drainage hierarchy. This means that water will be reused on site or infiltrated to the ground following attenuation and SuDS treatment using nature based solutions. Further, even in the event that surface water does need to be discharged off-site, the discharged

water would be clean (treated in the SuDS train[1]) the volumes would not be significant and would in any case be limited to no more than existing green-field run-off rates.

The Department also considers that "*if the existing Balbriggan surface water drainage network is assessed as having no capacity for additional surface water, a new outfall (to the sea) will be required. The possibility, though probably much less, therefore, in addition arises of pollution from proposed developments on the LAP lands reaching the North-West Irish Sea during the these* (sic) *developments' operational as well as their construction phases*".

For clarity, there is no requirement for a new outfall to the sea. As noted above, and throughout the SDS, any surface water arising on site will be captured, treated and infiltrated using SuDS measures. We appreciate that the fourth bullet point listed in Section 7.7 of the Draft Flemington LAP ("*The capacity of the existing surface water drainage network in the Balbriggan area must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development. If there is no capacity for the additional surface water, a new outfall will be required*") may be read as requiring a new outfall, however for clarity this only refers to a new connection to the existing surface water network, if required. Again, this connection would only be used after the water had passed through the SuDS measures. The text in the Draft LAP has been revised to clarity this position.

1 The CJEU, in its ruling in Case C-721/21, Eco Advocacy CLG v An Bord Pleanála, dated 15 June 2023 (arising from the High Court judgment in Eco Advocacy CLG v An Bord Pleanála [2021] IEHC 265) clarified issues defining mitigation in the context of European sites (Humphreys J decided in that case that clarification was required from the CJEU as it related to the consideration of SUDs and whether these represented mitigation measures). The CJEU confirmed that Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43 "*must be interpreted as meaning that, in order to determine whether it is necessary to carry out an appropriate assessment of the implications of a plan or project for a site, account may be taken of the features of that plan or project which involve the removal of contaminants and which therefore may have the effect of reducing the harmful effects of the plan or project on that site, where those features have been incorporated into that plan or project as standard features, inherent in such a plan or project, irrespective of any effect on the site.*"

https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=274644&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=lst&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=21723482

See also Kelly (Eoin) v An Bord Pleanála [2019] IEHC 84; and Heather Hill Management Co CLG v An Bord Pleanála [2019] IEHC 450.

To reiterate, Figure 3.1 of the SDS (as well as Figure 6.4 of the SFRA) comprises a visual representation of potential flow paths for water and does not imply the presence of an *actual* pathway between the Plan lands and the North-West Irish Sea SPA. These modelled flow paths do not represent *actual* watercourses or streams, and they do not provide a pathway to an existing watercourse such as Clonard Brook which does outfall to the sea at Tankardstown Bay Beach (and is culverted for part of its length). As set out in the SDS, a detailed SuDS design for the Plan area will consider how flow along these routes internal to the lands will be managed (see also Appendix A of the SDS which contains a SuDS Concept Masterplan.

Separately, as is made clear in the LAP documentation[2], there is no possibility of fluvial or tidal flooding arising on the Plan lands. The lands are located entirely within Flood Zone C, meaning that development on the land is appropriate in the context of flood risk. The modelled overland flow paths are for pluvial water (rainwater) only.

The SFRA contains a recommendation in relation to surface water management – specifically that "*Management of internal surface water runoff within the Plan Area (i.e. surface water from development) shall be managed in accordance with the Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) component of the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), the outcomes of which are informed by this SFRA".*

In summary, the Sustainable Drainage Strategy and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared by McCloy Consulting (and updated in response to the submission received from the OPW), confirms that the Draft Flemington LAP lands are located entirely within Flood Zone C, meaning that development is appropriate for this site. The documents recommend the inclusion of standard SuDS measures – all internal surface water runoff within the Plan area will be managed in accordance with SuDS.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is to be noted that the presence of a pathway such as via surface water, whether theoretical or actual, during construction or

[2]The SFRA has been updated and clarified by the authors McCloys Consulting in response to submissions, however the conclusions remain unchanged. A copy of the updated SFRA is included in Appendix II to this report.

operation, does not automatically mean that the possibility of a significant effect on a European site cannot be excluded.

As set out in the Site Synopsis for the site, the North-West Irish Sea SPA constitutes an important resource for marine birds. This is acknowledged in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR). The SPA is approximately 2,333km^2 in area and covers a large section of the eastern coast of Ireland – including the entire coast of Fingal County. The Conservation Objectives for the North-West Irish Sea SPA are (in summary) to maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of the 21 no. bird species that are listed as Special Conservation Interest (SCI) species within the SPA.

As set out in the site synopsis, the SPA "*constitutes an important resource for marine birds. The estuaries and bays that open into it along with connecting coastal stretches of intertidal and shallow subtidal habitats, provide safe feeding and roosting habitats for waterbirds throughout the winter and migration periods. These areas, along with more pelagic marine waters further offshore, provide additional supporting habitats (for foraging and other maintenance behaviours) for those seabirds that breed at colonies on the north-west Irish Sea's islands and coastal headlands. These marine areas are also important for seabirds outside the breeding period*".

While water pollution impacts are, naturally, to be avoided in all circumstances it is notable also that the attributes and targets for the 21 no. SCI species (comprising population size; spatial distribution; forage spatial distribution, extent and abundance; disturbance across the site and barriers to connectivity) are not reliant on water quality and in any case, the EPA database (Coastal Water Quality 2018–2020) confirms that the Northwestern Irish Sea (EPA code IE_EA_020_0000) is classified as *unpolluted*.

Considering the location of the LAP lands and the absence of a realistic construction or operational pathway via surface water, as well as the size of the SPA, there is no likelihood that the implementation of the Draft LAP objectives, which are based on the principles of environmental sustainability, could negatively affect this assessment. Even without the implementation of standard

and best practice construction-phase mitigation measures (measures that would be implemented regardless of whether or not there is a pathway to a European site) there is no possibility of any significant effects on this or any other European site.

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission from the Department and remains satisfied that there is no possibility of there being any significant effects on any European site as a result of the implementation of the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan.

As is made clear in the AA Screening Report and in the SDS and SFRA, there are no mapped streams within the LAP lands, and there are no open channels. It is clear that notwithstanding the modelled/theoretical flow routes included in the SDS and SFRA, there is no realistic surface water pathway from the Plan lands to the North-West Irish Sea. It is also clear that surface water arising at the site can be accommodated using SuDS measures, which are appropriate and that no bespoke mitigation measures are required during any potential construction works. There is no possibility of a significant effect on any European site, including the North-West Irish Sea SPA, during the construction or operation of any development rising as a result of the implementation of the LAP.

The statement in the AA Screening Report that *"[g]iven the nature of the LAP lands and the nature of the watercourses in the immediate area there is no realistic surface water link or pathway between the LAP lands and the European Sites to the east-including the North West Irish Sea SPA"* remains correct.

There is no possibility that the implementation of any of the objectives of the LAP could result in a significant effect on the North-West Irish Sea SPA (or on any other European site).

Separately, it is noted at Section 7 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report that *any future development arising as a result of the implementation of the LAP will be subject to Appropriate Assessment Screening in its own right. All individual planning applications will require assessment within the provisions of the normal planning and sustainable development process.*

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

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Amend Objective 4.4 as follows:
Development proposals within each character area shall be accompanied by botanical tree and hedgerow surveys and shall seek to retain existing trees and hedgerows, ***including townland boundaries,*** in so far as possible in order to protect the biodiversity value of the LAP lands and ***its historical context.***

FIN C716-10 Health Service Executive (National Environmental Health Service)

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) provides a detailed submission to support local area plan and to protect and promote population health.

(b) Policy Context: The NEHS recommends that the authority recognise its role in delivering a 'Healthy Ireland'.

(c) Vision, Key Themes and Strategic Objectives: In summary, the NEHS recommends a vision that aims to deliver a healthy place to live, that both protects and promotes population health. NEHS recommends that emphasis is placed on creating healthy and resilient communities, including actions to reduce vulnerability and increase capacity in Flemington to adapt to climate change. The submission recommends a holistic approach with respect to the promotion of active travel. NEHS recommends that the Plan provide for a climate resilient community where all potential hazards, (floods, heatwaves, windstorms and changes in air quality (aero allergens for example), water quality etc.) are assessed for risk and planned for.

(d) Environment and Sustainability: The submission recommends a localised Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) is undertaken where the risks to public

health are assessed and adaptation actions are integrated to protect and promote health and waste management.

(e) Character Areas: NEHS recommends that the Plan place an emphasis on ensuring play/recreation areas and spaces for social interaction and are accessible for all ages.

(f) Movement and Transport: The submission from NEHS recommends that the community is consulted in relation to secure and sheltered bicycle parking.

(g) Sustainable Water Management: The NEHS indicates that the area of Sustainable Water Management is widely examined to consider eventualities such as possibility of drought/dry spells, future flooding risk.

(h) Other Matters: The submission indicates that the Plan should align with the Government's National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals 2022-2024. The plan should look to deliver the highest attainable air quality and ensure protection from environmental noise. The plan should follow the principles of the waste hierarchy to eliminate the generation of waste in the first place, and thereafter reduce, reuse and recycle and work towards a Circular Economy. The plan should look to support sustainable/healthy diets and assist in the delivery of a Tobacco Free Ireland.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The detailed submission from the Health Service Executive is welcomed.

(b) The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 is underpinned by a Strategic Vision intended to guide the sustainable future growth of Fingal. At the core of the Vision is healthy placemaking, building cohesive and sustainable communities, where the cultural, natural and built environment is protected. The Strategic Vision embraces inclusiveness and a high-quality of life for all, through healthy placemaking and social justice. An integrated approach will align housing and public transport provision. Human and environmental well-being, including climate adaptation underpin this Vision. Such policy has informed the preparation of the LAP for Flemington.

(c) The Strategic Vision of the Fingal Development Plan which has informed, and which underpins the LAP, looks to embrace inclusiveness, and provide new areas which benefit from high-quality healthy placemaking. The alignment of housing provision with public transport, social infrastructure and amenities is a key component of the LAP, borne out in the identification of Character Areas and phasing arrangements. Human and environmental well-being, including climate adaptation underpin this vision and has informed the preparation of the LAP.

(d) It should be noted that the Draft Plan references the Climate Action Plan 2024 in Sections 3 and 4 seeks to ensure that future growth is undertaken in a manner that is sustainable over the long term, and where new development proposals can assist with decarbonising the built environment while mitigating significant impacts upon the natural green and blue environment.

(e) The future built form of the Character Areas will be complemented and supported by a variety and hierarchy of open space and recreational areas, including areas for play. It is envisaged that such areas will be multi-functional and utilised by future communities, providing opportunities for socialising, congregational space, formal and informal play etc. These facilities, in addition to proximity to Bremore Regional Park will make a positive contribution to the health and well-being of future residents. The hierarchy of open spaces will align with the guidance as contained within Table 4.2 of the Fingal Development Plan.

(f) Objective 6.3 of the Draft LAP aims to provide safe walking and cycling links within the Character Areas in order to support a comprehensive sustainable movement network with appropriate directional signage including cyclist priority crossings and cycling parking. Active travel hubs are also proposed within the Draft LAP. Future development proposals will be required to demonstrate cycle parking provision and related infrastructure as part of the Development Management process.

(g) Comments are noted. Section 7 of the Draft Plan addresses matters regarding sustainable water management. A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been

prepared which confirms the lands are not impacted by fluvial or coastal flood risk. Therefore, in line with the OPW Guidelines and Fingal SFRA, the Plan Area is wholly located in Flood Zone C and appropriate for development of any vulnerability classification. The related objectives of the Draft LAP set out that development proposals shall incorporate Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) and be supported by a Surface Water Management Plan that will comprehensively assess the existing and future surface water network conditions.

(h) All future development proposals shall be accompanied by the relevant environmental assessments as required by national, regional and local planning policies. The Fingal Development Plan in this regard contains numerous objectives in relation to air quality and noise reduction; waste management and recycling; promotion of a shift towards a circular economy, as well as policies and objectives which will directly assist in healthy placemaking and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle for future communities within the Plan lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

FIN-C716-3 Meath County Council

Summary of issues raised:

(a) The submission thanks the Council for correspondence in relation to the Draft LAP.

(b) Meath County Council notes the proposal for an active travel scheme along the R132 from Bremore Castle to Delvin Bridge. The submission states that it is the intention of Meath County Council to progress the section of the National Cycle Network between Drogheda and Balbriggan which is located within Co. Meath, and which will tie in with the Fingal active travel scheme.

(c) The submission notes that a precise tie-in point for both schemes has not yet been decided and therefore the authority would welcome the inclusion of an Objective within the Local Area Plan indicating that Fingal County Council will work co-operatively with Meath County Council to agree a consistent approach to the delivery of active travel infrastructure and will agree appropriate tie-in detail between both local authorities.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The submission from Meath County Council is welcomed.

(b) Commentary in relation to the delivery sections of the National Cycle Network in the wider area/cross county boundary is noted and welcomed.

(c) Commentary within the submission requesting future co-ordination and co-operation in agreeing a consistent approach to the delivery of active travel is noted and welcomed. In this regard, Section 6.5.2 of the LAP will be amended to reflect the need to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of active travel infrastructure in the wider area.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

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Include the following text within Section 6.5.2 LAP Internal Walking and Cycling Links Page 35 as follows:

Fingal County Council will work cooperatively with neighbouring authorities in order to successfully deliver active travel infrastructure and to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity both within the locality of the LAP lands and the wider area.

FIN-C716-1 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in its submission to the Draft Plan indicated it had no observations to make on the Draft LAP.

Chief Executive's Response:

Submission noted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change

SUBMISSIONS BY THEME/CATEGORY:

GENERAL MATTERS:

Submissions received relevant to this Section:

FIN-C716-5, FIN-C716-8, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-15, FIN-C716-21, FIN-C716-22

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions have been received from community groups and members of the public commending the comprehensive nature of the Plan and specific content including the Vision Statement and components including design, layout, facilities, open space, teenage space and childcare provision.

(b) Submission raises a query regarding the extent of the LAP red line boundary.

(c) Submission suggests that a Masterplan is required for the lands rather than an LAP. Reference is made to the OPR's submission and the preparation of a LAP for Balbriggan.

(d) An assessment of the cumulative impacts of all new residential developments planned for Balbriggan should be undertaken by the Planning Authority.

(e) Submissions refer to lack of reference within the LAP documents to the North Irish Sea Array (NISA) planning application on lands situated to the north of the LAP

area. Concerns are raised as to the location of landside supporting infrastructure serving this development and its proximity to the Plan lands.

(f) Submissions refer to policy contained in previous Development Plans with regard to the lands, associated planning history and context.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) Submissions welcoming public engagement, consultation and the iterative nature of the work undertaken to inform the preparation of the Draft LAP are noted and welcomed.

(b) The LAP boundary in the northwestern portion of the lands will be revised to address a cartographical error. This has resulted in a minor amendment to the overall LAP area from c.17.4 hectares to c.17.2 hectares. The amendment does not affect the LAP layout, net development areas, housing yield, open space provision or access/movement.

(c) The adopted Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Map Sheet 4 refers to Balbriggan and clearly identifies and delineates the development boundaries of the town. The land use zoning objectives pertaining to the settlement, together with specific map-based objectives, proposed connectivity and movement proposals and routes, architectural conservation areas, protected structures, national monuments, designed views, school sites, etc. are clearly identified. The Fingal Development Plan also makes statutory provision for a new local area plan for Flemington under Section 2.4.1. With regard to the requirement to undertake a LAP for the entire town, it is considered that the combination of highly detailed planning policy, allied with the proposed Flemington Local Area Plan, the previously adopted Castlelands Masterplan, the proposed Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan (at Draft stage), together with other strategies for the town including *'Our Balbriggan'* rejuvenation plan, as well as the overarching policies for the settlement as set out in Section 2.7 'Settlement Strategy' of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 means that a robust planning framework has been established for the settlement in accordance with the requirements of the Core Strategy. Furthermore, the

provision of a LAP for Balbriggan did not form part of the OPR notices issued to the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning in March and July 2023 as part of the Development Plan process.

(d) The Core Strategy of the Fingal Development Plan provides an assessment of the location and quantum of appropriately zoned lands available to accommodate the population and housing targets for the county. The key objective of the Core Strategy is to ensure that the quantum and location of development is consistent with National and Regional policy. Table 2.14 of the Development Plan provides summary information regarding population and housing statistics for the various settlements located within Fingal. The LAP and associated development quantum align with the Core Strategy.

(e) A Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) concerning an offshore windfarm referred to as North Irish Sea Array (NISA) is currently before An Bord Pleanála for determination, as the appropriate consent authority. No decision has issued to date with respect to this development and at the time of report writing, a scheduled decision date of 12th December 2024 is referred to on the An Bord Pleanála website. The inclusion of or reference to development within the LAP which has not concluded the appropriate consent process would not be appropriate.

(f) The historical planning context of the plan lands is noted and has been reviewed in detail in the plan-making process.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

Please refer to Amendments and cartographical corrections to Figures in CER 5 and CER 6.

CLIMATE ACTION, SUSTAINABILITY AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE:

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-8, FIN-C716-11, FIN-C716-13

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions refer to the need for flexibility to ensure that the lands are developed and that the WWTP in Balbriggan could be used (subject to Uisce Éireann agreement).

(b) Submission indicates that prescriptive text in terms of foul water and water supply should be avoided, and flexibility included so as to ensure the lands are developed. Figure 7.3 of the Draft LAP should be noted as being indicative and subject to further detailed design/site investigations.

(c) LAP does not make clear proposals as to how to address foul drainage or surface water drainage except that a connection will be made with the rising main on the R132. Concerns raised in relation to foul odours from existing rising mains.

(d) High-density housing developments place significant pressure on local infrastructure and result in a larger concentration of impermeable surfaces which increases the risk of flooding and reduces available green spaces.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The submission from Uisce Éireann confirms that the Stamullen Wastewater Upgrade Scheme is now complete and that sewage from the Stamullen area now pumps to Balbriggan. The Quay Street wastewater pumping station serves the Balbriggan North area and can cater for the lands located north of Flemington Lane.

(b) The Draft LAP is supported by the preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan which includes a Sustainable Drainage Strategy. The Flemington SuDS Masterplan provided at Figure 7.3 of the LAP is a concept masterplan. Future development proposals will be assessed through the Development

Management process which should demonstrate key principles identified in the supporting drainage studies being complied with.

(c) In relation to comments received regarding foul drainage, Uisce Éireann confirm the Quay Street wastewater pumping station serves the Balbriggan North area and can cater for the lands located north of Flemington Lane (refer to point (a)). In relation to surface water drainage, the draft Plan advises that existing surface water drainage network from Balbriggan extends to Flemington Lane. The largest trunk in the vicinity of the LAP lands is a 900mm diameter concrete pipe located to the north of the Cardy Rock residential development and outfall to the Irish Sea via a culvert situated at Bells Lane. Submissions noting malodours from existing foul infrastructure are noted and will be brought to the attention of Uisce Éireann.

(d) The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared for the LAP lands confirms that while the area is affected by pluvial flooding, no fluvial or coastal flood risk has been identified. Therefore, in line with the OPW Guidelines and Fingal SFRA, the Plan lands are wholly located in Flood Zone C and appropriate for development of any vulnerability classification. A detailed surface water drainage plan including natural drainage features is also provided.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

LAYOUT, DENSITY AND BUILDING HEIGHTS:

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-5, FIN-C716-8, FIN-C716-9, FIN-C716-11, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-13, FIN-C716-15, FIN-C716-21

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions refer to an under provision of car parking within the Plan lands and indicate that one space per household is insufficient. Submissions also refer to the

need to ensure sufficient levels of visitor parking and emergency access, while others raise concerns in relation to car dependency given the location of the lands.

(b) Submissions refer to the need for lower density housing suitable for growing families who wish to remain in the area. This should include a variety of house types including semi-detached units. Requirements for 1-bedroom units as well as options for standard 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and single storey dwellings for disabled/aged population are raised in submissions. Submissions also refer generally for a need for lower density development, with larger executive style housing on larger plots with additional open space. This form of housing is viewed as more appropriate for numerous reasons including economic benefits, compatibility with rural environment, longer term community benefits. Submissions also raise concerns that LAP lands are slightly elevated and appropriately designed lower rise development should be considered.

(c) Submissions raise concerns that high density development with Gateway buildings and 4-storey apartments not viewed as appropriate. Submissions seek confirmation that the location of the proposed 'Gateway buildings' in Character Areas 1 and 4 are indicative in nature and the appropriate design, scale and location of these buildings will be determined at planning application stage. Gateway buildings along the R132 should be reconsidered with lower height buildings stepped back from the road. Lower-rise developments should be considered instead of tall apartment blocks.

(d) Residential density in each Character Area shall generally range between 30-50 dph (net) in accordance with the provisions of the *Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*. Lower medium density should be considered, and the Plan should not specifically require provision of apartments or duplex development. In this regard, submissions request that the LAP should not be overly prescriptive.

(e) Quantum of commercial floorspace envisaged in the future LAP should be reduced (excluding any creche requirement).

(f) Ensure that the LAP is not overly prescriptive in its design standards and allow for sufficient flexibility to enable high-quality design to be utilised through the Development Management process.

(g) Flexibility regarding the location and quantum of Aged-Friendly Housing to be facilitated within the final LAP.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The LAP lands offer the opportunity to deliver a sustainable development providing future residents with a range of mobility choices and a reduced dependence on private car travel. The adopted Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out residential parking standards for cars and bicycles for new developments on a zonal basis, having regard to a particular sites' proximity to town centres, availability of public transport / planned public transport etc. In this regard, consideration has been given to proposed active travel measures, in the area as well as planned upgrades to rail infrastructure in proximity to the Plan lands. Providing reduced car parking has benefits in terms of minimising car use, increasing physical activity, safeguarding the environment, improving air quality and road safety outcomes and maximising the use of available space. Public car parking will be provided within local Active Travel Hubs and through the allocation of strategic on-street parking. The design and quantum of car parking will be examined under the Development Management process and will accord with national guidance and requirements of the Fingal Development Plan.

(b) One of the strategic objectives of the Plan is to provide homes for all so that a variety of housing needs, types and tenures can be accommodated. This approach will also assist with promoting balanced community development over the longer term. This approach is supported by Objectives 5.4, 5.6 and 5.8 of the Plan which seek to provide a variety of residential development, flexible design and good quality housing stock to accommodate specific needs through a range of typologies and unit sizes, including housing for the elderly, marginalised groups and those with disabilities. Development proposals on the

Plan lands will be required to meet the requirements of national planning guidelines as set out under Section 28 of the Act.

(c) Having regard to the proposed Gateway buildings, the design process should bring forward proposals that are responsive to the local context and identify potential opportunities for landmark buildings. Innovative design solutions for the development of each Character Area will be promoted, subject to compliance with the relevant LAP objectives, national guidance and Development Plan requirements. Having specific regard to building heights, all developments will be assessed in accordance with the *Urban Development and Building Heights- Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2018) and site context, including proximity to neighbouring properties. Character Area layouts as illustrated in the Plan are strategic in nature and offer one design solution to achieving LAP objectives. Layouts illustrated are not prescriptive and development proposals which come forward will be assessed against the achievement of strategic and specific objectives as provided for within this Plan, national guidelines and Fingal Development Plan objectives.

(d) The proposed residential densities to be brought forward within the LAP lands must adhere to guidance contained within the *Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* or future guidance as may be issued by the Minister. A new Objective in respect of same is proposed in Section 5 (Objective 5.14) in response to Recommendation 1 of the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR). Flexibility in the approach to the development of the Character Areas will be examined through the Development Management process. Development of the Character Areas must ensure compliance with Objectives of the LAP, and Development Plan standards as well as well as compatibility with national planning guidance.

(e) A modest level of commercial floorspace is proposed within the Plan lands to serve the future community in Flemington and which will also benefit neighbouring residential areas. The proposed quantum of commercial floorspace, along with provision of community facilities, will assist in the new

community being served by an appropriate level of social and community infrastructure.

(f) As referred to above, the indicative layouts provided for each Character Area are not intended to be prescriptive in nature and schemes brought forward for development may provide for a variety of layouts, subject to compliance with stated objectives of the Plan, Development Plan requirements and national planning guidance.

(g) The Draft LAP makes provision for age-friendly housing within Character Area 2. However, the allocation of same may be brought forward within other Character Areas as part of future development proposals. At a strategic level, the Draft LAP supports the provision of housing for the elderly in order to promote balanced community development.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

SPORTING & COMMUNITY FACILITIES, OPEN SPACE & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE:

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-5, FIN-C716-8, FIN-C716-9, FIN-C716-11, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-13, FIN-C716-21

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions refer to a lack of educational and medical services within the LAP while others indicate an under or over provision of community and commercial floorspace within the Plan. Submissions refer to the pressure on local infrastructure and rapid population growth in Balbriggan which would be exacerbated by high density development.

(b) Construction Management Plans are required to ensure boundary trees and hedgerows are protected from accidental damage. Preservation of native hedgerows is important from an environmental protection aspect.

(c) Areas of open space should be clearly indicated.

(d) High-density housing can lead to transient populations which can weaken community integration, compromise quality of life and lead to overcrowding, noise pollution and reduced access to open spaces.

(e) High density housing can place significant pressures on local infrastructure such as roads, schools, medical services and recreational facilities.

(f) Delivery of services on a phased basis in the build out of the lands may leave initial residents without access to services.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) As set out within the Department of Education's submission, it is recognised that any school place requirement arising from the forecasted population growth will be catered for through the existing school provision in Balbriggan. In terms of medical services, the zoning objective for the LAP lands (being Residential Area RA) sets out that 'Health Centre' and 'Health Practitioner' are uses which are permitted in principle. The Draft LAP is not prescriptive in respect of specific community and commercial uses in order to allow a degree of flexibility for development proposals. It is considered the proposed quantum of community and commercial floorspace is appropriate to assist the key Plan theme of 'Creating Communities'. It is important that the new resident population is supported by the delivery of an appropriate level of social infrastructure which is easily accessible to all age groups. Community and commercial floorspace can assist with creating long term communities through the delivery of facilities such as creches, multi-use sport halls/areas, meeting rooms, studios and community centres for example. Such uses can accommodate a range of age groups thereby supporting balanced community development and social interaction.

(b) The protection of trees and hedgerow is provided for within the Draft LAP and future development proposals will be encouraged to retain vegetation where possible, in addition to providing planting plans. Objective 4.4 requires development proposals to be accompanied by tree and hedgerow surveys which should seek to retain trees and hedgerows in so far as possible. The submission of Construction Management Plans (or similar) will be appropriately addressed through the Development Management process.

(c) It is considered that the mix of open space areas is sufficiently detailed within the Draft LAP and as illustrated at Figure 3.1. However, the location and typology of open space areas will be assessed through the Development Management process ensuring alignment with the Fingal Development Plan.

(d) A key theme of the Draft LAP is 'Creating Communities' which seeks to support the provision of socially inclusive community development and associated infrastructure that will contribute to the growth and development of a new residential neighbourhood, thereby creating a sustainable community where residents will enjoy a good quality of life. This theme will be supported by providing a mix of housing typologies, inclusive open spaces and active travel options. Development proposals within each Character area will be required to clearly demonstrate how they promote balanced development and how the principles of Universal Design are incorporated.

(e) This LAP will provide for new community infrastructure in tandem with new residential development within each of the Character Areas and Objective 8.4 of the LAP requires that large residential and mixed-use development proposals be supported by a social infrastructure audit to identify community related requirements.

(f) Delivery of an appropriate quantum of community and commercial floor space is phased to ensure it is provided in a timely manner with housing delivery.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-5, FIN-C716-7, FIN-C716-8, FIN-C716-11, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-13, FIN-C716-15, FIN-C716-22.

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions indicate a requirement for increased frequency of public transport until DART+ is in operation and submissions indicate that current public transport links are insufficient. Concerns raised that the Plan lands are remote from the town centre giving rise to car dependency. Submissions call for additional parking to future proof changes in car ownership trends and warns against over reliance on cycling as a primary mode of transport.

(b) Flemington Lane and Road are not fit for the current large volumes of traffic and concerns are raised in relation to overspill parking including parking concerns on Flemington Lane.

(c) New road (Link Street) to be built before any houses are occupied.

(d) LAP lands are strategically positioned to make a positive contribution to Balbriggan, subject to sequencing of infrastructure delivery prior to housing delivery.

(e) Submission refers to the requirement to ensure appropriate sight lines from accesses onto the R132 and the lowering of the current speed limit. Space for paths, cycle ways, lighting and bus stops should be provided along the R132 and additional infrastructure (public lighting, footpaths, cycle lanes and bus stops) provided as far as the Delvin Bridge.

(f) Provision of appropriate space for commercial traffic, retail delivery vans, bin lorries etc, to be provided in order to avoid traffic issues arising. Consideration of traffic management measures for the benefit of pedestrians and motorists at the Flemington Lane junction and at any other proposed junctions along the R132 should be considered.

(g) Concerns raised that proposed the new road could be used as a "rat-run" by drivers coming from the Gormanston/Julianstown direction who wish to access the M1 and avoid the Harry Reynolds Road. Consideration should be given to omitting the proposed access to the Flemington lands from the R132 and allow only access from points along Flemington Lane.

(h) Quantum of associated infrastructure is too prescriptive and should be noted as being indicative, subject to detailed design.

(i) Detail should also be provided to clarify how the proposed Link Street is to connect with the C-Ring to the south and whether utilising a section of the existing Flemington Road is optimal.

(j) Multiple access points onto the R132 from the subject lands and from adjacent sites (both permitted and proposed) present concerns from a traffic safety perspective.

(k) Submission raises concerns that Balscadden National School will be directly impacted by the new LAP as it affects residential areas within the immediate catchment of the school.

(l) Concerns expressed that the LAP provides for the conversion of Flemington Lane into a cul-de-sac. Submissions also raise concerns that the design of new road and junctions should not impede access by residents to Flemington Lane, the surrounding area and Balscadden National School.

(m) Submissions seek clarity in relation to movement and transport in particular the manner in which the lands will connect with future road infrastructure including C-Ring to serve Balbriggan.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The LAP lands are primarily served by bus in terms of public transport provision. The lands are located north of Balbriggan town centre which provides access to rail services. Travel times to the town centre are c.9 mins cycling, c.16 mins by bus and c.20-30 mins walking. In terms of rail services, Balbriggan is serviced by the Dublin and Dundalk commuter services operated by Iarnród Éireann with a

frequency of 5no. trains and 3no. trains in the morning and afternoon respectively for the north-south service and 2no. trains and 3no. trains in the morning and afternoon for the south-north service. Bus Éireann operates a number of routes in Balbriggan including Route No's 101 and 101x while Dublin Bus operates the 33, 33x and 33n routes. The B1 local bus provides residents with a means of travelling to the town centre, train station and Millfield Shopping Centre. The TFI Local Link provides a community-based transport service with Balbriggan served by Route Nos 192 and 195. Dart + North is the plan to expand DART services north of Malahide and onwards to Drogheda. This will bring electrified/battery-powered trains to Balbriggan and more frequent services to Dublin City Centre and Drogheda.

(b) It is considered that the new Link Road will assist with vehicular movements and flow in the Flemington Lane locality by providing a new link designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2019). Appropriate levels of car and bicycle parking will be provided to serve future schemes and will be assessed through the Development Management process.

(c) The phasing of development (Section 9 of the Draft LAP) proposes the new Link Street to be constructed during Phase 1 and will also comprise 50% of all proposed residential development along with the active travel spine, community and commercial floorspace, active travel hubs and a variety of open spaces. Objective 9.1 supports the delivery of the new Link Street as part of Phase 1 proposals.

(d) It is agreed that the LAP lands are strategically positioned to make a positive contribution to Balbriggan. As stated above, the phasing of development has been arranged to ensure that critical infrastructure is brought forward in a timely manner to support the new residential development.

(e) Speed limits in the area will be reviewed and may be amended accordingly. Appropriate sight visibility splays to serve future developments will be required to be demonstrated as part of development proposals. Proposals for paths, cycleways, lighting etc. situated on the R132 Route are outside the scope of the Draft LAP. However, certain elements of same may be provided through the

Development Management process and also through works being undertaken by Fingal County Council in the wider area, including through the roll out of active travel projects.

(f) As previously referenced in this report, the proposed Draft LAP development layout is indicative. The layouts pertaining to each character area are strategic in nature and it is not the intention of this Draft LAP for such layouts to be of a prescribed nature. However, future development proposals that come forward should adhere to both the strategic and specific objectives as provided for within this Plan and associated policies and objectives contained within the Fingal Development Plan, including matters related to DMURS, traffic management, access and egress, accommodation of service vehicles etc.

(g) The Fingal Development Plan includes an objective for a new road proposal indicatively located adjacent to the northern boundary of the Flemington LAP lands that will connect with the R132 Route. The section of the road proposal within the LAP lands will provide the opportunity to deliver a new Link Street to integrate with the internal street network. The indicative development layout proposes a number of access points to Flemington Lane for onward movement to the new Link Street to the north. It is not envisaged that the route will give rise to creation of a 'rat run'.

(h) The quantum of associated infrastructure is considered appropriate for the future development of the LAP lands. The infrastructure quantum provided includes an indicative range ensuring a degree of flexibility within the Draft LAP. Development proposals will include for supporting social infrastructure which will be assessed through the Development Management process and informed by national, regional and local planning policies to ensure the proper planning and sustainable development of the LAP lands.

(i) The LAP can only provide information regarding proposals that are located within the boundary of the LAP lands.

(j) The exact location of access points, junction arrangements, signalling etc. to serve the proposed development will be examined in detail through the

Development Management process, including the relationship between the entrances and access/egress points permitted on adjacent lands at that time.

(k) The future residential development of the LAP lands and aligned population growth is considered to potentially assist Balscadden National School through the provision of an increased student catchment population.

(l) The objectives of the Draft LAP do not propose to make Flemington Lane a cul-de-sac. The Draft LAP sets out provision for a new Link Street proposal as the main access point to the LAP lands from the R132 Route to the east and the main access point from Flemington Lane to the west. As the design of new road and junctions will be required to comply with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), it is considered that the new Link Street will not create impediments for local residents or for those travelling to/from Balscadden National School.

(m) The phasing arrangements as set out in the Plan will ensure the delivery of one of the final sections of the C-Ring link road to serve Balbriggan. Other sections of this roadway have been permitted and the tie-in with the LAP lands will be assessed through the Development Management process.

Chief Executives Recommendation:

No change.

PERMEABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY:

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-7, FIN-C716-9, FIN-C716-11, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-15

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submission welcomes clarification that the laneway between 14a Bremore Cottages and *'The Bungalow'* Bremore is not included within the boundary of the

LAP. Submission makes reference to the right of way status of the laneway and the need to preserve access to the rear of properties. Construction of new development should not impact this access/right of way, including protection of hedgerows.

(b) Submission raises concerns in relation to future access to Rural 'RU' zoned lands to the immediate north of the landbank and requests that such accesses are clearly indicated on the LAP layout to support continued agricultural use and the potential future development of these lands.

(c) Submissions welcome the active travel vision of the Draft LAP and the commitment to sustainable travel for pupils and families.

(d) The future population growth associated with the LAP lands is considered to assist Balscadden National School through the provision of a greater population catchment.

(e) Concerns are raised in submissions that the LAP will provide for the closure of Flemington Lane or its conversion to a cul-de-sac. Comments in relation to provision of appropriate signage to Balscadden national school are also raised.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) Commentary in relation to an existing laneway is noted. There are no proposals within the LAP to amend/restrict access to the laneway in question.

(b) The proposed layout at Figure 3.1 is indicative. It is considered that access to the agricultural lands situated to the north could be brought forward as part of future development proposals.

(c) Comments regarding active and sustainable travel are noted and welcomed.

(d) Submission noting future population growth associated with the LAP lands and increase in catchment for the local school is noted.

(e) Submissions raising concerns in relation to the closure/altering of Flemington Lane to cul-de-sac status are noted. For clarity, objectives of the Draft LAP do not propose to make Flemington Lane a cul-de-sac or to restrict access. It is

intended for a new Link Street to be provided within the LAP lands with active frontage and served by pedestrian and cycle infrastructure. The proposed Link Street will be the main access point to the Plan lands from the R132 to the east and the main access point from Flemington Lane to the west. It is not considered that the new Link Street or its design will create impediments for residents or those travelling to/from Balscadden National School. Future development proposals within the Plan lands will incorporate street naming and signage.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

PHASING OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNED SERVICES:

Submissions received relevant to this section:

FIN-C716-5, FIN-C716-12, FIN-C716-13, FIN-C716-21, FIN-C716-22

Summary of Issues Raised:

(a) Submissions call for the deletion of the prescriptive phasing strategy and associated phasing diagram from the LAP, and the inclusion of a greater degree of flexibility relating to the sequencing of development.

(b) Landownership details are not included within the LAP and the ability to deliver the Active Travel Spine and Link Street proposals in Phase 1 are therefore unclear.

(c) Revisions to the phasing strategy to provide for Character Areas 1, 2 and 4 in Phase 1 and Character Area 3 in Phase 2 (along with the Active Travel Spine Link Street Proposal as they relate to individual ownership). 50% of the community floorspace (revised levels) to be provided prior to the full occupation of units in Phase 1 and the remainder prior to the full occupation of units in Phase 2. Submissions call for the phasing to be reconsidered. As proposed, all open space and roadways are to be provided within Phase 1.

(d) Submission received indicates that consideration should be given to delaying development of the lands until 2029-2039 so as to ensure active travel measures may be put in place and connections to the wider area enhanced.

Chief Executive's Response:

(a) The phasing arrangements as provided for within the Draft LAP are considered appropriate to achieve the proper planning and sustainable development of the LAP lands.

(b) It is not considered appropriate to include details regarding ownership of lands pertaining to the Draft LAP.

(c) A key principle of the phasing arrangements is to ensure that new residential development is brought forward alongside associated amenities, active travel routes and open spaces for the benefit of the new residents. The development of the LAP lands will be undertaken in two strategic phases in order to promote overall development in a sequential, orderly and sustainable manner. Key factors regarding the development proposed to be undertaken within each phase relate to the completion of the central Active Travel Spine and new Link Street proposal during Phase 1. This approach will ensure that quality residential areas are created establishing a foundation for community development.

(d) Clear phasing arrangements are provided for in the LAP together with detailed specifications as to the delivery of active travel infrastructure.

Chief Executive's Recommendation:

No change.

SECTION 7:

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT PLAN (ORDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRUCTURE OF THE DRAFT LAP DOCUMENT):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AMENDMENTS:

CER 1 Executive Summary Public Consultation Page 5.

Amend as follows:

The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024. ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.***

CER 2 CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.4 Pre-Draft Public Consultation Page 8.

Amend as follows:

1.4 ~~Pre-Draft~~ Public Consultation

The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024**.** ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.***

Once the public consultation period ~~has~~ closed, the Council ~~will consider~~ ***considered*** all submissions received in the preparation of the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan.

~~Elected Members will then decide to adopt the LAP or to make alterations~~

CER 3 CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities Page 41.

Under Heading Challenges, text to be amended as follows:

~~**The capacity of the existing surface water drainage network in the Balbriggan area must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development.**~~

~~**If there is no capacity for the additional surface water, a new outfall will be required.**~~

Insert amending text as follows:

The Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) outlines that infiltration is likely to be feasible at the site (subject to standard infiltration / percolation testing as part of detailed design) which would be preferred to other forms of discharge from the site in line with the SuDS discharge hierarchy. In the event that infiltration is shown not to be entirely feasible, in the absence of open channel watercourses, any discharge would be to the surface water sewer network. In such event, the capacity of the existing surface water drainage network must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development. In the event of insufficient capacity and / or absence of available connection point, new connections / sections of sewer may be required. It is noted that in line with requirements of the SDS and Fingal CDP, flow from the site will be required to be limited to greenfield (i.e. pre-development) runoff rate and achieve sufficient pollutant removal in line with SDS and CIRIA SuDS Manual to ensure no increase in flood risk and enhancement of water quality both on- and off-site.

CER 4 CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map Page 32.

Update Figure 6.5 as follows:

Include the town bus route alignment.

CER 5 Replace and update the following images to address cartographical error.

Figure 1.1 Location of LAP Lands; Character Areas image on page 15; Figure 3.1 Proposed Flemington LAP Development Layout; Figure 4.3 Hedgerow locations; Figure 5.1 Character Areas; Figure 5.2 Character Area 1; Figure 5.5 Character Area 2; Figure 5.6 Character Area 3; Figure 5.7 Character Area 4; Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map, Figure 6.8 LAP Street Hierarchy; Figure 6.10 Options for Active Travel Linkages onto Flemington Lane and the R132 Route, Figure 7.3 SuDS Concept Masterplan; Figure 8.3 proposed Community Uses in Character Area 1 adjacent to Plaza area and Active Travel Hub; Figure 9.1 Phasing of development.

Update all corresponding images within supporting documents on finalisation.

CER 6 **Amend and update land area values as follows to address cartographical error:**

Executive Summary Page 5

Replace c.~~17.4 hectares~~ **(gross)** with ***17.2 hectares (gross)***

CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.2 Page 7.

Replace ~~c.17.4 hectares~~ with ***c.17.2 hectares***

CH 5 Character Areas Character Area 1 Table Page 24.

Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.5.57 hectares~~ with ***c.5.6 hectares***

CH 5 Character Areas Character Area 4 Table Page 27.

Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.4.57 hectares~~ with ***c.4.4 hectares***

CHAPTER 4 Environment and Sustainability

CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives Page 22.

Amend Objective 4.1 as follows:

Development of the LAP lands will be undertaken in a sustainable manner ***so as to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 and National Adaptation Framework 2024*** so as to assist with ***the*** County's decarbonisation targets as set out within the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives Page 22.

Amend Objective 4.4 as follows:

Development proposals within each character area shall be accompanied by botanical tree and hedgerow surveys and shall seek to retain existing trees and hedgerows, ***including townland boundaries,*** in so far as possible in order to protect the biodiversity value of the LAP lands and ***its historical context.***

CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives.

Include new Objective 4.12 within the table under Section 4.9 Pg. 22

Objective 4.12: It is a general objective of this LAP to support the achievement of the key messages as contained within the State of the Environment report and any subsequent editions of the report.

CHAPTER 5 CHARACTER AREAS

CE OPR CH 5Character Areas 5.7 Character Areas Objectives Page 30

Insert new Objective (5.14) at Section 5.7 Character Areas Objectives as follows:

5.14 Proposals for residential development within each character area will be required to accord with the density ranges as set out for Key Town/Large Town (Suburban/Urban Extension) within the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (or any update thereof)

CHAPTER 6 MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORT

CE NTA CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map Page 32

Update Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Page 32 to include town bus route alignment.

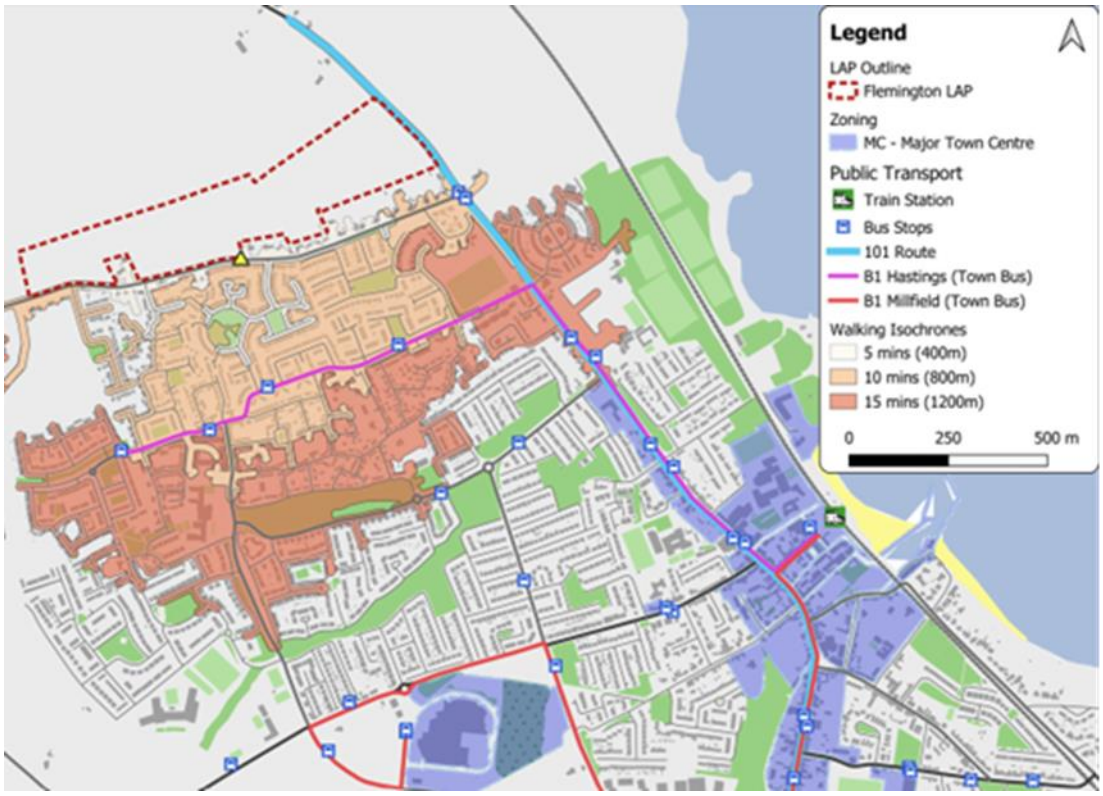


Figure 6.5 - Walking Isochrones Map

CE CH 6 Movement and Transport Section 6.5.2 LAP Internal Walking and Cycling Links Page 35

Include the following text within Section 6.5.2 LAP Internal Walking and Cycling Links Page 35 as follows:

Fingal County Council will work cooperatively with neighbouring authorities in order to successfully deliver active travel infrastructure and to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity both within the locality of the LAP lands and the wider area.

CE OPR CH 6 Movement and Transport 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives Page 38

Insert new Objective (6.11) in Section 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives as follows:

6.11 Engage with transport providers regarding improvements in public transport accessibility within the LAP area, in order to develop an integrated, inclusive, and accessible network that supports all residents, including those with mobility challenges, to reach essential services, employment, and recreational destinations.

CE OPR CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.10 Page 36

Amend Figure 6.10 as follows:

Image to Illustrate existing bus stops and routes together with the manner in which proposed LAP active travel measures link with existing public transport.

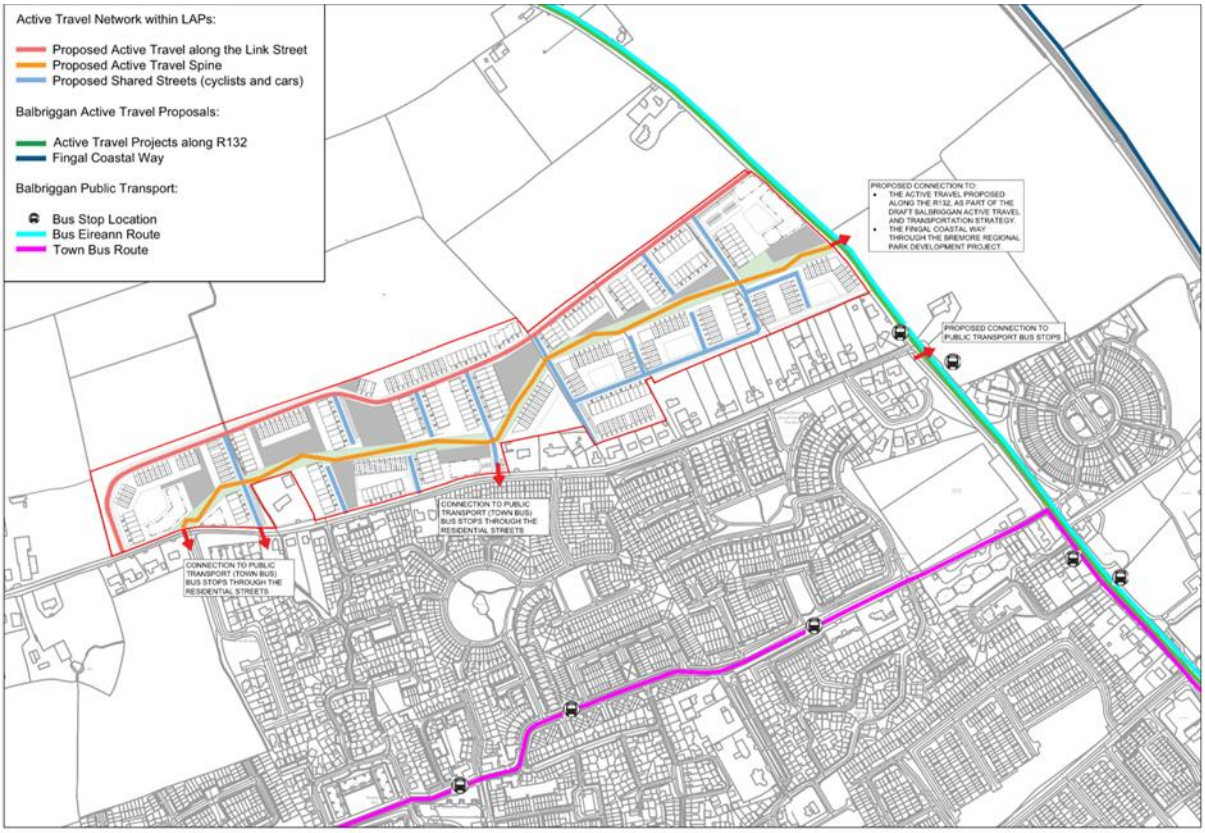


Figure 6.10 - Options for Active Travel Linkages onto Flemington Land and the R132 Route

CHAPTER 7 SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT

CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage

Amend Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage as follows:

~~The Stamullen Waste Water Upgrade Scheme is currently underway to address the limited capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).~~

~~The WWTP is located to the north west of Flemington in Stamullen, Co. Meath. The project involves two phases - the first of which is the installation of c.2km of twin rising mains and a gravity sewer on the R132 from the Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan, at which point it may connect into the sewer network which terminates in Skerries WWTP. Installation of this sewer line was completed in 2022.~~

~~The second phase is currently under construction and includes a further 4km twin rising main, which has been completed, and the construction of a pumping station in place of~~

~~the Stamullen Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will allow pumping of wastewater from this location to Skerries.~~

~~It is proposed that all foul water from future development on the LAP lands be connected into this foul network for treatment at the Skerries WWTP, subject to engagement and agreement with Uisce Éireann and connection applications.~~

~~It is likely that a pump station will be required for the development on the LAP lands due to the foul network at the proposed point of connection being a rising main.~~

Include updated text as follows:

Having regard to foul water, it is most likely that the LAP lands will connect to the existing sewer network and go forward to Quay Street Pumping Station and then pumped forward to Barnageeragh Wastewater treatment Plant in Skerries.

CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities Page 41

Amend Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities as follows:

~~A foul sewage pump station may be required in order to connect to the rising main on the R132 Route to the Skerries Waste Water Treatment Plant (subject to confirmation from Uisce Éireann).~~

SECTION 8:

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council make the Local Area Plan as amended by passing the following resolution:

That Fingal County Council having prepared and published the draft Flemington Local Area Plan and having taken into consideration the representations received and having considered the report of the Chief Executive hereby resolves pursuant to Section 20(3)(d) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to adopt the Flemington Local Area Plan.

APPENDIX I: SCREENING OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

DRAFT FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN

Screening of the Proposed Recommendations for Non-material Amendments for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

1. Introduction

This report, which has been prepared by Brady Shipman Martin, environmental and planning consultants, provides for screening of the proposed recommendations for non-material amendments to the Draft Plan for the requirement for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and / or Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA).

2. Background

The Draft Flemington Local Area Plan was screened for the requirement for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) and the Draft Plan and associated documents were placed on public display and issued to the environmental authorities for consultation between 10 September 2024 and 22 October 2024.

A total of 22 submissions and observation were received including submissions from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Meath County Council (MCC), Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Department of Transport (DoT), Department of Education (DoE), Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) National Transport Authority (NTA), Uisce Éireann (UE), Office of Public Works (OPR) and Environmental Health Service (EHS).

3. The Chief Executive's Report (FCC, November 2024)

The Chief Executive Report on the Submissions and Observations received on the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan responds to each of the submissions and observations and sets out a number of proposed recommendations for non-material amendments to the Draft Plan.

4. Screening of the Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendments for the requirement for AA and/or SEA

The Draft Plan was screened for the requirement for Appropriate Assessment (AA) (BSM, September 2024) and Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) (BSM, September 2024). The screening of the Draft Plan for the requirement for SEA included a screening against the criteria set out in Schedule 2A of S.I. 436/2004, as amended by S.I. 201/2011 (refer to Section 4.2 of the Screening Report for SEA (BSM, September 2024)). The finding of the screening assessments was that the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan would not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment, including on European sites, and therefore, would not require Appropriate Assessment or Strategic Environmental Assessment.

These proposed amendments have been screened for the requirement for:

- Appropriate Assessment (AA),

  and

- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The screening of the proposed non-material amendments for the requirement for AA and / or SEA is set out in Table 1 below.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed non-material amendments do not result in likely or potential adverse impacts on the environment or on European sites and as such do not require Appropriate Assessment and / or Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Table 1: Screening of the Recommended Non-material Amendments for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
CER 1 Executive Summary Public Consultation	Amend as follows: The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024. ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.***	The recommended amendment provides for update on the progress of the preparation of the local area plan. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CER 2 CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.4 Pre-Draft Public Consultation	Amend as follows: **1.4 ~~Pre-Draft~~ Public Consultation** The statutory public consultation period for the Draft Flemington LAP ~~will take~~ ***took*** place between 10th September 2024 and 22nd October 2024**.** ***A total of 22 no. submissions were received.*** Once the public consultation period ~~has~~ closed, the Council ~~will consider~~ ***considered*** all submissions received in the preparation of the Draft Flemington Local Area Plan. ~~Elected Members will then decide to adopt the LAP or to make alterations.~~	The recommended amendment provides for update on the progress of the preparation of the local area plan. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CER 3 CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities	Under Heading Challenges, text to be amended as follows: ~~**The capacity of the existing surface water drainage network in the Balbriggan area must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development.**~~	The recommended amendment provides for clarification in relation to surface water treatment for the local area plan lands.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
	~~**If there is no capacity for the additional surface water, a new outfall will be required.**~~ Insert amending text as follows: ***The Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) outlines that infiltration is likely to be feasible at the site (subject to standard infiltration / percolation testing as part of detailed design) which would be preferred to other forms of discharge from the site in line with the SuDS discharge hierarchy. In the event that infiltration is shown not to be entirely feasible, in the absence of open channel watercourses, any discharge would be to the surface water sewer network. In such event the capacity of the existing surface water drainage network must be assessed regarding the expected demand of the development. In the event of insufficient capacity and / or absence of available connection point, new connections / sections of sewer may be required. It is noted that in line with requirements of the SDS and Fingal CDP, flow from the site will be required to be limited to greenfield (i.e. pre-development) runoff rate and achieve sufficient pollutant removal in line with SDS and CIRIA SuDS Manual to ensure no increase in flood risk and enhancement of water quality both on- and off-site.***	No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CER 4 CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map.	Update Figure 6.5 as follows: ***Include the town bus route alignment.***	The recommended amendment provides for update on public transport bus route alignment. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
CER 5 Replace and update the following images to address cartographical error	***Figure 1.1 Location of LAP Lands; Character Areas image on page 15; Figure 3.1 Proposed Flemington LAP Development Layout; Figure 4.3 Hedgerow locations; Figure 5.1 Character Areas; Figure 5.2 Character Area 1; Figure 5.5 Character Area 2; Figure 5.6 Character Area 3; Figure 5.7 Character Area 4; Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map, Figure 6.8 LAP Street Hierarchy; Figure 6.10 Options for Active Travel Linkages onto Flemington Lane and the R132 Route, Figure 7.3 SuDS Concept Masterplan; Figure 8.3 proposed Community Uses in Character Area 1 adjacent to Plaza area and Active Travel Hub; Figure 9.1 Phasing of development***.	The recommended amendment provides for update to 14 figures in the draft local area plan, which corrects a cartographical error. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CER 6 Amend and update land area values as follows to address cartographical error	**Executive Summary Page 5** **Replace** c.~~17.4 hectares~~ **(gross)** with 17.2 hectares (gross) **CH 1 Introduction and Background Section 1.2 Flemington Page 7** Replace ~~c.17.4 hectares~~ with ***c.17.2 hectares*** **CH 5 Character Areas Table-Character Area 1 Page 24** Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.5.57 hectares~~ with ***c.5.6 hectares*** **CH 5 Character Areas Character Table -Character Area 4 Page 27** Replace Gross Development Area ~~c.4.57 hectares~~ with ***c.4.4 hectares***	The recommended amendment provides for an update to land area values, which corrects a cartographical error. The changes in the figures presented are marginal and not significant. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
CE OPR CH 5 Character Areas Section 5.7 Character Areas Objectives	Insert new Objective (5.14) Character Areas Objectives as follows: ***5.14 Proposals for residential development within each character area will be required to accord with the density ranges as set out for Key Town / Large Town (Suburban/Urban Extension) within the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (or any update thereof).***	The recommended amendment ensures that the local area plan will comply with National Guidelines / Policy for residential densities. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE OPR CH 6 Movement and Transport Section 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives	Insert new Objective (6.11) in Section 6.8 Movement and Transport Objectives as follows: ***6.11 Engage with transport providers regarding improvements in public transport accessibility within the LAP area, in order to develop an integrated, inclusive, and accessible network that supports all residents, including those with mobility challenges, to reach essential services, employment, and recreational destinations.***	The recommended amendment confirms the requirement to engage with transport providers in terms of improvements in public transport accessibility. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
CE OPR CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.10	Amend Figure 6.10 as follows: ***Image to Illustrate existing bus stops and routes together with the manner in which proposed LAP active travel measures link with existing public transport.***	The recommended amendment provides for update on public transport bus routes and links. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE NTA CH 6 Movement and Transport Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Map	Update Figure 6.5 Walking Isochrones Page 32 to include town bus route alignment	The recommended amendment provides for update on public transport bus route alignment. No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE APP III Surface Water Management Plan and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Update Appendix III Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to reflect the requirements of the OPW. Please see amended SFRA document which accompanies this Chief Executive's Report for details of the amendments made.	The recommended amendment provides for revisions and clarifications in relation to baseline flood information having regard to a submission from the Office of Public Works (OPW submission to Draft LAP, 16 October 2024).

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
		No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives.	Include new Objective 4.12 within the Table Pg. 22 ***Objective 4.12: It is a general objective of this LAP to support the achievement of the key messages as contained within the State of the Environment report and any subsequent editions of the report.***	The recommended amendment ensures that the local area plan has regard to the Key Messages in the State of the Environment Report. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage	Amend Section 7.4 Foul Water Drainage as follows: ~~The Stamullen Waste Water Upgrade Scheme is currently underway to address the limited capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).~~ ~~The WWTP is located to the north west of Flemington in Stamullen, Co. Meath.~~ ~~The project involves two phases - the first of which is the installation of c.2km of twin rising mains and a gravity sewer on the R132 from the Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan, at which point it may connect into the sewer network~~	The recommended amendment provides for clarification in relation to foul water drainage. Uisce Éireann has confirmed (Submission to Draft LAP, 22 October 2024) that there "*is sufficient headroom at the Barnageeragh Wastewater Treatment Plant to serve the LAP lands*."

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
	~~which terminates in Skerries WWTP. Installation of this sewer line was completed in 2022.~~ ~~The second phase is currently under construction and includes a further 4km twin rising main, which has been completed, and the construction of a pumping station in place of the Stamullen Waste Water Treatment Plant. This will allow pumping of wastewater from this location to Skerries.~~ ~~It is proposed that all foul water from future development on the LAP lands be connected into this foul network for treatment at the Skerries WWTP, subject to engagement and agreement with Uisce Éireann and connection applications.~~ ~~It is likely that a pump station will be required for the development on the LAP lands due to the foul network at the proposed point of connection being a rising main.~~ Include updated text as follows: ***Having regard to foul water, it is most likely that the LAP lands will connect to the existing sewer network and go forward to Quay Street Pumping Station and then pumped forward to Barnageeragh Wastewater treatment Plant in Skerries.***	No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 7 Sustainable Water Management Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities	Amend Section 7.7 Water Infrastructure Challenges and Opportunities as follows:	The recommended amendment provides for clarification in relation to foul water drainage. Uisce Éireann has confirmed (Submission to Draft LAP,

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
	~~A foul sewage pump station may be required in order to connect to the rising main on the R132 Route to the Skerries Waste Water Treatment Plant (subject to confirmation from Uisce Éireann).~~	22 October 2024) that the "*Quay Street wastewater pumping station serves the Balbriggan North area and can cater for the lands located north of Flemington Lane.*" No potential environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9 Environment and Sustainability Objectives	Amend Objective 4.1 as follows: ***Development of the LAP lands will be undertaken in a sustainable manner so as to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 and National Adaptation Framework 2024 so as to assist with the County's decarbonisation targets as set out within the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.***	The recommended amendment confirms the requirement to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 and National Adaptation Framework 2024. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 4 Environment and Sustainability Section 4.9	Amend Objective 4.4 as follows:	The recommended amendment provides for inclusion of townland

Chief Executive's Recommendation (with reference to Draft Flemington LAP)	**Recommended Proposed Non-material Amendment** (Deleted text in ~~red strikethrough~~) (Inserted text in ***green italic bold***)	**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
Environment and Sustainability Objectives	Development proposals within each character area shall be accompanied by botanical tree and hedgerow surveys and shall seek to retain existing trees and hedgerows, ***including townland boundaries,*** in so far as possible in order to protect the biodiversity value of the LAP lands and ***its historical context.***	boundaries as part of the consideration of biodiversity value on the local area plan lands. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**
CE CH 6 Movement and Transport Section 6.5.2 LAP Internal Walking and Cycling Links	Include the following text within Section 6.5.2 LAP Internal Walking and Cycling Links as follows: ***Fingal County Council will work cooperatively with neighbouring authorities in order to successfully deliver active travel infrastructure and to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity both within the locality of the LAP lands and the wider area.***	The recommended amendment provides co-operation with neighbouring authorities on the delivery of active travel infrastructure. Potential positive environmental effects. No potential adverse environmental effects arise. **AA is not required.** **SEA in not required.**

END

APPENDIX II:– UPDATED STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

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Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Lands at Flemington, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Terms of Reference

This Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) forms the first part of a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) commissioned by Fingal County Council (Fingal CC) to inform the Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP). The lands at Flemington are hereafter referred to as 'the Plan Area'.

1.2 Statement of Authority

This assessment and report have been prepared and reviewed by the following qualified professionals:

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1.3 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the SFRA is to identify all potential sources of flooding within the Plan Area and assess their associated risk to people and property. The SFRA also aims to determine the suitability of the Plan Area for future development and set out appropriate flood protection and mitigation measures where appropriate.

The SFRA presented herein comprises a Stage 1 through Stage 3 Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), as defined in 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (the OPW Guidelines) and accompanying Technical Appendices published in 2009 by the Office of Public Works and Department of Environment, Heritage, and Local Government.

This report will allow Fingal CC to apply the sequential approach and, where necessary, the Justification Test to identify appropriate areas / sites within the Plan Area for development and identify how flood risk can be reduced as part of the LAP process.

This assessment is intended for 'plan making' only and is not intended to assess the risk to development proposals. Risk to any future developments within the Plan Area would be assessed separately by Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessments (SSFRAs) submitted in support of planning applications. While any future SSFRA may be informed by flood hazard information determined by this assessment, it would need to be made specific to a proposed development.

2 PLAN AREA INFORMATION

2.1 Location and Boundary

The Plan Area is located at Flemington, north of Balbriggan, as shown in Figure 2.1~~Figure 2.1~~. Flemington Lane is to the south of the Plan Area, and the R132 public road runs along the eastern boundary.

Figure 2.1: Plan Area Location and Boundary



2.2 Existing Land Use

The Plan Area has an area of c. 17.4 ha and currently comprises primarily agricultural land, as shown in Figure 2.2~~Figure 2.2~~.

Figure 2.2: Existing Land Use



2.3 Zoning Objectives

Notwithstanding the particular objectives of the LAP that this SFRA is intended to inform, the zoning objectives for the Plan Area based on the 'Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029' (Fingal CDP) include 'Residential Area', as shown in Figure 2.3~~Figure 2.3~~ and described in Table 2.1~~Table 2.1~~. The Plan Area is surrounded by lands with various other zoning objectives.

Figure 2.3: Zoning Objectives from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

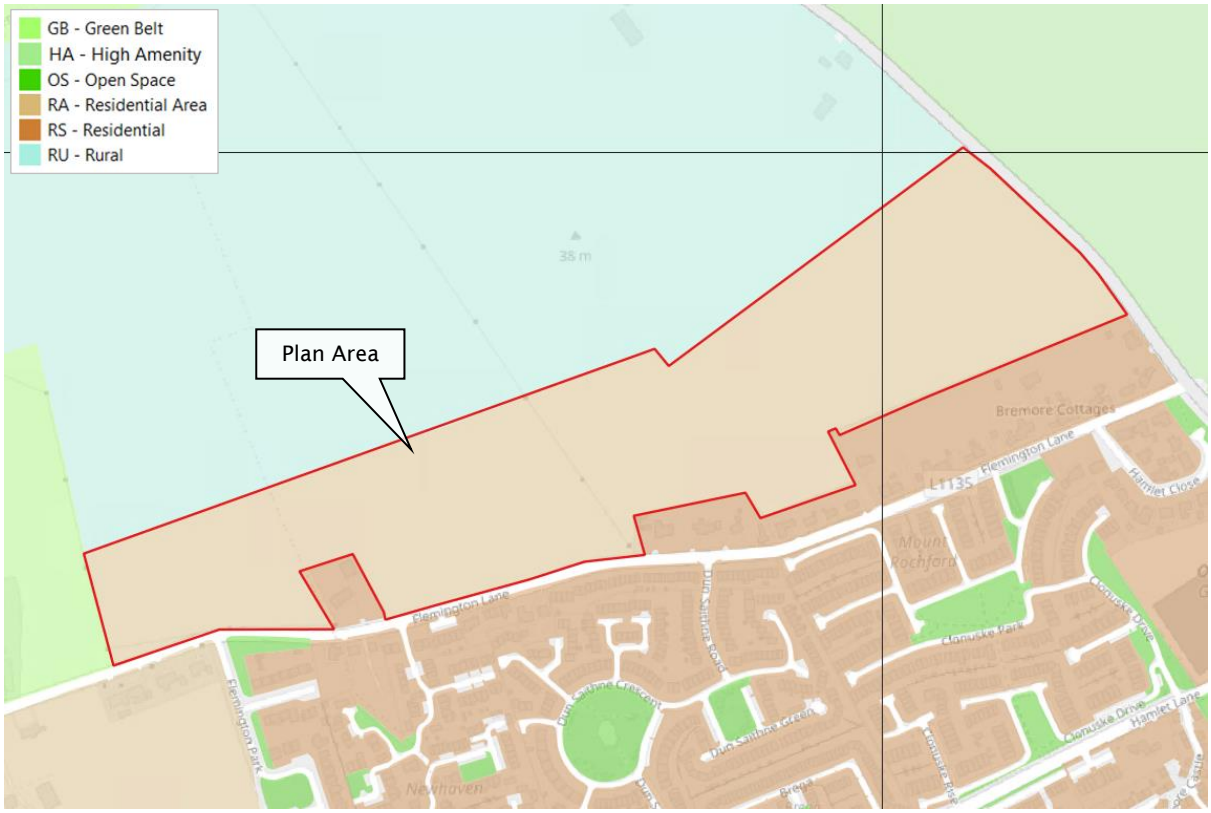


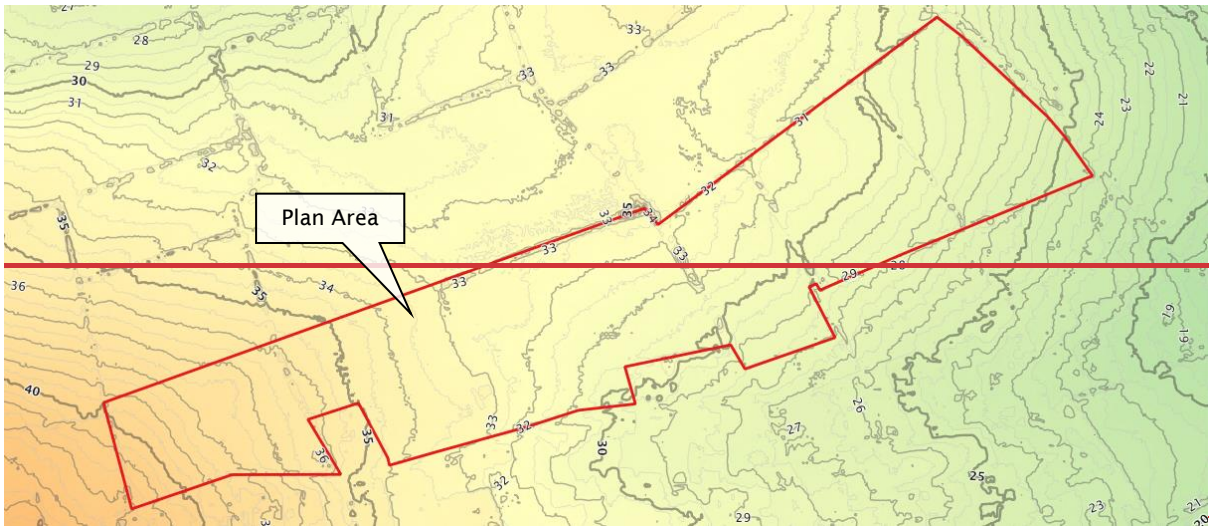
Table 2.1: Land Use Zoning Objectives from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Zoning Objective Type	Zoning Objective Description
GB – Green Belt	Protect and provide for a Greenbelt.
HA – High Amenity	Protect and enhance high amenity areas.
OS – Open Space	Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities
RA – Residential Area	Provide for new residential communities subject to the provision of the necessary social and physical infrastructure.
RS – Residential	Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.
RU – Rural	Protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture and rural related enterprise, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage.

~~2.4 Topography~~

~~Existing ground levels within the Plan Area range from c. 42 to 24 meters Ordnance Datum (mOD), falling generally from west to east, as shown in Figure 2.4. There are no significant localised depressions within the Plan Area and confirmed during a site walkover.~~

~~**Figure 2.4: Plan Area Topography**~~



~~2.5~~2.4 Water Environment

No watercourses or open channels are present within or directly adjacent to the Plan Area as shown on OSI / EPA mapping datasets and confirmed during a site walkover.

The Plan Area is located c. 600 m west of the Irish Sea.

~~2.6~~2.5 Geology and Hydrogeology

Refer to Section 2.6 of the Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) portion of the SWMP.

~~2.7~~2.6 Existing Utilities

Refer to Section 2.7 of the SDS.

3 APPROACH TO FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Definition of Flood Risk

Flood risk is a combination of the likelihood of occurrence of a flood event and the potential consequences arising from that flood event. It is expressed as follows:

Flood Risk = Likelihood of Flooding x Consequences of Flooding

Flooding presents a risk only when people, property, infrastructure, and / or environmental assets are located in the area that could potentially flood.

3.1.1 Likelihood of Flooding

The likelihood of flooding is defined in the OPW Guidelines as the percentage probability of a flood of a given magnitude or severity occurring or being exceeded in any given year. It is generally expressed as an Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) or return period. For example, a 1% AEP flood event refers to a flood with a magnitude that has a 1-in-100 (i.e., 1%) chance of occurring or being exceeded in any given year. AEP is the inverse of return period, as shown in Table 3.1~~Table 3.1~~.

Table 3.1: Return Period and Annual Exceedance Probability

Return Period (Years)	Annual Exceedance Probability (%)
1	100
10	10
50	2
100	1
200	0.5
1000	0.1

3.1.2 Consequences of Flooding

The consequences of flooding are determined by the hazards associated with the flooding (e.g., depth of water, speed, flow, rate of onset, duration, wave action, water quality) and the vulnerability of the people, property, and environment assets potentially affected (e.g., age profile of the population, type of development, presence, reliability of mitigation measures).

3.2 Objectives of the OPW Guidelines

This SFRA recognises the core objectives of the OPW Guidelines, which are to:

- Avoid inappropriate development in areas that are at risk of flooding.
- Prevent new developments from increasing flood risk elsewhere, including flood risk that may arise from surface water runoff.
- Ensure effective management of residual risks for development permitted in floodplains.
- Avoid unnecessary restriction of national, regional, or local economic and social growth.
- Improve the understanding of flood risk among relevant stakeholders.
- Ensure that the requirements of EU and national law in relation to the natural environment and nature conservation are complied with at all stages of flood risk management.

In achieving the aims and objectives of the OPW Guidelines, Fingal CC should:

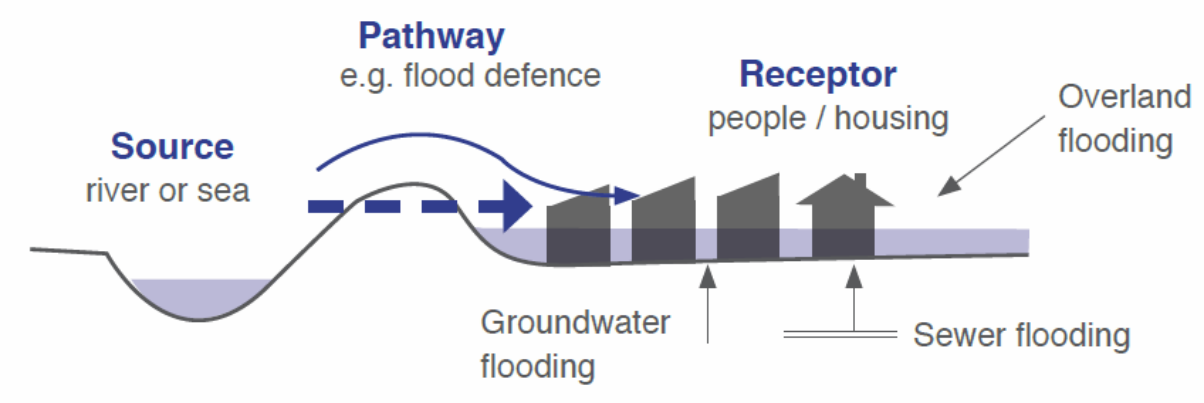
- Adopt a sequential approach to flood risk management, which aims to avoid flood risk where possible, substitute less vulnerable uses where avoidance is not possible, and mitigate and manage the risk where avoidance and substitution are not possible.
- Apply the Justification Test for development in flood risk areas.

A precautionary approach should also be applied to flood risk management to reflect uncertainties in existing flooding datasets and risk assessment techniques and in the ability to predict the future climate, the future performance of existing flood defences, and the extent of future coastal erosion. Development should therefore be designed with careful consideration of likely future changes in flood risk, including the effects of climate change and coastal erosion, to ensure that future occupants are not subject to unacceptable risks.

3.3 Source-Pathway-Receptor Model

In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, this SFRA advocates the use of the Source-Pathway-Receptor model to identify the sources of flooding (e.g., high sea levels, intense or prolonged rainfall leading to increased runoff and increased flows in rivers and sewers), the receptors (i.e., the people and assets affected by flooding), and the pathways by which floodwater reaches those receptors (e.g., overland flow, river and coastal floodplains, river channels and sewers). A depiction of the Source-Pathway-Receptor model as it applies to FRAs, taken from the OPW Guidelines, is shown in Figure 3.1~~Figure 3.1~~.

Figure 3.1: Sources, Pathways, and Receptors of Flooding



3.4 Flood Zones

Flood Zones are geographical areas where the likelihood of flooding (from rivers and sea only) is within a certain range. The OPW Guidelines and Fingal SFRA define three Flood Zones, as outlined in Table 3.2~~Table 3.2~~.

Table 3.2: Flood Zones

Flood Zone	Description	Probability (Rivers)	Probability (Sea)
A	Probability of flooding from rivers and sea is highest	Greater than 1% or 1-in-100	Greater than 0.5% or 1-in-200

Flood Zone	Description	Probability (Rivers)	Probability (Sea)
B	Probability of flooding from rivers and sea is moderate	Between 0.1% or 1-in-1000 and 1% or 1-in-100	Between 0.1% or 1-in-1000 and 0.5% or 1-in-200
C	Probability of flooding from rivers and sea is low (any parts of the Plan Area not in Flood Zone A or B)	Less than 0.1% or 1-in-1000	Less than 0.1% or 1-in-1000

When determining Flood Zones, the presence of flood defences should be ignored as areas protected by flood defences still carry residual risk associated with overtopping or breach of defences.

Flood Zones are generated without the inclusion of allowances for climate change. Therefore, land zoning based on delineated Flood Zones will not account for climate change flood extents, which will be wider than the present day scenario flood extents in most instances.

3.5 Receptor Vulnerability

The OPW Guidelines define three vulnerability classifications for different land uses and types of development: highly vulnerable (including essential infrastructure), less vulnerable, and water compatible. Examples of different land uses and types of development under each classification are provided in Table 3.3~~Table 3.3~~.

The vulnerability of a development to flooding depends on the nature of the development, its occupancy, and the construction methods used. The classifications are primarily based on the ability to manage the safety of people in flood events and the long-term implications in terms of the recovery of function and structure of the development.

Table 3.3: Receptor Vulnerability Classifications

Vulnerability Classification	Land Uses / Type of Development *
Highly Vulnerable Development (including Essential Infrastructure)	• Garda, ambulance, and fire stations and command centres required to be operational during flooding • Hospitals • Emergency access and egress points • Schools • Dwelling houses, student halls of residence, and hostels • Residential institutions such as residential care homes, children's homes, and social services homes • Caravans and mobile home parks • Dwelling houses designed, constructed, or adapted for the elderly or other people with impaired mobility • Essential infrastructure, such as primary transport and utilities distribution, including electricity generating power stations and sub-stations, water and sewage treatment, and potential significant sources of pollution in the event of flooding (SEVESO sites, IPPC sites, etc.)

Vulnerability Classification	Land Uses / Type of Development *
Less Vulnerable Development	• Buildings used for: retail, leisure, warehousing, commercial, industrial, and non-residential institutions • Land and buildings used for holiday or short-let caravans and camping, subject to specific warning and evacuation plans • Land and buildings used for agriculture and forestry • Waste treatment (except landfill and hazardous waste) • Mineral working and processing • Local transport infrastructure.
Water Compatible Development	• Flood control infrastructure • Docks, marinas, and wharves • Navigation facilities • Ship building, repairing, and dismantling, dockside fish processing and refrigeration and compatible activities requiring a waterside location • Water-based recreation and tourism (excluding sleeping accommodation) • Lifeguard and coastguard stations • Amenity open space, outdoor sports and recreation and essential facilities such as changing rooms • Essential ancillary sleeping or residential accommodation for staff required by uses in this category (subject to a specific warning and evacuation plan)

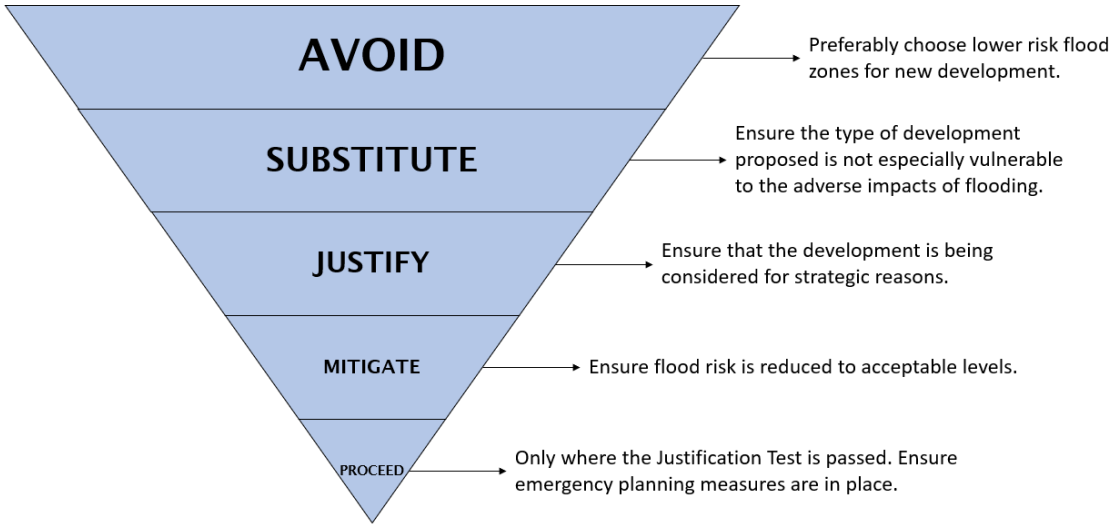
** Uses not listed here should be considered based on their own merits.*

3.6 The Sequential Approach and Justification Test

3.6.1 Sequential Approach

This SFRA recommends a sequential approach to planning to ensure the core objectives of the OPW Guidelines outlined in Section 3.2 are implemented. A sequential approach is particularly important at the plan-making stage but also applicable in the layout and design of new development at the development management stage. The principles of the sequential approach in flood risk management are summarised in Figure 3.2~~Figure 3.2~~.

Figure 3.2: The Sequential Approach



In general, most types of development would be considered inappropriate in Flood Zone A.

In Flood Zone B, highly vulnerable development (e.g., hospitals, dwelling houses, and primary infrastructure) would be considered inappropriate, but less vulnerable development (e.g., retail, commercial, and industrial uses) may be considered appropriate.

Development in Flood Zone C is considered appropriate from a flood risk perspective.

While preferred, a sequential approach to flood risk management is not always possible as many urban centres are affected by Flood Zones yet are targeted for key social and economic development. To reflect this, the OPW Guidelines set out the Justification Test to facilitate the assessment of the balance between consideration of flood risk and the need for continued development in towns and cities.

3.6.2 Justification Test

The Justification Test has been designed to rigorously assess the appropriateness, or otherwise, of particular developments that, for the reasons outlined above, are being considered in areas of moderate or high flood risk. The test is comprised of two processes:

- Plan Making Justification Test – used at the plan preparation and adoption stage where it is intended to zone or otherwise designate land that is at moderate or high risk of flooding
- Development Management Justification Test – used at the planning application state where it is intended to develop land at moderate or high risk of flooding for uses or development vulnerable to flooding that would generally be inappropriate for that land

Table 3.4~~Table 3.4~~ is a matrix of receptor vulnerability versus Flood Zone to illustrate appropriate development and scenarios where development is required to meet the Justification Test.

Table 3.4: Vulnerability and Flood Zone Matrix for Justification Test

Development Vulnerability	Flood Zone A	Flood Zone B	Flood Zone C
Highly Vulnerable (including essential infrastructure)	Justification Test	Justification Test	Appropriate
Less Vulnerable	Justification Test	Appropriate	Appropriate
Water-compatible	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

3.6.3 Plan Making Justification Test

The Plan Making / Development Plan Justification Test should be carried out as part of the SFRA using mapped Flood Zones. It applies where land zonings have been reviewed with respect to the need for development of areas at a high or moderate risk of flooding for uses which are vulnerable to flooding and which would generally be inappropriate, as set out in Table 3.2, and where avoidance or substitution is not appropriate. Where land use zoning objectives are being retained, they must satisfy all of the following criteria as per Table 3.4 of the OPW Guidelines included as Table 3.5~~Table 3.5~~.

Table 3.5: Plan Making Justification Test

No.	Criteria
1	The urban settlement is targeted for growth under the National Spatial Strategy, regional planning guidelines, statutory plans as defined above or under the Planning Guidelines or Planning Directives provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
2	The zoning or designation of the lands for the particular use or development type is required to achieve the proper planning and sustainable development of the urban settlement and, in particular: • Is essential to facilitate regeneration and / or expansion of the centre of the urban settlement • Comprises significant previously developed and/or under-utilised lands • Is within or adjoining the core of an established or designated urban settlement • Will be essential in achieving compact and sustainable urban growth • There are no suitable alternative lands for the particular use or development type, in areas at lower risk of flooding within or adjoining the core of the urban settlement
3	A flood risk assessment to an appropriate level of detail has been carried out as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment as part of the development plan preparation process, which demonstrates that flood risk to the development can be adequately managed, and the use or development of the lands will not cause unacceptable adverse impacts elsewhere. N.B. The acceptability or otherwise of levels of any residual risk should be made with consideration for the proposed development and the local context and should be described in the relevant flood risk assessment.

In cases where existing zoned lands are discovered to be within flood zones, the Development Plan Justification Test has been applied, and it is demonstrated that it cannot meet the specified requirements it is recommended that planning authorities reconsider the zoning by implementing the following:

- Remove the existing zoning for all types of development on the basis of the unacceptable high level of flood risk
- Reduce the zoned area and change or add zoning categories to reflect the flood risk
- Replace the existing zoning with a zoning or a specific objective for less vulnerable uses
- Prepare a local area plan informed by a detailed flood risk assessment to address zoning and development issues in more detail and prior to any development

If the criteria of the Justification Test have been met, design of structural or non-structural flood risk management measures as prerequisites to development in specific areas, ensuring that flood hazard and risk to other locations will not be increased or, if practicable, will be reduced. The mitigation measures are required prior to development taking place.

3.7 Climate Change Adaptation

It is likely that climate change will have an impact on flood risk in Ireland as a result of rising sea levels and more frequent extreme rainfall events. Climate change is a dynamic process and therefore requires a precautionary and flexible approach to ensure appropriate provision for or adaptation to its potential consequences.

Guidance on climate change objectives and actions is set out in the 'Flood Risk Management Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan' published by the OPW in 2019. The long-term goal adopted by the OPW on climate adaptation for flooding and flood risk management is "p*romoting sustainable communities and supporting our environment through the effective management of the potential impacts of climate change on flooding and flood risk*". To deliver this goal, the OPW has identified the following adaptation objectives:

- Objective 1 – Enhancing our knowledge and understanding of the potential impacts of climate change for flooding and flood risk management through research and assessment
- Objective 2 – Adapting flood risk management practice to effectively manage the potential impact of climate change on future flood risk
- Objective 3 – Aligning adaptation to the impact of climate change on flood risk and flood risk management across sectors and wider government policy

The OPW have adopted two indicative potential futures for assessing flood risk: the Mid-Range Future Scenario (MRFS) and the High-End Future Scenario (HEFS). These were selected to reflect, based on information available at the time, a future in the latter part of the century that would be:

- typical or near to the general average of the future climate projections (MRFS), or
- a more extreme future based on the upper end of the range of projections of future climatic conditions and the impacts such changes would have on the drivers of flood risk (HEFS).

The allowances, in flood risk terms, for both the MRFS and HEFS are shown in Table 3.6~~Table 3.6~~. For the purposes of this SFRA, climate change flood mapping has been prepared and is included in Appendix C.

Table 3.6: OPW Climate Change Allowances

Parameter	Mid-Range Future Scenario (MRFS)	High End Future Scenario (HEFS)
Mean Sea Level Rise	+ 500 mm	+ 1000 mm
Peak River Flood Flows	+ 20%	+ 30%
Extreme Rainfall Depths	+ 20%	+ 30%

Due to the uncertainty of the potential effects of climate change, this SFRA sets out recommendations in line with the precautionary approach adopted by the Guidelines in terms of managing the effects of climate change. These include:

- Recognising that significant changes in the flood extent may result from an increase in rainfall or tide events and, accordingly, adopt a cautious approach to zoning land in transitional areas.
- Ensuring that the finished levels of structures are designed to protect against flooding such that flood defences, land raising, and ground floor levels are sufficient to cope with the effects of climate change over the lifetime of the development.
- Ensuring that both the structures designed to protect against flooding and the protected development are capable of adaptation to the effects of climate change when there is more certainty about the effects and when there is still time for such adaptation to be effective.

3.8 Stages and Scales of Flood Risk Assessment

3.8.1 Stages of Flood Risk Assessment

FRAs are typically undertaken over three stages, in order of increasing detail, as described in Table 3.7~~Table 3.7~~. Progression to a more detailed stage depends on the outcomes of the previous stage. This staged approach ensures that the level of assessment undertaken is appropriate for the scale and nature

of the flood risk issues, site or area, and type of development proposed. It also prevents unnecessary flood modelling and development of mitigation and management measures.

Table 3.7: Stages of Flood Risk Assessment

Stage	Purpose
Stage 1: Flood Risk Identification	To identify whether there may be any flooding or surface water management issues relevant to a plan area or proposed development site that may warrant further investigation.
Stage 2: Initial Flood Risk Assessment	To confirm sources of flooding that may affect a plan area or proposed development site and to appraise the adequacy of the existing flood risk information. If necessary, to determine what surveys and modelling approach are appropriate to match the spatial resolution required and complexity of the flood risk issues identified.
Stage 3: Detailed Flood Risk Assessment	To provide a quantitative assessment of flood risk to a proposed or existing development, the effect of the development on flood risk elsewhere, and the effectiveness of any proposed mitigation measures. Typically involves the construction of a hydraulic model that covers a wide enough area to capture catchment-wide impacts and hydrological processes.

3.8.2 Scales of FRA

There are three scales of FRA described in the OPW Guidelines, as described in Table 3.8~~Table 3.8~~.

Table 3.8: Scales of Flood Risk Assessment

Scale	Purpose	Responsibility
Regional Flood Risk Appraisal (RFRA)	• To appraise the source and significance of all types of flood risk in a region based on readily derivable information to inform the regional planning guidelines and influence spatial allocations for growth in housing and employment. • To identify areas where more detailed studies are required or where flood risk management measures may be required at a regional level to support the proposed growth.	Regional Authorities
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)	• To provide a broad assessment of all types of flood risk in the area to inform strategic land use planning decisions and to identify opportunities for reducing flood risk. • Typically involves up to a Stage 2 – Initial Flood Risk Assessment. • A site-specific flood risk assessment would be recommended where the initial flood risk assessment demonstrates the potential for a significant level of flood risk or where there is conflict with the vulnerability of proposed development.	Local Authorities

Scale	Purpose	Responsibility
Site-specific Flood Risk Assessment (SSFRA)	• To identify and assess all types of flood risk for a proposed new development and to assess the potential effects of climate change, the impact of development on flooding, and residual risks. • To propose appropriate site management and mitigation measures to reduce flood risk to an acceptable level. • If stages 1 and 2 of assessment have been undertaken to appropriate levels of detail, it is likely that the SSFRA will require detailed channel and site surveys and flood modelling.	Planning Applicants

3.9 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

The purpose of this report is to carry out an SFRA at Plan Area scale. The following detailed requirements are set out in the Technical Appendices of the OPW Guidelines and have been undertaken where relevant information is available:

- Identify principal rivers, sources of flooding and produce Flood Zone maps for across the local authority area and in key development areas.
- An appraisal of the availability and adequacy of the existing information.
- Assess potential impacts of climate change to demonstrate the sensitivity of an area to increased flows or sea levels.
- Identify the location of any flood risk management infrastructure and the areas protected by it and the coverage of flood-warning systems.
- Consider, where additional development in Flood Zone A and B is planned within or adjacent to an existing community at risk, the implications of flood risk on critical infrastructure and services across a wider community-based area and how the emergency planning needs of existing and new development will be managed.
- Identify areas of natural floodplain, which could merit protection to maintain their flood risk management function as well as for reasons of amenity and biodiversity.
- Assess the current condition of flood-defence infrastructure and of likely future policy with regard to its maintenance and upgrade.
- Assess the probability and consequences of overtopping or failure of flood risk management infrastructure, including an appropriate allowance for climate change.
- Assess, in broad terms, the potential impact of additional development on flood risk elsewhere and how any loss of floodplain could be compensated for.
- Assess the risks to the proposed development and its occupants using a range of extreme flood or tidal events.
- Identify areas where site-specific FRA will be required for new development or redevelopment.
- Identify drainage catchments where surface water or pluvial flooding could be exacerbated by new development and develop strategies for its management in areas of significant change.
- Identify where an integrated and area based provision of SuDS and green infrastructure are appropriate in order to avoid reliance on individual site by site solutions.
- Provide guidance on appropriate development management criteria for zones and sites.

4 STAGE 1 – FLOOD RISK IDENTIFICATION

4.1 Preamble

This section is intended to form a Stage 1 assessment of flood risk by presenting available flood risk information used to identify flooding or surface water management issues within the Plan Area that warrant further investigation. In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, both primary and secondary sources of flood risk information have been used to inform this SFRA.

4.2 Primary Sources of Flood Risk Information

Table 4.1~~Table 4.1~~ lists primary sources of flood risk information in chronological order and indicates whether they are relevant to this SFRA. Sources deemed relevant are discussed further in this section.

Table 4.1: Primary Sources of Flood Risk Information

Information Source	Year Published	Findings	Relevant?
Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (FEM FRAMS)	2010	The Plan Area and surrounding lands are included in flood mapping produced as part of the FEM FRAMS.	Yes – refer to Section 4.2.1
~~Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA)~~	~~2011~~	~~The Plan Area and surrounding lands are included in flood mapping produced as part of the PFRA.~~	~~Yes – refer to Section 4.2.2~~
~~Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study (ICPSS)~~	~~2013~~	~~The Plan Area is not in an area affected by coastal flooding so is not covered by ICPSS flood maps.~~	~~No~~
Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study	2015 / 2016	CFRAM flood mapping does not include the Plan Area.	No
GSI Groundwater Flooding	2020	GSI historic groundwater flood extent mapping indicates that the Plan Area is not at risk of groundwater flooding.	No
National Indicative Fluvial Mapping (NIFM)	2021	The Plan Area and surrounding lands are not covered by NIFM flood maps.	No
National Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping (NCFHM)	2021	The Plan Area is not in an area affected by coastal flooding so is not covered by NCFHM flood maps.	No
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (Fingal SFRA)	2023	The Fingal SFRA contains information relating to flood risk in the vicinity of the Plan Area and general advice relating to management of flood risk.	Yes – refer to Section 4.2.2~~4.2.3~~

4.2.1 Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study

The FEM FRAMS is a pilot study undertaken for the National CFRAM Programme. The FEM FRAMS was commissioned in 2008 by Fingal CC in partnership with Meath CC and the OPW with the purpose of investigating flood risk in Fingal and East Meath.

Key outputs of the FEM FRAMS included detailed flood maps for high priority watercourses throughout Fingal and East Meath. The Bracken (Matt) River was considered a high priority watercourse and, as such, was modelled as part of the FEM FRAMS, as well as its tributaries. Three detailed flood extent maps were published in 2010, covering the full length of the Bracken (Matt) River to where the watercourse discharges to the Irish Sea at Balbriggan.

Draft versions of the flood extent maps showing the Plan Area were made available for the purposes of this SFRA. Extracts from the fluvial and tidal flood extent maps are shown in Figure 4.1~~Figure 4.1~~ and Figure 4.2~~Figure 4.2~~, respectively. The full flood map is included in Appendix A~~Appendix A~~.

Figure 4.1: Extract from FEM FRAMS Fluvial Flood Extent Map

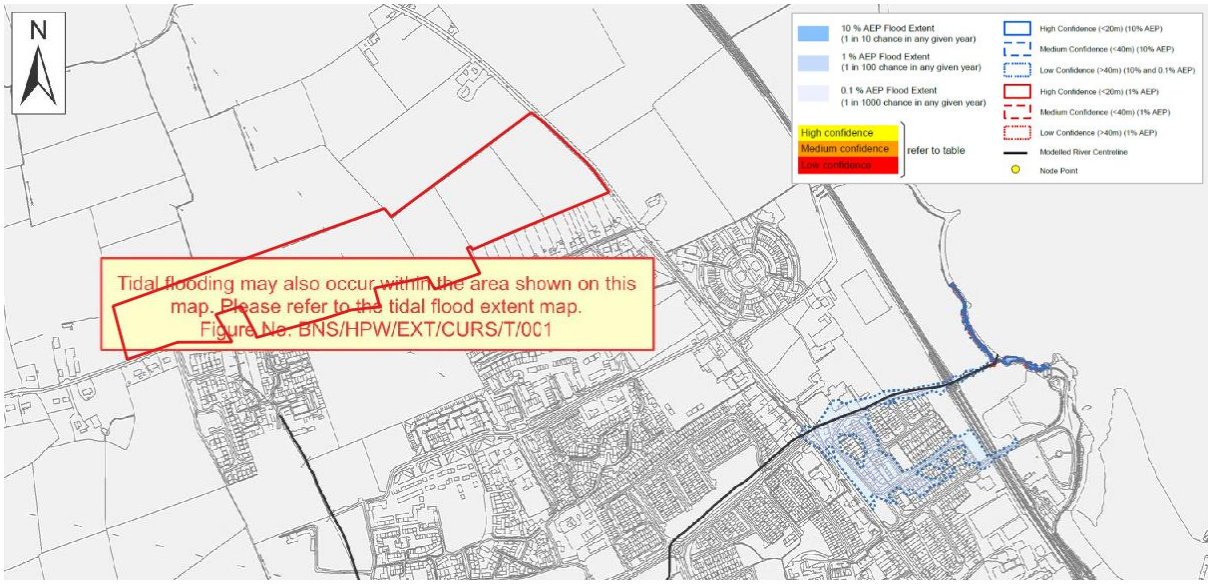
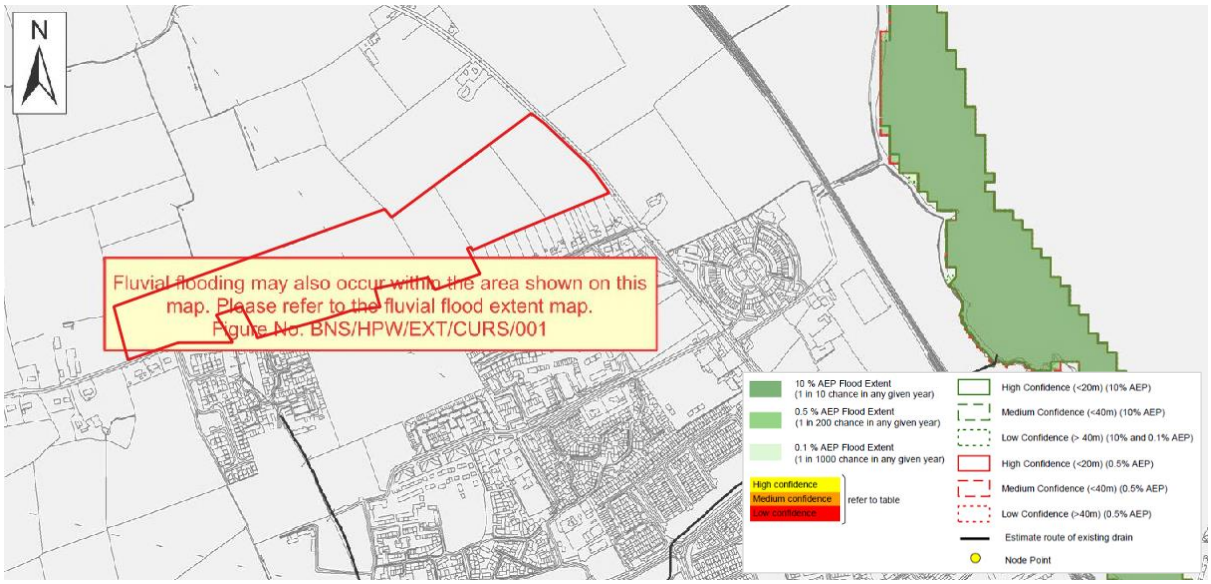


Figure 4.2: Extract from FEM FRAMS Tidal Flood Extent Map



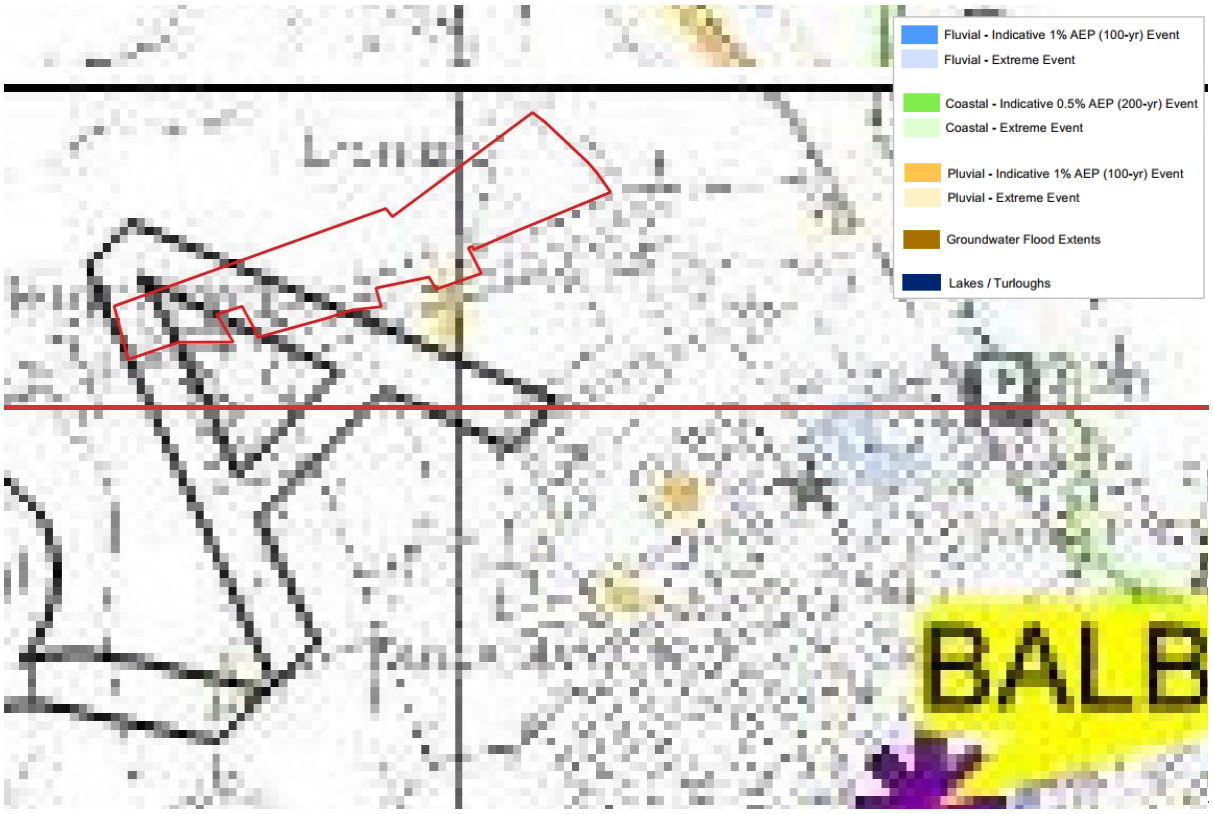
4.2.2 Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

The first phase of the National CFRAM Programme involved a national PFRA, which was completed in 2012. The PFRA was intended to be a screening exercise to identify areas of potentially significant flood risk (called 'Areas for Further Assessment') and provide scope for the second phase, which involved more detailed flood mapping for those areas. The PFRA was based on available or readily derivable flood risk information and considered flood risk from coastal, fluvial, pluvial, and groundwater sources.

A key output of the PFRA was indicative flood mapping for the entire country. It is noted that the PFRA flood mapping is coarse and indicative only and, as such, not suitable for detailed assessment of the Plan Area.

An extract from the PFRA indicative flood mapping is shown in Figure 4.3. The full map is included in Appendix A.

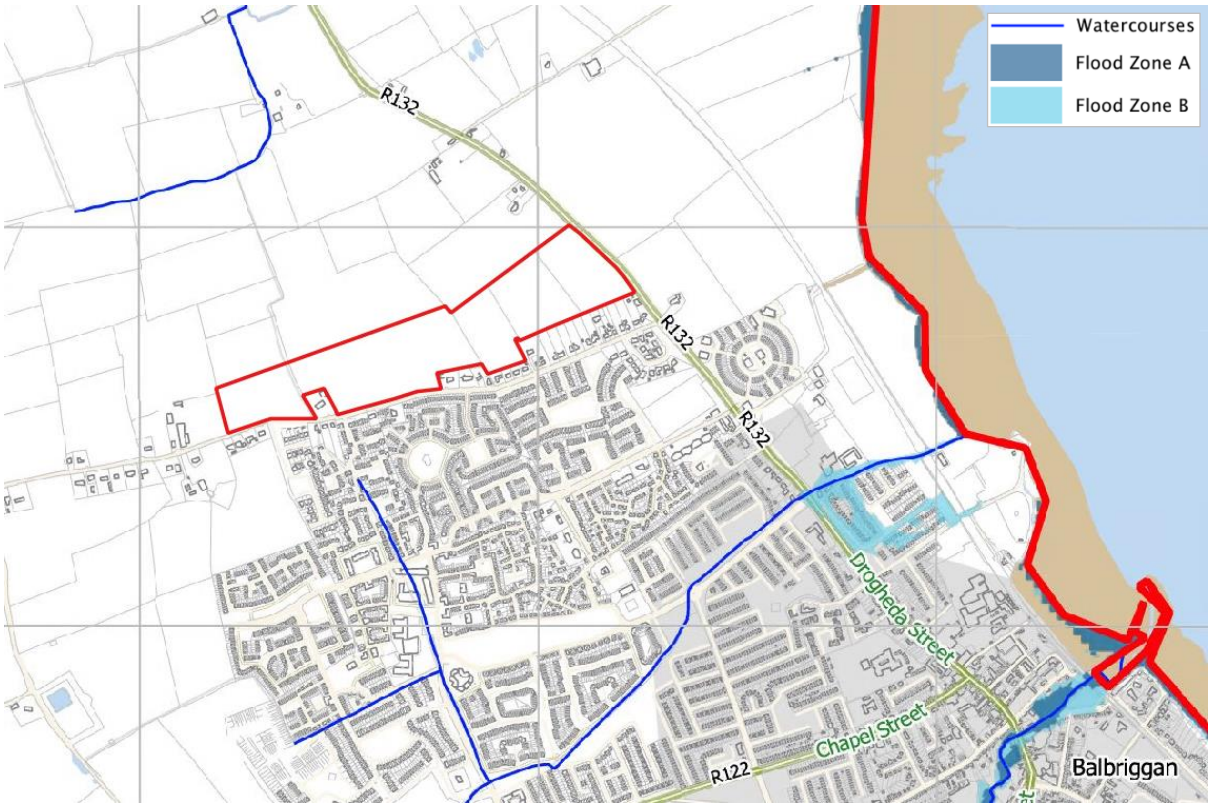
Figure 4.3: Extract from PFRA Indicative Flood Mapping



~~4.2.3~~4.2.2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Flood Zone mapping was produced as part of the Fingal SFRA, an extract of which is shown in Figure 4.3~~Figure 4.4~~. The full flood map is included in Appendix A~~Appendix A~~.

Figure 4.3~~4~~: Extract from Fingal SFRA Flood Zone Mapping



The Fingal SFRA also includes the following guidance considered pertinent to this SFRA:

- Flood Zones represent flood extents for the existing, undefended present day scenario (i.e., without inclusion of climate change allowance or flood defences).
- Climate change projections are to be applied depending on the receptor vulnerability; HEFS is to be considered for 'highly vulnerable' development and MRFS is to be considered for 'less vulnerable' development.
- A key mechanism for providing flood protection and resilience is the setting of Finished Floor Levels (FFLs) and Finished Ground Levels (FGLs).
- In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, access to and egress from any development should be within Flood Zone C (i.e., outside the 0.1% AEP fluvial / coastal floodplain). Where this is not achievable due to on-site or off-site flood risk, a Flood Management Plan for the development will be required.

4.3 Secondary Sources of Flood Risk Information

Table 4.2~~Table 4.2~~ lists secondary sources of flood risk information and indicates whether they are relevant to this SFRA. Sources deemed relevant are discussed further in this section.

Table 4.2: Secondary Sources of Flood Risk Information

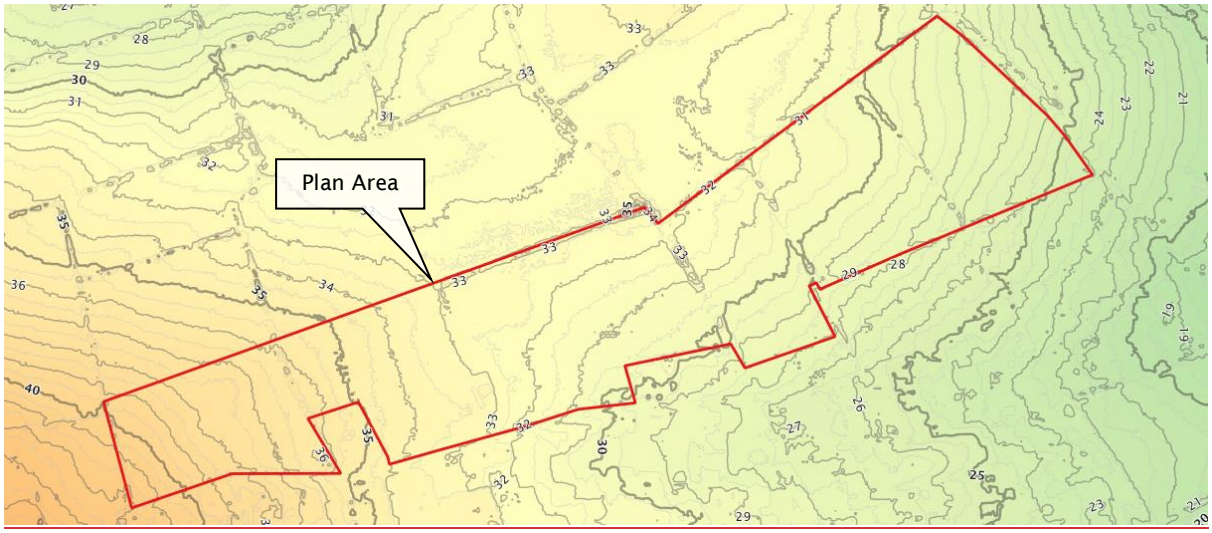
Information Source	Year Published	Findings	Relevant?
Internet Background Search	N/A	An internet background search including online news articles and other media found no evidence of flooding within the Plan Area.	No
Past Flood Events Mapping	Updated on Ongoing Basis	OPW 'Past Flood Events' database does not include any records of historic flooding of the Plan Area and surrounding area.	No
Topographical Data	Unknown	Best available height data has been obtained as part of this assessment.	Yes – refer to Section 4.3.1
Arterial Drainage Scheme Benefitting Lands	N/A	The Plan Area is not shown to be within an area of benefitting lands.	No
Drainage District Benefitting Lands	N/A	The Plan Area is not shown to be within an area of lands benefitting from any Drainage District.	No
Flood Relief Schemes	N/A	There are no existing or proposed Flood Relief Schemes in the vicinity of the Plan Area	No
Former Local Area Plans	N/A	There are no former LAPs for the Plan Area.	No
Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (GDSDS)	2005	The GDSDS describes foul and surface water drainage systems in Fingal. There is no record of drainage system failure / flooding at the Plan Area.	No
Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) Mapping	N/A	There is no indication of artificial impoundments (e.g., canals, reservoirs / dams) that would present a risk of flooding to the Plan Area.	No
Walkover Survey	N/A	A walkover survey was carried out by McCloy Consulting on 28th April 2021.	Yes – refer to Section 4.3.2~~Yes – refer to Section 4.3.1~~

4.3.1 Topography

Existing ground levels within the Plan Area range from c. 42 to 24 meters Ordnance Datum (mOD), falling generally from west to east, as shown in ~~Figure 4.4~~. There are no significant localised depressions within the Plan Area which was confirmed during a site walkover.

Lands at a higher elevation do exist in the vicinity so surface water runoff may be directed towards the Plan Area.

Figure 4.4: Plan Area Topography



~~4.3.1~~4.3.2 Walkover Survey

A walkover survey of the Plan Area and adjacent lands was carried out by McCloy Consulting in April 2021. The purpose of the walkover survey was to ground truth desktop study findings, verify gaps in data, and identify the need for further surveying.

The Plan Area was noted to primarily comprise agricultural land and generally fall from north to south towards Flemington Lane. Observations relating to flooding and surface water drainage during the site visit are summarised as follows:

- No open watercourses or surface water channels were observed.
- Existing drainage was noted along Flemington Lane to the south.
- No evidence of flooding was found within the Plan Area.

4.4 Summary

In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, all available sources of flood risk information have been reviewed to identify any potential sources of flood risk to the Plan Area. The findings of the Stage 1 assessment indicate that lands within the Plan Area may be at risk of flooding. Therefore, a Stage 2 assessment has been carried out for the Plan Area and is presented in Section 5 of this SFRA.

5 STAGE 2 – INITIAL FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 Preamble

This section is intended to form a Stage 2 assessment of flood risk by confirming the sources of flooding that may be significant or possibly significant to the Plan Area, appraising the adequacy of existing flood risk information, and determining whether further assessment is required. The Stage 2 assessment is based on the flood risk information reviewed as part of the Stage 1 assessment presented in Section 4 of this SFRA.

5.2 Initial Assessment

Table 5.1~~Table 5.1~~ presents an initial assessment of sources of flooding that may be significant or possibly significant to the Plan Area and determines whether further assessment is required.

Table 5.1: Significance of Sources of Flooding to the Plan Area

Source of Flooding	Significant?	Reason	Assess Further?
Fluvial flooding	No	OSI / EPA mapping and datasets indicate that there are no open channels within the Plan Area. OPW flood mapping indicates that the Plan Area is not in an area affected by fluvial flooding.	No
Coastal flooding	No	The Plan Area is not in an area affected by coastal flooding.	No
Pluvial / surface water flooding	Possible	Topographical data indicates that the Plan Area may be affected by pluvial / surface water flooding.~~OPW PFRA flood mapping indicates that the Plan Area may be affected by pluvial / surface water flooding.~~	Yes – refer to Section 5.3
Urban drainage flooding	No	Based on an initial evidence search, there is no indication of urban drainage flooding / sewer incapacity within the Plan Area or adjacent lands.	No
Groundwater flooding	No	GSI mapping indicates that the Plan Area is not in an area affected by groundwater flooding.	No
Flooding from artificial sources (e.g., impoundments)	No	A review of OSI mapping indicates that there are no impoundments, such as reservoirs or canals, in close proximity to or that drain towards the Plan Area.	No

5.3 Pluvial / Surface Water Flooding

5.3.1 Pluvial Flooding to the Site

Topographical data (as shown in Figure 4.4: Plan Area Topography~~Figure 4.4: Plan Area Topography~~) indicates that the Plan Area may be affected by pluvial flooding.

~~OPW PFRA indicative flood mapping shows minor areas of pluvial flooding within the Plan Area that likely coincide with localised depressions.~~

Lands to the south, east, and west of the site are at a similar or lower elevation. Surface water runoff from these areas would therefore not flow towards the site. Runoff from the north of the site would tend to flow towards and through the site. Therefore, analysis of the pluvial flood risk at the site has been undertaken and is presented in Section 6.

5.3.2 Pluvial Flooding from the Site

With future development, the Plan Area will be subject to an increase in impermeable area (i.e., roof and hardstanding), meaning it has the potential to cause an increase in flood risk elsewhere if surface water discharge is not adequately managed.

Residual impact of surface water to future development and off-site receptors shall be mitigated through an effective surface water drainage network and surface water management.

5.3.3 Sustainable Drainage Strategy

An SDS has been prepared in conjunction with this SFRA, together forming an SWMP for the Plan Area. The purpose of the SDS is to outline a framework for the delivery of a drainage system that integrates multi-functional SuDS components within the Plan Area to manage water at or near the surface in a way that provides maximum water quantity, water quality, amenity, and biodiversity benefits. The SDS also includes a SuDS concept masterplan intended to inform 'plan making' (not outline and detailed drainage layouts).

Refer to the SDS portion of the SWMP for further details.

5.4 Summary

In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, an initial assessment of potential sources of flood risk to the Plan Area has been carried out. The findings of the Stage 2 assessment indicate that areas within the Plan Area may be affected by pluvial flooding. Therefore, a Stage 3 assessment has been carried out for the Plan Area and is presented in Section 6 of this SFRA.

6 STAGE 3 – DETAILED FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 Preamble

The Stage 2 assessment presented in Section 5 confirmed that the Plan Area is affected by pluvial flooding and that no other significant flood mechanisms are anticipated. In the absence of pluvial flood data, further assessment was deemed to be required.

~~The Stage 2 assessment presented in Section 5 confirmed that the Plan Area is affected by pluvial flooding and that no other significant flood mechanisms are anticipated. Existing best available information on pluvial flooding (from the PFRA) was appraised as not fit for purpose for this SFRA and, as such, further assessment was deemed to be required.~~

Therefore, area-specific overland flow path and depression analysis was undertaken by McCloy Consulting to facilitate a better understanding of pluvial flood risk to the Plan Area. The results of this analysis are summarised in this section, which is intended to form a Stage 3 assessment.

~~In the absence of adequate flood risk information for the Plan Area, area-specific overland flow path and depression analysis was undertaken by McCloy Consulting to facilitate a better understanding of pluvial flood risk to the Plan Area. The results of this analysis are summarised in this section, which is intended to form a Stage 3 assessment.~~

6.2 Hydrology

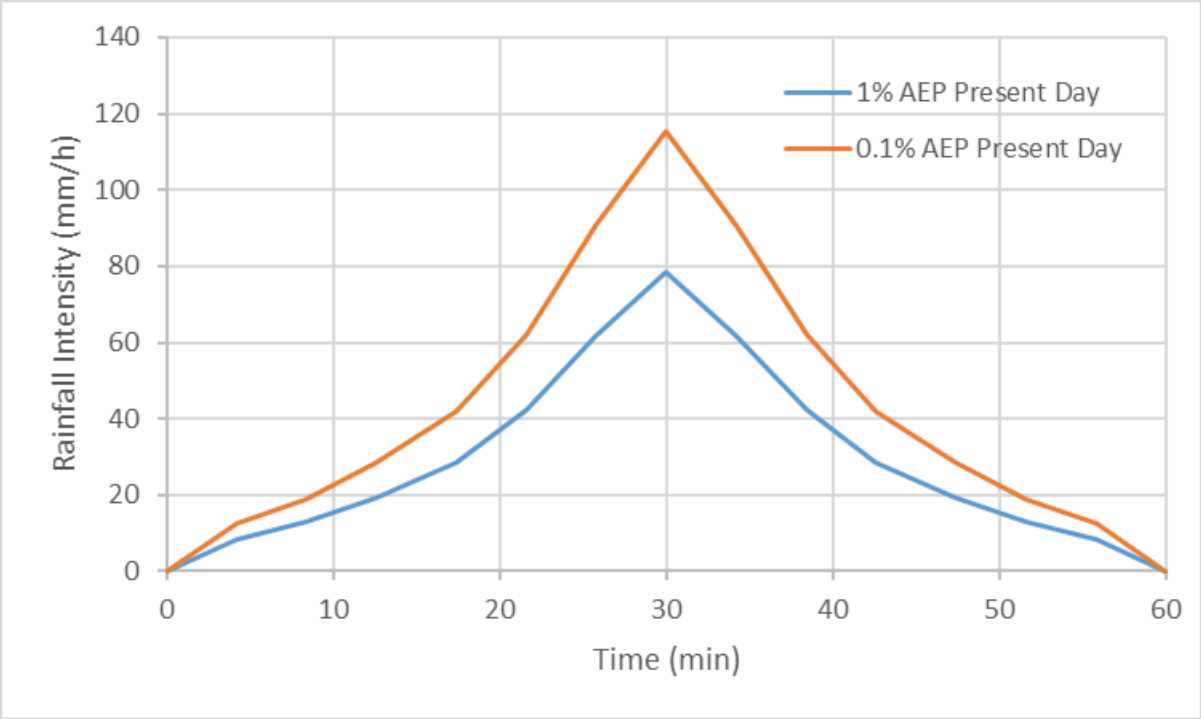
Rainfall has been derived from the OPW Flood Studies Update (FSU) Rainfall Depth Duration Frequency (DDF) module. Rainfall is calculated at the closest 2 km grid point located near Bridgefoot Road / Flemington Lane, approximately 580 m south-west of the site.

Rainfall profiles for the 1-, 3-, and 6-hour storm durations for the 1% AEP event have been calculated from the FSU Rainfall DDF module and converted from rainfall depth to intensity.

The FSU methodology does not extend to allow estimation of 0.1% AEP rainfall directly. Rainfall for the 1-, 3-, and 6-hour storm durations for the 0.1% AEP event were therefore estimated by plotting a range of total rainfall depths against the associated return periods up to the 0.4% AEP (i.e., 250-year) event. The rainfall curve for each storm duration was plotted on a logarithmic scale, and the 0.1% AEP total rainfall was estimated from the trendline equation.

Rainfall profiles for each storm duration for the 0.1% AEP event were then derived by scaling the total rainfall depth to the 1% AEP hyetograph. The 1-hour critical duration storm profiles for the 1% AEP and 0.1% AEP events are shown in Figure 6.1~~Figure 6.1~~.

Figure 6.1: 1% AEP and 0.1% AEP (1 hour) Present Day Rainfall Profiles



The effect of climate change has been considered for the 1-hour critical duration storms for the 1% AEP and 0.1% AEP events. Allowances of 20% for the Mid-Range Future Scenario (MRFS) and 30% for the High-End Future Scenario (HEFS), as set out in OPW guidance, were added to the present-day rainfall profiles. The resulting hyetographs are shown in Figure 6.2~~Figure 6.2~~ and Figure 6.3~~Figure 6.3~~.

Figure 6.2: 1% AEP (1 hour) Present Day and Climate Change Rainfall Profiles

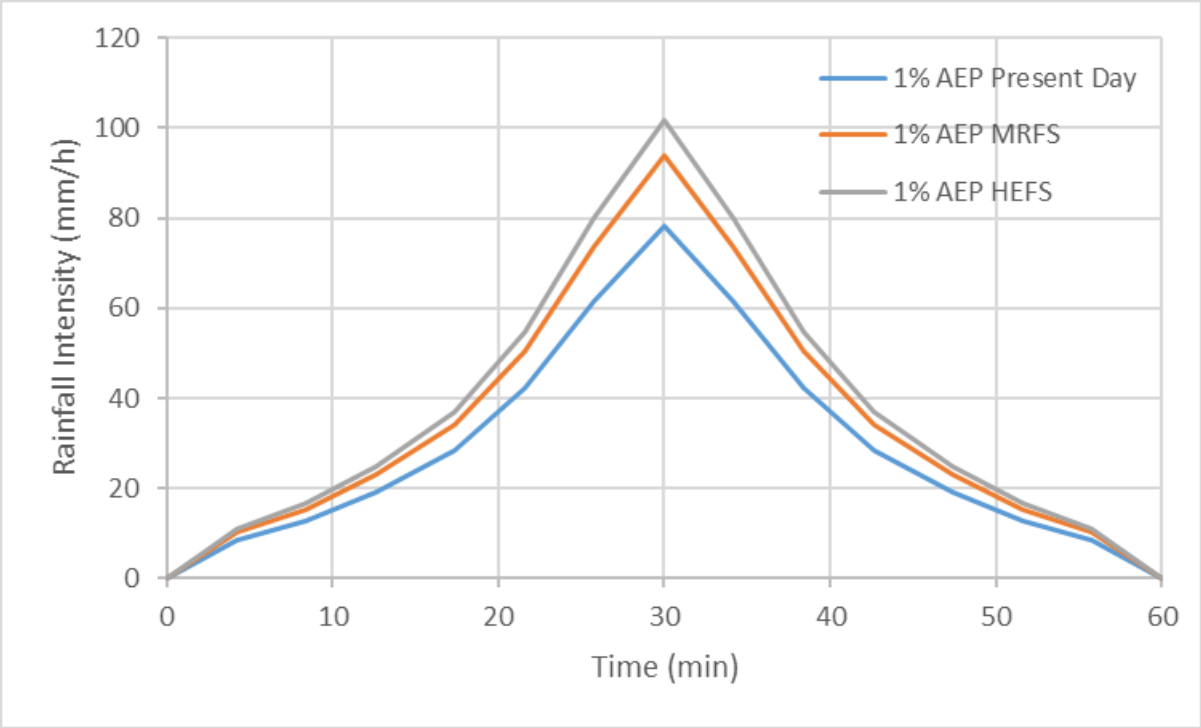
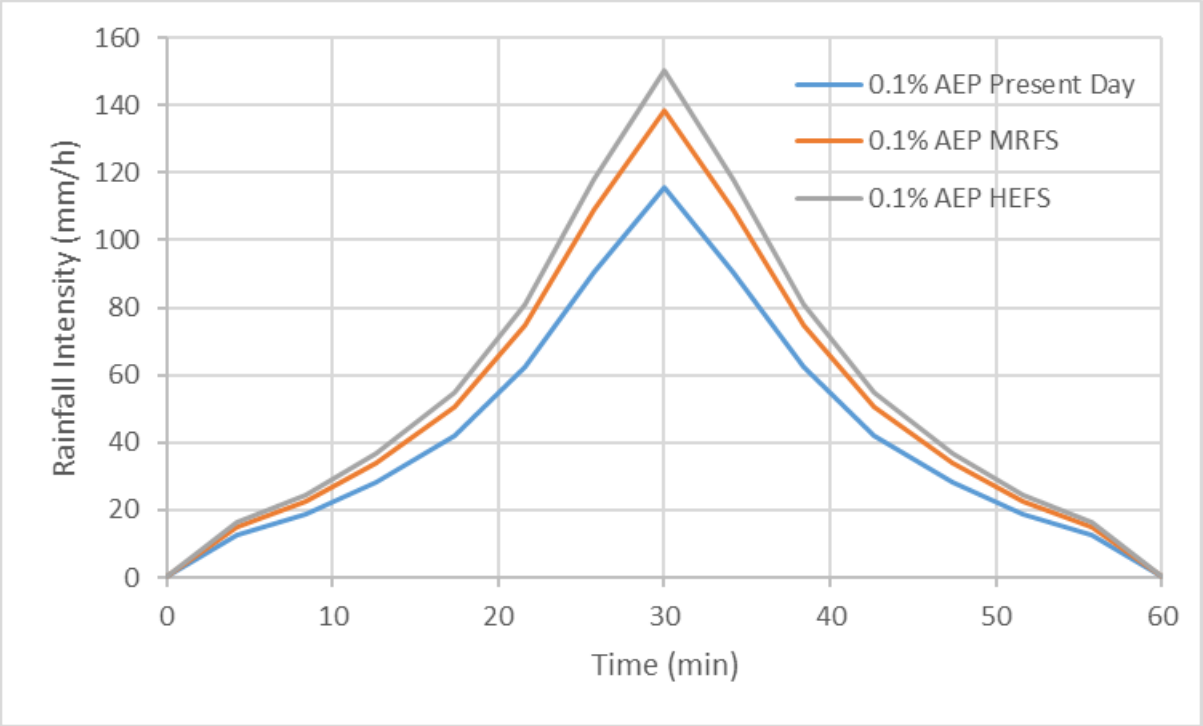


Figure 6.3: 0.1% AEP (1 hour) Present Day and Climate Change Rainfall Profiles



6.3 Overland Flow Path and Depression Analysis

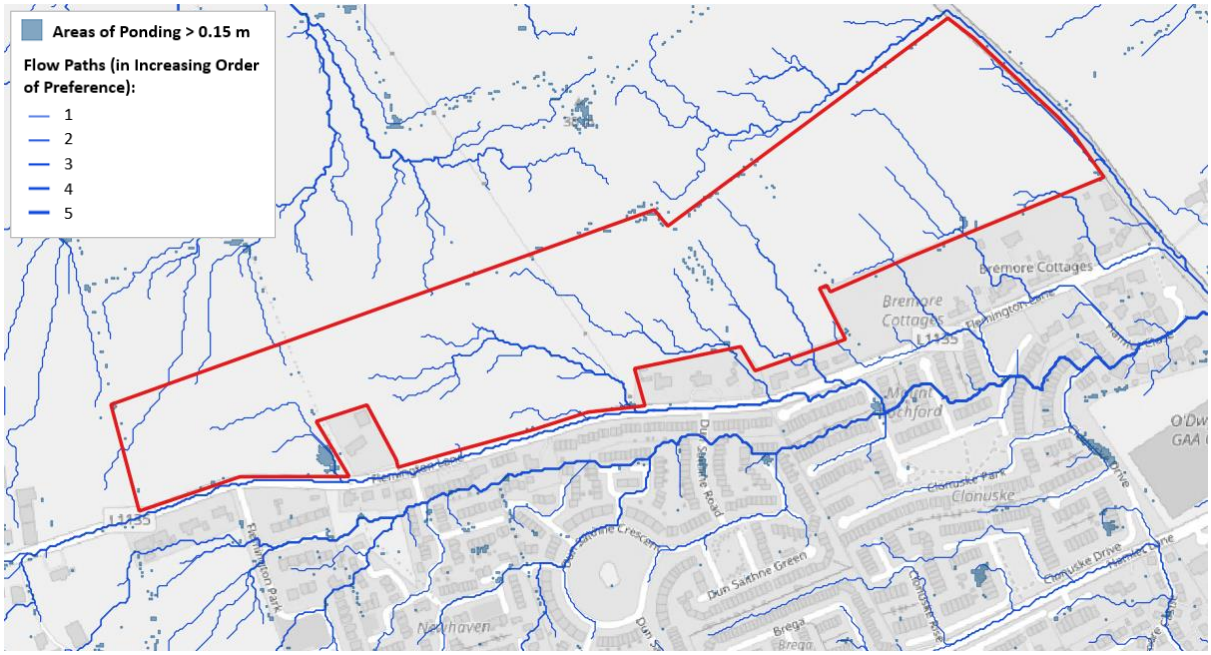
Pluvial overland flow path and ponding analysis was undertaken using GIS software. The algorithm for this analysis uses height data and a Rho-8 type "rolling ball" / Strahler Order hydrological analysis to determine the extents of catchment areas, key overland flow paths, and localised depressions where surface water is likely to pond.

The height data used for the analysis is based on Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) 2 m LiDAR licenced for use in this assessment. Roads and buildings were added to the LiDAR surface to ensure that important preferential flow paths and obstructions, respectively, were represented. Roads were lowered by 0.125 m and, in the absence of surveyed finished floor levels, building footprints were raised by 0.300 m per industry norm.

Key overland flow paths and areas of likely surface water ponding determined from the GIS analysis are shown in Figure 6.4~~Figure 6.4~~.

Mitigation of residual risk of pluvial flooding shall be achieved through appropriate setting of Finished Floor Levels (FFLs) / Finished Ground Levels (FGLs) and through surface water drainage design as discussed in the SDS.

Figure 6.4: Key Overland Flow Paths and Areas of Likely Surface Water Ponding


Areas of Ponding > 0.15 m
Flow Paths (in Increasing Order of Preference):
1
2
3
4
5
Bremore Cottages
Bremore Cottages
L1135
Mount Pochford
Flemington Lane
Flemington Road
L1135
Flemington Park
Dun Sakhne Road
Dun Sakhne Crescent
Dun Sakhne Green
Clonuske
Clonuske Park
Clonuske Drive
Clonuske Drive
Clonuske Avenue
Brega
Brega
Rathhaven

7 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Summary

This SFRA report has been prepared in accordance with the OPW Guidelines and provides a detailed assessment of all sources of flood risk within the Plan Area to assist Fingal CC in making informed strategic decisions in relation to the future development of the Plan Area.

In achieving the aims and objectives of the OPW Guidelines, Fingal CC should:

- Adopt a sequential approach to flood risk management, which aims to avoid flood risk where possible, substitute less vulnerable uses where avoidance is not possible, and mitigate and manage the risk where avoidance and substitution are not possible.
- Apply the Justification Test for development in Flood Zones.

It is noted that while the Plan Area is affected by pluvial flooding, no fluvial or coastal flood risk has been identified. Therefore, in line with the OPW Guidelines and Fingal SFRA, the Plan Area is wholly located in Flood Zone C and appropriate for development of any vulnerability classification.

A precautionary approach should also be applied to flood risk management to reflect uncertainties in available flood data, risk assessment techniques and climate change projections.

7.2 Recommendations

7.2.1 Design Levels

A key mechanism for providing flood protection and resilience is the setting of Finished Floor Levels (FFLs), Finished Ground Levels (FGLs), or flood defence levels with appropriate freeboard above the relevant design flood levels.

Freeboard is a safety margin to account for uncertainties in water-level prediction and / or structural performance. It is the difference between the FFL / FGL or flood defence and the adjacent design flood level. Freeboard is designed to account for uncertainty in hydrological predictions, wave action, modelling accuracy, topographical accuracy, and the quality of digital elevation models.

The Fingal SFRA sets out required design levels / freeboard for areas affected by fluvial and coastal flooding. As the site lies outside both the fluvial and coastal floodplain, these FFL / FGL requirements and associated freeboard do not apply.

Design levels within the site should be designed to be resilient to the residual risk of pluvial / surface water flooding.

7.2.2 Access and Egress

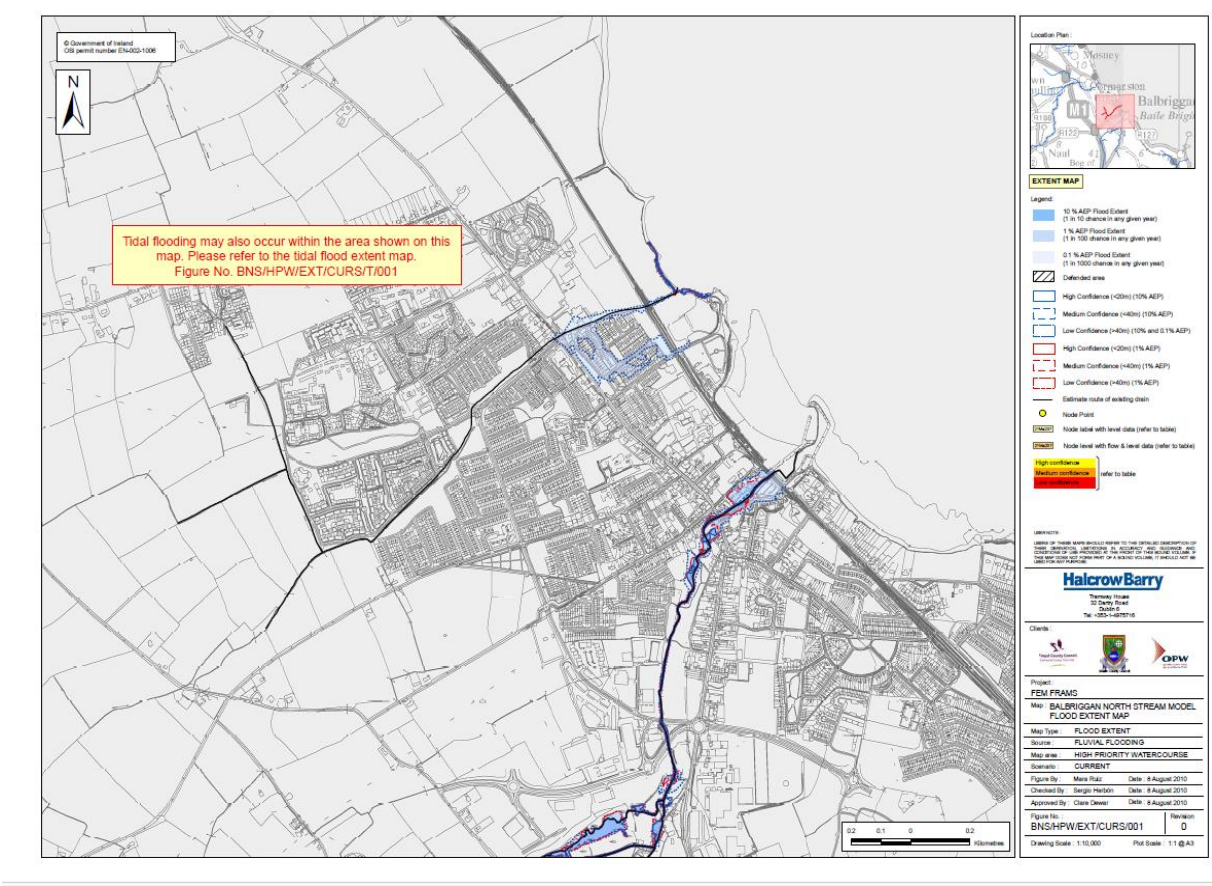
In accordance with the OPW Guidelines, access to and egress from any future development within the Plan Area should be within Flood Zone C (i.e., outside the 0.1% AEP fluvial / coastal floodplain).

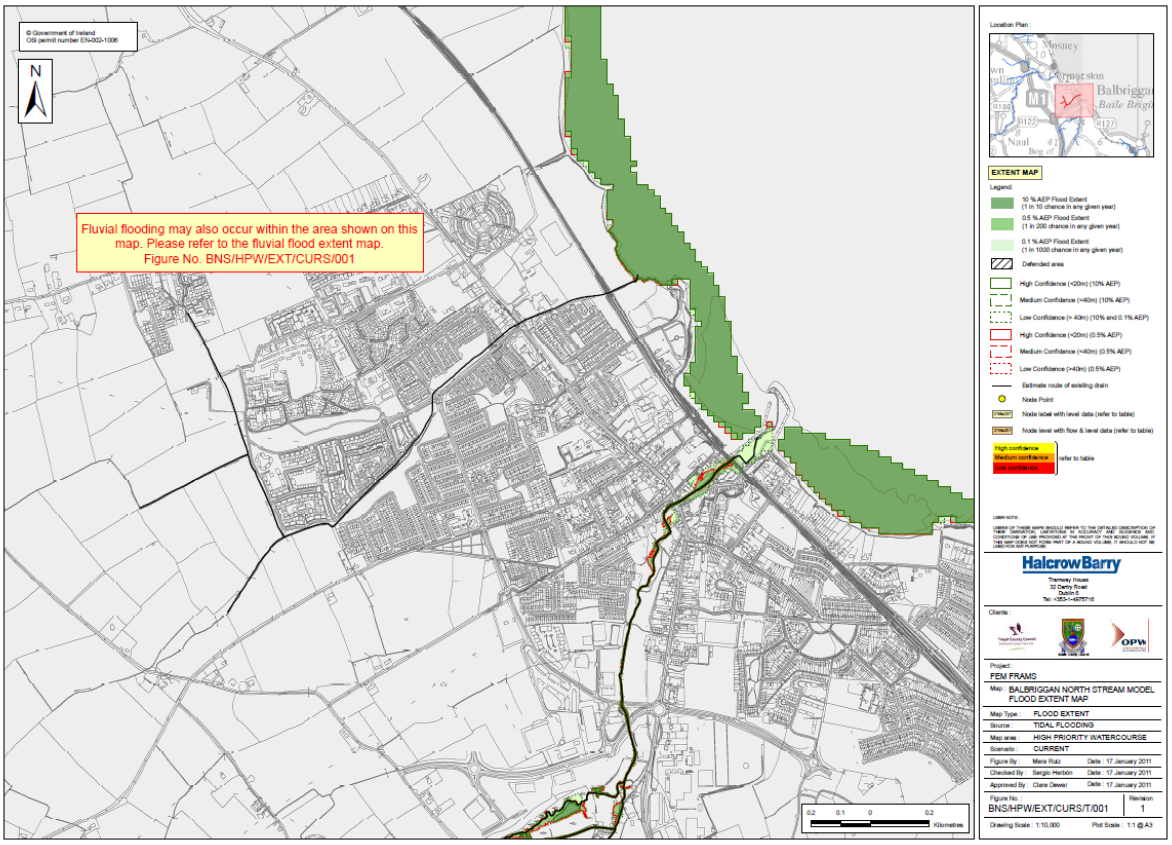
7.2.3 Surface Water Management

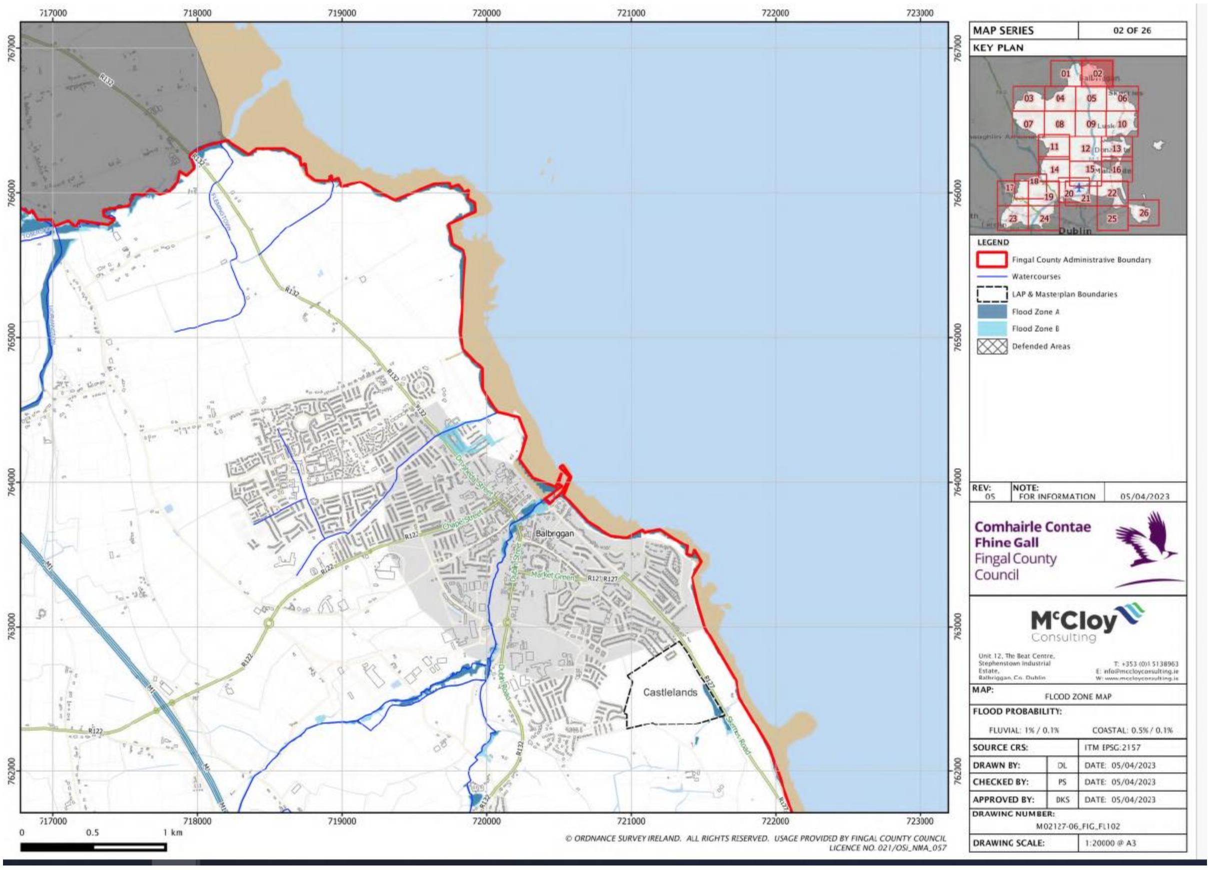
Management of internal surface water runoff within the Plan Area (i.e. surface water from development) shall be managed in accordance with the Sustainable Drainage Strategy (SDS) component of the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), the outcomes of which are informed by this SFRA.

Appendix A

OPW / Fingal CC Flood Mapping


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Tidal flooding may also occur within the area shown on this map. Please refer to the tidal flood extent map. Figure No. BNS/HPW/EXT/CURS/T/001
Location Plan :
EXTENT MAP
Legend:
10 % AEP Flood Extent (1 in 10 chance in any given year)
1 % AEP Flood Extent (1 in 100 chance in any given year)
0.1 % AEP Flood Extent (1 in 1000 chance in any given year)
Defended area
High Confidence (<20m) (10% AEP)
Medium Confidence (<40m) (10% AEP)
Low Confidence (>40m) (10% and 0.1% AEP)
High Confidence (<20m) (1% AEP)
Medium Confidence (<40m) (1% AEP)
Low Confidence (>40m) (1% AEP)
Estimate route of existing drain
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 20

DRAFT FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN

TO DELETE FIGURE 9.1 'PHASING OF DEVELOPMENT'FROM THE LAP

Motion 1: Councillor T. O'Leary

This Council resolves to delete Figure 9.1, 'Phasing of Development 'from the Flemington Local Area Plan

Report:

Section 19(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides for phasing of development within a local area plan. The '*Local Area Plan - Guidelines for Planning Authorities June 2013*' state that '*securing funding for the provision of infrastructure and services, and the phasing of development, is critical to the successful delivery and implementation of new development'.* The Guidelines go on to state that '*Local area plans for newly developing areas, in particular, should include a sequential development and phasing programme linked with any necessary investment in water services, public transport, community facilities, and schools'.*

In order to ensure that this new community at Flemington at the suburban edge of northwest Balbriggan is provided with the necessary supporting services including active travel infrastructure, link street, community facilities, play areas and childcare to support residential development as envisaged under the LAP, it is crucial that the phasing arrangements as set out in Figure 9.1 *'Phasing of Development*' of the LAP are incorporated. The phased delivery of key social infrastructure as provided for in the Plan is fundamental to the creation of a new community at this location and would assist in overcoming previous impediments to the delivery of residential development on these lands where earlier schemes

were determined to be *'ad hoc and piecemeal'* in nature and failing to adhere to a plan led approach in the delivery of integrated and equitable community facilities and public infrastructure. The LAP seeks to address these concerns and envisages that development of the lands will be undertaken in two strategic phases to ensure key measures are delivered in a sequential and orderly manner, with the first phase delivering residential development, together with elements such as the Active Travel Spine, Link Street, public plaza, playground, MUGA and community facilities.

Crucially, and of importance to the wider Balbriggan area, the new link street as envisaged in the LAP which will be delivered in Phase 1, will form one of the last remaining sections of the Balbriggan Ring Road connecting the R122 to the R132, thereby significantly improving accessibility and providing associated active travel infrastructure to serve the town and its hinterland.

The incorporation of phasing arrangements as set out in Figure 9.1 *'Phasing of Development'* is of fundamental importance to achieving the LAP Vision; in ensuring the delivery of a high-quality residential area and in establishing a foundation upon which to build a cohesive community centred on sound placemaking principles.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Local Area Plan.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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DRAFT FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN

Motion to Delete Table 9.1'Phasing of Development Summary' from the LAP.

Motion 2: Councillor T. O'Leary

This Council resolves to delete Table 9.1 – '*Phasing of Development Summary*' from the Flemington Local Area Plan.

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Recommendation:

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ITEM NO. 20

DRAFT FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN

TO MAINTAIN THE DENSITY THAT WAS ENVISAGED IN THE DRAFT LAP AS PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Motion 3: Councillor T. O'Leary

This Council resolves to maintain the density that was envisaged for the Local Area Plan lands, as set out in the Draft Plan published in September 2024.

Report:

In preparing a local area plan, the planning authority must ensure consistency with the objectives of the Development Plan and alignment with Guidelines issued by the Minister under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. In addition, the Act requires that the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) evaluate and assess a draft local area plan under the provisions of sections 31AO(1) and 31AO(2) of the Act, and make such submissions or observations, recommendations or reports as provided for by the relevant provision. In this regard, the OPR in its submission under FIN-C716-18 stipulates *inter alia* under Recommendation 1- Compact Growth, that a policy objective be included within the draft Plan to state that the planning authority will implement the density ranges for large towns in section 3.3.1 of the *'Sustainable residential and Compact Settlements- Guidelines for Planning Authorities'*

The Report of the Chief Executive sets out in response the manner in which the Recommendation will be addressed. This is outlined in CE OPR CH5 Character Areas Section 5.7 Character Areas Objectives as follows:

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Where a local area plan is adopted and is found by the OPR to remain inconsistent with any statutory recommendations, the OPR may issue a notice to the Minister recommending that powers of direction, specified under the Act, be utilised to compel the local authority to address the matter.

It is important to note that the approach to the development of the Character Areas will be examined in detail through the Development Management process. While development of the Character Areas must ensure compliance with objectives of the LAP, Development Plan standards and national planning guidance as issued under Section 28 of the Act, there is a high degree of flexibility in the manner in which a satisfactory layout/design solution to meet these requirements can be achieved.

Recommendation:

No change to the Draft Local Area Plan.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 20

DRAFT FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA PLAN

TO DELETE PROPOSED OBJECTIVE 5.14 OF THE LAP AS SET OUT IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT.

Motion 4: Councillor T. O'Leary

This Council resolves not to support the Chief Executive's proposed Objective 5.14 of the LAP, which states:

"Proposals for residential development within each character area will be required to accord with the density ranges as set out for Key Town/ Large Town (Suburban/Urban Extension) within the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (or any update thereof)".

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ITEM NO. 21

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended)
for
Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15.

(PARTXI/003/24)

Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15. The proposed development works are confined to two distinct areas of approx. 1,375m^2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m^2 for the reflection garden and Columbarium Walls, within an overall site area (the existing cemetery) of 30,840m^2.

CE REPORT

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, Public Notice of the Council's intention to carry out Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15.

The notice was published in The Herald newspaper on 13th September 2024, and a Site Notice was erected on the same date.

Refer Appendix A1 for wording of Public Notice

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from Friday 13th September 2024 up to and including Thursday 10th October 2024 at:

- Fingal County Council, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2
- The offices of Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638

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

Observation Period:

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

- Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638

on, or before 4.30pm on Thursday 24th October 2024.

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

DESCRIBE PROPOSAL:

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

The Site:

The Site is located at the northwest edge of the town of Mulhuddart, on the eastern side of Church Road (L3021), north of the historic St Mary's Church, graveyard and Holy Well.
The site is bounded on the east and south by Lady's Well Park; Church Road on the western boundary & Blanchardstown Road North (R121) to the north.

The proposed developments are located within the existing 'modern' cemetery site (circa 3.1ha), in two separate areas – 1,375m2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m2 for the reflection garden with Columbarium walls. It is also proposed to provide a pedestrian crossing on Church Road.

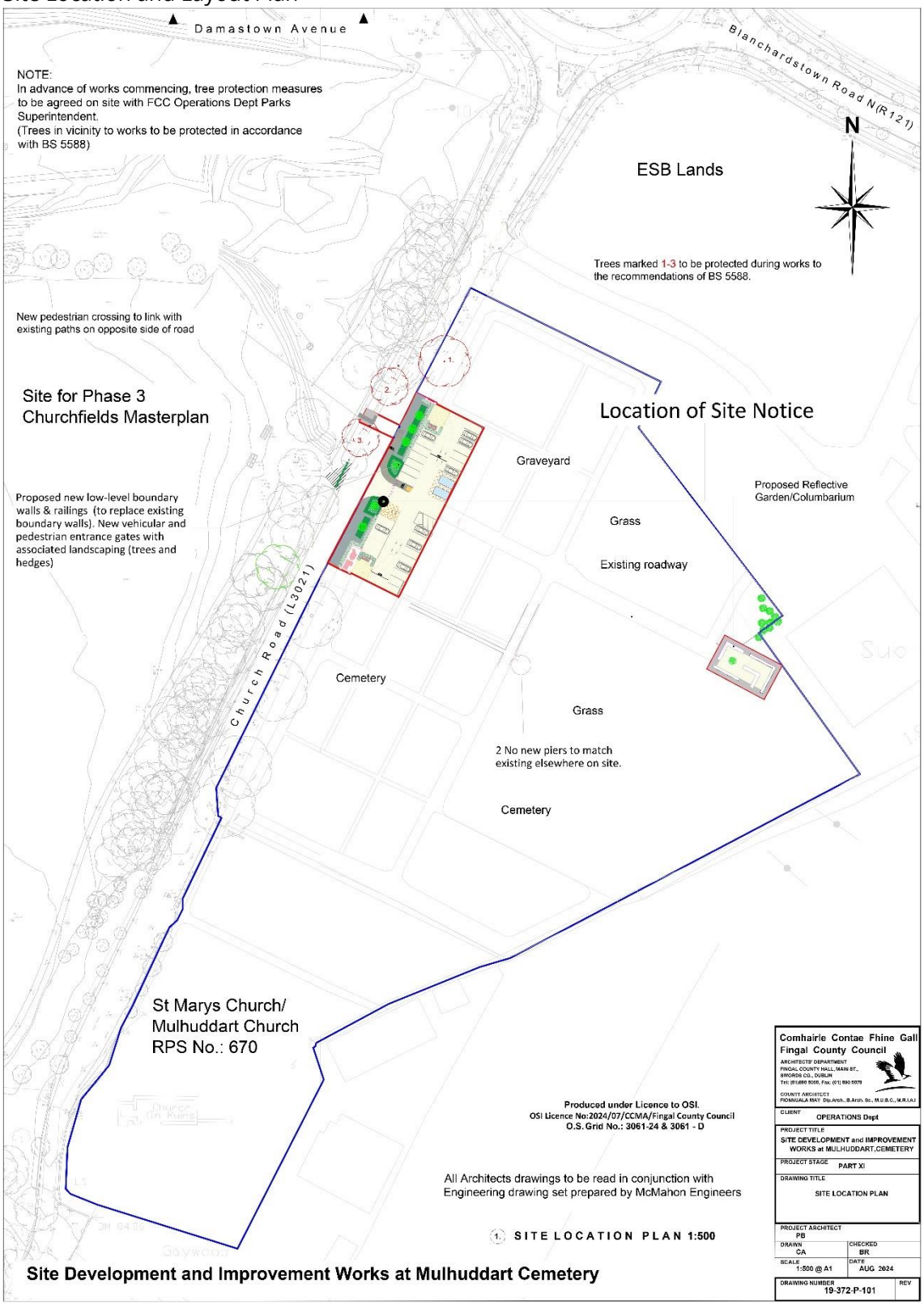
The site is located within Zoning Objective OS – ***Open Space*** – *Preserve and provide for open space and Recreational amenities*.
The site is also subject to a Local Objective (***Local Objective 70*** – *Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road*).

The site encompasses four sites of archaeological, and/or cultural heritage significance within its curtilage. These comprise three RMPs, two of which are also designated NIAH sites and Protected Structures, and one unregistered site (CH004). The development site as a whole is an area of archaeological potential (AAP).

The site is an active cemetery serving the wider Mulhuddart area, with large residential (or residentially zoned) hinterlands to the South, West and North. Lands immediately to the East and North of the site are predominately in Industrial/Office/high technology manufacturing use.

Church Road forms the western boundary. Existing boundary walls are set back approximately 6.5m from the carriageway, with 3.6m wide gated entrance. Ad-hoc public parking (non-delineated) is provided along this north-western boundary (along Church Road), at the existing pedestrians, and vehicle users, and inappropriate in terms of visual amenity at this archeologically and culturally important site.

Site Location and Layout Plan



The Proposal:

The proposed development works are confined to two distinct areas of approx. 1,375 m2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m2 for the reflection garden and columbarium walls, within an overall site area of the existing Mulhuddart Cemetery of 30,840m2. Development includes;

1) Modifications to Site Boundary, Entrance and Carpark area at Church Road, including:

- the provision of new low-level boundary walls, railings, and vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates with associated landscaping (trees and hedges) to a section of road verge along the Church Road boundary,
- the development of a pedestrian crossing point on Church Road to link with existing paths on opposite side of the road.
- the reconfiguration of the existing cemetery public carparking to provide 30 no. car-parking spaces (including 2 No. Disabled persons spaces), 3 motorcycle parking spaces and 10 no. bicycle spaces, with new bin storage areas, resurfacing, drainage, and services installation (including CCTV).

2) The provision of a Reflection Garden Area (228m2) including spaces for storage of ashes in wall niches and inground plots. The landscaped reflection garden with columbarium walls in the north-east of the cemetery includes 300 niches (shallow recesses for display of statues or other ornaments) within the walls and 100 low level memorial plots (for storage of ashes).

In terms of location and use, development proposals for the carparking area are broadly similar to existing car-parking and do not impact on the existing grave layouts. Likewise, the proposal for the Reflection Garden and storage of ashes is located in an undeveloped grassed area of the cemetery and does not impact on the existing grave layouts. These proposals are discussed in detail below:

New boundary walls, railings and entrance gates and new landscaping:

A new roadside boundary to Church Road - comprising low walls with railings and planted areas - will replace the existing boundary wall along a section of the Church Road boundary. Visually more permeable, the new boundary will allow enhanced views into the grounds and will improve and formalise the burial ground entrance. Walls, piers, and railing will match existing in terms of height and scale; the materials used – painted galvanised metal railings and gates, rendered low stone walls and stone clad piers are compatible with those elsewhere on the site. Specimen trees, grasses, and bulb planting (to FCC Parks Department Specification) will be provided to the planted area.

Reconfiguration of Public Carparking Areas (1, 375m2):

The proposed new layout sets the carparking behind a new boundary, away from the road edge. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic are segregated – vehicles enter via a gated entrance; a pedestrian gateway is provided adjacent. The new road entrance and footpaths are 5.5m and 2m wide respectively, in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).

28 No. carparking spaces (in a new delineated layout), plus an additional 2 No. disabled persons parking bays will be provided in a new layout. 3 no. motorcycle spaces and 5 No. bicycle stands (to accommodate 10 no. bicycles) will also be accommodated as part of the development works. Although the marked-out areas will have reduced capacity in comparison to the capacity of the current ad-hoc arrangement, it will provide a safer environment for visitors to the cemetery – particularly more vulnerable visitors i.e., pedestrians, cyclists, and less able-bodied persons. Development proposals for the carparking area do not impact on the existing grave layouts.

SUDS: The carparking redesign includes for the resurfacing of the parking area in permeable paving throughout. In addition to the new landscaping and planted beds, the use of permeable paving will result in a significant improvement in the current storm water system on site - all surface water will be infiltrated, benefiting the natural environment and reducing flood risk downstream by reducing flow into the existing network. This surface water strategy adheres fully to the principles of SuDS as water is collected at source and the rate, volume and quality of runoff are controlled and improved.
Bin storage: 2 no. bin storage areas will be provided within the carparking area, each accommodating 2 no. 'euro-type' bins - these will be screened from view by selected planted hedges.
Services: 2 No. CCTV cameras will be provided to north and south perimeter of the carpark. These will increase security generally and deter anti-social behaviour.

Pedestrian Crossing:

An unofficial crossing point opposite the entrance to the cemetery into the Churchfields Park has been established, which connects to the Wellview & Avondale housing estates.
To facilitate this established crossing point, and following consultation with Fingal County Council's Transportation Department, it is proposed to provide a new 'uncontrolled' pedestrian crossing in this location.

Reflection Garden Area and Storage of Ashes (228m2):

Located at the end of the central axis from entrance to cemetery, in an undeveloped grassed area in the north-east of the cemetery, the proposed Reflection Garden includes the construction of 2.4m high concrete and stone-clad columbarium walls, which provide three hundred wall niches for the storage of ashes. Low level memorial plots, also clad in concrete and stone, provide one hundred spaces for ashes in the ground.
The columbarium walls are arranged around landscaped seating and a specimen tree. The siting of the columbarium wall and refection garden in this area of the cemetery will have no impact on the existing grave layout.

Appropriate Assessment and EIA

A review of the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment was carried out by Brady Shipman Martin.

Refer to *Internal Planning Consultation*, *Section (ii) Evaluate Proposal* below.

Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment:

Given the importance and sensitivity of the known, as well as the potential, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage environment of the development site, an Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment was commissioned to identify the impact of the proposed development on this environment and to propose mitigation measures to reduce any possible impacts.
The Assessment Report, prepared by Rubicon Heritage, concludes that subject to the implementation of archaeological monitoring, reporting, and recording mitigation measures '*...the Magnitude of Impact due to the proposed development will be 'Minor,' and the Significance level of impact will be 'Slight".*

Bat Survey:

A comprehensive Bat Survey has been conducted by O'Donnell Environmental to determine if bat roosting is occurring, or is likely to occur, in the zone of influence of the proposed works, and the diversity and relative abundance of bats present in the environs of the development area.
This study concludes'*... no evidence of bat roosting, current or historic, could be found. A low to moderate level of activity was recorded overall, from three common and widespread bat species. The proposed site is considered to be of 'lower local importance' to bats.*
The proposed works will involve the loss of some roadside hedgerow habitat (at the cemetery entrance off Church Road) but this is not likely to significantly impact commuting bats given current fragmentation of this hedgerow.....Overall, the proposed works are likely to have a 'neutral' impact on bat conservation locally.'

Engineering Services Report

An Engineering Services Report has been carried out by McMahon Associates in support of this development proposal. This report details the Storm Water Drainage Design & Sustainable Drainage Systems, a Flood Summary and a Traffic Assessment of the Roads and Parking Layout The Report also includes a Soakaway Report by Traynor Environmental Ltd.

Design of Development:

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

- **Architects Dwgs – Fingal County Council Architects Department:**

Pp101 Site Location Plan– showing extent of development @ 1: 500
Pp102 Proposed Site Layout Plan, Site Elevation to Church Road @ @ 1:125
Pp103 Proposed Reflection Garden/Columbarium – Plans, Sections and Elevations @ 1:100

- **Engineers Dwgs – McMahon Associates**

c-11b Topographical Survey/Existing Site Layout Plan @ 1:250
c-12b Proposed Parking Layout, New boundary Elevation @ 1: 200, 1:50
c-13 Proposed Reflection Garden/Columbarium: Plans and Sections @ 1:500, 1:50
c-14 Proposed Cross Sections, Details of New Carparking Layout @ 1:50
c-15a Proposed Landscaping Layout @ 1:200
c-16 Proposed Reflection Garden/Columbarium: Elevations @ 1:50
c-17b Proposed Drainage Layout @ 1:100
c-18 Proposed Drainage Construction Details @ 1:10, 1:20

- **Reports:**

1) Architects Design Support Statement
2) Engineering Report, Mulhuddart Cemetery – prepared by McMahon Associates (which includes a Soakaway Report by Traynor Environmental Ltd).
3) Review of Requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Report prepared by Brady Shipman Martin.
4) An Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment of a Proposed Development at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 – prepared by Rubicon Heritage
5) Bat Survey Report – prepared by O'Donnell Environmental

- **Notices:**

1) Site Notice
2) Newspaper Notice

Refer Appendices B1 to B4 for the full list of Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.

Design Intent Statement:

The development strategy for the project has been formulated in response to the policy background, best practice guidance, and the context and conditions of the site.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT:

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

Internal Planning Consultation:

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

- Compliance with Development Plan 2023 – 2029 Zoning Objectives
- Principle of the development
- Impact on the amenities of the area
- Water and Drainage
- Transportation
- Conservation
- Biodiversity
- Appropriate Assessment
- EIA Screening,
- AA Screening.

The report notes the following Departmental Reports;

Transportation	No objection subject to recommendations
Water Services:	No objection subject to recommendations.
Conservation	No objection
Ecology	Determinations attached.
Public Lighting Section (Operations)	No objection subject to recommendations

The report concludes that;

'…The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to the provision of additional facilities to an existing graveyard.'
The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to;

1. **Transportation Recommendation:**

In order to maintain passive surveillance of pedestrians and pedestrian safety the existing hedgerow between the trees to be protected to either side of the crossing point should be removed under the supervision of the Parks Section.

2. Water Service recommendation:

The surfacing to the columbarium area is stated as bound gravel to a later detail. Prior to commencement of construction this detail shall be finalised and submitted for approval, accompanied by an acceptable SuDS based surface water drainage proposal.

3. Public Lighting Recommendations:

Prior to commencement on site, continued liaison with Public Lighting Section on provision of Public Lighting at Pedestrian Crossing and removal of an existing public light on the path at the current crossing point to the cemetery.

4. Biodiversity Recommendations:

In relation to the preservation of bats the following is noted:

a) Bats amongst other species) use linear features such as treelines and hedgerows to commute through the landscape and as a foraging habitat. Opportunities to plant trees, treelines and hedgerows at Mulhuddart Cemetery should be explored, for example at the eastern boundary of the cemetery.
b) Areas preserved for future burials are currently mown regularly and consideration should be given to managing these areas for biodiversity through establishment of species rich meadow. Lighting should be omitted if possible, and if required should follow best practice standard such as Institute of Lighting Professional's "GN08/23 - Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night" guidelines.

(iia) "include the screening determination on why an environmental impact assessment is not required and specify the features, if any, of the proposed development and the measures, if any, envisaged to avoid or prevent what might have otherwise been significant adverse effects on the environment of the development".

Appropriate Assessment:

A determination has been made by Fingal County Council that the proposed development is not required to undergo an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Directive. (See attached) This determination has considered the relevant legislative context and guidance, including;

1) Articles 6(3) and (4) of European Union (EU) Council Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive)
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Fingal County Council have examined, analysed and evaluated the content of the proposed development at Mulhuddart Cemetery, including the information and assessments presented in the screening for appropriate assessment report, and are in agreement with the conclusion of the screening for appropriate assessment report with respect to the potential for the proposed project to have a likely significant effect on any European sites.

Fingal County Council have determined that, in light of best scientific knowledge, including in particular the nature of the predicted effects that may arise from the project, and in the absence of any measures intended to avoid or reduce any harmful effects on European sites, that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on the Qualifying Interests of any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In reaching this determination, consideration has been given to the scale of the works, the distance and weak hydrological links to any Designated Sites and considering the evidence that the site or nearby (300 m) sites are not utilised by SCI that may be significantly affected by the proposal.

Environmental Impact Assessment:

A determination has been made by Fingal County Council that the proposed development is not required to undergo a full Environmental Impact Assessment.
An EIAR Screening Report has been prepared by Brady Shipman Martin.

Prescribed classes of development and thresholds of development that trigger mandatory EIA are set out in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The proposed development does not fall within a class of development, nor does meet or exceed a threshold for class of development, for which EIA and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is a mandatory requirement.

For the purposes of EIA Screening, the Council has had regard to and considers the EIA Screening Report, in addition to the suite of application documentation, to provide a full, detailed and comprehensive assessment, for EIA Screening purposes, of the proposed development. Noting the information and assessment detailed herein, and Art. 120 1(a) of the 2001 Regulations, which requires the Council, in its EIA Screening determination, to carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size or location of the development, the Council has concluded, based on the information and evidence before it, that due to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development there is no real likelihood of significant impacts arising as a result of the proposed development and therefore that Environmental Impact Assessment and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required

Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report & Determinations

LIST PERSONS OR BODIES:

(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:

There were **No Submissions/Observations** received or recorded.

SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

(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"

No submissions/observations were made during the public consultation stage.

RECOMMENDATION:

(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"

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the development as proposed and as made available for inspection (Refer Appendices B1 to B4).
Prior to commencement on site account will be taken of the four (4) separate recommendations within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report.

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

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Appendix C – Planning Report

Appendix C1: Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report

Inclusive of;

a). Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination
b). Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination

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ITEM NO 21

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

APPENDICES A & B TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Based on very large file size of documents and drawings
APPENDICES A & B of CE Report are available for viewing and download at link on Fingal Consultation Portal

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/planning-development-act-2000-amended-%E2%80%93-part-xi-planning-and-development-regulations-2001-amended-%E2%80%93

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Inclusive of;
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	Mulhuddart Cemetery
Proposed development:	Site Improvement and Development Works
Location:	Mulhuddart Cemetery, Dublin 15
Proposing Department:	Architects Division
Date	22/05/2024

Site location

The subject site is located at the northwestern edge of Mulhuddart, on the eastern side of Church Road, north of the historic Church, Graveyard and Holy Well. The site is bounded on the east and south by Lady's Well Park, Church Road on the western boundary and the Cruisrath Road to the north

The proposed developments are located within the existing modern section of the cemetery in two separate areas, 1.375m^2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m^2 for the reflection garden with Columbarium Walls. It is also proposed to provide a pedestrian crossing on Church Road

Proposed development

The proposed works to be carried at the above site consist of :

- Modifications to the site boundary, entrance area and car park
- Construction of a new reflection garden area and columbarium

Proposed Development Works

The proposed development works are confined to two distinct areas of approx. 1,375 m^2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m^2 for the reflection garden and columbarium walls, within an overall site area of the existing Mulhuddart Cemetery of 30,840m2.

1) Modifications to Site Boundary, Entrance and Carpark area at Church Road, including:
a) the provision of new low-level boundary walls, railings, and vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates with associated landscaping (trees and hedges) to a section of road verge along the Church Road boundary,

A new boundary - comprising low walls with railings and planted areas - will replace the existing boundary wall. Visually more permeable, the new boundary will allow enhanced views into the grounds and will formalise the burial ground entrance. Walls, piers, and railing will match existing in terms of height and scale; the materials used – painted galvanised metal railings and gates, rendered low stonewalls and stone clad piers are compatible with those elsewhere on the site.
Specimen trees, grasses, and bulb planting (to FCC Parks Department Specification) will be provided to the planted area.

b) the development of a pedestrian crossing point on Church Road to link with existing paths on opposite side of the road.

c) the reconfiguration of the existing cemetery public carparking to provide 31 no. car-parking spaces (including 2 No. Disabled persons spaces) and 10 no. bicycle spaces, with new bin storage areas, resurfacing, drainage, and services installation (including CCTV).

2) The provision of a Reflection Garden Area and Storage of Ashes (228m^2):
The development of a landscaped reflection garden with columbarium walls (2.4m high concrete and stone clad) in the north-east of the cemetery. 300 niches (shallow recesses for display of statues or other ornaments) within the walls and 100 low level memorial plots (for storage of ashes) are proposed within the development.

In terms of location and use, development proposals for the carparking area are broadly similar to existing car-parking and do not impact on the existing grave layouts. Likewise, the proposal for the Reflective Garden and storage of ashes is located in an undeveloped grassed area of the cemetery and does not impact on the existing grave layouts.

Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 considerations

Zoning Objective
The site which is the focus for delivery of the proposed development is subject to the OS – Open Space land use zoning designation in terms of the Fingal

Development Plan 2023-2029, the stated objective of which is to: “Preserve and provide for open space and Recreational Amenities’

The Development Plan states that the vision for lands subject to this land use zoning designation is to:

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

Burial Grounds is a use that is neither Permitted in Principle nor Not Permitted and so any such proposal will be assessed in terms of their contribution towards the achievement of the Zoning Objective and Vision and their compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan.

It is noted however that there is an existing burial grounds on site and so the proposed development is therefore related to the current land use on site and so is acceptable.

RPS 670 Remains of medieval church within walled graveyard that is still in use

Objective to have part of route of NTA GDA Cycle Network Plan run along Church Road

Local Objective 70 Extend existing graveyard and work towards the improvement of safety in the graveyard and the upgrading of Church Road

DUO13-010003Graveyard walled and curved along west at some height above the road. The oldest section of the graveyard is the raised area that surrounds the church (DU013-010001

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Located in a prominent position with land falling gently to W and steeply to S. Church 1st mentioned in early 15th century on the incorporation of a guild 'the guild of the fraternity of Our Lady St Mary of the Church of Mulhuddart

Specific Objective to Protect and /or provide for a Burial Ground

Policy CIOSP7 – Variety of Community Facilities

Ensure the timely provision of community services, recreational facilities (including playgrounds) and resources, including schools, community, religious, burial and health facilities, required for the creation of sustainable communities

4.5.1.10 Burial Facilities

Fingal County Council acknowledges that many existing burial grounds within the County have reached or are nearing full capacity, particularly older or historic graveyards. Demand has grown in recent years for graveyards to include Columbarium walls. The future burial requirements of the County including Columbarium walls will be accommodated within Regional graveyards.

Policy CIOSP12 – Burial Grounds Continue to support and facilitate the provision of appropriate burial facilities across Fingal.

Objective CIOSO33 – Burial Grounds and Local Amenity 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 CIOSO34 – Future Burial Requirements Facilitate the future burial requirements of the County including the provision of Columbarium walls where possible, within existing and regional graveyards.

Objective HCAO3 – Management of Archaeological Resource Encourage and promote the appropriate management and maintenance of the County's archaeological heritage, including historical burial grounds and underwater cultural heritage in accordance with conservation principles and best practice guidelines.

Objective DMSO85 – Graveyards Facilitate the future burial requirements of the County including the provision of Columbarium walls where possible, within existing and regional graveyards.

Objective DMSO87 – Management and Maintenance of Burial Grounds Ensure burial grounds are managed and maintained in a manner which respects their cultural heritage and which provides safety and universal access.

Objective DMSO77 – Community Facilities: Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community orientated developments, shall have regard to the following:

- Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.

- Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.

- Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.

- Conformity with land use zoning objectives.

Where new community facilities are required, they shall have regard to the following:

- Community facilities shall be flexible in their design and promote optimum/ multi-functional usage, for users of all age and abilities.

- Community facilities shall not have a detrimental effect on local amenity by way of traffic, parking, noise or loss of privacy of adjacent resident.

- Community facilities shall be e provided in conjunction with residential/mixed use development.

- Community facilities shall be accessible by a range of travel modes with an emphasis on walking, cycling and public transport use, while providing appropriate car parking facilities to meet anticipated demand of nonlocal visitors to the centre.

Objective CIOSP4: Ensure provision of accessible, adequate and diverse community facilities and services in new and established residential areas to provide for the well-being of residents.

Objective CIOSO7: Ensure that proposals do not have a detrimental effect on local amenity by way of traffic, parking, noise or loss of privacy of adjacent residents.

Objective CIOSO10: Ensure community facilities are flexible in their design and promote optimum usage, for users of all age and abilities.

Objective DMSO150 – External Lighting and Noise Sensitive Locations: Minimise the environmental impact of external lighting and noise at sensitive locations to

achieve a sustainable balance between the needs of an area, the public safety of walking and cycling routes and the protection of sensitive species such as bats.

Objective DMSO197 – Foul and Surface Water Drainage Systems: Require all new development to provide separate foul and surface water drainage systems and to prohibit the connection of surface water outflows to the foul drainage network and vice versa (prohibit foul to surface water) where separation systems are available.

Objective DMSO203 – FCC SuDS Guidance Document: SuDS shall be incorporated into all parts of a development (open spaces, roads, footpaths, private areas), and have regard to the FCC SuDs Guidance Document – Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended (Appendix 11).

Planning History

None

Departmental Reports

Transportation	No objection subject to recommendations
Water Services:	No objection subject to recommendations.
Conservation	No objection
Ecology	Determinations attached.
Public Lighting Section (operations)	No objection subject to recommendations

No reports received from, Parks, Biodiversity, Heritage:

Assessment

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

- Drawings prepared
- Principle of the development
- Impact on the amenities of the area
- Water and Drainage
- Transportation
- Conservation
- Biodiversity
- Appropriate Assessment
- EIA

Documents and Drawings Prepared

Article 83(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, detail the drawings and particulars required to be made available for Part 8/Part 11 projects.

These include a document describing the nature and extent of the proposed development and principal features. An Architects Design Support Statement report has been prepared which details the nature and extent of the proposed development.

Article 83(1) (b) requires a location map, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:1000 in built up areas. This has been submitted.

Article 83(1)(c) requires a site plan, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:500, showing the boundary of the site on which it is proposed to carry out the proposed development and the buildings or other structures, and roads or other features, in the vicinity of the site. This has been submitted. The documents and drawings are acceptable.

Principle of development

The site which is the focus for delivery of the proposed development is subject to the OS – Open Space land use zoning designation in terms of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the stated objective of which is to: "Preserve and provide for open space and Recreational Amenities'. Burial Grounds is a use that is neither Permitted in Principle nor Not Permitted and so any such proposal will be assessed in terms of its contribution towards the achievement of the Zoning Objective and Vision and its compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan. It is noted however that there is an existing burial grounds on site and the proposed development relates to ancillary uses to the permitted development on site and so is acceptable.

Impact on the amenities of the area

The development relates to modifications to the Site Boundary, Entrance and Carpark area at Church Road, which incorporates the provision of new low-level boundary walls, railings, and vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates with associated landscaping (trees and hedges) to a section of road verge along the Church Road boundary, the development of a pedestrian crossing point on Church Road to link with existing paths on opposite side of the road, the reconfiguration of the existing cemetery public carparking to provide 31 no. car-parking spaces (including 2 No. Disabled persons spaces) and 10 no. bicycle spaces, with new bin storage areas, resurfacing, drainage, and services installation

(including CCTV), the provision of a Reflection Garden Area and Storage of Ashes (228m2)

The provision of revised detail to Church Road is acceptable. In terms of location and use, development proposals for the carparking area are broadly similar to existing car-parking and do not impact on the existing grave layouts. Likewise, the proposal for the Reflective Garden and storage of ashes is located in an undeveloped grassed area of the cemetery and does not impact on the existing grave layouts.

The proposed development is not considered to give rise to unduly negative impacts on the visual amenities of the area but would rather enhance the amenity value of the park and consequently the amenities of the area and thereby would benefit residents in this community. The development is consistent with Objective DMSO77, Objective ClOSO33, Objective ClOSO34, Objective CIOS12, DMS085, DMS087, CiOS07 and ClOSP4 noted above.

Water and Drainage
The report received from Water Services states that there are no objections to the proposed development.

Transportation
The development would utilise the existing access and the proposed layout will remove the informal parking area to the front of the development. The proposed development is rationalising the existing parking area to provide accessible parking and cycle parking. The proposed layout would cater for c. 31 carparking spaces. In transportation terms the proposal is acceptable, however the Transportation section has a number recommendations noted in its report.

Conservation
Mulhuddart Graveyard consists of a historic graveyard to the southern end and a modern graveyard to the north. The historic graveyard and ruins of the medieval church are protected both as Recorded Monuments (RMP Ref. DU013-0100001 and DU013-0100003) and as Protected Structures (RPS No. 670).

The proposed works are all confined to the modern part of the graveyard which dates from the late 20th century. The historic maps from the early 19th century to the mid-20th century show the modern part of the graveyard as fields. The potential impact on the architectural heritage in the vicinity is limited. There is sufficient separation between the proposed new works and the protected structure of the historic graveyard and medieval church. The Conservation Office has no specific comments or requirements.

Biodiversity
A Bat Survey was undertaken in May 2024 and it was established that there were no presence of bats on the site. A comprehensive and appropriate study has been carried out and no evidence of bat roosting, current or historic, could be found. A low to moderate level of activity was recorded overall, from three common and widespread bat species. The proposed site is considered to be of 'Local Importance, Lower Level' to bats following EPA (2022).

The proposed works will involve the loss of some roadside hedgerow habitat (at the cemetery entrance off Church Road) but this is not likely to significantly impact commuting bats given current fragmentation of this hedgerow and impacts from public lighting. Recommendations are noted to enhance the value of the site to bats.

Appropriate Assessment
A determination has been made by Fingal County Council that the proposed development is not required to undergo an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Directive.(See attached)

This determination has considered the relevant legislative context and guidance, including;

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Recommendation

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to the provision of additional facilities to an existing graveyard.

There are a number of technical additions/changes to the documentation that should be made before the scheme goes on display as follows:

1 The Transportation Planning Section generally has no objection to the proposed development, however there are a number of issues to be addressed within the current proposal and further detailed information and continued liaison with the applicant is recommended.

(i) Section 3.3 of the design statement has indicated a Zebra Crossing with Beacons as the typical uncontrolled crossing and clarification should be provided as this is a controlled crossing.

(ii) In order to maintain passive surveillance of pedestrians and pedestrian safety the existing hedgerow between the trees to be protected to either side of the crossing point should be removed under the supervision of the Parks Section.

(iii) The provision of an extension of circa 20m of the concrete footpath to the northern boundary of the development to provide a second pedestrian access point should be considered.

(iv) 3 motorcycle parking spaces should be accommodated.

2 In relation to Water Service recommendations:

(i) The design of the permeable area incorporates a 10% uplift for climate change. Prior to commencement of construction this shall be increased to +20% to accord with development plan standards.

(ii) The surfacing to the columbarium area is stated as bound gravel to a later detail. Prior to commencement of construction this detail shall be finalised and submitted for approval, accompanied by an acceptable SuDS based surface water drainage proposal.

3 There is currently no public lighting on Church Road at the cemetery.

- If the proposed uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is installed, public lighting will need to be provided at the crossing.
- This could be achieved through the use of lighting columns that incorporates both the flashing amber beacon required for the crossing and a public light.
- Public Lighting can consider the feasibility of connecting these lights at this proposed pedestrian crossing, into the existing circuit of lights in the park opposite the cemetery. Before agreement will be given to do this discussions with Public Lighting Section will need to undertaken.

There is an existing public light on the path in the park beside the existing barrier at the current crossing point to the cemetery, in the concrete area proposed to be removed. This light will need to be removed.

Public Lighting will need to be contacted at least six weeks in advance of works starting on site to facilitate the removal of this light and to re-cable the circuit to the remaining lights in the park. These works will be at the expense of the department proposing this application.

While outside the remit of the Public Lighting Section, it is noted the proposal to install CCTV in the cemetery carpark. Operations are not aware of ESB cables running along Church Road in front of the cemetery where a supply can be readily obtained. Contact should be made with ESB Networks to see where a suitable supply for the proposed CCTV will come from, as it may have to come from as far away as the roundabout or near the industrial premises on the other side of the cemetery on Church Road.

Note, it will not be permitted to take a supply from the public lighting in the area to feed any non-public lighting infrastructure proposed. A separate supply is required.

4 In relation to the preservation of bats the following is noted:

(i) No specific timing restrictions are recommended.

(ii) Ecological supervision during felling or T_1 or during works adjacent T_2 is not considered warranted in this instance.
(iii) Bats (amongst other species) use linear features such as treelines and hedgerows to commute through the landscape and as a foraging habitat. Opportunities to plant trees, treelines and hedgerows at Mulhuddart Cemetery should be explored, for example at the eastern boundary of the cemetery.
(iv) Areas preserved for future burials are currently mown regularly and consideration should be given to managing these areas for biodiversity through establishment of species rich meadow.
(v) Lighting should be omitted if possible, and if required should follow best practice standard such as Institute of Lighting Professional's "GN08/23 - Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night" guidelines.

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination for proposed Local Authority Development	
Project Name:	Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15
Ref No:	

Description:

Fingal County Council ("the Council") proposed Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15 residential development at lands situated in New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin ("the Site").

Legislative Context:

This determination has considered the relevant legislative context and guidance, including;

5) Articles 6(3) and (4) of European Union (EU) Council Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive)
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Council Official's Expertise:

This screening Determination was prepared by Fingal Ecologist, Jessica Clarke. Jessica has a Bachelor of Science (Zoology) and a Masters of (Applied) Environmental Science, both from UCD. Since 2011, Jessica has enjoyed a varied career as an Ecologist and Environmental Scientist in both the public and private sectors. Jessica's main role since joining Fingal County Council in August 2023 has been providing training and expert oversight in the areas of Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment to the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, Active Travel, Operations, Environment and Landscape and Parks Departments within Fingal County Council as they strive to deliver their projects in accordance with various guidelines and legislation such as the Wildlife Act, Birds and Habitats Regulations, Birds Directive and Habitats Directive.

Methodology:

Fingal County Council requested that an Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement be prepared by Brady Shipman Matin. The Report, entitled 'MULHUDDART CEMETERY, CHURCH ROAD, MULHUDDART, DUBLIN 15: AA SCREENING April 2024", was reviewed by Fingal Ecologist, Jessica Clarke. In addition, the following documents were reviewed;

- Mulhuddart Cemetery Improvements- Engineering Report (Including Soakaway Report) McMahon Associates, 5.02.2021)
- Mulhuddart Cemetery Improvements - An Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment of a Proposed Development at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.Rubicon Heritage- February 2021
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- Site Location Plan (Drawing 19-372-PP-101 February 2024)

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From reading the AA Screening Report, the supplementary reports listed above and the reviewed literature referenced herein, the following observations have been made which inform this determination;

- The nearest European sites are Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC (site code 001398) which is approximately 8.4 km southwest of the proposed development. The Qualifying Interests of this SAC are Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220], Vertigo angustior (Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail) [1014] and Vertigo moulinsiana (Desmoulin's Whorl Snail) [1016]. According to the Conservation Objectives for this site, each of these Qualifying Interests can be effected by changes in hydrology or soil wetness[1]. No changes in hydrology or soil wetness are likely to occur due to the scale and nature of the proposed works and the distance between the proposed works and this SAC. No significant effects are therefore likely to occur.
- The next nearest European site is the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024] which is located approximately 12.15 km east of the proposed development and is designated for the protection of breeding and wintering birds and their habitats. At separation distances greater than 300 m, such as in this case (12.5 km), visual or noise disturbance impacts that have the potential to significantly effect any Qualifying Interests within the boundary of this SPA are unlikely to occur (Cutts et al., 2013)[2].
- Due to the scale and nature of the proposal and considering the source-pathway-receptor model, I am satisfied that there are no additional Designated Sites that should have been considered to fall within the Zone of Influence of this project.
- The submitted AA screening report has indicated that due to the scale of the project and distance to the designated sites there is no direct pathway for dust emissions to significantly effect the Qualifying Interests within any Designated Sites. Most nuisance dust can be expected to be deposited within 250 m of where it is generated[3]. I therefore accept the assumptions within the report with respect to potential significant effects as a result of emissions to air.
- There are no watercourses in the vicinity of the proposal. The Pinkeen River/ Powerstown Stream is located approximately 1 km from Mulhuddart Cemetery at its closest point. The site may be indirectly linked to the River Tolka, which is approximately 1 km south of the cemetery, via surface water ditches and the existing surface water network along Church Road (as stated within the Engineering Report by McMahon Associates and as confirmed by Fingal Water Services Engineer Darragh Sheedy, pers. Comms 16.05.2024). The Tolka in turn flows into Dublin Bay, approximately 12 km to the east. There is therefore a potential surface water link between the proposed development site and the European sites associated with Dublin Bay (i.e. South Dublin Bay SAC (000210), North Dublin Bay SAC (000206), South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024) and North Bull Island SPA (004006). The submitted AA states that "While there is a theoretical link between the proposed development site and the European sites of Dublin Bay these European sites, via the Powerstown Stream/Pinkeen River, there is no possibility of any significant effects on the European sites. This is due to the nature and scale of the proposed development, which

[1] CO001398.pdf (npws.ie)
[2] Slide 1 (divio-media.org)
[3] mineralsguidance_2016.pdf (iaqm.co.uk)

comprises only very minor works within an already established cemetery. Any minor construction-related impacts will be restricted to the construction site itself. The site is already developed as a cemetery and is located within appropriately zoned land. Once operational the cemetery will continue to be serviced by the existing drainage infrastructure on the site." I accept the assumptions outlined in the submitted AA as I consider that the potential for silt or pollutants to be transported over 13 km downstream in sufficient volumes to effect the Conservation Objectives of the bird species which form the Qualifying interests of these SPAs is unlikely due to the small scale and nature of the proposed works and the dilution effect within the Irish Sea. The assumption of dilution is supported in the literature[4].

- There is no foul wastewater associated with the development.
- Any surface water discharged from the site during the operational phase will be collected via SuDS measures implemented to a design standard. It is noted the SuDS measures proposed do not require any in-stream works or additional mitigation measures during their construction for the protection of downstream SACs or SPAs. No significant effects are therefore likely to occur as a result of surface water emissions during the construction or operational phase of the development.

The report by Brady Shipman Martin concludes "In view of best scientific knowledge it can be concluded that the proposed development, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European Sites. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European Sites."

Further considerations.

The Screening Report fails to assess if the habitats on site or nearby are suitable to provide ex-situ feeding grounds for Qualifying Interests such as Light-bellied Brent geese however I have considered this as part of my determination. Suitable arable or grassland feeding sites are present within 300 m of the proposed site however no data available to Fingal County Council has indicated that these sites form important ex-situ feeding sites for Qualifying Interests of any SPA. For example, a Light-bellied Brent geese study commissioned by Fingal County Council found the nearest ex-situ feeding site utilised by Brent geese during winters 2018-2020 were located over 4 km southeast of the site, on lands at Ashtown (Handby et al., 2022[5]) and another study that showed the site was not frequented by Curlew, Oystercatcher, Black-tailed Godwit or Redshank (Trapp, 2023)[6]. The Trapp study (2023) indicated the nearest site utilised by ex-situ SCI was fields near Dublin Airport, 7 km northeast of the proposed development. At separation distances greater than 300 m, such as this, visual or noise disturbance impacts that have the potential to significantly effect any Qualifying Interests are unlikely to occur (Cutts et al., 2013).

Having further considered any potential significant effects to ex-situ qualifying interests and determining that no significant effects are likely to occur due to the scale and nature of the project and the lack of evidence of any nearby sites by ex-situ SCI, I agree with the conclusions of the submitted AA Report by Brady Shipman Marten.

Screening Determination:

[4] The effect of dilution on the fate and behaviour of chemicals in the environment (marinebiodiversity.org)

[5] Handby, Bearhop and Colhoun (2022) Understanding patterns of urban habitat use in overwintering light-bellied Brent geese in Dublin, Ireland (Unpublished Project Report in collaboration with Irish Brent Goose Research Project)

[6] Trapp (2023) The importance of urban habitats to the shorebirds of Dublin Bay (Unpublished Annual Project Report by Steph Trapp and the University of Exeter).

Fingal County Council have examined, analysed and evaluated the content of the proposed development at Mulhuddart Cemetery, including the information and assessments presented in the screening for appropriate assessment report, and are in agreement with the conclusion of the screening for appropriate assessment report with respect to the potential for the proposed project to have a likely significant effect on any European sites.

Fingal County Council have determined that, in light of best scientific knowledge, including in particular the nature of the predicted effects that may arise from the project, and in the absence of any measures intended to avoid or reduce any harmful effects on European sites, that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on the Qualifying Interests of any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In reaching this determination, consideration has been given to the scale of the works, the distance and weak hydrological links to any Designated Sites and considering the evidence that the site or nearby (300 m) sites are not utilised by SCI that may be significantly effected by the proposal.

Signed: Jessica Clarke

Role/ Department: Ecologist, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Date: 16th May 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination for proposed Local Authority Development	
Project Name:	Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15
Ref No:	

Description:

Fingal County Council ("the Council") proposed Site Improvement and Development Works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15 residential development at lands situated in New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin ("the Site").

Legislative Context:

This determination has considered the relevant legislative context and guidance as set out in the EIA Screening Report including;

■ Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment;

■ Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('PDA 2000');

■ Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended ('PDR 2001').

■ Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DoHPLG) (2018). Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment;

■ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (2022). Guidelines on the Information to be Contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports;

■ European Commission (2017). Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening; and

■ Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) (2021). OPR Practice Note PN02: Environmental Impact Assessment Screening.

Council Official's Expertise:

This screening Determination was prepared by Fingal Ecologist, Jessica Clarke. Jessica has a Bachelor of Science (Zoology) and a Masters of (Applied) Environmental Science, both from UCD. Since 2011, Jessica has enjoyed a varied career as an Ecologist and Environmental Scientist in both the public and private sectors. Jessica's main role since joining Fingal County Council in August 2023 has been providing training and expert oversight in the areas of Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment to the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, Active Travel, Operations, Environment and Landscape and Parks Departments within Fingal County Council as they strive to deliver their projects in accordance with various guidelines and legislation such as the Wildlife Act, Birds and Habitats Regulations, Birds Directive and Habitats Directive.

Methodology:

Fingal County Council requested that an Environmental Impact Screening Statement be prepared by Brady Shipman Martin. The Report, entitled "MULHUDDART CEMETERY, CHURCH ROAD, MULHUDDART, DUBLIN 15: EIA PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION – STAGE 1" (29 April 2024), was reviewed by Fingal Ecologist, Jessica Clarke. In addition, the following documents were reviewed;

- MULHUDDART CEMETERY, CHURCH ROAD, MULHUDDART, DUBLIN 15: AA SCREENING April 2024",
- Mulhuddart Cemetery Improvements- Engineering Report (Including Soakaway Report) McMahon Associates, 5.02.2021)

- Mulhuddart Cemetery Improvements - An Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment of a Proposed Development at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.Rubicon Heritage- February 2021
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From reading the EIA Screening Report, the supplementary reports listed above and the reviewed literature referenced herein, the following observations have been made which inform this determination;

The proposals are located on the existing cemetery site (circa 3.1ha) located to the north of the town of Mulhuddart, on the eastern side of Church Road. The development proposals are in two separate areas 1,375m2 for the entrance carpark area and 228m2 for the reflection garden with columbarium walls.

The development works proposed include:
1) Modifications to the site boundary, entrance and car park area at Church Road: a) the provision of new low-level boundary walls, railings, and vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates with associated landscaping (trees and hedges) to a section of road verge along the Church Road boundary, b) the development of a pedestrian crossing point on Church Road to link with existing paths on opposite side of the road. c) the reconfiguration of the existing cemetery public carparking to provide 31 no. car-parking spaces (including 2 No. Disabled persons spaces) and 10 no. bicycle spaces, with new bin storage areas, resurfacing, drainage, and services installation (including CCTV).

2) The provision of a reflection garden area and storage of ashes. The development of a landscaped reflection garden with columbarium walls in the north-east of the cemetery. 300 niches (shallow recesses for display of statues or other ornaments) within the walls and 100 low level memorial plots (for storage of ashes) are proposed within the development. In terms of location and use, development proposals for the carparking area are broadly similar to existing car-parking and do not impact on the existing grave layouts. Likewise, the proposal for the Reflective Garden and storage of ashes is located in an undeveloped grassed area of the cemetery and does not impact on the existing grave layouts.

The Bat Survey Report states that the proposed site consists of an operational graveyard. The site is dominated by improved amenity grassland (GA2) and buildings and artificial surfaces (BL3). The site is partly bordered by hedgerow and mature trees.

According to the Bat Report, one mature sycamore tree (T_1) is to be removed as part of the proposed works. The Proposed Landscaping Layout (Drawing C-15) however indicates that 6 trees will be planted as well as numerous hedges and pollinators, ensuring the proposal meets Objective DMSO138 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which states; "Ensure all development and infrastructure proposals include measures to protect and enhance biodiversity leading to an overall net biodiversity gain."

The Bat Report states that the site was visited in October 2020 and May 2024 during which daytime visual roost inspections and time dusk bat activity surveys were carried. I consider the methodology

and weather conditions of these surveys appropriate and acceptable. The survey indicated that the site has a low to moderate level of bat activity and is used by Common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and Leisler's Bat for commuting and foraging purposes and no roosts were identified.

The AA screening report submitted by Brady Shipman Martin states the proposed development site at Mulhuddart Cemetery is not under any wildlife or conservation designation. Furthermore, no rare, threatened or legally protected plant species, as listed in the Irish Red Data Book 1 – Vascular Plants (Curtis & McGough, 1988), the Flora Protection Order, 2022 or the EU Habitats Directive, occur within the site. The site has no key ecological receptors as defined by the ecological resource valuations presented in the National Roads Authority/Transport Infrastructure Ireland Guidelines for Assessment of Ecological Impacts of National Road Schemes (NRA/TII, 2009 (Rev. 2)). No habitats or species with links to European sites, and no 'reservoir' type habitats, are present on the site. There will be no loss of any habitat or species listed as a Qualifying Interest or Special Conservation Interest of any designated site as a consequence of the project. There will be no impacts on European Protected species, such as bats, as a result of the proposed development

No surface water features are present onsite. Surface water will connect to the existing surface water network via works within the road network outside of the boundary of the cemetery. The risk of contaminating the surface water network with volumes of silt, dirty water or hydrocarbons necessary to cause significant impacts to the water quality within the River Tolka, downstream of the site during construction or operational phase is therefore considered unlikely.

No foul water connection is associated with the site.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report was prepared which concluded "In view of best scientific knowledge it can be concluded that the proposed development, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites." Having carried out an AA Screening Determination, I agree with the conclusion of this report.

An Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment was prepared by Rubicon Heritage (February 2021). The archaeological assessment concludes that the significance level of any impact, after the implementation of these mitigation measures, will be "slight". Fingal Heritage Officer, Christine Baker, has reviewed that document and had no objection to that conclusion (Christine Baker, pers. comms. 16.05.2024).

Requirements for EIA

With regard to the requirement for mandatory EIA, the Screening Report states;

Prescribed classes of development and thresholds of development that trigger mandatory EIA are set out in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The proposed development does not fall within a class of development or does not meet or exceed at threshold for a class of development, for which EIA and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report [EIAR] is a mandatory requirement.

A review of the project types listed in Schedule 5 indicates that the proposed development may be considered to be of a type set out in Class 15 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 (Any project listed in this Part which does not exceed a quantity, area or other limit specified in this Part in respect of the relevant class of development but which would be likely to have significant effects on the environment,

having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 7. It does not meet or exceed the relevant quantity, area or other limits specified. Therefore, the proposed development is sub-threshold in respect of a requirement for EIA. I agree with the findings of the EIA Screening Report in this regard.

With regard to the requirement for sub-threshold EIA, the Screening Report states;

Being sub-threshold, the proposed development has been subject to a Preliminary Examination of the nature, size or location of the development, to allow for an assessment that "there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment" in accordance with Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended states;

(1) (a) Where a local authority proposes to carry out a subthreshold development, the authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size or location of the development. (b) Where the local authority concludes, based on such preliminary examination, that—

(i) there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall conclude that an EIA is not required,

(ii) there is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, the information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination, or

(iii) there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall—

(I) conclude that the development would be likely to have such effects, and

(II) prepare, or cause to be prepared, an EIAR in respect of the development.

In the EIA Screening Report Brady Shipman Martin present a preliminary examination of the proposal in table form. This table presents adequate information relating to the nature, size and location of the development to satisfy requirement 1(a) of Article 120 and inform this determination by Fingal County Council. Following a review of that information, the report concludes that there is no real likelihood of significant impacts on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall conclude that an EIA is not required.

Conclusion

Following a review of this information presented in the EIA Screening Report, the supplementary reports listed above, and the reviewed literature referenced herein, I agree with the conclusion of the submitted EIA Screening Report. I consider there is no real likelihood of significant impacts on the environment arising from the proposed development, in reaching this conclusion, the following has been considered;

- The size of the site and the extent of the proposed development are of a small scale and significantly below the stated thresholds of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended at or above which there is a mandatory requirement for EIA.
- The location of the proposed development is a previously developed site in an existing urbanised location, which is not particularly sensitive to the environmental effects of development of this nature and scale.
- In accordance with my AA Screening Determination, it is considered that significant effects to any Designated Sites are unlikely to occur as a result of the proposal.

- There are no surface water bodies on the site and significant impacts to nearby waterbodies are unlikely to occur due to the scale and nature of the proposal and the distance to those waterbodies (>1 km).
- No rare, threatened or legally protected plant species, as listed in the Irish Red Data Book 1 – Vascular Plants (Curtis & McGough, 1988), the Flora Protection Order, 2022 or the EU Habitats Directive, occur within the site.
- The site has no key ecological receptors as defined by the ecological resource valuations presented in the National Roads Authority/Transport Infrastructure Ireland Guidelines for Assessment of Ecological Impacts of National Road Schemes (NRA/TII, 2009 (Rev. 2)). No habitats or species with links to European sites, and no 'reservoir' type habitats, are present on the site.
- There will be no impacts on European Protected species, such as bats, as a result of the proposed development
- The provision of landscaping on-site, in the form of tree planting and shrub planting will ensure a 'net biodiversity gain'.
- The Heritage Officer of Fingal County Council is satisfied that following the proposed mitigation measures, no impacts to Archaeological Heritage are likely as a result of the proposal.

Screening Determination:

For the purposes of EIA Screening, the Council has had regard to and considers the EIA Screening Report, in addition to the suite of application documentation, to provide a full, detailed and comprehensive assessment, for EIA Screening purposes, of the proposed development. Noting the information and assessment detailed herein, and Art. 120 1(a) of the 2001 Regulations, which requires the Council, in its EIA Screening determination, to carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size or location of the development, the Council has concluded, based on the information and evidence before it, that due to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development there is no real likelihood of significant impacts arising as a result of the proposed development and therefore that Environmental Impact Assessment and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required

Signed: Jessica Clarke

Role/ Department: Ecologist, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Date: 16th May 2024

Addendum

Following the Planning Report dated 22nd May 2024 the following minor change to the project, was required;

3 no. motorcycle spaces are now proposed which reduces the overall parking capacity by 1 no. space to 30 no. carparking spaces.

This Addendum is to confirm that I have been made aware of this minor change. I can confirm that the planning recommendation has not changed in light of this minor change. The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to the provision of additional facilities to an existing graveyard.



Signed _____

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

9th December 2024
Item No. 22

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Chief Executive's Foreword

At this time of year it is customary for us to reflect on what has been achieved over the last 12 months. We have had another very busy year in Fingal, one in which included the holding of the local election, progression of key infrastructure and housing projects across the county and staging of large scale events such as the Malahide Concert series and Flavours of Fingal. We have unveiled new accessible playgrounds in communities, promoted biodiversity and the circular economy through local engagement and education, celebrated awards at Bord Bia Bloom and retained Blue Flags for excellent beaches.

We have supported initiatives in local communities and clubs by providing funding, welcomed students to our arts spaces to collaborate with professional musicians, celebrated our heritage, music and culture through programmes of events, facilitated entrepreneurship through our Local Enterprise Office and fostered links with regions abroad through forging economic and cultural ties. We have captured imaginations and brought literacy to life, held a Vintage Picnic, opened the doors to Meakstown Community Centre, hosted the National Age Friendly Awards and prepared an ambitious budget and 3 year Capital Plan. We commenced and completed hundreds of new social and affordable homes. We have been recognised for our work through awards we have received, laid the foundation stone for the Swords Cultural Quarter, supported communities at Pride of Place, held Safer Halloween events and, in recent weeks, spread Christmas cheer by lighting up communities.

The work the council carries out on behalf of the people of Fingal each year is due to the commitment and focus of the staff and the Elected Members.

Myself and the Executive Management Team are greatly appreciative of the co-operation that exists between the councillors and the departments in progressing business through the chamber. The key priorities of Fingal County Council include the delivery of housing and strategic infrastructure, growing our economy, creating safe and inclusive communities, protection of our cultural heritage, embracing digital technology and adhering to our environmental responsibilities. We all have a role to play in delivering the best possible service to the people we serve - this year we have achieved so much across all areas and we look forward to delivering our programmes in 2025.

I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Fingal councillors who have just been elected to Dáil Éireann in the 2024 General Election. Deputies Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, and Ruth Coppinger will represent Fingal West, Fingal East and Dublin West constituencies respectively. I know you will join with me in thanking the Deputies for their public service during their time with Fingal County Council and in wishing them every success as they assume their new roles in the Dáil.

Finally, as we prepare to welcome the festive season, I would like to take the opportunity to wish councillors and staff a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,
AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

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Total Recruitment Campaigns	101
Interviews Held to date	1096
New Starters	216
Promotions	142
Number of Current Job Offers	43

Learning & Development Update

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	395
Number of Attendees	3408
Number of Training days	3652

Throughout December, courses will be delivered in the areas of A-Z Local Government, Playground Inspection Training, Basic Road Opening and Reinstatement and more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing team have had a great response to the expressions of interest email for a staff choir. Over 60 people have said that they are interested in becoming a choir member. Wellbeing have identified a preferred choir master to lead the choir in the New Year.

The Elephant in the Room naming plaques have arrived and will have been placed on the Elephants in Swords and Grove Road. Work is being done to secure the plaques to the Coolmine Depot and Watery Lane Depot, which are both outside. Information on the EAS and what each name means is present on the plaques.

The VR for Wellbeing space in Swords should be launched during the week of 9th of December, with the space in Blanchardstown to follow.

Health & Safety Unit – HSU

The HSU completed 4 site safety audits and 25 site safety inspections, both on employees and on contracted services during the month of November. A total of 63 VDU assessments were completed for office and remote working staff during November to assist staff in their blended work applications. To date 337 VDU assessments have been completed for the year 2024 exceeding the annual KPI by 97 assessments. Incident investigations continued during the month. This month saw ancillary safety statements being published for Operations, Water Services, Law and ECAAT departments. The staff health and safety quiz draw [as part of health and safety week initiative] took place mid-November with a total of six winners drawn.

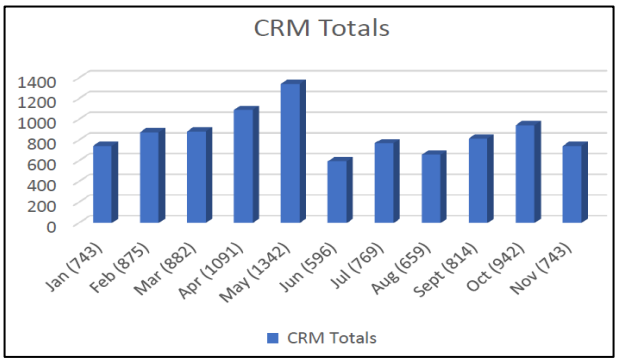
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Customer Care Unit Statistics – October 2024

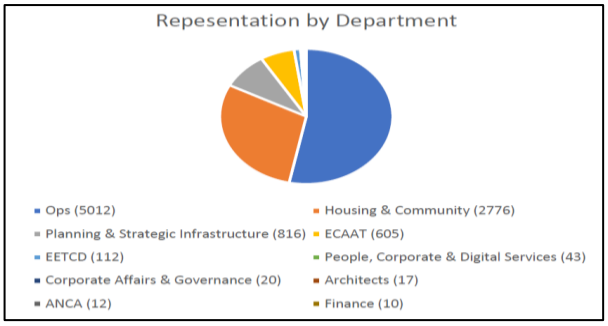
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
November	**9,261**	**1,547**	**3,164**

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 total number of Elected Members' representations for November were 743.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2024.



Digital Services

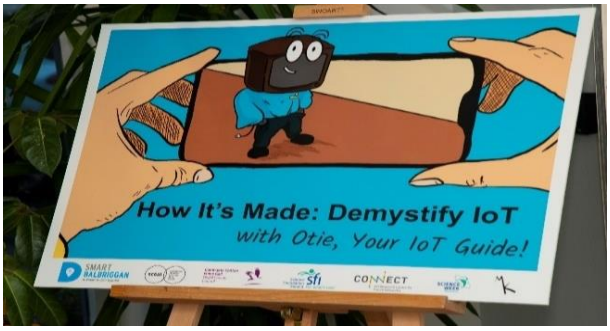
- **How It Works: Demystified event**
- **FinDocs News**
- **Scanning Paper Files**
- **Dynamics 365 and Councillors' Portal**

How It Works: Demystified event

Digital Services and Smart Balbriggan were award a €9k Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funding grant to host a "How It Works: Demystifying IOTs" event for Science Week.



Digital Services in partnership with Smart Balbriggan, the CONNECT Centre, the SCÉAL Arts Collective and Balbriggan library hosted a three-day art and technology event (14th – 16th of November 2024).



How It's Made launched in the Our Balbriggan hub on 14th November, with an introduction to 'IOT with Otie' a comic strip showcasing the evolution and future of the Internet of things and an art exhibition spanning from the Warehouse venue to the Our Balbriggan office and up to the Lark theatre.



The second day of the event, 15th November, focused on walking tours of the art exhibition and music from local artists in the Warehouse venue.








16th November was the third day of the event. This kicked off with "Experience IOTs" in Balbriggan library. The Digital Services team was joined by researchers from UCD (Bathing Water Quality VR project) and DCU (Water institute), Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community & Balbriggan Libraries VR champion, to give the community a greater understanding of IOTs & sensors, how we use them and how we can make our world better.




People of all ages enjoyed the TOG Makerspace class, where they got to make their own air quality sensor.



The three-day event ended in the Warehouse venue with a special talk and musical performance.

For more information on the art exhibition go to https://scealcollective.com/how-its-made/

FinDocs News

The Corporate Document Management System (FinDocs) has been successfully deployed across all Departments in the organisation, and is now the primary means to store, retrieve and collaborate on documents related to the functions of Fingal. A newly integrated **Redaction Tool** has just been deployed to facilitate redaction of documents within FinDocs. The addition of this tool introduces efficiencies in terms of reduced costs, increased accessibility (available to all users) and streamlining of the redaction process overall.

Scanning of Paper Files

The next phase of the Document Management project is progressing. This involves the scanning of paper files in Departments across the organisation and subsequent migration of those files into relevant areas in FinDocs. The scanning / migration functionality integrates with the digital processes in each business areas. Following a successful proof of concept in Rents Section of the Housing Department, the project is now moving on to the Housing Loans and Housing Allocations sections.

Dynamics 365 and Councillors' Portal

The preparatory phase of the project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 has been completed. The next phase is the implementation of the newly redesigned Councillors' Portal, and Dynamics 365 CRM Case Management for Fingal staff. The planned date for the implementation is week commencing **9th December, 2024**.

Communications

The Communications Unit continued to provided a service to all departments within the Council during November. It assisted the Community Development Office in the staging of the official opening of Meakstown Community Centre and the hosting of the National Age Friendly Awards



Website

By the end of November, the fingal.ie site had attracted 1,611,862 visitors so far this year and 3,598,685 page views. The 124,200 visitors in November was 3,837 less than that recorded for October while the 269,528 page views was 3,552 lower than the previous month.
The most popular pages were Planning Applications, the List of Candidates in the 2024 Local Elections, Contact Us and Affordable Housing

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 84,628 which is a rise of 665 since October.
Facebook has 37,366 followers, X has 23,617, Instagram has 11,668, LinkedIn has 10,407 and You Tube has 1,570 subscribers.
We have also introduced a Bluesky channel and a WhatsApp channel and will be looking to grow the number of followers on both over the next few months.

Videos

The Communications Unit produced 17 videos during October. These includes a series of seven videos on the skills being taught at the Baldoyle Training Centre. Other videos were about the opening of the Snugborough Road Interchange, the redevelopment of the Ward River Regional Park and the history of the Balbriggan Bath and Boathouse.

All the videos are available from Fingal County Council You Tube channel which can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 31 media queries in October on topics such as Residential Land Tax, Register of Electors, Dublin Airport and Drones.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 22 press releases in November. Among the press releases issued were ones on the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, the Tidy Twns results, Pride of Place, Dublin Airport, the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards and Christmas Festivities.



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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Leisure & Tourism Award for Newbridge

Newbridge House and Farm has won the Best Leisure/Tourism Service award at the #FingalBusinessAwards 2024! With the core offering already very popular with locals and domestic tourists the conservation and improvements of the structure and the addition of new offerings were rightly recognised by this award.



Further Award Shortlistings

Event Impact Awards

Newbridge House and Malahide Castle were entered into the Event Impact Awards, which are an industry judged award. Newbridge House was shortlisted for the category of Best Events Team and Malahide Castle and Gardens was shortlisted for Best Events Venue.

These awards are transparently judged and sponsored and will recognise recent improvements, universal design, innovation, excellence in marketing and inclusion of people with disabilities. The event ceremony is at the end of January.

Fingal Food Network

Dublin's Coast & Fields

The first meeting of the newly appointed committee of the Fingal Food Network took place on 13th November; discussions centred around attracting new members, sector specific training and undertaking a survey of existing members to gauge priorities for the network. It was agreed that the structural changes to make the network a more formal entity would commence in January to align with the Collaboration Framework in development under the Fingal Tourism Strategy.
Members of the Network were asked for expressions of interest in participating in the street food market that is taking place in Howth to coincide with the New Year fireworks display in the town organised by Failte Ireland. We are delighted that Niall Sabongi and Man Street Kitchen will be participating in the market, offering visitors an eclectic mix of delicious street food alongside restaurants and cafes from Howth.

EVENTS

EETCD Triumphs at the Fingal Chamber Awards

EETCD had a very rewarding evening at the recent Fingal Chamber Awards, celebrating excellence and innovation across the county. We are proud to announce the following achievements:

- **Public Service of the Year:** Awarded to the Events Office, recognising their outstanding dedication to delivering exceptional events that enhance community life in Fingal.
- **Best Leisure/Tourism Service:** Newbridge House, a shining example of Fingal's commitment to providing world-class leisure and tourism experiences.
- **Not-For-Profit Organisation of the Year:** Draíocht, acknowledged for its invaluable contributions to the arts and the local community.

These accolades highlight the hard work and dedication of our teams and their commitment to excellence in public service, Events, Tourism, and the Arts. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees for their continued efforts in making Fingal a vibrant and thriving community.





Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025 is now open with a closing date of 21st December. Successful applicants will be informed in January, allowing time to plan their festival and events in 2025. Additional criteria this year have been added regarding the sustainability of events to encourage organisers to ensure their events are accessible to all.

New Years Eve

Ring in the New Year with Fireworks Over Howth

Get ready for a dazzling start to the New Year! The sky over Howth will light up with a spectacular fireworks display on New Year's Eve, offering a night of free family fun that promises to create unforgettable memories.

This year's New Year's Festival Dublin, in partnership with Failte Ireland, features the NYF Dublin Fireworks Spectacular at Howth Harbour.

- **Time:** 8:00pm (pre-entertainment from 7.00pm)
- **Viewing Locations:** Howth Promenade and along Harbour Road, Baldoyle and Portmarnock.

Join us for this incredible celebration as we say farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 with joy, excitement and a breathtaking display of lights!

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle & Newbridge House Cafes



In conjunction with Brambles Cafe, work has started on upgrade works to the kiosk beside the playground to make this a more usable facility. Work is due to commence shortly on redecoration of the entrance hall and servery areas in Ardgillan Castle café area.

In Newbridge House, improvements to the terrace seating area have been agreed with the cafe operator that will see the installation of pergolas and bespoke boundary terrace screens that will provide a more clean, comfortable and weather protected environment to customers.

Events at Heritage Properties

Wonderlights Returns

Malahide Demesne saw the return of Wonderlights from the first week of November and will remain open until the 4th of January.



The layout this year features two new spectacular tunnels of light. The Cathedral Tunnel, standing 5 metres tall and stretching 30 metres long, will immerse visitors in a dazzling passageway, while the Portal of Light Tunnel, 5 metres high and 10 metres wide, will extend 20 metres in length.



Ardgillan Castle



Ardgillan Castle will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of December. Visitors will be able to pick up some unique gifts from local craftspeople, visit the Artist Studios and the Winter Exhibition in Ardgillan Gallery. In addition, festive treats and mulled wine will be available from Brambles Cafe.

Newbridge House

NEWBRIDGE HOUSE AND FARM

The new Courtyard Kitchen at Newbridge House hosted Man Street Kitchen for an exciting demo class on November 26th. This Christmas cooking demonstration showcased an exciting twist on the traditional Christmas dinner.

Using the incredible Big Egg Smoker, participants learnt how to infuse rich, smoky flavours into festive favourites, from perfectly smoked turkey to creative side dishes.



Music lovers are being given a special opportunity to see local pianist, Sean Collins perform in the beautiful festive setting of Newbridge House. Playing in the Red Room with its opulence, grandeur and dramatic backdrop, Sean will be playing a selection of festive and classical favourites on the recently restored Erard piano on Thursday 12th December.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts
Public Art

John Kindness Returns to Balbriggan



Artist John Kindness is currently developing ideas for new artwork that will be featured as part of The Harry Reynolds Road & Quay Street Developments. John presented ideas to local community and representatives, and we are excited about the next steps.

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Youth & Education



Fingal Arts Office's Music Generation Fingal is working with Fingal's Environment and Climate Action Department to share resources and promote 'Replay' - a unique initiative that combines music, sustainability, and the circular economy. This project is designed to give children the opportunity to explore their musical potential while learning about the importance of reusing and repurposing resources.

Young musicians have received refurbished guitars and are now ready to participate in lessons with Music Generation Fingal tutors. The launch of Replay Instruments Project took place on Friday 15th Nov at Donabate Parish Hall with participants, musicians, community and council representatives present.

Arts Act Funding

The Arts Office received 31 applications for the 2025 Arts Act Grant Scheme. The deadline to apply was Monday, 25th November and applications will be assessed between December – January. The recommendations by the assessment panel will be submitted to the Council for approval at the February 2025 meeting.

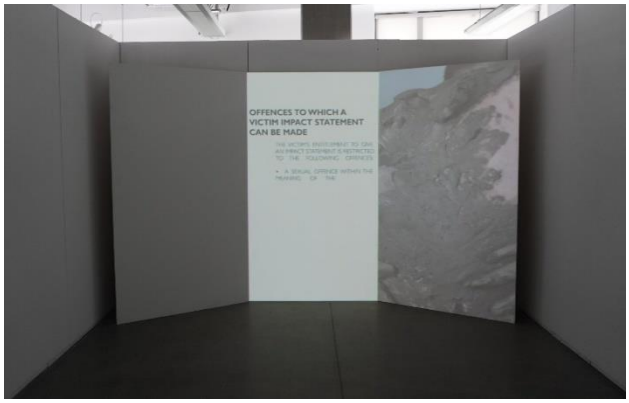
Carnegie Library
Irish Theatre Institute Partnership



Carnegie Library in partnership with Irish Theatre Institute (ITI) have selected Fingal based Tishé Fatunbi to participate on the ITI Six in The Attic programme. Tishé is an actor, writer, and theatre maker as well as a co-founder of a newly launched black-run theatre company named Arinola Theatre.

Six in the Attic is ITI's key artist development programme offering artists with the resources and support to create and develop work and Tishé will be provided space at the Carnegie while participating on the programme.

TU Recent Graduate Award



Recent graduate Chris Forrester has been awarded the inaugural TU recent graduate award.

Chris will receive critical, production, and administrative support, with a focus on transitioning to professional practice through mentorship-driven activities, including visits from artists, curators, and practitioners relevant to the recipient's discipline.
In recognition of his artistic accomplishment and promise, Chris will be provided with deskspace, access to rehearsal/exhibition space at the Carnegie, a stipend and professional development support customised to his needs. His residency commenced with a public reading group hosted at the Carnegie library.

Draíocht



At the Fingal Chamber Awards held on the 15th November, Draíocht won the award for Best Not-For-Profit Organisation. We were one of 7 organisations shortlisted and so one of the more competitive awards on the night. Nominees included Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service / DCU Educational Trust / Fingal Volunteer Centre / Irish Institute of Music & Song. The Not-For-Profit Organisations award is for organisations dedicated to addressing social challenges and making a positive impact. We were very pleased to accept this award recognising the work we do in Dublin 15.



Feedback from Draíocht' s recent Children's and performance programme

Sample responses from early learning settings that participated in our Creative Creche project this autumn**.**

"Thank you very much for creating a show to come to our service. The children REALLY enjoyed the show as well as the adults and thanks again to Mia and Nora for their brilliant performance. It was great to be able to have a show right here in our own service and not have to travel anywhere!"

Aideen, Barnardo's Early Years Service, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15, Nov 2024

"The children were very excited from the moment they found out that Selma and Mirella would be coming to our creche. It was a Thursday we had all been looking forward to. All the children were delighted and responded with a lot of enthusiasm. It was a wonderful initiative."

Beata, Luttrell House creche and Montessori, Luttrellstown, Dublin 15, Oct 2024

Feedback from audiences re the 'A Christmas Carol' performance on 25th November

"Myself and 3 friends attended the Dyad Production of A Christmas Carol last night. We all found it be one of the very best adaptations we've seen. The one-man show was nothing short of superb. Well done to all at Draíocht for giving us the opportunity to see it."

"I saw your production of A Christmas Carol in the Draíocht theatre in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 this evening. I just want to say how absolutely amazing it was. Andrew Margerison was superb, amazing, wonderful. Thank you for bringing this absolute joy to us."

January/February 2025 programme

The January/February 2025 programme is online and selling. The brochure for that period is being distributed this week.

As always, we will start the New Year with Coolmine Panto. Many of the matinee shows are sold out and the evening shows will follow suit.

A sensory performance will take place on January 9th. Draíocht supports this by not charging a hire fee for this performance and by providing a sensory pack and breakout space. A reduced audience capacity, lowered volume/ lighting as well as the ability to move and make noise in the space, opens this audience favourite to those who are on the neuro divergent spectrum. Going to the Panto can often be someone's first (and only) theatre experience so it is important to make it as accessible as possible.

Comedy, music, theatre, film screenings as well as a full children/youth arts and exhibition programme are all included.

Tobi Bello, a Dublin 15 artist will take up Residency for the month of January. Tobi is a photographer and painter who aims to inspire greater diversity within the Irish creative sectors.

The next Exhibition is 'The First Draft' by Rich Gilligan. Running from February to May 2025, this is the 13th Edition of the Amharc Fhine Gall series which supports and celebrates a Fingal artist. Alongside his Exhibition, Rich will work with Sarah Beirne on a project with a group of skateboarders from Millenium Park.

2025 is proving to be another busy year in Draíocht in terms of demand for dates. Bookings are coming in earlier and earlier with every month in 2025 already heavily booked.

www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

Bob Dylan's Greatest Rejected Tracks – Bob Dylan academic Michael Gray held a talk on Dylan's lesser known music. We had 57 booked on this event, with great feedback. "Wonderful evening in a convivial setting.

Perfectly pitched presentation of Dylan's discarded tracks which are now well known as "outtakes" on bootleg record issues. Well paced in depth analysis of those tracks in a humourous way. Thank you so much Michael Gray and SEAC. "Wonderful evening in a convivial setting.

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Nomadic Piano Project performed a hybrid of classical, jazz and traditional music on 8th November.

Welsh musician Catrin Finch and Aoife Ni Bhriain teamed up for a striking combination of classical and trad music on 23rd November, to an audience of 40.

Traditional musician Ryan Young will perform at TSEAC on 29th November.
Our Traditional Slow Session on the 17th of November saw 41people attend online from global locations, joining 21 in the room.

The Singing Session on November 21st featured Roisin Chambers as the guest singer and had 22 people in person, with 16 online.

Classes

Art Classes with Noel Manning returned for another term with 16 students across two classes.

Céilí Beag's November session had 11 parents and babies in attendance.

Cinema

German film The Teacher's Lounge had two screenings, one for a general audience on the 14th of November and the second for schools as part of the IFI's schools programme on 22nd November. We welcomed 5th year from Gormanston College for this screening.

Danish film Rose is to be screened on 28th November.



Comedy

Bernard O'Shea's gig on November 1st was fully booked at 92 with a waitlist – his combination of music and comedy was very well received.

Des Bishop performed to a full house on November 15th – a very popular event with a waitlist of 129!

Workshops and Other Events

Crafternoon Tea, Candle Making – offered in conjunction with the café, this workshop gives attendees the chance to make a beautiful craft followed by delicious afternoon tea in our parlour. We held three of these sessions, with all selling out.

Pottery Workshops – we held two separate sessions, one for adults and one for children, with both sold out and with waiting lists.



Libraries

Kanopy

Kanopy is Fingal Libraries new free video streaming service which gives access to tv series, documentaries and films. It also offers Kanopy Kids, which is a collection full of great age-appropriate children's content. As Kanopy accounts can only be created by adults, parents/guardians can control access to content by setting parental controls to ensure children cannot view content outside of Kanopy Kids. To create an account go to https://bit.ly/KanopyFingal

Library of Sanctuary

Balbriggan Library has been designated a Library of Sanctuary, in recognition of the consistent and innovative work that goes into making this Library and the staff who work there, champions for inclusion and welcome. Dr. Veronica Crosbie, Chair of Places of Sanctuary Ireland, awarded the Library of Sanctuary certificate at an event in Balbriggan Library on 14th November, which was also attended by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. JK Onwumereh. Balbriggan Library is the first Library of Sanctuary in the Dublin region.



Autumn/ Winter events

The Autumn Winter program of events in libraries continues up to the end of the year. Children enjoyed Halloween story-time sessions in all libraries. Balbriggan Library hosted The Happy Prince, a musical recitation for speaker and piano based on the short story by Oscar Wilde on 2nd November. Sensory friendly workshops took place in all libraries over the month of November.

Fingal Libraries celebrated Science Week (10th – 17th November) with STEM workshops for primary schools. Workshops for adults included a Tai Chi course in Malahide Library, age-friendly chair yoga in Balbriggan Library, and art courses in Donabate and Rush Libraries.



Fingal Inclusion Week

Fingal Libraries celebrated Fingal Inclusion Week (11th – 17th November) by inviting families who use Corduff Sports Centre to explore the world of African rhythm and song in a fun, interactive African percussion workshop with John Nutekpor from The Irish Institute of Music & Song. Also taking place during Fingal Inclusion Week was the start of a 4-week family literacy project with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown. Literacy specialist Stephen Brett and his colleague Colm O'Donovan will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a fun story session with the children.

The Write-Time

The Write-Time, Fingal Libraries annual celebration of creative writing and literature has taken place in libraries across Fingal. Now in its ninth year, the festival features events for writers on how to get a book published as well as workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing YA fiction, and getting creative ideas down on paper. This year's festival introduced a new two-day showcase of author talks in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on 15th and 16th November.

The Write -Time in the Carnegie featured stellar authors, such as Sinéad Gleeson, Claire Kilroy, Christine-Dwyer Hickey, Katriona O'Sullivan, David Gilna, Kevin Curran, Olivia Fitzsimons, Paula Gildea and Patrick Bentley 'In Conversation', sharing their creative writing process, their journey to publication and what inspires them. This two-day event was a huge success with a large audience and lots of participation.



Creative Ireland

The Creative Fingal Programme 2024 is drawing to a close with the final projects to be delivered over the next few weeks. As part of our Shared Island Initiative, 'Unforgettable Voices - Sharing Songs' in collaboration with Community Arts Partnership, Belfast, the Forget-Me-Nots choir is continuing to develop the connection with the 'This Is Me' choir based in Larne. Creative Fingal has secured funding to continue the weekly Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions enabling the groups in both locations to stay connected and build friendships.

The hugely successful Sustainable Creative Workshops with The Wizard of Creation are continuing in community settings and libraries across the County. In December, Aga Hutcheson will be delivering workshops to a COPD Support Group in Balbriggan, Swords Women's Shed, nursing homes in Malahide and Oldtown, St. Michael's House Special School and The Forget Me Not Café in Skerries. There will also be Christmas-themed fashion workshops taking place in Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries.

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On 2nd December, the launch of the 'LifeBio in Words and Pictures Exhibition' will take place in Malahide Library. This project, funded by Creative Fingal, was designed to enrich the lives of older adults by sharing their life stories and encouraging participants to express their personal stories through written narratives and photographs. The exhibition will be launched by Mr. Senan Turnbull, Chairperson of the Age-Friendly Fingal Alliance.

Update on Mobile Libraries

The mobile library service was approached by a senior Occupational Therapist from Connolly Hospital's Department of Psychiatry to provide a monthly stop at the hospital to cater for the 40 bed unit. The recently held first stop received great feedback from staff and patients alike.

While organising the mobile library visit for the Meakstown Community Centre launch, it was agreed with management at the Centre to relocate the regular mobile library stop to that location. This has the joint benefit of promoting the Centre and use of the mobile library service.

The mobile libraries have also started working with Luttrellstown Community College post primary ASD hub. The first stop to the hub which caters for 20 students has already taken place, with a second visit planned for December. The feedback from mobile staff, school staff and students was overwhelmingly positive.

A new monthly stop has been added to Mount Sackville primary school with a second visit to take place in December.

Festive Events

Fingal Libraries looks forward to hosting events for the festive season over the month of December. Children can enjoy Christmas musical tots sessions, clay hanging decorations workshops and festive story-sessions. Custard Pie Puppets will bring their Christmas Crackers puppet show to Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Libraries. The Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert takes place in Blanchardstown library on 11th December and features the wonderful Dublin Gospel Choir.

For adults, there will be a sustainable Christmas outfit demonstration, a foliage greeting cards workshop and a Scandinavian wreath making workshop.

2024 Programming

Throughout 2024 Fingal Libraries delivered an extensive and diverse programme of events catering for all ages, abilities, and interests. Acclaimed children's authors visited libraries and schools to celebrate World Book Day Ireland in March, as part of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour. Libraries hosted age-friendly workshops during the month of May to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival. Events took place in libraries for children and young people on 15th June for Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's day of free creativity for young people. The Magic of Stories – Fingal Festival of Children's Literature attracted over 2,100 people to Swords Castle on 28th September. This was the third year of the festival and its popularity and reputation have grown each year. The eighth annual Festival of History took place in October throughout library branches and in the Carnegie Free Library. Planning for the Spring 2025 programme of events is currently underway.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Council has completed work updating the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024 and it is intended that an official launch of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy will be scheduled in the new year.



Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2024

The 2024 Xplore Your Future Expo has been developed as an action from the Fingal Skills Strategy and is aimed at TY students in Fingal secondary schools and took place in the Helix, DCU on the 15th of October 2024.



Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2024 Expo was a huge success with over 80 exhibitors from institutes of further and higher education, vocational schools and industry. Exhibitors included, among others, DDLETB (Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board), CDVEC (City of Dublin Education and Training Board), the National Apprenticeships Office, TUDublin (Technological University Dublin), Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Irish Rail, the Irish Institute of Music & Song, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, Air Corps, Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), Aramex and Wylde International eSports Club.

A diverse range of sectors were represented, from Creative Arts & Media, Technology and Gaming, Transport & Logistics, Engineering, Food, Farming & Hospitality, Construction, Local Government, Public Services and Sports.



2200 students from 22 Fingal Schools attended this hands-on, interactive event where students experienced a wide range of further education and training options with information on future potential careers paths.



The event has received very positive feedback from exhibitors, students, teachers and guests who attended on the day who found the Expo very engaging.



Skyla Project



The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended the 4th transnational project meeting in Malmo, Sweden in September which focused on sharing further Good Practices in the area of skills development. The SKYLA Project focuses on the development and improvement of skills policy for "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition", which has been incorporated into Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. Fingal shared a new Good Practice from one of the Fingal Skills Strategy partners (DCU) called STInt – a STEM Teacher Internship Programme. The STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme is an iconic partnership between Irish education and industry – a globally unique programme – and addresses Ireland's vision for global leadership in STEM education, citizenship and enterprise.
Further information can be found here: https://stemteacherinternships.ie/

The visit was hosted by SKYLA partners from the Skåne, Sweden Team and featured a study visit to Genarps Lådfabrik [Pallet factory] Manufacturer of load carriers and pallets on a twin transition journey as they identify skills gaps and upskill their workforce in the areas of leadership, management and sustainability.

Another study visit was to the Faculty of Engineering, University of Lund where STEM students presented the programme 'Lund Formula Student' where students design and develop racing cars for an international student racing competition with the objective of: 'Every year we start a new project with the goal to design, develop and manufacture a top-class racing car during the school year, and compete against other universities from all over the world.'



https://lundformulastudent.se/

Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September the Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan.

Work has commended on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT – EcoCore

Fingal County Council, as Lead Partner of the URBACT Eco Core Project ran an Innovation Challenge/Hackathon in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan. The Hackathon allowed like-minded individuals passionate about sustainability, the green economy with a passion for the Circular Economy to make a contribution to the EcoCore Project and developing a greener future for the citizens of Balbriggan.



The Balbriggan Innovation Challenge (Hackathon) took place in The Lark, Balbriggan on the 8th of November and was a fantastic success. Six teams participated in The Hackathon, a deliverable of the EcoCore Project. This was a full day in-person event where teams brainstormed, supported by mentors cumulating in presenting their solutions to the Sustainability and Circular Economy Challenge to a panel of judges.





Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

The Project held its mid-term review and 6th transnational city visit in Villena, Spain on the 20th – 21st November 2024. Fingal County Council as lead partner working with the URBACT Secretariate and the Project Lead Expert delivered the project's mid-term review, analysing the progress made by all partners to-date and agreed any adjustments required to the project and budget in the final year.

The partners were welcomed to Villena by the Mayor, Fulgencio José Cerdán Barceló.



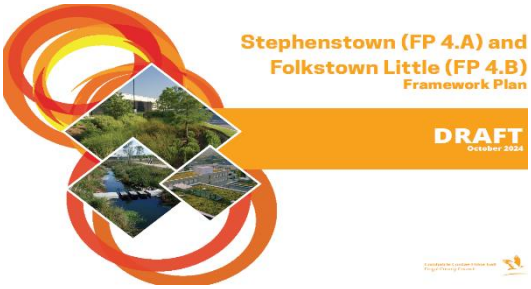
A masterclass on Smart and Green Industrial Zones was delivered by Jose Costero, an expert in sustainable urban development.



The city visit was further enriched by presentations from local industry and the municipality, including site visits, and project workshops.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



A presentation on the Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was given to the EcoCore ULG members along with members of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group and local businesses from the Stephenstown area. A public information evening was also held on the 31st October 2024 in the Our Balbriggan Hub.

The Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024. The Chief Executive's report is being prepared for the consideration of the Elected Members.

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 had been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects which commenced in January 2023, one project has been completed and the second project concluded in November 2024.

Green It Your Work

The Fingal Project Team participated in the Network meeting from 19th to 21st November 2024, focusing on Work Package 8: "Be Decent Green" hosted by Ubik Art in Pordenone, Italy.

Participants from Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia engaged in a series of activities centred on the green transition and sustainable development.



Day 1 explored green hospitality and social sustainability through initiatives like gluo.org. This was followed by a visit to City Hall which involved discussions with the local authority.



Day 2 included a visit to the Museum of Natural History, emphasising new accessibility measures taken by the museum.

The participants then visited the Noncello Cooperative, which was established in 1981 by Pordenone's Mental Health Centre. It became "plurima 1" to enhance social impact on members, workers and communities. It promotes integration through innovative approaches, offering services and projects that create high social value and relational opportunities.

European Urban Initiative – City to City Exchanges

Fingal has been successful in its application to participate in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange to support the work of its Urbact EcoCore Project. The exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge (Fingal) and another urban authority that has expertise which could help tackle the challenge. Fingal have entered in an exchange agreement with the city of Nokia in Finland to exchange knowledge and best practice on the challenge of developing a strategic eco-industrial zone to drive sustainable economic development in Balbriggan. The city of Nokia has practical experience and proven results in this challenge through the development and management of the ECO3 industrial zone in Nokia, a bio and circular economy pioneer. The Council is preparing to welcome the Nokia Delegation to Fingal in December.



Sustainable Fingal

The EETCD Department are liaising with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2024/25 to progress collaborative sustainable projects. Work is ongoing to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies in the area of biodiversity and circular economy projects and to identify potential funding streams.

The Council continues to share the videos developed with Techrete and A.forall in Balbriggan on their sustainability journeys to inspire other companies to start their journeys. Work is ongoing on the procurement of consultants to prepare the Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to encourage sustainability measures in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan is progressing work under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000. Smart Balbriggan also organised the EcoCore Hackathon in partnership with the EcoCore Project Team on the 8th November in The Lark, Balbriggan.

The Economic Development team co-ordinates reporting for the Council as a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration and is advancing circular economy principles into the Council's work through the Climate Action Plan, the Urbact EcoCore Project, the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Sustainable Fingal Initiative.

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Fingal County Council has been working with DBEC partners to update the DBEC website which is now live and continues to work in collaboration with representatives from DBEC partners to develop potential projects for collaboration.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council continues to develop 2 no. project concepts for feasibility studies in consultation with the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund, including applications Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants for consideration.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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 implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan. The LCDC members met on the 12th November 2024 for a briefing on SICAP and to discuss targets for 2025.

The next LCDC Meeting will take place on 11th December 2024.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has allocated €220,842.98 to support community groups and organisations within the Fingal administrative area. All recipients have received their allocated funds via Electronic Fund Transfer and are now required to submit receipts and photographs as proof of expenditure.

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal are now invited to apply for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups, including Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

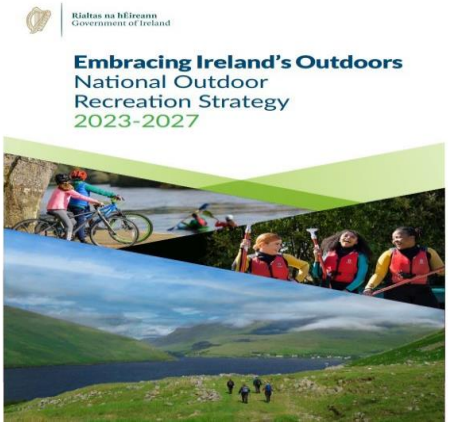
Fingal County Council has been allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county (€230,423 in Capital Funding, €38,404 in Current Funding).

Projects up to a maximum of €10,000 can be funded under the Capital Scheme and day-to-day costs of up to €3,500 can be funded under the Current Scheme.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Council has procured a consultant to assist in preparing the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee and consultation with stakeholders and the public is commencing.

The 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development is launching. The focus of ORIS is to support outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland that not only provides an outlet for the communities in which they are situated but also delivers added value from a tourism perspective.



Projects typically funded by ORIS include walkways, cycleways, blueways, water and cycle trails, bridleways, and open water amenities at rivers and beaches, including tidal pools. The Council will open for Expressions of Interest from the 9th December 2024.

Mindful Walking

Healthy Fingal and Empower have teamed up to deliver a Mindful Walking Project in Dublin 15 to support people's mental health and to sign-post people towards supports around alcohol and smoking/vaping. The project will take place in Hartstown Park over 4 weeks and will be led by a walking/mindfulness tutor with support on the day from Empower's Social Prescribers.

We hope to use this project as a pilot to set up specific programmes for social prescribers in 2025.



Community Recognition Fund 2023

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 for 26 projects across Fingal.

Projects were required to be completed by 18th October 2024; however, a number of projects have been granted extensions by the DRCD. Several projects have been completed with some in the process of closing and the Council continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

In March the Council received an allocation of €1,538,573 in respect of the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024. The funding will support capital projects which will be delivered over the time period 2025/2026. The fund is targeted to invest in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where a clear need for investment is identified.

The funding is allocated across 3 application windows as outlined below:

Application Window 1: 8 community projects in Fingal received investment of over €630,000 in funding in August.
The successful projects to be funded are:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building (€100,000)
- Accessible Transport Project CLG- Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus (€100,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities (€100,000)
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows (€102,010)
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus (€80,000)
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing (€50,007)
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities (€50,000)
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation (€50,001)

Application Window 2: The public call closed on August 13th, 2024 and following evaluation a number of applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval. Applicants shall be notified of the status of their application once approval has been received from DRCD.



Application Window 3: The third and final Public Call for applications under this funding stream issued in November. The closing date for Call 3 applications is 5pm on Friday 13th December.

The allocation of funding will be a competitive process and project proposals will be evaluated by the Council for further engagement with the applicants to agree the project requirements which will then be submitted to the DRCD for approval to proceed.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €2,036,355.06 which includes a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The LCDC received a briefing on the SICAP Programme on the 12th November 2024 and agreed targets for the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan.

Leader Programme

Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership are responsible for the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



The Dublin Rural LAG met on 17th October 2024 and approved 2 Projects for funding and is due to meet again on 12th December 2024 to approve a further 3 projects.



LEADER continues to seek applications from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide applicants through the process.
More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





All three Enterprise Centres 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.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group in providing oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation and is chaired by Dr. David Begg. Following the completion of the 'Review and Renew' process in June by the Leadership Group, the Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, and Community Development Pillar Groups have been restructured to reflect the implementation progress in the programme. A new Pillar Group for Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar has been established also.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with the funding horizon for the Urban Regeneration Development Fund supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

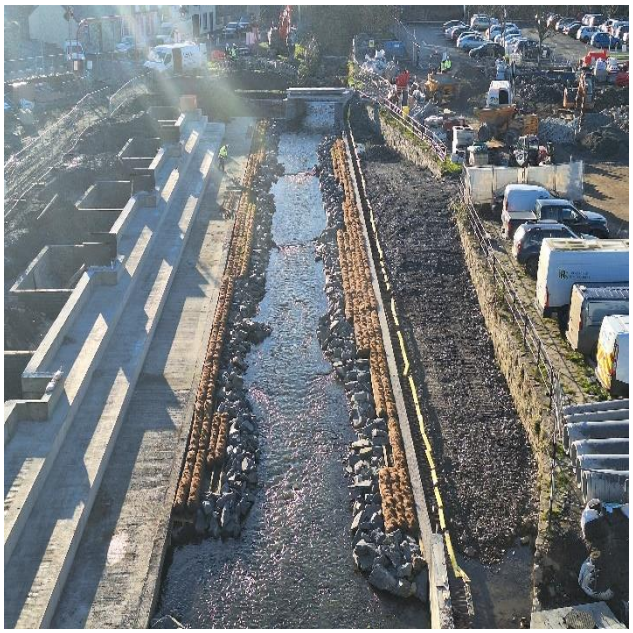
A study, 'Social Spaces and Youth Services for Young People in Balbriggan', was launched by Cllr Rob O'Donoghue, who deputised for Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, alongside Minister of State with responsibility for Youth Justice, James Browne TD to identify social and recreational needs of teenagers. The project was led by a steering group comprising members of An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council, Foróige and Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board. The report was authored by Dr Carol Barron, Associate Professor at Dublin City University, and independent researcher Dr Harry Shier.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work has commenced on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs Project to be completed on a phased basis and will take approximately 19 months. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Current works include widening the channel of the River Bracken with new step down features on the North and South Banks, including extensive planting and biodiversity features, heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, foundations for new public toilets, tree planting at the Town Centre Car Park, Mill Street, new widened footpaths on Mill Street and the foundations for new Harbour Buildings on the foot of the East Pier. The Town Car Park re-opened on the 4th November returning 67 car spaces.



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie

Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review and are expected to be issued in early 2025. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office & SMART Balbriggan. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 6a to 14 Bridge Street have been completed. A temporary Pocket Park has been installed at site of the former house at 14 Bridge Street and has been welcomed locally.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. A number of stakeholder engagement sessions occurred over the last few months which are nearing completion. The stakeholder engagement will inform design options and have provided a valuable resource in gaining a wide opinion and input from local stakeholders.



The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan.
An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end 2025.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,500 followers across all 4 social channels.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding.

Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a Farmers Market in Lusk. €75,000 in total has been approved.

Request for Tender documents for both of these projects prepared, and meetings with local pillar groups are expected to take place in the coming weeks.



Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Visit

In October Fingal County Council's Town Regeneration Team also welcomed the LGMA Project Lead from the National Town Centre First Office, to visit Lusk & Rush. The visit focused on the teams work around The Town Centre First Plan for Rush, progress on Dereliction in Rush, the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, a presentation of the Lusk for Life Plans and projects and a visit to the Lusk Community Cultural Centre.

Town Centre First – Balrothery

On 20 November Representatives from the Town Regeneration Office attended a presentation hosted by the Active Travel team in the Heritage Centre, Balrothery to learn more about the Active Travel team's engagement with locals, and what their development plan entails. This will assist the Town Regeneration team in shaping workshop outcomes to deliver the best possible results for Balrothery whilst complimenting the initiatives being introduced by Active Travel.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

The most recent capacity building meeting took place at the Community Centre in Ballyboughal on 11th November. Further progress was made towards delivering a workshop outcomes report with key placemaking objectives being identified and methods of achieving these being explored. The next meeting is expected to take place in mid-December.



Town Centre First – Donabate

A capacity building session took place in the Community Centre in Donabate on 12th November. Key statistics were discussed and attendees were asked to participate in group exercise to identify positive and negative aspects of the town. Feedback from this exercise will be used to identify potential actions at the next meeting which is scheduled to take place in December.



Town Centre First – Rush

A contract between the Town Regeneration Office and the Consultant selected to work with the new town team has been agreed, and a commencement meeting between the Consultant and the Town Regeneration office took place on 25 November.

The Town Regeneration Office participated in a public consultation event lead by Healthy Ireland and FCC Community Department at the new Multi-Purpose community Facility in Rush on November 20th. The event included a workshop and a presentation by Healthy Ireland regarding the 'Place Standard' method and how this might be applied to the town of Rush. A community Survey is now live online to gather feedback on the thoughts of local residents and businesses. These results will then be assessed by Healthy Ireland and Fingal County Council to help determine a base line level of information for Rush as we move forward to create the Rush Town Centre Plan.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Progress reports have been received on both of these projects, work is underway, and they are both on course to be completed on schedule by October 2025.



The Town Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of projects in Rush, Donabate, Oldtown, Naul, St. Margaret's and Balrothery.

With respect to these 6 schemes, the local authority has invested €282,276.00 in total funding drawn down from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of our Rural towns.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for 2024 was launched this month and expressions of interest are being sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as "Major Town Centre", "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Application closing date is November 29th 2024. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions.

The new scheme is being advertised via social media and the Fingal County Council website.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

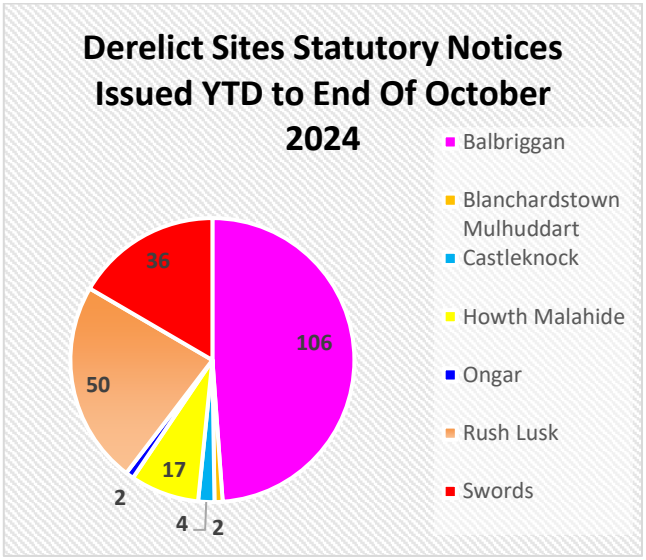
One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, " "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

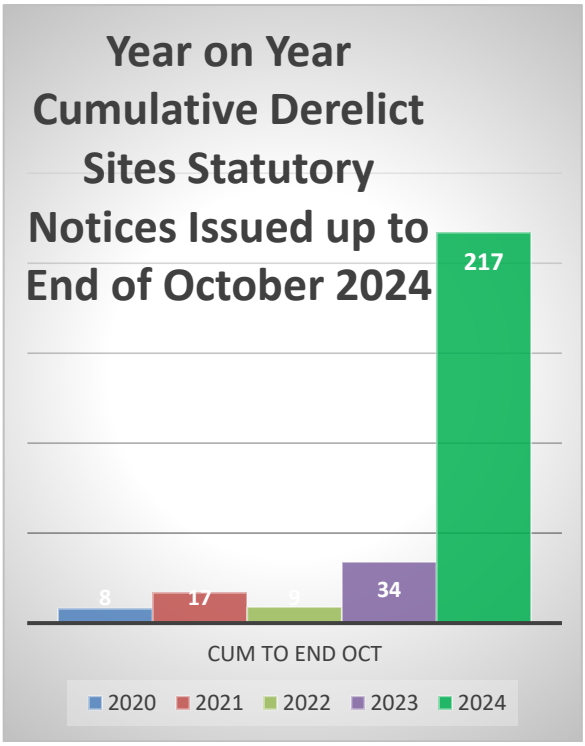
A follow-up meeting was held with the appointed consultant this month and the feasibility study being complied by them is in progress.

Derelict Sites

217 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of October 2024. This compares to a total of 34 at this point in time in 2023.

The Derelict Sites team continue to focus on engagement with the owners of these existing derelict sites and identifying further derelict sites across the county.





The Town Regeneration Office actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for November 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The final Fingal Business Network event of 2024 will take place in the Grand Hotel, Malahide on Friday 6th December. The event will have a panel discussion with business owners Adam Thorn of Thorn Environmental, Carol Kinsella of Carol Kinsella Chocolates, Ben Colwell of Rubberduck, Donna Reilly of Donna Reilly Wellness and Conor Halpin of PRM Assist.

The event will also provide ample opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to network with other businesses over lunch. There will also be an opportunity for some of our Showcase exhibitors to showcase their wares in advance of heading to the Showcase event in the RDS in January.

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Student Enterprise Programme



21 second level schools across Fingal have signed up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) which involves setting-up and running a real-life enterprise over the course of the academic year.

Fingal schools and students have a strong track record in the competition, encouraged and incentivised by a significant prize fund that includes an international educational trip to Barcelona for the students and teachers of "Senior category" winners. Most importantly, the programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn the ropes of creating a successful business, whilst competing at local and national level. Each year the Fingal winning projects go on to the National Final, where they battle it out with other entrepreneurial students from throughout Ireland.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

Sixty-five business owners, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the October Fingal Business Supports Briefing on November 6th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 679 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on December 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports

The next Food Starter event is being held on two Saturdays, 11th & 25th January for all of our new food businesses. The Food Starter is an important support to set the food business on the right track for growth from the very outset. Meanwhile, Fingal LEO will host the next Dublin Food Chain networking event with our partners in Teagasc, Ashtown, in January 2025.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €824,778 across 39 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. 18 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €43,100 and five Digital for Business grants amounting to €18,900 have been approved year to date. The final EVAC meeting of the year will be held on 11th December 2024.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Eight Fingal SME owner/managers are participating in the Autumn "International Best Practice" Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme. The programme provides an opportunity for SME owner/managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. The programme is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, participating owner/managers each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months. Six companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) 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, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. The latest TOV webinar took place on 22nd October with 122 registered businesses and feedback from the attendees was excellent. A total of 95 applications have been approved in the amount of €218,806 to date in 2024. The next and final Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on 5th December. The Trading Online Voucher scheme is currently being wound down, last date for applications is 13th December 2024. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative will take its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In November, eighty-three people availed of a one-to-one Business Advice Clinic, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 656. Thirty-five clients received mentoring in October, with 379 clients approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 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 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 34 MFI loan applications to date in 2024, the most ever in a single year, and the highest number in the country.

Training and Events

November saw the usual strong demand for business training and events organised by Fingal LEO. All training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 3,400 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The fourteenth and final Start Your Own Business (SYOB) course of 2024 commences on 3rd December. The SYOB programme has had a total of 169 participants trained year to date with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 64 participants in 2024.

Internationalisation and Export Development



The TAME (Exporter) grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Eighteen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €44,400.

The TAME grant will be changing in Q1 2025 to the "New Market Explorer Grant". The Market Explorer Grant will be available to eligible small enterprises in the Manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant will be a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs.

Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service.



A new Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is currently being rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, Get Exporting is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland, and delivery partner OCO Global.

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses are among the 120 nationally, currently progressing through the workshop stage of the programme.

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Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher, starting on 1st November 2024, will offer SMEs with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

Funding will be in the form of grant aid of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000 per application. Enterprises can be approved a maximum of two Grow Digital Voucher projects up to a maximum cumulative grant value of €5,000 as identified in their Digital for Business project to support their Digitalisation journey.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass, Wineracks.ie and O'Rourke Art & Design.

These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

The showcase clients from Fingal took part in an online workshop on “How to Sell at Markets & Pop Ups” which took place 9th October 2024. The workshop covered everything needed to know about successfully selling at markets and was an excellent opportunity to get prepared and set up for success at the Showcase 2025 event. Two of the clients Wineracks.ie and Maura O’Rourke are also exhibiting at the Fingal Business Network Christmas Lunch event on 6th December.

In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks

Clearing of hedging/vegetation being carried out as part of the Winter Works Programme in Balbriggan.



New knee rail installed at Pinewood, Balbriggan.



Balrothery Area Parks

New paths installed in Glebe Park, Balrothery.





Rush Area Parks

New coastal signage installed in Rush Harbour Park.



Skerries Area Parks

New perennial planting scheme within Skerries Town Park.



Swords Area Parks

- **Holywell Park**



As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, two x Teq Ball 2 x Outdoor Table Tennis tables have been installed within Holywell Park. Additional areas of Calisthenics outdoor fitness equipment also accompany these installations.



- **Holywell Park**

As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, 2 x Boules Courts completed with seating and signage.

- **Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works new stone planters were constructed beneath existing welcome signs. Plants were supplied by the Operations Department and planted by Swords Tidy Towns. All plants used are part of the pollinator friendly schemes within the Biodiversity Town Plan.



Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

Inlay works were carried out on the Brackenstown Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.





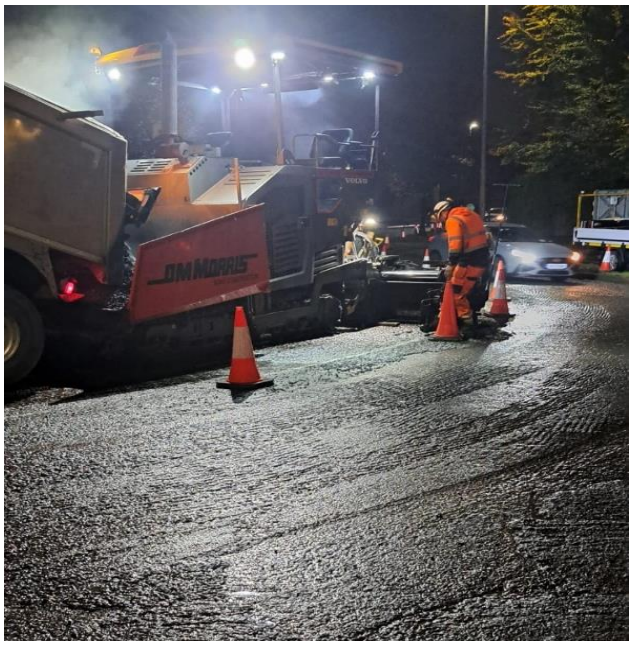




Inlay works were carried out on the Glen Ellan Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.







Harbours

The lighthouse lantern at Balbriggan Harbour has been replaced with a modern LED lantern. The light sectors red-white-green are precise with accurate sector borders. The range is 13 nautical miles with a photometric certificate.

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At Skerries harbour a Lighting Protection System has been installed and the lighthouse lantern has been replaced with a modern LED lantern. The red sector is precise, with accurate sector borders. The range is 7 nautical miles with a photometric certificate.



Both Balbriggan and Skerries lights are now visible from a further distance than previously, and the sectors are more accurate - this is improving the Safety of Navigation.

The new LED lanterns will use less energy thus reducing Fingal County Council's carbon footprint.

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Storm Bert

The on-call team dealt with call outs over the weekend of the 23rd/24th of November in relation to damage caused by Storm Bert across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas.











Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works







Road Inlay at St. Fintan's Road Sutton as part of the 2024 POW.



Replacement of defective footpaths Sutton Park part of the 2024 POW





Replacement of Defective footpaths on Inbhir Ide Drive part of the 2024 POW.

Capital Works

- **Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery**





Clarcon Construction Ltd have completed constructing phase 3 of Balgriffin Cemetery. The fencing of the boundary has been tendered and shall be completed by year end.

- **Kinsealy Lane**

Works are continuing to install new footpaths on Kinsealy Lane as the land is purchased and the works are then tendered.





New footpath works along Kinsealy Lane

Depot Works







The Roads crew replaced defective footpaths at St Annes Square Portmarnock.

Howth/Malahide Beaches and Cleansing





Portmarnock Beach Dune Protection fence work vandalised.





Vandalised bins at Portmarnock Beach front

- **Malahide Muldowney Beach New Toilets**







New toilet unit vandalised at Malahide Muldowney beach. Internal bin set on fire within unit which caused smoke damage. Work ongoing to repair and refresh unit.





Salting preparation for Howth/Malahide Depot

Malahide Demesne

- **Bridgefield Car Park, Malahide**

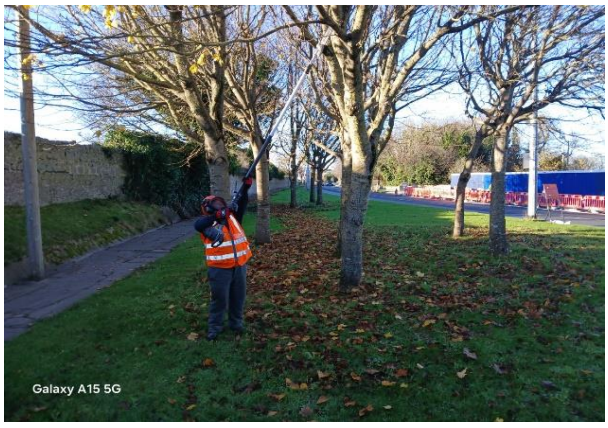


New overhead barriers installed at Bridgefield Car Park, Malahide.

Winter Works Programme 2024/2025











Fingal crew conducting pruning works.





Free parking signs to support local bussiness over the Christmas season

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Howth tramway resurfacing works.



Path improvement works at Samuels reservoir.

- **Dangerous Wall – Kelly's Car Park**

Wall being repaired afte large crack discovered





- **Vegetation removed on ruins in Paddys Hill**



- **Landscaping works on Malahide Green**



- **New picnic benches installed into Malahide Demesne playground.**



Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations







Opening Of New Fingal County Council Public Tennis Courts In St. Catherines Park, Lucan On 6th November 2024.







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See above photos of successful Community Event that took place in Lanesborough Park on Halloween Night



Teenage Activity space been developed Mick Walsh Park





New Benches recently installed in Mulhuddart Cemetery

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Before and after photos of Pillar Re-Construction at St Catherines Park at Old Church, Stone fixed in pillars and repointed.



New bench area, small half Moon & Stone wall with 6M re-tarred footpath on the College Road



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Tree pit construction at Beech Park Orchard in Castleknock





Hedge Trimming been carried at Littlepace Road





New Stone Wall Built in Blanchardstown Village, Works consisted of 22m Long and 1m High stone wall,100 shrub and perennials + 50 alpines planted in the new flower border and 2 Ton of Bark Mulch was also laid.





Before and after pictures of the entrance into St Catherines Park. The entrance pillars were covered with vegetation. The area was cleared of vegetation and the pillars were repaired and repointed.

Car Parking Services

October 2024

There was a total of 1475 parking tickets issued during October 2024.
Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

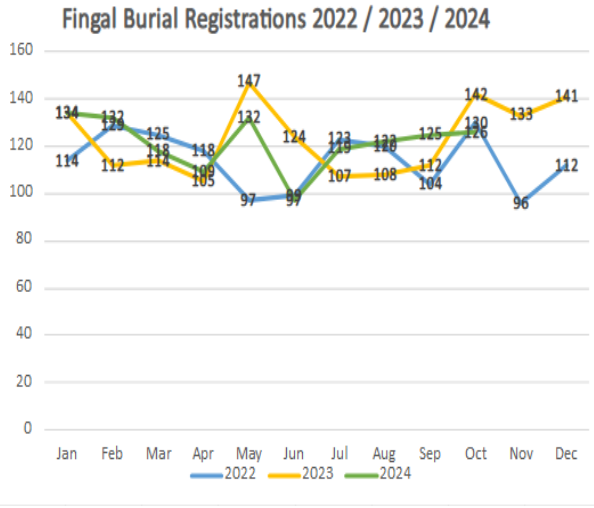
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - October 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	744
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	184
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	168
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	128
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	95
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	28
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	26
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	15
04A - PARKING ON A CORNER	13
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	12

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations October 2024
North Street - Swords	120
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	108
Church Road - Malahide	73
Main Street - Swords	72
Strand Street - Skerries	61
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	58
South Strand Skerries	55
Coast Road - Malahide	52
The Green - Malahide	49
Harbour Road - Skerries	46

Burial Ground Services

There were 126 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during October 2024.



Kellystown Burial Ground

The Architects Department appointed the contractor in August 2024 to carry out the works on Kellystown Graveyard capital project. Due to an unforeseen delay, the contractor is due to commence work on site at the end of November. Contracts are due to be signed week ending 6th December, with a view to commence works in due course.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **New Road Markings**



Swords – Ashton Broc Estate – Double Yellow Lines installed at Castleview



Swords - Fingallians/Estuary Roundabout R132 Bypass – Yellow Box installed to aid traffic flow westbound.

- **Balbriggan/Swords North**

R122, Newtown- Vehicle Activated Signage

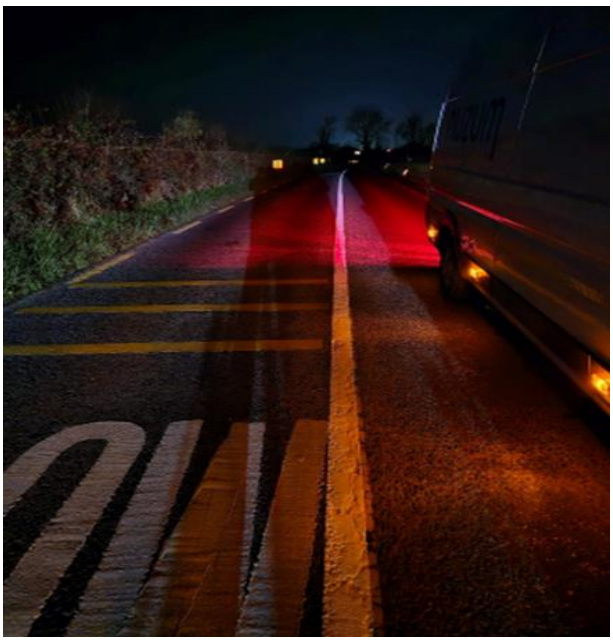




Balscadden- Road Markings and Traffic Calming Ramps Works

Castleknock/Mulhuddart

- **Signage & Lining**



Road markings installed on the R149

- **Traffic Calming – Flashing speed reader**



Newly installed driver feedback sign on the Ongar Distributor Road.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

88 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/11/2024 to 25/11/2024, engaging 20 suppliers.

Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Hartstown Park; Hartstown;
- Forest Road, Swords;
- Blackwood Lane to R124, Malahide;
- Meadowbrook Lawn Baldoyle;
- Rusheeney View, Mulhuddart;
- Barnageeragh Road Skerries;
- Castlelands, Balbriggan;
- Clonard Street, Balbriggan;
- Balrothery Village;
- Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart;
- Park Road; Rush;
- Ridgewood Park, Swords;
- Porterstown Road phase 3, Castleknock;
- St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown;
- Laurel Lodge Green, Castleknock;
- Downside Park, Skerries

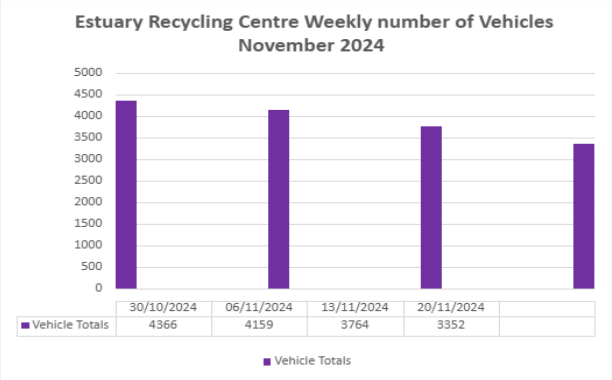
POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

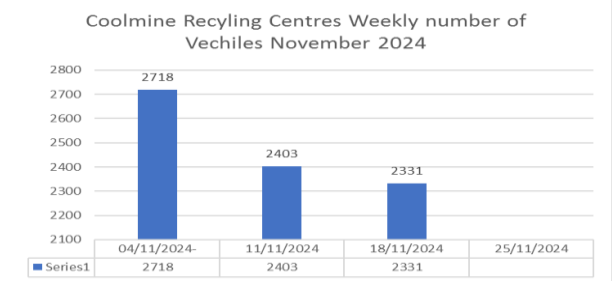
- Baldoyle Greenway Baldoyle (supply upgrade);
- Caves Strand Malahide;
- Drumnigh Road Portmarnock;
- Red Square Portrane

Recycling Centres Update

The current charges for use of the recycling centres were applied by the Council in 2012. Operations have carried out a review of the charges at Estuary and Coolmine Recycling Centres and the increasing deficit which now stands at €1.8m for 2024. This is a 54% increase in deficit since 2018. Increased charges will be applied for use of the facility in 2025.

Information on the increased charges will be brought to each Area Committee. Additional income is required to cover staffing, minor contracts, security and extension of opening hours.



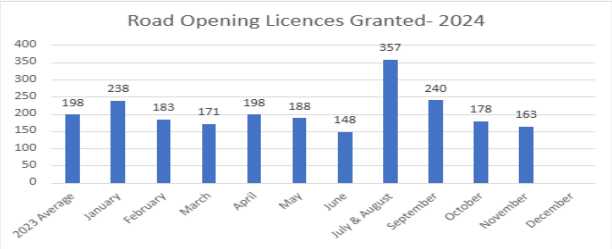


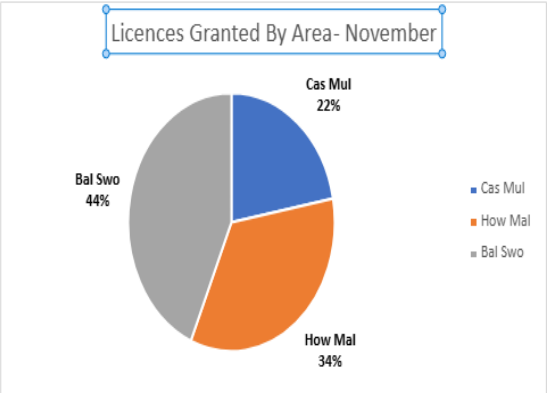
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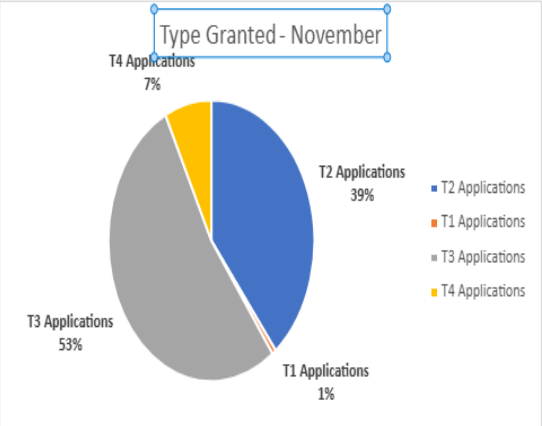
- Road Opening Licenses

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.

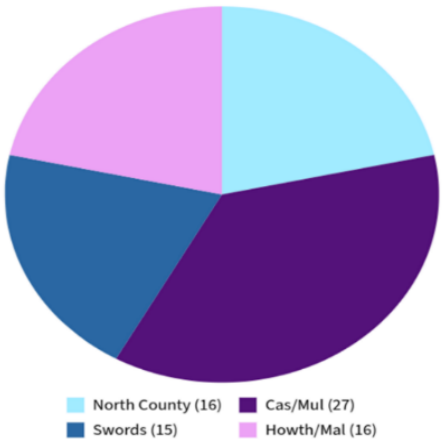
163 Licences were granted in the months of October**, 60% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 77 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

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- **Casual Trading License**

Fingal County Council have a total of 37 valid Casual Trading Applications for the 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

3 more additional applications are currently being processed. Refunds have been issued to two businesses who are no longer operating.
Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

- **Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets**

A total of 42 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further one currently been processed.

The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. To date in 2024 a total of 25 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out to date in 2024.

There are several temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets which were to be removed at the end of September 2024 will now be removed after 31st December 2024. Street Furniture Licences associated with the parklets will now be extended to this date.

The Operations Department will make provision in the 2025 draft revenue budget for footpath buildouts to commence in January 2025 to continue to facilitate outdoor dining where feasible. These will be considered where requested and deemed suitable in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. A GPR survey has been undertaken and detailed design is due for completion for WPB.

- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. 30 Nr Precast concrete anchor blocks were delivered in October and procurement/delivery of other materials is ongoing. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Minor works crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



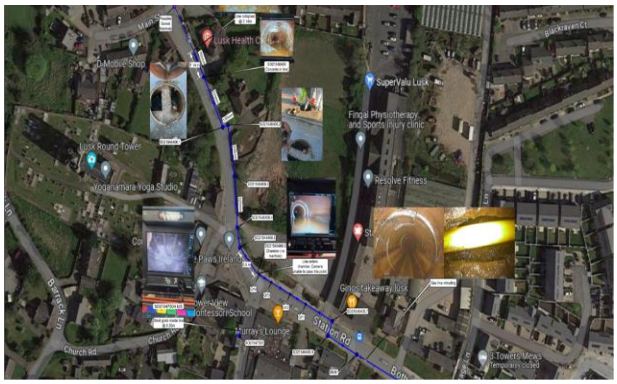


- **Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension**

Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2021. Discussions were ongoing with landowners to complete phase 2. Unfortunately, it was not possible to reach an agreement with all the impacted landowners and other options are now being pursued. GPR and utility surveys and Slit trenches were completed to prove a new route for the pipeline. Design is complete, materials have been procured and work scheduled to start in late November. Phase 2 will consist of 200m of pipework with associated manholes and road gullies.

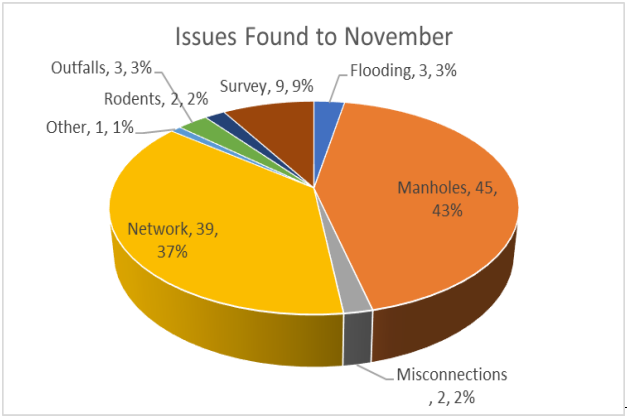
Lusk Network Remedial Works

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover.
Direct Labour crews have completed the first tranche of repairs on localised damaged pipelines. The next phase of these works is planned for January of 2025. Site investigation works will take place at the junction of Main Steet, Station Road and Dublin Road to identify the location of existing services. Once complete these surveys will inform a finalised design drawing for the area. The works will include alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. The main phase works will start shortly. A road closure and traffic management designs have been submitted and are currently being reviewed.



- **Storm Water Maintenance**

Maintenance of the network and much of the capital works programme is generated by inspections which are tabulated on a Works Planner. The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



- **Storm Water Connections:**

21 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

➢ **Networks**

Swords

Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, a Contractor was engaged and has completed 75% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. This will be complete in early December.



A contractor has been appointed to carry out a road reinstatement outside the **Forty-Four Hotel,** scheduled for December. Works will also include the raising and replacement of two ancillary manhole cover and frames.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont – CCTV surveys were carried out in May in the Chalfont area of Malahide to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall. These surveys are now complete, and a number of distinct work packages have been developed for project costing and planning.







Ballyboughal

Following reports of road flooding, a section of stormwater network just off the R108 outside Ballyboughal village was surveyed. A large amount of silt and root build up was identified. A contractor was procured and these works were completed in November.



Dublin 15

Surveys are being carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mullhuddart and & Damastown to determine the condition of the networks in these areas and determine the cause of blockages and overground road flooding.

➢ Assets

Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A contractor has been engaged to replace covers along Howth main Street and Swords areas.

- Underground Stormwater storage Assets

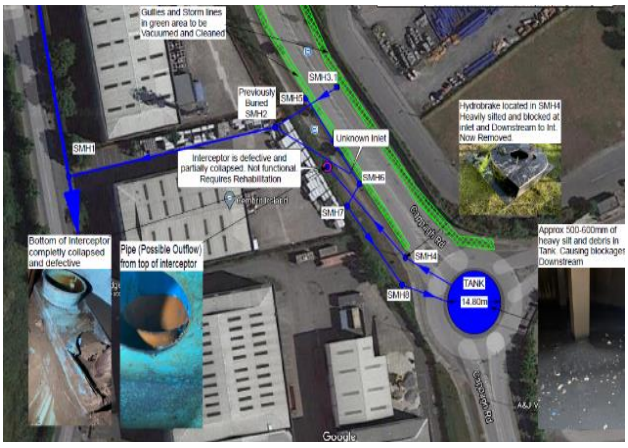
Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets has begun county wide. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of a system currently employed to manage storm water on new developments.



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Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

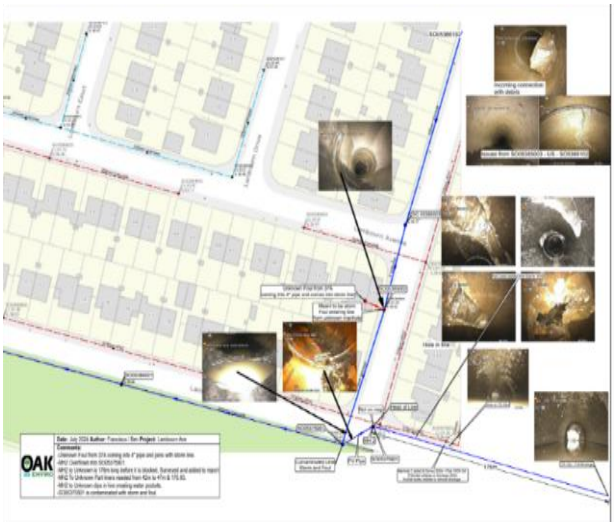
An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. A contractor has been engaged to undertake surveys and cleaning of two tanks as a pilot exercise to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



➢ Water Quality

Lambourne Road

While conducting surveys in this area during an operation to identify the source of malodours an unmapped Stormwater line was identified and the route of this needs to be confirmed by additional dye testing.



- **Underground Stormwater storage Assets**

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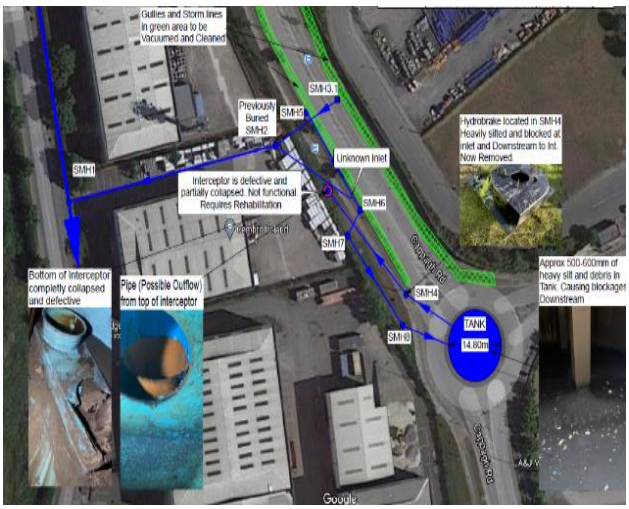


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Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. Quotations have been sought from specialised contractors to conduct cleaning, mapping and conditions surveys. It is hoped these surveys will inform any future maintenance programmes for SUDs devices of this type.



PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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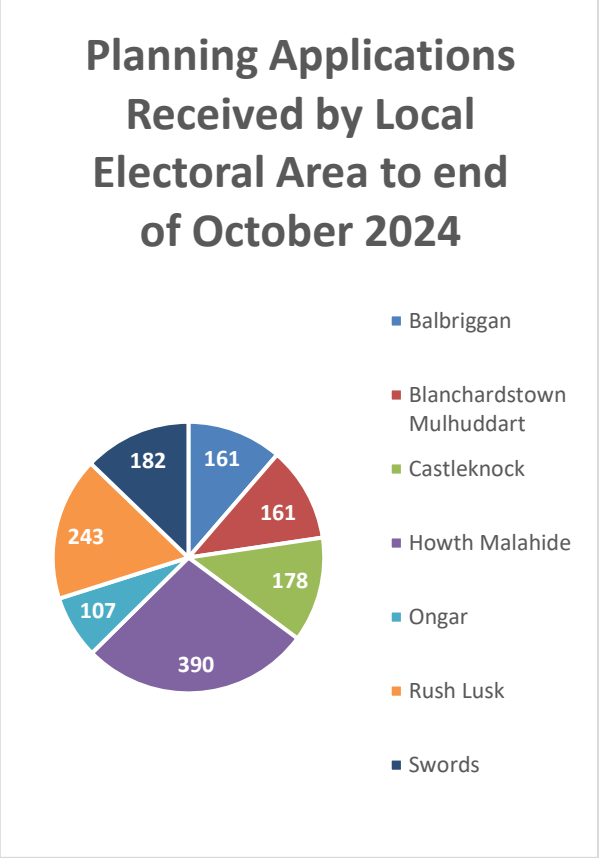
There have been 1422 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024. This is including 547 E applications via the LGMA portal. 113 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1309 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024 there have been 11 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024, 15 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 15 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 3 decisions have been made to refuse permission and three requests for Further Information has been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024, this decision was to refuse permission.

Planning Decisions

A total of 1179 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024. There have been 872 decisions to grant permission and 192 refusals of permission.



Building Control Admin

In October 2024, there were 153 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 56 Commencement notices, 30 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 25 Fire Safety related Certificates and 41 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 the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.
The Building Control Admin team processed 34 decisions in October 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 10 decisions to grant and 201 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans. The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack Industrial Estate and the Old School House Clonsilla Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown Little and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Draft Flemington LAP was published on the 10th of September and a public consultation event was held in Flemington Community Centre on Wednesday the 18th September. Public consultation concluded on the 22nd of October and the Chief Executive's report on submissions received has been prepared. The Draft Flemington LAP will go before the meeting of Fingal County Council on the 9th of December for the consideration of the Elected Members.

The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is being finalised ahead of public consultation and work continues in relation to the preparation of the Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan.

Preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land which is subject to RZLT.

On the 1st of February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft map for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time. 37 no. submissions were received by the closing date (1st April 2024). All submissions received were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The local authority was notified of 25 no. appeals to An Bord Pleanála following determination of the submissions and all appeal decisions have now issued from the appeals board.

The annual final map of land in scope for RZLT will be published on the 31st of January 2025.

The annual draft map for 2026 will be published on the 1st of February 2025.

Built Environment Division



- There were 2 estates taken in charge in November council meeting (Willans Estate in Ongar and Lilys estate in Ongar).
- There are 6 estates up for taking in charge in December 2024

1. Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnocks Bay),Station Road, Portmarnock.
2. Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
3. Oak Park, Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy.
4. Ongar Village, Dublin 15,
5. Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
6. Heathfield Estate, The Ward, Dublin 15.

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in November 2024 (so far). There are a total of 104 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



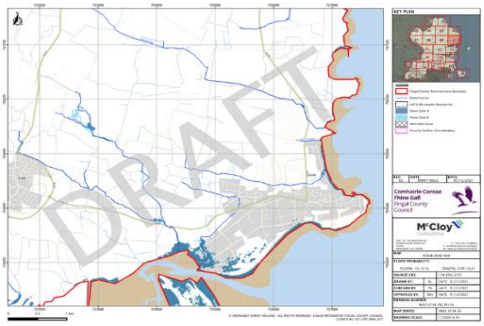
Measuring level landing for wheelchair access in front of doorways in Dublin 15.



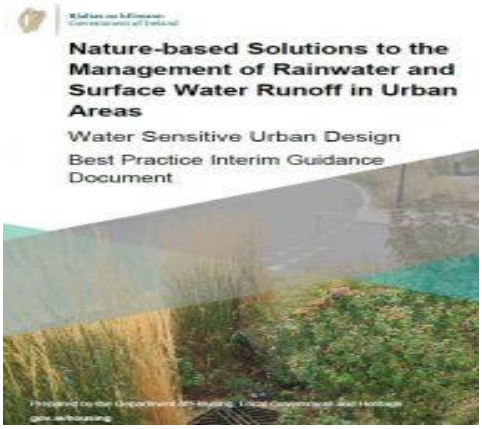
Checking insulation and Access walkway in a loft in Balbriggan

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of tenders for Surface Water Management Plans to inform Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.



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.

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Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

Following installation of public lighting and landscaping the active travel route through the underpasses opened during November 2024. It is intended that the active travel route into Waterville Park will open during the latter part of Q4. The contractor has reached substantial completion on the project and is carrying out snagging.





PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing is continuing during Q4 along the length of the scheme. Installation of ducting, watermains, sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will continue during Q4. At Barnwell roundabout wearing course surfacing will be completed in December. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South early in 2025 following surfacing works. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings.

Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed.

Meetings continue to be held with the various departments of Fingal County Council. A projects coordination workshop meeting is scheduled for early December with various departments of Fingal County Council and stakeholders for an overview of all projects which may be on site over the next 5 years in Swords, and to gather feedback in relation to them.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure will be undertaking analysis on how these projects, and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required.



CCTV Drainage

The CCTV drainage survey has been undertaken by IGSMcBreens and the works were completed in October. The CCTV videos and photos now can be shared with key departments and stakeholders, as needed. The survey includes a Map of the manholes in DWG format to facilitate the view.

GI Works

The GPR survey, FWD pavement survey and Geo Spatial survey have completed all paths and off-road survey work. GI's intrusive works have completed the works in October with 38 excavations carried out.

The lab results are in progress and are expected in early December.

These survey Investigations will inform underground utilities, making the detailed design process more accurate, as well as reducing risks at the construction stage.

The design team is actually reviewing the survey results and no substantial changes have been necessary so far.

SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage.

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and stayed in the market until 10/10/2024. All the clarifications received were all responded by the project team. The closing date for submissions has now passed and a total of 8 submission tender were received. The project team has been assessing these 8 tender responses in November and are holding a final meeting on 27/11 in order to select the tenders for the second stage of the procurement process. Following this meeting response letters will be drafted in December and issued once a CE Order is drafted and signed.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx. 95% completed which consists of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan.



Works continue at the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout with construction of the stone walls approximately 70% complete.

The trees have been installed in the tree pits provided throughout the scheme. Works for the upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park are progressing. The road resurfacing works have commenced on the Dublin Road Roundabout.





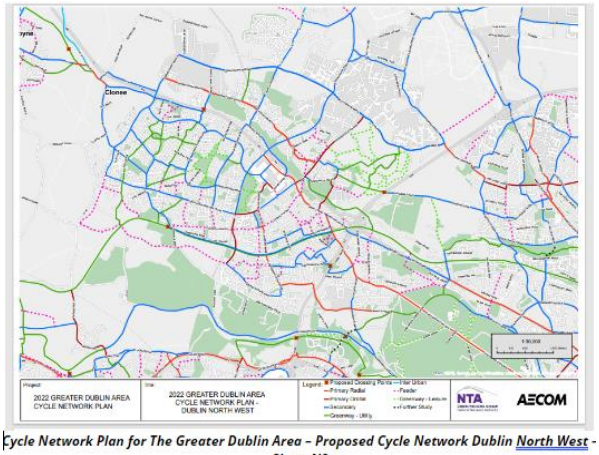
The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street continue. The road resurfacing and the blacktop for the cycle path on the approach to the junction have been completed. Project works are scheduled to be substantially complete in December.



To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council. A video of the latest drone footage has been added to the website.

Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently signed a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 area.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects https://www.fingal.ie/news/council-sign-contract-consultancy-framework-dublin-15-pedestrian-cycling-projects

PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertaken phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, adjacent to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only.

This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

On 24 October, a meeting with Fingal County Council and Consultants RPS took place on site to discuss some details of the project, such as route options and possible constraints. Below, some photos taken at the meeting:



View of the Granard Bridge towards Castleknock



View of the Granard Bridge and the existing underpass

The outline project programme for this project will be developed by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 beginning first. Then moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project.

Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives.

This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. No alternations are proposed to these existing junctions only to tie into the existing junction's infrastructure.

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.

Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council

PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

Fingal County Council have been working on the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and tender documentation for the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route are currently being finalised for tender under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

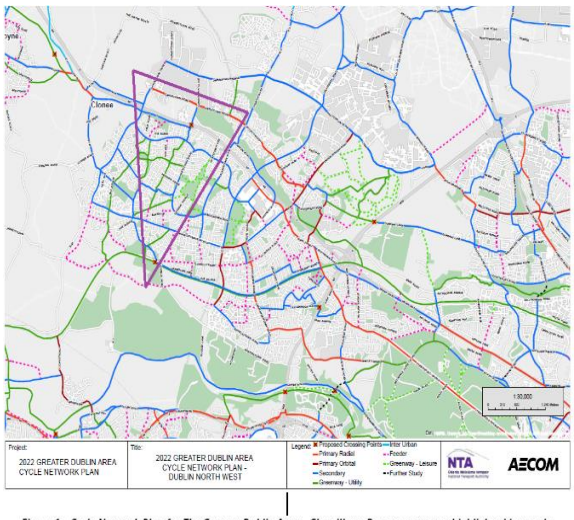


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and requires the need to hold additional meetings with all the relevant key stakeholders to agree a revised design in lined with the new National Cycling Manual.

These meetings will continue over the coming month to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design which compiles with the new cycling manual is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Irish Rail have been contacted and the changes to the bridge crossings that form part of the permitted DART+ West project are being assessed with additional discussions to be held with Irish Rail consultants soon to determine their impact on the greenway and the design drawings which are being updated as required.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation are now being reviewed for issue. An initial meeting has been held in relation to the landownership maps.

The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings have been received and are under review. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. Ground Investigation Works have been complete along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed and the design for these structures is progressing. A tree survey has been completed and we are awaiting the final report.

Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised, and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Artist visual of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. The letter of acceptance has been issued and the consultant has begun conducting the information gathering process required to complete the detailed design process.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has commenced the procurement process for a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. Tender submissions have been received and following evaluation of the tender submission, the letter of acceptance will be issued.

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens.

These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.
A non-statutory public consultation is imminent for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock route. The aim is to progress swiftly from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy section of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project at a later date.

Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas.
Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland and Eirgrid continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Construction of the main estuary bridge is complete. Security fencing is being installed along the Southern Causeway. A design workshop was held on the 20th of November and attended by the NTA, IÉ, RPS and FCC. Design options for the Northern Causeway, which meet the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway were discussed. A further workshop is scheduled for 17th December. Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue. The SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts was published on 22nd October. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete. It is expected that the full greenway will be complete in 2026.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



New estuary bridge and ramps looking southwards towards Malahide.

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout and the installation of 670m of high-quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity, are substantially complete as of 11th October.

There are snags to be addressed with is a normal part of any construction contract. A one-year defects period has commenced as of 11th October. A daytime and night-time Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was carried out on 17th October.

All material has now been removed from the site and the area within the redline boundary and adjacent lands has been returned to the original ground level. Surveys were carried out to verify completion of this task. FBEL, the contractor for the works, is demobilising from the site compound in advance of GEM, the contractor for the housing, moving in on 4th November.



Southbound segregated cycle track and new ramp on Wellview Road

Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the 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.

An Bord Pleanála recently approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire third party lands necessary to widen the path and deliver this much needed road enhancement project.

The project team is engaging with affected landowners and working to finalise the detailed design so that a contractor can be procured to carry out the project works next year while the local schools are on their summer holidays.

Separately, Priority Construction Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, has completed work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. A new footpath has been built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath provides a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station. The project also delivered drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps, signage, new stone walls and hedges for residents, and several new trees planted in nearby green areas, resulting in a more pleasant public space and a safer environment for all road users. Feedback from local residents has been very positive.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. A haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway has been installed and a site compound has been set up to facilitate the main construction works which are currently getting underway. Temporary fencing has been installed to define the works area. Railway track monitoring has been installed under night-time railway possession. Piling has been installed to allow for construction of abutments on either side of the railway. These abutments will take the weight of the bridge beams when they are installed under night-time railway possession after the Christmas break.

Kalwall parapets will be installed thereafter. Following ancillary works such drainage, public lighting etc., it is expected that works on the bridge will be completed in March 2025.



Image of the works site east and west of the railway from the camera installed to capture the works.

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;

Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;

A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;

7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction

Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan aresppointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddard interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. A topographical survey was carried out during recent months to aid the design. Also, some traffic surveys are being carried out to allow for modeling of the traffic flow. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge

Improvement works to the existing Railway Bridge/Overpass which will ultimately connect Drumnigh Manor (to the west of the railway line) with Saint Marnocks Bay (to the east) will facilitate a safe and direct walking and cycling route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via Saint Marnocks Bay Development. The detailed design for the bridge has been issued to Irish Rail's Technical Approval team for their review. This will feed into the required Bridge Agreement. Discussions are ongoing with the developers on either side of the bridge to advance the required access agreements.

Once the agreements/licenses are finalised, construction will follow.



Heritage Officer



The Drumanagh Fig

An important element of the Digging Drumanagh project is post-excavation. As part of this process, what was thought to be a gnarly apple was identified by our archaeobotanist Prof. Meriel McClathcie as a fig. Figs could easily be transported in a dried state, and they were symbolic because of their strong association with Roman culinary culture. Dating back 2000 years the fig is without parallel in Ireland and is by far the oldest example of an exotic fruit found here.

The story of the Roman fig at Drumangh has caught people's imagination and has been featured in media around the world-Brazil, Argentina, Britain, Norway, India, Germany, France, Malaysia and across the USA.





Drumanagh Day

Sharing the results of the post-excavation process is another important strand of the Digging Drumanagh project. The Millbank Theatre, Rush was packed for the Drumanagh Day 2024, where specialists shared the results of their work so far. Alex Croom from Arbeia Roman Fort discussed the five different types of Roman pottery recovered; Siobhan Duffy looked at diet and economy; Dr Conor Brady reviewed the flint finds; Christine Baker, site director gave an overview while Prof. Meriel McClatchie shared her fig discovery and Prof. Gabriel Cooney, UCD steered the lively end discussion.

Digging Drumanagh also features as the Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107, copies of which are freely available from Rush Library, or directly from the Heritage Officer.





BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project-Phase 2

Phase 2 of the project has been completed. The project explores, records the traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices that surround how we produce and consume food. Food memories, photos, and recipes from the community are shared on our digital map and a framework document for further phases of the project has been formulated.

Lesson plans and food trees have been developed for primary schools and the second of our videos focusing on the walled gardens of Ardgillan Castle was filmed by FCC Digital Officer Mark Broderick. To see all and access links go to https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage







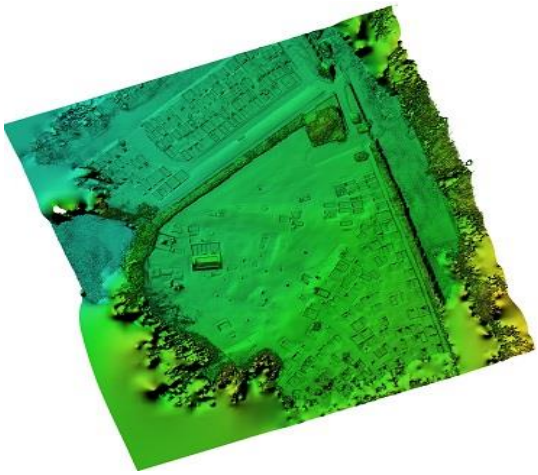


Fingal Oral Heritage Audit

Fingal's first audit of oral heritage recordings has been completed. A total of 676 recording items were identified, consisting of both long and short form interviews and recordings, with an estimated 750 interviewees from the Fingal area. The latter relates to thirty-five collections, with thirty-two holding institutions or collection holders.

Fieldwork research at the National Museum of Northern Ireland, led to the discovery of a significant and little-known collection of seven sound recordings made in Fingal, as part of the Tape-Recorded Survey of Hiberno-English Speech (TRSHES) between 1972 and 1981. Outreach included an interview with TG4. The report can be downloaded from https://www.fingal.ie/HeritageandConservation/fingal-audit-oral-heritage-recordings





Community Monuments Fund 2025

The Community Monuments Fund 2025 is currently open. Funding which is 100% is prioritised for owners, custodians, communities and local authorities for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. The impact of climate change is increasingly evident and maintenance and repair is the key to building resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of a changing environment. Details and applications forms are available at https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0

The fund is administered by the Heritage Office for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Grants:

Recoupment of the County Heritage Plan grant totalling €37,500 received by the Heritage Office from the Heritage Council has been made. The grant was to support the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and included the following projects;

- Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage, Phase 2
- Fingal Traditional Skills 2024
- Fingal Oral Heritage Audit
- Fingal Gravestone Recording-Mulhuddart and St Margarets Graveyards



Recoupment has been made of the grants made by the Community Monuments Fund 2024 for Fingal, totalling €405,639.75.

Stream 1 (Works)

- €120,000 St Columba's Towers, Swords Phase 3
- €120,000 Lanistown Castle
- €110,904.75 Balrothery Tower House

Stream 2 (Surveys, Plans)

- €24,785 St Fintan's Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.
- €29,950 St Doulagh's Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.

HOUSING

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Fingal County Council continues to roll out a number of affordable housing schemes across the county. Following on from recent information evenings, a further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team in Q1 2025 in the North County area. Further information will follow.

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council is making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County. We have a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. We continue to work through the application and assessment process with applicants across all available schemes.

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	20
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57

Upcoming Schemes:
Fingal County Council in partnership with Glenveagh Homes Ltd will be delivering 112 two and three bed affordable homes in Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year.

Fingal County Council will also be delivering 151 units in Mooretown (Báile Na Mona), Swords. The tender stage has recently concluded.

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



We are delighted to report that all of our Balleally Rise Affordable Homes have now Sale Agreed.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 – SALE AGREED/CLOSED



The sales of 33 no. of the Kilmartin Grove Properties are now closed with the remaining 3 no. properties due to close in the coming weeks.

Church Fields, Dublin 15 – ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 90 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

The next phase of 110 affordable homes will start on site this year.







Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 45 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed for new applications.



North County Homes – SALE AGREED

All 16 North County Homes have all gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.





Hayestown, Rush – SALE AGREED

51 homes are sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks.



Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 – PORTAL CLOSED

44 of the 57 homes in Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 are now sale agreed, with assessments for the remainder still ongoing. **The application portal has now closed.**



Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The application portal opened on June 4th, 2024 and is still open for new applications. 35 of 96 homes are now sale agreed with assessments continuing for the remaining properties.





Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is actively engaging with various homebuilders for opportunities to collaborate on turnkey developments suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	371
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	256
Planning and Design	376
Part V	866
TOTAL	1,869

Delivered units

6 Homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 through Part V.



9 Social Turnkey homes delivered in Balleally Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin.



Schemes on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Nine units have been completed, and restoration works have commenced on the final five units.



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings

Works are progressing on site for the delivery of 10 social homes and artist studio.



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Seatown Road, Swords – 36 dwellings

Works for the delivery of 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords have begun. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for Swords Cultural Quarter.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes on a site at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year. These will be a mixed tenure scheme of social and affordable homes.



Church Fields, Dublin 15

On behalf of Fingal County Council, GEM Construction have commenced the construction of 40 social housing units at Church Fields, Dublin 15. These 40 units are being developed as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 social, affordable and cost rental homes.



Fingal County Council recently signed contracts for the delivery of a further 217 homes as part of Phase 3B, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, it will include 107 social and 110 affordable units.



Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh are constructing 87 social housing units as part of this mixed tenure development. Social homes will be delivered on phased basis with the first homes expected before the year end.



Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Works are reaching completion across the county, and recoupment claims will be submitted to DHLGH in the coming weeks.



Pre & Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors, Heat pumps, Attic Insulation and heating controls.

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	26th November 2024
In the letting process	54
Undergoing re-let repairs	43
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
TOTAL	**108**

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 Seamount, Malahide, Boroimhe, Swords and Dublin Street Flats, Baldoyle. Works are ongoing in Glasmore Park and St. Nessans estate and works will commence shortly in Rivermeade.



Before (L) & after (R) Grace O'Malley Estate

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 270 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4197 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.
The HAP team is 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 at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

The Rent Arrears team is 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 two Possession Orders with a further 12 Tenancies continuing through the court process in 2025. We have recently resolved two cases to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their arrears.
The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble 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 will take further action.

Housing Loans

- **Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)**

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a government-backed mortgage for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender.

Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan and loan terms are available for up to 30 years. The LAHL can be used to purchase new-build homes (including affordable homes); second-hand homes, self-build and for Council tenants wishing to purchase their home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Income Limit** – Single Applicant = 70,000 / Joint Applicants = 85,000
- **Employment** – 2 years continuous employment / if joint application with a second earner, second earner to be 1-year continuous employment
- **Residency** - legal right to live & work in Ireland & be habitually resident in Ireland
- Insufficient Offers of finance from 2 commercial lenders
- 10% Deposit – 3% to come from own resource savings
- Satisfactory savings record
- Fresh Start Principle

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie or by contacting the team by email at loans@fingal.ie

- **Local Authority Purchase & Renovation Loan (LAPRL)**

The Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan is a government-backed mortgage for the purchase and renovation of derelict and non-habitable homes. The property must be eligible for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, whether derelict, non-habitable or simply vacant.

Anyone wishing to purchase and/or renovate a Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant eligible home but cannot get sufficient funding from commercial lenders, can apply to Fingal County Council for a Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan.

Further information on the LAPRL & the eligibility criteria can be found at www.purchaseandrenovationloan.ie

- **Housing Loan Arrears**

Borrowers who are struggling to repay their housing loan are encouraged to contact the Mortgage Support Team at the earliest opportunity to examine & agree the best solution for them.
Various options are available to borrowers in mortgage arrears under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP). Failure to contact the Team will leave the Council with no option but to progress the matter further. The Mortgage Support team can be contacted by email loans@fingal.ie

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Some restrictions with regard the Council property type that can be sold apply. Tenants looking for further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria should contact the Tenant Purchase Section. For information, the Tenant Purchase team can be contacted by email at tenantpurchase@fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have released 2024 targets for inspection of private rented dwellings. The most recent RTB data available to the DHLGH, which includes private rental, AHB and, where appropriate, student-specific accommodation, indicates that the number of tenancies to be inspected by Fingal County Council in 2024 is 4,711. Currently, 5,213 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 556 inspections carried out in October. Of the 5,213 inspections, 4,700 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing List positions for 2024 were issued on 17th April for all social housing applicants with an active Social Housing Application. The list positions were issued through the CBL portal. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

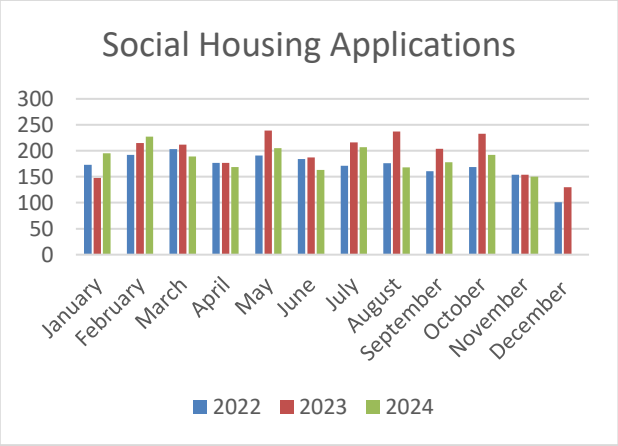
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

By Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023.

Housing applications received year to date.

January – 27th November 2024)	2,043
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051



Housing Support Appeals

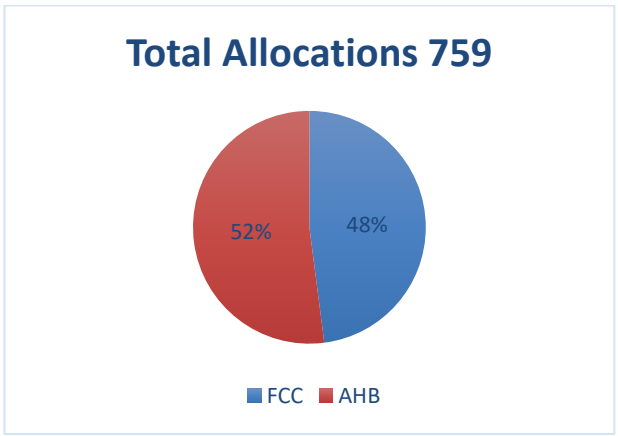
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Housing Needs Assessment

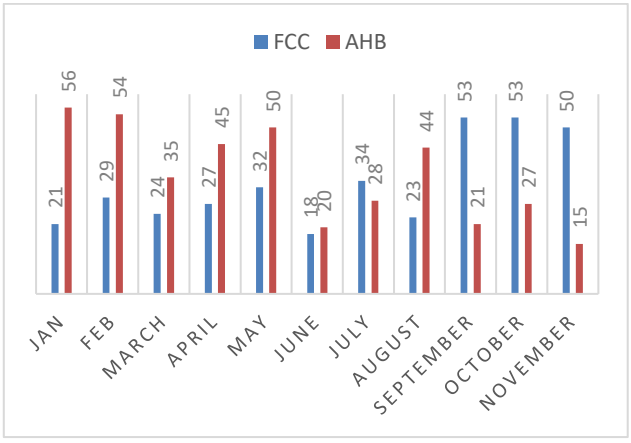
In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024. Letters were issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. The closing date for assessments to be returned was 18th October 2024.

Lettings

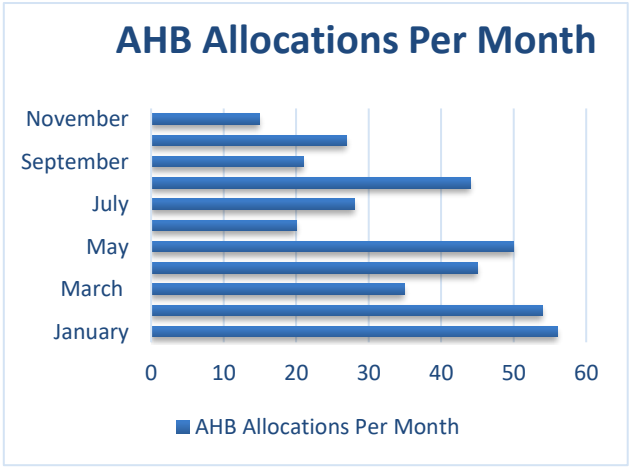


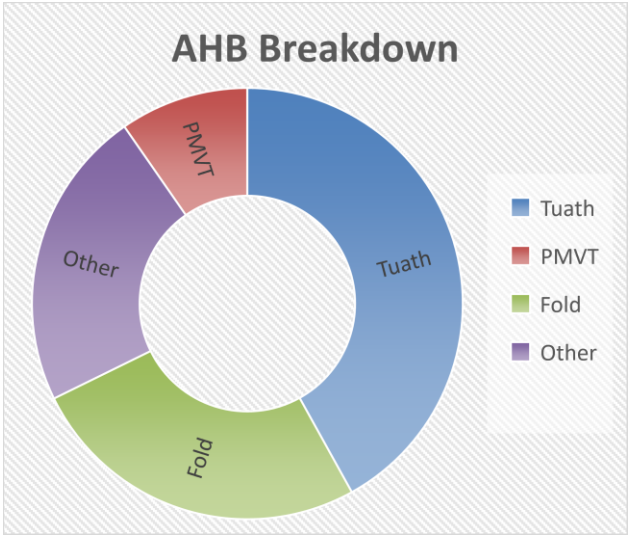
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



395 of the **759 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **364** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.





Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of November.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During November 2024, 31 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	6	7	13
Homeless Prevention	11	7	18
Total	17	14	31

There was a total of 18 homeless prevention cases and 13 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

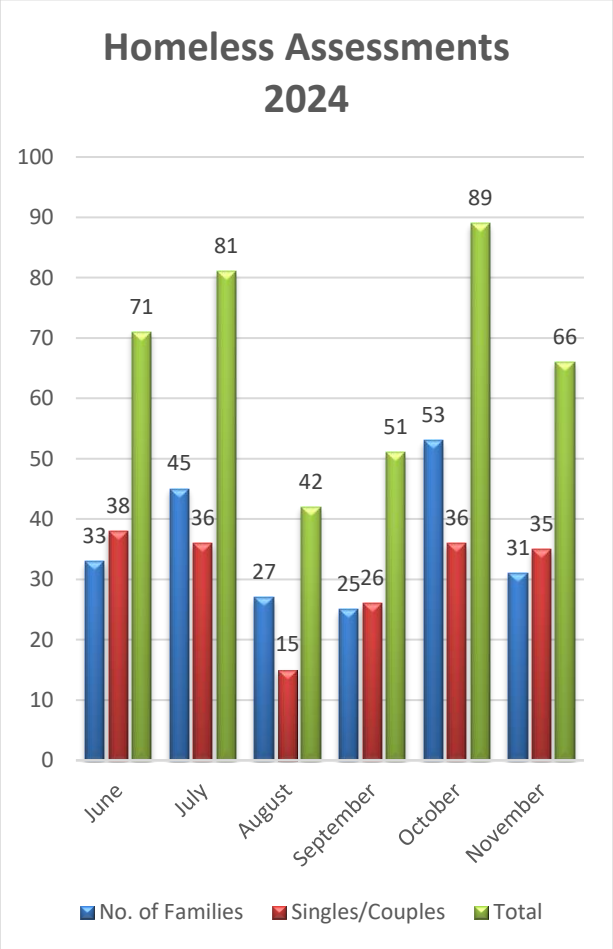
7 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 7 exited emergency accommodation and 6 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

17 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 6 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

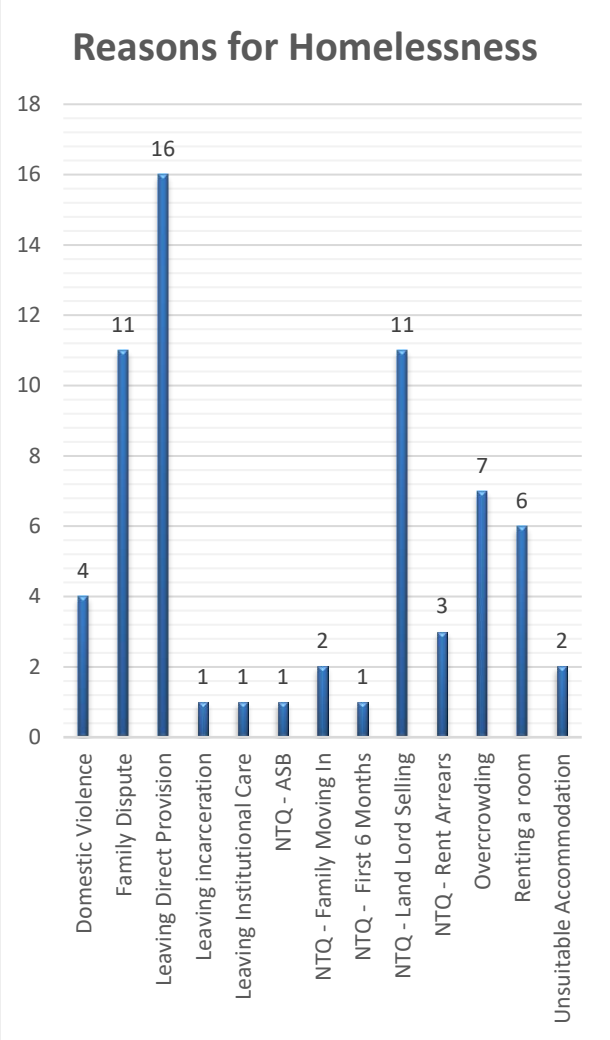
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In November 2024, there were a total of 66 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 31 families and 35 singles/couples.



During November 2024, of the 66 Homeless Assessments carried out, 27% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served.

Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from family/relationship breakdown (17%), renting a room (9%) and leaving Direct Provision (24%). The remaining 12% comprise various reasons outlined in 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 continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. 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 will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

There have been 97 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024. 26 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 1 other in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There is only 1 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (males) from the FIngal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy for 2024/2025 the DRHE has provided for a total new capacity of 192 permanent beds. There are an additional 104 beds that can be activated as part of the Extreme Weather Emergency Protocol for 2024/25 when a weather warning is triggered.

There is emergency accommodation available through the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and the DRHE along with our outreach providers will monitor the weather and likely changes to weather warnings over the coming days and activate extreme weather emergency accommodation as required.

The Dublin Region Outreach Service is working directly with rough sleepers from 7am to 1am daily and assists any individuals they meet to take up emergency accommodation.
We would also continue to ask the public for their assistance during this time to let us know if they come across someone sleeping rough on our website here or call 01 872 0185 or via our free app Dublin City Rough Sleeper Alerts available on both Apple & Android Platforms.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.
All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 16 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and three more are going through the nomination process.

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, 335 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 54 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 29 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 263 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 neighboring 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.

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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. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme 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 contact the landlord about the purchase of the 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.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing 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 Thursday - 9am to 5.00pm

Friday - 9am to 4.30pm

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone : 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024.

A copy of the programme is available at:

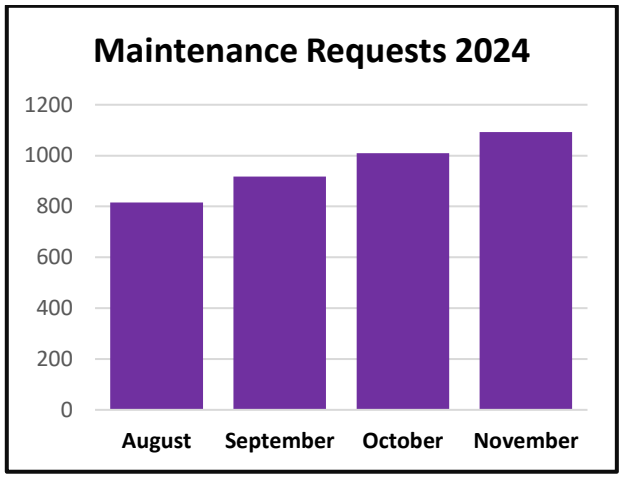
- The offices of Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- The offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin
- At all public libraries during normal opening hours

A copy of the programme is also available on the Council's website: - https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/traveller-accommodation-programme-consultation

Through the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029, the Council will endeavour to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller Community of the County.

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.

Housing Maintenance





Completed bathroom extension works under the DPG Scheme



New posts boxes recently installed at St. Mary's halting site have been vandalised.

Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Mulhuddart, Hollystown, Hollywoodrath, Cappagh, Santry, Rivervalley, Ballyboughal, Swords, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit.

Two Tenant Induction Courses were held in October in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall. It is proposed to hold a further 3 Tenant Induction Courses in the month of November.

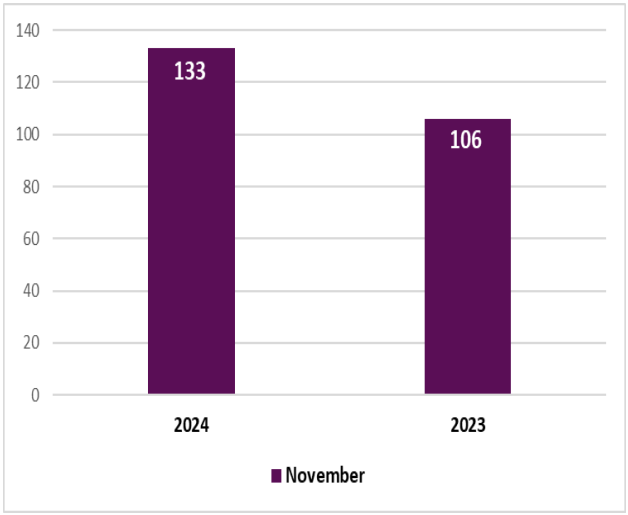
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints October 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	29	19	8	2
Rush / Lusk	15	11	3	1
Swords	8	3	2	3
Howth / Malahide	24	15	3	6
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	39	13	8	18
Ongar	7	2	0	5
Castleknock	11	0	4	7
Total	133	63	28	42

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2), September (3), October (3), November (7),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	**97**
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	**33**
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	**8**
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**1971**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report November 2024	**971**

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

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, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links:

www.gov.ie/ukraine

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9957c-designated-accommodation-centres-current-availability/

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meetings held on the 18th October 2024 and 2nd December 2024.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, taking into account Departmental guidance and the work of Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link: https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.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.

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** has commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024 , one of which came back into occupation in recent weeks. 31 vacant residential units in varying standard of condition identified in 2023 are either back in occupancy or advancing to occupancy through initiatives such as Compulsory Purchase Order, Buy and Renew scheme, SHIP or arising from general engagement with owners of vacant properties. This work is on-going and will lead to the further properties coming into occupancy.

In addition to the above, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict) with all areas of the County covered arising from the expansion of the scheme. The expansion of scheme also allows for a grant approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before this change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the applicant. 176 applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued increasing flow of new applications. In all 111 applications have been approved which equates to over €5.5m in funding. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently at the Carlton Hotel in Tyrellstown on the 12th September 2024 and other Local Authority Information stands such as at the opening of Meakstown Community Centre on the 16th November 2024.

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

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Recent Vacant Property Grant Approvals:







COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development Office

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 November/December the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

IPB Pride of Place Competition Awards 2024



The IPB Pride of Place is an all-Ireland competition that rewards the best in community development across the island of Ireland. Fingal County Council's dedication to community engagement was recognised, along with representatives from the Fingal community, when they won three awards at the 2024 IPB Pride of Place Awards held in Monaghan last month. The Council's award reflects Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to fostering and supporting community development in the county.

The other big winners on the night were the Community of Lusk, who won the overall award for best town with a population of over 5000, and Castleknock Community Centre, which was the runner-up in the category recognising inclusive communities. Fingal was also represented this year by the Sustainable Skerries group, which competed in the Climate Action and Biodiversity category.

Speaking after the awards, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, commended Fingal's Community Development Office for the ongoing commitment to supporting many groups over the years in preparing to represent Fingal in The Pride of Place awards, aptly summing up the experience and indeed the wider community development context in Fingal with the words "ní neart go cur le chéile" (there is no strength without unity).

Community Consultation Rush Town Centre First Plan



On Wednesday 20th November the Community Development Office engaged Rush residents and volunteers, in collaboration with the council's Town Centre Regeneration Office and Healthy Fingal, on a consultation using the Place Standards Tool.
Place Standards is a simple framework to structure conversations about the place people live in. The consultation gave residents an opportunity to think about the physical elements and social aspects of Rush to provide feedback, comments, and observations into the Town Centre First Plan.
The event included two walking tours through Rush, where participants could pinpoint assets in the area as well as areas for improvement. Post-workshop, questions from the Place Standard Tool have been distributed to members of the Rush community in the form of a survey which will help with research and data for the upcoming Rush Town Centre First Plan.

Swords Photographic Group Exhibition Launch



"Fingal in Focus" is the theme of the first photo exhibition by Swords Photographic Group which was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh. The exhibition was on display in the Atrium in County Hall, Swords throughout Fingal Inclusion week. A video display also exhibited the further photos. The group is growing and attracting new members since its move to a new location in the Peacocks Venue in Rivervalley. All that is needed is the camera on your phone to join in. This excellent exhibition, supported by the Community Development Office, displays many of the beautiful sites across Fingal.



Fingal Inclusion Week



The Community Development Office supported local groups in devising a fantastic programme of over 70 activities to celebrate the sixth annual Fingal Inclusion Week (11th to 17th November).

The week of events celebrated the extraordinary groups and services across Fingal working to address social inclusion and poverty.

Participating groups included the Dromheath Residents Association, Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival, Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community, Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club, Swords Tidy Towns, among others and also featured services such as Blanchardstown Centre of Independent Living, Balbriggan Integration Forum, and Fingal Libraries.

All events were free and provided a great an opportunity for local people to find out about local services , meet others and come try and join new activities in their communities.



Fingal Men's Sheds Celebrate Men's Health Month



As part of Fingal Inclusion Week 2024, Men's Shed groups throughout Fingal held a special collaborative event to mark Men's Health Month.

The event saw 50 invited Men's Shed members partake in a chair exercise class and listen to the wise words of celebrated author and journalist Michael Harding, who spoke about resilience through ageing.

The guests were also treated to music from groups who were part of Donabate and Swords' Men's Sheds.

Other groups represented by members on the day included Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Garristown, Balbriggan and Portmarnock.

The event was supported by the Community Development Office and was so successful it is set to become an annual event on the Fingal Men's Sheds calendar.

Lusk Community celebrate Pride of Place victory



The Community of Lusk joined together in celebration of their triumphant result at the IPB Pride of Place Competition at a community event in the Community Centre at St. Macullin's Primary School on Sunday 17th November.

The event began with opening speeches from Deputy Mayor Cllr J.K. Onwumerah, Minister of State Joe O'Brien and Fingal Pride of place liaison Officer Rafe Costigan who addressed the 120 Lusk community members and local representatives in attendance.

The event replicated the combined presentations given by Brian Arnold (Lusk Community Council), Lynne Barker (Lusk Action Group) and Mark Boland (Lusk Community Network made to the Pride of Place judges on the day. The event ended with refreshments and networking opportunities at the Lusk Cultural Centre in the town.

Facilities Management

Meakstown Community Centre Official Opening



On Saturday, November 16th, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, officially opened Fingal newest Community Centre in Meakstown. This event marked a significant investment by Fingal County Council in the area, which also included a public park, playgrounds, and the Bloom community garden. The local community turned out in large numbers to celebrate the opening, and enjoyed displays from local groups and an informative Fingal Village information hub with representatives from various departments across the council.

Meakstown Community Centre – Logo Launch





At the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, Mayor Brian McDonagh revealed a new logo designed by the Sunshiny Days Youth Group. This local youth group worked with a local artist, exploring themes like inclusion, identity, civic engagement, and community. The logo includes elements of the centre's unique shape, the nearby park, and Fingal's award-winning Bloom garden.

The project was commissioned by the community centre's board, which includes local residents, service providers, and members of the Fingal County Council's Community Development Office. The Mayor congratulated the young people involved and presented them with €200 vouchers to support their youth group. The logo, representing the centre's identity, will be used in all communications, marketing materials, staff uniforms, and social media into the future.



Changing Places Facility at Meakstown Community Centre



A further milestone was reached at the opening of the Meakstown Community Centre with the opening of The Changing Places facility now available in Meakstown Community Centre. This innovative facility has been registered with Changing Places Ireland to ensure suitability and correct specification has been met and includes specialist equipment such as a full room coverage ceiling hoist system, a height-adjustable adult sized changing bench, centrally located toilet to allow for assistance or transfer on both sides and a privacy screen.

Changing Places facilities are life changing and designed to support people in the community and those who care for them to have access to public toilet facilities that meet the more complex needs. Without these types of facilities, carers are forced to changed loved ones on the floors of existing facilities or make the decision not venture to public places at all due to lack of adequate facilities. We welcome the opening of this appropriate facility and are pleased to be able to provide a solution which assists in the development of inclusive communities in this area.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

After the success of the 2024 Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg Youth Conference, a meeting was held to give more information to young people who might like to join Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (FCNN, at which 20 young people attended. Once new members are established, the group will start to work on the newly chosen topic of School Stress & Education. Two young people from the group volunteered to take on the tasks associated with planning the Comhairle Na nÓg National showcase 2025.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal PPN were delighted to have a stand at the official opening of Meakstown Community Centre on 16th November where we got to connect with some of our members and reps.



Fingal PPN will run its second Linkage Group meeting of the year on Thursday 27th November where the PPN reps will be ratified on the 7 new Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees. The newly ratified members are due to attend their first meetings over the next couple of weeks. The theme of the Linkage Group meeting will be *"How to effectively bring a motion to the Council".*

Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

National Age Friendly Awards 2024



Fingal County Council's Age Friendly Office rose to the challenge of hosting over 300 guests at the 8th National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards on 7th November 2024 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry.

This is the first time that Fingal County Council has had the honor of arranging and hosting these awards which encompassed a multifaceted project led by the Fingal Age Friendly Programme Manager Cathrina Murphy and the National Age Friendly Shared Service Office.

The process commenced in Q2 2024 and following extensive shortlisting and site visits by the adjudicators, finally culminating on 7th November with a Fingal led gala event where category winners were announced.

These national awards are a recognition of the work of local authorities, service providers, businesses and community, services and voluntary groups in supporting older people in their community. From 176 submissions, Age Friendly Fingal were shortlisted for one of their initiatives "***Promoting Intergenerational Practice as a Tool to Empower Older People: From Project to Practice*".**

This initiative marks a transition from merely implementing intergenerational projects to embedding intergenerational practices into our work and promoting collaboration between younger and older individuals in both the design and execution of projects. Thus, ensuring that mainstreaming the advantages of intergenerational practice.

Fingal County Council was the first Council to offer accredited training in intergenerational practice for its community staff and partner organisations. Since then, successful, and sustainable initiatives such as 'Cricket4All', 'Across Borders and Generations', and the 'Balbriggan Intergenerational Project (BIP)' have been launched.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

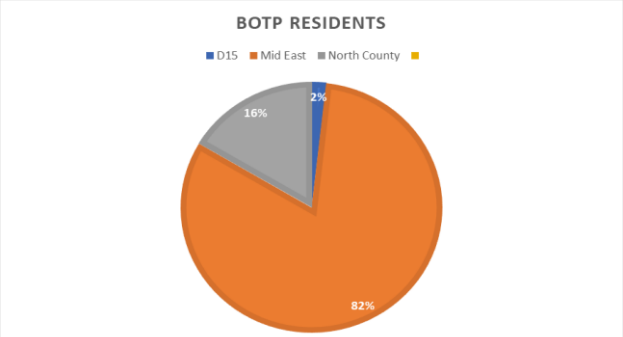
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

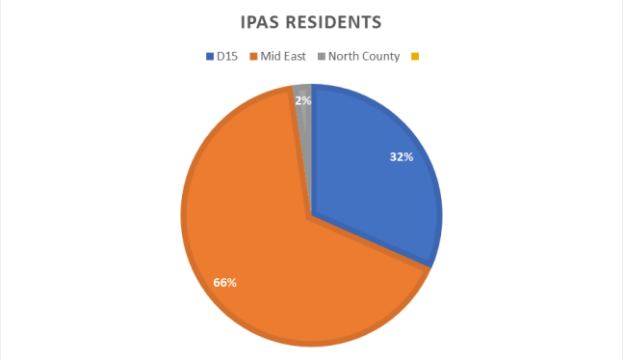
In November and December, the LAIT hosted clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). Issues arising from the clients presenting to the clinic have been raised with relevant stakeholders and at relevant group meetings, to effect improvements in service provision which is supported by the excellent working relationships staff have developed on the ground.

The following accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	9	58
Mid-East	412	1637
Dublin 15	83	782
Total	**504**	**2477**

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:





Connections Expo Event



On 23rd October, 26 agencies gathered to make "Connections" with the Ukraine (BOTP) residents of an accommodation centre, a significant cohort of whom are former unaccompanied minors who have "aged out" of the care system. The aim of the event was to showcase the diverse range of supports, services and activities available to them in the local area. 85 residents attended the bustling event and were joined by Mayor Cllr. Brian McDonagh and Deputy Chief Executive, Ethna Felten. This event was also a networking opportunity for statutory, community and voluntary staff working in the locality, these local connections form a cornerstone of interagency cooperation which is essential for a comprehensive approach in this area.

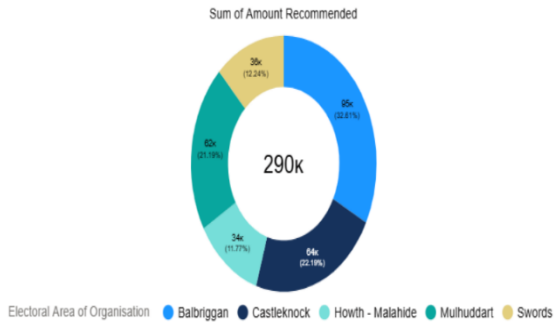
Inclusion Week - Building Bridges Exhibition

To commemorate Fingal Inclusion Week, the LAIT team were delighted to install the ***Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition*** in Blanchardstown Library. This Exhibition launched the National Anti-Racism Campaign as part of the Salaam Project. The medium of visual art has a powerful impact in creating understanding and awareness. A number of community groups expressed an interest in a guided tour of the exhibition and were facilitated by the team.



Funding

Community Activities Funding to 21st November 2024



€290,199 so far in 2024 has been awarded in Communities Activities Funding to **126 projects across Fingal.**

Howth Malahide – €34,155 (12%) – across 19 projects

Swords - €35,523 (12%) - across 18 projects

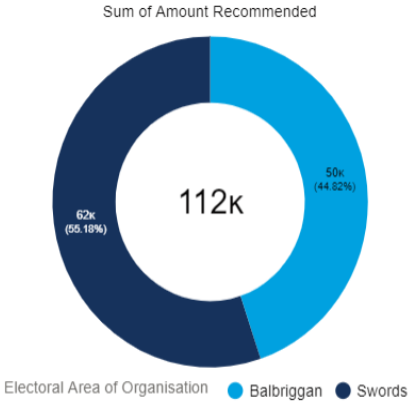
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €125,886 (43%) – across 50 projects

North County Balbriggan - €94,635 (33%) - across 42 projects

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office, involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community group to develop a local projects that respond to a local need or issues. For more information click here https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owner Remedial works Funding)



€112,224 so far in 2024 in Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **6 projects across Fingal.**

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects

Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works.

For more information visit https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 are substantially complete with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is close to completion with some outstanding lane separators to be installed close to Ministers Road. The periodic speed limit signs have been installed and are operational during the set times. An Garda Siochána traffic division have been active along the route, and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.

An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed once final bollards and road signs are complete. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

A final walk through of the project was conducted with the design consultant, main contractor, Active Travel project team and members of Fingal's Operation Department.

A final list of minor snags was generated which will be remediated in the coming days. On completion of these snagging works to FCC's satisfaction it is intended to hand over the completed project to Operations in the January.

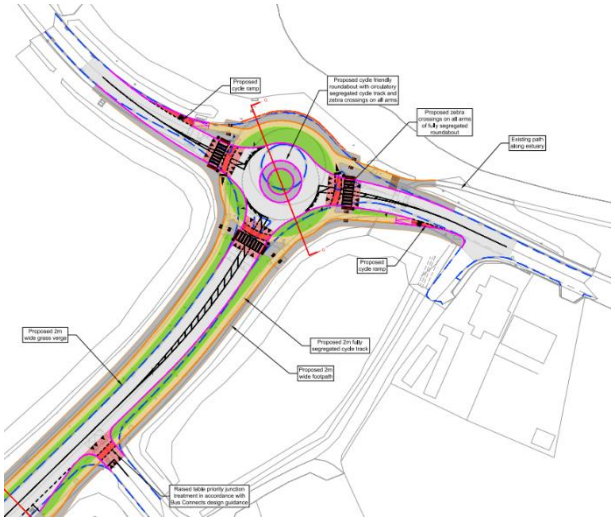






Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is liaising with the Design Team to finalise the gateway report for submission to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Project Team is liaising with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure.
The Design Team are currently preparing an options report with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Design Team are currently working with the Project Team to finalise an options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before handing over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor has been on site recently to address the snagging works and agree final account. The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the Contractor.

It is intended to commence the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing this in January.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network has been reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.

The brief and tender documents will now be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants to present these options to the public, select an option and for the preliminary design phase of the project.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents, as well as the timelines for publication of this tender, are currently being reviewed.

Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.

The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.

The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations and have been sent to the relevant Single Party Framework operator.

Negotiation with this operator are ongoing and once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.





Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

Topographical surveys have now been procured and instructed. Traffic surveys are currently being procured. The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.

The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction.

This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.



Proposed Feltrim Route

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a new signalised junction at Waterville which is now in construction. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back.

Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. A further site meeting was held with a representative from Meath County Council where this scheme will link with the Dunboyne to Clonee active travel scheme. A workshop was recently held with the NTA who provided feedback on the emerging preferred option. Gateway approval has now been granted to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence and environmental screening is underway.

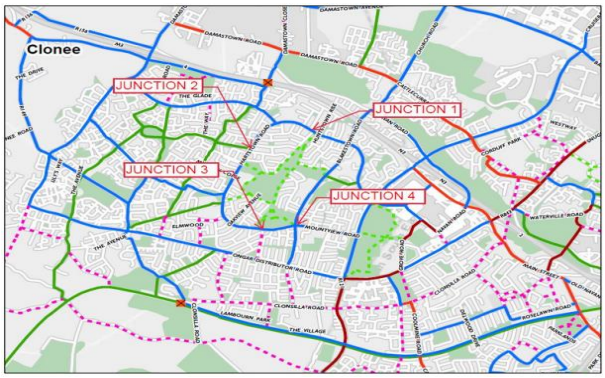
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-statutory public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been collated and reviewed. There have been a number of changes to the preliminary design due to the submissions received. A public consultation report will be published in the coming weeks with these changes and it is intended be brought to the BMCO area committee in December.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for several of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible.

Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.





Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery

A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.

The Consultant has developed a draft plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan.

An internal stakeholder meeting was held, and the emerging draft plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.

Skerries Active Travel Plan . The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys. The information collected and collated as part of the public consultation will guide the team with the initial concepts and ideas for Skerries Active Travel Plan. We are planning to have our initial concepts and ideas prepared before the Christmas break so that we can engage with the local representatives and present the concepts.

The initial baseline report has been completed. Traffic and Parking surveys will be conducted in the final week of November. These will feed into the generation of the initial long list of projects.

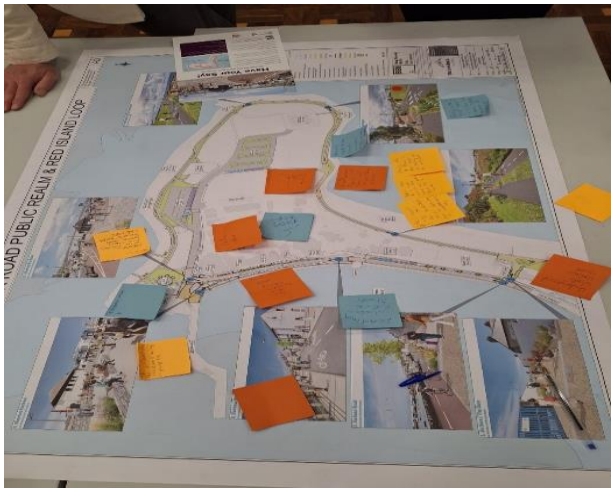
Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop: This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultants to assist with the non-statutory stakeholder engagement and help manage a number of local engagement events and workshops with residents, businesses and other local groups throughout September.



Feedback received from the stakeholders has been reviewed and considered by the project team which has resulted in some changes and amendments in the overall design.

The team are working to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation.

The Consultation process was well received and proved a very informative process for everyone involved including the wider community.





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.

Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

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:
A tender assessment report is currently being finalised having received a number of tender submissions for the construction of the project. Following successful completion of the tender assessment process, it his envisaged that a contractor will be appointed by the end of Q4 2024. Works on the project will commence soon after subject to availability of the successful contractor.

Rush South Beach:
The project team and the Integrated Design Team have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners over the coming weeks. We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:
Works are complete at this connectivity piece which provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123.

This provides a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123.



Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:
Dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route between the Summit Inn and Bus Stop 567. This work has been completed.





Offington, Howth:
Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided. The works and snagging are now complete.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure
The contractor has completed works associated with the installation of five bicycle parking stands (providing 10 bicycle parking spaces) at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin.



A number of locations across the county are being reviewed to increase the number of bicycle parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords in the coming weeks.

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Safe Routes to School
Round 1 – Tranche 1
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
All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS
All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School
All works are complete for this project.

Round 1 – Tranche 2
The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract is making great progress at each of the four 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.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart
Works are substantially complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space and ducting has been installed for new public lighting. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and new pencil bollards are in place just in time for the school opening.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

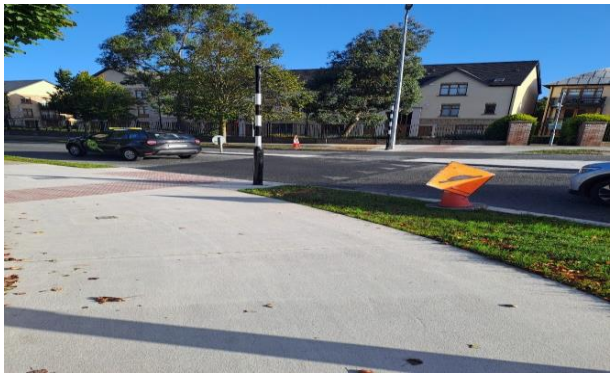
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin which the contractor expects to complete in the coming weeks, weather permitting.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works are complete at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings have been installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Round 2

An Taisce have 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 is working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush earlier this year. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school have now been constructed.

The upgrade to the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works will improve the safety measures for vulnerable road users in the area. Together these upgrades will reduce traffic speeds in the school area.
The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during December with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after Christmas.

Scoil Chormaic CNS Balbriggan:

Contractor has completing works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Scoil Chormaic CNS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also included the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.





Balscadden National School:
Our Contractor has completed works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Balscadden NS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also include the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.
In addition new public lighting has been provided to ensure adequate lighting of crossing location.
The approach road has been resurfaced with an increase in the size of the Set Down area to improve the efficiency of movement through the area in the mornings and afternoons.
This has been a welcome improvement for the school and local community.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Staff Bike Maintenance Workshops
In November we held two bike maintenance classes for staff, 1 in the Civic Offices and 1 in Swords Castle. The sessions were well attended and gave the participants valuable skills for keeping their bikes on the road. Thanks to the Rediscovery Centre for facilitating the workshops.



Staff Lunch & Learn: Winter Ready Cycling

Two lunch and learn events were held for staff in Swords on 21 November and Blanchardstown on 4 December. These events were led by Steve from the Bike Hub for a 'Lunch and Learn' session about getting you and your bike ready for the winter. The event covered proper tire setup, lubrication & braking strategies, along with other safe cycling, lighting up, wet gear, and ebike battery tips & tricks. There was great staff interest with over 20 staff signed up for each event.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability courses continue to be hugely popular and well attended. The last courses of 2024 have commenced in Portmarnock, Applewood, Swords and Flemington, Balbriggan. More courses will be running throughout 2025, and these are currently being advertised. Courses for January 2025 will be running in Corduff Sports Centre, Liam Rodgers Centre Swords and Flemington Community Centre Balbriggan.

Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme will launch in early December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App.

To sign up for shared eBikes

- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper

The bikes will be available from Bike Bunker number 2 in Swords and The Underground Carpark in Blanchardstown. For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



Kids Learn 2 Cycle Course Brackenstown

The children's Learn 2 Cycle Course had their final lesson on Saturday 9 November at the Brackenstown Learn 2 Cycle Track. The course teaches children aged 6 to 13 how to cycle for the first time. This course was highly successful, with positive feedback from parents and children. We are now looking at expanding this course out across Fingal in 2025.





Ongar Bike Library

The first bikes were given out as part of the Ongar Bike Library in November. Participants received their preferred style of eBike and will now have them for the next six months. We are looking forward to expanding the number of Community Bike Libraries in Fingal for next year.



Public Shared eCargo Bike

We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided.

The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike

If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and we'll get back to you.



Fresh Air Friday

We have launched our Fresh Air Friday Challenge, with several new Fingal schools joining the initiative. Participating schools will be entered into a fun prize draw for a trip to Flynn Park / PE Supply Pack, and some active travel goodies. Participating schools just need to register online and then walk, cycle or scoot to school each Friday! Fresh Air Fridays can help to encourage a long-term behaviour change, improve the air quality around our towns and villages while also promoting a healthy start to the day. If your school or business are interested in signing up to Fresh Air Friday, simply contact active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you get going.

TY Girls Bike Mechanics & Bike Skills Course, Ardgillan Community College

The TY Girl Bike Mechanics course is being delivered in Ardgillan Community College from 26-29 October. Approximately 30 TY girls are taking the course, which is delivered by the Bike Hub cycling organisation. The course is designed to spark a greater interest in cycling among teenage girls, and to encourage an interest in mechanical skills. The course has been very positive, with the girls learning basics of bike maintenance skills, along with other fun activities such as making key ring holders from bike chains, and giving unicycling skills a try!



TY Bike Repair Classes

Throughout November we also ran TY Bike Repair Courses for girls and boys, in partnership with the Bike Hub. The 3-4-day sessions gave the students an insight into how to maintain and make minor repairs to their bikes. The Sessions took place in Portmarnock Community College and with Foroige in Skerries. Another course will begin in early December in Hartstown Community School.



Staff Lunch & Learn Sessions

As part of staff engagement work, we held a staff lunch and learn session in Swords with the Bike Hub on Thursday 21st November. The session was all about getting you and your bike ready for the winter. Steve from the Bike Hub went over proper tire setup, lubrication & braking strategies, along with other safe cycling, lighting up, wet gear, and eBike battery tips & tricks. The session in Swords was very well attended and we have another one planned for Blanchardstown on Wednesday 4th December at 1pm.

Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.

The car has completed over 40 trips in November, helping people get to everything from the Shops to mass.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



Car Share Schemes

There are three car share providers operating in Fingal. Go Car, Yuko and Drive You. Between them, they are helping to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads and contributing to lower emissions.

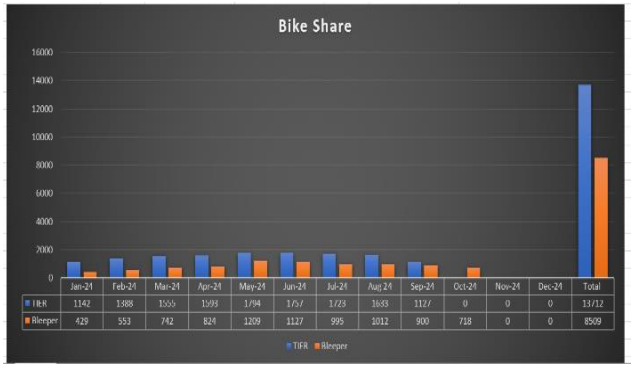
Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km

Community eCargo Bikes

Throughout 2024 we have been providing Community Groups with access to an eCargo bike for their Community work. We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are keen to expand the programme in 2025 and are interested in hearing from Community Groups and Small businesses who wish to apply, interested groups can email active.travel@fingal.ie



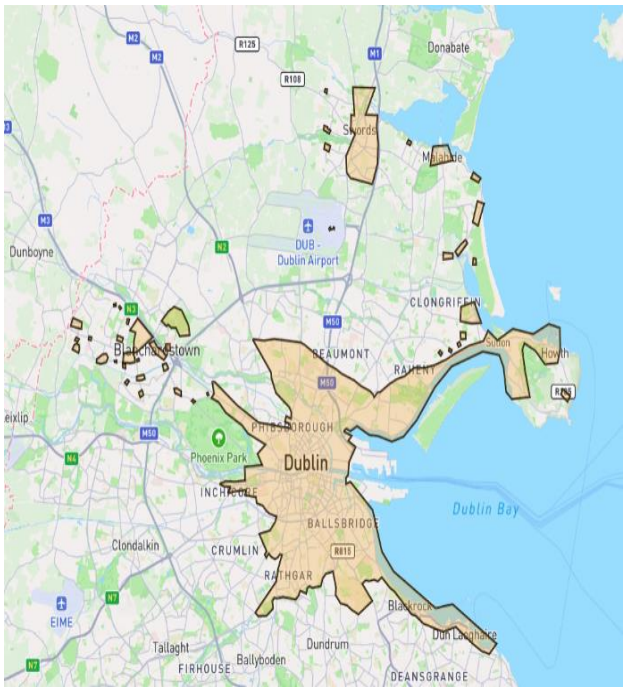
Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

During the summer, Active Travel ran a tender for the provision of a pedal bike share scheme. Our current provider, Bleeper Bike emerged as the successful tenderer.

From 1 December a new operating zone will come into effect in Fingal. The model will focus on Community Hubs, placing bikes at key locations close to where people are starting their commutes.



The addition of these new zones will lead to more structured and better parking habits by users and will also increase rebalancing times by Bleeper.

The new service will also see the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free. After 30 minutes users will be charged the standard rental fee of €0.04 per minute and €0.02 per minute while a trip is paused. The new service will also see the number of available Bleeper Bikes in Fingal rise from 125 to 150 vehicles.

718 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in October
727 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Wednesdays (16.6%) and Saturdays (15.9%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Donabate and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 156kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

We have recently been informed by TIER that they are ceasing operations in the Irish market and will no longer be in a position to provide eBike services. We are currently in talks with other providers and hope to continue eBike services early in 2025.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Home Energy Advice Clinic

A home energy advice clinic took place in Blanchardstown Library on November 26th in collaboration with Codema Dublin's Energy Agency, the Climate Action Section and the Community Department. This clinic provided the public with practical, low-cost ways to tackle draughts and mould, reduce energy bills, and more.



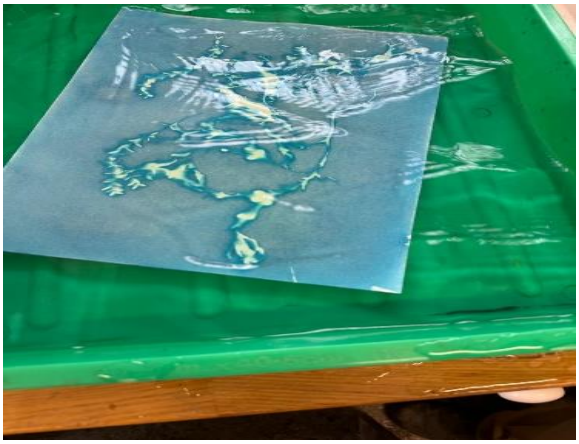


Loughshinny Boathouse

The Climate Action Officer met with Louis Haugh and the Arts office to discuss the Fingal Climate Action plan and learn about Louis' work as part of the Loughshinny Boathouse residency.

This studio award provides a fully funded studio for a visual artist to research and develop new work in response to the coastal environment of Loughshinny and surrounding areas. Louis's work focuses on ecology, biodiversity, landscape and our collective response to climate change.





Balbriggan Innovation Challenge

The Climate Action Team took part in the Balbriggan Hackathon/Innovation Challenge on November 8th. Attendees were presented with a challenge that asked them to lay out a vision for sustainable and circular economy opportunities in Balbriggan.

The Balbriggan Innovation Challenge provided a unique opportunity for individuals/teams to innovate, co-create and network, using their skills to develop ideas around the green and circular economy. The Climate Action Team along with other members of their team on the day came in 1st place with their idea 'Circ_it!'



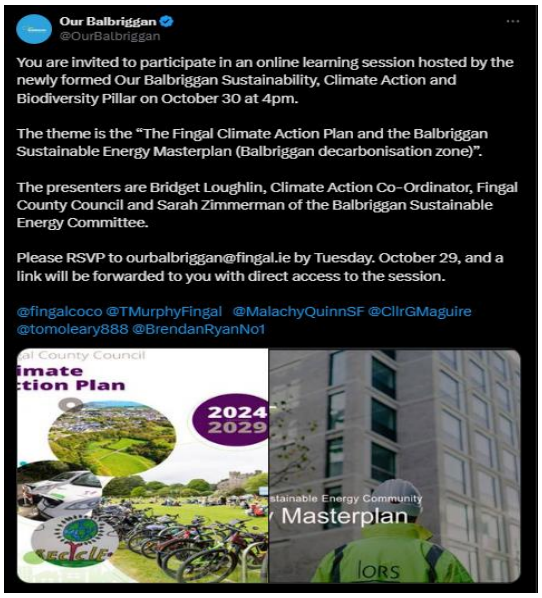
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) Collaborating for Climate Action Event

The Climate Action team attended DECC's event on Community Climate Action which sought to bring together directors of service, climate action coordinators, climate action officers and community climate action officers from across the Country to discuss how we embed climate action into local authorities and support communities to take climate action.



Our Balbriggan Sustainability Pillar

Fingal's Climate Action Coordinator and Officer have joined the newly formed Our Balbriggan Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar. The Climate Action Coordinator presented on Fingal's Climate Action Plan (2024-2029) and the Decarbonizing Zone as part of the Pillars online learning sessions.



Decarbonizing Dublin Summit

The Climate Action Team attended Codema's Decarbonizing Dublin Summit on November 14th. The summit explored the challenges and opportunities for Dublin to meet its climate and energy targets towards 2030 and 2050 while also highlighting best practices through case studies that were presented throughout the day.



Local Authority Climate Action Forum- Agents for Change

The Climate Action Team attended the Local Authority Climate Action Forum. This event is organised by IPB and the Local Authority Climate Action Forum which consists of local authority climate action staff from across the Country. This event provided an opportunity for climate action teams across the Country to network and share ideas.



Community Climate Action Fingal

The first claim for a drawdown of €350,000 has been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for the climate action grants for measures already in progress. Community groups around Fingal are installing Solar PV, new windows, doors and insulation into community buildings to lower emissions associated with community activities. The Community Climate Action Officer is actively engaging with groups all over Fingal to get them ready for the next round of grants. It is unknown at this stage when the next round will be announced by the Department, but groups can have everything ready in advance.



New external insulated roof on Sutton Dinghy Club

Environmental Awareness

Environmental Awareness Officer recently launched an Instruments Project in partnership with Crosscare Donabate and Music Generation. Guitar lessons to be provided to Crosscare participants using repaired instruments and teaching music whilst also educating on sustainability and circular economy.



Leaf mould cage initiative complete for 2024 and has been a huge success with 49 communities receiving the cages this year. There is a huge demand for this and will relaunch in Autumn 2025





Christmas Upcycling Workshops will take place in the run up to Christmas with Senior Primary school students.
These workshops combine upcycling with the principles of circular economy by creating unique Xmas decorations from repurposed materials, reducing waste and promoting environmentally friendly practices amongst young children.

A number of **Christmas jumper swap shops** taking place in schools in December following the success of the Halloween Costume Swap shops

Fingal County Council's CinemaAdvert Campaign called 'Let Fingal Breathe' continues to run in cinemas up to January 2025. Call to action to the public to properly dispose of Cigarette Butts and disposable vapes and the harmful effects to the Environment of not doing so.



The upcycling fashion workshops with Carrie Ann Moran are continuing in Fingal schools in advance of the Relove Fashion Competition.
Relove Fashion is a sustainable fashion competition open to young people of secondary school age across Ireland.
This trailblazing competition was developed in response to the devastating environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry, the need for change and the recognition of young people's pivotal role in shaping innovative solutions.



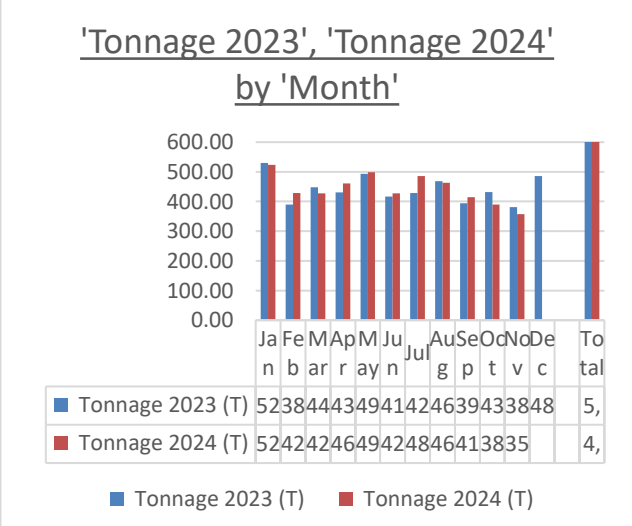
The Environmental Awareness Officer has prepared a Christmas Zero Waste Activity Booklet for young children to complete over the festive season with fun activities and educational messages. This will be sent to all Primary Schools and will be available on the FIngal website.



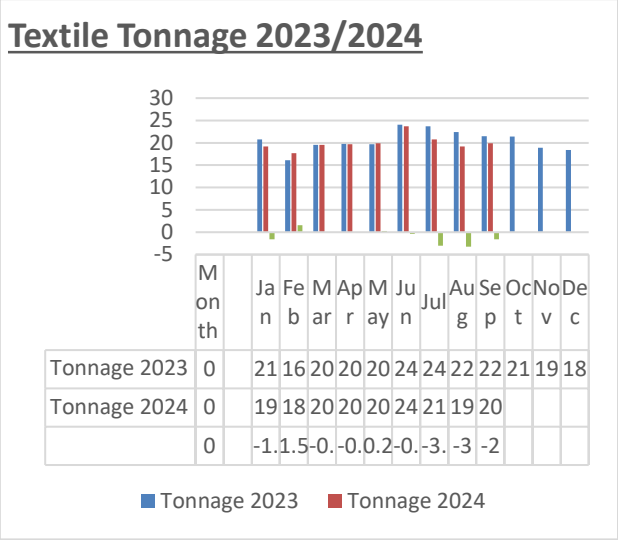
Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Glass tonnages collected during **November 2024** were **357 (T).** This compares with 381 (T) collected during November 2023.



Textile Banks



Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continued to tackle littering and dumping in November. All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts. Reports of any dumping and littering are passed to the Operations division for removal and enforcement action is taken, as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



The Litter Wardens continue to carry out inspections to ensure that the roads are being keep clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper in operation.

They follow up on reports to ensure farmers are keeping the roads clean of muck.

The Litter Wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches targeting hot spots for dog fouling, to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.

They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

The Litter Wardens conducted walking patrols, engaging with business regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. They also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

The Litter Warden attended tenant induction courses to outline to new Council tenants their role in keeping their estates clean and free of litter.

The Litter Wardens also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	0
October	23	0
November	30	0

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.**

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CRMs November 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	8
General Litter Issue	14
Dumping 20 bags equivalent	3
Muck on road	3
Abandoned cars	4
Inspection of bottle banks	396
Inspection of dumping black spots	508
Unauthorised signage	7
Env – Miscellaneous	4
Dog fouling reports	3
Littering at bottle banks	4
Request for Dog fouling signs	3

Abandoned Cars

There have been 381 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 26th of November 2024. 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

Month	Abandoned Vehicles Removed			Burnt Out Vehicles Removed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0	2	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	5	0
July	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	3	0
September	0	3	0	0	0	0
October	2	0	0	0	0	0
November	2	4	0	1	0	0
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9



Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 26 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of November 2024 to 25th November 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of November 2024 to 25th of November 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	1
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	7
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	1
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env- Stray Dog	12
Grand Total	26

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 byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. 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 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 controlofdogs@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.

There were 104 x 10 Day Notices, and 19 Fines issued by the dog wardens during November 24.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during November 2024 in comparison with the same months in 2023. 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 fine.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1997.50	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€2135	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2525	€2,100
April	277	152	35	42	€2073	€1,500
May	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€2180	€2,700
July	29	109	88	35	€3550	€2,644.20
August	15	140	52	21	€4600	€1,500
September	29	125	23	40	€2919.70	€3,549
October	15	241	13	40	€2321	€1,500
November	104	91	19	7	€2185	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1872	1597	424	477	€28,906.20	€31,372

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides. This certificate of exemption will be unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and will specify the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It will also specify the dog owner's name, address, date of birth and contact number. Owners may be required to present their Certificate of Exemption to a Dog Warden within 10 days of a request to do so. To date we have received 11 COE applications, of which 8 have been fully processed and certificates issued to the owner.

For further information, see **https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption**

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 November there were 18 dogs in the shelter.

During November 2024, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 4 dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 36 dogs, one was reclaimed by a member of the public and 4 were PTS. At the end of November there are 23 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of October 2023	30	Dogs in Shelter at start of November 2024	18
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	17	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	8	Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	8	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	16	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	1
PTS	1	PTS	4
Dogs in Shelter at the end of October 2023	**26**	**Dogs in shelter at 25.11.2024**	**23**



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.



Rasher above in his new blue jumper he is still waiting in the shelter for his forever home - he is good with people and other dogs. **Harvey above i**s a 2-year-old beagle who would be suitable in a home with children over 12. He would be ideal for someone working from home.

If you are interested in adopting any of the above dogs and feel you have a suitable home contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

In November there were 9 horses seized from public lands under the Control of Horses Act and are currently being held in the horse shelter.



EPA RMCEI Audit 2024

The EPA conducted in September 2024 an audit of Fingal County Council's performance of its statutory functions in relation to environmental protection. The audit report was received in October 2024 and highlighted 7 work areas requiring additional focus, based on the work carried out in 2023. A response to the audit report is being compiled, and work had already started in early 2024 to address these areas. The EPA audit report will be publicly available on the EPA website once Fingal County Council has sent its response.

The complaints received, inspections carried out and enforcement actions taken for the first 3 Quarterly periods of 2024 are presented in Appendix 4.

Air & Noise

A section of the N3 near Mulhuddart was identified in the recently published Dublin Agglomeration **Noise Action Plan** 2024-2028 as being a 'Priority Important Area' (PIA) which requires further investigations. Within the plan Fingal County Council committed, subject to resources and funding, to undertake an assessment of the noise mitigation measure options relating to the PIAs within the life cycle of the Noise Action Plan.

In July 2024 DECC announced funding for Pilot Acoustic Design Studies in PIAs and Fingal nominated the N3 site for further assessment. Noise consultants were appointed who oversaw a noise monitoring programme at 3 sites within this area in October/November.

The results of this monitoring along with a site visit by the consultants will allow a review/validation of the model used to produce the noise maps. The consultants will then run the model using scenarios based on different potential mitigation measures (new barriers, new road surface and lower speed limits) and assess the outputs. Report is due early 2025



Water Quality

Following on from the EPA Audit in September 2024, the ECCATS has commenced carrying out audits of several Section 4 LG Water Pollution Act, licensed activities. The audits are to cross-check that the licensed activities are not causing/allowing pollution of surface waters.

Audits commenced in October 2024 and have so far identified non-complaint licence holders who have been made aware of the non-compliances and impact that the non-complaint discharge is having on the receiving waters.

Fingal County Council also advised each licensee about Fingal's statutory requirements to restore all water bodies to Good Status.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move

Fingal on the Move programmes have been ran in Balbriggan, Rush, Swords, Howth and Blanchardstown since September. These programmes will end start of December and will restart again in January and will run in an 8 week block 3 times in 2025.



Fingal's Toddler Programme

The toddler programme is now a programme ran across Fingal with classes starting back in October in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown. Fingal Sports Office completed research in 2022 in Tyrrelstown Community Centre in partnership with Technological University Dublin Blanchardstown to firstly provide an engaging experience to promote toddlers developmental milestones (18-36 months) while also building connections with the community through parents interacting. These programmes will end start of December and will restart again in January and will run in an 8 week block 3 times in 2025.



Fingal's Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office regularly run older adult programmes; they will now all go under the name Fingal Active for Life programme. These programmes involve light exercise to encourage movement, build muscle and support bones for over 55s. The programmes will be ran in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Fingal Tennis – Sport for Life

Fingal's Tennis Development Officer is currently working within nursing homes in North County to provide some fun activities for the residents. The residents have limited mobility and began with some basic movements and have now progressed onto playing tennis with their group.



Fingal Rugby Officer – School Spotlight

Fingal's Rugby Development Officer in partnership with Leinster Rugby has a focus on schools this term to introduce or reengage schools who have fallen away from partaking in rugby within their school setting. Hartstown Community School have recently taken up the sport again and have recently taken part in a Div 4 school blitz and will continue the programme within the school to compete in Fingal's school competition.



Marathonkids Final Mile Event

The 2024 Marathonkids Dublin Final Mile event took place at Morton Stadium on Tuesday, November 12th, and Wednesday, November 13th. Over 4,000 students from more than 70 schools across Fingal and Dublin City gathered to mark the completion of their Marathonkids challenge.

33 schools and 3,500 students from across Fingal participated in this year's programme, with a majority coming to Santry to complete the final mile of the 26.2 miles. The event was a vibrant display of determination and enthusiasm as children from local schools participated in the final mile of their marathon journey, which they had worked towards over the past 8 weeks.





Rush Place Standard

The Sports Office engaged in a community consultation project in collaboration with the Operations, Community and the Economic Development Dept. The concept behind 'Place Standard' which is a Healthy Ireland initiative is to provide a simple framework to structure conversation about place.

This consultation for a Place Standard in Rush took place in Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility and was attended by clubs, schools and community groups in Rush as well as staff from the four council departments. It included a round table discussion as well as an onsite tour of Rush to pinpoint the assets of the town as well as areas where it can improve. The results from the workshop will be collated and analysed to provide recommendations and practical suggestions to improve the physical and social aspects of the area.





Exercise Energise & HER Moves campaign

Fourteen Fingal Secondary schools have enrolled to be part of Fingal Sports Office's Exercise: Energise programme for this school year. The programme aimed at inactive first- and second-year female students is now in its fifteenth year and continues to grow in popularity among schools and their students.

This year Fingal Sports Office is linking with Sport Ireland's Women in Sport Her Moves campaign to bring a fresh dynamic to the programme. The Exercise: Energise school co-ordinators when enrolling agreed to follow the eight guiding principles of success of the Her Moves campaign. These eight guiding principles are based on the principle of no judgement, taking the pressure off performance, invoking excitement and most importantly providing the girls with a voice and a choice in the activity they wish to do. Changing what sporty looks to them. The activities chosen by the students so far include Volleyball, Zumba, Dance, Table Tennis & Tennis and take place during their lunchtime or after school.

For a second year in a row participating schools have also been invited to enter a video competition to highlight the activities they are enjoying as part of the programme and why young girls drop away from sport and physical activity. The video competition provides the girls with an opportunity to show their creative side and gives them ownership of the programme.

School Spotlight | Fingal Sports Club and Volunteer Awards 2025

"Volunteers! Celebrating You: The Heart of the Game & heart of our sports" "Championing Clubs. Leading the Way."

The Fingal Sports Office is thrilled to announce the inaugural 'Sports Club' Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025 and Sports Club of the Year 2025 celebration dedicated to recognising the incredible contributions of sports clubs and their volunteers across Fingal. These individuals selflessly give their time and energy to ensure communities thrive through sport and physical activity.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will provide a platform to acknowledge these unsung heroes and celebrate their dedication. The Sports Club of the year will aim to highlight three clubs that excel in Environmental impact, Social Inclusion and good governance and community impact.

Event Details Date: Monday, 27th January 2025 Venue: Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15

Each sports club in Fingal is encouraged to nominate one volunteer who has gone above and beyond to enhance sporting opportunities within their local area. They can self-nominate for club of the year awards also. After nominations close, an independent jury panel will carefully evaluate all entries to select the winners.

Nomination Deadline: Tuesday & Wednesday, 17th & 18th Dec at 5:00 PM


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Sports Club of the Year Awards 2025
Win a €500 Equipment Voucher
Categories:
Green Club of the Year
Community Club of the Year
Sports for All Club of the Year
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MONDAY 27th JANUARY
Scan QR Code to nominate your club
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Power Up Grant

93% of potentially eligible business made application for the €4,000 grant. The Council will process payments to 1,424 local businesses during December.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of November 2024 is running at 96%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€155.8
Rates collected %	96%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €19.9m this is c.81**%** of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income YTD Oct 2024	
Levies Receipted	€19.9 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	81%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of October is €74.3m which is c. **101.5%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€74.3m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101.5%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of October

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	228	
Value €m	83.4m	
Procurements ongoing at end of October		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	9	(i)
Value €m	28.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	49	(ii)
Value €m	37.9m	
No. of procurements at approved	21	(iii)
Value €m	174.1m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of October.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the October.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of October.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 November 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	92,657,708	105,932,600	87%	97,616,189	108,268,800	90%	-4,958,481
Road Transport & Safety	32,301,661	36,130,600	89%	8,516,670	9,056,100	94%	23,784,991
Water Services	15,355,811	14,369,700	107%	15,567,516	17,039,600	91%	-211,705
Development Management	32,118,423	20,845,600	154%	18,101,237	6,574,000	275%	14,017,186
Environmental Services	45,400,282	48,453,500	94%	11,825,856	10,947,500	108%	33,574,426
Recreation & Amenity	51,480,662	56,603,300	91%	4,263,538	4,841,800	88%	47,217,124
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,606,412	1,513,800	106%	359,821	409,700	88%	1,246,591
Miscellaneous Services	22,529,998	21,972,500	103%	25,796,026	29,279,600	88%	-3,266,028
Central Management Charge	50,580,113	56,075,600	90%	3,669,329	3,969,700	92%	46,910,784
Local Property Tax / GPG				11,335,775	12,366,300	92%	-11,335,775
Rates				145,882,092	159,144,100	92%	-145,882,092
	344,031,071	**361,897,200**	**95%**	**342,934,048**	**361,897,200**	**95%**	**1,097,023**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2024					
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	227,705,300	-160,291,510	41,705,778
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	52,851,403	-25,101,572	39,492,241
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,759,276	-1,623,362	-11,169,421
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	30,897,789	-25,957,264	-138,056,170
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	2,279,156	-2,022,719	-14,334,040
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	31,957,830	-9,980,423	3,418,974
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	12,212,841	-14,027,984	-50,713,345
	Total	**-250,314,744**	**359,663,595**	**-239,004,834**	**-129,655,983**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 30/11/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,534	€5,675,783	€4,742,683	€933,100
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,032,949	€209,537	€1,823,412
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,394,304	€4,152,504	€6,241,800

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* value of debit at 31/12/2023 was €3.2m with a credit of €653,644.

Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Contract End Date per CE Order	Actual Duration (months)
Information Technology	ICT Managed Services	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 3,500,000.00	30/09/2024	29/09/2027	30/09/2024	31/07/2027	36
Operations	Road Lining for the Castleknock, Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart Area including PSCS and Traffic Management	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 51,447.00	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	16
Operations	Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	€ 30,375.00	01/07/2024	31/12/2024	11/09/2024	31/12/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, Turvey Ave, Donabate overlay	Roadstone Ltd	€ 155,626.24	01/10/2024	01/12/2024	10/09/2024	16/11/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Fire Alarm Maintenance Servcies	Masterfire Life Safety Systems Ltd	€ 95,930.00	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for Corduff Park (Blanchardstown) Improvement Works	Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates Consulting	€ 47,250.00	09/09/2024	09/09/2026	06/09/2024	09/09/2026	24
Operations	Lay Tarmac finish on the footpaths on the open space at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre	McGinty Plant Hire	€ 49,445.00	16/09/2024	24/09/2024	05/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 140,000.00	01/09/2024	31/08/2025	01/09/2024	31/08/2024	12
Operations	Resurfacing of Broomfield, Malahide and Ancillary Works	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 39,385.00	03/09/2024	10/09/2024	27/08/2024	20/09/2024	1

Operations	Footpath Improvement Works Parkview/Lodge Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 29,997.00	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	3
Information Technology	Design, Maintain Digital Signage for FCC Community Centres	image Supply Systems AV Ltd	€ 97,491.00	28/08/2024	28/08/2027	23/08/2024	28/08/2027	36
Libraries	Appointment of Employer's Representative Services - Completion of Skerries Library Refurbishment and Extension Project	Nyland Consulting	€ 60,000.00	12/08/2024	31/05/2025	13/08/2024	31/05/2025	8
Corporate Affairs	Funding as part of Community Recognition Fund to install smart benches across Fingal	Civic Integrated Solutions Ltd	€ 50,666.24	15/08/2024	31/12/2024	12/08/2024	31/12/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and project management of works related to the construction of a full-size all-weather soccer pitch at Corduff Park, D15	Alan Lewis Ltd	€ 28,031.00	06/09/2024	07/03/2026	11/08/2024	07/03/2026	19
Operations	1 Ford Ranger Double cab 4 x 4 jeep with automatic transmission and 1 Ford Ranger single cab 4 x 4 jeep	Henry Ford & Son	€ 66,370.45	09/08/2024	08/08/2025	09/08/2024	06/08/2025	12
Operations	Solar Power Signage Contract 2024	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 47,610	07/08/2024	07/01/2025	08/08/2024	30/11/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Civil engineering works at Cloch Choirneal to bring the estate to a TIC standard	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 114,430.00	02/09/2024	18/10/2024	02/08/2024	31/10/2024	3.5
Operations	Preplacement of defective Concrete Footpaths at Ard na Mara, Chalfont and Texas Lane, Malahide	Citius Ltd	€ 51,745.00	19/08/2024	13/09/2024	01/08/2024	13/09/2024	1
Operations	Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide Area	Nazum Road Services Ltd	€ 59,096.00	26/08/2024	31/12/2024	01/08/2024	31/12/2024	5

Operations	MPFA for the Collection, Auditing and Banking of Monies from Pay and Display Parking Machines located in Fingal County Council Administrative Area with an Initial Two Year Contract for these Services	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 136,500.00	01/08/2024	31/07/2026	01/08/2024	11/06/2024	24
Active Travel	Traffic Calming Works at Balscadden, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	€ 53,245.00	05/08/2024	05/09/2024	25/07/2024	30/11/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	3 Year Goat Grazing at Howth	Old Irish Goat Society	€ 240,000.00	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	25/07/2024	01/08/2027	36
Information Technology	Additional development & support of Sharepoint online applications	Storm Technology	€ 350,000.00	14/08/2024	13/08/2025	24/07/2024	13/08/2025	12
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and new works services	Al Read Electrical Co Ltd	€ 1,758,345.00	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	20
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	R132 Connectivity Project (PSI-039) Ground Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 145,165.00	23/07/2024	23/10/2024	23/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath improvement works at Hunters Run, Co Dublin	D M MORRIS	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Footpath improvement Works Pheasants Run/Hunters Run	D.M. Morris	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Concrete footpath works as per Lanesborough, Finglas	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 33,000.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works at Willow Wood, Ashfield, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 31,700.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3

Operations	Concrete footpath improvement works at Castleknock Grance	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 32,600.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Surface Restoration and ancillary works at Old Ballymun Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 44,189.00	22/07/2024	22/12/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Post Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	€ 45,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	19/07/2024	30/09/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	2 no. car parks at Bath Road, Balbriggan	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 1,758,381.25	19/07/2024	18/01/2026	19/07/2024	03/12/2026	18
Active Travel	Hartstown Huntstown protected cycle lanes phase 2b design	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€ 276,920.00	19/07/2024	18/03/2026	19/07/2024	12/03/2026	20
EETCD	Requirement for services of Event Management Co to design, build & manage the Malahide Family Fun Day	Davis Events Agency	€ 54,439.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	12/07/2024	15/07/2024	1
Community	Event Management Services for Vintage Picnic 2024 in Swords Castle	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 60,000.00	09/07/2024	25/07/2024	11/07/2024	25/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of New Sports Facilities & refurb/upgrade & main. of existing facilities within FCC Admin Area. Inital contract to develop 2 GAA pitches & works at Balymastone Recreational Hub, Donabate	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€ 1,147,868.85	29/07/2024	17/11/2025	11/07/2024	20/10/2025	16
Operations	Slip kerbing, footpath & ancillaries, Seatown Road East	Postmount Buildings Ltd., t/a/ Jim Hayes	€ 40,120.00	15/07/2024	15/10/2024	05/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips - 6mm and 10mm	Tullyraine Quarries Ltd	€ 27,125.00	22/07/2024	22/11/2024	05/07/2024	22/11/2024	4

Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Broughan Lane, Newpark Road, St. Margarets (Amalgamated with FCC/131/24)	Roadstone Ltd	€ 176,347.50	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Repair Works to Cascades and Colocated Historic Structures Ward River Valley Park, Swords	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 1,379,864.25	05/07/2024	03/01/2025	05/07/2024	26/12/2024	6
Operations	Installation of Posts at Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 26,901.00	01/07/2024	12/07/2024	04/07/2024	12/07/2024	1
Active Travel	Feasibility Study and Business Case for a swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan	ReCreation	€ 48,720.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	03/07/2024	01/09/2024	3
EETCD	Management & Maintenance Service for ducting network for FCC	Novegen Ltd	€ 373,200.00	01/07/2024	30/06/2025	01/07/2024	26/05/2025	12
Operations	Resurfacing of a section of Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	DM Morris Ltd	€ 98,955.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	28/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Surveying Services for Donabate Transport Projects	Metroscan Utility Locating Ltd	€ 71,196.00	08/07/2024	20/12/2024	28/06/2024	25/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€ 52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	30/09/2024	3
Libraries	Baldoyle Improvement & Modification Works	Demac Construction Ltd	€ 856,619.98	06/08/2024	06/05/2026	27/06/2024	19/12/2024	9
Housing	Construction of Multi-Unit Residential Development at Seatown Road, Swords	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 17,724,000.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36

Libraries	Construction of Swords Civic & Cultural Centre Building (a mixed use development consisting of a County Library & Arts Centre	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 45,688,305.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€ 53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	31/05/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€ 39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete footpath in batches at Seapark, Malahide, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 28,250.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	21/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Housing	Refurbishment Works at 37 Hazelbury Park, Clonee, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 103,485.00	29/07/2024	05/12/2024	20/06/2024	20/12/2024	6
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	21
EETCD	Provision of Traffic Management Svcs for Flavours of Fingal '24	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 49,315.00	27/06/2024	01/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
EETCD	Provision of vintage carnival stalls, games,sensory/additional needs for flavours of Fingal '24	Event Dimensions	€ 45,025.00	28/06/2024	07/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€ 200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	18/11/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€ 62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	17/10/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€ 44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	01/11/2024	6

EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€ 43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	20/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Consultancy Services for the preparation, creation & publication of the Corporate Plan 2024-2029	RPS	€ 51,045.00	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	7
EETCD	Coach Hire, Staff, Ticket and Website Management for Flavours of Fingal 2024	Marathon Training & Events	€ 126,230.00	30/05/2024	01/07/2024	31/05/2024	01/07/2024	1
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle , Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	20/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€ 1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€ 185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	13/05/2025	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	14/06/2024	1.5 weeks
Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€ 236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	19/07/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrange Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 30,522.50	04/06/2024	14/09/2024	29/05/2024	14/09/2024	3

Corporate	Stewarding Services for Local Elections in National Show Centre	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 32,079.00	31/05/2024	10/06/2024	28/05/2024	10/06/2024	1
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Engagement of consultancy servcies for the Fingal Skills Strategy.	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 111,750.00	28/05/2024	30/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems Upgrades	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 298,516.00	25/05/2024	24/08/2025	25/05/2024	07/06/2025	15
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€ 84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	06/08/2024	3
Operations	Construction of a Tarmacadam Path & Associated Works at Glebe Park, Balrothery	KT Civil Ltd	€ 63,000.00	26/08/2024	30/08/2024	24/05/2024	31/07/2024	1
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16/09/2024	16
Operations	Conrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	30/08/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€ 54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€ 84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	30/09/2024	4

Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	30/09/2024	5
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€ 30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	25/05/2025	12
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€ 800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	31/05/2026	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€ 42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	12
Housing	Proposed Works For Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) to Whitestown - Phase 2	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 2,000,000.00	01/04/2024	01/04/2026	15/05/2024	01/04/2026	24
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€ 79,729	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	14/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	21/06/2024	1
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€ 79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	30/05/2024	3

Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€ 29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	10/11/2025	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portaloo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€ 90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	03/07/2024	1
Operations	Pipe Rehabilitation Works Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Oak Underground Services T/A Oak Enviro	€ 48,950.00	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of CCTV Drainage Survey, R132 Connectively Project Swords	McBrenn Environmental Drain Services Ltd	€ 162,280.00	10/06/2024	10/09/2024	03/05/2024	10/09/2024	3

Community	Consultancy Services to develop an Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028	McAdam Consulting Services Ltd T/A MCA Consulting	€ 53,550.00	07/05/2024	31/01/2025	03/05/2024	31/01/2025	8
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscaping works and the supply & installation of the pleached tree Steel Support Frames	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	€ 73,334.00	02/05/2024	02/10/2025	02/05/2024	10/08/2025	18
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€ 69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	25/06/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	01/05/2025	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	18/01/2026	20
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€ 86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€ 135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	13/08/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€ 586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	03/10/2024	4

Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€ 103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€ 500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	07/04/2027	36
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€ 80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	25/02/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€ 124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	20/04/2026	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€ 170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	07/05/2026	24

Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	22/04/2026	28
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€ 111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	28/06/2024	2
Information Technology	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€ 305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	19/04/2027	36
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	14/08/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	18/08/2025	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€ 107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	08/05/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€ 124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 86,570.00	15/04/2024	30/04/2024	15/04/2024	30/04/2025	2 weeks
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	31/05/2024	1

EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€ 62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	1
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€ 84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/09/2024	6
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€ 1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	20/03/2025	12
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – **Contract B**, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€ 575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	24
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – **Contract** A, Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€ 16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	05/11/2026	19
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€ 124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	18/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness cinema campaign 2023	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 26,100.00	14/08/2024	09/01/2025	01/04/2024	09/01/2025	6

Operations	Planting and 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	€ 204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	10
Housing	Demolition of the 6 houses on Seatown Road (phase 2)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd	€ 298,531	02/04/2024	08/06/2025	28/03/2024	08/06/2025	14
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€ 194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	18/07/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€ 39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	29/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	12/05/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	31/12/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€ 29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	25/04/2024	1
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€ 23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	31/03/2024	6

Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€ 29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	2
People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€ 33,500.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€ 95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	23/06/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€ 43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	04/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€ 525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12
Housing	Site Investigation Services at Mooretown	Site Investigations Ltd	€ 48,020	11/03/2024	11/07/2024	11/03/2024	12/06/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€ 50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	6
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	31/03/2026	24
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€ 90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	2

Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€ 60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	25/02/2024	28/06/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Erection of a boundary bar railing at Seapart Hill, Malahide to ensure appropriate security inplace for opening of Park	Ballymore Group	€ 81,000.00	01/07/2024	31/08/2024	01/03/2024	01/08/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€ 39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€ 80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	15/04/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€ 56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady Shipman Martin	€ 28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	17/11/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€ 71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	23/01/2025	12
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€ 50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	28/07/2024	5
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	31/12/2026	37
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	06/03/2024	1

Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€ 55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	31/08/2024	2
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€ 60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	28/02/2025	12
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€ 180,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2025	16/02/2024	31/12/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€ 70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	26/08/2025	12
Corporate Affairs	Consultant Assigned Certifier Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 29,000.00	14/02/2024	14/04/2027	14/02/2024	31/12/2026	37
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€ 30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	31/03/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	10/05/2024	3
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	11/03/2025	14
Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€ 32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	17/11/2027	33
Operations	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€ 41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	09/02/2024	1

Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€ 268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	01/05/2024	3
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	31/12/2024	11
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	15/01/2025	12
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	29/03/2025	14
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice Services (interim contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 70,000.00	20/03/2024	31/08/2024	07/02/2024	31/08/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 1,008,052	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	31/10/2027	48
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	29/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	31/12/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€ 154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	30/04/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€ 97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	31/12/2024	12

Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	31/03/2025	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€ 26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	28/02/2026	24
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€ 33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€ 120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	05/09/2027	46
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€ 87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	8
Housing	Civil and Structural Consultancy Services (Pre-Planning and up to the grant of planning only) – Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	Kavanagh Mansfield	€ 27,055.00	29/11/2023	30/09/2024	22/01/2024	30/09/2024	10
Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€ 60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	30/12/2025	25
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€ 29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	29/10/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€ 25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	30/03/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/09/2024	17/01/2024	27/08/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	09/02/2024	1
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€ 43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€ 56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€ 372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	13/11/2025	23
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	01/03/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	31/03/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€ 188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€ 39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	14

Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€ 32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	30/11/2025	24
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€ 111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	31/12/2025	24
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	3
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	€ 50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€ 79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24

Appendix 3

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	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 €100,000	The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville which is now in construction. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network has been reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway. The brief and tender documents will now be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants to present these options to the public, select an option and for the preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The scheme has now progressed to preliminary design.

FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements. The public consultation has closed and a consultation report will issue.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	A consultant has been engaged to carry out designs proposals for the project. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor completing works to address feedback from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Once work are complete the final account will be arranged and the project will be handed over to Fingal's Operations Department for maintenance.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	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 €50,000	Tender evaluation for design consultants complete and official appointment of consultant underway with expected start on design services for this project in late Q4 2024.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	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 progressing with some of these projects and works on the ground.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	Contractor completing final bollard and sign installation with expected completion date for construction works in November. Stage 3&4 Road Safety Audit to follow and final account.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultant to assist with non-statutory stakeholder engagement with local businesses and residents at a number of events and workshops in September 2024. **The report is being compiled and will be published in November.**

FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €150,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Gateway report for NTA approvals. Detailed design drawings are close to completion and it is planned to go to tender for construction in Q4 2024 subject to NTA funding and approvals.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €50,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in late Q4 2024.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about 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. further discussions with landowner are schedulled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Appointment of integrated design team has been completed and DBFL are currently working on data collection to inform the concept design works for the Skerries Active Travel Plan
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here: https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.

		The Consultant has developed a draft plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan. An internal stakeholder meeting was held, and the emerging draft plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill. The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations and have been sent to the relevant Single Party Framework operator. Negotiation with this operator are ongoing and once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents, as well as the timelines for publication of this tender, are currently being reviewed. Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.

FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Construction is underway at this site.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover. Topographical surveys have now been procured and instructed. Traffic surveys are currently being procured. The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

Appendix 4

Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241	1059	146
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171	219	179
	C&D Waste	9	0	0	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19	17	26
	Air & Odour	37	17	9	11
	Noise	99	23	38	38
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**471**	**1,342**	**400**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	92	291	219
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	41	46	46
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561	362	2394
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188	345	349
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36	32	35
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8	6	26
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40	42	49
	Planning Inspections	416	79	121	154
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**1,045**	**1,245**	**3,272**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	104	57	55
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5	9	4
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15	24	13
	Other waste enforcement	52	3	24	26
	Water & Wastewater	29	3	6	0
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0	1	1
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6	3	2
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**	**136**	**124**	**101**
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	12	12	9
	Waste	16	1	2	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	**13**	**14**	**9**

Appendix 5

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	Ballough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 x Social 51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 x Social 86 x Cost Rental 86 x Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 x Social 80 x Cost Rental 180 x Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 x Social 110 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 x Social 112 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026

Appendix 5 - continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
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 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	Tender under evaluation.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Tender package progressing well.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	Tender package being prepared.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	151 x Affordable 123 x Social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026

Appendix 5 continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 5 continued
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	Q3 2024

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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08th November 2024

Our Ref: SK/LB1104-30

Dear Nikki,

I refer to your letter dated 15th October 2024 advising us of the following motion passed by members at your meeting of the 14th October 2024:

Motion in the name of Cllr. J. Humphreys
"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Finance and all local Councils calling for the introduction of enabling legislation to allow County Councils' to levy a Transient Visitor Tax, on overnight stays in hotels, short-term rentals, such as Airbnb's, and other accommodations within the County."

Please be advised that Dublin City Council in noting this correspondence at our council meeting of the 4th November 2024, that Dublin City Council has already had discussions on this and will refer your letter to the Finance SPC.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Brogan

Lorraine Brogan
Meetings Administrator

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Motor Tax
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County Museum
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047 30532

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047 73719

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Our Ref: November 2024/08

11 November 2024

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A Chara

At the November meeting of Monaghan County Council, the members passed the following resolution, and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

> *That Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly T.D., to widen the eligibility of the Primary Medical Certificate scheme to allow for applicants 'without the use of one of their hands/arms or one of their legs and who require modifications to their vehicles in order to be able to drive'.*

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention.

Mise, le meas,

Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator

c.c.: Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas Members
c.c.: All Local Authorities

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13th November 2024

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the October meeting of the Kerry County Council, the members passed the following motion and agreed to circulate it to all Councils.

"That we write to the Minister for Finance seeking that the 31 local authorities across Ireland would be provided €2 million of discretionary funding from the €14 billion surplus as a result of the Apple Tax ruling."

Yours Sincerely,

Liam Quinlan

Senior Executive Officer

Corporate Services

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28th November 2024

To All Local Authorities via email

Re: Increase the grant funding available for community groups for installation of CCTV in towns and villages

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the November meeting of Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District the members passed the following resolution:

"That Minister Helen McEntee and Department of Justice give consideration to increasing the grant funding available for community groups, that will make the installation of CCTV in towns and villages viable and economically sustainable and will be significant benefit in the prevention of crime and motion circulated so that it is noted by all local authorities."

Yours sincerely,

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DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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ITEM NO. 28

SERVICING LAND AT FINGAL – SITE SERVICE FUND

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

"That the Chief Executive apply to the Department of Local Government for a Site Service Fund or similar mechanism to activate the Fingal owned zoned land for the purpose of housing, so that it becomes suitable for development in a timely manner."

Report:

Fingal County Council has secured significant funding over the years in support of infrastructure provision to facilitate residential development including the Serviced Site Fund and Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). Large-scale housing developments that currently benefit in this regard include developments at Dun Emer, Lusk; Ballymastone, Donabate; Hayestown, Rush; Mooretown, Swords and Church Fields, Mulhuddart.

Fingal County Council works with a range of other stakeholders to secure funding for new and upgraded roads, water, sewerage, utilities and community infrastructure including the National Transport Authority, Uisce Eireann and various Government Departments. Where there is an identified need for such funding, various departments within Fingal County Council including Housing, Architects and Planning, will work together to prepare applications based on potential funding options that are available. This situation is under constant review by these departments.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 29

DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S SOCIAL HOUSING LIST

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on the number of individuals of non-Irish nationality and of non-EU nationality on the social housing list."

Report:

As part of the Social Housing Assessment process, applicants are requested to provide details of their nationality, citizen status and residency permission, amongst a range of other information. Whilst this information is contained in each individual application form (of which there are 14,465 active applications on file), this data is not collated as there is no statutory requirement nor identifiable benefit to do so. Accordingly, this information is not readily available, and it is considered that the significant time that would be involved in the collation of same would represent an unjustifiable use of public resources.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 31

PROVISION FOR THE PLANTING OF ORCHARDS IN PUBLIC GREEN SPACES

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive makes provision for the planting of orchards in public green spaces, so that local people have access to indigenous heirloom fruit trees, which provide colour with their blossoms, healthy fruit for the local population, food for the birds and bees, reduce CO2 and generally be good for the environment."

Report:

The planting of orchards on public opens spaces within Fingal has been included with the Councils Biodiversity Plan and is an objective in many of the dedicated Biodiversity Town Plans that are currently being implemented across Fingal. If any community groups would like to request or nominate an area for a community orchard, these areas will be assessed for suitability by the Area Operations Maintenance Teams. The open spaces must be large enough to allow the trees to thrive and must not be within proximity to roads or paths as excessive fruit fall can cause maintenance issues. It is also important to ensure that when an area is nominated that it has the full support of the communities and residents that live adjacent to the open space locations chosen.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 32

WELFARE APPLICATION FORM

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

"That this Local Authority introduce a specific Welfare Application Form process within the Housing Department for persons experiencing domestic abuse rather than the inclusion of such applicants in the HMD Application process, which can result in lengthy waiting times for persons in very violent situations."

Report:

The Housing Team is currently reviewing the application process for welfare priority, as distinct from the Medical Priority Application, and a new application form and process is currently being developed.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 33

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive report on the progress in relation to implementing Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems in existing areas in Fingal, particularly on the implementation of Actions F15 to F21 of the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, and advise what further steps could be taken to reduce the increase in flood risk caused by new impermeable paving of existing gardens."

Report:

Fingal County Council assesses all planning applications in accordance with the Objectives within our County Development Plan and the Government's 2021 Nature Based Solutions for the management of rainwater and surface water runoff in urban areas Best Practice Interim Guidance Document.

Fingal County Council's Water Services Forward Planning (WSFP) section have also just recently produced "Fingal County Council's Householder SuDS Guide" in Q4 2024 to inform homeowners of how they can help mitigate the effects of climate change by implementing sustainable drainage practices in their own homes. This includes alternative permeable options for driveways and patios and de-paving existing impermeable surfaces.

WSFP are also working on a Guide to Green and Blue roof installations which it hopes to have complete on Q2/Q3 2025. Green and Blue roofs are promoted in all planning applications where possible.

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 35

SUPPORT SERVICES TO FINGAL RESIDENT

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive organises a presentation to Councillors on the support services offered to Fingal residents via SLí, Focus Ireland Tenancy Sustainment, HAIL, Housing First and work undertaken by Sophia Housing Association, Peter McVerry Trust, Novas, Respond and Anew."

Report:

An invitation will be issued to a selection of the relevant agencies operating services in Fingal in this regard, and the Members will be advised in due course.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 36

FINGAL TWINNING WITH CITY/BOROUGH IN PALESTINE

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"In the context of the ongoing genocide in Gaza where over 35,000 civilians have been killed by the actions of Israeli military, that Fingal County Council extends solidarity with the Palestinian people by seeking to twin with a city or borough in Palestine."

Report:

Twinning projects are developed to promote cultural and business links in a spirit of friendship and understanding between the twinned locations e.g. counties, towns, local areas/ communities.

Twinning of Local Authority areas is a reserved function of the Council and is provided for in the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, as follows:

"A Local Authority may enter into arrangements for the twinning of its functional area or a part thereof or establish other similar links with any other area, whether within or outside the State.

The decision to enter into an arrangement is a reserved function and the Council shall not enter into such an arrangement unless it is satisfied that the proposed arrangement is justified on the grounds:

(a) The ensuing benefits likely to accrue to its functional area and the local community,

(b) The social, cultural and general interests of its functional area and the local community,

(c) The total cost involved."

Fingal County Council has a twinning protocol in place for the development of new twinning arrangements, both formal and informal.

The main purpose of this protocol is to have an agreed procedure so that twinning arrangements, can be developed and sustained in a manner that benefits all stakeholders in the process. The main points of the protocol are as follows;

Twinning Objectives

Twinning arrangements can cover links between districts, towns, counties and regions with the objective of promoting friendship and goodwill between the communities involved. The basis on which a twinning proposal could be developed should include at least one of the following objectives: -

(a) To promote economic development by facilitating economic partnerships and projects to attract business investment.

(b) The development of co-operation between the communities involved together with cultural exchanges.

(c) To promote Fingal as a quality destination for visitors

(d) The promotion of artistic and music projects

(e) Organised sporting competitions

(f) Meetings between youth groups and exchange events involving community groups

A twinning proposal to be successful should be developed in consultation with the community involved including as wide a range of community groups as possible within the area concerned.

Twinning Criteria

Twinning relationships will be considered when the following criteria can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council:

• Similarities and shared characteristics or interests identified between Fingal/area in Fingal and the twinning proposer

• Community interest in a relationship has been identified from citizens, business community, cultural groups and sporting organisations within the proposed twinning area.

• Potential cultural, educational and economic exchanges and interaction between the proposed twinning area and the twinning proposer have been identified

Twinning Procedure

There are two elements to twinning.

The first element is to investigate the suitability and willingness of the proposed participants. This involves visits by official representatives of the areas to be twinned which is carried out at each parties own expense. Further visits, once a decision to twin is made, are on a reciprocal basis (excluding travel costs).

The second element is the direct participation of groups and individuals in exchanges and locally organised events to facilitate the development of friendships between the Communities involved. The most appropriate way to organise this is to form a Twinning Committee comprised of public representatives, representatives of local organisations and appropriate Council staff all operating under an appropriate Twinning Committee Charter which sets out the functions and responsibilities of the Committee.

Proposals for twinning should be submitted by, or with documentary evidence of the support of, the municipality/Council/relevant local government organization for the proposed location. Proposals for twinning arising from within Fingal should be submitted to the Mayor.

Proposals for twinning with the County of Fingal, or a particular location within Fingal, will in the first instance be considered by the Mayor in consultation with the Chief Executive. Such proposals must set out in detail the basis on which the twinning is to be considered having regard to the requirement and criteria above.

County Twinning Procedure

Step 1: Request from location/relevant local government organisation is considered by the Mayor and Chief Executive and/or relevant Chair and Members of Area Committee. Alternatively, a proposal from within Fingal to twin with another location may be initiated by the Mayor, having consulted with the Chief Executive.

Step 2: A report assessing the proposal against the criteria set out above will be prepared by the executive for submission to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration. The CPG having considered the report may make a recommendation for consideration by other committees or by the full Council for approval, if appropriate.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 38

INCREASING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING SCRAMBLERS AND SCOOTERS

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"In view of the increasing number of incidents involving scramblers in Fingal, to ask the Chief Executive to raise a "red alert" with An Garda Síochána and all relevant department heads to expedite action on the registration and regulation of the use of scramblers and scooters to mitigate the recklessness and danger scramblers and scooters constitute on our roads, parks and other public spaces."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána and the relevant Government Departments and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 39

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ROLE IN RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY FUNDING

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of the Taoiseach, to give Fingal County Council and other local authorities the power to apply for, manage and utilise the remaining €592 million European Recovery and Resilience Facility funds not applied for on behalf of Ireland, with a focus on the critical priority areas highlighted in National Recovery Plan of green transition, digital transformation, social recovery, and job creation, in light of the central government's delays in drawing down and disbursing the full allocation."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to Department of Public Expenditure and the Department of the Taoiseach and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 40

BUS SHELTERS FOR ALL BUS STOPS

MOTION: Councillor T. Murphy

"That the Chief Executive writes to the relevant authority for bus shelters for all bus stops, where possible, for regional and local stops, to encourage the public to continue to use public transport throughout the winter months?"

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to National Transport Authority and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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ITEM NO. 41

RECONNECTION OF HOUSES TO THE ELECTRICY SUPPLY

Motion: Councillor G. Sheehan

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) to outline what can be done to help speed up the process of reconnecting houses to the electricity supply with the hope of getting houses on to the market quicker."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Electricity Supply Board and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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ITEM NO. 42

REPORT ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor D.J. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive writes to An Garda Síochána to request a report on anti-social behaviour in Fingal for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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ITEM NO. 43

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BILL

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council calls on the Irish Government to respond to enact the Occupied Territories Bill to implement sanctions against goods and services produced in illegal settlements in Palestine."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Irish Government and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 44

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BILL

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That Fingal County Council, in light of the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice on the illegality of Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territories, calls on the Irish Government to immediately enact the Occupied Territories Bill, to cut Irish trade ties with Israeli goods and services produced in these illegal settlements and that the Chief Executive write to An Taoiseach to outline this Council's position."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to An Taoiseach and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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