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Thursday, 19th June 2025

To Each Member of the
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee
(Services A - Operational Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 26th June, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes from the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 22nd of May 2025

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor S. Shovlin - Clearing and Cleaning of Cycle Lanes - Diswellstown Road - AI102325

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing if the great work which has been done to tidy up the cycle lanes along Diswellstown Road (opposite staff entrance to Castleknock Community College and onwards) could be regularly carried out to ensure the cycle lanes are clear?"

3 Councillor S. Shovlin - Clean Up - Land near Coolmine Boulevard - AI102881

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the strip of land opposite the entrance to Coolmine Boulevard to be monitored regularly for rubbish and litter picks carried out as required?"

4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Kellystown Cemetery Queries - AI102928

"To ask the Chief Executive where queries can be directed regarding internments in Columbarium Wall at the above cemetery?"

5 Councillor S. Shovlin - Clean Up - Clonsilla Road and Coolmine Woods - AI103103

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clean up the area between the trees on the Clonsilla Road and the houses in Coolmine Woods?"

6 Councillor S. Shovlin - Road Repair Works - Dunsink Lane - AI103335

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out upgrade/repair works to the road at Dunsink Lane?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Entrance/Exit Review - Porterstown Park - AI103385

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine ways in which the entrance/exit to Porterstown Park can be made safer and easier to navigate for both motorists and pedestrians?"

8 Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Speed Limit Implementation - Porterstown Road - AI103386

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the new 50km speed limit on the Porterstown Road?"

9 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Review and Update on Critical Workforce in this LEA - AI102874

"To ask the Chief Executive to review the current workforce in the Operations Department in this LEA and to provide an analysis in tabular format for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to determine if there is currently a staff shortfall and attendant pressure on available staff?"

10 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Report on Improvement Works - Mulhuddart Cemetery - AI103086

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline and progress for the improvement and development works at Mulhuddart Cemetery?"

11 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Uncoffined Burials in Kellystown Cemetery - AI103112

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if Kellystown Cemetery will have an area designated exclusively for uncoffined burials as per Section 6.2 Mode of Burial of the Fingal Burial Ground Byelaws?"

12 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Park Ranger for Castlecurragh Park - AI103379

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the allocation of a dedicated park ranger for Castlecurragh/Tolka Valley Park, noting that this is an area of huge biodiversity and a real asset to the community, however with a major supermarket, many local shops and off-licences in close proximity, the levels of littering and antisocial behaviour tend to increase?"

13 Councillor H. Redwood - Installation of Traffic Safety Measures - Littlepace Road - AI103400

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of speed ramps, a pedestrian crossing, plus a community awareness campaign on road safety, and any other measures to tackle the persistent problem of speeding cars and motorbikes on Littlepace Road, especially between the Hunters Run/Pheasants Run roundabout to the Bramblefield roundabout, as it is a growing safety concern for residents, particularly young children and elderly residents?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of Additional Seating - Hartstown Park - AI103448

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of additional benches in Hartstown Park as senior residents have remarked that there are only a few places to sit down and it's not enough for older people?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Repair Path at Willow Wood Green - AI103461

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the path on Willow Wood Green?"

16 Councillor A. Donnelly - Inspection and Repainting of Road Markings - Hartstown Link Road - AI103463

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the Hartstown Link Road and organise repainting of the road markings if necessary?"

17 Councillor A. Donnelly - Ramp and Resurface Inspection - Sheepmoor Estate - AI103464

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the ramps in Sheepmoor Estate and resurface if necessary?"

18 Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Pruning - Willow Wood View - AI103465

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prune the trees on Willow Wood View during the winter pruning works?"

19 Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Pruning/Visibility of Traffic Lights - Mountview/Shelerin Road - AI103466

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prune the trees at the traffic lights by the junction between Shelerin Road and Mountview Road?"

20 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Public Seating - Mulhuddart Village - AI103458

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of public seating in Mulhuddart Village?"

21 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Yellow Box - Blackcourt Road - AI103459

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a yellow box on Blackcourt Road at the entrance into Corduff Park Estate?"

22 Councillor J. Walsh - Traffic Survey - Luttrellstown Way/Heights - AI103462

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a traffic survey and/or inspection of Luttrellstown Way and Heights to assess whether speeding is taking place?"

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

23 National Speed Limit Implementation - Phase 2 Update

24 Signalised Pedestrian Crossing on Beechpark Avenue - Programme of Works (POW)

MOTIONS

25 Councillor S. Shovlin - Accessibility of Footpath from Avista towards Angler's Rest - AI102805

"That the Chief Executive explores options to make the footpath from Avista St. Louise's towards Angler's Rest accessible for wheelchair users, as it is currently not wide enough for wheelchairs."

26 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Private Insurance - Porterstown Sports Hub - AI103088

"That the Chief Executive investigate alternatives (e.g. State Claims Agency) to the private insurance model whose restrictions are preventing public access to the Council owned facility, Porterstown Sports Hub."

27 Councillor T. Leddy - Unstable Boundary Wall between St Brigid's GAA Club and Phoenix Estate - AI103134

"That the Chief Executive initiate a site meeting in Russell Park with the Executive of St Brigid's GAA Club and relevant Council officials, to find a permanent and acceptable solution to the unstable boundary wall between the club and the Phoenix Estate."

28 Councillor M. McCamley - Traffic Light Issue - Junction of Castleknock Road and Main Street, Blanchardstown - AI103152

"That the Chief Executive investigates the sequence of traffic lights at the junction of Castleknock Road and Main Street, Blanchardstown (at the Bell), where the filter light to turn right at St. Brigid's School does not correspond with the pedestrian light on the opposite road, as both can be green at the same time."

29 Councillor P. Quinlan - Public Lighting in Tolka Valley Park - AI103176

"That the Chief Executive install public lighting in Tolka Valley Park alongside the work being carried out within the park, as set out in the Capital Programme 2025 - 2027."

30 Councillor A. Donnelly - Road Safety Review - Ongar Village - AI103430

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the signage, road markings and crossings in Ongar Village to ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers."

31 Councillor J. Walsh - Cleaning of Coolmine Woods - AI103457

"That the Chief Executive arranges for regular cleaning of the wooded area between the Clonsilla Road and Coolmine Woods Estate, which was recently taken into ownership by the Council, as illegal dumping of domestic waste occurs at this location."

32 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Inspection of Corduff Park and Grove Estates

"That the Chief Executive carries out an inspection of the two main entrance roads and footpaths into both Corduff Park and Grove Estates, to establish the extent of disrepair to both footpaths and roads."

33 Councillor M. McCamley - Path Extension - Dunsink to Rathborne/Ashtown - Tolka River - AI103368

"That the Chief Executive investigate the possibility of extending the Tolka River path from Dunsink to Rathborne/Ashtown, to meet with the park at Finglas."

34 Councillor S. Shovlin - Parking Concerns in this LEA - AI103384

"That the Chief Executive consider suitable ways to deter parking on corners, such as installation of yellow lines in specific problematic cases, in this Local Electoral Area, to serve as an obvious reminder and a safety measure."

35 Councillor T. Leddy - Safety Strategy - Castleknock Hotel - AI103460

"That the Chief Executive implement a new safety strategy for pedestrians accessing the Castleknock Hotel."

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Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council
BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)
Thursday 22nd May 2025

A meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A-Operational Matters) was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd May 2025

PRESENT

John Burtchaell	Tom Kitt
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	Mary McCamley
Kieran Dennison	JK Onwumereh
Angela Donnelly	Patrick Quinlan
Breda Hanaphy	Gerard Sheehan
Ellen Troy	Siobhan Shovlin
Helen Redwood	John Walsh

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Stephen Callaghan (Administrative Officer); Anne Raj (Senior Staff Officer); Hugh James (Senior Executive Engineer); Quintin Greally (Executive Engineer); Stephen Johnson (Executive Parks Superintendent); Lourda Darcy (Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer); Ronan Davis (Staff Officer); Elaine Tobin (Assistant Staff Officer);

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

CMA/98/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 24th of April 2025

Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 24th April 2025 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record.

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 24th April 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

CMA/99/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 23 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

CMA/100/25 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Planned Improvement Works in Parks in this LEA for 2025 - AI102208

CMA/101/25 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Footpath Inspection and Repair Works - Park Avenue, Castleknock - AI102324

CMA/102/25 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Footpath Repair - Castleknock Road - AI102708

CMA/103/25 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Traffic Calming Measures - Ongar Park at Mall Road - AI102248

CMA/104/25 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Road Markings - Sweeney Mews/The Mall, Ongar - AI102249

CMA/105/25 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Additional Bin - Old Hansfield Road - AI102580

CMA/106/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Bins - Dog Run - Latchford Park - AI102581

CMA/107/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor G. Sheehan – Installation of Speed Ramp - Willans Way, Ongar Green - AI102634

CMA/108/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Dumping Hotspot - Mulhuddart Village - AI102271

CMA/109/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Dumping Hotspot - Sheephill Green, Corduff - AI102272

CMA/110/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Vandalism of the Eco-Toilet in Tyrrelstown Park - AI102676

CMA/111/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Replacement of Broken Exercise Equipment - Millennium Park - AI102648

CMA/112/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Planting - Lohunda Road - AI102649

CMA/113/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Number of Rodent Complaints in this LEA - AI102654

CMA/114/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Provision of Bus Shelters in this LEA - AI102670

CMA/115/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Update on Progress - NTA Installation of New Bus Stops - Curragh Hall Crescent, Tyrrelstown - AI102722

CMA/116/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Muslim Specific Burial Area - Kellystown Cemetery - AI102733

CMA/117/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Repainting of Road Markings - R121 - AI102759

CMA/118/25 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Removal of Trees in this LEA - AI102760

CMA/119/25 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Review of Entrance to Tyrrelstown Park - AI102761

CMA/120/25 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Repairs to Cycle Lanes - Boulevard, Tyrrelstown - AI102762

CMA/121/25 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor J. Walsh - Cleaning of Illegal Dumping - Porterstown Road - AI102795

MOTIONS

CMA/122/25 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Prevention of Scramblers and Quad Bikes - Tyrrelstown and Mick Walsh Parks - AI102244

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh

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

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/123/25 (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Water Pooling in Dog Run - Ongar - AI102655

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

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

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/124/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Inspection of Footpath and Road at Oaklawn, Castleknock - AI102671

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh

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

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/125/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Enhancement of Green Area - Corduff Park & Grove - AI102763

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

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

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/126/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Walsh - Acquisition of Solar Compactor Bins in this LEA - AI102794

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered

Following Discussion, the Committee **AGREED** the report

CMA/127/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Children at Play Signs in this LEA - AI102669

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/128/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Timeline of Pathway Upgrade - Tolka Valley - AI102764

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered

Following Discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

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AREA CHAIRPERSON **DATED**

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)

THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 02

CLEARING AND CLEANING OF CYCLE LANES - DISWELLSTOWN ROAD - AI102325

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing if the great work which has been done to tidy up the cycle lanes along Diswellstown Road (opposite staff entrance to Castleknock Community College and onwards) could be regularly carried out to ensure the cycle lanes are clear?"

Reply:

These works were completed as part of our 2025 Maintenance schedule. This particular area will be monitored and any required works carried out when needed.

Source of Reply:
Mick Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 03

CLEAN UP - LAND NEAR COOLMINE BOULEVARD - AI102881

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the strip of land opposite the entrance to Coolmine Boulevard to be monitored regularly for rubbish and litter picks carried out as required?"

Reply:

This area will be monitored regularly for rubbish. This location will be programmed in the schedule for an additional litter pick.

Source of Reply:
Mick Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 04

KELLYSTOWN CEMETERY QUERIES - AI102928

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive where queries can be directed regarding internments in Columbarium Wall at the above cemetery?"

Reply:

Any queries regarding internments in the Columbarium wall for Kellystown Cemetery can be directed to howmaloparea@fingal.ie and a member of the team will assist with any related queries.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 05

CLEAN UP - CLONSILLA ROAD AND COOLMINE WOODS - AI103103

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clean up the area between the trees on the Clonsilla Road and the houses in Coolmine Woods?"

Reply:

The area was inspected recently and at the time there was no evidence of any illegal dumping.
The majority of the trees in this area are being removed in Q3 2025 as part of the Ash dieback works taking place throughout Dublin 15. The site will then be assessed in conjunction with the Parks and Roads Inspector in relation to looking for a more permanent solution for the area.

Source of Reply:
Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 06

ROAD REPAIR WORKS - DUNSINK LANE - AI103335

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out upgrade/repair works to the road at Dunsink Lane?"

Reply:

I wish to confirm minor maintenance works were completed on Dunsink Lane in 2024. Due to the volume of traffic currently using Dunsink Lane there are no immediate plans to fully resurface the road. The road will be monitored and any minor maintenance works will be completed if and when required.

Source of Reply:
Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 07

ENTRANCE/EXIT REVIEW - PORTERSTOWN PARK - AI103385

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine ways in which the entrance/exit to Porterstown Park can be made safer and easier to navigate for both motorists and pedestrians?"

Reply:

There are 2 entrances into Porterstown Park. One vehicle entrance and one pedestrian entrance.
The pedestrian entrance is located at the end of the park closest to the crossing. This allows pedestrians to enter the park separately from vehicular traffic.
The vehicle entrance has been listed to be redeveloped along with the overflow car park. The new entrance will be widened to allow for a comfortable flow of 2-way traffic.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON SPEED LIMIT IMPLEMENTATION - PORTERSTOWN ROAD - AI103386

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the new 50km speed limit on the Porterstown Road?"

Reply:

The 60kph signs on Porterstown Road were replaced with the 50kph signs on the 1st of April 2025. The new speed limit of 50kph was fully implemented and enforceable from the 1st of April. The Operations Department intends to carry out speed surveys on the road in Q3.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 09

REVIEW AND UPDATE ON CRITICAL WORKFORCE IN THIS LEA - AI102874

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to review the current workforce in the Operations Department in this LEA and to provide an analysis in tabular format for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to determine if there is currently a staff shortfall and attendant pressure on available staff?"

Reply:

The funding of staff resources is provided for in the yearly Revenue Budget. Provision will be required to be made for any additional staff in the forthcoming 2026 budget.

Due to the fluid nature of the Operations Department workforce, it is not possible to accurately provide an analysis for the years 2020-2024 for this LEA as the numbers have changed on an ongoing basis, with the total workforce increasing over the last 5 years.

The current workforce in this Local Electoral Area for the Operations Department is 99 outdoor staff members, based in our Coolmine Depot, along with an admin team of 17 staff members based in our Grove Road offices.

10 additional posts were provided for in 2022 and in the last 2 months a total of 12 additional staff have been assigned to the Coolmine depot including staff for the

Recycling Centres and 4 additional Park Rangers to manage the additional areas taken in charge.

The outdoor staff members consist of a variety of roles, in both our roads and parks crews, who carry out the daily maintenance and upkeep of this LEA, along with assisting in delivering the annual programme of works and other required duties.

To ensure that adequate resources are in place to manage the increase in areas being taken in charge and to continue the current high standard of services being delivered, the Operations Department have sought additional staff for all areas including Castleknock/Mulhuddart under the new workforce plan with provision required in forthcoming budgets for same.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT WORKS - MULHUDDART CEMETERY - AI103086

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline and progress for the improvement and development works at Mulhuddart Cemetery?"

Reply:

Following receipt of the Part XI planning consent in December 2024 detailed design is now well advanced, and it is expected that the tender package will be complete and ready for pricing early in Q3 2025.

The development includes improvements to the site infrastructure, including changes to car park and boundary alignment and finish at Church Road, and the creation of a new reflection garden and columbarium walls for the storage of ashes.

Subject to procurement outcome, an award of contract is anticipated in Q4 2025.

Works will be phased, to allow for access and the operation of the cemetery to continue. It is expected that the work will take six months to complete on site and all work be completed mid-2026.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 11

UNCOFFINED BURIALS IN KELLYSTOWN CEMETERY - AI103112

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if Kellystown Cemetery will have an area designated exclusively for uncoffined burials as per Section 6.2 Mode of Burial of the Fingal Burial Ground Byelaws?"

Reply:

Fingal burial grounds are non-denominational and are open to any person(s) regardless of their religion who wishes to be buried at any of our burial grounds.

There will be no separate area designated in Kellystown Cemetery specifically for un-coffined burials.

Source of Reply:
Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

PARK RANGER FOR CASTLECURRAGH PARK - AI103379

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to allocation of a dedicated park ranger for Castlecurragh/Tolka Valley Park, noting that this is an area of huge biodiversity and a real asset to the community, however with a major supermarket, many local shops and off-licences in close proximity, the levels of littering and antisocial behaviour tend to increase?"

Reply:

There is no dedicated Park Ranger for any parks across the Dublin 15 area. The system we operate is a mobile service. Additional Park Rangers are due to commence work in Q3 and in return more visits will take place in the Castlecurragh Park area.

Litter picking is taking place in conjunction with local resident groups.

In relation to anti-social behavior in the area, this would be a matter for Garda Siochana.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES - LITTLEPACE ROAD - AI103400

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for installation of speedbumps or ramps, a pedestrian crossing, plus a community awareness campaign on road safety, and any other measures to tackle the persistent problem of speeding of cars and motorbikes on Littlepace Road, especially between the Hunters Run/Pheasants Run roundabout to the Bramblefield roundabout, as it is a growing safety concern for residents, particularly young children and elderly people?"

Reply:

The Littlepace Road is a 50kph road. Speed signage is erected at the start of the road.

There is currently traffic calming on the Littlepace Road with a zebra crossing on all four arms of the roundabout at the entrance to both the National and Secondary School. The zebra crossing has raised table ramps in place to act as traffic calming. There are numerous roundabouts, and these serve as traffic calming measures.

There are two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). One on the westbound direction of Littlepace Gallops (near Deerhaven Park) and another on the eastbound direction of Littlepace Road (near Pace Road). The VAS displays the 50kph speed limit.

The Operations Department do not intend to add any further traffic calming currently on Littlepace Road.

Any issues of speeding are enforcement issues which should be reported to An Garda Siochana.

This road will be included in the National Speed Limit Implementation Phase 2 review, which is due to be carried out in 2025.

Consideration will be given for a signalised crossing on this section of road in a future Programme of works when it is being prepared.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SEATING - HARTSTOWN PARK - AI103448

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of additional benches in Hartstown Park as senior residents have remarked that "there are only a few places to sit down and it's not enough for the older people?"

Reply:

At present there are 14 Park Benches located throughout the Hartstown Park. There are 3 additional inclusive picnic benches planned to be installed in Q3 2025.

However, additional seating will be considered for the 2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Parks Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

REPAIR PATH AT WILLOW WOOD GREEN - AI103461

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the path on Willow Wood Green?"

Reply:

The footpaths were inspected in Willow Wood Green and are deemed in reasonable condition.

It was noted a crossing point is required at the Stonebridge Road end to improve pedestrian movement. Minor road repairs are also required.

This works has been listed for completion in 2025

Source of Reply:
Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

INSPECTION AND REPAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS - HARTSTOWN LINK ROAD - AI103463

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the Hartstown Link Road and organise repainting of the road markings if necessary?"

Reply:

The Hartstown Link Road is included in the 2025 Surface Restoration Programme and works will progress in Q3/Q4 this year. As part of the these works the road will be relined.

Source of Reply:
Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

RAMP AND RESURFACE INSPECTION - SHEEPMOOR ESTATE - AI103464

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect the ramps in the Sheepmoor Estate and resurface if necessary?"

Reply:

The estate was inspected on the 17th of June 2025, and three existing ramps are required to be replaced.

The Traffic Section will organise for these ramps to be replaced with new ones.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

TREE PRUNING - WILLOW WOOD VIEW - AI103465

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prune the trees on Willow Wood View during the winter pruning works?"

Reply:

A detailed inspection will take place throughout Willow Wood View in the coming weeks and a decision will be made based on this and consideration will be given in the 2025/2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

TREE PRUNING/VISIBILITY OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS - MOUNTVIEW/SHELERIN ROAD - AI103466

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prune the trees at the traffic lights by the junction between Shelerin Road and Mountview Road?"

Reply:

I wish to confirm that tree pruning works have been completed at this location.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC SEATING - MULHUDDART VILLAGE - AI103458

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of public seating in Mulhuddart Village?"

Reply:

A site meeting has taken place with local business owners to review the location and suitability of public seating in Mulhuddart Village. It has been agreed to install a bench, a small, stoned wall and paving in the open space area as part of the Programme of Works 2026.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

INSTALLATION OF YELLOW BOX – BLACKCOURT ROAD - AI103459

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a yellow box on Blackcourt Road at the entrance into Corduff Park Estate?"

Reply:

The junction will be inspected over the coming months to determine if a yellow box is required.

If warranted, a yellow box will be added at this location, subject to approval by An Garda Siochana.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

TRAFFIC SURVEY - LUTTRELLSTOWN WAY/HEIGHTS - AI103462

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a traffic survey and/or inspection of Luttrellstown Way and Heights to assess whether speeding is taking place?"

Reply:

Luttrellstown Way and Heights were inspected on the 19th of June 2025.
At the estate entrance, there is a children at play sign, inclusive of 30kph speed limit.

There are two ramps on Luttrellstown Way serving as traffic calming measures.

There are numerous bends and junctions on the road which slow traffic. Furthermore, vehicles are sporadically parked throughout the estate, which further serves as passive traffic calming.

During the inspection there were no speeding vehicles witnessed by the Engineer.
The Traffic Section deem that currently no further traffic calming measures are required in the estate.

Source of Reply:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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National Speed Limit Implementation Update

Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar ACM

26th June 2025

Summary

- New legislation passed in April 2024 under Roads Traffic Act 2024.
- All stems from Programme for Government commitment for a National Speed Limit Review & to reduce road fatalities in Ireland
- Other policy documents such as Road Safety Strategy and EU/International commitments e.g. TEN-T.
- Focus on changing **speed limits** on public roads including.
    - 80 km/h to 60 km/h on Rural Local Roads
    - 100 km/h to 80 km/h on National Secondary Roads
    - 50 km/h to 30 km/h in Urban Areas
- The national speed limit implementation will be broken into 3 no. Phases
    - Phase 1. Rural Local Roads
    - Phase 2. Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads
    - Phase 3. Other Special Circumstances, such as schools

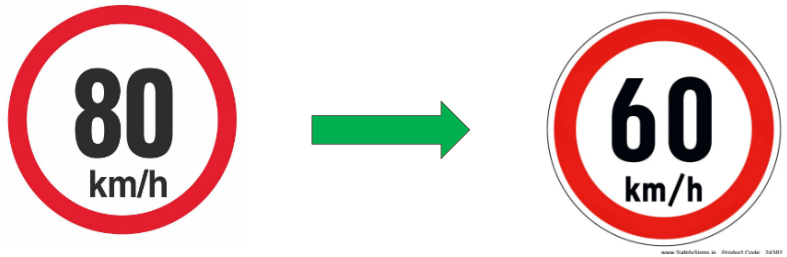


Phase One Local Rural Roads

- New default speed limit is **60 km/h** on **rural local** roads (previous default speed limit was 80 km/h).
- This default speed limit commenced nationally on **07/02/2025** by Ministerial Order.
- No special Special Speed Limit Bye Laws required to implement default 60km/h.
- Note what roads are not included as part of Phase 1:
  - Regional Rural Roads
  - Urban Roads both urban and local
  - National Secondary Roads
  - National Primary Roads
  - Motorways

Refer to Table 1 for breakdown

- 133 new 60 km/h speed signage were installed across the county
- Works were carried out by Operations Outdoor Crews.
- Signage and pole data based on available FCC Signage Database.

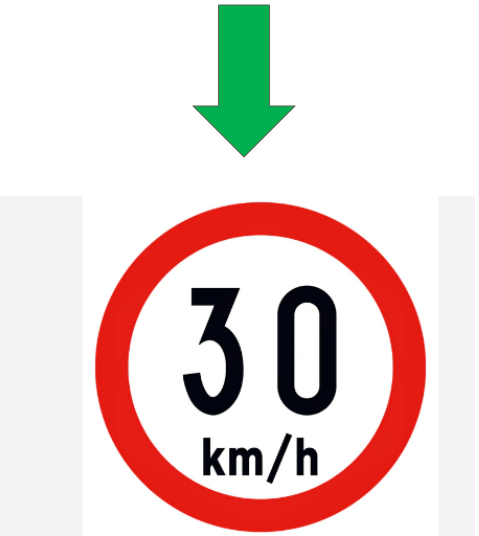


Phase 1 Breakdown						
Electoral Area	***No. of 60 km/h Signs***	***No. of 80km/h Repeater Signs***	***No. of Gateway Signage***	***No. of Rural Speed Limit Signs***	***No. of New Poles***	***Comment***
Cas/Mul	28	7	3	3	19	
Bal/Swords	105	14	10	15	103	
Howth/Mal	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	133	21	13	18	122	

Phase 2 – Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads

- New default speed limits for urban core areas was proposed to be 30 km/h – This has now changed.
- New default speed limit will be **80 km/h** (previous default speed limit was 100 km/h) for national secondary roads by Ministerial Order.
- Target date for this based on Department Circular was 30/06/2025 but now has been pushed out by DoT – No target date has been set at present.
    - Initial workshop carried out between LA's and Department of Transport
- What has changed is that urban speed limit zones will be developed as part of this process and speed limits within this zone will be introduced as special speed limit bye laws.





Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones

- Identify Urban Speed Limit Zone (USLZ)
- Once USLZ is determined, identify urban core for 30 km/h speed limit e.g. town centre.
- Identify other speed limits within USLZ i.e. arterial roads for 50 km/h or public transport routes.
- Identify school locations within USLZ for potential 30 km/h speed limit.
- Implement urban speed limits as bye-laws in accordance with Setting and Managing Guidelines for Speed Limits in Ireland and s.9 of the Road Traffic Act (2004).

Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones – Next Steps

- Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland (2015) need to be officially updated.
- Circular to be published from DoT to give official guidance to each local authority.
- Assessment of each village and town in county required.
- Once complete – workshops to be held with each area committee.
- Non-Statutory Public Consultation – 2 weeks
- Finalise Maps
- Once complete carry out bye-law process in accordance with section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act (2004).

Area	Town/Village/Built Up Area
Howth/Malahide	7
Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords	16
D15	9
Total	32

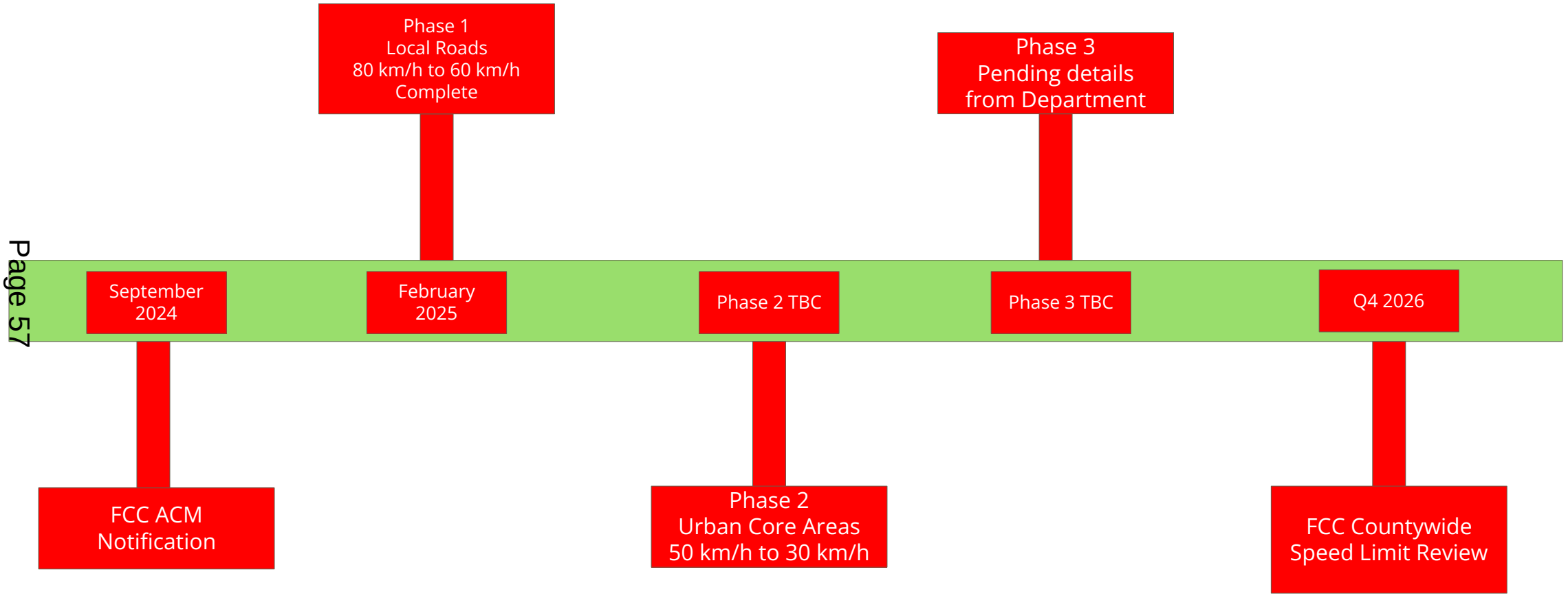
Default Speed Limit and Special Speed Limit

- Default speed limit set out in primary legislation was previously as per below.
    - A default speed limit for a rural area is 80km/h.
    - A default speed limit for an urban area is 50 km/h.
- Under legislation changes introduced in the Roads Traffic Act 2024 these default speed limits have been changed by Ministerial Order to:
    - 60 km/h for Local Rural Roads.
    - 80 km/h for National Secondary Roads.
- A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each local authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines.
    - As outlined in section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 the making and adoption of special speed limit requires statutory consultation and is a reserved function of the council.

Phase 3 Other Special Circumstances i.e. Schools

- Further detail to be issued on this but it would mainly for schools i.e. Safer Routes to School (SRTS) or other special cases i.e. sport clubs etc.
- No timeline has been issued from Department of Transport on this phase.
- Further detail will be circulated once available.

Speed Limit Implementation Update 2025



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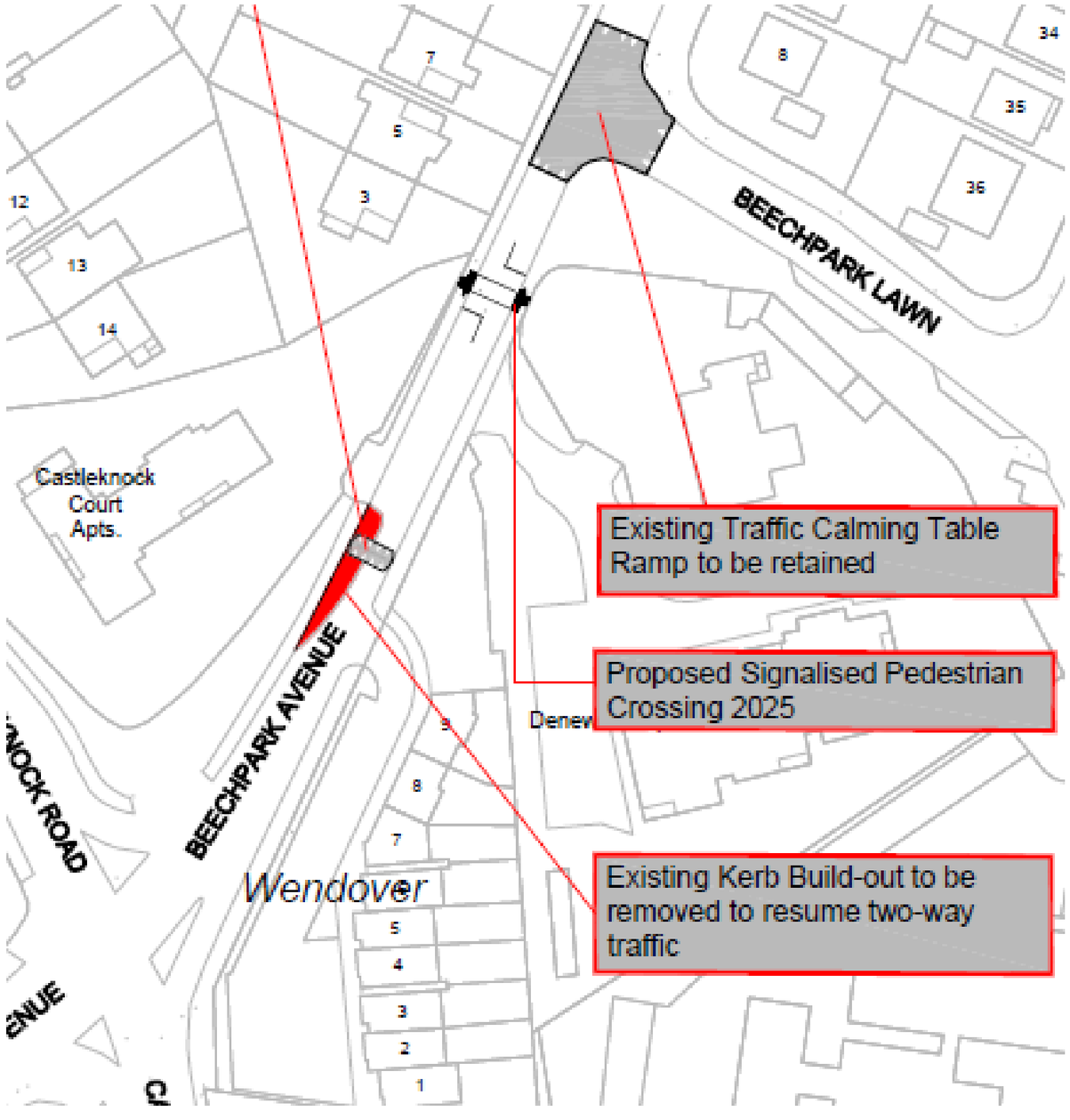
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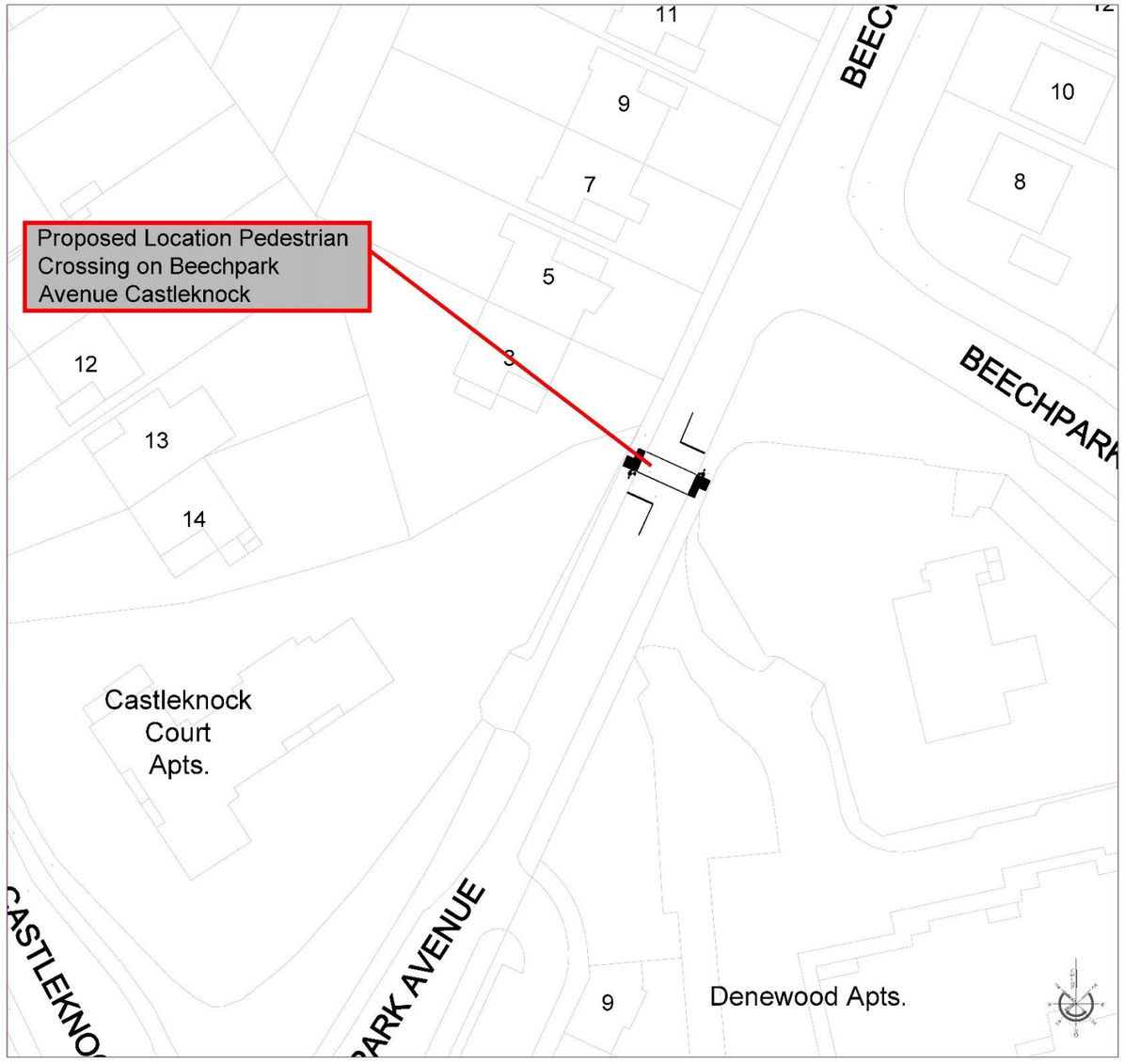
Proposed Traffic Calming and Signalised Pedestrian Crossing

Agreed at Aprils ACM was the traffic calming scheme at

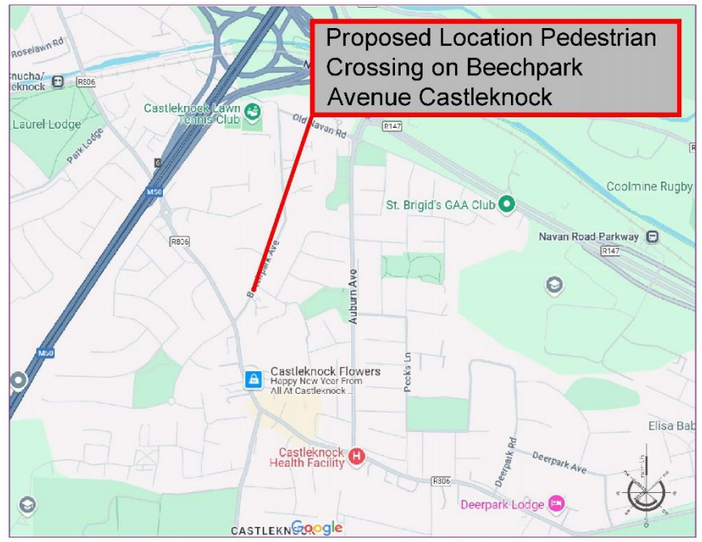
- Beechpark Avenue, Dublin 15 - 1 no. standard ramp replacing existing traffic calming chicane



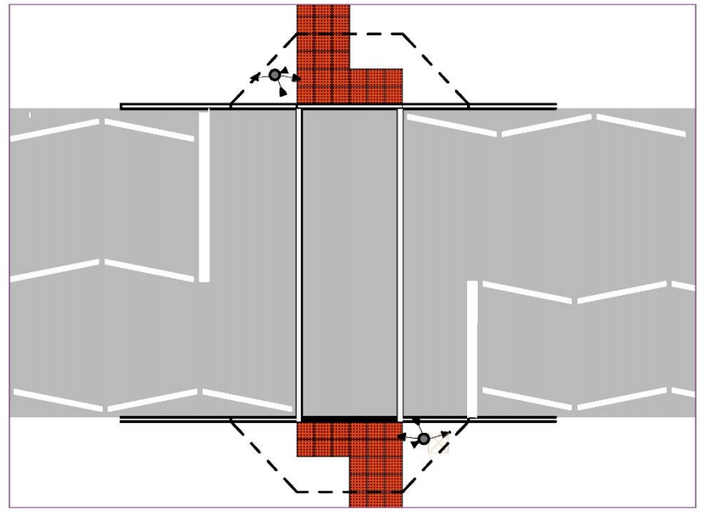
Outstanding item to progress: Proposed Signalised Pedestrian Crossing on Beechpark



Proposed Site Plan
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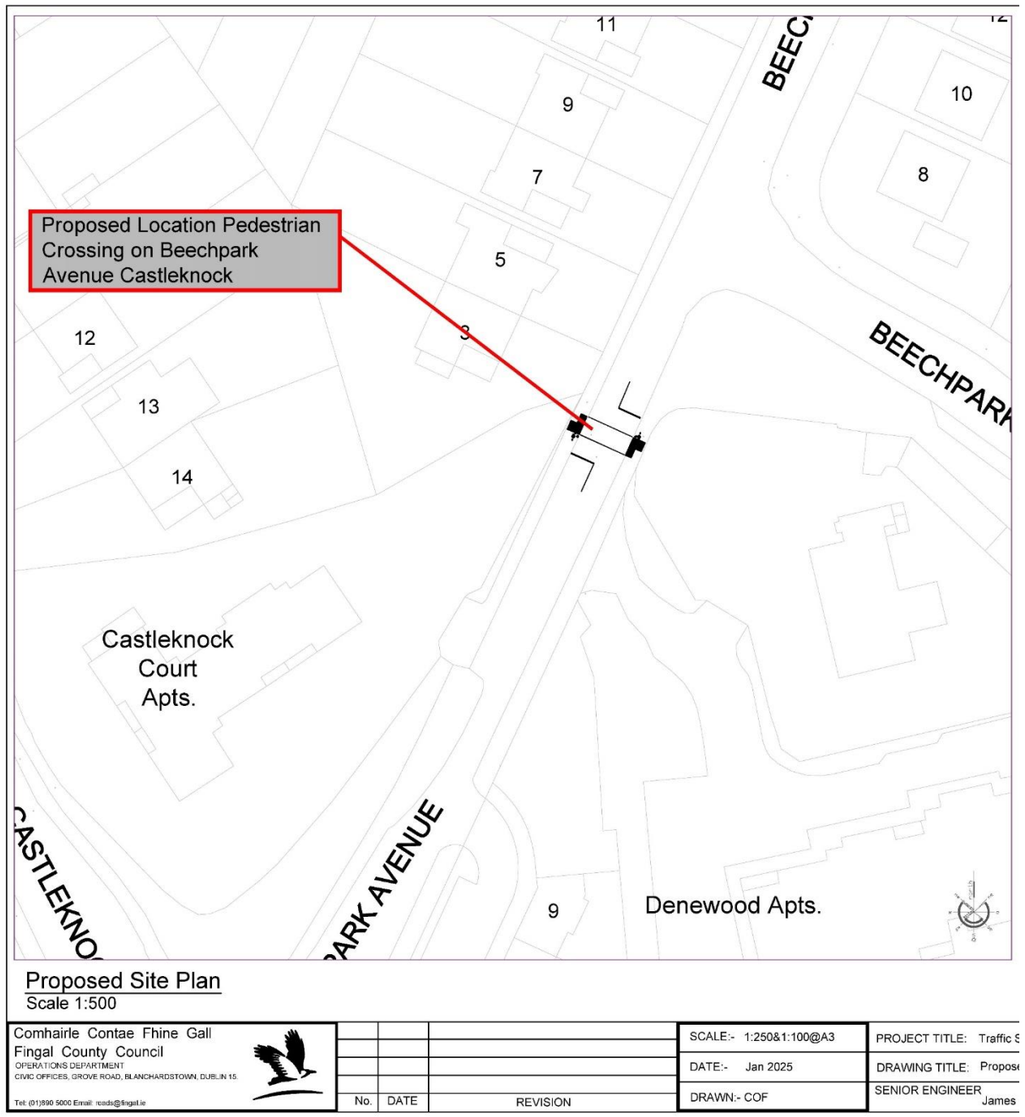


Site Location
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Proposed Pedestrian Crossing
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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT CIVIC OFFICES, GROVE ROAD, BLANCHARDSTOWN, DUBLIN 15. Tel: (01)890 5000 Email: roads@fingal.ie	No.	DATE	REVISION	SCALE:- 1:250&1:100@A3 DATE:- Jan 2025 DRAWN:- COF	PROJECT TITLE: Traffic Signals Tender 2025 - Site 2 Beechpark Avenue Castleknock DRAWING TITLE: Proposed Pedestrian Crossing SENIOR ENGINEER James Culhane / PROJECT ENGINEER Quintin Greally	DRAWING. NO: 2025-TS-102 / REV.



KEY POINTS

- **Signalised crossing complies with guidelines**
  DMURS & TII publications

- **Extract from TII publication:**
  In areas of high pedestrian movements such as busy shopping streets there may be continuous pedestrian flows, causing excessive traffic delay. In this case a signalised crossing should be considered so that the pedestrian flow can be managed.

It is recommended that the Signalised Pedestrian Crossing as proposed be approved.

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ITEM NO. 25

ACCESSIBILITY OF FOOTPATH FROM AVISTA TOWARDS ANGLER'S REST - AI102805

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive explores options to make the footpath from Avista St. Louise's towards Angler's Rest accessible for wheelchair users, as it is currently not wide enough for wheelchairs."

Report:

Operations carried out an inspection of the R108/Lower Road and footpath on 18th June 2025, between the Angler's Rest and Avista St. Louise.

Both the road and footpath along this stretch are narrow. The narrowest section was a 15m stretch where the road width is 4.98m and the footpath width is 1.09m. The road is too narrow to consider widening the footpath at this location.

There are large old stone walls on both sides of the road. The FCC Conservation Architect has confirmed that although neither wall is a listed structure, both are of old construction and the Conservation Office would be very reluctant for anything to happen to them.

The remaining footpath varies in width from 1.2m to 1.5m but again the road is too narrow to allow any widening of the footpaths.

Source of Report:
Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 26

PRIVATE INSURANCE - PORTERSTOWN SPORTS HUB-AI103088

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"That the Chief Executive investigate alternatives (e.g. State Claims Agency) to the private insurance model whose restrictions are preventing public access to the Council owned facility, Porterstown Sports Hub."

Report:

Fingal County Council along with other Local Authorities are self-insured with Irish Public Bodies Insurance. The State Claims Agency does not cover our insurance, but would cover the Gardai etc. The following is from the State Claims Agency's webpage:

"Our remit extends across a wide range of bodies involved in the provision of public services, where management of claims is delegated to us, known as State authorities. State authorities include the State itself, Government Ministers and Departments, the Defence Forces, An Garda Síochána, the Irish Prison Service, Tusla, other State agencies, community and comprehensive schools, the HSE, and the voluntary health and social care sector."

With regards to the Porterstown Sports hub, there is a Licence agreement in place with two anchor tenants, in which they manage all day-to-day aspects of the facility as a non-profit on behalf of the Council.

Per the licence agreement, the Anchor tenants, as the managers of this facility, must take out their own public liability insurance to cover the use of the licensed area by third parties, in this instance the all-weather pitch and running track. Fingal County Council would then be indemnified on their insurance policy.

The Licence agreement that is currently in place allows sports clubs/schools/groups etc. To book a time slot via an online booking system to use the facility. Any club/group/school etc. Must upload a copy of their own public liability insurance onto the portal as part of the booking process.

The Council has received representations with requests regarding the possibility of individual bookings, in particular for the use of the running track.

On foot of these requests, discussions were held with the Council's Insurance Department and Irish Public Bodies, and we were advised that:

- If we were to take out a joint insurance policy with the licensee year-round, this leaves FCC exposed to insurance claims by employees or maintenance companies hired by the licensee. This is not a viable option, as Fingal would have no say in who the licensee employs per the current licence agreement.

- In relation to individuals getting their own insurance to use the track, the Council would need to change the conditions of license agreement for a slot to be open to the public under individual insurance. However, if an individual who has their own insurance gets injured, FCC is still liable as we are not legally permissible to contract out of bodily injury and death claims for anyone. It will not stand in court if the point were to be argued. Therefore, this option is also not viable.

With regards to any amendments to the licence agreement, these would be considerable and would also require the anchor tenants to be in agreement to all amendments made, otherwise they would be entitled to refuse to manage the facility on our behalf, and at present, the Council do not have the resources in place to operate and manage this facility on a daily basis.

Therefore, based on the above, the current licence agreement will remain in place, as is, until its renewal in June 2028 at which time any new agreement will consider including an option for individual track bookings and appropriate insurance cover.

Source of Report:
Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 27

UNSTABLE BOUNDARY WALL BETWEEN ST BRIGID'S GAA CLUB AND PHOENIX ESTATE – AI103134

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

"That the Chief Executive initiate a site meeting in Russell Park with the Executive of St Brigid's GAA Club and relevant Council officials, to find a permanent and acceptable solution to the unstable boundary wall between the club and Phoenix Estate."

Report:

The Council will arrange for a site visit at St Brigids GAA club with the club's executive, Fingal's Building Control section and Operations staff to find a permanent and acceptable solution to the issues with their boundary wall.

Source of Report:
Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 28

TRAFFIC LIGHT ISSUE - JUNCTION OF CASTLEKNOCK ROAD AND MAIN STREET, BLANCHARDSTOWN - AI103152

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive investigates the sequence of traffic lights at the junction of Castleknock Road and Main Street, Blanchardstown (at the Bell), where the filter light to turn right at St. Brigid's School does not correspond with the pedestrian light on the opposite road, as both can be green at the same time."

Report:

Dublin City Council (DCC) manage the traffic lights at this junction on behalf of Fingal County Council.
The Traffic Section consulted with DCC on the matter. Minor adjustments have been implemented which will improve safety and efficiency at this location.

Phase C of the staging is for vehicles making the right turn onto the Old Navan Road.

Phase D is for the pedestrian movements at the junction.

Two seconds have been removed from the when the green man for the pedestrian movement starts. This allows ample time for vehicles to exit and clear the junction from Phase C before the pedestrian phase is initiated.

Source of Report:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 29

PUBLIC LIGHTING IN TOLKA VALLEY PARK - AI103176

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That the Chief Executive install public lighting in Tolka Valley Park alongside the work being carried out within the park, as set out in the Capital Programme 2025 – 2027."

Report:

The Parks and open spaces in Fingal are a wonderful resource for Fingal residents. The popularity of these spaces for exercise and recreation is well established and the Council encourages this usage with the provision of wonderful amenities within these spaces. Many of the Regional Parks including Tolka Valley Park, have an extensive mix of pedestrian paths, playgrounds, ornamental lakes, streams and rivers, open grassland meadows, woodlands, and areas hugely rich in natural biodiversity. These are valuable spaces for the residents of Fingal and require a balanced approach to their maintenance and usage to ensure that these spaces are managed in a way that allows them flourish and to be used in a sustainable manner.

The Council does not encourage after-hours use of parks and open spaces for public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations. Many urban areas already have a well-established public path network with public lighting that are safe for after-hours recreational walking and exercising purposes. Other after-hours sporting activities are catered for within community centres, gyms, and public sports hubs. The Council also has an obligation to preserve and protect the

valuable ecological habitats within these spaces and after-hours public use is detrimental from a biodiversity perspective.

The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective, and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space. Additional criteria for the installation for public lighting in open spaces and park areas includes:

- That the path through the open space provides the most direct link to key community services (e.g. to public transport, shopping areas, schools);
- that the installation of any lighting on the paths to these community services would comply with Fingal County Council's tree strategy for 2022-2032 "Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal", and would not be in conflict with any existing trees installed in the space;
- That the installation of any lighting in these park or open space areas does not conflict with Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030; or
- That alternative well-lit routes are not available.

Tolka Valley Park does not meet the criteria for consideration for the installation of public lighting as:

- The River Tolka, including its floodplains and adjacent farmland or parkland, is a protected ecological corridor, as per the Fingal Development Plan 2023- 2029 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report.
- Tolka Valley Park is an important ecological corridor in the Dublin 15 area. When the Royal Canal Greenway will be opened, the Tolka Valley will the last remaining dark corridor left in the Dublin 15 area. The council has an obligation to protect and improve the habitats and biodiversity in such areas, and to keep this dark corridor.
- The works required could cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of the park.
- The works required would conflict with Fingal County Council's tree strategy for 2022-2032 "Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal", as the provision of extensive civil and ducting works would cause damage to the roots of the existing trees.
- The Council does not encourage after-hours use of parks and open spaces for public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations, and encouraging after hours usage puts considerable

additional pressure on the Gardaí who would never have the resources to include these spaces within their usual patrol areas.
- The path through the green space is not the most direct route to nearby public transport.
- There are alternative well-lit routes around Tolka Valley Park, and the paths through the park do not provide a significant shortcut.
- There is no funding in the Capital Programme for the provision of lighting in this park.

For the reasons listed above, the provision of lighting within Tolka Valley Park will not be provided.

Source of Report:
Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 30

ROAD SAFETY REVIEW – ONGAR VILLAGE - AI103430

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the signage, road markings and crossings in Ongar Village to ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers."

Report:

A site inspection was carried out in Ongar Village on the 16th of June. Currently, the signage and road markings are at an acceptable level.

The pedestrian crossings would benefit from being upgraded.

Upgrading the existing pedestrian crossings has been added to the list for consideration when preparing for the next Programme of Works.

To upgrade the crossings, enabling works may need to be carried out.

The Operations Department will discuss this matter with the Taken in Charge Section and the Water Section of the Council.

Source of Report:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 31

CLEANING OF COOLMINE WOODS - AI103457

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive arranges for regular cleaning of the wooded area between the Clonsilla Road and Coolmine Woods Estate, which was recently taken into ownership by the Council, as illegal dumping of domestic waste occurs at this location."

Report:

The area was inspected recently and at the time there was no evidence of any illegal dumping.

Many of the trees in this area are being removed in Q3 2025 as part of the Ash dieback works taking place throughout Dublin 15. The site will then be assessed in conjunction with the Parks and Roads Sections of Operations, with a view to producing an overall improvement plan for this area.

Source of Report:
Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 32

INSPECTION OF CORDUFF PARK AND GROVE ESTATES

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"That the Chief Executive carries out an inspection of the two main entrance roads and footpaths into both Corduff Park and Grove Estates, to establish the extent of disrepair to both footpaths and roads."

Report:

Operations will carry out an inspection of the roads and footpaths at Corduff Park and Corduff Grove with regards to what works are needed. A list of works and an estimate of costs will then be generated for inclusion in the 3-year capital programme 2026 -2028.

Source of Report:
Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 33

PATH EXTENSION - DUNSINK TO RATHBORNE/ASHTOWN – TOLKA RIVER - AI103368

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive investigate the possibility of extending the Tolka River path from Dunsink to Rathborne/Ashtown, to meet with the park at Finglas."

Report:

The Fingal development plan classes the area from Dunsink to Ashtown as a high amenity area. This allows Fingal to increase public access to the area while maintaining it as an area rich in biodiversity. The route from Dunsink to Ashtown is 2km. A suitable pathway here would also need to allow for river crossings.
Fingal County Council is the registered owner of the majority of these lands. Lands closest to Ashtown are leased to Fingal County Council on a 900 year lease. Currently there and no pathways or vehicle access through the lands. There are also a number of constraints which need to be addressed. These are:

- Impact on Tolka Valley flood relief scheme (Consultation with OPW)
- Ecological impact assessment
- Tree survey
- Material change of the site

Therefore, a project of this scale should go through a planning process due to its scale and cost. The Operations Parks team will refer this to Planning and strategic infrastructure for their consideration.

Operations will continue to increase access to parts of the Tolka valley where feasible, such as the improvements which took place from Mill Road to Dunsink.

Source of Report:
Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 34

PARKING CONCERNS IN THIS LEA - AI103384

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive consider suitable ways to deter parking on corners such as installation of yellow lines in specific problematic cases, in this Local Electoral Area, to serve as an obvious reminder and safety measure."

Report:

It is not the policy of Fingal County Council's Operations Department to install Double Yellow Lines or no parking signs on roads within estates. Further information can be found at www.fingal.ie/operations-faqs
Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations:-

A vehicle shall not be parked -

(c) within 5 metres of a road junction;

(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises,

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;

Issues of parking are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Siochana.

However, if vehicles are constantly parked at estate entrances or persistently illegally parked on bends on roads with through traffic, such as Roselawn Road or Clonsilla Road, upon receipt of photographic proof, the Traffic Section will review each case in isolation to determine if double yellow lines are warranted.

Double yellow lines are subject to approval by An Garda Siochana.

Source of Report:
Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, Operations Department,

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ITEM NO. 35

SAFETY STRATEGY – CASTLEKNOCK HOTEL - AI103460

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

"That the Chief Executive implement a new safety strategy for pedestrians accessing the Castleknock Hotel."

Report:

In May 2024, the Operations Department carried out an initial assessment on the feasibility of introducing a pedestrian crossing to a private hotel entrance. As part of this assessment, it was noted that the green area on either side of the hotel entrance is not owned or taken in charge by Fingal County Council. Land acquisition or CPO of the land would be required to enable the infrastructure for a pedestrian crossing to be installed.

Based on this it is not feasible for the Operations Department to introduce a crossing at this location under a future Programme of Works.

Operations have also made enquiries with our colleagues in the Active Travel Department, who have advised that they have no planned work in this area to be carried out.

It should be noted that the speed limit reduction to 50kph on Porterstown Road was implemented in March 2025 following consultation with Councillors and approval of Special Speed Limit Bye - Law 2025 – Porterstown Road at the Full Council meeting in

March 2025. Speed surveys will be carried out in September 2025 following the speed limit reduction, and contingent on results, if required, traffic calming measures may be installed.

Source of Report:
James Culhane, Senior Exec. Engineer, Operations Department.