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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday 4th June 2025

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 9th 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 Consideration of resolution pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended: - Redevelopment of Ballisk House

Councillor J. Guerin; Councillor A. Tormey; Councillor D. Butler; Councillor G. Sheehan; Councillor T. Murphy; Councillor C. Haughey; Councillor A. Donnelly; Councillor S. Shovlin; Councillor D. Mulligan; Councillor T. Kitt; Councillor D.J Kelly; Councillor K. Dennison; Councillor J. Newman; Councillor T. O'Leary; Councillor M. Quinn; Councillor G. Maguire; Councillor E. O'Brien; Councillor J. Smith; Councillor L. Corkery; Councillor J.K Onwumereh; Councillor T. Leddy; Councillor B. Hanaphy; Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

"That, in accordance with Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, Fingal County Council hereby requires its Chief Executive to proceed immediately with the planned re-development of Ballisk House, Donabate as a library thereby carrying into effect the decisions of this Council, as approved in the Donabate Framework Plan dated March 2024, the Library Development Plan 2024 - 2029 and the Fingal County Council Capital Programme 2025 – 2027."

2 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor J. Walsh - Vacant and Derelict Housing

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the number of vacant and derelict homes across Fingal each year between 2022 and 2024?"

4 Councillor P. Quinlan - Audit on Funding to Igo Emergency Management Services

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an audit of any and all Council funding paid to Igo Emergency Management Services?"

5 Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Medical Priority HMD1 Forms - Average Processing Time (Pages 21 - 22)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, in tabular form, of the average processing time, from application to decision, for housing

medical priority HMD1 forms, for each year from 2014 to date?"

6 Councillor C. Boland - Breakdown of Voter Numbers - Local Elections

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the voter numbers registered in each Fingal Local Electoral Area (LEA) and the percentage of voters who actually voted in each LEA in the Local Government elections for the years of 1985,1991,1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019 and 2024, while noting that the 1985 election was in respect of the election to Dublin County Council?"

7 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on Recruitment of Lifeguards

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned recruitment of lifeguards for deployment to Fingal beaches this year, to ensure that the Council is prepared to provide essential cover as we approach the summer months?"

8 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Enforcement on Divergent Flight Paths at Dublin Airport (Pages 29 - 30)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of when a conclusion will be made on the enforcement proceedings (ref: ENF 22/166B) in regard to the daa's divergent flight paths which have been under investigation since September 2022?"

9 Councillor J. Hopkins - School Wardens in Fingal - Legislation

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify why Dublin City Council can employ a school warden to carry out duties on a private footpath and Fingal County Council says that it is illegal?"

10 Councillor H. Redwood - Fox Hunting on Council Land

"To ask the Chief Executive, on foot of the motion passed at the May full Council meeting which will ban fox hunting from Council-owned land, to clarify: a) how this will be applied to roads which fall under the Council's remit; b) how this will be applied to land which is not covered by parks and open spaces bye-laws?"

11 Councillor C. Haughey - Community Safety Partnerships

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Community Safety Partnerships will be established and to give an

overview of any engagement the Council has had with the Department of Justice on this?”

12 Councillor L. Corkery - Community Centre Rates

"To ask the Chief Executive if Fingal County Council charges a "community rate" for the hire of community centres by registered clubs, and if there are any disparities in rates charged to these clubs depending on whether the day-to-day management of a centre is delegated to a private company?"

13 Councillor M. Boland - Misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to developing a policy around the misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal, on occasion skip bags are incorrectly used for household waste, rather than bulky goods, often having been left lying outside homes for weeks/months on end, causing problems for neighbours and residents of these estates?”

14 Councillor M. Quinn - Environmental Health Officers employed by this Local Authority

"To ask the Chief Executive, as to how many Environmental Health Officers are currently employed by Fingal County Council to carry out the various duties within the council’s area?”

15 Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on the Tenant in-situ Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the Tenant in-situ Scheme for social housing applicants of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), on applications received, properties purchased, sale agreed and refused in 2025, and those not proceeding due to lack of funds?”

16 Councillor A. Donnelly - Number of Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) Tenants on Fingal's Transfer List

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format the number of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenants that are on Fingal's Transfer List for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?”

17 Councillor C. Johnston - Review of Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a review of the Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws are necessary and under consideration given the Bye-laws haven't been reviewed since 2006 and deemed inadequate by the public?"

18 Councillor B. Ryan - Judicial Review Cases

"To ask the Chief Executive to list all of the Judicial Review cases that were settled by the Council during 2024 and to indicate the cost of each of these individual case settlements?"

19 Councillor J. Humphreys - Developer-led Partnerships

"To ask the Chief Executive if the potential impact of increased reliance on developer-led partnerships for social and affordable housing on the overall delivery of private housing supply has been assessed, and whether any measures are in place to ensure these partnerships are used to supplement, not replace, private delivery?"

20 Councillor J. Humphreys - Fingal Citizen Charter

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the Fingal Citizen Charter, as referenced in response to Question F/190/24 in May 2024, specifically, what stage the work is currently at, whether the review is being carried out in-house or with external consultants, when the draft revised Charter is expected to be issued for public consultation, and what the anticipated timeframe is, for it to be presented for adoption by the Council?"

21 Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Playground Equipment

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process by which areas are selected for inclusive playground equipment upgrades, including the criteria and decision-making framework currently in use by Local Authority Play and Recreation Network (LAPRN) within Fingal County Council?"

22 Report of Committees

a Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

b Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025

23 Financial Matters

24 Proposed Disposal of Properties

25 Declarations of Roads

a Annaly Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15

b Stralem Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15

c Ongar Park, Public Green Area, Dublin 15

26 Planning & Development Act 2000 Part XI (As Amended), Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Part 8 (As Amended), Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries

27 Swords Cultural Quarter Update

28 Chief Executive's Report

31 Correspondence

a Letter dated 27th May 2025 from Dublin City Council Re - Membership of Transient Visitor Levy Working Group 260525 - Cllr Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax

b Letter dated 28th May 2025 - from Dublin County Council Re - Active Travel Response regarding Motion Cllr McCamley January 2025 - on CPO request for Tolka Greenway

c Letter dated 29th May 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - State of Israel Bonds Issuance Programme

d Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Land Development Agency (LDA) - Commitment to Regeneration of Stapolin Lands

32 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Circular Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 15th May 2025 - Circular Letter F.04/25 Nomination of candidates for President

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

51 Councillor D. Mulligan - Israel Bonds Scheme

“That the Chief Executive writes to the Central Bank of Ireland, requesting that it end the regulation of the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme, which facilitates the sale of bonds funding Israel’s actions in Gaza.”

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Notice of Section 140 to Chief Executive regarding re-development of Ballisk House

Ms AnnMarie Farrelly,

Chief Executive,

Fingal County Council

Town Hall , Swords

County Dublin

By email and post

19th May 2025

Re: Notice of Section 140

Dear Chief Executive,

In accordance with provisions of Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, notice is hereby given that, at the monthly Council meeting to be held on Monday 9th June 2025, the following resolution will be proposed –

"That, in accordance with Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, Fingal County Council hereby requires its Chief Executive to proceed immediately with the planned re-development of Ballisk House, Donabate as a library thereby carrying into effect the decisions of this Council, as approved in the Donabate Framework Plan dated March 2024, the Library Development Plan 2024 – 2029 and the Fingal County Council Capital Programme 2025-2027"

This notice is hereby signed by –

Cllr Jimmy Guerin

Cllr Aoibhin Tormey, Cllr Daragh Butler, Cllr Gerard Sheehan,

Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Cathal Haughey, Cllr Angela Donnelly,

Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Tom Kitt

Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Joe Newman – Joe Newman Darren Jack Kelly

Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Malachy Quinn, Cllr Grainne Maguire

Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr John Smith, Cllr Luke Corkery

Cllr John-Kingsley Onwumereh, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr Breda Hanaphy

Cllr Eimer Carbone-Mangan

James Guerin

Kind Regards

Cllr Jimmy Guerin

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th May, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinn, Malachy
Redwood, Helen
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Tania Doyle, Councillor Patrick Quinlan and Councillor Ellen Troy.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services and Community Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Donall OCeallaigh (Senior Executive Planner), Bridget Loughlin, (Climate Action Co-Ordinator).

F/211/25 (Agenda Item No)

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.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, informed the Members an emergency motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

F/212/25 (Agenda Item No)

CONDOLENCES

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, on behalf of the Members expressed condolences to Councillor Eoghan O'Brien and his family on the recent passing of his father Pádraig Gerard O'Brien.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, on behalf of the Members also expressed deepest condolences to the family of Garda Kevin Flatley.

A minute silence was observed in respect of the deceased.

F/213/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/214/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 15 be **ADOPTED**."

F/215/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Sites Acquired by Igo Emergency Management Services

F/216/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Gaeilge agus Béarla ar na Comharthaí Bóithre - Irish and English Road Signs

F/217/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Dublin City Council Social Housing Applicants

F/218/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Walsh - Age Friendly Audits

F/219/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Naming of New Housing Estates and Developments in the Fingal County Council Area

F/220/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor M. Quinn - School Warden Relief Panel

F/221/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Vacant and Derelict Properties

F/222/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Delivery in Fingal

F/223/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Fingal's Population Growth

F/224/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor E. Dockrell - The HSE and Land Acquisition

F/225/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor C. Boland - Development of a Fingal Food Brand

F/226/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Ryan - Consultancy Spend

F/227/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Updates on Summer Project Funding

F/228/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Humphreys - School Meals Overcharging

F/229/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Newman, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) dated Tuesday 6th May 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/230/25 (Agenda Item No 16d)

Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

a **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/231/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

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

F/232/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin to Claire Woods**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **RESOLVED**:

"That land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th April 2025, be disposed of to Claire Woods in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **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 B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/233/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declarations of Roads

a **Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15**

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

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

b **Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15**

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

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

c **Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15**

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

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

d **Hayworth Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15**

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

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

e **Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan, Co Dublin**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary, and **RESOLVED**:

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

f **Lanestown View, Donabate, Co Dublin**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell, and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/234/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Donall OCeallaigh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, and **AGREED**.

F/235/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025 - L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to junction with Barnwell Road, (R149) (Roads Traffic Act 1994 as amended)

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED** that-

"Fingal County Council, in exercise with the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No.44 of 2004) and Section 86 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010) and Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 (No. 21 of 2016) and following consultation with An Garda Síochána, makes the following Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025:

Proposed speed limit increase from 50kph to 60kph at L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to Junction with Barnwell Road (R149)"

F/236/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

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

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **AGREED.**

F/237/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025 for Professional Fingal Artists

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

"That the award of Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025 for Professional Fingal Artists as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/238/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Summer Projects Funding 2025

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

"That the award of Summer Projects Funding 2025 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/239/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Climate Action Plan Progress Report

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Brigid Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.

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

F/240/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Draft Strategic Policy Group (SPC) Standing Orders and Fingal County Council Standing Orders

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor B. McDonagh informed the Members that an amendment has been received.

The following amendment, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"32B Strategic Policy Committees shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.

Amend to:
32B Strategic Policy Committees shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm. **All Strategic Policy Committees shall meet in a hybrid format to facilitate online attendance.** "

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

FOR: 25 TWENTY FIVE
AGAINST: 8 EIGHT
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Kieran Dennison, Ted Leddy, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Brendan Ryan
The Mayor **DECLARED** the vote **PASSED.**

The Draft Strategic Policy Group (SPC) Standing Orders were proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **AGREED** as amended.

The Fingal County Council Standing Orders were proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey and **AGREED** as amended.

F/241/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2024

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

F/242/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, informed the Members that two motions had been received and both had been ruled out of order.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/243/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Twinning of Fingal with Sumy, Ukraine**

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

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

b **Councillor B. McDonagh - ALSSA Complex Ownership**

The Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh withdrew this motion.

F/244/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

a **AILG Elected Member 2025 Training Programme May to July 2025**

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

F/245/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

a **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 9th April 2025 - Re - Right to Housing**

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

b **Letter from Donegal County Council dated 10th April 2025 - Re - Road Safety**

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

c **Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 16th April 2025- Re - Ash Die back Trees**

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

d **Letter from Kerry County Council dated 22nd April - Re - Calendar for Grant Applications**

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

F/246/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/247/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Medical Priority Process - Housing Support

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/248/25 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Smyth - Retrofitting Costs

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/249/25 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor E. O'Brien - Delivery of state-of-the-art Sports Complex at the Ballymastone Development

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/250/25 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor H. Redwood - Ban on Fox Hunting on Council-owned lands

The motion, in the name of Councillor H. Redwood was proposed by Councillor H. Redwood and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**, it was also **AGREED** to circulate the motion to all Local Authorities.

F/251/25 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor J. Guerin - Ballymastone Development

The Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh informed the Members this motion was ruled out of order.

F/252/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor M. McCamley - Pharma Sector in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 19.59

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ITEM NO. 03

VACANT AND DERELICT HOUSING

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the number of vacant and derelict homes across Fingal each year between 2022 and 2024?"

Reply:

In 2022 there were 20 active derelict sites being progressed under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended. This number increased to 46 properties in 2023, and 97 properties in 2024. It should be noted that these figures refer to sites as opposed to homes.

The Derelict Sites team continues to encourage the reporting of Derelict sites throughout the County for investigation and progression under the Act, if appropriate to do so. Derelict Sites can be reported via e-mail to derelictsites@fingal.ie

A detailed survey dataset provided to Fingal County Council by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2023 led to the survey of 671 potentially vacant private residential units. Following on-site survey during 2023 by staff from the Council's Vacant Homes Team, 284 of these properties were confirmed as vacant during 2024. The Vacant Homes Team initiated contact with these property owners and is presently engaging with over 100 of these properties, with a view to bringing them back into occupancy. It should be noted that some €7.5m million has been successfully allocated to 147 properties under the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant scheme in Fingal since 2022.

Potential Vacant Properties can be reported online for investigation via https://vacanthomes.ie/

Source of Joint Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Department
John Quinlivan, Director of Services. Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture and Development

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ITEM NO. 04

AUDIT ON FUNDING TO IGO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an audit of any and all Council funding paid to Igo Emergency Management Services?"

Reply:

The payments system has been checked, and no payments have been made to IGO Emergency Management Services by Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 05

HOUSING MEDICAL PRIORITY HMD1 FORMS – AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, in tabular form, of the average processing time, from application to decision, for housing medical priority HMD1 forms, for each year from 2014 to date?"

Reply:

There has been a significant increase in the number of applications, both since the Covid 19 pandemic and as a result of reported increased clinical diagnoses of various conditions generally. To address this, a review of processes and an increase in resources has assisted in reducing the amount of time applicants are waiting on decisions. There are c.80 applications for Medical Priority received per month, with screening of the applications taking place within 12 weeks of being received and prior to applications proceeding to the medical committee where appropriate. Applicants are notified of the outcome of their application in writing as soon as an update is available and this can involve a significant amount of interaction between Fingal County Council Housing staff, health professionals and applicants.

Unfortunately, there is no historical dataset of the time taken to deal with each individual case and to collate figures together dating back to 2014 would be excessively onerous, diverting staff away from the important work of managing the current medical priority applications, thus increasing wait time further.

However as a general indication of the increased level of activity in this area, in 2025 to date the Housing Support team has received a total of 409 medical/welfare applications, in 2024 a total of 435 applications were reviewed by the committee for the entire year, and the corresponding figure for the whole of 2023 was 330.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 06

BREAKDOWN OF VOTER NUMBERS - LOCAL ELECTIONS

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the voter numbers registered in each Fingal Local Electoral Area (LEA) and the percentage of voters who actually voted in each LEA in the Local Government elections for the years of 1985,1991,1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019 and 2024, while noting that the 1985 election was in respect of the election to Dublin County Council?"

Reply:

The following tables outline data in relation to voter breakdown of Local Elections which took place in 2024, 2019, 2014, 2009, 2004, 1999, 1991 and 1985:

2024 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	25,174	11,152	44.29%	11,024	43.79%
Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart	19,395	6,304	32.50%	6,148	31.69%
Castleknock	34,239	14,263	41.65%	14,107	41.20%
Howth – Malahide	46,575	21,149	45.40%	20,917	44.91%
Ongar	22,871	8,676	37.93%	8,551	37.38%
Rush - Lusk	26,494	12,408	46.83%	12,251	46.24%
Swords	34,071	13,336	39.14%	13,118	38.50%

2019 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	23,553	10,821	45.94%	10,603	45.02%
Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart	17,132	5,186	30.27%	4,985	29.10%
Castleknock	32,220	13,967	43.34%	13,693	42.49%
Howth – Malahide	43,919	20,379	46.40%	19,723	44.90%
Ongar	20,665	7,706	37.29%	7,511	36.34%
Rush - Lusk	23,611	10,926	46.27%	10,630	45.02%
Swords	31,854	12,570	39.46%	12,133	38.08%

2014 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	37,451	16,580	44.27%	16,362	43.69%
Castleknock	30,539	14,154	46.35%	13,990	45.81%
Howth – Malahide	42,532	18,027	42.38%	17,790	41.83%
Mulhuddart	30,364	11,930	39.29%	11,744	38.68%
Swords	36,807	14,240	38.69%	14,051	38.17%

2009 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	36,258	17,949	49.50%	17,701	48.82%
Castleknock	29,622	13,628	46.01%	13,490	45.54%
Howth – Malahide	41,843	22,452	53.66%	22,251	53.18%
Mulhuddart	30,735	13,427	43.69%	13,255	43.13%
Swords	35,652	15,742	44.15%	15,585	43.71%

2004 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	21,725	14,662	56.37%	14,314	55.03%
Castleknock	23,677	13,060	55.16%	12,811	54.11%
Howth	17,708	10,343	58.41%	10,131	57.21%
Malahide	21,109	12,095	57.30%	11,777	55.79%
Mulhuddart	25,860	12,925	49.98%	12,552	48.54%
Swords	30,694	17,048	55.54%	16,731	54.51%

1999 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	21,725	9,761	44.93%	9,652	44.43%
Castleknock	20,480	8,695	42.46%	8,623	42.10%
Howth	17,956	7,037	39.19%	6,958	38.75%
Malahide	20,222	8,100	40.06%	8,050	39.81%
Mulhuddart	18,257	5,426	29.72%	5,365	29.39%
Swords	25,970	9,182	35.36%	9,100	35.04%

1991 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %
Balbriggan	19,705	10,753	54.57%	10,653	54.06%
Castleknock	15,777	7,463	47.3%	7,434	47.12%
Howth	16,807	7,649	45.51%	7,593	45.2%
Malahide	16,431	8,385	51.03%	8,346	50.79%
Mulhuddart	13,768	6,592	47.9%	6,520	47.4%
Swords	17,053	7,738	45.4%	7,684	45%

1985 Local Elections

LEA	Total Electorate	Total Poll	Total Poll %	Valid Poll	Valid Poll %

Balbriggan	17,776	9,351	52.6%	9,206	51.79%
Castleknock	11,887	5,681	47.79%	5,630	47.36%
Howth	14,314	7,000	48.9%	6,932	48.42%
Malahide	12,671	6,985	55.12%	6,950	54.84%
Mulhuddart	10,480	4,648	44.35%	4,606	43.95%
Swords	13,877	6,419	46.26%	6,336	45.65%

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

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ITEM NO. 07

UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF LIFEGUARDS

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned recruitment of lifeguards for deployment to Fingal beaches this year, to ensure that the Council is prepared to provide essential cover as we approach the summer months?"

Reply:

The Lifeguard service is recruited each year by the People, Corporate & Digital Services Department to work during the official bathing season. Lifeguard employment is contingent on the candidate being deemed suitable at interview, successfully passing the beach lifeguard test, holding a valid beach lifeguard certificate and Garda Vetting.

The Beach Lifeguard Induction Day was held on Wednesday 21st May 2025: 27 candidates attended and have signed their contracts. There are another 12 potential candidates and arrangements are currently being made for them to sign contracts, should they wish to take up employment as lifeguards.

To open all stations requires 28-30 available lifeguards. There can be situations where fewer lifeguards are available and, in these circumstances, some of the quieter lifeguard stations would not be opened.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 08

ENFORCEMENT ON DIVERGENT FLIGHT PATHS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of when a conclusion will be made on the enforcement proceedings (ref: ENF 22/166B) in regard to the daa's divergent fight paths which have been under investigation since September 2022?"

Reply:

Since the opening of the North Runway at Dublin Airport, the Planning Authority have received complaints in relation to alleged breaches of conditions of the relevant planning permissions (Register Ref. F04A/1755 / ABP Ref: PL 06F.217429 as extended under FCC Reg. Ref: F04A/1755/E1 and amended under FCC Reg. Ref: F19A/0023 / ABP Ref: ABP-305298-19).

Complaints have also been received with regard to condition 3 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1248 (PL 06F.220670) and condition 2 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1843 (PL 06F.223469).

On foot of these complaints, seven Warning Letters and an Enforcement Notice have now been issued, and investigations remain open and ongoing at present.

With regard to the Enforcement Notice, the daa made a High Court challenge to the Enforcement Notice issued by the Planning Authority. There was a court hearing in relation to this challenge which was adjourned on 13th March 2024 for

mention on the 24th June 2024 at which time it was further adjourned to 21st October for mention and was recently in for mention on 27th January 2025 and on 10th February 2025. The matter is now put in for mention on 23rd June 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

SCHOOL WARDENS IN FINGAL – LEGISLATION

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify why Dublin City Council can employ a school warden to carry out duties on a private footpath and Fingal says that it is illegal?"

Reply:

There is some uncertainty on this matter and further advice will be sought.

Source of Reply:
John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action Department

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ITEM NO. 10

FOX HUNTING ON COUNCIL LAND

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive, on foot of the motion passed at the May full Council meeting which will ban fox hunting from Council-owned land, to clarify: a) how this will be applied to roads which fall under the Council's remit; b) how this will be applied to land which is not covered by parks and open spaces by-laws?"

Reply:

Private Lands
Fox Hunting is legal in the Republic of Ireland and is therefore a matter for the landowner. The Council has no control over permission given for Fox hunting on private lands.

Public Roads
Horses and riders are allowed on public roads and must use the road in accordance with the rules of the road. The Council cannot ban the use of the road by horses in a fox hunt as the road is a public right of way and fox hunting is legal in the Republic of Ireland.

Regional Parks and Open Spaces
Fox Hunting was already not permitted on Council owned Parks and Open Spaces in accordance with the Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws which were adopted by the Council in 2017. The bye-Laws prevent the hunting of wildlife in

parks and open spaces. The Council have received no applications from groups organising hunts in our Regional Parks, Local Parks and public open spaces.

Council owned Lands

In relation to Council lands that are leased or licenced to groups or individuals for specific uses, none of the specified uses includes fox hunting. The Council has not received any applications for such a use from any groups organising hunts.

Following on from the adoption of the motion, the terms of any new leases and licences will henceforth be amended to specifically exclude fox hunting. Existing lease or licence holders will be written to and reminded that the purpose for which the lease or licence is held does not include fox hunting and that, following a policy adopted by members, any such application will not be approved.

Any lands held by the Council and not licensed or leased are also subject to permission requirements and no application for fox hunting will be permitted.

Source of Joint Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 11

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Community Safety Partnerships will be established and to give an overview of any engagement the Council has had with the Department of Justice on this?"

Reply:

The Council is awaiting the adoption of the statutory Regulations with regards to the establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP's). The Department of Justice and the Council have agreed the establishment of 2 LCSP's for the Fingal area.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Operations

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ITEM NO. 12

COMMUNITY CENTRE RATES

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if Fingal County Council charges a "community rate" for the hire of community centres by registered clubs, and if there are any disparities in rates charged to these clubs depending on whether the day-to-day management of a centre is delegated to a private company?"

Reply:

Community centres across Fingal are operated on a day-to-day basis under the remit of local Boards of Management (BOMs). Accordingly, the setting of rental rates and allocation of space, which falls under the day-to-day operational management within each centre, is generally a matter for each individual BOM. Alongside that operational role, the Community Department of Fingal County Council maintains an ongoing oversight role with each individual BOM to ensure strong and active governance and liaison, in order to ensure consistency across the Council's network of community centres. In doing so, the Community Department advises the BOMs of council owned facilities to adopt a tiered rental costing as follows:

Voluntary Rate: groups who do not charge membership fees e.g. residents association

Community Rate: groups who charge membership rates which go back into the club e.g. GAA club

Social Enterprise Rate: groups who charge membership fees and pay for instructor fees e.g. Martial arts club, Irish dancing, etc.

Commercial Rate: corporate rental e.g. a company may hire the sports hall for indoor football.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 13

MISUSE AND ABANDONMENT OF SKIP BAGS IN HOUSING ESTATES AROUND FINGAL

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to developing a policy around the misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal, on occasion skip bags are incorrectly used for household waste, rather than bulky goods, often having been left lying outside homes for weeks/months on end, causing problems for neighbours and residents of these estates?"

Reply:

The sale, delivery and collection of skip bags is managed and controlled by individual waste companies who collect skip bags once contact has been made requesting such a service.

Skips and skip bags (dimensions of receptacles, care and disposal of the contents of receptacles, periods during which receptacles may be left in a public place, locations from which different receptacles may be collected, etc) are dealt with through conditions attached to waste collection permits which are issued by the National Waste Collection Permit Office - www.nwcpo.ie.

It is the responsibility of individual waste companies to ensure that only approved wastes are placed into skip bags. Information in relation to acceptable waste streams that can be placed into skip bags is available on waste collector websites and set out when availing of such a service.

Small skip bags offer advantages when compared to traditional skips as they take up much less space making them ideal for areas with limited space availability,

they are smaller and can be used in areas with limited access for larger vehicles and their cost is much lower than skip hire where they can be hired at a fraction of the price of a standard skip. It is up to the individual who purchased the skip bag to contact the waste collector once the skip bag is full, and a collection service is required.

If a skip bag has been abandoned or illegally dumped, please contact the Environment Department on 018905919 or at environment@fingal.ie and the matter will be investigated.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THIS LOCAL AUTHORITY

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive, as to how many Environmental Health Officers are currently employed by Fingal County Council to carry out the various duties within the council's area?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council do not employ Environmental Health Officers. The Health Service Executive has the responsibility for the recruitment and appointment of Environmental Health Officers.

The Council have employed 2 Executive Scientists in the Environment Department that undertake several functions including:

- Air and Noise inspections.
- Ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.
- Monitoring pollution levels to protect public health.
- Advising on mitigation strategies for noise and air quality issues.

Given the role of the HSE in employing Environmental Health Officers, efforts to secure a longer-term arrangement for EHO services to support private rental inspections are ongoing also.

Sources of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate and Digital Services Department
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON TENANT IN-SITU SCHEME

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the Tenant in-situ Scheme for social housing applicants of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), on applications received, properties purchased, sale agreed and refused in 2025, and those not proceeding due to lack of funds?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council received an allocation of €20,000,000 for second hand acquisitions in 2025. Fingal County Council has closed sales on 65 properties from the end of 2024 to date in 2025. It is intended to proceed with a further 8 properties that are sale agreed. This will exhaust the 2025 allocation and as such, no further acquisitions are likely in the remainder of 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

NUMBER OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (HAP) ON FINGAL'S TRANSFER LIST

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format the number of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenants that are on Fingal's Transfer List for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?"

Reply:

Currently, the total number of tenants on the Fingal County Council Transfer List is 4,039, of which HAP tenants for the years 2020 – 2024 are as follows: -

Year	No. HAP tenants
2020	2089
2021	2565
2022	2611
2023	2544
2024	2435

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Department

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ITEM NO. 17

REVIEW OF BEACH AND FORESHORE BYE-LAWS

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a review of the Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws are necessary and under consideration given the Bye-laws haven't been reviewed since 2006 and deemed inadequate by the public?"

Reply:

The Fingal County Council/Foreshore Bye-Laws governing Beach and Foreshore in the County of Fingal at Balbrock (Balbriggan), Balbriggan, Barnageera, Skerries North, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush North, Rush South, Portrane, Tower Bay, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Beach) and Howth (Claremont) were adopted by the Council on 13th February 2006 and came into force on the 15th March, 2006.

A review of the adopted Bye-Laws has been included in the current Work Programme for the Public Realm, Transportation and Mobility Strategic Policy Committee.

The review is currently underway and draft Bye-Laws will be brought to the Strategic Policy Committee in Q1 of 2026 for discussion and further development. The Draft Bye-Laws will then be brought to the Area Committees prior to going on display in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 – 2014.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

JUDICIAL REVIEW CASES

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to list all of the Judicial Review cases that were settled by the Council during 2024 and to indicate the cost of each of these individual case settlements?"

Reply:

The Law Department was on record for Fingal County Council in the following Judicial Review cases which settled in 2024:

1. Kimpton Vale Limited v An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No.2022/390JR.

2. Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022/116 JR

3. Mayestown Hall Management Company v Fingal County Council and others (2024/505JR)

The Law Department has no knowledge of or involvement in any further relevant litigation.

The matter of cost is subject to privilege.

Source of Reply:
Noel Reilly, Law Agent, Law Department

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ITEM NO. 19

DEVELOPER-LED PARTNERSHIPS

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the potential impact of increased reliance on developer-led partnerships for social and affordable housing on the overall delivery of private housing supply has been assessed, and whether any measures are in place to ensure these partnerships are used to supplement, not replace, private delivery?"

Reply:

In pursuing the objective of maximising the amount of new housing delivery across the county and meeting the Council's housing delivery targets under Housing for All, Fingal County Council uses a range of different delivery mechanisms. These range from traditional, employer-designed contracts for smaller developments, to Design & Build contracts for medium sized projects, up to bespoke Developer Agreements for the larger, mixed-tenure sites. In each of these arrangements, Fingal County Council retains over-riding control and sets quality, time and cost requirements under each contract type to ensure high quality and value-for-money delivery in a timely manner.

Where Fingal County Council is delivering mixed-tenure housing that includes an element of private delivery, the Council's involvement is limited to supporting the provision of social and affordable homes, with the private homes being delivered to the private market in the normal manner by the homebuilder. This leads to a complementary arrangement where economies of scale deliver lower costs across the board, for example in the provision of infrastructure that services all tenure types. This is borne out by detailed financial and cost modelling that is undertaken

by our in-house professional staff in Housing and Architects at feasibility, procurement and construction stage.

The provision of social housing is targeted at those applicants who qualify for social housing and would struggle to purchase on the open market. Similarly, the provision of affordable homes is governed by a strict set of eligibility criteria that is focussed on those purchasers on incomes below the level needed to purchase at open market values. The ongoing successful delivery of our large-scale mixed tenure schemes at Church Fields, Mooretown and Balmoston, which are delivering high quality new homes to a variety of tenure types, is strong evidence of how Local Authority-led partnerships with homebuilders increase the pace and scale of residential delivery across the board.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 20

FINGAL CITIZEN CHARTER

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the Fingal Citizen Charter, as referenced in response to Question F/190/24 in May 2024, specifically, what stage the work is currently at, whether the review is being carried out in-house or with external consultants, when the draft revised Charter is expected to be issued for public consultation, and what the anticipated timeframe is, for it to be presented for adoption by the Council?"

Reply:

As outlined in the report reply to Question F/190/24; Corporate Services are in the process of finalising a detailed review of the Customer Care Unit (CCU) and other customer services we provide.

The Fingal County Council Citizen Charter review has commenced and is progressing. To date the elements of the review which have been completed internally include consultation with internal Fingal County Council departments and consultation and research on International Best Practice.

The anticipated timeframe for completion is outlined below:

Proposed timelines for completion:		
Stage	***Proposed Timeframe***	***Anticipated Dates***
Briefing on Draft for Councillors		Week of 30th June
Public Consultation	6 week period	9th July – 20th Aug 2025
CPG	September 2025	1st September 2025
OP&F	September 2025	8th September
Full Council	October 2025	13th October

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

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ITEM NO. 21

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process by which areas are selected for inclusive playground equipment upgrades, including the criteria and decision-making framework currently in use by Local Authority Play and Recreation Network (LAPRN) within Fingal County Council?"

Reply:

The Council has engaged an independent consultant to prepare an audit inspection template to assess the 70 existing playgrounds across the entire Fingal area. The audit will assess each playground on Inclusivity, Accessibility, Play Value, Age of Equipment and Estimated quantity of years before full refurbishment is required.

As part of the research audit, the play areas will be categorised into LEAPs (Local Equipped Areas for Play), NEAPs (Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play) and Demesnes to compare like with like. A scoring will be calculated, and decisions will then be made based on need in terms of prioritising those with low inclusivity scoring within that play area type.

The Council will also consider the existing routine independent inspections which focus on the condition of the quality of the equipment. A joint consideration will be made in conjunction with the inclusivity reports to ensure old play areas in need of full refurbishment are not overlooked. This culmination of the overall audit will provide the data required for budgetary planning and provision.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 22

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 22a

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025

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
Biscayne/Lambay Residents Association GA 003549	€ 850.00	Under 4yr bouncy castle Over 4yr bouncy castle medals	NO	N/A	€ 810.00

Millview Residents Association GA 003515	€ 3,000.00	Brass Band Hire of Marquee for Christmas Event Face-painting	YES	2023-€ 2,978.00 2024-€ 2,357.44	€ 3,000.00

REMEDIAL WORKS MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY 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
Naomh Mearnog GAA Club GA 003542	€ 60,000.00	Replacement of Lift Club Hall Works WC Females Refurbishment	NO	N/A	€ 60,000.00

It was **proposed by** Councillor B. McDonagh and **seconded by** Councillor E. O'Brien. 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: -

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
Portmarnock Athletic Club	€1,483	Agility Hurdles Adjustable Hurdles HaeSt Long Jump Set and including additional mat Arrow floor markers Training cones Medicine Balls	No		€1,483
Mid Sutton Gymnastics club	€1,500	12m long training air track from AirTrack Nordic	No		€1,500
Baldoyle Boxing Club	€1,500	Gloves and pads	Yes	2023 - €1,801 2021 - €2,000	€1,500

Howth sea Angling club	€1,500	Defibrillator	No		€1,500
Howth Celtic Football Club	€4,000	9V9 goalposts and nets	Yes	2022 - €2,973	€4,000

It was **proposed by** Councillor E. O'Brien and **seconded by** Councillor B. McDonagh. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Cllr Cathal Haughey
A/Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 22b

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025

Finance Update

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the 2026 Budget and the requirement for all expenditure and income streams to be reviewed.

Following discussion, the CPG **AGREED** that the presentation be brought to full Council at the meeting of O, P & F on Monday, 9th June.

Transient Visitor Levy Working Group – Request for Nominations

Mr. John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development updated the CPG on the context of the request for nominations to the working group.

It was **AGREED** by the CPG that a motion in relation to this matter should be resubmitted to the July meeting of the Full Council for consideration.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 22c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SEVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT 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? Yes/No	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
Lambourn Residents Association GA-003507	€2,970.00	3X planters Lawnmower Trimmer Insurance Gazebo Christmas and family Day events Multi poster	YES	2023 - €1,815.00 2024 - €2,894.95	€2,970.00

		design			
Ongar Community Centre GA-003520	€2,999.00	Face painters Balloon Modeller/Puppet Master Balloon Modeller Costume Characters Magician Children's Train Floor Manager	NO	N/A	€3,000.00
Children 4WorldChilden GA-003528	€3,000.00	Insurance Computer Website Revamp Storage AGM hall rent Zoom subscription per year BHP Insurance Add-on Gazebo X 3	YES	2023 - €1,925.92	€2,7635.50
Tyrrelstown Community Centre GA-003519	€2,999.00	Face painters Puppet Master/Balloon Modeller Balloon Modeller Costume Characters Magician Children's Train Floor Manager	YES	2023 - €1,228.00	€3,000.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA-003511	€1,400.00	Counselling Chair Yoga Face paint workshop	YES	2023 - €2,658.00 2024 - €2,495.00	€1,794.50

Sunshiny Days GA-003527	€3,000.00	Face paint Training Workshop Reptile Zoo The Big Dig Gazebos	NO	N/A	€3,000.00
Castleknock Tidy Towns GA-003518	€3,000.00	Planters-Electric Battery-powered hand tools	YES	2023 - €2,999.98 2024 - €3,000	€3,000.00
Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society GA-003512	€2,325.00	Insurance Website development Pull up banners Extension Lead Video camera Tripod Microphone	NO	N/A	€2,325.00
Huntstown Crafty Crafters GA-003529	€3,005.00	Crafts Tutor Fee for 25 weeks Room Rental for 25 weeks Craft Supplies	NO	N/A	€3,000.00
Corduff Sports Centre GA 003535	€ 950.00	Game Rental Face Painter Inflatable Dartboard Game Arts & Crafts Materials Marketing posters	YES	2024 -€ 2,999.98	€ 950.00
Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club GA 003526	€ 2,000.00	Balls, Bibs, Medals Trophies, Miscellaneous, Rent, Insurance	NO	N/A	€ 1,861.00

REMEDIAL WORKS MULTI PURPOSE FACILITES FUNDING GRANT 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? Yes/No	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
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club GA 003531	€ 3,349.00	Supply and fit of replacement doors	YES	2023 -€ 4,994.00 2024- € 3,000.00	€ 3,349.00

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.

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: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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Fingal Badminton	€1,500	Feather shuttlecocks	No		€1,500
Lucan BMX	€1,500	Replacement of storm damaged LED floodlights	Yes	2023 - €815	€1,500
Tyrrelstown GAA	€4,000	Storage container Pitch marker	Yes	2021 - €2,000	€4,000
Westmanstown Bowling club	€1,342	Scorecards Sprinkler system	Yes	2023 - €3,000 2021 - €1,478	€1,342
Fingal Orienteers	€1,500	Map surveying GPS unit GPS unit extras, (a) Bluetooth module, (b) 2nd socket shield, (c) Configuration service. Two sets Orienteering	Yes	2022 - €751 2021 - €1,272	€1,500

		control flags (18Pack, 36 total) Sportident BSF Master Station (2 units) Control post number stickers Event tent			
Viking sub Aqua	€3,405	Search and rescue boat access ladder and platform	Yes	2023 - €3,000	€3,405
Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club	€1,500	Coaching Ball Baskets, Coaching tennis balls, Table tennis bats for Jr room, Table tennis collector tube	Yes	2020 - €1,000	€1,500
St Margaret's GAA Club	€1,495	RapidFire Mega GAA Gaelic Football and Hurling Rebounder 7x8FT x 2 Footballs O'Neills Size 4 x 12 Footballs Standard Size x 24 8 x 5 FORZA GAA Gaelic Football & Hurling Goal Posts FORZA Instant Ice Pack [200g Single Use] - 96 Pack FORZA Adjustable Training Hurdles 5ft (1.5m) - Rubber Bases	Yes	2023 - €2,114 2021 - €2,000	€1,495

		Vermont Sports Carry Bag x 4			

It was **proposed** by Councillor G. Sheehan **seconded** by Councillor E. Troy. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: **Councillor JK Onwumereh**

Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 24

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

No Business

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ITEM NO. 25

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 25a

ANNALY ESTATE, ONGAR

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 – 1788
Taking In Charge – Annaly Estate
DED: Blanchardstown-Blakestown, TL: Phibblestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Annaly Terrace	271m	From junction of Manorfield Drive, heading West passing the junction of Annaly Grove and junction of Annaly Drive, keep heading West to the Tri-junction of Annaly Close and Annaly Grove. From the junction opposite to House No.2 at Annaly Terrace heading North to the cul-de-sac.
Annaly Drive	95m	From junction of Annaly Terrace, heading North, to the roundabout of Stralem Crescent.

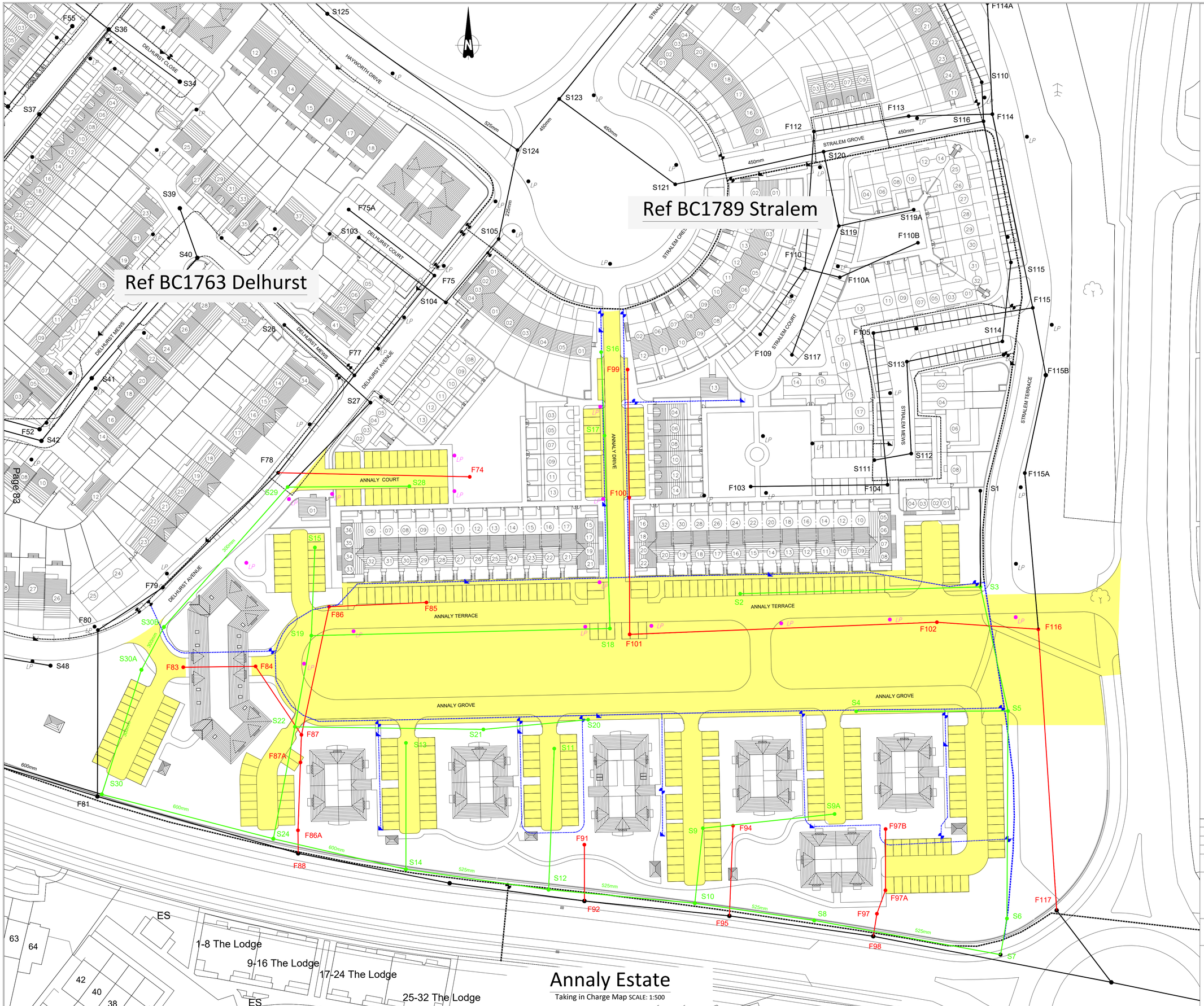
Annaly Court	47m	From the junction of Delhurst Avenue, heading East for 47m to cul-de-sac.
Annaly Close	106m	From the junction of Annaly Terrace opposite House No.1, heading North to the cul-de-sac. From the Tri-junction of Annaly Terrace and Annaly Grove, heading West, north branch to the junction of Delhurst Avenue, south branch to the cul-de-sac of parking bays.
Annaly Grove	455m	From Tri-junction of Annaly Terrace and Annaly Close, heading East to the cul-de-sac at House No.26. From the junction at Block 7B, heading South-West to the cul-de-sac. From the junction at Block 6, heading South for 33.06m to the cul-de-sac. From the junction at Block 5, heading South for 32.51m to the cul-de-sac. From the junction at Block 4, heading South for 50.11m to the cul-de-sac. From the junction at Block 3, heading South for 31.71m to the cul-de-sac.
	Total Length: 974m	

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		From the junction at Block 4, heading South for 50.11m to the cul-de-sac. From the junction at Block 3, heading South for 31.71m to the cul-de-sac.
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Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
S1	62.39	61.49	225
S2	62.55	61.78	225
S3	62.07	61.31	225
S4	62.22	61.43	225
S5	62.48	61.08	225
S6	61.81	60.82	225
S7	61.91	60.61	525
S8	62.05	60.46	525
S9	61.85	60.79	225
S9A	62.13	61.15	225
S10	61.95	60.40	525
S11	62.01	60.80	225
S12	61.88	60.32	525
S13	61.76	60.69	225
S14	61.77	60.06	600
S15	62.83	60.98	225
S16	63.11	61.92	225
S17	62.55	61.43	225
S18	62.36	61.14	225
S19	62.18	60.72	225
S20	62.28	61.30	225
S21	61.97	60.96	225
S22	61.91	60.57	225
S24	61.34	59.92	600

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
F103	62.59	60.96	225
F104	62.18	60.23	225
F105	61.95	59.61	225
F109	62.57	61.63	225
F110	62.51	61.90	225
F110A	62.44	61.37	225
F110B	62.47	61.49	225
F112	62.91	60.44	225
F113	62.87	59.95	225
F114	62.51	59.57	225
F114A	62.57	60.04	225
F114B	62.75	60.45	225
F115	62.21	59.29	225
F115A	62.56	58.93	225
F115B	62.49	59.15	225
F114C	62.76	61.48	225
F114D	63.56	62.00	225
F114E	63.73	62.14	225
F116	62.49	58.58	225
F117	61.64	56.79	225

Site location
QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: April 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE Annaly Estate, Ongar
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.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 25b

STRALEM ESTATE, ONGAR, 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 – 1789
Taking In Charge – Stralem Estate
DED: Blanchardstown-Blakestown, TL: Phibblestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Stralem Terrace	338m	From junction of Annaly Terrace and Stralem Terrace, heading north 77m to Junction with Stralem Mews, heading north-west 168m, passing Stralem Grove, up to No. 11 Stralem Terrace, heading south-west 93m to junction of Stralem Terrace and Stralem Crescent.
Stralem Crescent	115m	From junction of Delhurst Avenue and Stralem Crescent, outside No. 1 Stralem Crescent, heading east 115m to junction of Stralem Crescent and Stralem Terrace.

Stralem Grove	87m	From junction of Stralem Crescent and Stralem Grove, outside No. 1 Stralem Grove, heading east 87m to junction of Stralem Grove and Stralem Terrace.
Stralem Court	73m	From junction of Stralem Grove and Stralem Court, outside No. 1 Stralem Court, heading south-west 73m to outside cul de sac, including turning bay.
Stralem Mews	99	From junction of Stralem Terrace and Stralem Mews, outside No. 1 Stralem Mews, heading west 39m, heading south 33m, heading west 27m to cul de sac, including turning bay.
	Total Length: 712m	

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Ref BC1792 Ongar Park

Ref BC1763 Delhurst

Ref BC1788 Annaly

Stralem Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Surface Water

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S105	63.87	61.10	225
S108	62.58	61.30	225
S109	62.36	61.01	225
S110	62.57	60.75	225
S111	62.13	61.63	225
S112	62.04	61.54	225
S113	61.84	61.35	225
S114	62.21	61.23	225
S115	62.31	60.98	225
S116	62.21	60.62	450
S117	62.43	60.96	225
S119	62.63	60.76	225
S119A	62.55	60.92	225
S120	62.86	60.52	450
S121	63.20	60.36	450
S122	63.07	60.99	225
S123	63.86	60.21	450
S124	64.35	60.07	525

Foul Water

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F110	62.51	61.90	225
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F110B	62.47	61.49	225
F112	62.91	60.44	225
F113	62.87	59.95	225
F114	62.51	59.57	225
F114A	62.57	60.04	225
F114B	62.75	60.45	225
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TAKING IN CHARGE: Stralem Estate, Ongar, Phibblestown, Blanchardstown-Blakestown

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Hydrant

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ONGAR PARK, PUBLIC GREEN AREA, DUBLIN 15

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Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	121m	From junction of The Avenue and The Paddocks, heading north 121m, passing Chipping Terrace and Chipping Row on to the cul de sac including turning bay.
	Total Length: 121m	

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Road Schedule

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Ref BC1756 Ongar Village

Ref BC1762 Hayworth

Ref BC1763 Delhurst

Ref BC1789 Stralem

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Hansfield Or
Phibblestown

Teach
Chainnigh
Castaheany

Playground

LATCHFORD CLOSE

LATCHFORD PARK

LATCHFORD SQUARE

LATCHFORD SQ

PHIBBLESTOWN ROAD

RAVENSWOOD VIEW

ALLENDALE DRIVE

BARNEY LANE

Ongar Green (Public Green Area)

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
S121	63.20	60.36	450
S122	63.07	60.99	225
S123	63.86	60.21	450
S124	64.35	60.07	525
S125	64.47	59.90	525
S126	64.62	59.65	525
S127	64.98	59.44	525
S128	64.55	59.13	525
S129	64.09	58.93	525
S130	60.87	58.65	1350
S132	64.32	58.61	1350
S133	63.74	58.19	1350

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
F114	62.51	59.57	225
F114A	62.57	60.04	225
F114B	62.75	60.45	225
F114C	62.76	61.48	225
F114D	63.56	62.00	225
F114E	63.73	62.14	225
F115	62.21	59.29	225
F115A	62.56	58.93	225
F115B	62.49	59.15	225
F116	62.49	58.58	225
F117	61.64	56.79	225

Site location
QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	April 2025	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan
CHECKED BY:	P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY:	S. Boylan
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1792
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV.	SCALE:	1:1000 @ A1
BC-179-1001		OS Ref.	3128-B/D 3129-A/C

ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.

SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.

LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.

WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Ongar Park (Public Green Area), Ongar Phibblestown Blanchardstown-Blakestown

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.

HYD Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Skerries Harbour Road Public Realm and Red Island Loop Scheme, Skerries, Co. Dublin

Skerries Harbour Road Public Realm and Red Island Loop, Skerries, Co. Dublin

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report prepared in accordance with section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council (Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department) gave notice of the proposed Skerries Harbour Road Public Realm and Red Island Loop Scheme, Skerries, Co. Dublin. The notice was published in the Irish Independent on 4th March 2025, and a Site Notices were erected on the same date.

- ***Refer to Appendix A1 for links to the Public Notices***

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from 4th of March 2025 at the following locations:

- The Offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm excluding Bank & Public Holidays)
- Skerries Public Library, 56 Church Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin K34 PN56 (during library opening hours)

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 available to be made either online through our website https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to:-Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co Dublin K67 X8Y2.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development must arrive no later than the **17th of April 2025.**
The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired.

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 proposed development site includes: an approximately 600m long section of Harbour Road between Dorn Lane and the entrance to Red Island car parks; the three car parks within Red Island, the entrance to Skerries pier; and an approximately 1000m long path around Red Island Park and along the Beachfront to Dorn Lane. Overall, the total area of the scheme site is approximately 2.7 hectares.

Site Location Plan is available via the following link: Site Location Plan

The Proposal:

Fingal County Council (Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department) are proposing public realm improvements and active travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries including the following:

Skerries Harbour Road Public Realm Improvements

i. Speed limit along Harbour Road reduced from 50km/h to 30km/h in line with National speed limit reviews.
ii. Installation of raised treatment at the top of Harbour Road for traffic calming and new pedestrian crossings.
iii. Widening of footpath on the eastern side of Harbour Road including new outdoor dining areas.
iv. Remove substandard parking on Harbour Road and construct new seafront footpath.
v. Relocate parking from Harbour Road to new spaces at the top of the road and in Red Island car parks.
vi. Set back the wall at Red Island Park to realign road, and construct on street parking and pedestrian facilities.
vii. Combine the two pier entrances into one shared access for pedestrians, cyclists, and cars, with continuous surface treatment.
viii. Relocate turnabout area from pier entrance to the first car park on Red Island.
ix. Pedestrianise pier slip road with seating, landscaping, and bicycle parking; retain bollard- controlled pier access.
x. Construct drop-off zone at the entrance to the pedestrianised area on Harbour Road.
xi. Install new public lighting along Harbour Road and underground existing overhead power lines.
xii. Construct raised traffic calming ramp at harbour slip for boat and pedestrian crossings.
xiii. Upgrade Dorn Lane beach access with new surfaces and public realm enhancements.
xiv. Construct age friendly spaces and wheelchair accessible spaces in locations closest to destination areas.
xv. Install 80 bicycle parking stands throughout scheme including cargo bicycle parking.

xvi. Construct new time-plated loading/parking bay on eastern side of Harbour Road.
xvii. Incorporate SuDS drainage with planting and native trees along Harbour Road.
xviii. All associated site and development works.

Red Island Loop Improvements:

i. Upgrade 1km path with segregated two-way cycling and walking facilities around Red Island / beachfront.
ii. Enhance public realm areas with new landscaping, seating, picnic benches, and bicycle parking.
iii. Install public lighting along Red Island Loop, excluding section east of the playground.
iv. Construct new pedestrian links to Red Island car parks, swimming areas, and additional playground access.
v. Add SuDS features, including wildflower beds, bioswales, and rain gardens throughout Red Island.
vi. Provide signage, line markings, and tactile paving for pedestrian and cyclist zones.
vii. Red Island Car Parks - Remove stone dwarf walls and grassed islands and construct new turnabout area.
viii. Reorganise and extend parking spaces, new surfacing, kerbing, line markings, and landscaping.
ix. New pedestrian facilities, permeable paving (grass-block) parking spaces, footpaths with crossing facilities linking to Harbour Road, and reclamation of grassed areas for picnic spaces and bicycle parking at third car park on Red Island.

There are a number of protected structures within the environs of the proposed development (RPS No. 183 - Skerries Harbour, RPS No. 185-188 - No. 28-31 Harbour Road, RPS No. 189 – Skerries Martello Tower, RPS No. 190 – Slieve Donard, No. 12 Harbour Road, RPS No. 883 – Sea Wall & Mooring Posts, Harbour Road).

The scheme will preserve these historic features within or adjacent the works boundary, with no specific works proposed to any protected structures and only minor sensitively designed alterations to the setting of the protected structures identified.

The Local Authority Own Development does not consist or comprise the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area and the Local Authority Own Development would materially affect the character of the area concerned.

Fingal County Council will be providing new associated regulatory traffic signs in accordance with Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended).

Design of Proposed Development:

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

Document	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Site Location Plan	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1109	A1	CSEA
Scheme Overview	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1110	A0	CSEA
Key Plan	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1111	A1	CSEA
General Layout 1 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1112	A1	CSEA
General Layout 2 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1113	A1	CSEA
General Layout 3 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1114	A1	CSEA
General Layout 4 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1115	A1	CSEA
General Layout 5 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1116	A1	CSEA
General Layout 6 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1117	A1	CSEA
Cross Sections – Sheet 1 of 2	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1118	A1	CSEA
Cross Sections – Sheet 2 of 2	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1119	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 1-3	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1120	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 4-6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1121	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 7-8	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1122	A1	CSEA
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 1 of 5	7023_301_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 2 of 5	7023_302_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 3 of 5	7023_303_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 4 of 5	7023_304_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 5 of 5	7023_305_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Planning Report	RPT-22_110A-003	A4	CSEA
Engineering Report	RPT-22_110A-004	A4	CSEA
AA Screening Report	7023_RPAA01	A4	BSM
EIA Screening Report	7023_RPEIASR01	A4	BSM
Determination on the Requirement for Appropriate Assessment	7023_RPAA01	A4	FCC
Determination on the Requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment	7023_RPEIASR01	A4	FCC

Refer to Appendix B for links to Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.

Design Intent Statement:

This project envisions a future for Harbour Road and Red Island which entails the creation of a carefully designed public space that caters for all users while preserving the areas rich heritage and distinct character. The infrastructure of this public space will be carefully planned with a strong commitment to fostering a safer, cleaner, and more environmentally friendly future.

The proposed enhancements to the public realm present an opportunity to enhance, and expand the public infrastructure along Harbour Road, with the overarching goal of providing an improved experience for everyone, with special attention to the requirements of those with specific needs. The scheme aligns seamlessly with the goals of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, which emphasises sustainable communities and active travel modes to reduce the carbon footprint. The main objectives of the scheme are provided below:

Enhancing Safety and Accessibility for Vulnerable Road Users: A primary objective is to enhance safety and accessibility throughout the scheme and in particular to the Harbour area and Red Island Park. This involves the incorporation of safe crossing points and the improvement of pathways to cater to the needs of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. By doing so, it ensures a more inclusive and secure environment for everyone.

Promoting Pedestrian and Cyclist Infrastructure: Emphasising the improvement of pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure is crucial to encouraging and facilitating walking and cycling in the area. This not only promotes a healthier and more sustainable mode of transportation but also creates a safer and more enjoyable environment for both residents and visitors.

Upgrading Pedestrian Facilities on Harbour Road and Red Island: One of the key objectives of the scheme involves the renovation and expansion of pedestrian facilities along Harbour Road and around Red Island. These upgrades serve a dual purpose: firstly, they create more space for outdoor dining in front of restaurants, enhancing the local dining experience. Secondly, they ensure safe and efficient pedestrian movement, making it easier for people to access the pier and park while reducing traffic congestion in the area.

Red Island Loop Pedestrian and Cycle Route: Upgrade of the pedestrian and cyclist facilities around Red Island suitable for people of all ages and mobility levels offering a safe route where the scenic coastline can be enjoyed as part of leisure, exercise, or commute.

Optimising Permeability and Connectivity: The plan aims to optimise pathways to enable smoother movement throughout the area that allows for easy navigation, reduces congestion, and ultimately improves the overall flow of people and vehicles. This scheme will provide greater connectivity from the peninsula to the rest of Skerries and the proposed future Fingal Coastal Way.

Taking Climate Action: By improving access for those using active travel and encouraging the shift to sustainable ways of travelling, this project will reduce emissions and improve air quality on Harbour Road and Red Island.

Enhancing Public Spaces: To revitalise public spaces with a strong focus on improving the experience for a wide range of users, including visitors, the local community, and businesses. This means creating vibrant and inviting areas that cater to the diverse needs and preferences of these groups.

Streamlining Parking Arrangements: An important aspect of the project is the reorganisation and streamlining of parking arrangements. The parking strategy includes the provision of dedicated parking spaces for seniors and people with disabilities, ensuring that these groups have convenient access to public spaces and services.

Introducing Seating and Relaxation Zones: To make the most of the picturesque views and recreational spaces, the plan involves strategically placing seating and relaxation zones. These areas will not only provide a place for people to rest and enjoy the surroundings but will also enhance the overall aesthetics of the public spaces, making them more attractive and inviting.

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

- Drawings and documents prepared
- Zoning of the site and the principle of development
- Layout and Design:
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area:
- Transportation:
- Built Heritage:
- Green Infrastructure:
- Water, Drainage & Flooding:
- Public lighting:
- Other items
- Appropriate Assessment
- Environmental Impact Assessment

A Planning Report was compiled by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department which notes that:

- Water Services Department: No objection, items to note
- Transportation Planning: No objection, items to note
- Conservation Office: No objection, items to note
- Parks and Green Infrastructure Section: No objection; items to note
- Heritage Officer/Community Archaeologist: No objection
- Architects Department: No objection
- Ecology: No objection
- Environmental Department: No objection
- Public Lighting: No objection; items to note
- Economic Development / Property Section: No objection

Planning Report Conclusion Summary:

The proposed development would generally be in accordance with the zoning objectives applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023–2029, including 'TC' (Town Centre), 'OS' (Open Space), 'HA' (High Amenity), and 'RS' (Residential). It aligns seamlessly with the goals of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, which emphasises sustainable communities and active travel modes to reduce the carbon footprint.

The proposed works will provide upgraded active travel infrastructure and public realm works which will enhance safety and accessibility, whilst also providing greater connectivity throughout the area, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. These include widened footpaths, upgraded surfacing and lighting, new landscaping, rationalised car parking, integrated SuDS measures, and accessible travel infrastructure.

The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. A number of recommendations and technical requirements were set out prior to public display, including:

- Additional elevation drawings and sections for key components (e.g., railings, lamp standards, access points)
- Flood risk justification test
- Revisions to lighting layout
- Provision for appropriate materials in sensitive heritage areas
- Commitments to Construction Management and Road Safety Audits
- Detailed landscaping, tree pit, and maintenance plans to be agreed with Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Following the recommendations set out in the Planning Officer's Report, the proposed changes were incorporated into the design. The planning documentation was subsequently reviewed again by the Planning Officer prior to public display, and an Addendum Report was prepared. This Addendum confirms that the updated design presented for Part 8 addresses the issues identified in the Pre-Planning Report. It notes that:

- Additional drawings and details previously requested (e.g., lighting, surfacing, elevations) have been incorporated into the design documentation.
- The updated scheme includes enhanced protection of the historic setting, with refined material choices, kerb retention strategies, and appropriate finishes for street furniture.
- Improvements have been made to accessible parking and loading arrangements, and provision for future EV charging has been noted.
- Public realm enhancements and landscape elements now reflect recommendations made by the Conservation Officer and Parks Division.

The Addendum Report concludes that the scheme meets the planning, heritage, infrastructure, and environmental requirements and that it is suitable to proceed subject to the normal procedures under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed development is therefore considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

(ii (a)) "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".

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and Determination

Brady Shipman Martin, on behalf of Fingal County Council, carried out a Preliminary Examination of the development proposal, pursuant to Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). In accordance with Article 120(1)(b)(ii) of the 2001 Regulations, Brady Shipman Martin, on behalf of Fingal County Council, concluded, based on this preliminary examination, that there is no significant and realistic doubt regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

Brady Shipman Martin, on behalf of Fingal County Council, has, in accordance with, inter alia, Articles 120(1)(b)(ii) and 120(1A), caused to be prepared the information specified in Schedule 7A of the 2001 Regulations. This includes information on the characteristics of the proposed development and its likely significant effects on the environment, including, where relevant, information on how the available results of other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment, carried out pursuant to European Union legislation other than the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, have been taken into account.

Brady Shipman Martin, on behalf of Fingal County Council, has also carried out an examination of the development for the purposes of a screening determination, as documented in the *Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination Report* prepared by Brady Shipman Martin. Arising from this examination, Fingal County Council has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

Accordingly, Brady Shipman Martin, on behalf of Fingal County Council, has concluded, pursuant to Article 120 of the 2001 Regulations, that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

A link to the EIA Screening Report is included in *Appendix A2*.

Fingal County Council, as the competent authority, has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required in relation to the proposed development, which comprises infrastructure upgrades and public realm improvements to facilitate and encourage sustainable travel modes along Harbour Road and Red Island Parklands, at Skerries Harbour Road, Red Island, Skerries, Co. Dublin.

For the purposes of carrying out the above functions and making the determination relating to EIA screening in relation to the proposed development, the Council confirms that these functions and determinations have been carried out and made by person(s) within the Council who have not been involved in, and are independent from, the promotion of the development proposal.

A link to the EIA Screening Determination of Fingal County Council dated 27th January 2025 is included in *Appendix A3*.

Appropriate Assessment Screening and Determination

The proposed scheme has been the subject of a screening assessment completed by Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) for both the Impact on Designated Sites (Appropriate Assessment) and an assessment of the potential environmental impact of the scheme.

Brady Shipman Martin on behalf of Fingal County Council, in accordance with Article 250 of the 2001 Regulations, carried out an Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s) in view of the Conservation Objectives of same.

Arising from that Appropriate Assessment Screening, Brady Shipman Martin on behalf of Fingal County Council has concluded that the proposed development, in view of best scientific knowledge, individually or in Combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European Site and consequently an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development is not required.

In reaching this conclusion Brady Shipman Martin on behalf of Fingal County Council has considered the entirety of the proposed development, as detailed in the relevant plans and particulars.

A link to the AA Screening Report is included in *Appendix A4*.

Fingal County Council has considered the Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Report prepared by Brady Shipman Martin which considers the relevant European Sites. Fingal County Council agrees with the screening assessment detailed in the said Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Report, noting the conclusion of Brady Shipman Martin on behalf of Fingal County Council therein that:

"In view of best scientific knowledge, this report concludes that the proposed scheme at Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island, Skerries, Co. Dublin; individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

It is considered that this report provides sufficient relevant information to allow Fingal County Council to carry out an Appropriate Assessment Screening, and reach a determination that the proposed scheme will not have any likely significant effects on European sites under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in light of their conservation objectives"

For the avoidance of doubt, Fingal County Council's Appropriate Assessment Screening conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or any other measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European Sites.

Fingal County Council, as Competent Authority, made a determination that the proposed development, in view of best scientific knowledge, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have

a significant effect on a European Site and consequently an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development is not required.

For the purposes of carrying out the aforesaid functions and determination relating to Screening/ Appropriate Assessment in relation to the development proposal, the Council confirms that the said functions and determination have been carried out/made by person(s) within the Council who have had no involvement in, and who are independent from, the promotion of the development proposal.

A link to the AA Screening Determination of Fingal County Council dated 27th January 2025 is included in *Appendix A5*.

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 subsection (2):

There were 158 Submissions / Observations received which are listed below and can be found in detail at **https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/36229/submissions**

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C795-1	Ruarc Sorensen	Individual
FIN-C795-2	Edel Moore	Individual
FIN-C795-3	Blank Submission	-
FIN-C795-4	Phil Mc	Individual
FIN-C795-5	Aoife Malone	Individual
FIN-C795-6	Sinead Kelly	Individual
FIN-C795-7	Marie Kelly	Individual
FIN-C795-8	Karolina Dylus	Individual
FIN-C795-9	Ian Guildea	Individual
FIN-C795-10	Barbara Lee Lynam	Individual
FIN-C795-11	Anne Carroll	Individual
FIN-C795-12	Peter Halpin	Individual
FIN-C795-13	Cathal Fanning	Individual
FIN-C795-14	Sinead Smyth	Individual
FIN-C795-15	Glenn Wearen	Individual
FIN-C795-16	Michael Keatings	Individual
FIN-C795-17	Seán O'Connor	Individual
FIN-C795-18	Orla McMahon	Individual
FIN-C795-19	Eithne Boylan	Individual
FIN-C795-20	Tashpik Ar Rahaman	Individual
FIN-C795-21	Skerries Sea Scouts	Organisation
FIN-C795-22	Garrett Walsh	Individual
FIN-C795-23	Tricia Murray	Individual
FIN-C795-24	Claire Wilson	Individual
FIN-C795-25	Una O'Brien	Individual
FIN-C795-26	Withdrawn	-
FIN-C795-27	Cara McAuley	Individual
FIN-C795-28	Owen Robinson	Individual
FIN-C795-29	Green Party Members Fingal Constituency	Individual
FIN-C795-30	Tony Dowdall	Individual
FIN-C795-31	Individual	Organisation
FIN-C795-32	Joe O'Brien	Individual
FIN-C795-33	Withdrawn	-

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C795-34	Kate Coen	Individual
FIN-C795-35	Skerries Cycling Initiative	Organisation
FIN-C795-36	Skerries Sailing Club	Organisation
FIN-C795-37	Paul Hyland	Individual
FIN-C795-38	Incomplete Submission	-
FIN-C795-39	Brian Bradshaw	Individual
FIN-C795-40	Rachael Marsh	Individual
FIN-C795-41	Paul Dobbins	Individual
FIN-C795-42	Siobhan And Gerard Boylan	Individual
FIN-C795-43	Gerald O'Halloran	Individual
FIN-C795-44	Paddy White	Individual
FIN-C795-45	Aidan Arnold	Individual
FIN-C795-46	Linda Mcloughlin	Individual
FIN-C795-47	Joseph Wallis	Individual
FIN-C795-48	Michael Mckenna	Individual
FIN-C795-49	Brian Lennon	Individual
FIN-C795-50	Tom Connell	Individual
FIN-C795-51	Lisa Mcloughlin	Individual
FIN-C795-52	Skerries Resident	Individual
FIN-C795-53	Fingal Active Travel Group	Organisation
FIN-C795-54	Des Whyte	Individual
FIN-C795-55	Helen Scullion	Individual
FIN-C795-56	Gerry Canning	Individual
FIN-C795-57	Suzanne Frazer	Individual
FIN-C795-58	Laura Collins	Individual
FIN-C795-59	Incomplete Submission	-
FIN-C795-60	Cathy McHugh	Individual
FIN-C795-61	Sinead Boylan	Individual
FIN-C795-62	Shane Duffy	Individual
FIN-C795-63	Lawrence Breen	Individual
FIN-C795-64	Anne Marie Hickey	Individual
FIN-C795-65	Incomplete Submission	-
FIN-C795-66	Skerries Harbour Businesses Group	Organisation

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C795-67	Lorraine Todd	Individual
FIN-C795-68	John Monaghan	Individual
FIN-C795-69	Kieran Branagan	Individual
FIN-C795-70	Joe May	Individual
FIN-C795-71	Kevin O'Keeffe	Individual
FIN-C795-72	Katie Walsh	Individual
FIN-C795-73	Ross McAuley	Individual
FIN-C795-74	Paul Synnott	Individual
FIN-C795-75	Fin Keleher	Individual
FIN-C795-76	Kristina Keegan	Individual
FIN-C795-77	Conor Keegan	Individual
FIN-C795-78	Sustainable Skerries	Organisation
FIN-C795-79	Katrina McGuinness	Individual
FIN-C795-80	Michael Allen	Individual
FIN-C795-81	Hugh Raftery	Individual
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SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

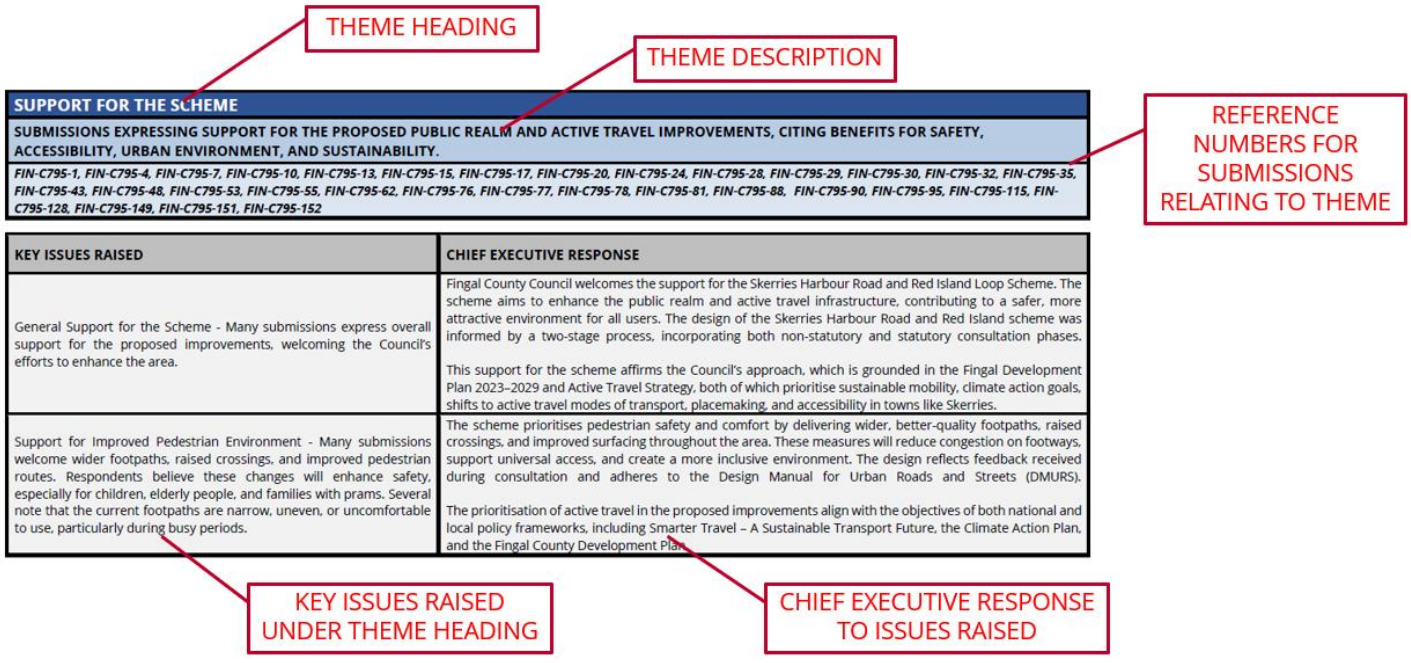
(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the chief executive thereto"

At public consultation stage there were numerous points and issues raised.
Due to the number of the submissions/observations and the fact that many of the submissions/observations raised similar issues, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold in ***Appendix D***.

Issues raised are summarised in ***Appendix D*** **- Summary of the Issues Raised in Submissions or Observations made during the Statutory Consultation Period, and Chief Executive's Response.**

The submissions and observations have been published in full on Fingal County Council's consultation portal at **https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/36229/submissions.**

The format of the Summary included in Appendix D of this report is explained in the figure below:



SUPPORT FOR THE SCHEME	
SUBMISSIONS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PUBLIC REALM AND ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS, CITING BENEFITS FOR SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, URBAN ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY.	
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KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE**
General Support for the Scheme - Many submissions express overall support for the proposed improvements, welcoming the Council's efforts to enhance the area.	Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme. The scheme aims to enhance the public realm and active travel infrastructure, contributing to a safer, more attractive environment for all users. The design of the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island scheme was informed by a two-stage process, incorporating both non-statutory and statutory consultation phases. This support for the scheme affirms the Council's approach, which is grounded in the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and Active Travel Strategy, both of which prioritise sustainable mobility, climate action goals, shifts to active travel modes of transport, placemaking, and accessibility in towns like Skerries.
Support for Improved Pedestrian Environment - Many submissions welcome wider footpaths, raised crossings, and improved pedestrian routes. Respondents believe these changes will enhance safety, especially for children, elderly people, and families with prams. Several note that the current footpaths are narrow, uneven, or uncomfortable to use, particularly during busy periods.	The scheme prioritises pedestrian safety and comfort by delivering wider, better-quality footpaths, raised crossings, and improved surfacing throughout the area. These measures will reduce congestion on footways, support universal access, and create a more inclusive environment. The design reflects feedback received during consultation and adheres to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The prioritisation of active travel in the proposed improvements align with the objectives of both national and local policy frameworks, including Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future, the Climate Action Plan, and the Fingal County Development Plan.

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 (as described above).

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

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Notice of Development

Appendix A1 - Notices of Proposed Development

(Notices can be accessed by clicking the links below)

Document	Links	Size	Produced by
Scanned Newspaper Notice	Newspaper Notice	-	Fingal County Council
Site Notice	Site Notice	-	Fingal County Council

Appendix A2 - Copy of EIA Screening Report

(EIA Screening Report can be accessed by clicking the following link: EIA Screening Report)

Appendix A3 - Copy of Fingal County Council EIA Screening Determination

(EIA Screening Determination can be accessed by clicking the following link: Determination on the Requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment)

Appendix A4- Copy of AA Screening Report

(AA Screening Report can be accessed by clicking the following link: AA Screening Report)

Appendix A5- Copy of Fingal County Council AA Screening Determination

(AA Screening Determination can be accessed by clicking the following link: Determination on the Requirement for Appropriate Assessment)

Appendix B – Plans and Particulars

Appendix B1 - Engineers Drawings & Reports

(Drawings and Reports can be accessed by clicking the document titles below)

Document	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Site Location Plan	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1109	A1	CSEA
Scheme Overview	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1110	A0	CSEA
Key Plan	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1111	A1	CSEA
General Layout 1 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1112	A1	CSEA
General Layout 2 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1113	A1	CSEA
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General Layout 6 of 6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1117	A1	CSEA
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Cross Sections – Sheet 2 of 2	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1119	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 1-3	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1120	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 4-6	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1121	A1	CSEA
Artistic Renderings of the Proposed Scheme - 7-8	22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1122	A1	CSEA
Planning Report	RPT-22_110A-003	A4	CSEA
Engineering Report	RPT-22_110A-004	A4	CSEA

Appendix B2- Landscape Architects & Ecologists Drawings & Reports

(Drawings and Reports can be accessed by clicking the document titles below)

Document	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 1 of 5	7023_301_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 2 of 5	7023_302_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 3 of 5	7023_303_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 4 of 5	7023_304_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
Public Realm General Arrangement Plan - 5 of 5	7023_305_LA_2024-12-05	A1	BSM
AA Screening Report	7023_RPAA01	A4	BSM
EIA Screening Report	7023_RPEIASR01	A4	BSM

Appendix C – FCC Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Planning Report and Addendum Report

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference: LAPD/013/23

Proposed Development: Skerries Harbour Road Public Ream and Red Island Loop

Location: Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island.

Proposing Department: Active Travel Unit

Application Type: Part XI

Site Location

The site of the proposed scheme includes an approximately 500m long section of Harbour Road between Dorn Lane and the entrance to Red Island carparks; the first and second car park within Red Island, the entrance to Skerries Pier; and an approximately 1000m long path around Red Island Park and along the Beachfront to Dorn Lane. Overall, the total area of the scheme site is approximately 2.7 hectares.

Harbour Road runs along the waterfront in Skerries and provides scenic views out towards the Irish Sea and Skerries Harbour. Harbour Road is generally characterised by two storey buildings incorporating a mix of commercial, bars, restaurants and residential dwellings. Skerries Sailing Club is also located along this stretch of road. The road incorporates footpaths on one side and parking on the other and can accommodate two-way traffic. There is a row of platers on the right-hand side towards the northern section of the road.

Red Island also offers scenic views out to the Irish Sea, the area around Red Island and comprises of a playground, picnic areas, large, grassed areas and car parking. It also provides access to the beach at various pedestrian points. There is a walking path which starts at RNLI Lifeboat Station in the north-west corner of the site and loops all the way around Red Island and connects back to Harbour Road via a laneway.

Proposed Development:
The proposed development comprises of infrastructure upgrades and public realm improvements to facilitate and encourage sustainable travel modes along Harbour Road and Red Island Parklands.

The proposed development would include:
- A number of traffic calming measures including a reduction in the speed limit from 50km/h to 30km/h, raised treatments, ramps and the insertion of pedestrian crossings.
- Public realm upgrades including landscaping enhancements, street furniture, bicycle parking and surface treatments. Realignment of kerbing and widening of footpaths.
- Rationalisation of parking throughout the area including the relocation of a significant portion of the parking on Harbour Road to formalised parking spaces within Red Island.
- Public lighting.
- Upgraded pedestrian paths with segregated two-way cycling and walking facilities.
- Signage.
- All ancillary site development.

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029
Land use zoning:
Much of the proposed development is located on roadway which is not subject to a zoning in the Fingal Development Plan, including the works along Harbour Road.

The area of Dom Lane is subject to the RS zoning objective which is "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity". Part of the lands at the harbour and the area west of Red Island Bay Beach are zoned 'HA' (High Amenity) which has the objective "Protect and enhance high amenity areas". The Red Island is zoned 'OS' (Open Space) with the objective "Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities".

There are a number of applicable land use zonings around the vicinity of the proposed development:
- TC – Town Centre: Protect and enhance the special physical and social character of town and district centres and provide and/ or improve urban facilities.
- HA – High Amenity: Protect and enhance high amenity areas.
- OS – Open Space: Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities.
- RS – Residential: Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.

Site Specific Objectives:

As per the Fingal Development Plan the following site-specific objectives pertaining to the general site area are also relevant:

- The subject lands are within a highly sensitive landscape.
- The Landscape character is defined as 'Coastal'.
- The is an objective to preserve views along the northern section of Harbour Road and out towards Skerries Harbour.
- A section of the subject lands to the north-east are within 100m of coastline vulnerable to erosion. The coastline around the site is also listed as an Annex 1 Habitat.
- The subject lands form part of the NTA GDA Cycle Network Plan
- There is a map-based objective under GIM4 to "*Encourage appropriate maintenance and conservation of Howth, Balbriggan, Drumanagh and Skerries Martello Towers which are in the Council's ownership".*
- Red Island is designated as a Biodiversity Nature Area.

Heritage and Conservation Designations:

There are a number of protected structures within the vicinity including:

- RPS No. 183 - Skerries Harbour
- RPS No. 185 - No. 28 Harbour Road, Skerries
- RPS No. 186 - No. 29 Harbour Road, Skerries
- RPS No. 187 - No. 30 Harbour Road, Skerries
- RPS No. 188 - No. 31 Harbour Road, Skerries
- RPS No. 189 – Skerries Martello Tower. This is also a Recorded Monument (RMP Ref. DU005-018) and is therefore protected by National Monument legislation.
- RPS No. 190 – Slieve Donard, No. 12 Harbour Road, Skerries
- RPS No. 883 – Sea Wall & Mooring Posts, Harbour Road, Skerries

Policy Context:

The Fingal Development Plan includes a number of policies and objectives aimed at promoting walking and cycling throughout the County. Section 6.5.6.1 of the plan emphasises the benefits that walking and cycling infrastructure will deliver and states that as well as the provision of active travel infrastructure, an important measure of successful mobility is also dependent on quality of experience through quality public realm, accessibility, permeability and legibility. A range of public realm improvements will create attractive urban centres and improve conditions to make walking and cycling a safer, healthier, quicker, more direct and more attractive form of travel. The prioritisation of walking and cycling is a key priority of the Fingal Development Plan through the reallocation of existing road space and improved public realm that is accessible for all.

The following policies and objectives are relevant to the proposed development:

Chapter 2 – Planning for Growth:
- Policy CSP38 – Malahide, Balbriggan, Lusk, Portmarnock, Rush and Skerries
- Objective CSO52 – Safe and Convenient Road, Pedestrian and Cycle Systems
- Objective CSO55 – Development and Growth of Balbriggan and Skerries
- Objective CSO57 – Harbours, Beaches Seashores – Balbriggan, Skerries and Rush
- Objective CSO71 – Commercial and Community Facilities

Chapter 3 – Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes:
- Objective SPQHO2 – Key Principles
- Policy SPQHP3 – Successful Public Realms
- Policy SPQHP5 – Quality Placemaking
- Policy SPQHP6 – Urban Design
- Policy SPQHP7 – Clean Air and Noise Reduction
- Policy SPQHP16 – Accessibility for All

Chapter 5 – Climate Action:
- Policy CAP1 – National Climate Action Policy
- Objective CAO2 – Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan
- Policy CAP10 – Climate Mitigation Actions in the Built Environment
- Policy CAP27 – Electric Vehicles
- Policy CAP30 – Natural Flood Risk Mitigation
- Policy CAP35 – Climate Action and Green Infrastructure

Chapter 6 – Connectivity and Movement:
- Policy CMP1 – Decarbonisation of Motorised Transport
- Objective CMO1 – Transition to Sustainable Modes
- Objective CMO2 – Modal Shift
- Policy CMP5 – Mobility Management and Travel Planning
- Policy CMP6 – Integrated Transport Network
- Policy CMP7 – Pedestrian and Cycling Network
- Policy CMP9 – Prioritisation of Pedestrians and Cyclists
- Policy CMP10 – Bicycle Infrastructure
- Objective CMO6 – Improvements to the Pedestrian and Cyclist Environment
- Objective CMO10 – Bicycle Parking
- Objective CMO11 – Walking and Cycling Infrastructure
- Objective CMO12 – Walking and Cycling and Green Infrastructure Network
- Policy CMP12 – Public Realm
- Objective CMO16 – Public Realm and Development

- Objective CMO17 – Existing Street Space and Active Travel
- Objective CMO18 – Circulation Plans and Low Traffic Zones
- Policy CMP13 – Accessible Pedestrian and Cyclist Environment
- Objective CMO19 – Optimising Accessibility for All
- Objective CMO32 – Car Parking Standards
- Objective CMO33 – Accessible Car Parking
- Policy CMP32 – Sustainable Roads Infrastructure
- Objective CMO40 – Management of Regional and Local Road Network
- Policy CMP34 – Road and Street Design
- Objective CMO45 – Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets
- Objective CMO46 – Speed Limits and Traffic Calmed Areas
- Objective CMO48 – Roads and Streets and Green Infrastructure

Chapter 7 – Economy and Employment:
- Policy EEP19 – Evening-Night Time Economy
- Objective EEO54 – Safe Walking and Cycling

Chapter 9 – Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage:
- Policy GINHP4 – Green Infrastructure Themes
- Policy GINHP6 – Multi-Functionality
- Objective GINHO8 – Routes
- Objective GINHO15 – SuDS
- Policy GINHP12 – Protected Sites
- Policy GINHP22 – Tree Planting
- Policy GINHP30 – Coastal Recreation
- Policy GINHP31 – Coastal and Harbour Access
- Objective GINHO33 – Annex I and Annex II
- Policy GINHP25 – Preservation of Landscape Types
- Objective GINHO57 – Development and Landscape
- Objective GINHO58 – Sensitive Areas
- Objective GINHO79 – Coastal Access and Appropriate Assessment

Chapter 10 – Heritage, Culture and Arts:
- Policy HCAP12 – Interventions to Protected Structures
- Objective HCAO24 – Alteration and Development of Protected Structures and ACAs
- Objective DMSO183 – Works to a Protected Structure
- Policy HCAP21 – Built Heritage Assets
- Objective HCAO39 – Character of Historic Townscapes
- Objective HCAO40 – Public Realm Works
- Objective HCAO41 – Modern Street Furniture

- Policy HCAP21 – Built Heritage Assets

Chapter 11 - Infrastructure and Utilities:
- Objective IUO9 – Surface Water Drainage Systems
- Objective IUO10 – SuDS – Nature-Based Solutions
- Objective IUO11 – SuDS in New Developments
- Objective IUO16 – OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines
- Objective IUO45 – Undergrounding of Utility Infrastructure
- Policy IUP44 – Light Pollution
- Objective IUO64 – Design of Lighting Schemes

Chapter 14 – Development Management Standards:
- Objective DMSO1 – Screening for Appropriate Assessment
- Objective DMSO2 – Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment
- Objective DMSO3 – Local Authority Development
- Objective DMSO4 – Key Principles to consider in the achievement of Healthy Placemaking
- Objective DMSO118 – Road Safety Measures
- Objective DMSO127 – Use of Native Species in New Developments
- Objective DMSO133 – Location of new Trees
- Objective DMSO138 – Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity
- Objective DMSO144 – Appropriate Assessment
- Objective DMSO145 – Screening for Appropriate Assessment
- Objective DMSO202 – SuDS
- Objective DMSO212 – OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines
- Objective DMSO203 – FCC SuDS Guidance Document
- Objective DMSO248 – Design of Lighting Schemes
- Objective DMSO165 – Coastal Development

Relevant National and Regional Policies
- Project Ireland 2040
- National Cycle Policy Framework 2009 – 2020
- Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future
- Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024
- Climate Action Plan 2023
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets

Planning history:
There is no planning history associated with the subject site of relevance to the proposed development.

Departmental reports:

Water Services Department:

No objection raised to the proposed development subject to the carrying out of justification test and conditions relating to surface water disposal.

Transportation Planning Section:

Report received which covers a broad range of issues. No objections to the proposed development subject to a number of items being addressed.

Conservation:

Report received which covers a broad range of issues. No objections to the proposed development, however, a number of recommendations have been made. The proposed development should be sensitive to the protected designations and historic context of the site area.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division:

No objections to the proposed development subject to conditions. A detailed landscape plan should be submitted.

Heritage/ Archaeology Officer:

No objections to the scheme.

Architects Department:

No objections / comments

Biodiversity Officer:

No report received.

Ecology:

No objections.

Environmental Department:

No objections / comments.

Public lighting:

Issues to be addressed.

Development Plan Team:

No report received.

Community Sports Department:
No report received.

Economic Development / Property Section:
No objections.

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

- Drawings and documents prepared
- Zoning of the site and the principle of development
- Layout and Design:
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area:
- Transportation:
- Built Heritage:
- Green Infrastructure:
- Water, Drainage & Flooding:
- Public lighting:
- Other items
- Appropriate Assessment
- Environmental Impact Assessment

Drawings and documents prepared;
Articles 83 and 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, detail the documents and drawings which must be placed on public display with a Part 8 proposal. These include the following:

- A site location map to a scale of not less than 1:1000 in built up areas. Where this map is based on an Ordnance Survey map, it must indicate the relevant Ordnance Survey sheet number. This has not been included with the documents provided to the Planning Section and needs to be prepared.

- Other drawings and plans drawn to a scale of not less than 1: 100 to describe the proposed development. Full drawings have not been provided of all works. For example, it is stated that it is proposed to increase the height of the post and rail guardrail along Harbour Road. However details of this, including elevation drawings showing the height of the increase and proposed railing, have not been submitted. These should be prepared. Drawings of lamp standards have not been provided – an elevation of these demonstrating the height(s) should be provided.

In addition, more detailed drawings including elevations, should be provided of the proposed works to the entrance to the harbour. In general, a full review should be carried out of the layout plans and detailed drawings of any structures (elevations, plans, sections) should be provided (this includes bicycle parking structures). Section drawings should be provided to illustrate any proposed changes in ground levels such as the stepped area around the harbour.

The above issues need to be addressed prior to proceeding to public display.

Zoning of the site and the principle of development:

The Planning Authority notes that a report prepared by Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates has been submitted. Section 2.7 of the report sets out how specific relevant Fingal Development Plan Objectives are addressed within the proposed scheme. The subject lands around the proposed development fall within four separate land zonings; TC – Town centre', 'HA -High Amenity', 'OS - Open Space' and 'RS – residential'. The proposed development comprising of active travel infrastructure and public realm improvements is generally considered to be acceptable in principle for these lands noting that it would enhance the quality of the urban environment and accessibility for sustainable modes of transport. This is subject to the details of the proposal being acceptable and in accordance with the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan which is considered further in this report.

Layout and Design:

The subject works relate to lands located at Harbour Road and Red Island Loop. At Harbour Road, it is proposed to create a shared space for pedestrians, cyclists and cars at the entrance to the pier and the RNLI station. This would entail the removal of the kerb and the provision of a new surface treatment to make the area level and to create a continuous surface between the toilet block area and access to Red Island Park. A continuous raised treatment is proposed at the top of Harbour Road to encourage lower speeds and facilitate pedestrian crossings. An additional zebra crossing is proposed at Harbour Road, south of the pier slip road. The existing retaining wall will be retained, and steps provided to link the raised area at the toilet block to the new pedestrian zone. Additionally, a slip road access to the pier will become a pedestrian- only area, with seating and bicycle parking provided. Existing overhead power lines along Harbour Road would be underground and the public lighting upgraded with new columns and luminaries. The kerbs on the eastern side of Harbour Road will be realigned and the footpath widened to create a more attractive space for pedestrians to walk and provide space for outdoor dining facilities. Most of the car parking spaces between Dorn Lane and the pier will be removed to facilitate public realm improvements and a new footpath constructed between the slip outside Skerries sailing club and the pier entrance. Accessible parking and traffic calming measures would be implemented. The access lane

to the beach, known as 'The Dorn', would receive surface updates and public realm improvements to the enhance access to the beach and Red Island Loop. Works would also include SuDS and landscaping upgrades throughout.

At Red Island, approximately 1000m of existing paths around Red Island and Red Island Bay beachfront would be upgraded with segregated cycle and walking facilities, which will be accompanied by new lighting along Red Island Loop. The first and second existing car parks would be extended, and parking spaces rationalised with accessible parking provided. Works will also be accompanied by public realm, SuDS and landscaping upgrades throughout.

The Planning Officer considers the integration of SuDS and green infrastructure into the design and layout is a positive feature of the scheme and will ensure that the development of the lands contributes to the green infrastructure network in this area. The Planning Officer considers that in general the public ream improvements have been designed in sympathy with the context of the area however would concur with the comments of the Conservation Officer that the design of street furniture should take cognisance of the historic settings and sensitive environments. More detailed drawings are required of some aspects of the proposal, as noted above. However, overall, the Planning Officer considers the proposed layout and design of the works proposed in the documentation submitted is generally acceptable.

Integration with and impact on the amenity of area:

It is considered that the proposed development will not negatively impact on the amenities of the area. The proposed works will provide upgraded active travel infrastructure and public realm works which will enhance safety and accessibility, whilst also providing greater connectivity throughout the area. It is considered that the proposed development will create a more attractive area with improved conditions for walking and cycling. Overall, it is not considered that the proposal will impact negatively on the visual amenity of the area and will enhance and improve the visual amenity of the area. It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report states that a Construction Environmental Management Plan will be prepared prior to any construction works commencing. This plan would address noise, dust minimisation, surface water management amongst other issues and will serve to mitigate any negative impacts on the amenities of the area associated with construction activities.

Transportation:

A report has been received from the Transportation Planning Section which supports the principle of development; however, they have identified a number of areas where the proposal requires amendments.

With respect to the Fingal Coastal Way, the proposal would transition with the proposed emerging preferred route Option for the Fingal costal way link type 8 which is a shared Street arrangement and link type 7 which is a shared surface arrangement.

With regards to the proposed road layout and the cross sections, it is noted that the speed limit along the length of Harbour Road will be reduced to 30km/h to create a calmer traffic environment and allow for shared cycling on Harbour Road and have a carriageway of 6.0m c/w. The proposal allows for a shared carriageway with vehicular traffic, which is considered appropriate as the proposed traffic management measures will provided for low traffic speeds and traffic volumes, however, ramp gradient can make cycling uncomfortable, and consideration should be given to the introduction of a mountable (at-grade) textured central strip to emphasise that such streets are low speed environments where motor vehicles should not attempt to overtake cyclists. On asphalt carriageways, applying a median strip with contrasting colour and/or texture that is flush with the carriageway can provide cost-effective visual narrowing of the carriageway and still allow for larger vehicles to overrun if required. Furthermore, where speed ramps are required, a sinusoidal shaped ramp should be used which are more comfortable for cyclists to ride over.

Access points to Red Island residential access road are designed as priority junctions, however, consideration should be given to providing pedestrian priority across these lightly trafficked access points if possible. In terms of the proposed two-way cycle track has a 2.5m width, consideration should also be given to increasing the width of the two-way cycle track to the desirable minimum width of 3.0m or 4.0m if possible which would give more space to accommodate universal bikes passing and encourage the use of the Cycling Without Age passenger bike facilities from south Strand Street (Skerries).

The materials for the pedestrian priority across the shared space and the entrance to the slip road are not clear. It is noted that zebra markings are required at the pedestrian crossing points on the two-way cycle tracks in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual. In addition, legible and coherent signage and wayfinding should be incorporated throughout the scheme.

Harbour Road and part of Red Island is located within parking 'Zone1' as indicated in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029. The scheme is proposing 217 spaces (inclusive of ager friendly and accessible parking spaces). There is significant parking within Red Island and along South Strand Street and the removal/relocating of parking on Harbour Road to facilitate improved pedestrian and cycle facilities is acceptable in this location to facilitate public realm upgrades and allow for the footpath widening.

Given the extent of parking proposed in the Red Island car parks, the provision of electric vehicle (EV) parking should be in line with the relevant Development Plan standards (i.e., non- residential development shall provide a minimum of 10% of all spaces and all other spaces shall incorporate appropriate infrastructure (ducting) to allow for future fit out of a charging point at all spaces). The documentation supporting the proposal should be amended to state this. The provision of a mobility hub in the Red Island car parking area should be considered, and the relevant EV parking quantum should be provided.

With regards to bicycle parking, the scheme proposes 55 bicycle parking and 7 cargo bicycle spaces. Additional cycle parking areas should be identified for the future provision as demand increases and these areas should remain free of development. This should be illustrated on the site layout plan. In addition, it is recommended that a range of parking solutions should also be considered including covered cycle parking and lockers etc and concept layouts provided. As noted previously, drawings of the cycle parking structures should be provided.

The parking and loading strategy proposed is acceptable and it is considered that the proposed development would go some way to providing and supporting the reduction in the amount of 'last mile trips' being made by motorised vehicles and the transition to zero-emission delivery vehicles such as cargo bikes or small electric vehicles delivering to shops and restaurants in the future.

The submitted Traffic and Transport Assessment is also generally considered acceptable. The proposed development would not be considered an intensification and it is noted that the proposed upgrades prioritise the safety of vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians and cyclists over the private car.

The construction period is anticipated to last approximately 12 to 15 months with the anticipation that the works would be completed in three phases. Should the proposal progress to the next stage, a final Construction Management Plan and a Construction Traffic Management Plan will need to be provided and agreed with both the Transportation Planning Section and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to any works being carried out. It is noted that the details of the scheme commit to preparing a Construction Traffic Management Plan in agreement with Fingal County Council. The documentation should be amended to refer to the preparation of a Construction Management Plan in addition to this.

The design has been the subject of a Combined Stage 1 & 2 Safety Audit carried out by Traffico Traffic and Transportation Engineers which identified 5 items as problems. The RSA feedback form should be signed off by all parties in relation to acceptance of the

recommended the mitigation measures and that a Quality Audit Including an Access Audit, Cycle Audit, Walking Audit & Non-Motorised User Audit is recommended for the final design. This should be done prior to public display of the proposal. In the event that the proposed development is permitted and prior to opening of any scheme to the public, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit must be completed. Furthermore, following 4-6 months post-opening to the public and live traffic, a Stage 4 Road Safety Audit must be completed. The application documentation should give a commitment to this effect.

A swept path analysis should be provided for a fire tender, rigid truck, refuse collection harbour vehicles and van and addressed in the parking and loading strategy.

All works and materials used should meet Fingal County Council's standards for taking in charge, including all roads, footpaths, verges, public lighting, open space, sewers, watermains or drains forming part of the development.

The above items should be addressed prior to the proposed development progressing to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Built Heritage:

As noted previously, there are a number of protected structures within the environs of the proposed development. The policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan recognise the requirement to ensure that new development does not adversely affect the character or setting of items on the Record of Protected Structures. The Development Plan also recognises the need to protect historic features, for example, Policy HCAP21 is to "protect and enhance the historic environment and built heritage assets, including elements of historic street furniture, paving and historic boundary treatments." Objective DMAO40 refers to public realm works and states that such works should not remove historic street furniture such as limestone or granite kerbs except where an exceptional need has been clearly demonstrated.

The proposed scheme is focused on changes within the public realm, public streets and public open space rather than to individual buildings or structures, with no specific works proposed to any protected structures. The re-ordering of road layouts and expansion of pathways or development of cycleways does alter the setting of some historic structures but generally the design approach in these locations has been sensitively handled to retain historic features, such as the line of historic limestone kerbstones on Harbour Road and the old mooring posts at the entrance to the harbour and proposes a colour palette for the public realm materials that are muted and sympathetic to the historic environment. The proposal does not indicate any changes to the protected structure of

the stone sea wall with its larger rusticated capping stones as there is no footpath proposed directly along it.

With regards to the design of street furniture, the Conservation Officer recommends that there needs to be a consistent design approach to public realm for the proposed development. It is also requested that light standards should be in a grey or black powder coated finish. It is noted that Section 4.7 of the Pre Planning Report by Clifton Scannell Emerson states that a dark grey finish would be used for lamp standards. As noted previously, drawings of these should be provided which should state the colour and nature of the finish.

It is noted that CSE Drawing No. 22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1113 (Layout 2 of 6) indicates that the parking spaces are coloured purple and blue while in BSM Drawing No. 302 they are denoted as parking bays in setts. From an architectural heritage perspective, the natural stone or concrete setts are more appropriate for the historic harbour setting and all drawings should be consistent with this.

The careful retention of the historic kerbstones is welcomed and should be kept in its existing position to demarcate the current kerb line. The report of the Conservation Officer has advised that a survey of the exact extent of historic kerbing that survives within the area should be undertaken and marked on a drawing. Where there are gaps in the limestone kerbing, an approach will need to be agreed with the Conservation Officer on how this should be addressed. Where the footpath is to be widened to the west of the historic kerb stones on the stretch from Skerries town to the harbour entrance or upgraded on the inner side, it is important that material used to form the junction between or to bed the kerbstones in place will not damage the limestone or adhere too strongly to it. It should be designed so that the historic kerbstones can be taken out and repaired easily if required. Reference should be made to The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage guidance document on “Paving: The Conservation of Historic Ground Surfaces”. A design professional with relevant conservation experience and expertise should form part of the design team to draw up the exact details for the works to the historic kerbing. It is considered that the planning report should explicitly refer to this aspect of the project in more detail; commit to the survey work, the need for appropriate design in this area and to including an appropriately qualified professional in the design team.

The softening of the public realm with street trees is welcomed but there is a need to ensure that the position of street trees and tree pits does not interfere with the retention of the existing historic kerbing and that there isn’t the potential for future damage or lighting by tree roots. This should be addressed in the documentation submitted in order

to ensure that landscaping shown is realistic and achievable and that adverse impacts on the amenity of the area in this respect do not occur.

The scheme is shown on plan drawings that are supplemented with proposed views (artists impressions). Indicative cross sections are also provided. The potential impact of the level of alteration and adaption at the entrance to the harbour area is difficult to fully discern from the plan drawing and it would be beneficial to have elevation drawings for this location to fully consider the changes. In relation to the proposed works a note should be included on the CSE and BSM drawings that the existing mooring posts are being retained and no changes are proposed to these or to the harbour wall and stone steps. While there is no objection to the demarcation of a contained shared surface area, the colour palette chosen needs to complement the existing historic harbour. The proposed expanse of buff colour asphalt and buff tactile/corduroy paving is queried in the report received by the Conservation Officer, as the contrast in the colour palette is potentially too visually impactful. The colour chosen for the shared surface in this location needs to be more subtle. This can be agreed via test panels of proposed finishes. The exposed aggregate concrete being used elsewhere in the overall scheme may be a more suitable alternative but again dependant on the colour. The details of the proposed colour should therefore be reviewed prior to public display and/or this issue should be addressed in the development report in terms of recognising this issue and outlining how material finishes will be selected.

Dwg. No 22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-119 and View 3 "Harbour Road As Proposed" indicate that the railings on the seaward side will need to be raised in height as a footpath will run alongside it. As stated previously, specific drawings and details of this are required. The report of the Conservation Officer has advised that there is no objection to the increased height once the detailed design is a discreet and of high-quality. The Planning Officer concurs with this approach.

The plan drawings for the proposed scheme indicate that the parking bays immediately fronting the four protected structures of Nos. 28 to 31 Harbour Road are to be Age-Friendly Parking Spaces and are demarcated by the colour purple. The purple colour is a very vivid contrast with the existing road surface and path treatments. Within sensitive historic environments, such as this area, it is recommended that colouring for the spaces outside the front boundary of the Protected Structures be re-considered. Reference should be made to the "National Age Friendly Parking Space Guide".

Within the Red Island Loop, the street furniture (seating, bins, lighting, etc.) are sensitively designed, with neutral colour palettes, and carefully considered so there is not an excessive level of elements within the open coastal location. In addition, it is

recommended that care needs to be taken with any ground works in the vicinity of the Martello Tower in case any original features associated with the tower are still contained within the landscape. It is noted that the report received from the Heritage Officer notes that this area has been subject to development.

As outlined above, the proposal is generally acceptable. However, there is a need to ensure that the proposal respects the architectural heritage of this area particularly in respect of materials and finishes. In this regard, the guiding principles of architectural conservation set out in Table 10.1 of the Fingal Development Plan, specifically 'use of appropriate materials and methods' are noted. Policy HCAP12 is to ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures, or adjoining development affecting them, are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the specifical interest, appearance, character and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scale and designed. Similarly, Objective HCAO24 requires that proposals for any development affect a Protected Structure and/or its setting are sensitivity design and sited, compatible with the specifical character and are appropriate in terms of inter alia, architectural treatment, layout and materials. Policy HCAP21 specifically refers to protecting the historic environment and built heritage assets including elements of historic street furniture and paving.

Providing appropriate materials and finishes is therefore important to this scheme. In order to ensure that the proposal fully complies with the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan in respect of built heritage, the issues outlined above should be addressed.

Green Infrastructure:
The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division have no objections to the principle of development, however, detail that should the scheme progress to the next stage, a detailed landscape plan as well as management and maintenance details will be required. In addition, it is requested that the landscape plan shall clearly indicate above and below ground services as well as the location of constructed tree pits in plan format and a minimum two-year maintenance period will be required. Having regard to the need to ensure that the development is implemented in accordance with the details approved (subject to the proposal being approved through the Part 8 process), the project team should liaise with the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and update the landscape plan as necessary.

Water, Drainage & Flooding:
No connections/additions to the foul sewer or water supply network are proposed in the development.

With regards to surface water drainage, the details outlined within the Engineering Report (CSEA, 2023) indicate that the drainage strategy would be an improvement to the existing situation and is considered acceptable, pending a more detailed drainage design.

With regards to flooding, the contents of the commensurate flood risk assessment, prepared by Clifton Scannell Emerson is noted. In accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be a less vulnerable development (local transport infrastructure), but it is located partially within Coastal Flood Zones A and B (ie <0.1% AEP). Therefore a justification test will be required as per the Flood Risk Management Guidelines. The Planning Authority notes that this would also be required to comply with Objective DMSO212 – OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines of the Fingal Development Plan. The Planning Authority therefore considers that a justification test should be carried out and the commensurate flood risk assessment be revised prior to the proposed development progressing to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Public lighting:

The Public Lighting Section have provided a detailed report including a number of general comments on the proposed lighting scheme. In relation to proposed public lighting scheme for Skerries Harbour Road & Public Realm, it is noted that whilst a lighting calculation report was provided, none of the drawings show the proposed public lighting layout. In relation to the proposed public lighting scheme for Red Island Loop walkways and carparks, it is noted there appears to be some contradictions in the documents provided which need to be corrected and clarified. The Planning Authority consider that an updated layout and design of the public lighting scheme, including ducting and circuit layouts, should be prepared prior to the proposed development progressing to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Other Items

In addition to the report referred to above, a report has been received from the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department who noted that given the recent installation of a public art trail along the loop, no further sculptural works are considered necessary. Notwithstanding this, in order to promote the existing St. Patrick's Heritage & Art Trail, the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department would welcome an illustrated mural piece at an agreed location along this route.

Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been prepared by Brady Shipman Martin. This report has been reviewed by the Ecology Officer.

It is noted that Fingal County Council has made a determination that Appropriate Assessment is not required for this development.

EIA Screening:
An EIA Screening Report has been prepared by Brady Shipman Martin which screens out the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment. It is noted that Fingal County Council has made a determination that Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the proposed project.

Conclusion:
The proposed development would generally be in accordance with the relevant zoning objectives applicable to these lands within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to active travel, place making and sustainable drainage. Further details are required in terms of materials and finishes to demonstrate that the proposal would be in keeping with the building heritage of this area. Subject to the issues raised in this report being satisfactorily addressed, it is considered that the proposal would enhance the amenities of the area through improvements to active travel infrastructure and public realm upgrades.

There are a number of technical additions/changes to the documentation that must be made before the scheme goes on display which are set out below.

Where changes are made to the design of the scheme, the Proposing Department should liaise with the environmental consultants to establish if the changes would have any impact on the content and outcome of the screening reports for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

1. The following drawings need to be prepared having regard to Article 83 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended:

    - A site location map to a scale of not less than 1:1000 in built up areas. Where this map is based on an Ordnance Survey map, it must indicate the relevant Ordnance Survey sheet number. This has not been included with the documents provided to the Planning Section.

    - Drawings and plans drawn to a scale of not less than 1: 100 to describe the proposed development. Full drawings have not been provided of all works. For example, it is stated that it is proposed to increase the height of the post and rail guardrail along Harbour Road. However details of this, including elevation

drawings, have not been submitted. Drawings of lamp standards have not been provided – an elevation of these demonstrating the height(s) should be provided. In addition, more detailed drawings, including elevations, should be provided of the proposed works to the entrance to the harbour. In general, a full review should be carried out of the layout plans and detailed drawings of any structures (elevations, sections) should be provided (this includes bicycle parking structures). Section drawings should be provided to illustrate any proposed changes in ground levels such as the stepped area around the harbour.

2. A swept path analysis should be provided for a fire tender, rigid truck, refuse collection harbour vehicles and van and addressed in the Parking and Loading strategy.

3. Materials for the pedestrian priority across the share space and the entrance to the slip road should be clarified.

4. Signage and wayfinding proposals across the scheme should be indicated. These should have cognisance of the character of this area.

5. A revised Flood Risk Assessment to include a justification test should be prepared.

6. A revised layout of the public lighting scheme, including ducting and circuit layout, should be prepared.

7. Plans should be amended to demonstrate that EV parking in line with the standards in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 would be provided i.e. 10% of all spaces and provision of infrastructure to facilitate future fit of charging points provided.

8. Identify areas for future cycle parking and retain these free from development.

9. Provide details of cycle parking (as noted in Point 1 above, drawings of structures must be provided). A range of parking solutions should be considered such as covered cycle parking and lockers etc and concept layouts provided.

10. Section 5.1.3 of the Pre Planning Report states that a Construction Traffic Management Plan will be provided. A commitment to prepare a Construction Management Plan should also be given.

11. The RSA feedback form for the Road Safety Audit should be signed off by all parties in relation to acceptance of the recommended mitigation measures. The Planning Report should give a commitment to preparing further Road Safety Audits at the required stages.

12. Amend CSE Drawing No. 22_110A-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1113 (Layout 2 of 6) to be consistent with BSM Drawing No. 302 in respect of the finish of parking spaces. From an architectural heritage perspective, the natural stone or concrete setts are more appropriate for the historic harbour setting.

13. Amend application documentation to include commitments to carrying out a survey of the exact extent of historic kerbing that survives within the area, agreeing an approach with the Conservation Officer of Fingal County Council to address gaps in kerbing and including a design professional with relevant conservation experience and expertise in the design team to draw up the exact details for works to the historic kerbing.

14. A detailed landscape plan should be provided which also outlines proposed management and maintenance details and ensures that the position of street trees is compatible with retention of historic kerbing.

15. Clarify on the CSE and BSM drawings that the existing mooring posts are being retained and no changes are proposed to these or to the harbour wall and stone steps.

16. Revisit colour palette for the contained shared surface area to ensure that it takes cognisance of the visual quality of the area and the colour of the parking bays in front of Protected Structures Nos. 28 to 31 Harbour Road.

17. Update planning report to include all relevant Development Plan objectives and policies in respect of built heritage.

The following points should be taken into consideration in drafting of the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part VIII. It should be noted that if any of the issues below would change the details illustrated on the maps, drawings and documents for the proposal which are to go on public display, then the requisite changes need to be made before the public display period:

1. Consideration should be given to the introduction a mountable (at-grade) textured central strip to emphasise that streets are low speed environments where motor

vehicles should not attempt to overtake cyclists. On asphalt carriageways, applying a median strip with contrasting colour and/or texture that is flush with the carriageway can provide cost-effective visual narrowing of the carriageway and still allow for larger vehicles to overrun if required.

2. Where speed ramps are required, a sinusoidal shaped ramp should be used. These are more comfortable for cyclists to ride over due to the smooth transition profile on both sides of the hump.

3. The access points to Red Island residential access road are designed as priority junctions. Consideration should be given to providing pedestrian priority across these lightly trafficked access points if possible.

4. Consideration should be given to increasing the width of the two-way cycle track to the desirable minimum width of 3.0m or 4.0 if possible. This would give more space to accommodate universal bikes passing and encourage the use of the Cycling Without Age passenger bike facilities from south Strand Street (Skerries).

5. The provision of a mobility hub in the Red Island car parking area should be considered.

6. A consistent approach should be applied to public realm insertions throughout the scheme. Careful consideration should be given to street furniture, colour palettes and the use of materials to ensure that these are appropriate within the historical context of the site.

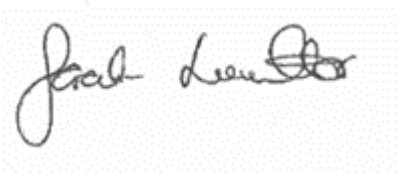
The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to the issues already highlighted in the report including:

1. Zebra markings are required at the pedestrian crossing points on the two-way cycle tracks in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual.

2. Universal EV charging spaces should be provided and the provision of EV parking spaces at the proposed accessible spaces on Harbour Road should be considered. The design of EV spaces should comply with the ZEVI Universal Design Guidelines.

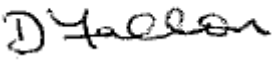
3. All works and materials used should meet Fingal County Council's standards for taking in charge, including all roads, footpaths, verges, public lighting, open space, sewers, watermains or drains forming part of the development.

4. A final layout of the public lighting scheme, including ducting and circuit layouts, should be agreed with Public Lighting at detailed design stage.



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A/Senior Executive Planner



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Deirdre Fallon,
A/Senior Planner

Date: 11th April 2024

Addendum Report

Following the Planning Report dated 11th April 2024, the following minor changes to the project were required;

- Historic limestone kerbing will be retained in place with minor adjustments made to suit proposed levels, and the location of tree pits adjusted accordingly;
- Two-way cycle tracks around Red Island have been widened to 3m with red surfacing to be used for off-road cycle tracks as per NTA requirements;
- Additional traffic-calming measures such as ramps, zebra crossings & enhanced pedestrian crossing demarcations have been incorporated;
- 13 No. EV charging parking spaces have been added in the car parks on Red Island with ducting to be provided for EV future parking spaces;
- An increase in bicycle parking provision throughout the proposed scheme with a total 80 No. Bicycle stands now provided including cargo bike parking;
- The colour and finishes palette has been re-examined, and a buff colour is now proposed for age-friendly spaces in line with national guidance;
- Relocation of car parking spaces from Red Island to provide alternative parking (including age-friendly and wheelchair accessible spaces) in close proximity to businesses on Harbour Road;
- New parking located on Harbour Road at the entrance to the first car park, necessitating the setting back of the existing wall;
- The reduction in the size of the 3rd car park provides additional grassed amenity areas with proposed picnic benches;
- Some car parking spaces on Harbour Road have been retained to serve residents;
- The proposed loading bay has been adjusted, the footpath widened along the eastern side of the street, and new outdoor dining areas identified;
- The proposed time-plated loading/taxi rank has been updated in the revised design to a time-plated loading/parking bay;
- A new turnabout area for vehicles, including large delivery trucks has been provided at the entrance to the first car park on Red Island;
- New footpaths have been provided linking the car parks on Red Island back to Harbour Road;
- Public lighting east of the playground on Red Island has been removed to preserve the dark sky; and,
- New access paths to changing areas, as well as seating and bicycle parking, have been provided.

These minor changes have been considered individually and cumulatively relative to the original proposals. This Addendum is to confirm that I have been made aware of these minor changes. I can confirm that the planning recommendation has not changed having reviewed the minor changes to the proposed scheme.

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 improvement of the public realm at Skerries Harbour and Red Island and environs.

Signed: 

Date: 17/01/2025

Addendum Report following Public Consultation

Following public consultation, two representations were received pertaining to the planning issues;

Within the submission entitled 'If it ain't Broken why fix it', it is stated inter alia that the proposesd development would be contradictory to the following Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 zoning objectives: OS (Open Space); HA (High Amenity); RS (Residential); and, TC (Town Centre). It is further stated that:

"Here again Fingal County Council are failing to follow their own Planning Objectives.. They are failing in every respect to Protect this Open Space Area. 'Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered'".

Within the second submission, issue is taken with the loss of HA (High Amenity) land.

Zoning Objective	**Objective**	**Vision**	**Assessment**
'HA' HIGH AMENITY	Protect and enhance high amenity areas.	*Protect these highly sensitive and scenic locations from inappropriate development and reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place. In recognition of the amenity potential of these areas opportunities to increase public access will be explored.*	The proposed development is considered appropriate with regard to the receiving environment, and will increase and improve public access to the HA zoned land.
'OS' OPEN SPACE	Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities.	*Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority.*	The proposed development is considered to accord with the vision for the zoning objective, as it is a recreational use for the whole community to avail of.

'RS' RESI	Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.	*Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity.*	The proposals will have a minimal impact on, and will enhance residential amenities in the local area.
'TC' TOWN AND DISTRICT CENTRE	Protect and enhance the special physical and social character of town and district centres and provide and/or improve urban facilities.	*Maintain and build on the accessibility, vitality and viability of the existing Urban Centres in the County.* *Develop and consolidate these centres with an appropriate mix of commercial, recreational, cultural, leisure and residential uses, and to enhance and develop the urban fabric of these centres in accordance with the principles of urban design, conservation and sustainable development. Retail provision will be in accordance with the County Retail Strategy, enhance and develop the existing urban fabric, emphasise urban conservation, and ensure priority for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists while minimising the impact of private car-based traffic. In order to deliver this vision and to provide a framework for sustainable development.*	The proposed scheme will enhance accessibility and the public realm within the area. The development aims to foster increased use of the HA and OS zoned lands, through recreation. The development will further develop the urban fabric of the town centre, providing an enhanced connectivity with the surrounding area with an emphasis on active travel modes.

It is further noted that Uses which are neither 'Permitted in Principle' nor 'Not Permitted' fall to be assessed in terms of their contribution towards the overall achievement of the Zoning Objective and Vision and their compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan.

Both submissions have been wholly considered individually and cumulatively relative to the original proposals. I can confirm that the planning recommendation has not changed having fully reviewed the public consultation responses to the proposed scheme.

The proposed development would be wholly in accordance with the zoning objectives applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and the relevant

policies as they relate to the improvement of the public realm at Skerries Harbour, Red Island and environs.

Signed: 

Date: 30/05/2025

Appendix D – CE Response to Submissions Raised during Observation Period

APPENDIX D TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN SUBMISSIONS OF OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE

SKERRIES HARBOUR ROAD PUBLIC REAM AND RED ISLAND LOOP

In accordance with the Section 179(3)(b)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the 2000 Act), for the purposes of the Chief Executive's report (prepared in accordance with section 179(3)(a) of the 2000 Act), the issues raised in all submissions and observations received during the statutory public consultation period, before the closing date on the 17th of April 2025 (which have been published in full at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/36229/submissions) have been summarised below by under themed categories, with key issues identified in each overall category, and the Chief Executive's response to those submissions and observations is set out below.

SUPPORT FOR THE SCHEME

SUBMISSIONS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PUBLIC REALM AND ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS, CITING BENEFITS FOR SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, URBAN ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY.

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KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
General Support for the Scheme - Many submissions express overall support for the proposed improvements, welcoming the Council's efforts to enhance the area.	Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme. The scheme aims to enhance the public realm and active travel infrastructure, contributing to a safer, more attractive environment for all users. The design of the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island scheme was informed by a two-stage process, incorporating both non-statutory and statutory consultation phases. This support for the scheme affirms the Council's approach, which is grounded in the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and Active Travel Strategy, both of which prioritise sustainable mobility, climate action goals, shifts to active travel modes of transport, placemaking, and accessibility in towns like Skerries.
Support for Improved Pedestrian Environment - Many submissions welcome wider footpaths, raised crossings, and improved pedestrian routes. Respondents believe these changes will enhance safety, especially for children, elderly people, and families with prams. Several note that the current footpaths are narrow, uneven, or uncomfortable to use, particularly during busy periods.	The scheme prioritises pedestrian safety and comfort by delivering wider, better-quality footpaths, raised crossings, and improved surfacing throughout the area. These measures will reduce congestion on footways, support universal access, and create a more inclusive environment. The design reflects feedback received during consultation and adheres to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The prioritisation of active travel in the proposed improvements align with the objectives of both national and local policy frameworks, including Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future, the Climate Action Plan, and the Fingal County Development Plan.

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Support for Improved Cycle Infrastructure - Many submissions welcome the introduction of segregated cycling paths, especially around Red Island and along Harbour Road. Supporters see this as a positive move for promoting active travel, enhancing safety for cyclists, and encouraging more sustainable modes of transport. Some highlight benefits for children cycling to school or families using cargo bikes.	The Council acknowledges the widespread support for improved cycling facilities. The scheme includes a new segregated two-way cycle track around Red Island and enhanced traffic calmed environment along Harbour Road, offering a safer and more comfortable environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities. These improvements support modal shift toward sustainable transport and are fully aligned with national and local active travel and climate action policies.
Improved Accessibility / Inclusion - Supporters value the steps taken to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, older adults, and families with children.	A key objective of the project is to ensure that the public realm is inclusive and accessible for all users and provides a user-friendly environment particularly for those with mobility impairments, older persons, and families with young children. The scheme incorporates widened footpaths, level surfaces, raised pedestrian crossings, additional disabled parking bays, and improved public seating. These measures will remove existing physical barriers and enhance the safety, comfort, and independence of all users. The design is informed by best practice guidance, including Building for Everyone – A Universal Design Approach, and reflects the Council's broader commitments under the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy and Active Travel Strategy.
Improved Road Layout / Traffic Calming - Traffic-calming measures such as raised crossings and speed reductions are welcomed as improvements to road safety and comfort.	The introduction of raised crossings, sinusoidal ramps, and a reduced speed limit of 30 km/h along Harbour Road are key interventions designed to improve safety for all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists. These measures aim to reduce vehicle speeds, increase driver awareness, and promote a low-speed environment that supports a more balanced and people-focused streetscape. The approach is consistent with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and reflects best practice in urban traffic management and road safety by prioritising use of road space for vulnerable road users.
Support for Drop-off Zones / Practical Access - Some submissions note the importance of new drop-off areas and practical access points that make it easier for everyone to reach the seafront.	The scheme includes designated drop-off areas and improved access points designed to facilitate safe and convenient access for all users, including older adults, people with disabilities, and families. These drop-off zones contribute to a more usable and free-flowing public realm. These measures form part of the Council's broader commitment to balance active travel with accessibility, ensuring the seafront remains welcoming and usable for a wide range of visitors. The layout has been designed to maintain necessary vehicular access while prioritising safety, clarity, and legibility in circulation.
Support for Enhanced Public Realm and Visual Improvements - Many submissions welcome the investment in the public realm, praising proposed improvements like high-quality landscaping, increased seating, and the creation of more accessible, welcoming public spaces. These enhancements are seen as beneficial for community enjoyment, local identity, and tourism appeal.	Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the scheme's focus on public realm enhancement. The proposed improvements such as quality landscaping, new public seating, upgraded lighting, and clear pedestrian routes are intended to create a more attractive, accessible, and inclusive environment. These enhancements are designed not only to improve day-to-day usability and comfort for residents but also to reinforce Skerries' identity as a coastal destination and promote active mobility. They align with the Council's goals to support community well-being, promote placemaking, and strengthen the town's appeal for visitors and local enterprise alike.

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Support for Outdoor Dining and Hospitality Enhancement - Several submissions express support for adding outdoor seating and dining areas. These are seen as valuable enhancements to the town's hospitality offering, improving the vibrancy of Harbour Road and encouraging more foot traffic to cafés and restaurants. Respondents suggest this aligns with modern, people-focused placemaking and can enhance the overall visitor experience.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the positive feedback regarding outdoor dining as part of the public realm improvements. The scheme facilitates increased space for hospitality uses, particularly along Harbour Road, by widening footpaths and reallocating road space, creating opportunities for safe, accessible, and attractive outdoor dining and seating areas. These enhancements aim to strengthen the local hospitality sector, promote footfall to cafés and restaurants, and support a lively, people-centred street environment. This approach aligns with broader placemaking goals and reflects post-pandemic trends that favour well-designed outdoor social spaces in town centres.
Appreciation for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) - Several submissions welcome the integration of SuDS features such as rain gardens, bioswales, and permeable surfaces. These are seen as modern, environmentally responsible additions that reduce flood risk and support long-term drainage capacity, particularly in coastal or high-footfall areas.	Fingal County Council acknowledges and welcomes the support for the inclusion of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) within the scheme. The design integrates features such as permeable paving, rain gardens, and bioswales to manage surface water sustainably and improve climate resilience. These measures align with national policy, FCC's SuDS Strategy and Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan, addressing flood risk in coastal areas and supporting long-term environmental goals. In addition to functional benefits, SuDS features contribute to improved visual amenity and biodiversity, enhancing the character and ecological value of the public realm.
Positive Response to Native and Pollinator-Friendly Planting - Respondents express support for wildflower beds and native planting schemes, noting their benefits for biodiversity, pollinators, and local ecology. There is recognition that these features can also improve visual appeal and seasonal interest in the public realm.	The use of wildflowers, native shrubs, and pollinator-attracting species forms part of a broader commitment to biodiversity and climate-conscious public realm design. These planting strategies contribute to local ecological health and add colour, interest, and texture to the streetscape throughout the seasons. This approach complements other sustainability measures in the scheme and enhances the character and identity of the area creating a sense of pride of place in the streetscape.
General Support for Investment - There is widespread support for public realm investment in Skerries, even from those with specific concerns. Many submissions acknowledge that improvements are needed and welcome the Council's commitment to action.	Fingal County Council acknowledges and appreciates the broad support for investment in the Skerries public realm. The scheme represents a significant commitment to enhancing the town's infrastructure, accessibility, and overall quality of life. While individual concerns have been noted and addressed where possible, the strong overall endorsement affirms the importance of progressing with improvements that reflect community needs and future resilience. The Council remains committed to delivering high-quality, inclusive public spaces through sustained investment in line with the Fingal Development Plan and Active Travel Strategy.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE SCHEME IMPACTS

SUBMISSIONS EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME AND POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACTS

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Changes to Parking Spaces - Residents are deeply concerned about the removal of seafront parking, fearing it will reduce access for locals and visitors, particularly those with mobility needs.	Fingal County Council acknowledges concerns raised about the changes to parking along Harbour Road and the potential impact on access, especially for individuals with mobility challenges. The scheme has been carefully designed to address this by reallocating parking to new on street parking on Harbour Road and consolidating parking within the adjacent Red Island car parks. The overall number of public parking spaces across the scheme area remains consistent, and the redesign includes an increase in accessible parking bays in line with Development Plan standards. Dedicated drop-off zones and improved pedestrian routes also support easier access to key destinations along the seafront. The relocation of parking at the harbour frontage is a key part of the effort to improve safety, reduce vehicle dominance, enhance views of the Harbour, and enhance the pedestrian environment while ensuring parking provision remains adequate, safe, and strategically located nearby. Parking surveys conducted for the scheme show that 33% of existing parking stays exceed two hours and 22% exceed three hours, limiting availability for new visitors. The introduction of time-limited parking, such as a 2-hour maximum stay will benefit Harbour Road by encouraging parking turnover and increasing parking availability. By prioritising short-term use, time-limited parking can help ensure more efficient use of spaces for those visiting businesses. National and international research supports the view that time-managed, high-turnover parking benefits main street businesses and improves overall accessibility. While the relocation of on-street parking may raise concerns among short-stay users such as families, tourists, and casual visitors, the scheme supports continued convenience through improved pedestrian links and retained short-stay parking at the top of Harbour Road. This has allowed for the delivery of wider, more comfortable footpaths, new seating, landscaping, and safer pedestrian crossings creating a more attractive and usable space that encourages walking, socialising, and accessing local businesses. The Council has carefully considered the need to balance local economic activity with an improved public realm experience. While on-street parking is being reconfigured, the overall number of spaces across the area remains consistent, supported by parking at Red Island within short walking distance of the town centre. The goal of the scheme is to create a safer, more vibrant, and inclusive coastal destination that draws repeat visits and supports long-term economic resilience.

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Disruption to Sailing Club Operations - The proposed design threatens the safe and practical functioning of Skerries Sailing Club by interfering with established access routes used for boat and trailer movement.	The scheme has been developed with the needs of the club as a priority, and specific modifications have been made to ensure that access for boat launching, and trailer movement is maintained. A key feature of the scheme is a dedicated boat crossing and dwell area, aligned with the slipway. This area is deliberately free of physical obstructions to facilitate safe boat crossings, boat trailer manoeuvring, and equipment retrieval. To further emphasise the use of this space, the detailed design will incorporate alternative materials to differentiate this multi-functional space from the rest of the footpath space. The widened footpath along the eastern side of Harbour Road supports the movement of smaller boats, such as dinghies and skiffs, used by Sea Scouts and club members. This has been a core design element for the scheme. While the existing slipway location is not ideal for the needs of the sailing club, it is not within the scope of this project to alter the slipway location. The proposed scheme represents a significant improvement to the existing situation which requires all boats to travel along the road in a non-traffic calmed environment. The proposed design of Harbour Road introduces a traffic-calmed 30 km/h zone, ramps and raised crossings, encouraging slower speeds and enhancing safety. This will enforce lower vehicular speeds along Harbour Road and increase safety for boat users. The detailed design will incorporate further measures including alterative road surfacing materials and road markings indicating a shared zone between the slipway and sailing club identifying this a corridor for larger boats which cannot be brought down the footpath.

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Impact on Elderly / Less Mobile Groups - Submissions express concern that the scheme will reduce accessibility for older residents and people with limited mobility, especially due to relocated parking and increased walking distances.	Fingal County Council fully recognises the importance of ensuring accessibility for older people and those with reduced mobility. The scheme has been developed in line with universal design principles and includes several specific measures to support this group. A key objective of the project is to ensure that the public realm is inclusive and accessible for all users and provides a user-friendly environment particularly for those with mobility issues and older persons. The scheme incorporates, drop off zones, widened footpaths, level surfaces, raised pedestrian crossings, improved public seating and rest areas. The existing parking spaces along the seafront were found to be substandard, with inadequate bay widths and limited pedestrian facilities creating safety and accessibility issues, particularly for the elderly and those with mobility challenges. In response, the scheme provides new on-street parking at the top of Harbour Road near the entrance to Red Island and significantly improves pedestrian connectivity to the Red Island car parks through widened footpaths and safe crossing points. The overall parking strategy includes 36 age-friendly spaces and 13 wheelchair-accessible spaces, prioritising ease of access to key destinations. These age friendly spaces are designed to meet the needs of older users who may not hold a disabled parking permit but still require proximity and ease of access. While some on-street parking has been reallocated, these changes are offset by improved pedestrian environments and carefully planned parking within the Red Island car parks to maintain accessibility and connectivity across the scheme area.

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Negative Environmental Impact - Concerns include disruption to local habitats and ecological features, and a perceived over-engineering of the coastal area that may negatively affect the environment.	The scheme has undergone both Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening, which concluded that the proposed works will not result in significant adverse effects on the environment or nearby European designated sites. Fingal County Council, as Competent Authority, made a determination that the proposed development, in view of best scientific knowledge, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European Site and consequently an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development is not required. FCC has also determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required in relation to the proposed development. Design measures include the integration of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), biodiversity-friendly landscaping, and pollinator planting, all of which support ecological resilience. Materials have been selected with durability, permeability, and ecological compatibility in mind, and interventions have been limited to the existing urban footprint to avoid intrusion into sensitive coastal habitats. The scheme reflects the objectives of the Fingal Climate Action Plan and Development Plan and is designed to balance ecological protection with the need for improved public realm and active travel infrastructure in this highly used and valued area. A survey of the extent of plant species on Red Island is to be carried out prior to Construction by a suitably qualified botanist and monitored during the construction phase.

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Negative Impact on Local Businesses - The revised layout is seen as damaging to small businesses by reducing visibility and limiting customer access, especially due to lost parking and circulation changes.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns raised by local businesses and has taken steps throughout the design process to mitigate any potential negative impacts. The scheme aims to improve the overall attractiveness and usability of the area, which in turn supports commercial activity by encouraging footfall and dwell time through a safer, more vibrant streetscape. Studies undertaken by the ESRI's Behavioural Research Unit reviewed international evidence on the effects of infrastructure changes designed to promote cycling and walking. They found strong international evidence that the reallocation of road space for active travel facilities boosts rates of cycling and walking, and that the knock-on effects on local food and retail businesses tend to be either positive or neutral. While some on-street parking is being relocated, the total number of parking spaces across the area is maintained through enhancements to nearby Red Island car parks. The scheme also improves pedestrian access, outdoor dining potential, and the overall public realm elements shown to support retail and hospitality businesses in similar town centre settings. The Council remains committed to working with local businesses throughout implementation to ensure that access, visibility, and servicing needs are supported, and that economic vitality is preserved as public realm improvements are delivered.

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Cycle Track Design Conflicts - The cycle lane design is criticised for being too wide, poorly placed, and disconnected from the broader cycling network, causing conflicts with other harbour users.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the cycle facility design. The proposed segregated two-way cycle track has been designed in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual and relevant guidance, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), with the aim of ensuring safe, direct, and accessible infrastructure for cyclists of all ages and abilities. The two-way cycle track width (3 metres) was selected using guidance in the Cycle Design Manual to allow for inclusive use, including cargo bikes, adaptive cycles, and Cycling Without Age trishaws. The proposed two-way cycle track connects to Harbour Road at Dorn Lane and at the entrance to the pier. While cyclists can continue to travel on road along Harbour Road, less confident cyclists have an alternative route to the destination areas at the end of Harbour Road via the new Red Island loop. While the scheme is primarily focused on local active travel improvements, it is designed to integrate with future links in the wider Fingal Coastal Way and national cycle network, supporting long-term network coherence.

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Safety Risks to Pedestrians and Vehicles - The scheme introduces risks by failing to account for how boats and trailers will cross pedestrian and cycling areas safely, potentially endangering users.	These issues have been carefully considered during the design process, particularly in relation to access to the slipway and the operations of Skerries Sailing Club and other harbour users. Current practices around the access to the slipway entirely rely on the use of the existing road when launching or landing boats. This creates a potential conflict zone in a non-traffic calmed environment. The proposed scheme includes a dedicated boat crossing and dwell area aligned with the slipway, designed to remain free of obstructions to allow safe boat movements, trailer manoeuvring, and equipment handling. A widened footpath on the eastern side of Harbour Road accommodates the manual movement of smaller boats, such as dinghies and skiffs, by Sea Scouts and club members. While shared use is unavoidable in a coastal setting, the proposed layout applies best practice in shared space design and represents a major improvement on the current arrangement, which requires boat users to navigate a non-traffic-calmed road. The introduction of a 30 km/h speed limit, ramps, and raised crossings will support safer, slower vehicle speeds and enhance safety for all users. A Quality Audit, including a Stage 1 and 2 Road Safety Audit, has been carried out in accordance with TII guidance, and the recommendations have been incorporated into the design. The detailed design will incorporate the use of alternative materials for this drop off area and to further identify areas where boat activity mixes with vehicular zones.

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Loss of Character and Coastal Amenity - Concerns are raised about the scheme eroding the visual and historical character of the harbour and Red Island, replacing a natural setting with over-engineered infrastructure.	Fingal County Council is sensitive to the unique coastal character and heritage of Skerries and has sought to ensure that the design enhances rather than detracts from the area's identity. The scheme has been carefully developed to respect the existing landscape, views, and built environment, with materials and finishes selected to complement the surrounding context. The project enhances open views to the sea and protects the visual setting of protected structures and heritage features identified in the Fingal Development Plan. Additionally, improvements such as biodiversity planting, sensitively design public lighting, and street furniture aim to reinforce local character while improving accessibility and public enjoyment of the area. The scheme has been carefully designed to enhance placemaking and improve wayfinding throughout the Harbour Road and Red Island area. High-quality materials, coordinated street furniture, and cohesive landscaping create a welcoming and visually coherent public realm that reflects the coastal character of Skerries. New pedestrian routes and upgraded surfaces establish legible and accessible connections to key destinations on Harbour Road and Red Island. Strategic placement of signage and visual cues including lighting, surfacing changes, and path alignment supports intuitive navigation for residents and visitors alike, encouraging exploration and reinforcing the identity of Red Island as a recreational and cultural destination. The scheme strikes a balance between functional upgrades and the preservation of Skerries' distinctive coastal amenity.

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Poor Consultation and Lack of Engagement - Stakeholders feel their feedback has not been adequately considered in revised designs, despite having participated in earlier rounds of consultation.	Fingal County Council is committed to meaningful public and stakeholder engagement. The Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme has undergone an extensive consultation process, including both non-statutory and statutory phases. The scheme was presented to local councillors at various stages during the schemes development and the input received during these briefings was incorporated into the design. As part of the non-statutory consultation, a series of targeted workshops were held with key stakeholder groups including residents, businesses, community organisations, and harbour users facilitated by an independent communications consultant. Submissions received during these phases directly informed several key design revisions, such as the increased width of the cycle track, relocation of disabled parking, inclusion of drop-off zones, and additional on street parking. Feedback received during the Part 8 statutory consultation process is being fully reviewed, with themes addressed systematically in this report. While it is not possible to accommodate all of the suggestions received in the feedback, the detailed design will incorporate changes which balance the needs of all users based on issues raised in the submissions. The Council acknowledges that not all perspectives could be fully reflected in the final layout. However, it remains confident that the scheme represents a carefully considered balanced design, which supports local character, residential access, business viability, and inclusive mobility. Continued engagement with stakeholders will remain a priority throughout the implementation and monitoring stages, with a focus on transparency, responsiveness, and shared community benefit.

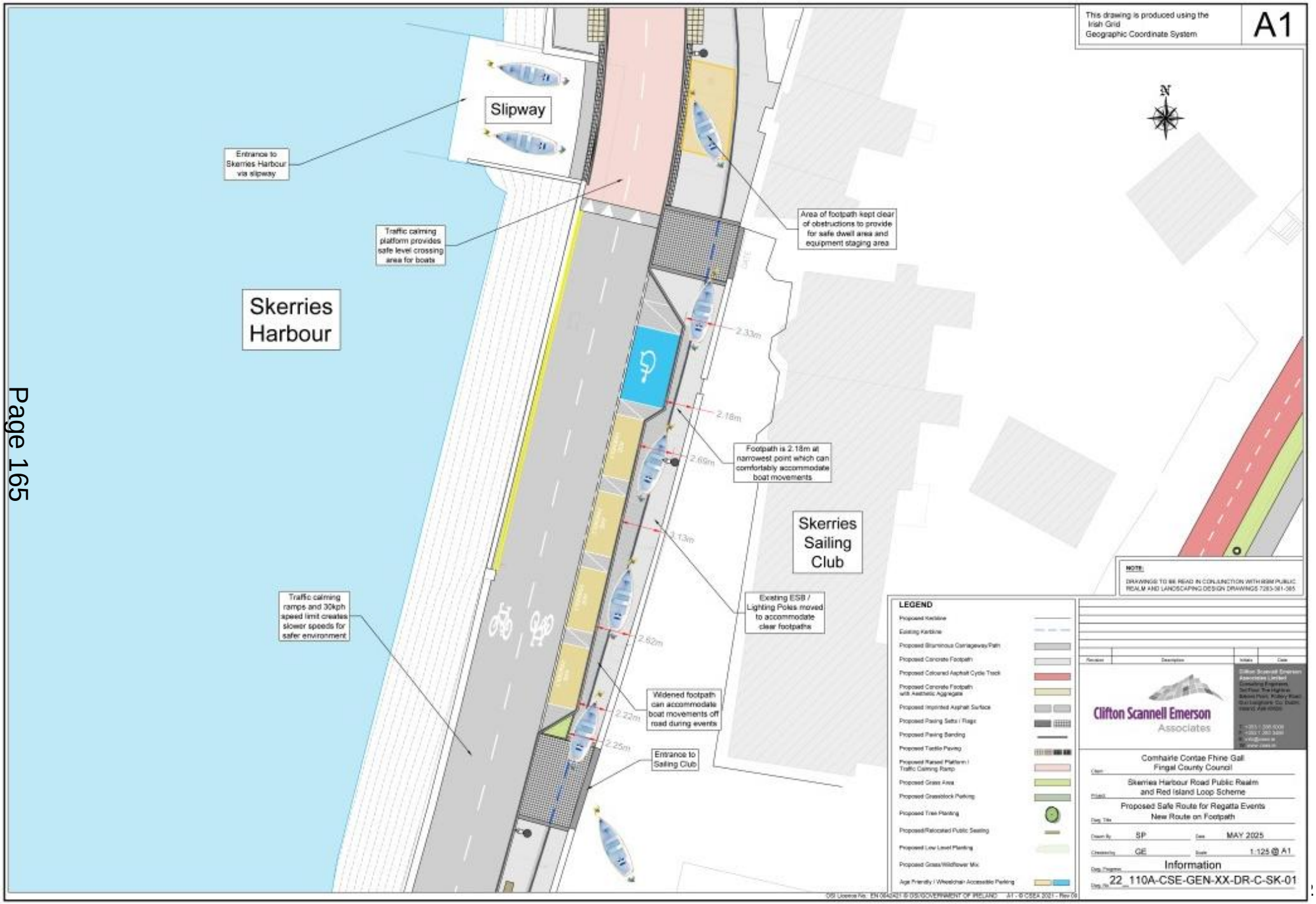
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Traffic Displacement / Congestion Risk - Rather than improving traffic flow, new signage and layout changes are seen as likely to cause confusion and congestion, especially in nearby streets.	Fingal County Council recognises the concerns regarding potential traffic displacement and congestion. The scheme has been designed to prioritise low-speed, low-traffic environments within the core Harbour Road and Red Island areas, in line with the Council's Active Travel and Climate Action objectives. The rationalisation of parking and introduction of clear wayfinding signage are intended to improve clarity, reduce unnecessary circulation, and promote use of the Red Island car parks. The proposed scheme would offer a safer and more comfortable environment for pedestrians, cyclists and visually impaired, and would also reduce the risk of conflict with motor vehicles. Thus, it is considered more attractive and likely to encourage more people to walk and cycle which will in turn will help reduce congestion and improve air quality. By improving access for those using active travel and encouraging the shift to sustainable ways of travelling, this project will reduce emissions and improve air quality on Harbour Road and Red Island. Traffic calming measures, such as raised tables and narrower carriageway widths will promote safer, more predictable vehicle movement in what is currently a vehicle dominated, pedestrian-unfriendly environment.
Disruption to Local Events / Community Life - Some submissions worry that changes to the layout and road access will interfere with traditional events, festivals, or community uses of Red Island and the harbour area.	Fingal County Council recognises the cultural and social importance of Red Island and the harbour as key locations for community events and seasonal festivals. The design of the scheme has taken this into consideration, with layout and access provisions retained to support the continued hosting of public gatherings and temporary event infrastructure. Open spaces have been incorporated into the design to accommodate a variety of civic uses.
Scheme is Overdesigned or Unnecessary - Some submissions describe the proposals as overly complex and expensive for a location that, in their view, already functions adequately.	The scheme responds to long-standing issues raised through extensive stakeholder engagement such as insufficient pedestrian safety, pedestrian space, poor accessibility, vehicular dominance, and inadequate cycling infrastructure. The proposed improvements are guided by national policy on active travel, climate action, and sustainable urban development, and align with objectives in the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029. Rather than overdesign, the scheme applies best practice in street design to deliver a balanced, safe, and attractive environment for all users. The Council believes that this investment will secure long-term benefits for Skerries by futureproofing its infrastructure, enhancing quality of life, and supporting a resilient, inclusive, and vibrant coastal community.

ACCESS TO SAILING CLUB, SEA SCOUTS, AND ROWING CLUB

SUBMISSIONS THAT RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT DISRUPTION TO USERS OF THE SAILING CLUB, SEA SCOUTS, OR ROWING CLUB OPERATIONS.

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Restricted Access to Slipway and Boat Launch Points - Many submissions raise concern that the proposed design narrows or obstructs the main slipway access used by sailing and rowing clubs, as well as the Sea Scouts. These users depend on wide, clear access routes for towing boats, launching dinghies, and hauling vessels in and out of the water — especially during regattas, training, or emergency launches.	Fingal County Council fully acknowledges the operational needs of local water-based clubs and organisations, including the Skerries Sailing Club, Rowing Club, and Sea Scouts. The scheme has been designed to preserve and enhance safe, functional, and consistent access to the slipway and foreshore, while supporting routine and event-based activities such as training, regattas, and youth programmes. The widened footpath along the eastern side of Harbour Road has been designed to support the movement of smaller boats, such as dinghies and skiffs, used by Sea Scouts and sailing club members. This has been a core design element for the scheme. The drawing provided on the next page shows the proposed safe corridor for small and medium sailboats along the widened footpath, and the proposed dwell area and crossing at the slipway. A key feature of the scheme is a dedicated boat crossing and dwell area, aligned with the slipway. The layout provides clear, unobstructed routes with sufficient width and turning space for vehicles towing trailers and for the manual movement of boats. No permanent fixtures or barriers have been introduced near the slipway that would hinder access. Instead, surface finishes, shared zone treatments, and designated circulation areas have been incorporated to allow flexible and conflict-free movement. To further emphasise the use of this space, the detailed design will consider alternative materials to differentiate this multi-functional space from the rest of the footpath space. While the existing slipway location is not ideal for the needs of the sailing club, it is not within the scope of this project to alter the slipway location. The proposed scheme represents a significant improvement to the existing situation which requires all boats to travel along the road in a non-traffic calmed environment. The proposed design of Harbour Road introduces a traffic-calmed 30 km/h zone, ramps and raised crossings, encouraging slower speeds and enhancing safety for boat users. The detailed design will investigate further measures including alterative road surfacing materials and road markings indicating a shared zone between the slipway and sailing club identifying this is a corridor for larger boats which cannot be brought down the footpath.
Risk of Conflicts with Pedestrians and Cyclists - The proposed shared surface design is criticised for increasing the risk of collisions or confusion, especially during busy periods. Marine users fear dangerous overlaps with cyclists and walkers when manoeuvring boats or towing equipment, particularly near the slipway and the pier entrance.	
No Provision for a Safe Corridor - Respondents highlight the absence of a dedicated corridor to allow safe, conflict-free movement of trailers and boats across Harbour Road. The lack of such a route is seen as a serious oversight that compromises safety and functionality.	
Impacts on Youth Activities and Volunteer Groups - Submissions from or referencing the Sea Scouts and coastal rowing clubs stress that these groups rely on reliable, predictable access to the water. There is concern that poorly planned infrastructure will disrupt their regular programming and participation in national and local events.	


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Slipway
Entrance to Skerries Harbour via slipway
Traffic calming platform provides safe level crossing area for boats
Skerries Harbour
Area of footpath kept clear of obstructions to provide for safe dwell area and equipment staging area
2.33m
2.18m
2.69m
Footpath is 2.18m at narrowest point which can comfortably accommodate boat movements
3.13m
Skerries Sailing Club
Existing ESB / Lighting Poles moved to accommodate clear footpaths
Traffic calming ramps and 30kph speed limit creates slower speeds for safer environment
2.52m
Widened footpath can accommodate boat movements off road during events
2.22m
2.25m
Entrance to Sailing Club
NOTE:
DRAWINGS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RBM PUBLIC REALM AND LANDSCAPING DESIGN DRAWINGS 7283-361-385
LEGEND
Proposed Kerbline
Existing Kerbline
Proposed Bituminous Carriageway/Path
Proposed Concrete Footpath
Proposed Coloured Asphalt Cycle Track
Proposed Concrete Footpath with Aesthetic Aggregate
Proposed Imprinted Asphalt Surface
Proposed Paving Setts / Flags
Proposed Paving Banding
Proposed Tactile Paving
Proposed Raised Platform / Traffic Calming Ramp
Proposed Grass Area
Proposed Grasslock Parking
Proposed Tree Planting
Proposed/Relocated Public Seating
Proposed Low Level Planting
Proposed Grass/Wildflower Mix
Age Friendly / Wheelchair Accessible Parking
Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
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Skerries Harbour Road Public Realm and Red Island Loop Scheme
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ACCESS TO SAILING CLUB, SEA SCOUTS, AND ROWING CLUB - CONTINUED	
KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE**
Concerns About Reduced Parking and Drop-off Zones for Clubs - Several submissions mention the importance of adjacent parking or set-down areas for transporting boats, gear, or youth group participants. Relocated parking and changes to turning areas are seen as introducing logistical challenges for volunteers and organisers.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the logistical needs of local marine and community groups, including concerns about reduced parking and the importance of accessible set-down areas for transporting boats, equipment, and youth participants. These operational requirements have been integrated into the final scheme design. A key feature of the layout is a widened footpath and raised platform area opposite the slipway, providing a level, accessible space for short-term set-down, safe trailer movements, and equipment handling. This zone accommodates vehicles towing smaller trailers and supports group access to and from the water. To further support these activities, the final layout avoids permanent obstructions in operational zones, introduces designated dwell areas, and includes shared surface treatments that allow for flexible and safe movement of people and gear. In addition to this area at the slipway, the proposed design includes space adjacent to the entrance to the sea scouts on Dorn Lane has which following the non-statutory consultation has been deliberately set aside and kept free of any obstructions to facilitate pick up and drop off equipment for the Sea Scouts. The scheme also retains open, adaptable areas along Harbour Road to support staging during high-activity periods, such as training sessions, regattas, and summer events. Traffic-calming measures and a 30 km/h speed environment have been incorporated to create a safer context for these activities.
Operational Concerns During Peak Activity - Clubs note that peak activity times (e.g. training evenings, summer weekends, regattas) require flexibility and space. The revised layout may limit capacity, reduce safety, or make the logistics of large events more difficult to manage.	
Perception of Insufficient Consultation with Marine Clubs - Multiple submissions express disappointment that marine users were not adequately consulted in the design process, despite being regular and long-term users of the harbour and Red Island area."	Fingal County Council is committed to meaningful public and stakeholder engagement. The Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme has undergone an extensive consultation process, including both non-statutory and statutory phases. As part of the non-statutory consultation, a series of targeted workshops were held with key stakeholder groups including marine group representatives. Feedback received from marine organisations informed several key design revisions, including the protection of slipway access, improved turning areas, the addition of dwell zones for trailers, loading area at Dorn Lane for the sea scouts and retention of flexible space near the harbour. The detailed design will incorporate further design elements to address some of the concerns raised in submissions about slipway access for marine users. The intention is to ensure that the final layout supports both everyday operations and special events while preserving the valued role of marine recreation and volunteering in the area.

GENERAL CONCERNS PARKING REMOVAL AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

SUBMISSIONS THAT RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

FIN-C795-12, FIN-C795-14, FIN-C795-16, FIN-C795-25, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-34, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-37, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-58, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-70, FIN-C795-71, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-73, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-87, FIN-C795-89, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-93, FIN-C795-101, FIN-C795-102, FIN-C795-103, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-114, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-116, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-124, FIN-C795-125, FIN-C795-127, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-138, FIN-C795-139, FIN-C795-141, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-153, FIN-C795-154, FIN-C795-156, FIN-C795-157, FIN-C795-159, FIN-C795-160, FIN-C795-162

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Lack of Convenient Parking for Elderly and Less Mobile Users - Submissions consistently express concern that removing on-street parking along Harbour Road will make access much more difficult for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with mobility limitations. The relocated parking at Red Island is widely seen as too far for those who need short walking distances.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the reconfiguration of on-street parking along Harbour Road and its implications for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other users with limited mobility, as well as local businesses and visitors. The existing parking spaces along the seafront were found to be substandard, with inadequate bay widths and limited pedestrian facilities creating safety and accessibility issues, particularly for the elderly and those with mobility challenges. In response, the scheme provides new on-street parking at the top of Harbour Road near the entrance to Red Island and significantly improves pedestrian connectivity to the Red Island car parks through widened footpaths and safe crossing points. The overall parking strategy includes 36 age-friendly spaces and 13 wheelchair-accessible spaces, prioritising ease of access to key destinations.
Inconvenience for Families, Visitors, and Short-Stay Users - Respondents worry that visitors who come for brief visits — e.g. for coffee, a walk, or quick errands — will be discouraged by the lack of nearby parking. This could negatively affect local tourism, as well as casual public use of the area.	Parking surveys conducted for the scheme show that 33% of existing parking stays exceed two hours and 22% exceed three hours, limiting availability for new visitors. The introduction of time-limited parking, such as a 2-hour maximum stay will benefit Harbour Road by encouraging parking turnover and increasing parking availability. By prioritising short-term use, time-limited parking can help ensure more efficient use of spaces for those visiting businesses ultimately. National and international research supports the view that time-managed, high-turnover parking benefits main street businesses and improves overall accessibility. A centrally located drop-off area is being introduced at the entrance to the pedestrianised zone at the harbour slip road, enabling vehicles to safely set down passengers including elderly or mobility-impaired users close

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Negative Impact on Local Businesses - Multiple submissions point out that the convenience of Harbour Road parking supports footfall to nearby cafés, shops, and services. The perception is that reducing this parking will lead to a decline in customers, especially those unable or unwilling to park at a greater distance.	to shops, cafés, and the waterfront, before parking in nearby car parks. These measures are designed to ensure that the harbour and promenade remain welcoming and accessible for all members of the community. While the relocation of on-street parking may raise concerns among short-stay users such as families, tourists, and casual visitors, the scheme supports continued convenience through improved pedestrian links and retained short-stay parking at the top of Harbour Road. This has allowed for the delivery of wider, more comfortable footpaths, new seating, landscaping, and safer pedestrian crossings creating a more attractive and usable space that encourages walking, socialising, and accessing local businesses. The Council has carefully considered the need to balance local economic activity with an improved public realm experience. While on-street parking is being reconfigured, the overall number of spaces across the area remains consistent, supported by parking at Red Island within short walking distance of the town centre. The goal of the scheme is to create a safer, more vibrant, and inclusive coastal destination that draws repeat visits and supports long-term economic resilience.
Concerns Over Displacement to Residential Streets - There is concern that parking pressure will shift into surrounding residential areas. Respondents anticipate increased illegal or unsafe parking, blocked driveways, and added traffic on streets that are already constrained.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns that the reconfiguration of parking along Harbour Road may lead to increased parking demand in nearby residential areas. The potential for displacement has been considered in the development of the scheme, with steps taken to maintain overall parking capacity and manage future demand effectively. The scheme includes relocated on-street parking at the top of Harbour Road and improved access to the existing Red Island car parks, which are within close walking distance of the town centre, seafront, and surrounding amenities. These measures are intended to absorb visitor parking without encroaching on residential streets. The overall number of spaces across the area remains unchanged. Care was also taken to ensure that existing parking spaces directly outside residential properties were retained. Additional adjustments were made following engagement with local residents through a dedicated workshop, helping to address specific local concerns and refine the scheme layout accordingly. The overarching goal is to balance accessibility for all users while protecting the residential amenity of the surrounding community.

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Practical Limitations of Red Island Car Parks - Submissions note that Red Island car parks are not perceived as ideal for people with accessibility needs due to gradient, distance, and exposure to weather. They also point out that these car parks are often full during peak hours, events, or summer weekends, making them unreliable substitutes.	Fingal County Council acknowledges concerns regarding the perceived limitations of the Red Island car parks, particularly for users with accessibility needs and during peak visitor periods. The scheme has been designed to address these issues by improving the functionality, accessibility, and overall integration of the Red Island car parks into the wider transport and public realm network. To support users with reduced mobility, the scheme includes new age-friendly and wheelchair-accessible parking bays positioned in the most level and proximate areas of the car parks. These are linked to widened, resurfaced footpaths and upgraded pedestrian crossings, providing direct, safe, and clearly marked connections to the harbour and town centre. This is supplemented by a dedicated drop-off zone on Harbour Road that enables passengers to be safely set down at a central point before the driver continues to park. These interventions aim to ensure that Red Island remains a reliable and inclusive parking resource, while enabling the transformation of Harbour Road into a safer, more accessible, and people-friendly coastal space. In recognition of capacity concerns during peak hours, events, or seasonal surges, the Council will continue to monitor parking demand at Red Island post-implementation.
Requests for Drop-Off Zones and Balanced Design - Some call for designated drop-off/set-down areas closer to Harbour Road's amenities, while others urge the Council to strike a balance between reducing car dominance and preserving accessibility for people who genuinely rely on car access.	The final scheme has been developed to deliver a safe, people-focused public realm while ensuring that essential car access is retained where it is most needed. A key feature is the inclusion of a central drop-off zone along Harbour Road, which allows for short-term set-down near cafés, public seating areas, and other amenities. This facility enables passengers to disembark safely and conveniently before vehicles are parked in the nearby Red Island car parks. In addition to this, the scheme provides accessible and age-friendly parking spaces close to key access points and significantly enhances pedestrian safety and comfort through widened footpaths, raised crossings, and a traffic-calmed environment. The Council is confident that the design strikes a responsible balance prioritising safety, accessibility, and sustainable travel while maintaining practical access for those who depend on vehicular transport.

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Challenge to the Assumption That Existing Parking Is "Problematic" - Several respondents challenge the premise that current parking arrangements are unsafe or inadequate. They argue that existing on-street parking works well, with minimal issues, and serves a wide range of users effectively.	The current on-street spaces are substandard in width and do not comply with national design standards, particularly in constrained areas with high pedestrian and cyclist activity. These narrow spaces compromise the width of adjacent footpaths and traffic lanes, leading to safety concerns particularly for people exiting parked cars, those with buggies or mobility aids, and vulnerable road users crossing between parked vehicles. The existing configuration also obstructs visibility and contributes to a congested, car-dominated environment that undermines pedestrian comfort and public realm quality. The decision to relocate these spaces was based on a need to improve safety, accessibility, and to enable the creation of a wider, safer, and more inclusive public space along the seafront. The relocated on-street parking, enhanced access to the Red Island car parks, and dedicated drop-off areas will ensure continued practical access for a wide range of users.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / SAFETY ISSUES

SUBMISSIONS RAISING ISSUES REGARDING TRAFFIC SPEED, CONGESTION, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, CHANGES AT THE PIER ACCESS, AND OVERALL TRAFFIC SAFETY.

FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-23, FIN-C795-24, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-41, FIN-C795-49, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-121, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-127, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-143, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-163

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Traffic Congestion and Flow - Concerns that proposed changes will create congestion or slow traffic unnecessarily, particularly at peak times or around pier access points.	The primary objective is to create a low-speed, pedestrian-prioritised environment along Harbour Road, consistent with national guidelines (e.g. DMURS) and the Council's Active Travel and public realm policies. While this may result in slightly slower vehicle speeds, it is intended to reduce conflict points, improve safety, and ultimately reduce congestion by creating a more navigable environment for all users. The proposed scheme would offer a safer and more comfortable environment for pedestrians, cyclists and visually impaired, and would also reduce the risk of conflict with motor vehicles. Thus, it is considered more attractive and likely to encourage more people to walk and cycle which will in turn help reduce congestion and improve air quality. By improving access for those using active travel and encouraging the shift to sustainable ways of travelling, this project will reduce emissions and improve air quality on Harbour Road and Red Island. Traffic calming measures, such as raised tables and narrower carriageway widths, are not intended to obstruct flow but to promote safer, more predictable vehicle movement in what is currently a conflict-prone, pedestrian-unfriendly environment.

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Speeding and Road Safety - Some respondents support traffic calming, but others question whether the raised crossings and narrowed lanes will improve safety or cause confusion.	The design of the scheme follows national best practice, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), which promotes street layouts that reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety through physical and visual cues. The use of raised pedestrian crossings and narrower traffic lanes is a proven method for encouraging lower vehicle speeds, improving driver attention, and enhancing visibility of people crossing particularly in areas of high pedestrian activity like Harbour Road. These measures have been integrated into a traffic-calmed, 30 km/h environment, and are supported by complementary elements such as improved lighting, clearer signage, and widened footpaths to create a safer and more predictable environment for all road users. To ensure these interventions are effective, a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit was undertaken as part of the design process, and the Council will conduct further monitoring post-implementation. Should issues arise in practice, adjustments to markings, signage, or crossing configuration can be considered to support clarity and safety for all users.
Pier Access and Turning - Changes to the pier entrance and turnabout area are seen as potentially problematic, especially for larger vehicles and trailers. Some fear restricted manoeuvrability and limited access for emergency or service vehicles.	Fingal County Council acknowledges concerns regarding changes to the pier entrance and turning area, particularly in relation to access for larger vehicles, trailers, and emergency or service vehicles. As part of the scheme, a dedicated turning area has been relocated away from the immediate pier entrance, reducing the need for vehicles especially larger ones to turn in what will become a more pedestrian-prioritised space. This adjustment is intended to improve safety and comfort for pedestrians while still ensuring that vehicle access is maintained for operational, marine, and service purposes. The proposed layout has been developed using swept-path analysis to confirm that larger vehicles, including trailers and service vehicles, can safely manoeuvre in and out of the pier area without restriction. Key features such as appropriate turning radii, clear circulation space, and controlled access points have been incorporated into the design. Emergency access and service requirements remain fully supported, and the Council will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders including emergency services, marine users, and event organisers during implementation to ensure the layout functions effectively.

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Insufficient or Poorly Designed Traffic Calming - Submissions note that traffic-calming measures may not be strong enough to reduce speed effectively — or that they might interfere with marine or service access.	The scheme introduces a suite of traffic-calming interventions including a 30 km/h speed zone, raised table crossings, and reduced carriageway widths in line with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and best practice for coastal shared-space environments. These measures are designed not to create physical barriers, but to influence driver behaviour by encouraging slower, more cautious movement through improved visibility, surface variation, and spatial cues. To ensure these features are compatible with the operational needs of the harbour, the scheme avoids high-profile speed bumps or restrictive devices. Instead, the raised crossing platforms have been designed with gentle gradients and durable finishes that support access by trailers, service vehicles, and marine users, including those launching boats or conducting routine deliveries. A Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit has informed the selection and placement of these measures, and the Council will continue to engage with stakeholders post-implementation.
Relocation of Pier Turning Circle - Some respondents oppose relocating the turnabout point, saying it currently serves as a vital circulation element, particularly during busy or tidal periods.	The area around the pier entrance is heavily used by pedestrians accessing Red Island Park, public toilets, and other amenities around the pier entrance, The existing turning area for vehicles at the pier leads to potential conflicts and interactions with pedestrians which present clear safety concerns. The decision to relocate this turning area was not taken lightly but forms part of a broader strategy to create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly environment around the harbour. The proposed scheme includes a new, purpose-designed turning area located at the entrance to the first car park at Red Island. This approach improves safety, reduces the risk of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, and supports the overall goal of enhancing the public realm while maintaining critical access and circulation. The new turning area has been tested through swept-path analysis to ensure it accommodates the needs of larger vehicles and trailer units. The pedestrianised zone and shared space at the pier entrance reduces vehicular dominance at a very popular pedestrian destination. This adjustment is intended to improve safety and comfort for pedestrians at the pier entrance while still ensuring that vehicle turning can be facilitated in a safe manner.

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Visibility and Narrowing Concerns - Comments suggest that lane narrowing and new kerb lines may reduce visibility or create dangerous pinch-points for larger vehicles, cyclists, or pedestrians.	The scheme has been designed in accordance with national standards and guidance, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), which supports careful narrowing of carriageways in areas with mixed-user activity. Narrower lanes are a proven method of encouraging lower speeds and improving safety outcomes, particularly in urban and shared-space contexts like Harbour Road. In all locations where narrowing or kerb realignment occurs, sufficient clearance has been retained to accommodate service vehicles, trailers, and active travel users. Sightlines and movement paths have been tested through swept-path analysis and informed by a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit to ensure safe passage, including at crossing points and junctions. The design also incorporates raised tables, setback kerb radii, and clear transitions between shared and segregated zones to help reduce potential conflict and ensure that pedestrians and cyclists are clearly visible and accommodated safely.

COMMENTS ON PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND ACCESSIBILITY

SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT, FOOTPATH WIDENING, PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, AGE-FRIENDLY AND WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES, AND GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

FIN-C795-2, FIN-C795-4, FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-6, FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-9, FIN-C795-11, FIN-C795-15, FIN-C795-16, FIN-C795-20, FIN-C795-21, FIN-C795-23, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-32, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-37, FIN-C795-40, FIN-C795-41, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-49, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-55, FIN-C795-56, FIN-C795-57, FIN-C795-60, FIN-C795-61, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-64, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-68, FIN-C795-70, FIN-C795-71, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-73, FIN-C795-74, FIN-C795-75, FIN-C795-76, FIN-C795-77, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-85, FIN-C795-87, FIN-C795-88, FIN-C795-89, FIN-C795-90, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-93, FIN-C795-94, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-109, FIN-C795-110, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-116, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-119, FIN-C795-121, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-124, FIN-C795-125, FIN-C795-126, FIN-C795-128, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-131, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-133, FIN-C795-134, FIN-C795-135, FIN-C795-136, FIN-C795-138, FIN-C795-140, FIN-C795-141, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-144, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-149, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-154, FIN-C795-155, FIN-C795-157, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-159, FIN-C795-162, FIN-C795-163

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Support for Improved Pedestrian Environment - Many submissions welcome wider footpaths, raised crossings, and improved pedestrian routes. Respondents believe these changes will enhance safety, especially for children, elderly people, and families with prams. Several note that the current footpaths are narrow, uneven, or uncomfortable to use, particularly during busy periods.	Fingal County Council welcomes the public support for enhancements to the pedestrian environment along Harbour Road and Red Island. The scheme has been developed with universal access, safety, and inclusivity at its core, responding to long-standing challenges such as narrow footpaths, limited crossings, and vehicle-pedestrian conflict. The final design significantly improves the pedestrian experience through widened, barrier-free footpaths, upgraded surfacing, improved lighting, and strategically placed raised table crossings that enhance visibility, calm traffic, and promote safer movement across the scheme area. These interventions have been intentionally designed to support users of all ages and abilities particularly older adults, children, wheelchair users, and families by improving comfort, reducing walking distances, and connecting key destinations such as cafés, seating areas, the promenade, and the Red Island Loop. A centrally located drop-off zone facilitates access for users with reduced mobility, complementing the provision of 13 wheelchair-accessible bays and 36 age-friendly parking spaces, which are linked to main destinations via improved wayfinding and surface design. These measures align with national best practice guidance (including DMURS), advance the Council's goals around active travel, community health, and inclusivity, and will contribute to a more welcoming, navigable, and enjoyable public realm for both residents and visitors in this high-footfall coastal setting. The prioritisation of active travel in the proposed improvements align with the objectives of both national and local policy frameworks, including Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future, the Climate Action Plan, and the Fingal County Development Plan.
Accessibility and Inclusion - Many support the inclusion of age-friendly and wheelchair-accessible design features. Submissions praise level surfaces, kerb ramps, and better access to seating, viewing areas, and amenities. However, some raise concerns that accessible parking has been moved too far from key destinations, undermining the benefits.	
Support for Safer Crossings - There is support for raised pedestrian crossings and improved links across Harbour Road. Submissions describe these as essential for making the area more walkable and reducing conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.	

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Concerns About Practical Implementation - A few submissions express concern that while footpaths are being widened, this is at the expense of parking or loading zones. Others question whether the materials or designs proposed (e.g. surface finishes or kerbing) are truly accessible or durable in wet/sea-weather conditions.	The scheme's design intentionally prioritises pedestrian safety and comfort, which necessitates some reallocation of space from on-street parking. However, this is balanced by the relocation of parking spaces, the provision of a central drop-off zone, and improved access to nearby Red Island car parks, ensuring overall access and functionality are preserved. In terms of materials and finishes, all proposed surface treatments including footpath paving, kerbing, and tactile indicators—have been selected with durability, slip resistance, and coastal exposure in mind. The design team has drawn on best practice for marine and high-footfall environments, ensuring that materials are robust, low-maintenance, and fully compliant with accessibility standards. Kerb profiles and level transitions have also been considered to minimise trip hazards and ensure seamless movement for wheelchair users, prams, and those with reduced mobility. The Council will continue to monitor the performance of these materials post-construction and address any issues relating to wear, drainage, or accessibility as part of its maintenance strategy.
Desire for a More Inclusive Public Realm - Some submissions highlight the opportunity to create a space that works for everyone — not just drivers or cyclists — with emphasis on dignity and independence for mobility-impaired users.	The scheme includes a number of features that support universal access. Widened, unobstructed footpaths facilitate movement for wheelchair users, those with mobility impairments, and people with prams. Level transitions, kerb ramps, and tactile paving have been incorporated throughout the scheme to assist with navigation and reduce barriers to access. Age-friendly and wheelchair-accessible parking bays have been integrated into the overall layout in line with national design standards. These spaces are strategically placed to ensure safe, legible, and direct connections to key amenities. New pedestrian facilities and crossings also provide more convenient mobility friendly access to the Red Island car parks. To further support inclusivity, the design provides accessible seating and viewing areas, with upgraded surfacing and improved approach routes. A centrally located drop-off zone allows people with reduced mobility to access key destinations such as cafés, seating areas, and the promenade, without needing to walk long distances from more remote parking locations.

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Concern About Gradient and Distance from Parking - Several respondents point out that the gradient from Red Island car parks to key amenities could pose a challenge for people with limited mobility, especially if accessible parking is not located closer.	Fingal County Council recognises concerns regarding the gradient and walking distances between the Red Island car parks and Harbour Road amenities, particularly for users with limited mobility. In response, the scheme has been designed to locate accessible (blue badge) parking bays and age-friendly spaces at the closest points within each car park to Harbour Road, ensuring minimal travel distances to key destinations. In addition to proximity, the scheme includes the regrading of existing footpaths around Red Island, where feasible, to remove or reduce steep gradients and create gentler, more navigable routes for wheelchair users, older adults, and those with mobility impairments. These upgraded routes are complemented by newly constructed footpaths and raised pedestrian crossings, designed to meet accessibility standards and ensure safe, legible movement throughout the area. A dedicated drop-off zone located along Harbour Road itself further supports short-term access for those with limited mobility, allowing passengers to be set down close to amenities before the vehicle proceeds to park.
Request for More Seating and Rest Areas - Some submissions suggest that additional seating or resting spots should be included along the pedestrian route to accommodate older users, those with mobility needs, or people simply enjoying the view.	The scheme includes the provision of additional seating areas along the Red Island Loop, strategically located to offer resting spots at key locations with scenic views. These seating areas have been carefully placed to ensure they are easily accessible for all users, with smooth surfaces, level access, and adequate space around them for safe and comfortable use. These areas will enhance the public realm by creating more opportunities for users to pause and appreciate the views. The seating has been selected to be age-friendly and inclusive, with consideration given to materials that are durable, comfortable, and suited to coastal weather conditions. Fingal County Council is committed to ensuring that the seating provision continues to meet the needs of the community. Additional seating locations and rest areas will be considered during the detailed design stage.

DISABLED AND AGE FRIENDLY PARKING PROVISION

SUBMISSIONS RAISING POINTS REGARDING THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF WHEELCHAIR AND AGE-FRIENDLY PARKING SPACES, ENSURING CLOSE PROXIMITY TO KEY AMENITIES.

FIN-C795-21, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-57, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-162

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Insufficient Number of Designated Accessible Parking Spaces - Several submissions point out that the overall number of wheelchair-accessible and age-friendly parking bays appears limited in the proposal. Respondents argue that more spaces are needed to meet the growing needs of an aging population and increasing expectations around inclusive design.	Fingal County Council has considered the needs of those with mobility issues and the principles of inclusive design in planning the allocation of parking spaces for the Harbour Road and Red Island scheme. At present there are 8 wheelchair accessible spaces and no age friendly parking spaces within the scheme area. The proposed scheme includes 13 designated wheelchair-accessible parking bays and 36 age-friendly spaces, all strategically located near key amenities and businesses along Harbour Road and within the Red Island car parks. These spaces are designed to reduce travel distances for people with limited mobility, ensuring they can easily reach essential services, cafes, seating areas, and the harbour promenade. A centrally located drop-off zone also supports users who may need to be set down closer to their destination before a driver proceeds to park.
Distance from Amenities Makes Them Impractical - There is repeated concern that the proposed accessible bays are located too far from critical destinations such as the Harbour, the Sea Scouts' den, the public toilets at The Dorn, and key beach access points. Distances cited (e.g. ~120m from The Dorn) are seen as unreasonable for users with mobility limitations.	The Council acknowledges concerns raised regarding the relocation of on street accessible parking spaces. However, the proposed layout represents a significant improvement over the existing arrangement. The previous accessible space by the seafront did not meet modern accessibility standards, lacked appropriate pedestrian infrastructure, and was considered impractical and unsafe for users with mobility impairments. The new scheme relocates accessible spaces to safer, better-connected locations. One on street space is now positioned outside the Sailing Club, offering direct pedestrian access to the harbour area. Another is located near the top of Harbour Road, adjacent to local businesses and supported by newly improved pedestrian links, kerb ramps, and raised crossings. These changes not only improve safety but also ensure compliance with current accessibility standards. It is also important to note that the narrow road width at Dorn Lane does not meet the minimum requirements for constructing compliant accessible parking spaces in that area. As such, the current design prioritises safer, more functional locations for accessible parking that best serve the needs of users across the scheme.

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Lack of Direct or Level Access Routes - Some respondents highlight that the physical routes from proposed parking bays to key amenities may involve gradients, kerbs, or uneven surfaces — making navigation difficult or unsafe for wheelchair users or older people with walkers or sticks.	Some respondents have highlighted that key routes from the proposed wheelchair-accessible and age-friendly parking spaces to key amenities may involve gradients, kerbs, or uneven surfaces, which could make navigation difficult or unsafe, especially for wheelchair users, older adults, or individuals using walkers or sticks. In response to these concerns, the proposed design includes level, smooth, and well-graded footpaths that provide safe and direct access from all accessible parking spaces to the surrounding amenities. The design prioritises unobstructed pathways, and the integration continuous footpaths and raised pedestrian crossings ensures that all routes are fully compliant with accessibility standards. Additionally, the existing steep gradients around Red Island have been addressed by the regrading of footpaths, where feasible, to reduce slope and provide easier access to key destinations. These efforts will significantly enhance pedestrian comfort and ensure that mobility-impaired users can navigate the area safely and with dignity.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
No Access-for-All Provision at Key Drop-Off Points - The scheme is seen as lacking in practical drop-off or set-down zones near community hubs like the Sea Scouts, Harbour slipway, and seating areas. This is viewed as an oversight that disproportionately impacts those who cannot walk long distances or who require close-proximity access.	Fingal County Council acknowledges concerns raised regarding the lack of practical drop-off or set-down zones near key community hubs such as the Sea Scouts' den, Harbour slipway, and seating areas. The importance of providing close-proximity access for those with limited mobility or who cannot walk long distances is well recognised. The scheme includes dedicated drop-off zones that are strategically located at key points to minimise walking distances for users who require close access. A central drop-off area along Harbour Road has been specifically incorporated near the pier area. Another area opposite the slipway, provides a level, accessible space for short-term set-down, safe trailer movements, and equipment handling. This zone accommodates vehicles towing smaller trailers and supports group access to and from the water, allowing for flexible and safe movement of people and gear. The detailed design will incorporate alterative surfacing materials to further highlight this zone. In addition to this area at the slipway, space adjacent to the entrance to the sea scouts on Dorn Lane has been set aside and kept free of any obstructions to facilitate pick up and drop off equipment for the Sea Scouts. These drop-off points are fully accessible, designed to provide safe and easy set-down for individuals with mobility needs before proceeding to parking or other areas. Furthermore, the design ensures that these spaces are seamlessly integrated into the public realm, with smooth pedestrian routes, kerb ramps, and level crossings to facilitate comfortable access to surrounding amenities.
Safety Risks from Forced Informal Drop-Offs - Some fear that if formal accessible parking or drop-off areas are not provided, people will stop informally in travel lanes or inappropriate places — creating hazards for both vehicles and pedestrians.	The proposed design includes dedicated drop-off zones that are strategically located at key points to minimise walking distances for users who require close access. A central drop-off area along Harbour Road has been specifically incorporated near the pier area. Another area opposite the slipway, provides a level, accessible space for short-term set-down, safe trailer movements, and equipment handling. In addition to this area at the slipway, space adjacent to the entrance to the sea scouts on Dorn Lane has been set aside and kept free of any obstructions to facilitate pick up and drop off equipment for the Sea Scouts. The design ensures that these spaces are seamlessly integrated into the public realm, with smooth pedestrian routes, kerb ramps, and level crossings to facilitate comfortable access to surrounding amenities.

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Undermines Independent Access - Concerns are raised that the lack of well-positioned accessible parking means people who use wheelchairs or mobility aids will become more dependent on others for assistance — undermining their autonomy and contradicting universal design goals.	Fingal County Council appreciates that well-positioned accessible parking is a key factor in ensuring autonomy and promoting universal design goals for all users. In response to these concerns, the new design focuses on providing accessible parking at the most convenient and strategic locations, closer to key amenities and businesses on Harbour Road. These parking spaces have been placed at the closest possible points to destinations, ensuring that users with mobility impairments do not have to rely on others for assistance when accessing essential services or public spaces. Moreover, the design includes level footpaths and raised pedestrian crossings that ensure safe and direct routes to and from parking areas, further enhancing autonomy and ease of movement for all users. The inclusion of these features reflects Fingal County Council's commitment to creating an inclusive environment that supports independent access for all members of the community, particularly those with mobility needs. By placing accessible spaces in close proximity to key destinations and ensuring clear, obstacle-free routes, the scheme aims to improve the overall accessibility of the area while maintaining a strong commitment to universal design principles.
Perceived Failure of Consultation on Accessibility - Some submissions suggest that the needs of people with disabilities and older users may not have been adequately addressed during the planning and consultation process. There's a call for the scheme to be revisited with "Access for All" principles at the core.	Fingal County Council takes accessibility very seriously and acknowledges concerns raised regarding the adequacy of consultation with people with disabilities and older users during the planning and consultation process. The principle of "Access for All" has always been a core priority for the scheme, and FCC recognise that ensuring inclusive design is fundamental to the success of this public realm project. Throughout the consultation process, Fingal County Council has worked closely with a range of stakeholders and members of the public with specific accessibility needs. This has helped inform the design process and ensure that the needs of people with disabilities and older users are considered at every stage. Furthermore, as part of the design development process, the scheme has undergone quality assurance measures, including a road safety audit to assess and mitigate any potential safety risks associated with the proposed changes. These audits have helped identify areas that require further attention to improve the overall safety and accessibility of the area for all users, including people with disabilities and older adults. FCC are committed to inclusive design principles and have already incorporated numerous features to enhance accessibility, such as wheelchair-accessible parking, age-friendly spaces, and pedestrian routes that meet universal design standards.

PROVISION OF LOADING BAYS, DELIVERY ACCESS

SUBMISSIONS COMMENTING ON THE PROVISION AND LOCATION OF LOADING BAYS FOR BUSINESSES, CONCERNS ABOUT DELIVERY ACCESS TIMES, AND SUITABILITY FOR SERVICE VEHICLES.

FIN-C795-18, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-70, FIN-C795-71, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-77, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-92, FIN-C795-93, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-159, FIN-C795-162

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Insufficient Provision of Loading Bays for Businesses - Multiple submissions express concern that the proposed layout reduces the number or availability of dedicated loading bays for businesses operating along Harbour Road. This is seen as potentially harmful to daily commercial operations, particularly for cafés, restaurants, and other service-based shops.	The scheme includes a designated loading bay on the eastern side of Harbour Road, positioned outside 5 Rock Café. This location was selected following a detailed review of service vehicle requirements and to replace an existing loading area outside Goat in the Boat that no longer met accessibility and safety standards. The existing loading bay is insufficient to accommodate the loading needs of the businesses on Harbour Road and frequently causes congestion at the top of Harbour Road. Its location restricts available space for pedestrian facilities and hampers visibility at this busy informal pedestrian crossing area. The new location has been selected to ensure convenient access for service and delivery vehicles while facilitating the creation of a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The loading bay has been designed in accordance with swept path analysis to accommodate typical delivery vehicles and is supported by a Road Safety Audit. The new bay is time-plated to accommodate commercial deliveries during key operational hours while allowing for short-stay use outside of loading periods, thereby maximising flexibility within the limited streetscape. The specific hours of operation for the time plated loading bay have not yet been finalised. These details will be confirmed during the detailed design stage in consultation with local businesses and relevant stakeholders to ensure that delivery needs are appropriately accommodated without undermining the broader goals of improved pedestrian safety and public realm enhancement. Outside designated loading times, the bay will revert to parking space, maximising its function within the constrained street layout. There will be no change in the current loading practices on the lane to the rear of these businesses which currently facilitates keg and stock deliveries
Inconvenient Location of Proposed Loading Zones - Several comments mention that the proposed loading bays are either too far from business entrances or awkwardly located, requiring deliveries to cross pedestrian or cycling zones. There's concern this may lead to informal loading in undesignated areas, creating safety or congestion risks.	
Restricted Delivery Times Not Practical - Some submissions criticise proposed time-plated (restricted-hours) loading zones, arguing that delivery schedules often fall outside these windows, especially for morning stock drops or weekend service needs. There's a call for more flexible or extended loading access.	

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Suitability for Larger Vehicles and Service Access - Respondents question whether the narrowed lanes, added kerbing, and segregated pedestrian/cycle zones will accommodate larger delivery trucks, waste collection vehicles, or emergency services. The perceived risk is that businesses may face logistical issues and reduced support.	The concerns raised about access for larger vehicles such as delivery trucks, waste collection vehicles, and emergency services are acknowledged. These issues were thoroughly considered during the design development process. The proposed layout has been subject to detailed swept path analysis to confirm that service and emergency vehicles can safely navigate Harbour Road and its associated turning areas. The proposed geometry, including kerb radii and carriageway widths, complies with national design standards (DMURS and relevant guidance) and has been specifically tested to accommodate the dimensions and turning requirements of large vehicles. No physical barriers are proposed that would obstruct service access and loading areas have been strategically located to minimise disruption. The scheme is designed to balance the needs of all users ensuring adequate service access while improving safety and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists in this constrained coastal setting.
Knock-on Effects for Nearby Streets - A few submissions worry that if loading becomes too difficult on Harbour Road, delivery drivers may start parking in surrounding residential areas, blocking access or creating hazards.	The concern that deliveries may be displaced to nearby residential areas is noted. However, the final scheme includes an overall increase in dedicated loading provision along Harbour Road compared to the existing arrangement. Loading bays have been strategically located near commercial premises to support business needs and minimise disruption to surrounding streets. Given this enhanced provision, significant displacement of delivery activity is considered unlikely. Furthermore, the scheme includes time-managed loading areas and improved access for service vehicles, which collectively reduce the likelihood of informal or obstructive parking in nearby residential zones.
Lack of Consultation with Affected Businesses - Some contributors feel there has been insufficient engagement with local business owners about how deliveries will function under the new design. There's a call for clearer guidance or revised layouts to better support commercial access.	Fingal County Council is committed to meaningful public and stakeholder engagement. The Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme has undergone an extensive consultation process, including both non-statutory and statutory phases. As part of the non-statutory consultation, a series of targeted workshops were held with key stakeholder groups including local business representatives. Feedback received during these workshops informed several key design revisions, including alterations to the loading bay, additional on street parking adjacent to the entrance to Red Island Park, and revised outdoor dining facilities. The Council is committed to continued engagement during the detailed design and implementation phase and will provide clear guidance on loading arrangements in advance of works commencing. This will include operational details such as time restrictions and loading bay signage, ensuring businesses can plan for deliveries with confidence and minimal disruption.

REMOVAL OF TAXI RANK

SUBMISSIONS RAISING CONCERNS OVER THE REMOVAL OF TAXI RANK

FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-122

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Loss of a Key Public Transport Link - Submissions stress that the taxi rank serves as a vital connection for those without private cars, including older adults, people with disabilities, and visitors unfamiliar with the area. Its removal is seen as reducing the overall accessibility and functionality of the harbour area.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the removal of the existing taxi rank and recognises its role in supporting accessibility for non-drivers, including older adults, people with disabilities, and visitors to Skerries. The removal of the existing taxi rank reflects changing patterns in how taxi services are accessed and used in towns like Skerries. In recent years, there has been a significant shift away from traditional street taxi use towards online and app-based pre-booking platforms. This trend has reduced the need for permanent, dedicated taxi ranks in many urban and suburban settings, particularly in locations with lower levels of spontaneous taxi demand. To maintain taxi access to the harbour area, the proposed scheme incorporates a centrally located drop-off and pick-up zone along Harbour Road. This location has been selected for its visibility, proximity to key amenities, and compatibility with the proposed public realm layout. It allows taxis to serve users during both daytime and evening hours while supporting safe, short-term access without compromising pedestrian safety or the overall quality of the public realm.
Accessibility Concerns for Less Mobile Users - Some respondents argue that removing the taxi rank disproportionately affects those with limited mobility who rely on taxis for local trips and short visits. Without a nearby taxi stand, people may be discouraged from visiting the area or struggle to get home safely.	
Negative Impact on Night-Time and Non-Driver Access - There is concern that the removal of the taxi rank will particularly affect people attending evening activities, events, or restaurants who do not drive. Submissions suggest that maintaining a central taxi rank supports safety, convenience, and inclusion.	
Suggestion to Retain or Relocate Nearby - Some submissions suggest that, if removal is necessary for traffic flow or redesign purposes, the taxi rank should at least be retained nearby (e.g. at Red Island or another visible, accessible location).	

COMMENTS ON CYCLING FACILITIES

SUBMISSIONS COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED CYCLING FACILITIES, INCLUDING BOTH SUPPORT FOR IMPROVED CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH PEDESTRIANS AND TRAFFIC.

FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-6, FIN-C795-7, FIN-C795-11, FIN-C795-12, FIN-C795-13, FIN-C795-16, FIN-C795-18, FIN-C795-23, FIN-C795-25, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-32, FIN-C795-34, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-37, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-49, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-61, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-73, FIN-C795-76, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-85, FIN-C795-89, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-97, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-100, FIN-C795-103, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-110, FIN-C795-111, FIN-C795-112, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-120, FIN-C795-121, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-125, FIN-C795-127, FIN-C795-128, FIN-C795-129, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-133, FIN-C795-135, FIN-C795-138, FIN-C795-141, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-143, FIN-C795-145, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-154, FIN-C795-155, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-161

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Support for Improved Cycle Infrastructure - Many submissions welcome the introduction of segregated cycling paths, especially around Red Island and along Harbour Road. Supporters see this as a positive move for promoting active travel, enhancing safety for cyclists, and encouraging more sustainable modes of transport. Some highlight benefits for children cycling to school or families using cargo bikes.	This infrastructure aims to enhance safety and comfort for cyclists of all ages and abilities, supporting increased uptake of active travel in line with Fingal County Council's Climate Action and Active Travel strategies. The 3-metre-wide two-way cycle track is designed to accommodate a range of users, including children, cargo bikes, and adaptive cycles. Its layout has been carefully considered to minimise potential conflict with pedestrians and vehicles, with clear spatial separation, sightlines, and supporting signage. Cycle crossings have been aligned with pedestrian crossings where possible to ensure legibility and reduce risk. The design of the cycle facility was revised following suggestions made during the non-statutory stakeholder consultation. The scheme forms part of a longer-term strategy to develop an integrated and accessible active travel network, with future links envisaged to the Fingal Coastal Way and national cycle routes.
Design and Width of Cycle Paths - Some submissions argue that certain sections of the proposed cycling facilities are either too narrow, awkwardly placed, or lack continuity with existing or future infrastructure. Concerns are raised about pinch-points and abrupt transitions that may pose safety risks or make cycling less practical.	The proposed cycle infrastructure has been designed in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), ensuring that width, alignment, and connectivity are appropriate for the context and projected usage. The two-way cycle track along Red Island has been specified at 3 metres wide to accommodate a variety of users, including families, cargo bikes, and adapted cycles. The small section of shared path proposed complies with the Cycle Design Guidance which requires a minimum of 3m for a shared path. The path is currently shared at this location with cyclists permitted.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Desire for Safe Segregation from Pedestrians and Vehicles - There is support for clear separation between cycle lanes, pedestrian walkways, and vehicle traffic. Submissions praise the inclusion of two-way cycle tracks and note that dedicated infrastructure helps reduce conflicts and increase confidence among less experienced cyclists.	The Council welcomes strong public support for the inclusion of safe, segregated cycle infrastructure as part of the proposed scheme. The dedicated two-way cycle track has been designed to provide clear separation between cyclists and pedestrians. The 3-metre-wide two-way cycle track facilitates inclusive use, including by children, cargo bikes, and adapted cycles, and helps reduce potential conflict between users. Design elements such as buffer zones, differentiated surfacing, and strategic alignment with pedestrian crossings have been incorporated to ensure clarity and improve safety. The design of the cycle facility was revised following suggestions made during the non-statutory stakeholder consultation. The Council acknowledges that dedicated, high-quality cycling infrastructure can play a key role in encouraging active travel by less confident cyclists and families, while enhancing the overall usability of the public realm. The scheme reflects a commitment to delivering infrastructure that supports sustainable, safe, and accessible mobility for all.
Concerns About Conflicts with Pedestrians - Several submissions express concern that shared spaces or poorly delineated cycle tracks could lead to confusion and unsafe interactions, especially in busy or narrow areas. There is specific concern about Red Island where high footfall from walkers and beachgoers may conflict with cyclists.	The Council acknowledges concerns regarding potential conflict between pedestrians and cyclists, particularly in areas with high footfall such as Red Island. The scheme has been designed to minimise such conflicts through clear spatial definition, zebra crossings, surface differentiation, and signage. Where cycle tracks interface with pedestrian zones, materials and layout have been selected to ensure clear visual and tactile separation, improving user awareness and navigation. At Red Island, the cycle track has been deliberately segregated from the pedestrian path, with landscaping and buffer zones helping to guide movement and avoid overlap. The design follows national guidance, including the Cycle Design Manual and DMURS, and aims to provide a safe, legible environment for all users.
Requests for More Cycle Parking - In addition to cycle lanes, several submissions request more bicycle parking — including cargo bike and family bike options — near key amenities such as the playground, cafes, and beach entrances.	The scheme has been designed to provide bicycle parking at all key destinations to the greatest extent practicable, including near the playground, cafés, and beach entrances. The layout seeks to balance space constraints with the need for secure, accessible, and well-located parking, and includes a variety of stand types to accommodate different bicycle formats. Additional bicycle parking locations will be considered at areas around Red Island and Harbour Road during the detailed design stage.

PUBLIC REALM AND URBAN DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS

SUBMISSIONS SUPPORTING OR CRITIQUING ELEMENTS SUCH AS LANDSCAPING, SEATING, PUBLIC LIGHTING, PAVING MATERIALS, AND THE GENERAL QUALITY OF THE NEW PUBLIC SPACES.

FIN-C795-1, FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-11, FIN-C795-16, FIN-C795-18, FIN-C795-20, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-32, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-40, FIN-C795-41, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-44, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-57, FIN-C795-61, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-68, FIN-C795-74, FIN-C795-75, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-81, FIN-C795-84, FIN-C795-87, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-100, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-107, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-119, FIN-C795-120, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-131, FIN-C795-134, FIN-C795-136, FIN-C795-140, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-152, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-163

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Support for Enhanced Public Realm and Visual Improvements - Many submissions welcome the investment in the public realm, praising proposed improvements like high-quality landscaping, increased seating, and the creation of more accessible, welcoming public spaces. These enhancements are seen as beneficial for community enjoyment, local identity, and tourism appeal.	The support for public realm enhancements is noted and welcomed. The scheme has been developed to significantly improve the visual and functional quality of the area through high-quality landscaping, increased seating, upgraded public lighting, and improved surfacing. These elements aim to create a more attractive, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for residents and visitors alike, reinforcing Skerries' coastal identity and supporting its role as a local amenity and visitor destination. The design reflects best practice in placemaking and accessibility and is aligned with the objectives of the Fingal Development Plan and Public Realm Strategy.
Approval of Proposed Street Furniture and Seating Areas - Several submissions specifically mention support for new benches, picnic tables, and other amenities that encourage people to linger and enjoy the waterfront setting. This is linked to positive impacts for all age groups and users, especially families and older residents.	The scheme includes the provision of high-quality, age-friendly benches and picnic seating at key locations along the harbour and Red Island, designed to encourage lingering, social interaction, and enjoyment of the coastal setting. These additions are intended to serve all users, including families, older people, and those with limited mobility, and have been located to maximise accessibility, scenic value, and usability. This approach aligns with the Council's goals of promoting inclusive, vibrant, and welcoming public spaces. Additional public seating along Harbour Road which is not associated with businesses will be considered during the detailed design stage.
Support for Natural Planting and Sustainable Features - Respondents appreciate the inclusion of rain gardens, wildflower beds, and SuDS planting as environmentally responsible additions. These elements are seen to enhance biodiversity and reduce hard surfacing while improving the look and feel of the area.	The scheme integrates SuDS measures including rain gardens, bioswales, and pollinator-friendly planting, which support climate resilience, biodiversity, and improved surface water management. These elements have been selected not only for their environmental performance but also for their contribution to softening the public realm, reducing hard surfacing, and enhancing the overall aesthetic character of the area. This approach reflects Fingal County Council's commitment to sustainable and ecologically sensitive urban design.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Concerns About Over-Urbanisation or Visual Character Impact - Some respondents are concerned that too much hard landscaping, paving, or uniform design could erode the traditional character and natural aesthetic of the harbour area. There is worry that the scheme may feel "overdesigned" or out of step with the coastal village context.	Concerns regarding potential over-urbanisation and the visual impact of hard landscaping are acknowledged. The design has been developed to respect the unique coastal village character of Skerries, using materials, finishes, and planting that are sympathetic to the existing context. The layout avoids excessive formalisation and instead promotes a balanced public realm that accommodates accessibility and usability while retaining a relaxed, informal coastal feel. Elements such as natural stone paving, landscaping, and sensitively designed seating and lighting have been included to ensure the area remains welcoming, distinctive, and in keeping with the town's maritime identity. The existing historic limestone kerbing will be retained in place as much as possible with some adjustments required to suit proposed ground levels due to alterations to the footpath and required changes in grade for drainage.
Concerns raised about the loss of established green spaces at locations around Red Island including South Strand, and The Ovens.	While some existing green areas are being reduced to accommodate public realm upgrades, the scheme introduces new, functional green spaces elsewhere on Red Island. Additionally, grass block permeable paving is being used in car parks to support sustainable drainage, soften the visual impact of hard surfaces, and enhance the green character of the site. Overall, the scheme delivers a balanced approach that maintains visual and recreational amenity while supporting accessibility and climate resilience.
Uncertainty Over Material Quality and Durability - Several submissions question whether the proposed paving materials, furniture, or lighting will withstand marine conditions and high public use. Durability, maintenance, and aesthetic consistency are raised as concerns.	Concerns regarding the suitability of materials in a marine environment are acknowledged. The scheme has been designed with the coastal context in mind, and all proposed paving, lighting, and street furniture have been selected for their proven durability in exposed, high-traffic, and salt-air conditions. Marine-grade finishes, and corrosion-resistant materials will be used where appropriate to ensure longevity and reduce maintenance requirements. The visual character and aesthetic quality of the materials have also been considered to ensure consistency with the harbour setting, while supporting a robust and attractive public realm suited to its coastal village context.
Lighting — Balance Between Safety and Ambience - Some support the addition of more public lighting for safety and evening use, while others caution against overly bright or obtrusive fixtures that could disturb the area's quiet character or impact wildlife.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the comments received in relation to the proposed lighting strategy, including both support for enhanced public lighting to improve safety and evening use, and concerns regarding potential impacts on the harbour's natural character, wildlife, and dark skies. In response to submissions received during the non-statutory consultation process, the proposed lighting layout was amended to protect night-time amenity. Specifically, public lighting east of the playground on Red Island has been omitted to preserve views of the night sky and minimise light pollution in this sensitive coastal environment. This approach reflects a considered balance between functional requirements and environmental stewardship. Across the wider scheme area, the lighting design incorporates fixtures selected to reduce light spill and visual intrusion, consistent with Fingal County Council's public lighting standards and coastal context.

EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS

SUBMISSIONS THAT RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS, INCLUDING THE RNLI, AMBULANCES, FIRE SERVICES, AND GARDAÍ

FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-9, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-32, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-56, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-77, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-94, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-120, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-127, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-138, FIN-C795-144, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-161

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Risk of Obstructed Emergency Access - Many submissions express concern that the proposed design, particularly the narrowing of roadways, raised platforms, added kerbing, and cycle/pedestrian segregation may obstruct or delay access for emergency vehicles.	The scheme has been designed to maintain full operational access for all emergency services, including the RNLI, Gardaí, Fire Brigade, and ambulance services. These emergency services have been consulted with during the design process and feedback from statutory emergency stakeholders has been incorporated into the final layout. The Council will continue to engage with emergency services throughout the implementation phase to monitor performance and ensure that functionality is preserved. Furthermore, a Road Safety Audit and Quality Audit were undertaken to assess and address any access or response-time risks. To ensure unobstructed emergency access, the layout has been informed by detailed swept path analysis, verifying that sufficient road width, turning radii, and manoeuvring space are provided for larger vehicles. Raised tables and kerb lines have been designed using gradients and materials that are fully traversable by emergency vehicles, and no fixed physical barriers such as bollards are proposed at critical access points. A new designated turning area has also been incorporated away from the pedestrian-prioritised zone at the pier entrance to facilitate continued access by large vehicles in a safe and efficient manner. The Council recognises the operational importance of unrestricted access to the slipway for RNLI lifeboat deployment. Flexibility in the design has been maintained to support tidal and urgent-response conditions. Engagement with RNLI representatives and other emergency service providers has been ongoing through the stakeholder workshops and will continue during construction and rollout to safeguard lifesaving capabilities. In relation to Gardaí access, the design ensures that patrol vehicles can continue to operate effectively across Red Island and Harbour Road. All carriageway dimensions, access points, and turning areas comply with national standards and have been reviewed through swept path analysis. The proposed scheme will be subject to a further road safety audit prior to the construction stage. Traffic calming and pedestrian-prioritisation measures are not intended to restrict enforcement access but to create a safer and more orderly environment, potentially reducing the need for interventions. Fingal County Council remains open to ongoing collaboration with An Garda Síochána to ensure the scheme supports effective patrolling, response, and community safety.
RNLI and Lifeboat Operations - Several submissions specifically mention the RNLI, noting that unrestricted access to the slipway and surrounding harbour area is essential for launching and recovering lifeboats. Concerns are raised that design elements such as pinch-points or bollards may interfere with rapid deployment, especially in tidal or time-sensitive situations.	
Ambulance and Fire Service Access to Red Island and Harbour Road - Submissions argue that changes to turning circles, the pier entrance, and traffic flow may limit access for larger emergency vehicles. Some fear that the loss of manoeuvrable space or one-way access routes could hinder emergency response at busy or constrained locations.	
Concerns About Congestion During Emergencies - There are worries that increased pedestrianisation, narrowed lanes, and relocated parking may create traffic bottlenecks, making it harder for emergency vehicles to navigate through the area quickly, particularly during peak tourism periods or events.	
Gardaí Visibility and Patrol Access - A few comments suggest that if car access is significantly reduced, Gardaí patrols may be limited in their ability to reach Red Island quickly. Some express that this could impact public safety or enforcement in the area, particularly in the evenings.	
Request for Explicit Designation of Emergency Corridors - Some submissions recommend that emergency access routes be clearly defined, unobstructed, and physically protected in the final design — including signage and enforcement where needed.	

CONCERNS OR SUPPORT FOR OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

SUBMISSIONS COMMENTING ON THE CREATION OF OUTDOOR DINING AREAS, INCLUDING CONCERNS ABOUT OBSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS, MAINTENANCE, OR SUPPORT FOR ENHANCING THE HOSPITALITY OFFERING.

FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-18, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-55, FIN-C795-71, FIN-C795-73, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-100, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-120, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-133, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-158

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Support for Outdoor Dining and Hospitality Enhancement - Several submissions express support for adding outdoor dining areas. These are seen as valuable enhancements to the town's hospitality offering, improving the vibrancy of Harbour Road and encouraging more foot traffic to cafés and restaurants. Respondents suggest this aligns with modern, people-focused placemaking and can enhance the overall visitor experience.	Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the proposed outdoor dining areas and acknowledges the positive feedback regarding efforts to enhance the hospitality offering along Harbour Road. The inclusion of dedicated space for outdoor dining has been sympathetically integrated into the public realm design to support local businesses and contribute to a vibrant, people-focused environment. The reallocation of road space and the widening of footpaths create opportunities for safe, accessible, and well-defined outdoor seating areas without compromising pedestrian movement. These areas will be clearly distinguished from footpaths using contrasting material finishes to ensure legibility, visual coherence, and safe navigation for all users. Outdoor dining spaces will be managed under a licensing system, with each participating business responsible for maintaining their allocated area. The design and type of furniture and associated elements will be managed by Fingal County Council's Operations Section and must comply with strict design and maintenance guidelines to ensure consistency, accessibility, and high visual standards. This approach reflects best practice in placemaking and responds to evolving preferences for high-quality outdoor social spaces particularly in town centres and coastal locations. The Council is committed to ensuring outdoor dining is delivered in a way that maintains accessibility, enhances the public realm, and supports the local economy.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Concerns About Obstruction of Footpaths - Some submissions raise concern that placing tables and chairs on widened footpaths may still lead to congestion or obstruction — particularly for wheelchair users, families with prams, or during busy times. They stress the need to maintain continuous clear footpath widths to ensure accessibility. Worries About Maintenance and Appearance - Concerns are raised about how well outdoor dining areas will be maintained — including whether street furniture will be durable, hygienic, or attract litter. There is also mention of the risk of these spaces becoming cluttered or visually untidy without strong design and operational guidelines. Equity and Business Competition - A few submissions question how outdoor dining areas will be allocated — with some worry that the most prominent spaces may favour certain businesses over others, potentially creating unfair advantages. Suggestions are made that seating zones be publicly managed or rotated to ensure fairness. Weather and Usage Practicality - A practical concern noted in some comments is that Red Island and Harbour Road can be windy, exposed, or cold — potentially limiting the usefulness of outdoor seating year-round. Submissions suggest that shelters, windbreaks, or flexible layouts might be needed. Request for Clear Design Guidelines - Some respondents recommend that any new outdoor dining provision should follow clear, high-quality urban design standards — including defined paving zones, consistent furniture styles, and provisions for bins, lighting, and surface drainage.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the broad range of submissions received regarding the inclusion of outdoor dining areas within the proposed scheme. The Council recognises both the strong public support for enhancing the town's hospitality offering and the associated concerns relating to accessibility, maintenance, fairness, and weather resilience. The scheme has been designed in accordance with best practice guidance, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and universal design principles, to ensure that outdoor dining is delivered in a way that protects pedestrian access and promotes an inclusive, high-quality public realm. Where outdoor dining zones are proposed, clear and unobstructed footpath widths are maintained to support safe and legible movement for all users, including wheelchair users, older persons, and families with prams. All outdoor dining areas will be subject to the Council's licensing process, which enforces conditions around minimum clearances and pedestrian circulation. In response to concerns about the upkeep and appearance of these spaces, the Council confirms that any licensed outdoor dining areas will be required to meet specific standards relating to furniture design, cleanliness, waste management, and visual coherence. The scheme incorporates robust, durable materials and clear surfacing treatments that support easy maintenance and avoid unnecessary clutter in the public realm. Ongoing liaison with businesses and monitoring of compliance will help ensure these spaces remain welcoming, safe, and well-managed. The Council also acknowledges concerns about equitable access to public space for commercial use. Outdoor dining allocations will be managed through established licensing frameworks that require businesses to apply and meet strict criteria related to layout, location, and operation. Applications will be assessed individually to avoid unfair advantage and support balanced use of shared space. The Council remains open to reviewing operational procedures post-implementation to uphold fairness and transparency across all eligible businesses. In summary, the outdoor dining provision has been carefully integrated into the overall scheme to support vibrancy and local enterprise, while safeguarding pedestrian access, visual quality, and fairness in the use of public space. The Council remains committed to ongoing engagement with the hospitality sector to support effective implementation and continuous improvement.

CONCERNS FOR ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

SUBMISSIONS THAT RAISED ISSUES RELATING TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-54, FIN-C795-58, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-124, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-160

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Fear of Increased Loitering and Youth Congregation - Several submissions raise concerns that new public spaces — such as seating areas, widened paths, and sheltered corners — may unintentionally encourage groups to congregate late at night, particularly unsupervised youths. This is seen as potentially leading to noise, nuisance, and a sense of insecurity for other users.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the concerns raised in several submissions regarding the potential for antisocial behaviour associated with the proposed public realm improvements, particularly in relation to new seating areas, wider footpaths, and pedestrian-prioritised spaces. While some submissions suggest these features could encourage late-night gatherings or nuisance behaviour, the intention of the scheme is to create a more inclusive, safe, and vibrant environment for all members of the community. The design of the proposed public realm improvements has been informed by the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), a best-practice approach that uses the built environment to promote safety and discourage antisocial behaviour. Key elements such as improved public lighting, clear sightlines, removal of concealed corners, and the integration of active, welcoming spaces are intended to increase passive surveillance and support a sense of safety for all users. These measures align with international CPTED standards and complement local guidance such as the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). By encouraging natural activity and visibility throughout the day and evening, the scheme promotes a vibrant, inclusive environment while reducing opportunities for crime or nuisance behaviour. The Council has also selected durable, vandal-resistant materials for public seating, lighting, and other street furniture to ensure long-term resilience and reduce the need for frequent maintenance. Lighting improvements throughout the scheme area are designed not only to enhance visibility but also to support safe use of the space into the evening hours. The relevant laws and byelaws in relation to licenced areas, public alcohol consumption, advertising and noise will remain unchanged by the proposals. Anti-social behaviour is a matter for An Garda Siochana, who have been consulted in relation to the public realm improvements. There is empirical evidence to support the positive impact of trees and green vegetation in urban areas on reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. For instance, the 'Forest of Fingal' study highlights research suggesting that areas with more vegetation tend to experience fewer reported crimes. This indicates that the presence of trees is often associated with a better-maintained and safer environment. Additionally, another
Concerns About Public Drinking and Late-Night Activity - There is specific mention of fears that picnic tables or outdoor seating may become locations for public drinking or social gatherings in the evenings. Submissions link this to existing problems with rowdy or antisocial behaviour and urge caution in how public furniture is located and monitored.	
Vandalism and Damage to New Infrastructure - Some respondents express worry that new benches, planters, or lighting may be vulnerable to vandalism. They suggest that similar issues have occurred in the area before and fear that the investment in improvements could be undermined by damage or misuse.	
Reduced Perception of Safety - A recurring theme is the concern that changes to layout — including pedestrianisation, hidden corners, or poorly lit areas — could make the environment feel less safe, especially at night or in quieter seasons. This includes implications for elderly users or people walking alone.	
Call for Garda Visibility and Active Monitoring - Submissions suggest that the proposed changes should be accompanied by increased Garda patrols or local surveillance to deter antisocial behaviour. Some propose that design decisions (e.g. lighting, seating arrangements) should be informed by crime prevention principles.	

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Experience from Previous Issues in the Area - A few submissions explicitly reference past problems with antisocial activity at Red Island or Harbour Road, indicating that concerns are based on local experience and not just hypothetical outcomes.	study cited in the same section suggests that trees can enhance security by promoting better utilisation of the space, leading to increased surveillance. Rather than encouraging antisocial activity, the proposed improvements aim to create a welcoming, high-quality public realm that supports positive social interaction, greater footfall, and everyday use by a wide range of people. Evidence shows that well-used and well-maintained spaces are more likely to promote positive behaviour and discourage misuse. By enhancing Harbour Road's visual appeal and functionality, the scheme seeks to support community life and contribute to a safe and attractive town centre environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS (GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, SUDS)

SUBMISSIONS ADDRESSING PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES SUCH AS SUDS DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, WILDFLOWER PLANTING, TREE PLANTING, AND RAIN GARDENS, EITHER POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY.

FIN-C795-5, FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-55, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-84, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-164

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Appreciation for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) - Several submissions welcome the integration of SuDS features such as rain gardens, bioswales, and permeable surfaces. These are seen as modern, environmentally responsible additions that reduce flood risk and support long-term drainage capacity, particularly in coastal or high-footfall areas.	Fingal County Council acknowledges and welcomes the support for the inclusion of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) within the scheme. The design integrates features such as permeable paving, rain gardens, and bioswales to manage surface water sustainably and improve climate resilience. These measures align with national policy and Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan, addressing flood risk in coastal areas and supporting long-term environmental goals. In addition to functional benefits, SuDS features contribute to improved visual amenity and biodiversity, enhancing the character and ecological value of the public realm.
Positive Response to Native and Pollinator-Friendly Planting - Respondents express support for wildflower beds and native planting schemes, noting their benefits for biodiversity, pollinators, and local ecology. There is recognition that these features can also improve visual appeal and seasonal interest in the public realm.	
Tree Planting and Shade Provision - Submissions highlight the value of new tree planting for climate resilience (e.g. shade, carbon absorption, wind buffering) and improving the comfort and ambience of pedestrian areas. Mature native species are preferred.	The scheme has been designed in accordance with best practice and Fingal County Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, with the aim of delivering a resilient, attractive, and low-maintenance public realm. Tree planting forms a key part of this approach, with mature native species selected to provide shade, improve air quality, absorb carbon, and offer protection from wind. These trees will also enhance biodiversity and support wildlife while contributing to a more pleasant and comfortable pedestrian environment. Landscaping species have been chosen for their suitability to the coastal setting and their low maintenance requirements. Wildflower beds and swales are designed to function with minimal intervention, supporting pollinators and visual amenity with limited mowing. Rain gardens and other SuDS features are intended to manage surface water runoff, improve water quality, and reduce localised flood risk. While modest in scale, they contribute meaningfully to wider climate adaptation goals when implemented cumulatively. Fingal County Council's Parks and Operations Divisions have been closely involved in the development of the scheme to ensure all proposed elements are practical to maintain. A maintenance plan will be implemented to support the long-term care of green infrastructure, including regular monitoring, pruning, replanting, litter removal, and preservation of SuDS functionality.
Concerns About Maintenance and Upkeep - Some submissions raise concerns about the long-term maintenance of rain gardens, planters, and wildflower beds. Respondents worry that if these features are not regularly cared for, they may become untidy, overgrown, or ineffective — ultimately detracting from the scheme.	
Scepticism About Practical Impact - A few comments express scepticism about how effective small-scale SuDS elements or scattered plantings will be in addressing broader environmental or drainage issues. Some suggest that their inclusion may be more aesthetic than functional.	

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Clarity Needed on Design and Location - Submissions note a lack of detailed information on the exact placement, planting types, or sizes of these environmental features. There are calls for clearer plans showing how these elements will function, be protected from misuse, and integrate with pedestrian or cycling routes.	The landscaping design drawings accompanying the Part 8 documentation illustrate the intended locations for planting and rain gardens. The engineering report includes a schedule of proposed species. These elements will be further refined during the detailed design stage to ensure compatibility with pedestrian and cycling routes and to safeguard against damage or misuse. Where appropriate, protective edging, signage, or other small-scale design measures may be introduced to support visibility, reinforce intended usage, and enhance public awareness of these features. Through these measures, the Council seeks to balance environmental performance with long-term practicality and public benefit.

HERITAGE, PROTECTED STRUCTURES AND VISUAL IMPACT

SUBMISSIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED TO PROTECT HERITAGE STRUCTURES (E.G., HARBOUR WALL, MARTELLO TOWER) AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE VISUAL IMPACTS OF PUBLIC REALM CHANGES.

FIN-C795-23, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-60, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-110, FIN-C795-111, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-125, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-135, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-158

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Preservation of the Martello Tower and Harbour Wall - Several submissions specifically reference the Martello Tower (RPS No. 189) and the historic Harbour Wall (RPS No. 183), emphasising the need to protect these iconic coastal features. Concerns are raised about how nearby paving, infrastructure, or new surfacing might affect their structural integrity, historical setting, or public visibility.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the strong interest in safeguarding the historic character of the Harbour Road and Red Island area, including the protection of key heritage assets such as the Martello Tower (RPS No. 189), the historic Harbour Wall (RPS No. 183), and other recorded Protected Structures within the scheme boundary. The design team has considered the setting, visibility, and material context of these features to ensure their significance is preserved and respected. Heritage considerations have informed both the layout and detailing of the scheme, through the minimisation of works in close proximity to any protected structures, and through ongoing liaison with the FCC Heritage Officer, and Conservation/Archaeological Department. The setting and context of relevant heritage structures were reviewed, and the scheme incorporates design choices such as restrained surfacing, traditional materials, and low-impact landscaping intended to integrate sensitively with the historic environment. The existing historic limestone kerbing will be retained in place as much as possible with some adjustments required to suit proposed ground levels due to alterations to the footpath and required changes in grade for drainage. The Red Island loop route follows the same route as the St Patricks Way and Art Trail/Skerries Safari Trail. The proposed scheme has been designed with these locations in mind and aims to enhance access to them while also providing improved public spaces adjacent to them where they can be enjoyed. In response to concerns about potential over-modernisation, care has been taken to select materials, finishes, lighting, and street furniture that reflect the maritime and vernacular character of Skerries. These elements aim to enhance public enjoyment of the area while preserving its visual identity and historical integrity.
Respecting the Historic Character of the Area - Respondents argue that the Harbour Road and Red Island area has a distinct visual identity rooted in its maritime and historical past. They worry that overly modern or uniform urban design — including materials, lighting, or furniture — could erode that character or feel out of place.	
Visual Sensitivity and Design Integration - Some submissions express concern that elements such as wide paved surfaces, signage, raised crossings, or landscaping might visually dominate the area or detract from the traditional feel of the harbour. Calls are made for sensitive, sympathetic design choices that visually integrate with the setting.	
Use of Natural and Traditional Materials - There is support for using stone, timber, or other materials consistent with the historical environment, rather than overly modern finishes. Several submissions recommend drawing inspiration from the existing vernacular of Skerries' built heritage.	
Call for Heritage Impact Assessment Transparency - A few contributors express concern about whether the visual and setting impacts on heritage sites were thoroughly assessed, and they ask for clearer communication of how the project protects and enhances these assets.	

ISSUES WITH FCC PROCEDURES

SUBMISSION THAT RAISED ISSUES RELATING TO FCC PROCEDURES, POLICIES, OR CONSULTATION

FIN-C795-12, FIN-C795-14, FIN-C795-18, FIN-C795-19, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-32, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-39, FIN-C795-40, FIN-C795-41, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-44, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-49, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-56, FIN-C795-61, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-68, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-73, FIN-C795-74, FIN-C795-75, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-84, FIN-C795-85, FIN-C795-94, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-101, FIN-C795-102, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-106, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-114, FIN-C795-116, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-119, FIN-C795-121, FIN-C795-124, FIN-C795-125, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-131, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-136, FIN-C795-138, FIN-C795-139, FIN-C795-140, FIN-C795-141, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-144, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-151, FIN-C795-153, FIN-C795-154, FIN-C795-155, FIN-C795-156, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-160, FIN-C795-163

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Perception of Inadequate Engagement - Many submissions express dissatisfaction with the consultation process, claiming that stakeholders — particularly local clubs, residents, and businesses — were not meaningfully engaged or their feedback not incorporated into the final design. Some feel the process was rushed or superficial.	Fingal County Council is committed to meaningful public and stakeholder engagement and the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island Loop Scheme has undergone an extensive consultation process The design of the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island scheme was informed by a two-stage process, incorporating both non-statutory and statutory consultation phases. The scheme was presented to local councillors at various stages during the schemes development and the input received during these briefings was incorporated into the design. During the non-statutory phase, the Council engaged extensively with local residents, businesses, community organisations, and harbour users. These engagements were facilitated by an independent consultant and included targeted workshops and meetings. As a result of this early input, several important revisions were made to the scheme, including changes to access arrangements, parking layouts, drop-off zones, and the width of the cycle track. These changes reflect a genuine effort to incorporate local feedback while maintaining alignment with the wider objectives of accessibility, sustainability, and public safety. The subsequent statutory Part 8 consultation provided an additional opportunity for public input. All submissions received were reviewed and are addressed in this Chief Executive's Report. While it is not feasible to meet every individual preference, the final design has sought to balance competing needs and reflect both technical requirements and community priorities. The FCC Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Planning Report concluded that the proposed development would be in accordance with the relevant zoning objectives applicable to the lands within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to active travel, place making and sustainable drainage.
Feeling of Being Ignored or Overlooked - A recurring theme is that earlier input provided during pre-consultation or community meetings was not reflected in the revised proposals. Some users feel that FCC has already made up its mind, and that public participation was a "box-ticking" exercise.	
Requests for More Transparent Communication - Several submissions ask for greater transparency regarding how decisions were made and how feedback influenced (or did not influence) the final designs. This includes requests for public access to design revisions, meeting minutes, and evaluation criteria.	
Concerns About Planning Compliance - A few respondents question whether all planning requirements have been properly fulfilled — including heritage protections, zoning considerations, environmental screening, and traffic assessments. There are calls for clearer policy justifications and documentation.	
Calls for Phased or Pilot Implementation - Some submissions recommend that the scheme be trialled or implemented in phases, allowing time to assess impacts and consult users more thoroughly before committing to permanent changes.	

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Criticism of Project Governance or Oversight - A small number of submissions question the role of FCC departments or consultants, raising concerns about project management, prioritisation of certain interests, or conflicts between accessibility, environmental, and business needs.	The scheme has been developed in accordance with statutory procedures and relevant best practice guidance, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), the Cycle Design Manual, and Fingal's own policies on accessibility, climate resilience, and public realm improvement. A multidisciplinary team within the Council, supported by specialist consultants, coordinated the project and evaluated feedback from a wide range of stakeholders to ensure a robust, inclusive, and evidence-based outcome. The Council acknowledges that not all perspectives could be fully reflected in the final layout. However, it remains confident that the scheme represents a well-balanced arrangement, one that considers the needs of all users, supports local character, business viability, and inclusive mobility. Continued engagement with stakeholders will remain a priority throughout the implementation and monitoring stages, with a focus on transparency, responsiveness, and shared community benefit.

OTHER / GENERAL COMMENTS

SUBMISSIONS CONTAINING GENERAL OBSERVATIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR POINTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE SPECIFIC THEMATIC CATEGORIES ABOVE

FIN-C795-2, FIN-C795-8, FIN-C795-11, FIN-C795-14, FIN-C795-16, FIN-C795-19, FIN-C795-20, FIN-C795-21, FIN-C795-27, FIN-C795-28, FIN-C795-29, FIN-C795-31, FIN-C795-35, FIN-C795-36, FIN-C795-40, FIN-C795-41, FIN-C795-42, FIN-C795-44, FIN-C795-46, FIN-C795-47, FIN-C795-48, FIN-C795-49, FIN-C795-50, FIN-C795-51, FIN-C795-52, FIN-C795-53, FIN-C795-57, FIN-C795-61, FIN-C795-62, FIN-C795-63, FIN-C795-66, FIN-C795-68, FIN-C795-70, FIN-C795-71, FIN-C795-72, FIN-C795-74, FIN-C795-75, FIN-C795-76, FIN-C795-78, FIN-C795-79, FIN-C795-80, FIN-C795-82, FIN-C795-90, FIN-C795-91, FIN-C795-93, FIN-C795-95, FIN-C795-96, FIN-C795-99, FIN-C795-105, FIN-C795-108, FIN-C795-113, FIN-C795-115, FIN-C795-117, FIN-C795-118, FIN-C795-119, FIN-C795-122, FIN-C795-127, FIN-C795-128, FIN-C795-130, FIN-C795-131, FIN-C795-132, FIN-C795-134, FIN-C795-135, FIN-C795-136, FIN-C795-140, FIN-C795-141, FIN-C795-142, FIN-C795-146, FIN-C795-147, FIN-C795-150, FIN-C795-154, FIN-C795-158, FIN-C795-160

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Requests for Broader Town-Wide Improvements - Some respondents call for improvements beyond the project boundary, including better footpaths in residential areas, upgraded parking management, and enhanced amenities town-wide.	Fingal County Council notes the submissions that raise broader town-wide issues extending beyond the immediate scope of the Harbour Road and Red Island scheme. While this project is focused on delivering targeted improvements for Harbour Road and Red Island, the Council recognises the importance of maintaining and enhancing public infrastructure and services across Skerries. Matters such as wider footpath upgrades, town-wide parking strategies, and broader amenity improvements are addressed through separate programmes of work and strategic planning initiatives, including the Skerries active travel plan. The Skerries Active Travel Plan, being developed as part of Fingal County Council's wider commitment to sustainable mobility, outlines a long-term strategy to promote walking and cycling in Skerries. The plan prioritises safety, connectivity, and accessibility, with the goal of encouraging a shift away from private car use towards more sustainable and inclusive travel modes. The plan aims to identify projects around Skerries which supports the development of high-quality walking and cycling links between residential areas, schools, the town centre, coastal amenities, and transport hubs. The feedback received through this consultation process will be shared with the relevant Council departments for further consideration in future planning and investment. Fingal County Council remains committed to the ongoing enhancement of Skerries as a connected, accessible, and vibrant coastal town, and values the continued engagement of residents in shaping its development.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Tourism Infrastructure Suggestions - Submissions recommend further enhancing visitor facilities — such as clear signage to attractions, improved public toilets, and visitor information points to support Skerries as a tourism destination.	While the primary focus of the Harbour Road and Red Island scheme is on improving active travel and the public realm, the design has been developed to complement and support the visitor experience through upgraded surfaces, seating, lighting, and enhanced connectivity between key destinations. These improvements contribute to a more welcoming, accessible, and visually appealing environment for both residents and visitors. Suggestions relating to broader tourism infrastructure will be shared with the relevant departments for further consideration as part of ongoing tourism and town enhancement strategies.
Community Programming and Events - Respondents suggest programming more public events and community activities in the improved areas — particularly outside of peak tourism periods — to activate the space year-round.	The design of the Harbour Road and Red Island scheme has been developed to accommodate flexible, people-oriented uses, with widened footpaths, seating areas, and improved lighting that are well-suited to a variety of public gatherings and activities. While the scheme itself does not directly include event programming, the improved public realm will provide a valuable platform for local groups, businesses, and event organisers to host inclusive, community-focused initiatives. These activities can contribute to civic life, promote off-peak use, and strengthen the social and cultural fabric of the town.
Public Art and Cultural Heritage - There are calls for greater attention to public art, murals, or sculptures that reflect Skerries' maritime history, identity, and local character.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the submissions highlighting the value of public art in reflecting Skerries' maritime heritage and local identity. The Council recognises that public art can enrich the public realm, support placemaking, and foster a sense of community pride. While the current scheme's primary focus is on infrastructure and accessibility improvements, it also enhances access to existing public art installations along the coastal trail. The upgraded footpaths, surfacing, and public realm features will improve the visibility, setting, and approach routes to these cultural assets, creating a more welcoming and engaging experience for residents and visitors alike.
Post-Construction Community Engagement - Some submissions emphasise the need for continued community input after implementation — including feedback gathering, monitoring, and the potential for adjustments based on use patterns.	Post-construction, the Council will monitor how the scheme functions in practice, including pedestrian and cyclist movement, accessibility, parking patterns, and use of public spaces. Fingal County Council is committed to maintaining an open dialogue with the community during the operational phase and ensuring that the upgraded public realm continues to meet the evolving needs of Skerries residents and visitors.

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Broader Transport Links - Some respondents raise concerns about the lack of wider transport connectivity, particularly public transport options to and from Skerries, as part of supporting modal shift goals.	While the current scheme focuses on local public realm and active travel improvements within the Harbour Road and Red Island area, the Council recognises the importance of integrating these upgrades into a wider, multimodal transport network. The Council continues to work in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to advocate for improved services and enhanced integration with active travel infrastructure across the wider town and region. The current scheme contributes to modal shift by improving local walking and cycling conditions, which can complement and encourage greater use of public transport.
Integration of Technology - Suggestions are made to incorporate features such as public Wi-Fi, smart lighting, or digital information boards to modernise the experience and improve usability for both locals and tourists.	Fingal County Council notes the submissions proposing the integration of smart technologies—such as public Wi-Fi, smart lighting, or digital information displays—as part of the enhanced public realm. While the current scheme primarily focuses on physical infrastructure, accessibility, and public realm improvements, the Council recognises the value of incorporating technology to support modern, inclusive, and user-friendly public spaces.
Need for Coastal Erosion Consideration - A few submissions note that coastal erosion and climate change risks in Red Island were not clearly addressed and should be factored into the scheme.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the submissions that raise concerns about coastal erosion, climate change, and the importance of integrating climate resilience into coastal infrastructure projects. While the Harbour Road and Red Island scheme is focused on the enhancement of the public realm within the existing developed footprint, these broader environmental considerations remain a key part of the Council's strategic planning. Although the scheme does not involve direct coastal defence works, its design aligns with the objectives of the Fingal Climate Action Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy. Nature-based solutions — including Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), rain gardens, and native planting — have been integrated to improve surface water management, support biodiversity, and contribute to climate resilience at a local level. Coastal erosion and flood risk management are addressed through separate national and regional programmes, including the work of the Office of Public Works (OPW) and other agencies responsible for coastal protection. The Council will continue to liaise with these bodies to ensure alignment between public realm improvements and long-term resilience strategies.
Climate Resilience and Flooding Concerns - There are suggestions that flood defences or climate resilience features should be explicitly included or prioritised as part of any public investment in coastal infrastructure.	

KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE
Support for Community Stewardship - Ideas include encouraging residents and groups to ""Adopt a Park"" or take responsibility for maintaining small parts of the public realm, which could help build community ownership and pride.	Fingal County Council welcomes the positive suggestions supporting community stewardship and shared responsibility in the care of the public realm. Initiatives such as “Adopt a Park” or similar volunteer-led programmes can play a valuable role in building civic pride and encouraging local engagement in the long-term maintenance and enhancement of public spaces. While the Council will retain overall responsibility for the management and upkeep of the scheme area, opportunities for structured community involvement may be explored as the project moves into the implementation and monitoring phases. This will be considered in collaboration with local groups and as part of wider efforts to foster community partnership and ownership of the enhanced public realm.
Adaptability and Future Use - Some highlight that the scheme should remain flexible — to accommodate growth in visitor numbers or future transport changes — without requiring major redesign.	Fingal County Council acknowledges the importance of ensuring that the scheme remains adaptable to future needs, including potential increases in visitor numbers or changes in transport patterns. The design has been developed with flexibility in mind, incorporating generous public space, clear circulation routes, and infrastructure that can accommodate evolving demands without requiring major changes. The scheme layout has also been informed by best practice guidance to ensure it supports long-term resilience, including the ability to respond to future mobility trends, community needs, and environmental conditions.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025

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SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER UPDATE

Presentation to be given at the Meeting

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

9th June 2025
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Chief Executive's Foreword

Recent spells of glorious sunshine across the county brought a steady stream of visitors to our coastline with people taking to the water to enjoy swimming and water sports and to relax on our beaches. We are fortunate in Fingal to have a scenic coastline which stretches 88km from Howth to north of Balbriggan, three large protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats as well as 13 major beaches. In May, Fingal County Council was again awarded Blue Flags and Green Coasts Awards. The beaches at Portmarnock (Velvet Strand) and Balcarrick Beach in Donabate have each retained their Blue Flag status, reflecting their outstanding water quality, safety, and environmental management. Balcarrick Beach has also once again received a Green Coast Award, which recognise beaches for their natural beauty, clean environment, and high-quality bathing water. These awards are the benchmark of excellence and a proud testament to the ongoing work conducted along our coast. Local communities, Tidy Towns and Clean Coasts groups play a significant role in assisting the Council in achieving Blue Flag and Green Coast awards and to ensure our beaches and bathing waters are kept clean and safe for all who use them. I wish to extend my thanks to all whose efforts have resulted the attaining of these awards year on year.

The communities of Malahide and Rush are trialling a new sustainability initiative that aims to remove disposal beverage cups from circulation by this November. We are all aware of the campaigns urging consumers to move away from single use cups, for which recycling rates remain low, but thanks to the Fingal Reusable Cup Project, it will be easier to move towards a more climate friendly approach when availing of your next coffee. During the six month pilot, participating cafés in Rush and Malahide will offer free reusable takeaway cups for those who don't already own one of their own. Customers can simply borrow a VYTAL cup to enjoy their drink and then return it at any participating location within 14 days, for free. This is very much a collaborative effort with local communities, schools, Chambers of Commerce, business owners, sports clubs and parish councils all working together in supporting the participating café's and working towards the goal of zero single use cups.

The Regional Waste Management Planning Offices are funding the initiative and it is hoped that that the scheme will be extended to other locations within Fingal following the successful pilot period.

I am very pleased that this year Fingal's Summer Project Initiative will be supporting 41 projects across the county due to an increased allocation of funding in 2025. Last year, the initiative was allocated €62,000 and supported 32 groups. In 2025, almost €89,000 has been ringfenced to deliver a 20-hour programme of supervised recreational and educational activities aimed at young people. This year's funding increase, which was enthusiastically supported by the Elected Members, reflects the growing numbers of participating children taking part across the county. The programme is varied, inclusive and structured with children from diverse communities and socio-economic backgrounds coming together to experience enjoyable, educational and fun activities over the summer period. I wish all involved in the delivery of the project every success.

Fingal County Council has received an ecological habitat which was designed and constructed by daa as compensation for the removal of 15.8km of hedgerow during the construction of the North Runway. The eight hectare site in Kilsallaghan contains a wetland and a bat roost and was carefully designed with existing species and habitats at the location in mind. Native wildflowers, shrubs and trees will attract wildlife to the habitat which will be curated by the Council's Biodiversity team who will limit visits to the area to educational trips and events in order to preserve the sensitivity of the area. This is an excellent example of how ecological protection and promotion can be forged from development for the benefit of the local community.

I hope you enjoy this video on the habitat.

https://youtu.be/8qMUAmq-TvY

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	157
Number of Attendees	1567
Number of Training Days	1395

Throughout June, courses will be delivered in the areas of Pre-Retirement Planning, Teleporter, Safe Disposal of Needlesticks, Introduction to Excel and many more.

Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team remains committed to fostering a healthy, supportive environment for all staff. New wellbeing initiatives are regularly rolled out aimed at helping employees reduce stress, build resilience, and access the support they need.

Staff feedback has been very encouraging with reports from staff feeling more supported and better equipped to manage everyday challenges. The Wellbeing Team actively continue to encourage staff members to explore the wellbeing resources available and take advantage of the services that best suit their needs.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

A total of 78 VDU assessments for remote and office-based staff working with display screen equipment have been undertaken since January 2025. To date 2079 staff have been assessed for work with display screen equipment since the current assessment program was rolled out in 2018. The HSU continued to field staff requests of a variety of safety issues including advice on smoking cessation and advice on evacuation of persons with reduced mobility during fire alarm activations.

The HSU in May 2025 compiled and submitted Fingal County Council's entry for the 2025 NISO occupational health and safety awards. The competition is across the Island of Ireland under the auspices of the Northern Ireland Safety Group NISG and the National Irish Safety Organisation NISO and is external validation of the Council's safety management system.

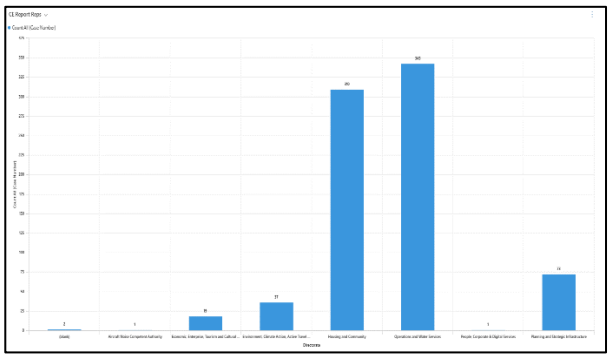
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – May 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
12,087	1,086	1,888

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 representations for May is 786 broken down as follows:



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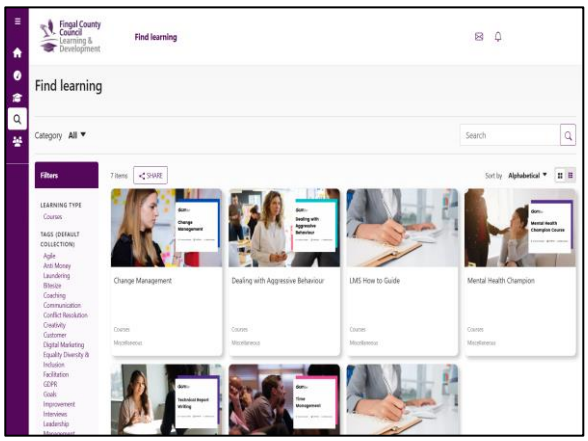
- **Learning Management System**
- **Smart Balbriggan**

New Learning Management System

People Services and Digital Services launched a new Learning Management System (LMS) this month. The system aims to enhance the learning and development experience for staff.

The benefits of the system include:

- User-Friendly Interface: Seamless navigation for an intuitive learning experience
- On-Demand Courses: Staff are encouraged to enroll in the courses available, learning at their own pace.
- Progress Tracking: Progress can be monitored through the tracking and reporting features.



Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan helped organise and support the Our Nature Festival in Balbriggan hosted by Balbriggan Tidy Towns.

15 Street Games were also developed in collaboration with local artists for the Family Fun Day in Balbriggan with Active Travel.

Smart Balbriggan also travelled with the street games to host them in Blanchardstown and Malahide during the Family Days for Bike Week across Fingal during the month.







COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website has 150,326 visitors during May which was an increase of 19,689 on the previous month while the number of page views rose by 39,079 to 337,993. The average time spent on the site rose by five seconds to 1 minute and 54 seconds.

Almost 21,000 people viewed the Affordable Housing section of the website during the month with the planning, recycling and jobs pages also experiencing a high volume of traffic.
The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels has risen to 97,094.

The Facebook account achieved a major milestone during May as it now has 40,309 followers, Its posts had a total of 2,032,627 views and a reach of 347,251 with 17,306 interactions which is an engagement rate of 5%.

The most popular post was on May 22 about Skerries Pier being closed. It had a reach of 93,511 with 408 interactions.

Instagram now has 14,034 followers and registered 393,470 views during May. Reach was 35,849 and there were 4,672 interactions which was an engagement rate of 13%. The most read post was about traffic arrangements in Balbriggan for the funeral of Garda Kevin Flatley which had a reach of 5,003 and 111 interactions.
The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,552. The engagement rate for May was 1% from 50,800 impressions.

The number of followers on X continues to reduce month on month and is now at 23,385 which is a reduction of 195 since the start of the year.

The growth of WhatsApp continued and this channel now has 3,217 followers.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,382), TikTok (1,046) and Bluesky (419).

Fourteen videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,750. Videos published included three from the Conscious Kitchen series as well as two road safety videos and videos on the Digging Drumanagh project and the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course graduation. Videos can be viewed at

https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos.



Press Releases

There were 28 press releases and media invitations issued during May. Topics included Blue Flags, Bathing Water Quality, Baldoyle Library and Kellystown Cemetery.

Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during May included questions about Dublin Airport, Cemetery Sunday, Swords Cultural Quarter, Schools Wardens, Flavours of Fingal and Donabate Library.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

'Fingal Tourism Together' Event



Around 50 tourism related Fingal businesses were formally welcomed by the Mayor to the inaugural business to business event 'Fingal Tourism Together' at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on 14th May, bringing together key stakeholders and businesses in the tourism, leisure and food sectors in Fingal. The event was a great success with lots of opportunity for informal and formal networking and briefings on the implementation of both the Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy as well as a very informative and well received presentation by award winning travel writer Nicola Brady.



Fingal Food Network



An invitation has issued to all food related businesses in the Fingal area to join the revamped Fingal Food Network that will be known as the 'Fingal Food Circle'. To date, 35 businesses have joined the network with representation from producers, cafes/restaurants and hotels. The committee has agreed on new branding and a logo for the network and this will be unveiled shortly and rolled out in the run up to Flavours of Fingal. A new map showing all members businesses and location will go into production shortly as part of the marketing drive for the network.

EVENTS

Swords Concerts 2025

Limited availability for The Boomtown Rats and Nathan Carter indicate a positive public interest and successful promotion. This could also suggest greater momentum for overall event attendance at future events. Tickets and all details can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie



Flavours of Fingal County Show

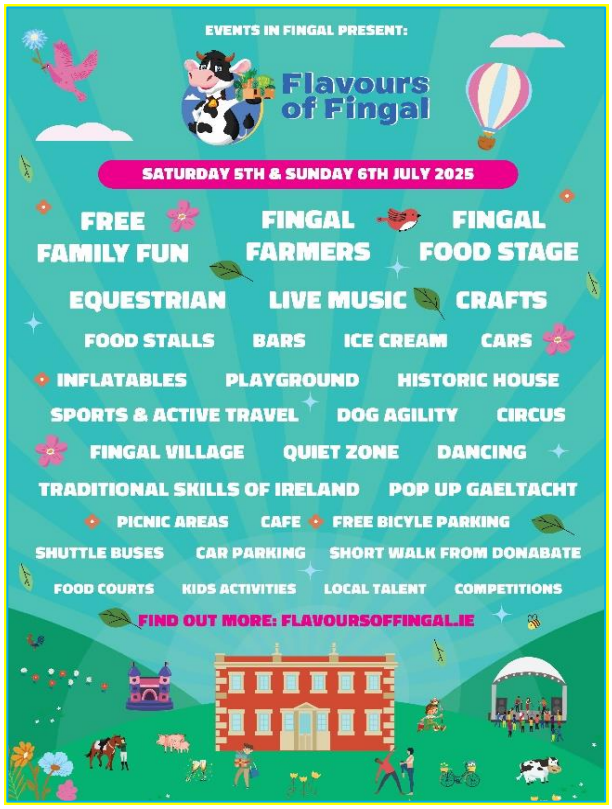
The Flavours of Fingal County Show is Fingal County Council's flagship annual event, attracting up to 70,000 visitors over two days. Held at the historic Newbridge House and Farm, this vibrant free family fun festival seamlessly blends agriculture, Equestrian food, culture, and community spirit.

Delivered by Fingal County Council in partnership with key stakeholders, the show features everything from local artisan produce and livestock displays to live entertainment, kids' activities, and interactive exhibitions. Best of all—it's free to enter, with no charge for activities, making it one of Ireland's most accessible large-scale events.

At the Flavours of Fingal County Show, Fingal County Council proudly showcases its wide range of services in the dedicated Fingal Village marquee.

This interactive space is led by the Communication Unit allows members of the public to engage directly with staff from across the Council's departments, learn about ongoing initiatives, and discover the full scope of services that support communities across the county.

From environment, active travel, sports, arts to community development, tourism, libraries, emergency services, and more — the Fingal Village marquee is a central hub for information, engagement, and innovation.



Festival & Events Funding – May/June Allocations

Fingal County Council is pleased to announce that €244,325 in Festival and Events Funding has been allocated to a wide range of community groups, cultural organisations, sports clubs, and local initiatives across the county for the months of May and June.

These grants support the delivery of festivals, events, and activities that enhance community life, celebrate local culture, and contribute to Fingal's vibrant event calendar.

Funding recipients include:

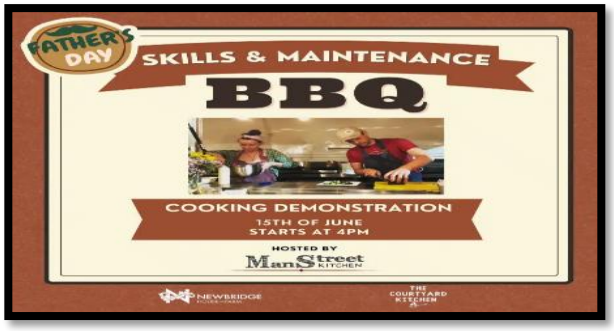
- Skerries Camera Club
- Ballyboughal Community Council
- Broadmeadow Community Garden
- Swords Celtic F.C
- Leinster Branch Irish Pipe Band Association
- Balbriggan Tidy Towns
- Malahide Tidy Towns
- Baldoyle Forum CLG
- Fingal Ravens Gaelic Football Club
- Irish Institute of Music and Song
- The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival Committee
- Visit Howth Peninsula
- Naul Community Council
- Skerries Rowing Club
- Skerries Ukulele Strummers
- Skerries Tourism
- Howth Yacht Club
- Children 4 World Children (C4WC) CLG
- MIND Ireland
- St Luke's Community & Family Group
- Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club
- Greater Cochin Club
- Balbriggan and District Historical Society
- BORD CHONTAE ATHA CLIATH COMHALTAS
- The Seamus Ennis Centre
- Danse Fusion
- Fingal Rowing Club
- Castleknock Village Festival Committee
- Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival
- Ballyboughal Boxing Club
- Skerries Sailing Club
- Skerries Mills Community Garden
- Bronze Events
- Lusk Action Group
- Lusk AC
- Fingal Triathlon Club
- Volleyball Ireland
- Currachaí na Sceirí
- St Lawrence Pipe Band Howth
- Skerries Traditional Music Weekend
- Balbriggan LGBTQ
- Balbriggan Summerfest
- Courtlough Outdoors Adventures Ltd t/a Flynn Park
- Skerries Mid-Summer Festival

This diverse group of awardees reflects Fingal's commitment to supporting inclusive, community-led events that promote economic development, well-being, creativity, accessibility and cultural diversity.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House and Farm

The Courtyard Kitchen will host another BBQ workshop with Man Street Kitchen on the 15th June. This event will cover barbecue maintenance and smoking techniques together with a live cooking demo.



Afterwards the attendees will enjoy slow-cooked food and drinks. This limited-space event is a perfect Father's Day treat, booking is essential.

Malahide Castle

A recent structural assessment of the roof at South Lodge, located at the main entrance to the demesne, has identified significant issues with the condition and stability of the roof slates. The inspection revealed that the nails securing the slates are rusting, causing several slates to slip from their fixings which now poses a safety risk.



Hoarding has been erected to the front of property to ensure public safety. A works package has been prepared with costings currently being prepared by the Architects Department.

Swords Castle



Over 2,500 people attended the second of the summer food markets that took place in Swords Castle on Saturday, 17th May. Bathed in glorious sunshine, visitors enjoyed the great atmosphere of the bustling market with lots of opportunities for the whole family to enjoy weekend browsing and relaxing with tasty treats under colourful new gazebos and beanbags dotted around the site.

Ardgillan Castle



The Board of Ardgillan Castle Limited has agreed to invest over €100k in improving the heritage offering at Ardgillan Castle. They are in discussion with an interpretation design consultancy who will create a more contemporary and creative experience that brings the tour to life and attracts a new audience. It is anticipated that the tour upgrade will be completed by the end of the year.

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CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts Development

Youth & Education

Space Crafts is a two-year arts & science initiative engaging over 200 children across eight primary schools in Dublin 15. This month artists Mary Jo Galligan, Julie MacConville and Aileen Murphy, together with scientist Sadhbh Leahy of Dunsink Observatory and pupils of Scoil Oilibhéir, collaborated to create individual cyanotype prints and an astonishing large scale fabric piece inspired by the curious figure-eight pattern that traces the sun's annual path through the sky known as the 'analemma'.



Public Art

Adam Gibney - Tidal Composition 1 - Fall and Rise Balbriggan Library, borrow a S.A.L.I.E -On Thursday 15th May,



Fingal Arts Office extended an invitation to experience the culmination of *Tidal Composition 1: Fall and Rise* an artwork by Adam Gibney. Central to this project is the SALIE (Sound and Light Interactive Emitter) network - a technological bridge between the Irish Sea and our inner emotional landscapes.

The new artwork was launched as part of this years 'Hello How Are You?' Event organised by Thrive Balbriggan in conjunction with partner organisations and individuals. Adam worked with Thrive Balbriggan and Empower to facilitate engagement with their WRAP Programme participants who brought the SALIE's and the calming, meditative properties of the sea into their homes.



Library members are invited to borrow one of the S.A.L.I.E artworks for 1 week. It comes complete with logbook and user information so that you can bring the calming effects of the sea into their space and engage in its meditative benefits until the June 6th.



Hide FM Podcast

The hide FM podcast is a work of art by artist Garrett Phelan. It takes the form of 28 imagined and performed monologues on 28 birds that are visitors to the Rogerstown Estuary, Lusk, North County Dublin, Ireland. 12 of the 28 birds he features are on the endangered RED list. 10 of the birds are on the endangered AMBER list and 6 are on the GREEN LIST.

The HIDE FM - Podcast IS NOT REAL. It is an 'IMAGINED, PERFECT' landscape. Each week we will release a podcast that will focus on one bird from the area.



Creative Places Balbriggan

A strategy workshop was held in May with the Arts Office team to work on the vision and main pillars of work of the Creative Places Balbriggan programme for 3 years. The main pillars of work will be Youth, Climate and Creative Industries. The coordinator also attended the Creative Places Network support meeting in the Arts Council, the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards and supported the opening of "On the Altar of The Arts 2025" local art exhibition in Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan featuring work from 22 local artists.



Loughshinny Boathouse Artist Studio Award Closing event

'Scríobhtar é sna Carraigeacha / It's Written in the Rocks' took place on 12th May and celebrated the outcomes of artist Louis Haugh's residency which was designed to enable an artist to reflect on climate change, biodiversity and the coastal habitats of the area.

Featuring an open studio exhibition showcasing a collection of artworks created during the residency in response to Loughshinny's biodiversity and geology, each piece reflected Louis Haugh's deep engagement with the coastal environment and the local community throughout his residency.

Visitors also had the opportunity to take part in walk and talk sessions led by environment experts to discuss the unique biodiversity and geology of Loughshinny. Dr. Quentin Crowley, Prof. of Geology and Director of the Centre for the Environment Trinity College Dublin led an engaging talk on the area's geological features and Fingal County Council's Executive Biodiversity Officer, Lorraine Bull's session on the shoreline offered visitors valuable insights into Loughshinny's coastal biodiversity.

There was over 70 people in attendance.



Awards and residencies

Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print residency award open for applications from 19th May-27th June 2025. Graphic Studio Dublin, are offering two Fine-Art Print Residencies. It is planned that the two-week residencies will take place in Autumn/Winter 2025/2026 at a date to be agreed with the artists.



The Age & Opportunity and Tyrone Guthrie Centre residency award 2025 applications open 12th May-9th June at 5:00pm. This residency award offers a professional visual artist and a professional writer over the age of 50+ the opportunity to research or develop new work. Recipients will receive two separate 2-week long residencies (1 month total per artist) including a small stipend. The residency must take place between July and December 2025.

Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award opens 3rd June. This offers a 4-month paid Studio Residency in Draíocht's Artist Studio for the period September to December 2025. This Residency consists of the use of Draíocht's Visual Artist's Studio for the period above rent free in addition to a fee of €4,000 and €1,000 towards material costs.

Draíocht

Our May/June programme is full with a variety and range of events that we are known for, on offer to the public. Performances such as Vladimir Jablokov, Neil Delamere, David O'Doherty, and Shane Daniel Byrne all selling out. Our film programme is growing in audience numbers with films from Ireland, Brazil, France and the USA included. We have increased our theatre offering over May/June including presenting 'Baby' by Dublin 15 writer, Aisling O'Mara. Our programme of showcasing end of year shows from Dublin 15 schools of music/dance/drama continues, giving those children and young people the opportunity to perform on the stage of their local arts centre. We also have work presented by the Romanian and Indian communities, encouraging those communities to engage with us and the arts.

Our current exhibition, 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan ends on May 3rd. One outcome of this, is that Rich Gilligan will mentor an emerging Dublin 15 artist, Tobi Bello, for the remainder of 2025. Tobi works in photography and painting. Her mentorship with Rich will focus on her photography practice and will look at areas such as portfolio development and ethics in photographic portraiture. Our next Exhibition 'Navigating Space' is by Dublin 15 print artist, Maria Atanackovic. This opens on June 11th and runs until September 20th.

Our artist support programme is at capacity. Dafe Orgubo, an artist we worked with on NEST, is creating a new show for children, with Draíocht's support. His latest residency with us included a work in progress showing. Favour Odusala has been awarded our annual Centre Culturel Irlandais Residency. This facilitates an artist have a month-long Residency in Paris. It is a partnership between CCI and Draíocht, with both partners contributing financially to same.

The children/youth arts programme at Draíocht is continuing to both bring work outside the walls of Draíocht as well facilitating events in the building. Tours, workshops and family days are just some of the events taking place. Our landmark Toddler Takeover Event takes place on May 15th with a Sensory Day for local invited schools taking place on the 16th May.

The demand for tickets for TTO is overwhelming. We increased the capacity again this year but sold all 460 tickets over three hours when booking opened.



Our membership of venue Networks continues, including that of the Fingal venue Network which provides for exchange of information and expertise.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

May was a busy month for the Arts Centre, with a full programme of events covering traditional music, theatre, cinema, comedy and the visual arts.

Music

Within traditional music, the Céilí Beag continues its success with 24 parents and toddlers being introduced to a different traditional instrument each week. The Pop-Up Gaeltacht, Singing Sessions (29 in person, 13 online) and Slow Sessions (24 in person, 19 online) continued to support both learners and those more experienced in engaging with the Irish language, instruments and song. We welcomed Quilty with Andy Irvine and Alannah Thornburgh & Macdara O Faolain for two intimate performances and ended the month with a commemoration event for Seamus Ennis featuring music and film.
Kimmie Rhodes and Shelton & Williams rounded out the music for the month, along with two music events for seniors as part of Bealtaine.



Theatre, Cinema & Comedy

We welcomed Frankie Cafferty and his play Lisdoon Nirvana, directed by Charlie Bonner on May 9, which featured live music by Cafferty.
Cinema this month ranged from the Iranian My Favourite Cake, to the Latin American/US La Cocina and Italian Cinema Paradiso. An international journey for all visitors.
Rounding out the month was a night of hilarity with David McSavage.

Visual Arts

We were delighted to host the Graphic Studio Dublin Exhibition, Home, drawn from a partnership with the Simon Community. A fascinating Talk & Print demonstration took place within the gallery, explaining some of the numerous processes involved in printmaking. The exhibition closes on May 31st.



We hosted a sold-out Mosaic Workshop and a sun-filled Food Fair, with produce from across Fingal (flowers, vegetables, fish, craft and cakes). Our next exhibition will open on June 4th and will feature Triona Sweeney and Elaine O'Dea (Art and Sculpture).

Libraries

Baldoyle Library re-opens



The Renovated Baldoyle Library was officially reopened to the public by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian McDonagh on 23rd May after substantial renovation works over the past months. The renovation modernised the library to serve the needs of the community in Baldoyle into the future. Baldoyle Library is one of the first public buildings in the Council's stock to be decarbonised by retrofitting it with a heat pump. Renovations include upgraded computer rooms and desk areas, seating areas for reading, a children's activity room, and a sensory garden. The works also include a suite of energy efficiency improvements. The My Open Library service has resumed, providing patrons with access to library services from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week.

Library Development

The (re) development Skerries and Donabate (Ballisk House) Libraries continue, progressing in line with current plans and expected to open to the public in the coming months.

Cruinniú na nÓg



Creative Fingal presents Cruinniú na nÓg - a day of free creativity for young people on Saturday, 7th June. The programme is responding to the creative interests of young people living in Fingal as expressed in the Voice of The Child Survey, and includes creative writing workshops, author and illustrator visits, coding classes, magic shows, circus performers, and much more. Events will take place across all library branches, while Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries will each host a 'Carnival of Curiosity'.

This year's Cruinniú late event is 'We Own the Castle', an evening of performances from young talent in music, and poetry hosted by Fingal Libraries and Garageland Galaxyz for a teenage audience. The Draíocht Arts Centre will host Shapes & Structures – Creative Response Space, a relaxed environment for parents and children to engage in creative play. Selma Daniel Dance will present 'OutWall', an immersive dance experience. The Walls Project from Waterford Walls will encourage young people to design and paint murals. Author and Illustrator Chris Judge will unveil Fingal Future Visions, a time capsule art project he designed with four Fingal schools to see what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now.

My Little Library Bag



The My Little Library Bag is a national initiative designed for all children who will be starting school in September 2025. Its goal is to provide each child with a specially prepared bag containing two books and the opportunity to become a library member. Children and families can now collect their My Little Library Bag from all Fingal Library branches.

Guide to Resources for Primary Schools

Fingal Libraries has produced a guide for teachers, educators, parents and guardians of children in Fingal, highlighting its free resources for primary schools and students. The guide, Fingal Libraries: Free Resources for Primary Schools, is available to view and download on the Fingal Libraries website. Hard copies are also available in library branches.

Pride Events

Balbriggan Library is celebrating Pride month in June with two author talks. Playwright Phillip McMahon will be in conversation with journalist Una Mullally about his play 'Once Before I Go' on 11th June. Author Páraic Kerrigan will speak about his work and share stories of trailblazers and change makers in Irish society, drawing on oral history and archival evidence on 14th June.

Bealtaine Festival



The Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity for older adults, ran in Fingal Libraries throughout the month of May. Events and workshops included literary readings, live music, poetry workshops, film screenings, glass etching, wreath-making, painting, calligraphy, embroidery, cyanotype photography, intergenerational arts and crafts workshops, and a beginners' bodhrán course, as well as a selection of interesting talks. Older people in Fingal responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to express their creativity and learn a new skill.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Events to celebrate Dublin Climate Action Week took place in several libraries between 12th – 18th May. Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers gave a talk on how community gardens can mitigate the effects of climate change. Self Help Africa delivered a workshop on ethical fashion to transition year students in Balbriggan Library. A Codema Home Energy advice pop-up clinic took place in Malahide Library to assist members of the public in using the home energy saving kits available from libraries.

Africa Day



Balbriggan Library celebrated Africa Day with a family-friendly music event featuring musician Darren Rogers and John Nukepor. Dr. Olusegun Morakinyo gave a lecture on the intersecting histories of Africa and Ireland. An exhibition of pictures of African collections from the National Museum of Ireland and the National Museum of Northern Ireland will run in the library until 13th June. Blanchardstown Library hosted an in-conversation event with three writers, Melatu Uche Okorie, Neo Florence Gilson, and Gonchigkhand Byambaa, moderated by Evelyn Nomayo.

Outreach at Swords Castle Food Market

Fingal Libraries hosted the 'chapel programme' at the new Swords Castle Food Market on Saturday, 17th May. Library staff spoke with members of the public about all the services libraries have to offer. Anna Browne gave a talk on seed saving, and children's author Shane Hegarty read from his work, engaging children of all ages.

Economic Development
Fingal Skills Strategy

FUTURE FINGAL: FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

EETCD continues to support and drive the actions outlined in Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, to develop Fingal's skills ecosystem, working in partnership with the SSIG and Industry Subgroups.

Meetings are scheduled for Q2 with the Transport & Logistics, Green-Skills and Construction skills to explore and discuss opportunities to promote skills development in these sectors with key education and industry stakeholders.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Under Theme 2 of the Strategy the Xplore Your Future Expo is a key deliverable, and planning is underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools. The Expo is scheduled to take place in The Helix, DCU on the 14th of October 2025, building on the success of the last two TY Skills Expo Events.

This year's edition is set to be the largest yet with over 2500 students from across Fingal registered to attend.



Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)



The "Xplore Your Future" Student Skills Competition" derived from participation in the Intereg SKYLA Project and good practice learnings and is an initiative of the "Xplore Your Future" TY Students Skills Expo.

Fingal secondary school students/teams are invited to research/explore and market potential career opportunities in specified industry sectors. The current competition is focusing on the Construction and Transport & Logistics sectors. Teams must identify at least five careers with their chosen sector, document their research methodology and create marketing content to promote these career paths to their peers.

The aim of the competition is to create awareness and understanding amongst secondary school children/teachers of the potential career paths and opportunities, fostering and building a future skills pipeline for key industry sectors within the Fingal economy.

Interreg Skyla Project

Fingal continues to participate in the SKYLA partnership, representing seven regions to enhance VET's role in innovation ecosystems, strengthen links between SMEs and VET providers, and boost regional capacity to anticipate and meet skills needs.
Reporting on the policy instrument improvement was submitted in May outlining the adoption of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy which includes details on improvements made to Strategy as a result of learning from the good practices of the partners.



In June the project team will take part in the SKYLA webinar - Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition Regional Pathways to Inclusive Growth and Innovation. and present on the Fingal Skills Strategy.

Bi-Lateral Exchange

Fingal in collaboration with DCU & DRSF are hosting a bi-lateral exchange visit with SKYLA project partner Skåne, Sweden in June 2025. The exchange will focus on Fingal's good practice "Spotlight on Skills" from DRSF/EI and the "STinT programme" from DCU.

STEM Teacher Internship Programme
A Dublin City University Initiative to inspire Innovative Learning

Regional Skills DUBLIN
Partnerships for Skills

URBACT–EcoCore

The EcoCore Project
Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

Fingal County Council continues to lead and drive 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 strategic transport corridors.

Reporting on activities in 2024 have been submitted to the URBACT Secretariat.



The EcoCore Project team visited Alba Iulia, Romania from the 19th-22nd of May for the project network meeting where partners conducted peer reviews of each cities Integrated Action Plans (IAPs).



The network meeting included site visits to local industries showcasing their work in digital and green sectors, including Delex, who have designed and constructed the only carbon neutral building in Romania.

The group also visited IPEC, one of the top 5 producers of ceramics in the world who haven implemented robotics on the production line.



A key deliverable of meeting was to participate in the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) peer review workshop, where project partners comprehensively reviewed and critiqued each other's Integrated Action Plans. Balbriggan IAP received constructive feedback which is being incorporated into the draft IAP which will be presented to the URBACT Local Group (ULG) for their input at the next ULG meeting scheduled for the 19th of June.



EETCD presented at the second annual joint URBACT-European Urban Initiative Irish information session in Custom House on the 1st of May. The event was organised by EMRA (Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, the national contact point entity for URBACT and EUI in Ireland.

This was a great opportunity for Fingal showcase our participation in an EUI City to City Exchange Project with other Local Authority representatives and to highlight our position as the first Local Authority in Ireland to lead an URBACT project.

Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

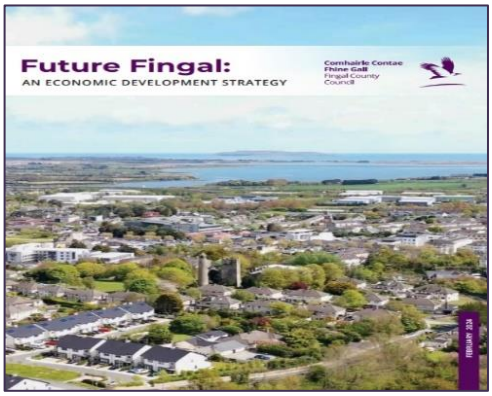


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

Following public consultation, the public submissions received on the Framework Plan are under review for the preparation of the Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members. An update on progress was delivered in a briefing to the Elected Members on the 26th May 2025.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Future Fingal: Fingal Economic Development Strategy.



Sustainable Fingal

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL
An initiative of Fingal County Council



In collaboration with Fingal Chamber and as part of Climate Action Week (12-16th May), EETCD is hosted a series of four one-hour Business Sustainability Briefings throughout Fingal for the food and hospitality sector with Amy Irwin from Conscious Kitchens as the key guest speaker.

The events focussed on sustainable business practices for the food and hospitality sector in Fingal and informed businesses to implement waste reduction and sustainable food practices to help them achieve both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable business practices.

This was a great opportunity for business in the food and hospitality sector to learn sustainable business practices and hear from other Fingal food businesses about their sustainability journeys.



Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

Procurement is nearing completion for the provision of consultancy services to prepare Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainable Strategy which will complement and support Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. The Strategy will have an external focus on providing support to existing businesses in Fingal to encourage the incorporation of sustainability measures into operating business models and collaboration as the County transitions to a more circular economy model across all business sectors and operating in partnership with local communities.

EETCD continues to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential collaborative sustainable projects. An application to a competitive funding call to Peaceplus to fund a project on district heating was unsuccessful stakeholders will examine other funding opportunities to advance the project and to explore funding opportunities for projects in the area of biodiversity and the circular economy.

Circular Cities

EETCD has joined the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) Community of Practice on Supporting Local Circular Businesses and participated in the first working group on the 21st of May.

The working group is comprised of 12 European cities, a diverse representation from Cities & Regions. Fingal County Council is the only Irish participant.

The first meeting marks the beginning of a collaborative journey where participants will exchange insights, explore challenges and co-develop strategies to collaborate with businesses, mobilise resources, and scale circular solutions at the local level.
As Fingal County Council is a signatory of Circular Cities Declaration, we continue to engage with the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative.

Following the EcoCore Hackathon held in October 2025, EETCD and Smart Balbriggan are progressing with a feasibility study on the winning concept to examine the potential for a Circular Economy Hub and Digital Platform.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC)



The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership continues to meet regularly to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy and to advance the DBEC work programme.

EETCD is working with DBEC to lead on an application for funding to InterTrade Ireland for the development of an innovation support programme, building on the work that Fingal lead on for DBEC in 2023 for a Feasibility Study on Innovation Support and funded by the Shared Island Fund.

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 met on 28th May 2025 and focused on LECP Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 9th July 2025.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 was €2,036,355.06 which included a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The 2025 budget allocations are outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

- **SICAP Budget 2025 -** €1,568,717.00
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025 -** €375,372.00

DRCD is seeking proposals for additional New Arrivals Funding by the 30th May and an application for additional funding for Fingal has been submitted.

The mid-year SICAP review is scheduled to take place in June for the LCDC's review and approval in July.

Pobal delivered finance and IRIS training on 22nd May to LCDC support staff in advance of the submission date.

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 29th April 2025 and approved 8 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 17th June 2025.

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 or contact rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal applied 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. 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.



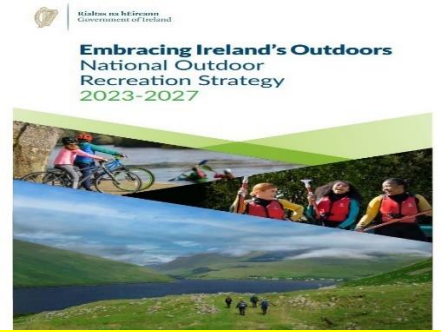
Fingal County Council was allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

The Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Current Funding Scheme was held on 27th January 2025, followed by the Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Capital Funding Scheme on 28th January 2025.

All proposed funding has now been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for final approval and notifications will be issued to all applicants when allocations are approved by DRCD.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), developed under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee, was presented at the April Council Meeting and has been submitted to DRCD.



Applications under the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development were submitted in March 2025.

2 applications were submitted under the **Project Development Measure** for feasibility studies for water-based sports facilities on the Royal Canal and a greenway linking Balrothery to Ardgillan Castle.

4 applications were submitted under **Measure 1** for swim shelters in Rush, Skerries & Donabate and for a play trail in Rush.

1 application for the Fingal Camino project was submitted under **Measure 2.**

1 application for improvement works around the Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under **Measure 3**.

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Healthy Steps

Healthy Fingal is developing three walking initiatives in Balbriggan, Donabate, and Dublin 15 under the "Healthy Steps" project, with support from the HSE, Empower and Fingal's Sports Office. These community-based walks allow GPs and healthcare professionals to refer patients, promoting both physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Donabate walk has been running successfully for the past two years as part of the Woodlands for Health initiative, which supports mental health through nature-based activity. This walk will continue under the same name and like the walk in Millennium Park and Balbriggan is now open to referrals through Healthy Steps.



Smoke Free Homes Challenge

The Smoke Free Homes Challenge has expanded to include both Ladyswell National School and Corduff Senior National School. Delivered by Healthy Fingal, the HSE, and Empower, the programme encourages families to make their homes and cars smoke-free. A fun colouring/drawing competition took place in both schools with information on signing up to the Smoke Free Homes Challenge sent out to all student homes. To date, 57 families have signed up to the initiative, which will take place over 4 weeks in June, with parents receiving support materials and information on maintaining a smoke free home/car and signposting participants towards quit smoking supports in the community.



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 €1,813,912 for 26 projects across Fingal with €1.5 million claimed to date.

While most projects have been completed the remaining projects were granted extensions by the DRCD and are in the process of closing. EETCD continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

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 is 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 funding of c. €630,000 in August 2024:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building
- Accessible Transport Project CLG- Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation

Application Window 2:
7 community projects in Fingal received funding of c €596,000 in February 2025:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club Astroturf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astroturf Resurfacing (€50,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing



Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November with a submission deadline in December 2024.



Project proposals have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), and we are now awaiting approval.

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 now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Council approved the lease of BASE and Drinan Enterprise Centres to Innovate Fingal at the April Council Meeting. An official launch event for Innovate Fingal will be scheduled in Q3 2025.

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 local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar.

The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.

After a mid-point governance review in 2024 the Rejuvenation programme horizon was extended to 2030, to bring it in line with the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF), supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg formally adopted a set of new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 – 2030 and has now moved to implementation phase. The Leadership Group are scheduled to meet next on June 25th with Pillar Groups scheduled to meet during May/June to progress Action Workplans.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work is progressing on schedule, on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area which is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 2 Works have been completed including Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and Riverbed & Mill Street upgrades. Phase 3 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, the new public toilets are constructed to roof level, with work to begin shortly on the construction of a new roof. The new harbour building and kiosks are being progressed with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Phase 4 will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, with substantial completion of the Toilet Block & Kiosk and Harbour Buildings.





The planting of trees on the south-side of the new redeveloped plaza area has been completed, this follows the planting of 20 additional trees around the Quay Street Car Park area and along the adjoining River Bracken.

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



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.

On receipt of stage gate 2 permission from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Unit, Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government, tender documentation will be released to market in Q3 2025.



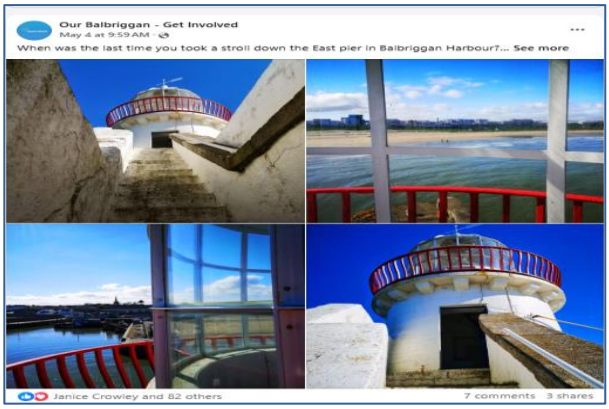
An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained have been incorporated into the pre-design report which has been submitted to FCC for review.

The Programme Office is currently reviewing a Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform, prepared by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, including options and costings.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office 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 in Q2 2026. An application was submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme in March to support costs associated with the scheme and its environs.



A Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD was published on Consult.ie on May 9th to May 30th The proposed scheme includes a Half MUGA, and other outdoor equipment including seating. The scheme in conjunction with FCC Sports, Community & Operations Teams is in response to an identified need for amenities in North West Balbriggan.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 13,000+ followers across its 5 social media 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.

These were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the possibility of a farmers' market.

A feasibility study is currently being completed regarding the potential of a farmers' market, and a request for tender process has commenced in relation to the Central Parks project.



Discussions regarding a new town team are ongoing and this is expected to be finalised soon.

Town Centre First – Balrothery

Following on from the recent completion of a Town Centre First Health Check report, a meeting was held on the 15th of May with prospective members of the new town team for Balrothery to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and future government funding possibilities. Finalisation of the new town team structure for Balrothery is expected to take place before the end of May, with its inaugural meeting expected to take place in June.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A Town Centre First Health Check report has been completed for Ballyboughal. A meeting was subsequently held on the 14th of May with potential members to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and possibilities for future government funding. The town team is expected to be finalised before the end of May, with it's inaugural meeting will is expected take place in June.



Town Centre First – Donabate

Similar to Balrothery and Ballyboughal, a Town Centre First Health Check report has also been completed for Donabate and a meeting was held on the 20th of May regarding composition of the new town team and draft terms of reference, as well as future government funding possibilities. It is expected that the new town team will hold its inaugural meeting in June.



Town Centre First – Rush

The Town Centre First capacity process continues to move forward in Rush, with workshops held on 07 May and 19 May, to identify areas of need and corresponding actions which the town team will focus on when established. Additional workshops are scheduled for June.





Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under the Town & Village Renewal 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. Both projects are on scheduled to be completed by October 2025.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in March. The Town Regeneration Office has sought Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups. Fingal has communicated the new scheme through their website and social media channels throughout April and May 2025, and will continue to do so until the closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest on June 13th 2025. Additional information, including the Expression of Interest form, is available on www.fingal.ie .



Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. 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. Nine applications have been approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage improvement.

Letters of Offer have been issued to successful applicants and improvement works will be carried out over the coming months.



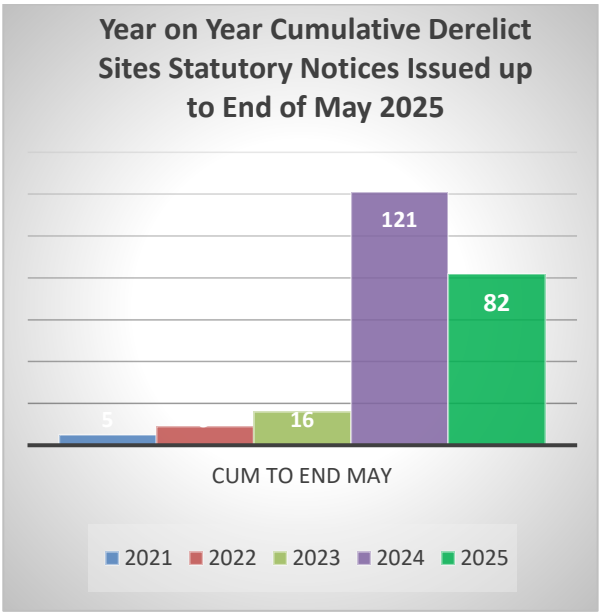
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

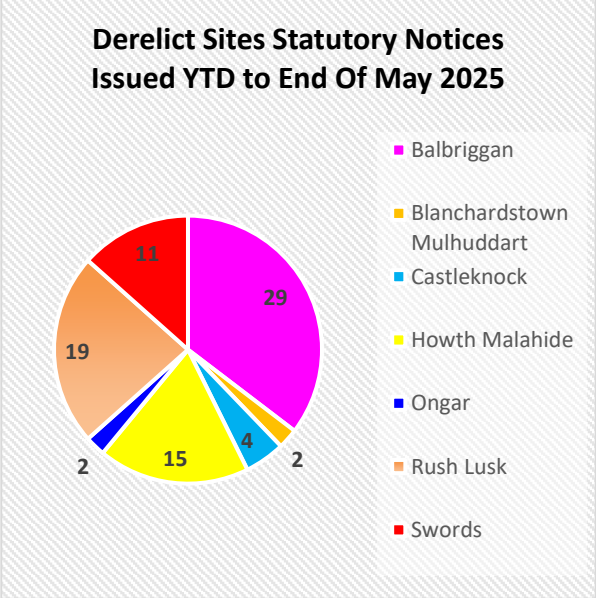
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

An options report has now been received from the designated consultant, and is currently being reviewed.

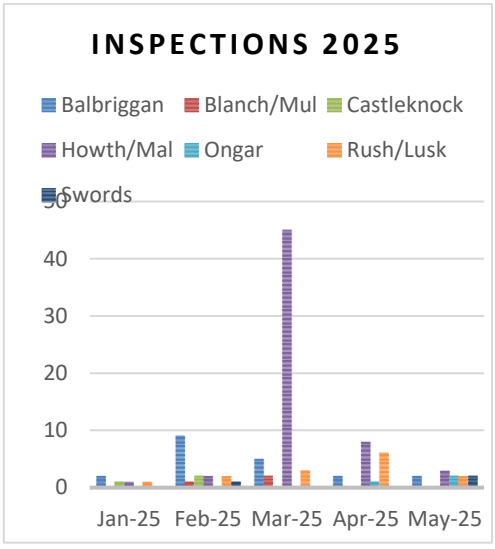
Derelict Sites

82 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 11 derelict sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register.





There has been a total of 105 inspections carried out year to date through referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



The Derelict Sites team continues to focus on engagement with the owners of these derelict sites and will continue 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

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for May 2025 are as follows:

National Enterprise Awards 2025



The National Enterprise Awards is a national competition in which the finalists from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas compete for the National awards. This year, **Cuty Gupta from Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd** represented Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House on 22nd May 2025. LEO Fingal is proud to announce that Cozmotec has been named the Dublin Region Winner and are acknowledged as a standout business in Dublin. Cozmotec are leading the way in providing business process automation and AI-driven solutions. LEO Fingal are also delighted to announce that **Tom Keogh**, founder of **Keogh's Crisps** scooped the Outstanding Achievement Award at the National Enterprise Awards.

Local Enterprise Office Fingal is delighted to have provided support to both Cozmotec and Keogh's Crisps, the LEO Fingal team are working hard to ensure that Cozmotec continue to get the support they need as they grow their business internationally. While Keogh's Crisps, led by Tom Keogh, who transformed his family's 200-year-old farming legacy into an internationally recognised crisp brand, employing over 150 people in Fingal will continue to receive support from Enterprise Ireland as they grow from strength to strength.

Several Fingal-based businesses have achieved success in the National Enterprise Awards over recent years. Last year, PRM Assist Ltd won the Dublin Region award, in 2023 Cream of the Crop Ltd won the Green/Sustainability Award, while in 2022, Farmony, clinched the Dublin Region award. Other previous National Winners from Fingal included Kianda in Blanchardstown, Hope Beer in Howth, flight simulation company "Simtech Aviation", as well as software companies "Vromo" and "IFS Ltd." from Dublin 15.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network





The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) - Resilient by Design event on May 23rd, 2025, was a great success, bringing together women entrepreneurs for an engaging fireside chat with Dr. Rosalind Beere. The discussion explored resilient leadership, financial confidence, and work-life balance, offering valuable perspectives and actionable insights. The event fostered meaningful connections, with a networking lunch providing an excellent opportunity for participants to continue conversations and build lasting relationships.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing on May 7th, which had 95 registrants, the next session is scheduled for June 4th at the RIASC Centre, Kinsealy. The May event saw strong engagement from local business owners, with attendees benefiting from expert guidance on training, mentorship, and grants. Interest in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops continues to grow, and the upcoming briefing will provide even more opportunities to access valuable support. The LEO Fingal team will once again offer Q&A sessions and one-on-one consultations, helping participants take the next steps in their business journey.

Food Sectoral Supports

The latest Dublin regional Food Starter course began on 19th May led by LEO Fingal, and is fully online to suit availability of our busy food producers. The programme is already booked out due to the high demand for this type of training. LEO Fingal welcomed participants and highlighted availability of supports including funding and Energy Efficiency Grants as well as Digital Programmes.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 4 projects for funding at its May meeting, bringing to €418,695 the total approved year to date 2025, for 22 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 2nd of July 2025.

Management Development



The latest Leadership for Business Acceleration programme concluded on May 7th. Participants now have a couple of months to work on their business plan and submit for review by the course providers. The current cohort will graduate and receive a certificate at the opening of the next course which is on 25th September 2025.

The 8-week programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin & Fingal area to grow their businesses and expand. It allows owners time to plan and build a strategy which will carry them through the next 3 years while building their network and learning new skills in the areas of business management, finance and marketing. The next programme commences on Thursday 25th September at the Carlton Hotel and will be open for bookings shortly.

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.
This year there has seen strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Seven companies have been approved year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

Two Success Story videos have been produced to highlight the benefits of this grant. Stories by Ola (Balbriggan) and PJ's Party & Childcare (Balbriggan). In addition, LEO Fingal team presented details of the Energy Efficiency Grant at Climate Action Week on 12th – 19th May in Swords, Blanchardstown, Howth & Malahide. Businesses were met with on an individual basis to discuss the grant and other supports available.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher scheme (now expired) supported 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. Before the scheme closed, a total of 45 applications were approved in 2025, in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed, and the LEO team will continue to process grant payments from applications approved before the closing date. Approved applicants have 6 months from the date on their Letter of Offer to draw down their voucher before it expires.

An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative has taken 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 2025 so far 288 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 130 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

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.

In 2024, LEO Fingal processed a record-breaking 45 applications and in 2025 year to date, a further 16 MFI loan applications have been processed. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 1848 participants year to date. There have been five Start Your Own Business courses with 60 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commences on 12th June for 10 weeks. The sixth Start Your Own Business course commences on 5th June 2025.

Internationalisation & Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets.

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. LEO Fingal has approved one application for this grant in the amount of €9,520 with several businesses currently working on submissions.

Export Development Programme



The Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is continuing 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 were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. Following stage 2 'Workshops' 60 businesses will now progress to the 'In Market Visit' stage of the programme which includes 7 Fingal businesses. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business



Leo Fingal have approved 33 Digital for Business programmes year to date at a cost of €70,200 and have also approved 2 Grow Digital Vouchers worth €7,160. The Digital Boost Webinar launched by LEO Fingal to educate prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital, has now been adopted throughout Dublin as a Regional event and will also be rolled out nationally to support the programmes. Another example of LEO Fingal collaborating with other LEO's to support our clients.

Lean for Business



Lean into working smarter, not harder!

Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – not just for manufacturing companies.

LEO Fingal supports approved clients with a consultant who use Lean tools and techniques that help companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. Six clients have been approved for this programme in 2025.

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Area Business Totals for February 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	492	54	54	11	0
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	258	117	27	9	1
Howth/Malahide	229	51	16	6	0
Total	**979**	**222**	**97**	**26**	**1**

Works Programme
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Rush

Planting on Shore Road, Rush.





Balrothery

Installation commenced at the Sports Capital funded Balrothery Tennis Club building.



Swords

Weed Removal from steps at Ward River Valley Park.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



New link path installed between Berwick Grove and Abbeyvale Grove.



New planter bed installed for Swords Tidy Towns.



Bin cleansing on Swords Main Street





Balbriggan

New drainage installed in Bremore Castle by Roads Crew ahead of resurfacing works.





Core sampling and testing of subgrade on Fancourt Road and Balbriggan Street (R127) ahead of resurfacing works on this year's Programme of Works.















Skerries

Footpath replacement programme Greenlawns, Skerries, part of the programme of works.



Beginning of perennial scheme at Skerries Mills



Harbours

Damage inspection at Skerries Harbour.



Preparation for remedial works on Skerries Harbour Pier ongoing, application for Foreshore Licence from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is urgently required to undertake primary works. Application submitted 18th December 2024, permit expected end of 2025.

Preliminary Dredge Assessment – Loughshinny Harbour

Initial surveys to include bathymetry, sediment sampling, trial pits, sub-surface sonar, preliminary structural review. Optimum dredge depth to be established.



Blue Flag Raising Event

A blue flag as well as a Green Coast Award was awarded to Donabate Beach again for the 2025 Bathing Season.





Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Malahide





Footpath Repairs Read Arches Baldoyle and Blackthorn Close Portmarnock as part of the 2025 POW.

Drainage Works



Replacement of Defective Drainage on Church Street and Harbour Road Howth as part of the 2025 POW.



Fly Tipping on Moyne Road.



Installation of new seasonal lifeguard huts in Howth/Malahide.

Cleansing, Beaches and Graveyards





Howth/Malahide beach cleaning.



New Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery to access the latest extension to the Cemetery.



Howth East Pier toilets deep clean and servicing.

Blue Flag Raising Event

A blue flag was awarded to Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock again for the 2025 Bathing Season.





Howth/Malahide Parks & Open Spaces
Malahide Demesne

Resurfacing Main Avenue



Front Gates before works commenced.



Laying new surface front gates.



Line Marking front gates.



Front gates complete.



Front Avenue before works.



Planting front Avenue.



Top dressing of concert site:







Hoarding around south lodge:



Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The Planning Event Licence has issued for the 2025 Malahide Concert Series.

The Acts and dates are as follows:

- 17th June - Charli xCx
- 25th June - Iron Maiden
- 26th June - Neil Young
- 28th June - Justin Timberlake
- 29th June - Alanis Morrissette
- 30th June - Duran Duran plus Nile Rodgers & Chic
- 4th July - Mumford & Sons

Meetings have been held with local residents and businesses in advance of the concerts.

Talbot Botanic Gardens



Marquees for Wedding West Lawn.



Bracteantha growing in Glasshouse for planting.



Planting Bracteantha in Australian Garden.

Open Spaces - Howth Pathways



Cleaning of the primary Howth pathway signage.

Resurfacing pathway on the Bog of Frogs





This area was extremely wet and slippery during rainy spells. Ballylusk and Greywack used in compliance with the biodiversity specification.

New communication boards installed for inclusive play.



Myrtle Square and Grace O'Malley MUGA and community gardens



Seabury Playground



All-inclusive Ability and Age See Saw



Establishing new community gardens, Howth.

St. Nessan's Terrace Community Gardens



This area was cleared of weeds and years of overgrowth, a stone surface was laid with hedging planted around the boundary. Raised beds for community gardening projects are planned for here.





St Nessan's Terrace Photos of Community Garden

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart Area

Darkness Into light Event St Catherine's Park Lucan Saturday 10th May 2025









Connect Events Millenium Park







Ash Die Back Tree Removal along Ongar Link Road

Please see attached ongoing Ash Die Back Tree removals along The Ongar link Road.





Dunsink Lane 10 m of new railing placed on Dunsink Lane

New 10M of Solid Bar railings placed on Dunsink Lane .





New Footpath laid at Community Garden in Tyrrelstown



New Footpath laid at Community Garden Tyrrelstown 12m



Park Avenue Park Benches

New replacement Park benches in Park Avenue



Surface water works Ongar Village





Tree works Huntstown Drive





Road markings Cappagh Road









Car Parking Services

Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

A second briefing with Fingal Councillors on the review of the Parking Control Bye-Laws took place on 12th May 2025. Councillors were presented with the proposed changes to the Bye-Laws, including proposals to introduce new Pay Parking locations, followed by a Q&A. The Draft Bye-Laws will go on display in June 2025 for public consultation and submissions.

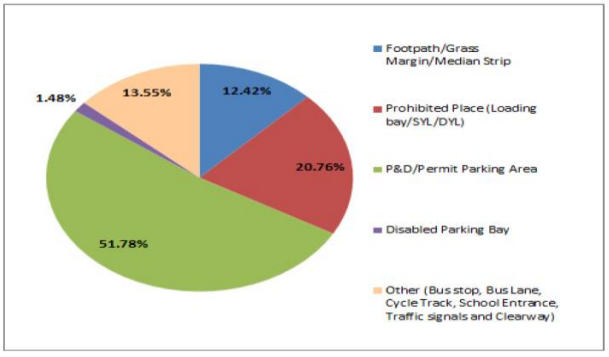
A meeting took place with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine on 25th March 2025 to discuss parking in Howth and to outline the proposals by the Council to introduce a pay parking scheme for Howth. A contractor has been appointed to design a scheme for the location, and a follow up meeting with DAFM has been arranged for 4th June 2025.

April 2025

There were a total of 1151 parking tickets issued during April 2025. Main Ticketing Locations:

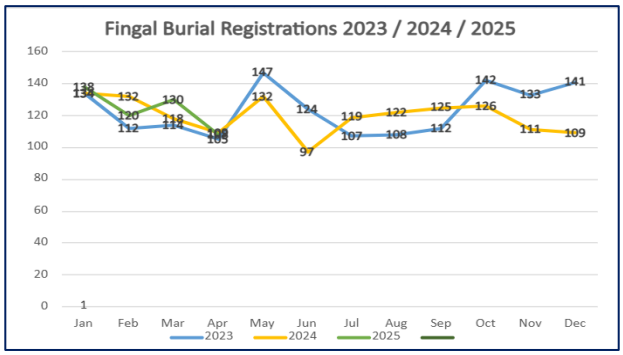
Location	Main Ticket Locations April 2025
North Street - Swords	101
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	75
Harbour Road - Skerries	53
Strand Street - Skerries	51
Main Street - Swords	44
South Strand Skerries	41
The Green - Malahide	38
Church Road - Malahide	34
Quay Street (short stay)Carpark - Balbriggan	34
High Street - Balbriggan	33

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Burial Ground Services

There were 108 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during April 2025.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction were appointed to construct the second phase. They commenced work on site in March and are expected to finish in December 2025.

The Council's Operations Department is fully funding the delivery of this project with €3.15m from the Council's agreed Capital Programme 2025-27 and will take over the operation of the new cemetery when it opens in early 2026.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Balbriggan – Works have commenced on the installation of a signalized pedestrian crossing in the Stephenstown area near Bremore Educate Together Secondary School, Balbriggan.



Rush- Upgrade works at the existing signalized junction between Park Road and Knightsgate Avenue to improve vehicle movement and traffic flow.



Howth Malahide Area

New Speed readers and traffic signage for Coill Dubh Court -Malahide





Below: New Lining and Bollards Old Street and Strand Road – Malahide





Above: Bollard replacement and new road Markings at junction of Old Street and Malahide Road.

Howth–Malahide–Other ongoing traffic upgrades – Planning related

Below Works ongoing to Back Road/Malahide Road junction upgrade including new four way signalised junction.



Below : New Zebra Crossing for Red Arches Avenue (Baldoyle Racecourse Development)



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Signals – Wellview





Zebra crossings in Wellview made operational.

Signs – Ongar





F204 signs installed in two parking bays in Ongar Village

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

83 Plant Hires were put in place from 30/04/2025 to 26/05/2025, engaging 19 suppliers.





A New Tractor, McCormick X7.618, was purchased for the Roads Department in Coolmine.

Public Lighting

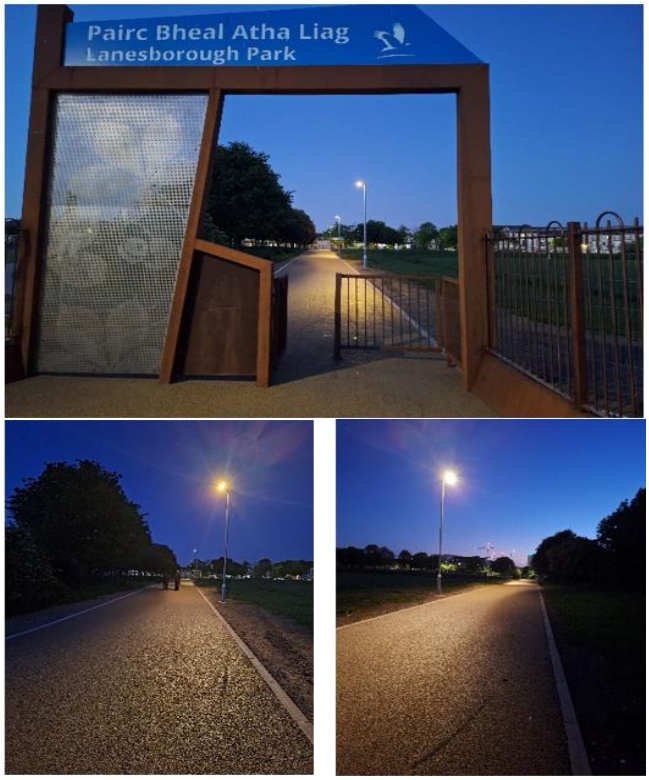
Works on the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Village Road / Raheny Roundabout, Lusk
- Dromheath Drive, Mulhuddart
- Warrenstown Green roundabout, Corduff
- Kenure Woods Park entrance, Rush
- Gartan Drive, Swords (two lights were installed here)
- The Nurseries, Swords
- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre, Ongar
- Millstead Estate entrance, Blanchardstown
- Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart
- Turvey Avenue, Donabate - between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf Estate
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown



Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart



Public Lighting Lanesborough Park, Charlestown



Laying of ducting to supply point for new public lighting in Lanesborough Park

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Howth Village, Howth - East Pier Car Park between Abbey Street and Toilets
- Streamstown Lane, Malahide



Streamstown Lane, Malahide

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

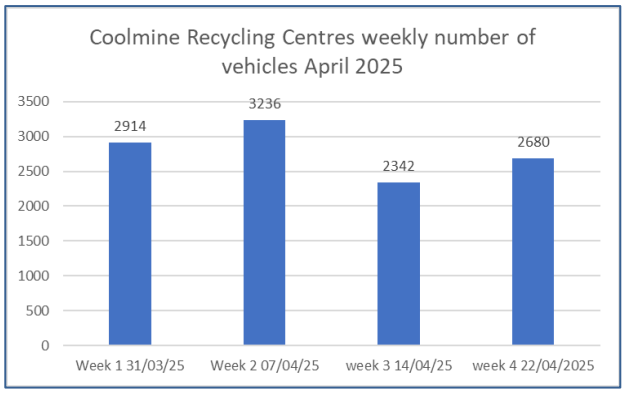
- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

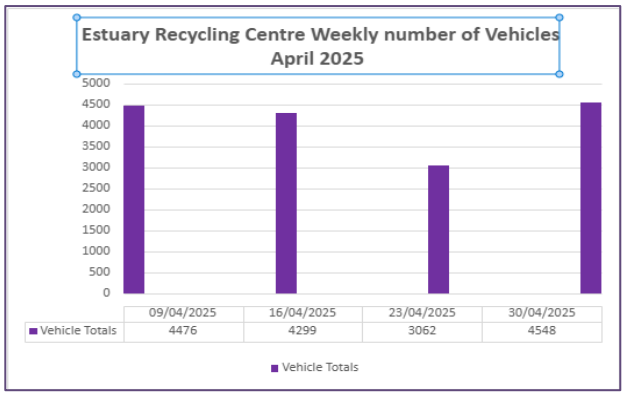
Other public lighting works completed:

- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills pedestrian walkway

Recycling Centres Update

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.



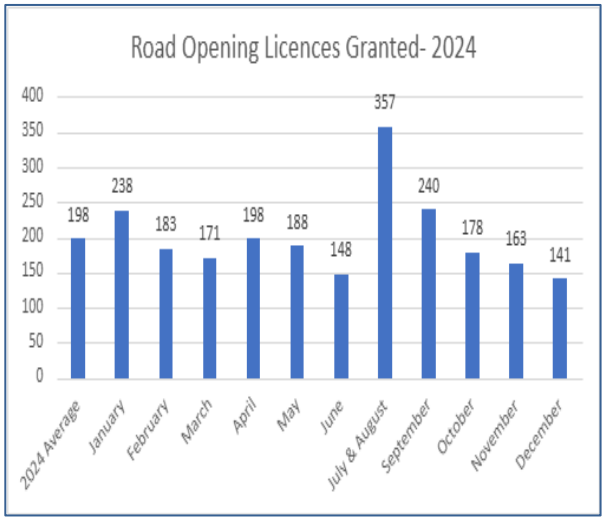


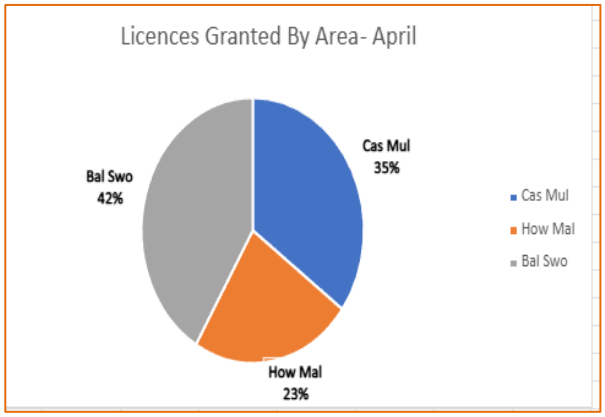
Licenses

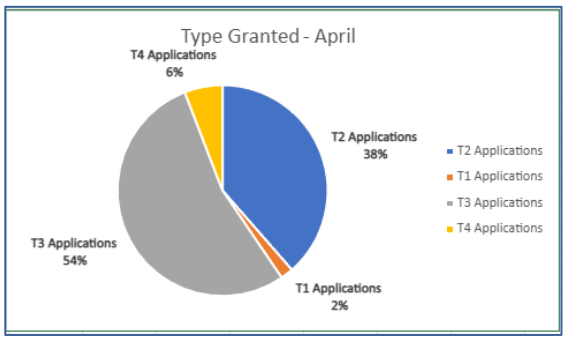
- Road Opening Licenses

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.

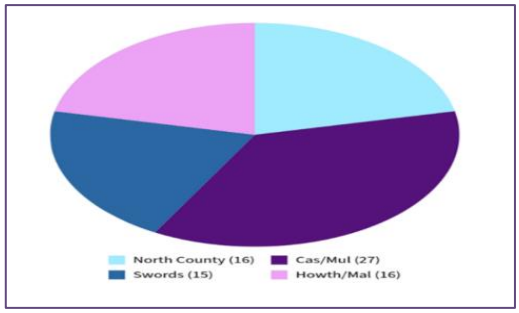
205 Licences were granted in the month of April**, 60% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Grass Pitch 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 including three from schools.
We have received a total of €64,160 as of the 27th of January in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have received a total of 38 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.
All 38 Applicants have paid & are licenced for the upcoming period.
We have also received a total of 5 new applications which we are currently processing.
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.
Once complete we envisage a total of 42 Casual Trading operating in the Fingal Administrative area the highest number to date.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

The Council has received 38 expressions of interest following the notice issued for a Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme. The Council has issued applications to the interested parties to be completed and returned by Friday 23rd May 2025. Applications will be processed by the Casual Trading admin team and Seasonal licences will be issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 21 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 21 business have paid their licence fee & have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises.
We have also received an additional six applications which we are currently processing & provisional inspections are being carried out.
Footpath buildouts will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc. for the businesses which expressed their interest in one and were deemed suitable following their recent parklet removal.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

Work Package B – Tucketts Lane, it is now anticipated that the works will commence in the Autumn. The detailed design for WPA, which is the surface water culvert works on main street, is progressing with further surveys now identified to be completed.

Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

The remediation of the surface water outfall pipe is now complete one full month ahead of programme. Starting in mid-March 30 Nr precast concrete Anchor blocks, overlying rock or newly installed gabion stone-filled mattresses on a geo-textile membrane, and 95m of new pipe installation works were completed by the end of May 2025. These works were executed by FCC Direct Labour working at lowest available tide, with design and technical advice provided by Consulting Engineers, Malachy Walsh and Partners.





Lusk Network Remedial Works

The project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area.

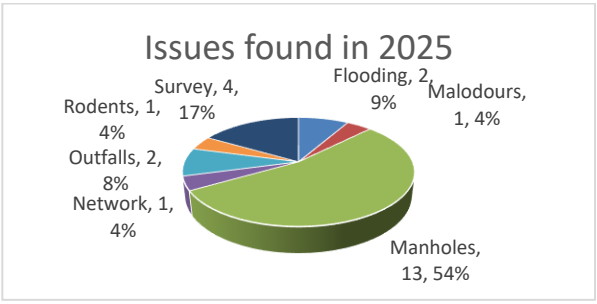
A contractor has been appointed for resurfacing in early June, subject to a road closure approval.





Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 9 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

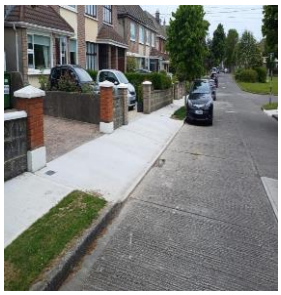
Swords

Investigations of blockages and overground road flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates are now complete. The condition of the network will now be assessed, and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed.

Malahide/Portmarnock

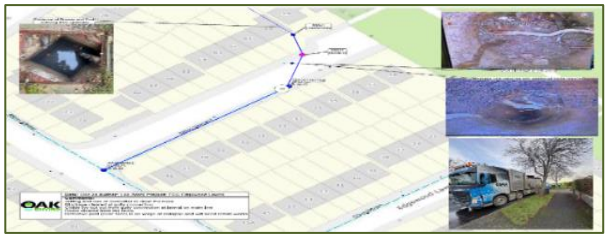
Chalfont invasive repair work was completed in late May. A tender is also being drafted for specialised underground works. Works are expected to take place in July.





Dublin 15

Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mulhuddart and & Damastown are now complete. Remedial work, involving UV CIPP lining will follow.



Assets

Ironworks

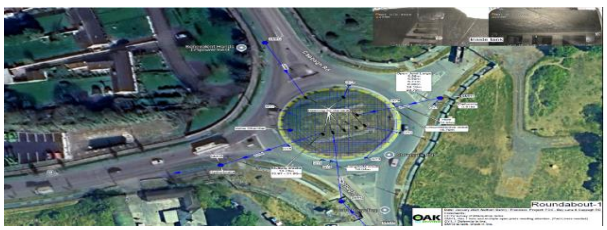
Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Feltrim and Balheary in Swords.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continued Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

A contractor has surveyed and cleaned two tanks in a pilot, to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



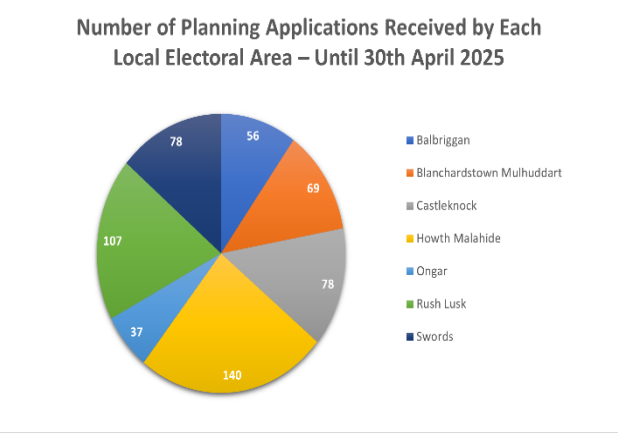
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 30th April 2025, a total of 568 planning applications were received, including 451 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal. Of these, 119 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 449 valid applications. The accompanying pie chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various Local Electoral Areas.
During the same period, two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with one decision issued on LRD applications.
Additionally, An Bord Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

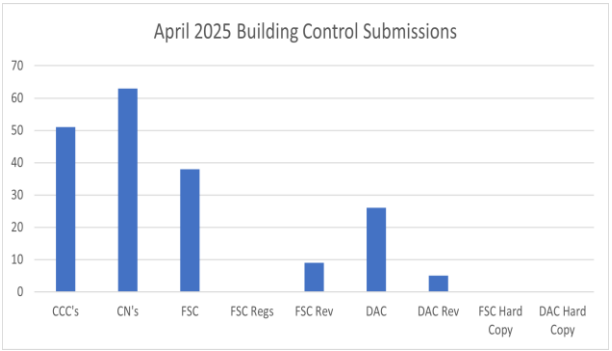


Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 30th April 2025, a total of 630 planning decisions were issued. This includes 380 decisions to grant permission and 92 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In April 2025, there were 192 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 63 Commencement notices, 51 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 47 Fire Safety related Certificates and 31 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 190 decisions in April 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 99 decisions to grant and 91 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

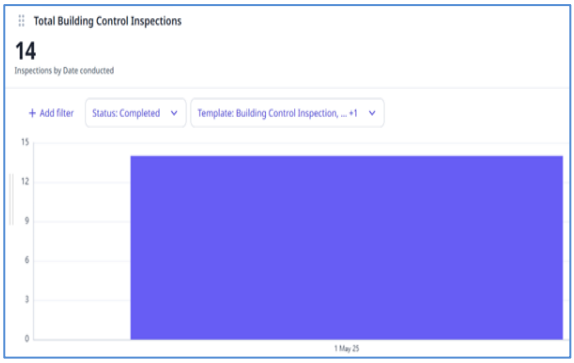
Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12th of May 2025.
Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to several 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 lands which are subject to RZLT.
On the 31st of January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st of February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be included.
Consultation in relation to the annual 2025 RZLT map and draft 2026 RZLT map concluded on the 1st of April 2025, and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is reviewing submissions received.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 14 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 49 Buildings.
- There was 1 no Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of May.

Taking in Charge

- There were 6 housing estates taken in charge in May 2025. These were
    1. Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
    2. Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15,
    3. Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
    4. Hayworth Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
    5. Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan
    6. Lanestown View, Donabate.

- There are 3 developments up for taking in charge in June 2025. These developments are
    1. Annaly Estate in Ongar Dublin 15.
    2. Stralem Estate in Ongar Dublin 15.
    3. The large public green in Ongar 15.

There is also a section of Park Road in Rush that was widened and upgraded, and this section of road is also being taken in maintenance in June 2025.

- There are 2 developments up for Taking in Charge in July 2025. These developments are Hansfield phase 2 in Dublin 15 and Dunsoughly in Finglas.

Dangerous Structures

- 3 dangerous structures were reported in May 2025.
- A total of 105 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures



Checking Balustrade for compliance with Part K and Part M of the building Regulations.



Checking the foundation at a site in swords



Checking Fire doors on an Apartment in Donabate

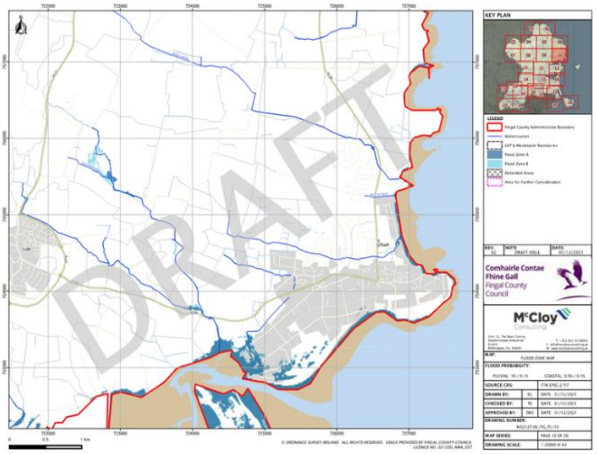
Development Management

- 134 no. new planning files have been received.
- 16 no. Additional Information files have been received and 2 clarifications of Additional Information.
- 16 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 18 no. have been processed.
- 7 no SHD/LRD applications have been received; 5 no. has been assessed.
- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications have been received; 1 no. has been processed.

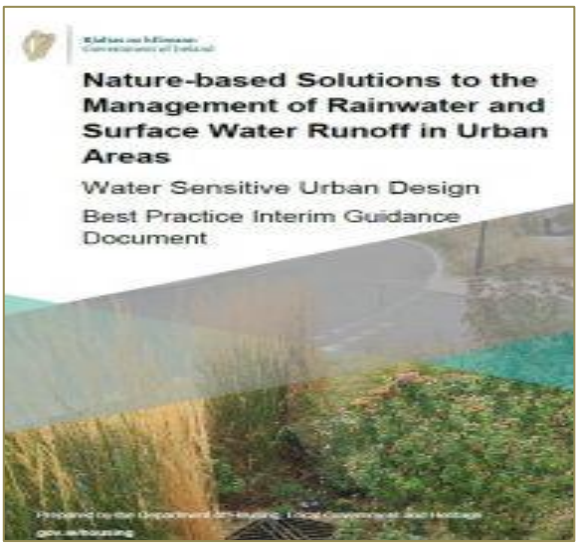
Pre-planning consultations – Staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 2 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

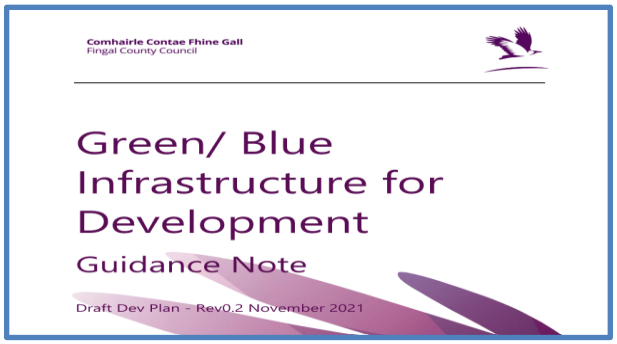
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion 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.

Domestic SuDS Guide

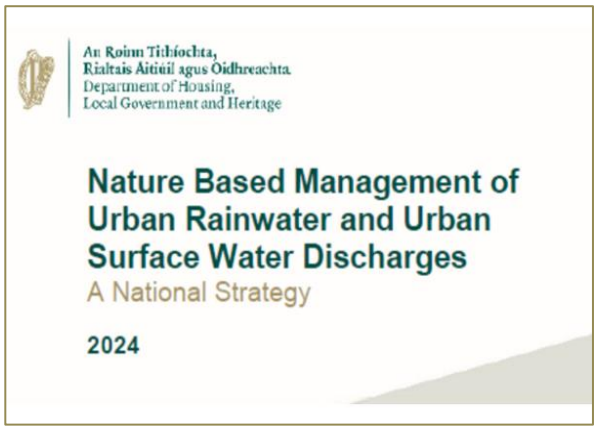
McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q2 2025.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing will continue during Q2 along the length of the scheme. Installation of surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermains, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q2. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q2 2025 following surfacing works. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q2 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Detailed design stage is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.
Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.



PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

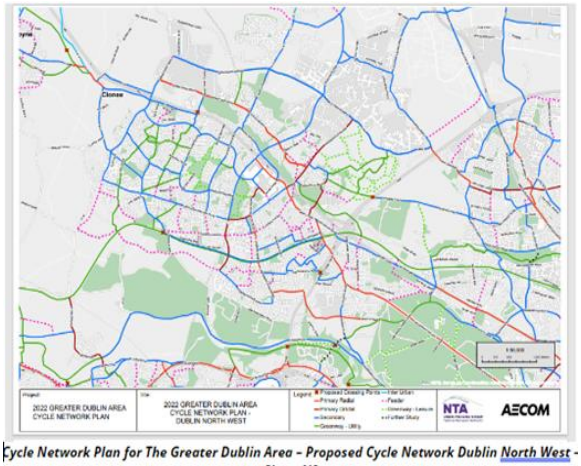
The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The official opening ceremony was held on the 28th of March 2025 with the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Minister for Transport attending. The contractor is continuing to snag.





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.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake 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, parallel 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.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological inspection was carried out in March 2025 in the Castleknock area to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information.

Meetings with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team are being held monthly to discuss both projects and align them.

A preliminary draft of the Feasibility Report with five route options was developed In April.
The final version of the Feasibility Report is expected to be available in early June.

The brief for the Archaeological Services & Conservation Architect was developed this month and is to be issue for tender in May.

Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 now underway. Next phase will be 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.



Granard Bridge Site location



Granard Bridge Street View



Granard Bridge Aerial Photo

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 the tender documentation are now finalised for tender publication under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

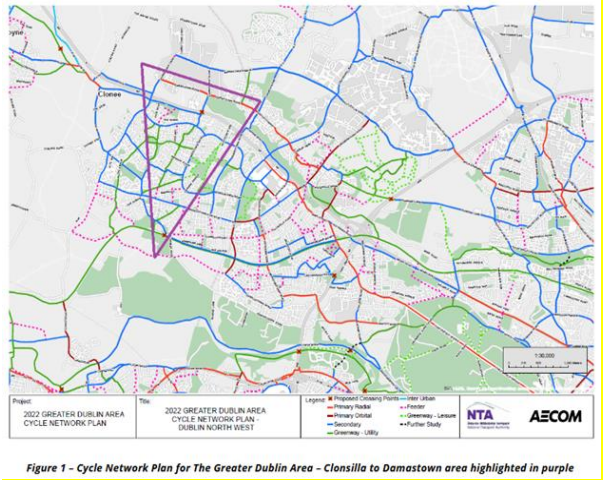


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 line 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. Preparation of CPO ongoing. Landowner liaison ongoing.

FCC have requested a letter of consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail for FCC to make a Planning Application to ABP on their Lands. Meetings to agree the lands for which the letters of consent will be provided by both Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail have been scheduled. Irish Rail are reviewing the latest drawings with a view to issuing the letter of consent. Meetings with Waterways Ireland to agree the details for the treatment of the embankments in specific areas between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge have been progressed.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation was prepared and issued. An internal meeting has been held in relation to the preparation of landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The CE order for the project has been approved and RPS have been awarded the Contract for consultancy services The initial project meeting with the design team from RPS will take place the last week in May.





S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA, and the stage 2 road safety audit has been completed. All recommendations will be considered and incorporated into the scheme where required.

Pavement design drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme are being progressed and where required, the project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. Drainage and Public Lighting preliminary design is progressing.

The latest revision of the 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 with final reinstatements completed in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

Following completion of the preliminary design, 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.

A revised scoping report will be circulated to prescribed bodies in the coming weeks. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an EIAR. 'Scoping' is a process of deciding what information should be contained in an EIAR and what methods should be used to gather and assess that information.

It is defined in the European Commission Guidance as: 'determining the content and extent of the matters which should be covered in the environmental information to be submitted in the EIAR'. All relevant comments from the various consultees during the consultation process (both in May 2023, and May 2025), along with comments from any pre-application meetings which may take place as part of the planning process, will be fully addressed as required within the EIAR.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements.

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.



Above- Artist visual of possible layout for 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.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

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. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses.

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 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. Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025. The tender process to procure a tree survey, traffic and parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys is complete and topographical surveys and traffic studies are scheduled for completion in May.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report. A tree survey is programmed in the coming month.

A communications workshop was carried out in March where the scheme objectives were identified, the initial project risks mapped and the scheme consultation and engagement plan for statutory and non-statutory consultation was considered. The initial set up of the transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation is ongoing. Traffic data captured in recent and ongoing surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled.

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 successful non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025, and this yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions have been categorised, analysed and used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage. Thereafter, the preliminary design will commence with the accompanying environmental screening and closely followed by the statutory process required to deliver this part of the project.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project later.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle, and these are being assessed by Irish Rail now.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded that was used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable to minimise land take and severance.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing.

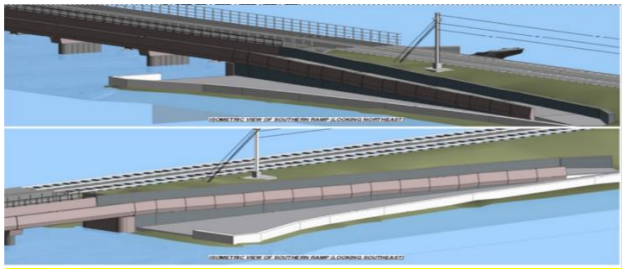
A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



Model Images of Viewing Platform on Southern Causeway

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road 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.

Third-party lands are required to widen the path and, in this regard, An Bord Pleanála approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire the necessary lands.

However, an affected landowner commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanala's decision to approve the CPO. The Council's legal team successfully sought to expedite the Judicial Review process, with the High Court confirming that a full hearing of the case would go ahead in June 2025. The Council also reached out to the affected landowner to see if the issues raised could be resolved without the need for the Judicial Review and associated delays. The affected landowner recently confirmed that they would withdraw the Judicial Review proceedings after reaching an amicable settlement agreement with the Council. The project will now go ahead as soon as possible with tender documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works expected to issue shortly.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work on the bridge is substantially complete. A small amount of drainage and public lighting work remains to be completed on the east side of the bridge. Work is due to commence shortly to construct new footpaths to facilitate access to either side of the bridge from Main Street Donabate and from Hearse Road. The bridge is currently undergoing an assessment from an independent third-party certification expert as part of the process by Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation to officially place the bridge into service above the Railway. Following completion of this process and following construction of the new footpaths to facilitate access, the bridge is expected to open to the public in June.



Site image of the bridge works BEFORE commencement of construction (October 2024)



Aerial image of the bridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway (viewed from the west side of the bridge)

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a few 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.
- Active Travel Routes, which encompass several 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 few 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 emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout. Once the emerging preferred options are determined, public consultation exercises can be undertaken, most likely in Q2 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc., will follow later in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed 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 Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. 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 Q3 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface, and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

Detailed design is complete, and a set of documents required for the work has been prepared. The bridge works licence agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised.

The legal access agreement with the landowner to the west is also being finalised. Engagement with the landowner to the east has come to a halt for reasons beyond P&SI control. However, we will continue our attempts to engage.

Access for construction talks had been progressed with the landowner to the east; however, it is now required to bring construction access in from the western side. Negotiations in relation to this have commenced with the landowner to the west.

Once all legal agreements are in place and sufficient notice has been issued to Irish Rail, works can proceed and will likely take up to 3 weeks to complete. The opening of the bridge will be dependent on the landowner to the east.



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Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	Now Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	82 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	145 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	53 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal opening 25th June 2025	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening 23rd July 2025	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they view the eligibility criteria on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Please ensure you have all the required documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best chance possible in being successful.

Site Visit to Aster Park



On 7th May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team visited Aster Park, Rush, where they met Shannon and her family during a site visit to the newly developed affordable units. Shannon, who recently moved into her home, shared her joy at having successfully secured one of the 96 affordable units within the development. She expressed appreciation for the straightforward application process and noted the consistent support provided by the Affordable Housing Team throughout.

The Affordable housing team wish Shannon and her family many happy years in their new home.

For information regarding Fingal's upcoming Affordable Housing developments visit www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing.ie

Mortgage Brokers Information Morning



On 13th May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team hosted an information event for mortgage brokers, providing key insights into Fingal County Council's Affordable Housing pipeline through 2030, outlining the scheme's eligibility criteria, and detailing the priorities agreement with approved lenders. The session was attended by approximately 20 mortgage brokers from across Fingal and featured a dynamic question-and-answer segment, fostering engagement and discussion on the scheme's implementation and accessibility.

A strong network of mortgage brokers and approved lenders is essential in supporting Fingal County Council's ongoing efforts to meet housing needs and advance its long-term objectives for affordable housing delivery.

EBS – First Time Buyer Event



Approximately 200 people attended the EBS First-Time Buyer event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 15th May, 2025, where the Affordable Housing Team were invited as guest speakers. The evening featured a panel discussion and Q&A session addressing frequently asked questions about the Affordable Housing Scheme, with a focus on the upcoming Baile na Móna Development.

Attendees also had the opportunity to engage directly with the Affordable Housing Team after the Q&A session, to ask any additional questions that had not been covered. These type of industry-engagement events are valuable tools for the Affordable Housing team to engage with finance professionals and potential applicants, improving awareness and uptake in our schemes.

Launch of Baile Na Móna, Swords



The pre-advertisement campaign for the Baile na Móna Affordable Housing Development began on 12th May 2025. The objective of this campaign is to prepare Affordable Housing applicants to become purchase ready by providing clear guidance on eligibility, documentation, and submission requirements.

The application portal for Baile na Móna will open on Wednesday 25th June at 12.00 p.m. For more information, please contact www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing or affordablehomes.ie



Social Housing Delivery
Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	527
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	196
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,122
TOTAL	**2,024**

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed
5 Homes delivered in St. Ita's, Portrane Avenue.

Fingal County Council recently completed the renovation of 5 more derelict and vacant homes on Portrane Avenue, St Ita's Campus. The houses were owned by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and were previously used to house workers from the nearby St Ita's psychiatric hospital, some of which have been vacant for many years and subject to extensive fire damage.

They are in an architectural conservation area and as such the properties have been conserved in line with how they were built. The properties have been conserved very much in line and in the spirit of how they were built with great effort made to recreate the sash windows, preserve and reinstate old roof tiles and source matching tiles and slates. The houses have also been brought up to modern standards while still considering their architectural heritage. Each house has been replumbed, rewired and upgraded with modern heating systems and insulation.

These delivery of these 5 properties mark the completion of renovations at St. Ita's, with 14 properties having been refurbished and delivered.





20 Homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15



Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 social homes at Seatown Road, Swords is progressing well. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for the Swords Cultural Quarter.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first **20** new social homes have been delivered.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, this phase will include 107 social and 110 affordable homes.



Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first **19** new social homes have been delivered.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at "Baile na Móna", Mooretown, Swords. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development of 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Asset Management Section

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit Programme is currently progressing, with Fingal County Council allocated €3,196,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, targeting 94 housing units.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit 1st May 2025	
Completed	**Areas**
11	D15
Onsite	**Areas**
27	D15
Upcoming	**Areas**
14	Fortlawn, Seatown
Tender Prep	**Areas**
32	Whitestown, Brega
Planned	Seatown, Brega

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 29th May 2025	
Painting completions	**235**
Boiler Replacements	**To commence Q2**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**To commence Q2**

Voids

Casual Voids 29th May 2025	
In lettings process	**31**
In relet works	**81**
Void Unavailable	**9**
Total	**121**

New to stock as of 29th May 2025	
New to stock properties	**169**

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 114 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4328 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

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €800,000** since 01/01/2025.

New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.
The Rents team will continue to engage with tenants who are having trouble paying their rent.

The Rents Team have issued **70** Tenancy Warnings so far in 2025. 6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents **collection rate has seen an increase of €850,000** on same period in 2024 (May).

Private Rented Inspections

The inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,169 for 2025 have been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 2,796 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 517 of them being inspected in May. The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

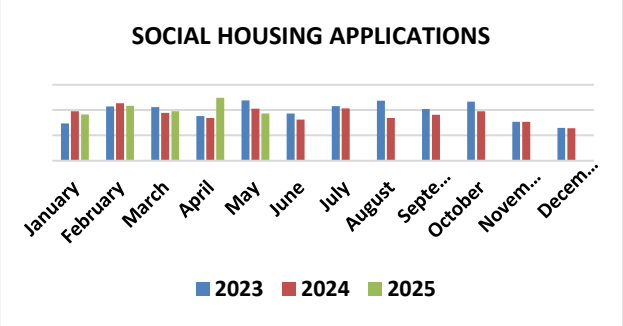
Housing Support

Housing Support issue list positions to applicants on a yearly basis. Applicants will be updated accordingly. Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

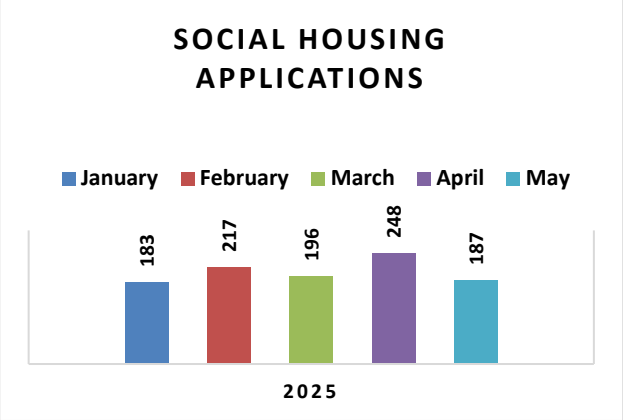
Year on year comparison by month.

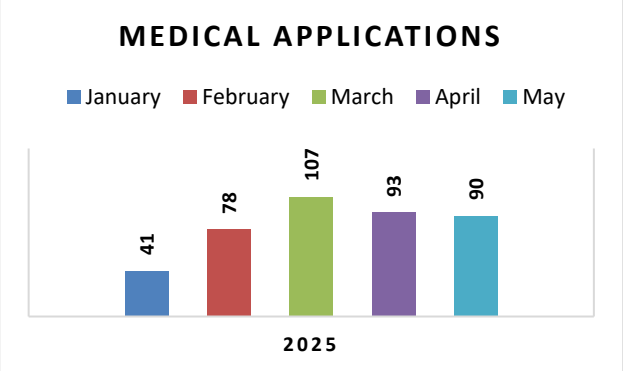
Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.

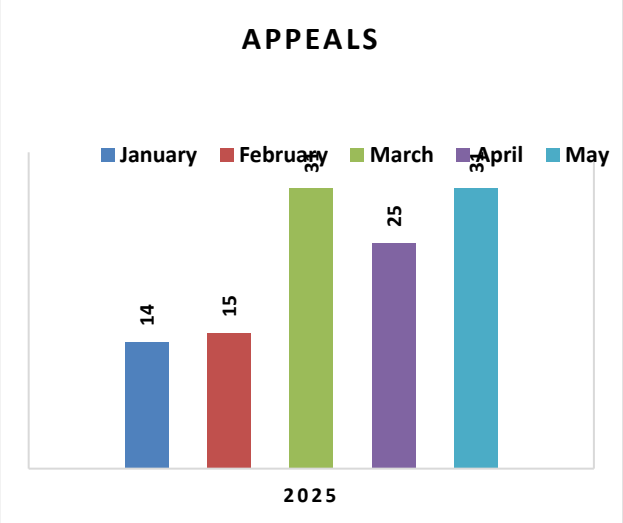


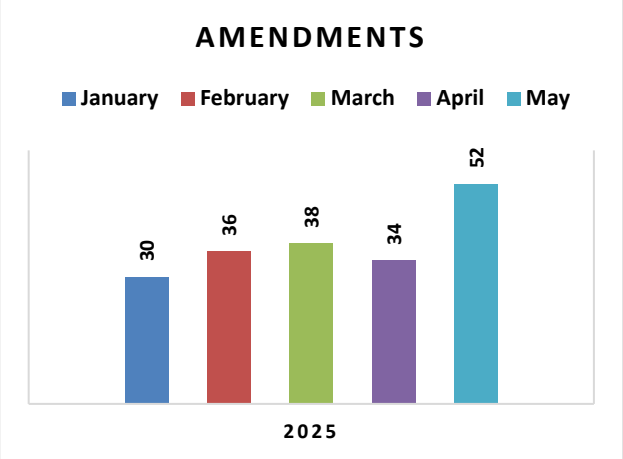
Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Applications received





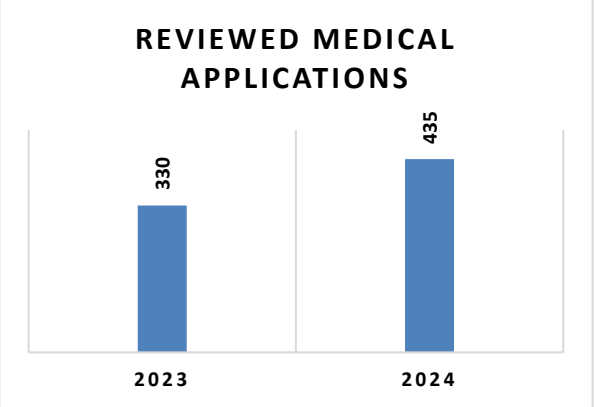




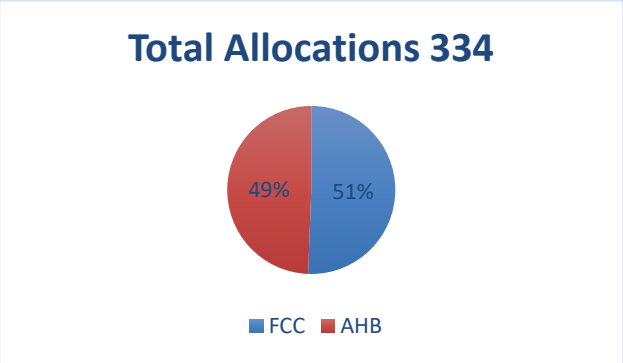
Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

Medical applications reviewed

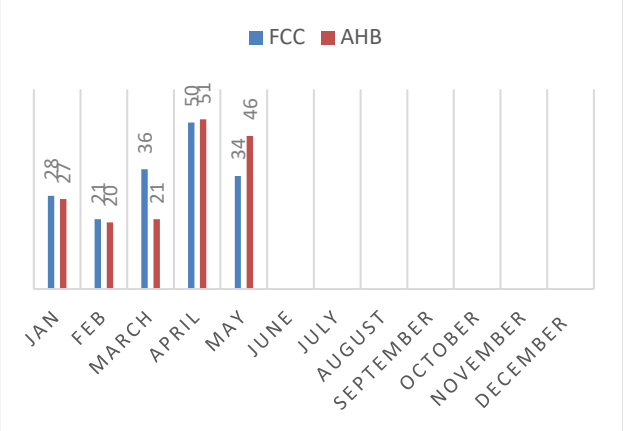


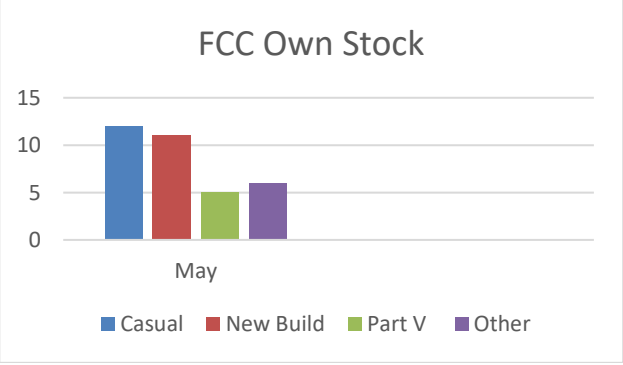
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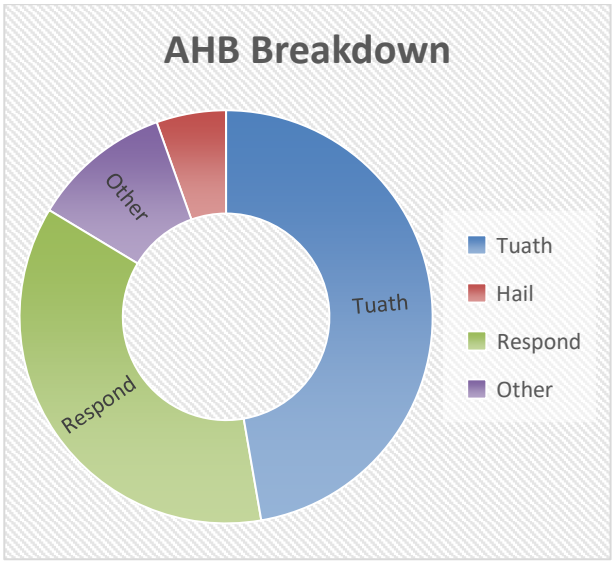
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





165 of the **334 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **169** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

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.

Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties in May



Internal image of advertised property at Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin

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Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
30th April – 6th May	Portrane Avenue, Portrane, Co Dublin	2	House	1666	323
7th – 13th May	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	2	House	2099	481
7th – 13th May	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1751	282
7th – 13th May	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1170	231
			Total	**6686**	**1317**

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During May 2025, 48 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	EA to HUBS	Total
EA	11	10	1	22
Homeless Prevention	7	18	1	26
Total	18	28	2	48

There was a total of 26 homeless prevention cases and 22 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

18 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 12 exited emergency accommodation.

18 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 7 homeless preventions and 9 who exited emergency accommodation and 2 from Direct Provision.

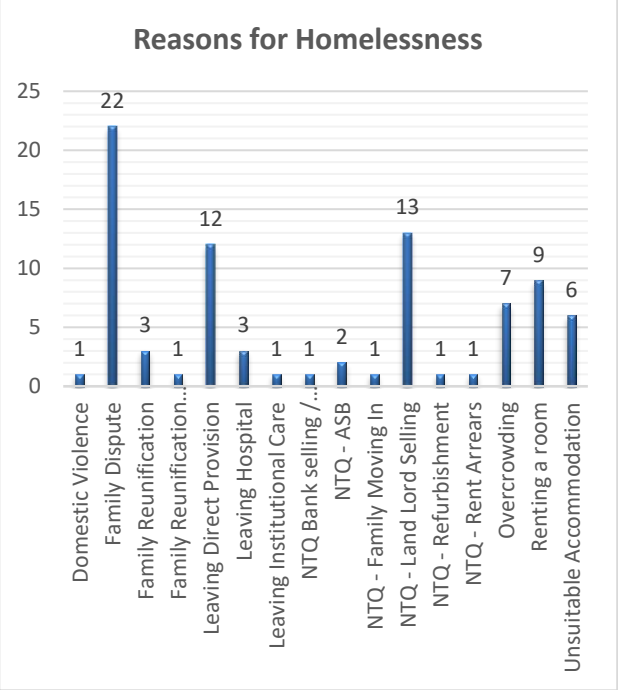
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out.

In May 2025, there were a total of 84 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 39 families and 45 singles/couples.



During April 2025, of the 84 Homeless Assessments carried out, 26% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown, 23% from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 14% leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (11%), Overcrowding (8%) and Unsuitable Accommodation (7%). The remaining 18% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart;



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 60 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 21 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 10 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 10 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples, 1 Female and 5 males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

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 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, three have been housed in 2025 and two more have been nominated, awaiting tenancy sign up.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 6 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations. One client has been housed in May 2025.

Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 is currently in draft form and will be for adoption at the Council Meeting in July.

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, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

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.

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, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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 Council is committed to meetings its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 -2029 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

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.

LTACC

Two Meetings of the LTACC has been held in 2025 to date. Representatives from Traveller Development Groups, Councillors and Council Officials were in attendance. Members of the LTACC will be receiving Traveller cultural awareness training in the coming months, to assist them in their committee duties.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council implements the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

DHLGH has confirmed annual allocation for the Caravan Loan Scheme.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites





New Shrine installed in Barnlodge

Estate Management recently worked with Pavee Point regarding the building of a shrine in Barnlodge Halting Site. The shrine is a great addition to the site for all residents and was commissioned as a place to go and pray and to remember their loved ones.



Dumping on site

Illegal dumping on halting sites continues to be an issue. Council Contractors regularly clear dumping from sites at a significant cost to the Council. Letters will be issued to residents advising that waste collection is provided on site for the disposal of household waste and to refrain from engaging in such activities on site.



Waste dumped at Moyne Park Halting Site



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

Fire Safety remains one of the top priorities for the safety of all of our tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The Annual Service and Maintenance of Portable Fire Equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed and additional fire safety equipment was installed across several of our Halting Sites. In addition to this, we have completed a Fire Safety Audit in Caravans and a leaflet drop to all of our Halting sites.



Free Standing Fire Extinguisher units recently installed

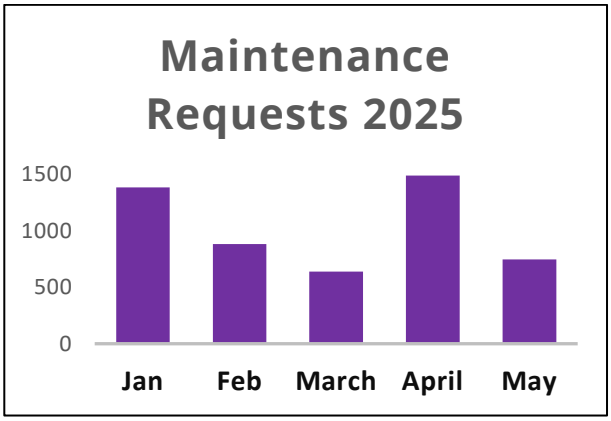
Wastewater Treatment System

We are currently facing challenges in our Moyne Park halting site with the Wastewater Treatment System. Residents are disposing of non-organic waste through the toilets and causing severe blockages which is having a detrimental effect on the ability of the pumps to process waste in an efficient manner. Unfortunately, the Housing Department has to write to residents of the site advising that continued misuse of the wastewater system will lead to an interruption in services to all users of the system.





Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 27 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 12 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide and Donabate.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating every report of ASB and will take the necessary preventative measures possible. All complaints of anti-social behaviour are received in confidence by the ASB Unit who work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to these complaints.

A number of Tenant Induction Courses have been facilitated to date in 2025 and two courses are schedule in June for Kimmartin and Baleally.

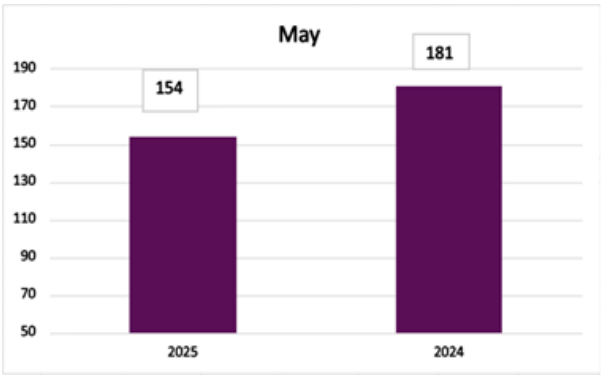
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints May 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	36	19	9	8
Rush / Lusk	26	16	6	4
Swords	22	9	8	5
Howth/Malahide	24	10	10	4
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	35	4	6	25
Ongar	9	3	0	6
Castleknock	2	0	1	1
Total	154	61	40	53

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January **(**5), February (6), March (3) April (6) May (5) surrenders**.**

2025/2024 comparison of asb complaints received in the month of May



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	**35**
Interviews Held 2024	**108**
Tenancy Alerts 2025	**10**
Tenancy Alerts 2024	**36**
Tenancy Warnings 2025	**2**
Tenancy Warnings 2024	**9**

Inspectorate May 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**709**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	**575**
February 2025	**857**
March 2025	**1076**
April 2025	**909**
May 2025	**947**

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.

The most recent meeting was held on the 15th April 2025 with the next meeting on the 10th June 2025. Sub-groups of the forum meet as required.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, considering Departmental guidance and the work of the 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 (ARP) is presently **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home. In accordance with the new Government policy this will be reduced to **€600** per month. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

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

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to vacant properties (private) to encourage them to bring them back into use.

They will also be advised 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 Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process. This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of repairs



CPO property Wellview, Dublin 15

This represents the third private owned long term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 2 other properties in the estate are back in use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. One was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the other came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties. Refurbishment works are completing at a property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised in 2024, and the property will be allocated to a social housing applicant shortly.



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

In addition, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

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). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. **208** applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **31** new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. **147** applications are approved which equates to **€7.5 million** in approved funding with further applications to be approved shortly.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. **6** information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024, and arrangements are advancing for information events in 2025.

A very well attended event took place at the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 8th April 2025 with Council's Architectural Conservation Office also present to provide information on conservation grants that are available to assist restore properties.

The Council's Vacant Homes Team will have an information stand at the Fingal Tented Village at the Flavours of Fingal show on the 5th July 2025 and 6th July 2025 to promote the scheme and deal with enquires from citizens.

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.

Recently approved VPRG application







Works nearing completion – Before photos and work nearing completion photos on next column



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

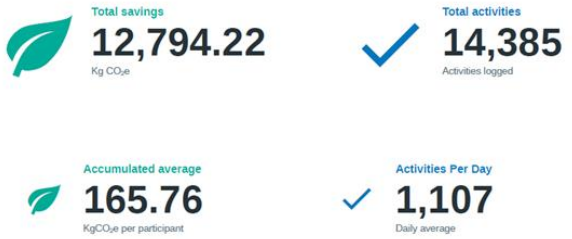
This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support the following initiatives:



Climate Action Heroes – Community Centres Challenge

To support community engagement actions in the Fingal Climate Action Strategy and create awareness during Dublin Climate Action week 2025, the Community Department partnered with Global Action Plan to run a Climate Action Heroes Challenge across our Community Centre network.

Climate Action Heroes encouraged the centre's clients and user groups to reflect on their behaviours and allows them to log their actions on the online platform to demonstrate the impact over the course of the initiative. The challenge ran from 6th – 18th May. The leaderboard was competitive all the way through, but the team at Meakstown Community Centre did just enough to come out on top with their per person Carbon savings. In total, 140 participants representing 22 facilities took part and peoples actions saved 12,794 KG Co2.



Ongar Green Event



On the 15th of May, Fingal County Council's Community Development Office, in collaboration with the Climate Action Department and local partners, hosted a Keen to be Green event at Ongar Community Centre as part of Climate Action Week. The event brought together residents, community groups, and sustainability advocates for an inspiring afternoon focused on practical climate action and community connection.

Highlights included Your Sustainable Wardrobe, an engaging session by The Sustainable Life School, a vibrant Swap Shop promoting circular fashion, and interactive sensory play by the D15 Toy Box using recycled materials.

The Riverwood Biodiversity Group delivered an insightful talk on local environmental efforts, while the community showcase featured Oxfam Ireland, Ongar Tidy Towns, Grow Getters, and more. Fingal Libraries also supported the event by giving away primary school books for first readers in both Irish and English, encouraging early literacy and bilingual learning.

The event was a strong demonstration of community spirit and Fingal's commitment to a greener, more inclusive future. It laid a positive foundation for continued collaboration and future initiatives that empower residents to take meaningful climate action.

Corduff Park Residents Association & Place Standards

On the 2nd of May 2025, the Community Development Office and Operations Department of Fingal County Council conducted a site visit to Corduff Park to discuss local area enhancements and the formation of a new community group with the local community. This engagement has since led to the establishment of the Corduff Residents Association, a positive step towards strengthening civic life and community participation in the area. Supported by the principles of the Place Standards Tool, this initiative empowers residents to assess their local environment and collaborate on meaningful improvements. The association aims to foster a more connected, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhood, with a strong focus on community-led development and long-term enhancement of public spaces.





Coolmine Lodge Biodiversity Group

On 29 May 2025, the Community Development Office met with the Coolmine Lodge Biodiversity Project team to coordinate preparations for their entry into the 2025 Pride of Place competition for Dublin 15. The group, led by Coolmine Therapeutic Centre and supported by local partners and Blakestown Drive Environmental Group discussed a strong presentation strategy. Key themes include biodiversity and food sovereignty, community volunteerism, education, wellbeing and health. The meeting marked a positive step forward in showcasing the climate action and biodiversity impact on both individuals, the environment and the community – 'If you are given seeds … water them'.



Our Fabric Neighbourhood Networks Project

Fingal County Council Community Development Office has entered into partnership with Neighbourhood Network to foster community engagement, promote social inclusion, and strengthen local leadership through targeted initiatives in and around the Churchfields area of Mulhuddart. The Our Fabric Project began on the 13th and 14th of May seeing the Neighbourhood Networks team knocking on 260 doors in the area and introducing residents to the 'Our Fabric' project. This 18-month pilot project which will be overseen and supported by the Community Department will enhance participation, connectivity, and inclusiveness which aims to deliver tangible outcomes by fostering stronger connections within Churchfields and the wider community. Expected results include increased community volunteering, the organisation of local activities, the formation of resident groups, and enhanced partnerships with support networks and organisations.

Ultimately, this early intervention programme seeks to build a resilient, sustainable, and well-connected community. The project will host its first get to know your neighbour event on the 1st of June.



Place Standards Tool Mulhuddart

Following the highly successful introduction of the Place Standard Tool in Corduff, Dublin 15, which saw strong community engagement and delivered valuable feedback and discussion, the Place standards Tool will now be introduced in Mulhuddart.

This community engagement project invites all local stakeholders to participate in workshops, where groups explore the local area together, assessing community life over a range of themes. The process encourages in depth reflection on what it's like to live in the area for everyone.

This highly anticipated project will run in parallel with a community art project through the Arts Department. Both projects which complement each other, offering unique and varied perspectives on Mulhuddart.

Fingal Festival in a Van

Fingal Festival in a Van, a co-production between the community Development Office and Creative Fingal was launched last month with the Mayor of Fingal and Temper-Mental MissElayneous, one of the many artists taking part in the 12 community gigs happening across the county.

This year each of the 12 communities will host their own community celebration in conjunction with the Van, which provides music and storytelling and an opportunity for local talent from the host communities.



Africa Day in the North County

Africa day was celebrated in Balbriggan, Lusk and Swords with the support of Irish Aid, the Community Development Office, Fingal LAIT and the vibrant African communities active in the north county. The Flemington Community Centre event in Balbriggan focused on the achievements of young people from the African Irish community, while the celebration in Lusk Culture Centre, in partnership with Lusk Community Council, saw cultural performances and an exhibition focusing on the stories of migrant women. In Swords, the Bold Woman organisation hosted stalls with cultural artifacts in the grounds of Swords Castle and led a musical performance in the Castle Chapel which saw both the Mayor and deputy Mayor taking part in the musical celebrations. Thanks to all who made events such a great success again this year.





The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also manages the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Hartstown Community Centre

Refurbishment works at Hartstown Community Centre are reaching the final phase of completion. Over the past few months, the community centre has had a full upgrade with several essential improvement works, including roof upgrade, energy efficiency upgrades, insulation, a new heating system, fire compartmentation and safety works.

The centre also received funding under the Sports Capital funding scheme which will also see a full upgrade of the all-weather facility. Building works remain on schedule it is hoped the community centre will be ready to re-open to the community in August. On completion the centre will have two upgraded childcare facilities, meeting rooms, coffee shop / youth space, multipurpose sports hall, all weather pitch and an external multipurpose space thereby creating a welcoming hub promoting community engagement.



External view – Hartstown CC



Internal View Main Hall – Hartstown CC

Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre:

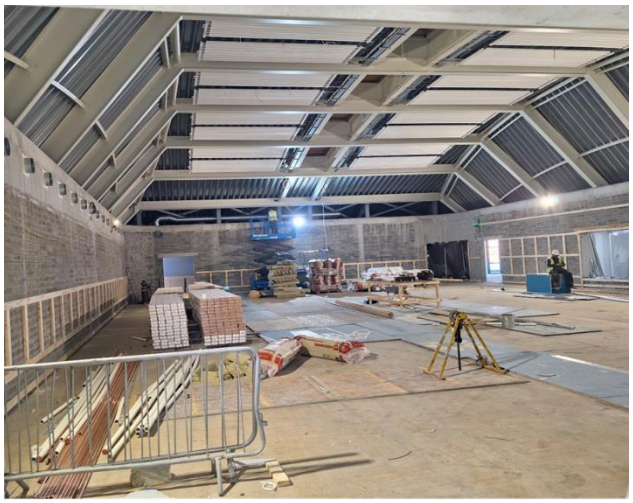
Works are well advanced on site and are expected to be ready for fitout and commissioning in August.

This new facility will provide a sports hall, dance studio and community rooms. Changing rooms for nearby playing pitches are also provided. The carpark adjoining the community centre has been completed as the first phase of Racecourse Park redevelopment.

Works have been fully funded by Fingal County Council



Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre External view May 2025



Internal view of Main Hall -May 2025

Keen to Be Green Facilities – Water Conservation Awards

Keen To Be Green Facilities is a key environmental and climate action project across the community centre network. On 14th May, during Dublin Climate Action Week, community centres were recognised for their actions in the area of Water Conservation. This is the second key milestone they have reached following on from their recognition of efforts towards improved Waste Management in 2023. Mayor of Fingal Brian McDonagh was on hand in County Hall to present the awards to centre managers and local board representatives. The next phase of the project is Energy Efficiency, with Travel and Biodiversity to come after.

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

The group is busy working on and planning their annual project. Currently, they are working on a survey and organising some consultation events. Two young people were nominated to attend the Headstart Youth Mental Health Fund Projects' Mid Review Youth Panel.

In addition, two members of the group took part in a consultation with Jigsaw, which focused on the topic of social media and mental health. Two young people also represented the group at the National Youth Assembly on Climate 2025.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal. The PPN is managed by voluntary Secretariat which reports to PPN members through the Plenary.



Fingal PPN has been hosting a Summer School from 26th-29th May in collaboration with DCU School of Civic Engagement and two other Dublin PPNs. After consultation with our members, the topics this year included:

Social Media Training, Exploring PPNs: Beyond A Decade of PPNs in Ireland Panel Discussion: Guest speaker - Jake Ryan, Dept. of Rural & Community Development,

An Introduction to A.I., Sustainable Energy Communities: Changing How We Think about & Use Energy,

How to Recognise and Navigate Disinformation, Understanding and Navigating the Public Policy Ecosystem in Ireland,

The Future of Dublin: How to Make Policy that Works for All. This is an excellent opportunity for members to network, learn, and take new skills back to their respective groups. Sessions took place in-person at DCU and online each evening.

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 OPC Convention: May 2025



Representatives from Fingal OPC participated in the National Older People's Council Convention on 8–9 May 2025, hosted by South Dublin County Council. The event, themed *"The Wisdom of Years: A Lifetime of Perspective"*, focused on preventive healthcare, brain health, and intergenerational solidarity as key elements to positive ageing.

Professor Ronan Collins, Age Friendly South Dublin Ambassador and National Clinical Lead for Stroke, emphasized the importance of early intervention, raising community awareness, and encouraging dialogue across generations on healthy ageing. Key priorities discussed at the convention included improved access to healthcare and preventative services, local transport, and better access to information. Addressing loneliness was highlighted as a major concern by many OPCs, and Fingal OPC will include this topic on their workplan for 2025-26.

OPC Afternoon Tea Dance



Fingal Older People's Council held its annual social Tea Dance on Tuesday, 6th May at the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate. The event welcomed over 120 older people from community groups across the county. Transport was arranged from various locations including Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Swords, Rush, Skerries, and Balbriggan, ensuring broad participation. Guests enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea followed by lively music from the 1960s through the 1990s, with the dance floor full for more than two hours of continuous dancing.

Age Friendly Shopping Centre



Swords Pavilions Shopping Centre has taken a significant first step towards becoming Ireland's first major Age Friendly Shopping Centre. On Thursday, 15th May 2025, Age Friendly Fingal facilitated Age Friendly Business Training for centre staff. An Age Friendly Champion has been appointed by the centre to work alongside the Programme Manager and the Older People's Council (OPC) to identify and address barriers to accessibility and usability within the shopping centre. Additionally, the centre has committed to partnering with Age Friendly Fingal to host an event in celebration of Positive Ageing Week later this year.

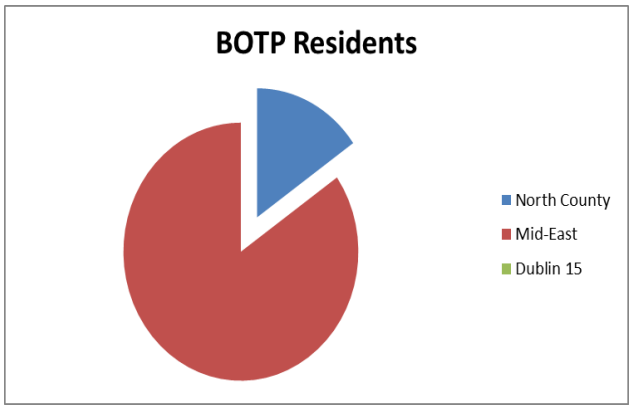
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

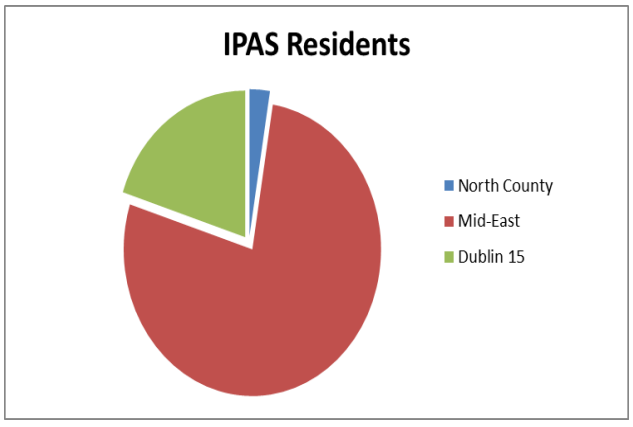
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

The LAIT continued to host integration clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation centres and BOTP Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC).
The latest 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	66	55
Mid-East	367	1673
Dublin 15	0	829
Total	**433**	**2557**

*Due to an ongoing audit within IPAS, numbers for IPAS residents across the geo-areas in Fingal have not been updated since February 16th, 2025. BOTP numbers continue to be updated, and the figures shown above correspond with the latest data for BOTP residents, as of May 18th, 2025.





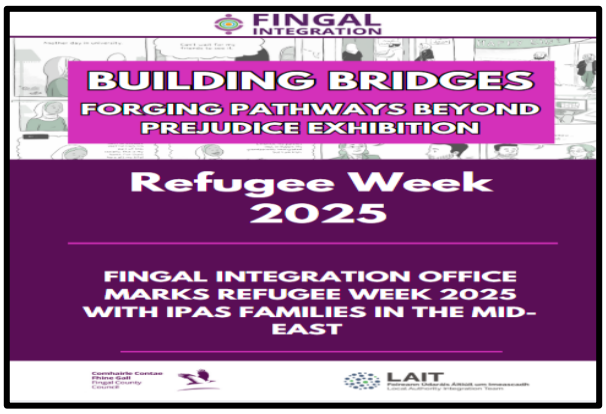
Africa Day

Africa Day was marked in Lusk Community Cultural Centre with a celebration that brought together community and culture. The Integration Office provided funding to Lusk Community Council to celebrate the people and culture of African countries. The event also included our Library of Migrant Women Exhibition (on display from 19th – 29th May in Lusk Cultural Centre). This exhibition showcased the voices and experiences of Migrant women and their journey from their homeland to Ireland. The event was filled with music, dance, song and traditional food, creating a welcoming environment for all who attended.



Refugee Week - 'Community as a Superpower'

On 16th June the Fingal Integration Office marks Irish Refugee Week by showcasing our Building Bridges Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition at a targeted family specific IPAS centre in the Mid-East. The team invited IPAS residents to engage with the powerful stories and artwork – which will be an innovative approach for the team to foster meaningful interactions and conversations with residents. This celebration will showcase the transformative power of storytelling in building connections, strengthening community and raising awareness of anti-racism.

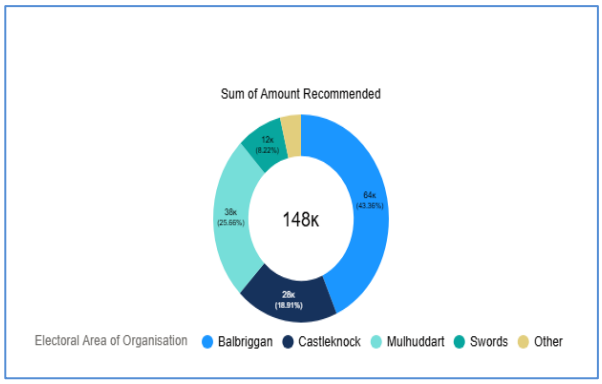


Funding

Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support, community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

A funding scheme has also been provided for in the Community Development Programme to support Health & Safety enhancement works in non-council owned community facilities.

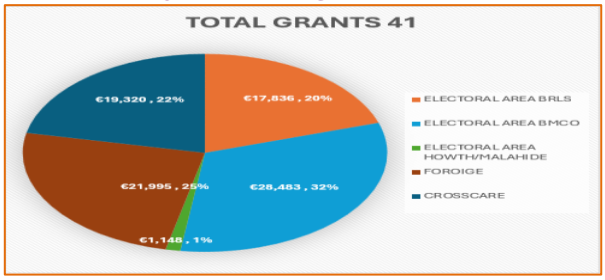
Community Activities Funding



To date, Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to forty-one projects in the amount of €148,076.05.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart (28 projects)	€68,391.60
Balbriggan/Swords (33 projects)	€76,375.45
Howth/Malahide (2 projects)	€3,309.00

Summer Project Funding



Summer project Funding has been awarded to:

- **41** projects in the amount of **€88,782**
- **26** Community led Summer Projects were awarded €47,467
- **8** Foroige projects were awarded €21,995
- **7** Crosscare projects were awarded €19,320

The inclusion of partner initiatives such as the one with Crosscare who are providing child safety training and programme delivery support and local voluntary resident association's; will ensure an increasing number of children from diverse backgrounds can participate in summer programmes. Providing them with an opportunity to participate in structured activities over the summer at a local level. Providing resident associations with pathways to participation through developing targeted activities, meaningful community engagement is fostered, and capacity building continues to be promoted going forward. The diverse range of applications submitted from groups who successfully secured funding evidenced by an increase in applications from Special Needs Groups including Autism Awareness Howth and Down Syndrome Swords further demonstrating the community departments commitment to equality , diversity and inclusion by ensuring the funds are not only accessible to all but have the widest possible reach.



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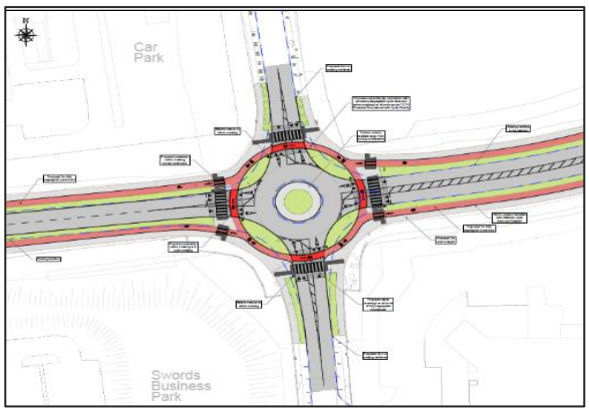
Protected Cycle Lanes:
BLRS Area:

R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor having completed the snagging items along the route.
The Project has been handed over to our Operation Section for regular maintenance.
The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process. The full safety file and as constructed drawings are being finalised by the Contractor and Design Team for inclusion as part of the hand over.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is working with the Design Team to finalise tender package for the construction stage in 2025, subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team is preparing an options report with the preferred proposed walking and cycling infrastructure option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An options report is being finalised with the preferred option established in the report.
The Project Team is working with the Design Team to progress works on the southern end of this project that may be delivered separately to the overall project. This is being progressed to tie in and provide connectivity to other projects that are at an advanced stage in this area on the northern end of Balbriggan.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The brief has been drafted. Once the brief is agreed, the tender documents will be published.

A non-statutory public consultation will take place shortly after the consultants are appointed to assess the opportunities and constraints to active travel, and any other local issues that the design consultants need to be aware of, taking account of accessibility, permeability, functionality, schools, medical facilities, public transport routes and the likes. This work will be carried out in line with the other quantitative information gathering elements of the initial study, such as topographic surveys, traffic counts, collision data, population demographics, and collation of utility information.

Once the above is complete and assessed and a preferred solution within the constraints of the area is emerging, a second non-statutory public consultation will be held, to get the feedback and input from the public.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

A video survey has been procured and is due to be carried out. The Consultant has issued a draft Options Report/Feasibility Report for review. Various key stakeholders have been engaged with. The Consultant will now seek to ensure all deliverables to close out Phase 2 of the project are completed before seeking approval to move to the next phase of the project: 'Preliminary Design'.

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 latest drawings are being updated taking into account the various bus stops along the route which will be upgraded as part of the project. The latest draft preliminary design report is being updated taking this into account. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. These are being updated accordingly. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners with site meetings held. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly in agreement with the NTA. A stage 1 road safety audit is underway, and environmental & appropriate screening has commenced.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design continues with meetings taking place with relevant internal and external stakeholders. Accommodation works and tree removal works have been carried out and associated new tree planting has taken place.

The suite of drawings required for the tender package are complete and draft tender documentation is under review by the project team.



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. Traffic surveys have been completed for the 2 signalised junctions and a workshop held with the NTA.



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

A CCTV survey of the existing Foul Water and Surface Water lines has been instructed by FCC. Engagement with the majority of key stakeholders has been carried out, and the design team have considered these engagements in the context of the detailed design. Engagement with the remainder of key stakeholders is being arranged.

The design team are to provide a recommendation to FCC as to the proposed build-up of the street for approval. Outline detailed design hard landscape drawings have been provided to FCC. The design team will continue to produce the deliverables required during this phase of the project.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The Consultant has amended their draft Active Travel Plan for Balrothery, incorporating comments and suggestions from FCC. Once the draft report is finalised, Fingal County Council will consider the design team's recommendations regarding environmental screening and make the appropriate determinations. Pending the outcome of these determinations, FCC will then publish the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery.

The Consultant is also progressing Options Comparison and Assessment.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys. A report outlining a Long List of Options was generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department.

FCC and the consultant have workshopped the contents of the draft report and the agreed modifications are underway before it is presented to internal departments and local councillors.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and the project consultation process has closed on April 17th. There is a lot of interest in this project and over 160 submissions from the public and community groups and others have been submitted. These submissions have been reviewed and assessed. The CE report is being drafted and will be presented to the full council meeting in June.

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:

Jons Civil Engineering have been appointed to complete the construction of the project. The contractor has installed curved walls at Linear Park. The contractor has completed footpath works to the north of the bridge up to the proposed pedestrian ramp at Swords Celtic.





Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

This project involves the provision of a walking and cycling path in Beverton open space. The footpaths from the end of the cul de sacs in Turvey Green, Turvey Drive and Turvey Woods will be extended into the Beverton open space to join the new pathway being provided in the green open space.

A Non-Statutory Consultation was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

Consultation period has now closed with 76 submissions received. The submissions are currently being categorised to generate a "Public Consultation Report" to be published on the Fingal County Councils consultation portal.

The submissions received are being considered as part of the detailed design process.

A consultant was engaged to conduct the required environmental screenings in advance of proceeding through the Section 38 process and the exempted development process under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013. These processes have been completed.

The final detailed design and tender documents are being prepared with the view to commence construction over the summer months.



https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7

Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

A multi-disciplinary Integrated Design Team has been appointed to take the established 'Preferred Option' from the design phases to completion. Next step is a project kick-off meeting between FCC and the newly appointed design team.

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

FCC expect to receive the Consultant's assessment report of Existing Stairs for Possible Safety Improvements at Balscadden Bay Beach in the first week of June. FCC will then obtain quotations for a consultant to carry out the relevant environmental screening reports.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

Brief and tender documents have been prepared to appoint a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council. Indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county have been identified for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure. Tender documents are currently being prepared in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in the end of Q2 2025.

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 has completed all works at each of the four school sites. 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 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. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.

Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

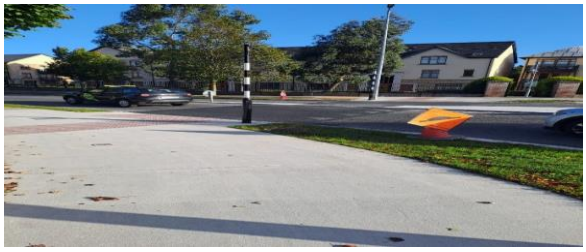
Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete.



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.



Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Completed

- Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide were completed in March 2025.

- Minister Darragh O'Brien has confirmed his attendance at the formal inauguration scheduled for 26th May 2025.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

An Taisce has officially launched Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. In line with this, Fingal County Council has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP), in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.

The appointed schools are:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

Preliminary design for Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School project has been completed by the designer and will be reviewed by Fingal County Council. Once finalized, a cost estimate will be prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure compliance with budgetary and safety requirements.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

The project is progressing steadily through the preliminary design phase with key milestones achieved:

- Environmental and Appropriate Assessments completed.
- Road Safety Audit by Traffico completed;
- Street furniture quotations received; installation planned for mid-June 2025.
- VivaCity Modal Filters sensor installation scheduled for 23rd May 2025 to monitor bicycles, pedestrians, and e-scooters—using AI-powered, privacy-safe video sensing.

A dedicated project webpage has been launched, providing public access to all documents to ensure transparency.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is ongoing.
Sustainable Traffic Management Measures

Paint Refresh of Disabled Car Parking Spaces and Age Friendly Spaces, Malahide

The paint has been refreshed on the following parking bays in Malahide:

- The Mall (outside PTSB) – refresh of Disabled bay.
- The Mall (outside library) – refresh of Age Friendly bay.
- The Mall (outside butchers) – refresh of Disabled bay and adjacent Age Friendly bay.
- James' Terrace – refresh of Age Friendly Bay.
- James' Terrace (at Malahide Sea Scouts) – refresh of Disabled Bay.

Relocation of Taxi Rank Malahide

This is now completed. The queue is now located outside 'Seomra Tae' on Main Street, Malahide, facing west.

New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

The installation of the "Learn 2 Cycle Track" has been completed and the contractor has finished on site. The facility is open to the public and initial feedback, both locally and through social media, has been very positive. Active Travel's walking and cycling officer will be organising events at the new facility in the coming weeks.





Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From April-May, lessons are running in three locations:

- Kinsealy, Liam Rodgers Community Centre
  Starts Friday 25/04/2025 to 30/05/2025
- Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre April
  Starts Monday 28/04/2025 to 16/06/2025
- Rivervalley Swords May
  Starts Saturday 03/05/2025 to 07/06/2025

With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year. A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle



Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

We are delighted to continue our Learn 2 Cyle lessons, to teach children aged 6 – 12 how to cycle.

Current courses:

- May 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm-4pm, Brackenstown Learn2Cycle track, Swords
- July 2025: Saturdays 2.30-4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown

There has been great demand from the community for this course, and we are working with our cycle trainer to provide more lessons during 2025, to meet demand.



Balance Bike Buddies – Brackenstown

Our Balance Bike Buddies Course in Brackenstown comes to and end on Saturday 31st May, the course has been a huge success for all the children and parents who have taken part. Our next course begins on Saturday 14th June in Millennium Park. We'll have two courses, Course 1 at 9:45am and Course 2 at 10:30am.
For booking information, email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them.

Picker Pals & Fingal Active Travel

The Active Travel Unit is excited to announce a collaboration with the environmental organization Picker Pals. Together, we are developing engaging communication materials to promote sustainable transport among schoolchildren in a fun and interactive way.

These materials will include games, posters, and photo boards, designed to capture children's interest and spread awareness. We recently met with some of the Picker Pals reporters to discuss the benefits of active travel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h34UdMx6GZI

There are also plans to use these resources to further engage with schools and parents, reinforcing the message of sustainability and encouraging active travel habits in the community.

Tolka Valley Path Opening Ceremony & Walk

An opening ceremony and guided walk will be held on Saturday 31 May, to celebrate the new path installed by the Operations team, along the Tolka from Mill Road toward Dunsink.

The Active Travel unit are collaborating with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns, to host a guided walk along the new path. A video will also be taken to promote this new walking amenity in Fingal.

Picker Pals Active Travel Communications Launch Burrow NS

We are holding a launch event for an exciting collaboration between Fingal's Active Travel unit and the environmental organisation Picker Pals.

Picker Pals work with schools across Ireland to promote environmental awareness, and the Active Travel unit has teamed up with them to create fun and engaging games and activities that encourage and support active travel.

Together, we have developed activities such as Active Travel Snakes & Ladders, Active Travel Ludo, interactive posters, colouring sheets, and event materials designed to connect with Fingal communities in a fun and positive way.

- We are holding a launch event this Friday, 2nd May at 11:00 a.m. at Burrow National School, Sutton.
- Students from the school will be invited to try out the new games and activities.
- These materials will support our engagement activities with schools.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper staff lease bike trial is continuing, and staff feedback so far in 2025 has been excellent, with several staff members using the bikes to commute.
The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff can avail of a free trial of Bleeper LeaseBike with the trial lasting from four weeks (with potential to extend, depending on level of demand).

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking e-bike – see example images below.
- Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email Emma.court@fingal.ie



Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme was launched in Swords, County Hall in December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- 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 are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown in January 2025.

For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. Participants will learn how to safely navigate on bikes, while also capturing their journey through media, making for an engaging and educational experience.

The course will not only help students develop cycling proficiency but will also empower them to tell the story of their experience through creative media, fostering confidence, teamwork, and leadership. We are scheduling in the course and hope to run it in the next academic term.

Fingal eBike Connect Scheme

In April the Active Travel Section launched the eBike Connect Scheme for the Donabate/Portrane area, this scheme gives residents the opportunity to apply for a subsidised eBike for a 3-month period. The purpose of the scheme is to show people the benefits of eBikes in relation to commuting and remove barriers that may exist towards buying or leasing your own eBike.

The first 10 eBikes were delivered to participants in May and we are delighted with the feedback and response to date.

Residents interested in applying for round 2 of the scheme can contact: customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



Sofa to Saddle June 2025

Our next Sofa to Saddle courses will start on Tuesday 10th June in Newbridge House and Wednesday 18th June in St Catherine's Park. Due to popular demand, in Newbridge House we will have an advanced skills course at 9:30am followed by a beginner's course at 11am.



Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.

The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking.

The courses are free to take part in, but registering is vital as places are limited. Course dates below:

- Advanced Skills Course - Tuesday 10th June in Newbridge House from 9:30am – 11am
- Beginners Course – Tuesday 10th June from 11am to 12pm
- Beginners Course – Wednesday 18th June in St Catherine's Park from 11am to 12pm

For booking information, please contact Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Cycle Training for Primary School Students, Balbriggan

Fourth class students from Gaelscoil Bhailebrigín and Bracken ETNS took part in cycle skills training on Monday 19 May, to celebrate the new cycling infrastructure in Balbriggan. These two schools are located beside the new infrastructure, enabling students to walk and cycle to school safely. The cycle training assisted students in developing their safe cycling skills.



Bike Week 2025

This year, Bike Week was held from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th May and we had a wide variety of events throughout the week. The week kicked off with a wonderful family event in Millennium Park with over 1800 people in attendance. The event included our colleagues from Environment, Climate Action and Sports and showcased the wide variety of activities on offer from the Department



During the week we held a Sunset Cycle in the Phoenix Park in partnership with the OPW, DCC and I Bike Dublin. The event saw over 200 cyclists take to a car free route around the park, with laid back music, a relaxed cycle and a beautiful sunset added to the occasion



Our Sofa to Saddle participants took on a 14km cycle to showcase their new cycling skills, the group met in Howth and cycled to Clontarf Dart Station, stopping along the way for coffee and a snack in Clontarf GAA Club. The cycle was the first time many of the group had cycled in live traffic conditions

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On Friday and Saturday we held pop-up BMX events in Balheary Park, Swords and Cardy Rock, Balbriggan with a group of Pro BMX Riders from the UK, they put schools through their paces on their skills course and held demonstrations of some of the skills needed to be a professional BMX competitor



On Saturday we held our first ever Mayors Cycle from Portmarnock to Swords. The event was a 10km on road cycle supported by Syls Cycling Club, An Garda Siochana and Fingal staff from Active Travel and Operations. The event finished in Swords Castle, where participants were able to enjoy a family movie on the lawn





The week culminated with the hugely successful Malahide Pedal Parade and Family Day at Malahide Castle. The pedal parade from New Street saw over 100 small children take to the road dressed as buzzy little bees and cycle to the event at the Castle



The event included a yoga session on the lawn, pedal powered games, free bike repair, a pop-up sea aquarium, information stands on energy upgrades and useful information on composting, recycling and upcycled street games from Sceal Arts Collective in Balbriggan.



The highlight of the day was the two family movies that were shown on the lawn. The crowd of nearly 4,000 people were treated to Despicable Me 4 and Moana 2 from the team at Retro Drive In Movies



Other events throughout the week included a come and try cycling event for older adults and people with additional needs in ALSAA, taster sessions in Lucan BMX Club for Schools, staff bike repair workshops, a cycling treasure hunt in Phoenix Park, The Fingal Schools Superhero Cycle and a historical cycle around Donabate by Donabate Cycling Club.



The Active Travel section would like to thank all our colleagues in Events, Community, Operations, Environment, Climate Action and Sport who helped to make the week an unforgettable one for all involved.

The Smarter Travel Mark

We are pleased to announce that Fingal County Council – Civic Offices and Fingal County Council – County Hall have been awarded the Smarter Travel Mark at Silver level.

The Smarter Travel Mark is recognition of Fingal County Council's commitment to changing attitudes and behaviours regarding walking, cycling and public transport usage by implementing measures that facilitate, support and encourage sustainable travel options for our workforce and visitors.

Achieving the Smarter Travel Mark demonstrates that Fingal County Council prioritises the importance and value of sustainable travel initiatives and the associated environmental benefits.

We look forward to implementing further Smarter Travel initiatives to support staff and visitors in choosing environmentally friendly transport options



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.

Simply contact customercare@bleeperactive.com for details on how to access the 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 would like more information, please email us at cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie

Trike Fundamentals Course

Accessible bikes are becoming more and more available to the public and our newest course aims at helping people using a three wheeled trike to improve their cycling skills on three wheels.



The Trike Fundamentals course will start on Saturday 8 June at 11:15am in Millennium Park and can be booked by scanning the QR Code below.

Fundamentals of Trike Cycling Course

Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative has launched in Malahide Castle. The first volunteer pilots have been trained and bookings from the public are beginning to come in. The Trishaw will be co-located with the Wheelchair Tandem Bike and be available to book by emailing Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and requesting a trip.



We are on the lookout for new volunteers in the Malahide area. If you would be interested in signing up or getting more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



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.

Throughout May, we have added 5 new volunteer drivers to the scheme and we look forward to training up more as the year continues

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
November	1479	105,383km
December	1321	104,845km
January	1669	116,516km
February	1532	113,798km
March	No Data	No Data
April	No Data	No Data

EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB, Yuko and Go Car recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle journeys completed by EV, making the already environmentally friendly form of transport even more sustainable. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs



Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

Community eCargo Bikes

The Active Travel unit have been promoting the Community eCargo Bike initiative and are receiving applications from interested community groups. We are looking forward to providing more community groups with cargo bikes in 2025.

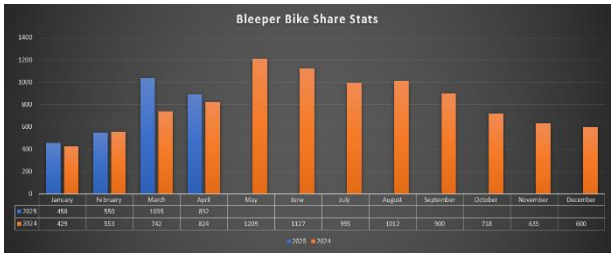


We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal.

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

The Bleeper Bike Scheme continues to grow month on month in the operating zones around the County. However, as reported last month, we had seen a concerning trend of vandalism in Dublin 15. There has been no drop off in this unfortunately and as a result, we have had to temporarily suspend the Bleeper Bike Service in Dublin 15. It is hoped that by working with Bleeper Bike and An Garda Siochana we will start to see the reintroduction of the service in Dublin 15 over the month of June. On a positive note, Swords has recorded its highest level of usage since February 2022.



The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free.

Fingal Pass Applications: 311 (20/05/25)
Approved Applications: 215

Refusal Reasons
Non-Fingal Residents: 5
No Bleeper Account yet: 91

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

755 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in April
There were an additional 137 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
781 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Sundays (22%) and Tuesdays 19% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Castleknock and Hartstown were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 197kg of CO2

CLIMATE ACTION

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025

Dublin Climate Action Week took place on May 12th -18th this year and it was a great success. During this week we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)



Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the work that is taking place across the County and during DCAW we saw events take place that not only demonstrated that but also highlighted Community Climate Action and the 6 themes of the Climate Action Plan. Events in Fingal took place in multiple formats such as demonstrations, talks, festivals, film screenings, walks and hands-on workshops. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal.

Fingal Climate Action Team at Climate Action and Active Travel Family Fun Day, Malahide Castle





Home Energy Advice Clinic- Malahide Library



Beach Walk & Talk, Portmarnock Beach



Creative Redesign Workshop, Castleknock Community Centre



D15 Toy Library at Ongar Green Fest



Sustainable Gardening Workshop with a focus on rain gardens at Bayside Community Centre



Climate Action and Active Travel Family Fun Day, Malahide Castle



Clean Coasts at Beach Walk and Talk, Portmarnock Beach



Home Composting Course at GLAS Community Garden, TUD, Blanchardstown



Keen to be Green Water Awards

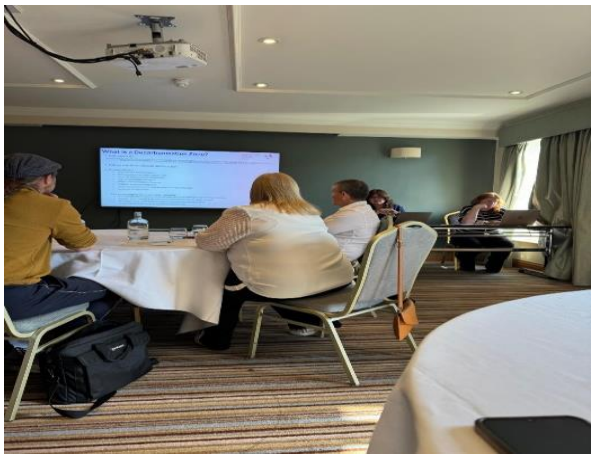

Biodiversity Lego Workshops- Swords and Rush

E2CUTIES

The Climate Action Team continues to engage with the E2-CUTIESl project. The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities. Codema and Fingal County Council will serve as the local Dublin partners, with the Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community also playing a key role. This initiative will contribute directly to Fingal's climate objectives by advancing efforts to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.


Fingal Climate Action Coordinator- Bridget Loughlin presenting on the Decarbonizing Zone to the Our Balbriggan Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

The Community Climate Action Officer is continuing to engage with groups and not-for profit organisations in Fingal to give information about the upcoming Community Climate Action Grant. The next round of the grant (€ 1,127,000) is expected to be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate Action and Communications in the near future. Applicants who were awarded funding in Round 1, are continuing to deliver climate actions.

St Maurs GAA (pictured) have delivered an impressive solar PV system (included an SEAI grant and their own fundraiser) which cost total €60k, they also purchased reusable cups which will be used to eliminate single-use cups at the club.

Bayside and Rivervalley Community Centres fitted new efficient entrance doors and planted native species in their gardens.

Howth Yacht Club have fitted new windows and a bike charger outside for members.

Balbriggan SEC in partnership with Balbriggan FC have installed new external doors at the club and internal LEDs. All these actions reduce emissions significantly in the community.





The Minister for Climate, Environment & Energy and Minister for Transport, Darragh O' Brien alongside Mayor of Fingal Brian McDonagh and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, paid a visit to Naomh Mearnóg CLG on Monday 26th May to view the Clubs recently completed works from funding received under Round 1 of the Community Climate Action Fund.
Works include a new bike shelter to encourage active travel by club members for training/matches, tree planting to increase biodiversity on the grounds, signage and storage for a Club Swap Shop so that Members can swap club gear they no longer use, keeping them in circulation. The Minister was highly impressed with the recently installed solar panels and even climbed a ladder to the roof to see them in place. All of the above actions will enhance the reduction of this Clubs Carbon Footprint.





Climate Action Awareness

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

The Fingal Reusable Cup Project officially launched on Saturday 17th May in Malahide and Rush.

A Community-Powered Solution to a Global Problem

Backed by **funding from the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices (RWMPO)**, under the Government's **Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) 2025**, supported by the **Circular Economy Fund**, this project is a **first-of-its-kind, holistic approach** to cutting disposable cup waste.

Malahide and Rush are aiming to go disposable cup free by Nov 2025, and the road to that goal starts now. This isn't just a council-led plan, it's a cross-sector collaboration that's bringing together **public and private players, local volunteers, environmental advocates, community groups and retailers**. Think: baristas, tidy towns volunteers, parish councils, sports clubs, schools, chambers of commerce, all working side-by-side toward one shared goal: **no more disposable cups**.

Real climate action, brewed locally.

We were delighted to have the Minister and the Mayor in attendance to officially launch the project and hope to roll it out across Fingal on a phased basis following the pilot.







Environmental Awareness

Replay Instruments Project

This month, many appreciative recipients received instruments including flutes, trumpets, saxophones, keyboards, guitars, bass guitars, violins, a mandolin, an electric piano, and even a euphonium.

The next chapter for these instruments begins with Music Generation Fingal, St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band, Rath Dara Community College, St. Fintan's High School, St. Colmcille's BNS, Swords Community College, Skerries Community College, Donabate Community College, and Scoil Mhuire SNS.









Fingal Students Shine at Relove Fashion Final

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the fantastic Relove Fashion Final at the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, where Fingal was proudly represented by two outstanding finalists: individual entrant Lauren Bannon and Harafat Ambibola from Le Chéile Secondary School. Both wowed the judges with their uniquely crafted, show-stopping outfits.

The Relove Fashion Competition is open to students of secondary school age and was created to address the serious environmental and social impacts of fast fashion. It encourages change by recognising the powerful role young people play in shaping creative, sustainable solutions. This brilliant initiative is a partnership between the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, the Government of Ireland, and the Rediscovery Centre—Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy. Fingal County Council is proud to support it.







Climate Action Talk at Prosper Fingal

The Environmental Awareness Officer had an inspiring visit to Prosper Fingal on Seatown Road, engaging with the team to explore creative, impactful ways to take action on climate change. The conversation was thought-provoking and energising, filled with simple yet powerful steps everyone can take to make a real difference.



Climate Action Week Family Fun Days

During Climate Action Week, the Environmental Awareness Officer connected with the public at family fun days held at Millennium Park and Malahide Castle, promoting Food Waste Recycling. The interactive displays, showcasing what can and cannot be composted, were both informative and engaging for all ages. Attendees were delighted to receive complimentary kitchen food waste caddies to encourage recycling at home.



Green Schools Awards

Congratulations to all 18 schools across Fingal awarded their Green-Schools Green Flag at the ceremony held at the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk. It was a great honour for Fingal's Environmental Awareness Officer to present these well-deserved Green Flags across various themes including Litter & Waste, Travel, Water, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship (Marine Environment, Litter & Waste, Travel), and Primary Climate Ambassador.

These flags represent two years of incredible commitment, teamwork, and passion for protecting our environment. We couldn't be prouder of the dedication shown by students, teachers, and school communities. We look forward to many joyful flag-raising ceremonies in the coming weeks as each school celebrates this fantastic achievement. The future is bright and green in Fingal.



Hansfield ETNS EcoChew Team

Big congratulations to Team EcoChew (Maida-Fatima, Angelin, and Abi) from Hansfield ETSS, winners of the Sustainability Award in the Intermediate Category at this year's Student Enterprise Final. Representing Local Enterprise Office Fingal, these young eco-innovators impressed everyone with their innovative approach to chewing gum disposal. They recently met with the Environmental Awareness Officer to discuss their clever, planet-friendly solution and to plan an exciting Gum Litter Awareness Event coming to Fingal this July.



ENVIRONMENT

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.

- Investigate and report on all CRM queries raised by the litter management section
- Bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily to ensure that there is no dumping and any evidence found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act
- Link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.
- Report any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.
- Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.
- Continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.
- Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the CRM system.
- Conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.
- The wardens commenced the annual litter quantification surveys in May to quantity the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.







Litter Fines & Warning Notices – May 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4

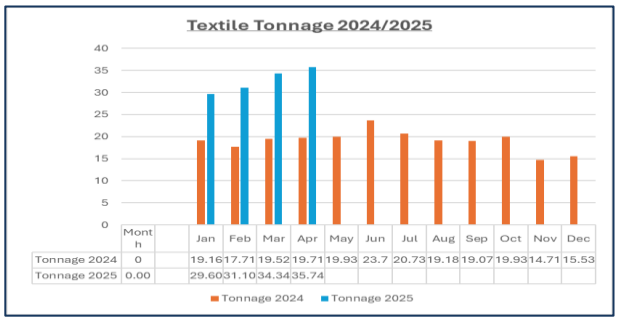
There were 4 cases before the district court in May, four were successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

Litter Management Cases for May 2025

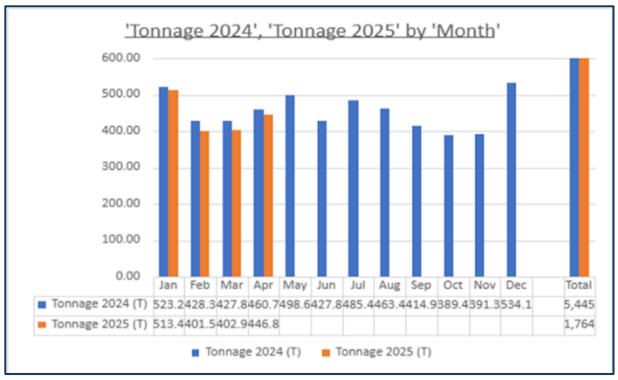
Cases May 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Abandoned cars	13
Inspection of bring banks	412
Inspection of dumping black spots	780
Unauthorised signage	4
Request for Dog fouling signs	1
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	3
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	4
Beach patrols	10
Report of dumping from a vehicle	1

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Bring Banks



Textile volumes collected in **April 2025** were **36 Tonnes**. This compares with a 2024 Textile collection figure of 16 Tonnes in April 2024.



Glass volumes collected to date in **May 2025** total **447 Tonnes**. This compares with a collection figure of 461 Tonnes collected in April 2024.

Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 28th of May 2025, 169 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received. 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**

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2	3	0	0
May	0	2	0	0
June	1		0	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	**7**	**10**	**3**

Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 20 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of May 2025 to 28th of May 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of May 2025 to 26th of May 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	4
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	2
Env – Court File	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	7
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	4
Grand Total	**20**

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. 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 produce a valid licence for keeping a dog may result in a fine being issued.

Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 99 x 10 Day Notices and 15 Fines issued by the dog wardens during May 2025.

Licences and Fines

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247		58		€2,180	
July	29		88		€3,550	
August	15		52		€4,600	
September	29		23		€2,919.70	
October	15		13		€2,321	
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	**1872**	**363**	**429**	**49**	**€30,606.20**	**€10,128.50**

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during May 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. 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	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	843	87	54	€33,740	€24,420
February	1010	747	62	51	€28,880	€22,080
March	810	838	58	56	€24,320	€ 24,600
April	918	742	64	40	€27,320	€ 20,440
May	1193	753	90	45	€36,460	€ 21,360
June	1045		87		€33,080	€
July	843		49		€23,720	€
August	865		67		€26,680	€
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	**10, 292**	**3923**	**742**	**246**	**€309,720**	**€112,900**

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 is 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 is unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and specifies the dog's license details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It also specifies 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 166 COE applications, of which 126 have been fully processed, and exemption certificates have been 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 May 25 there were 20 dogs in the shelter.

Up to 26th of May 2025, 10 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 32 dogs, 3 were reclaimed, 12 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 26th of May there were 15 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 May 2024	**26**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2025**	**20**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	11	Rehomed to Rescue	12
Rehomed to Public	6	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	1	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of May 2024	**23**	**Dogs in shelter at end of May 25**	**15**

Dublin County Dog Shelter are currently holding a social media initiative highlighting their services and the number of bull breeds they have there at the moment. The campaign commenced on the 22/05/25 on Facebook and Instagram and highlights/promotes the shelter and the dogs that are currently available for rehoming.

Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



HORSES

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite.

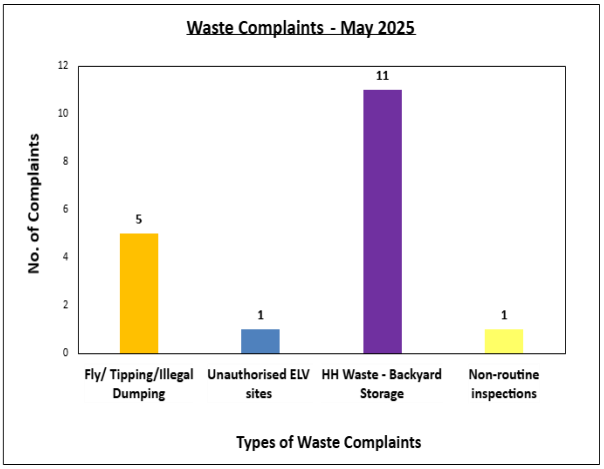
In May 25 there were 8 horses seized from the public realm.



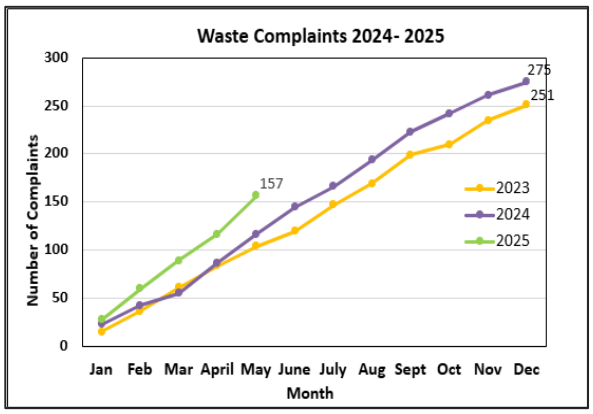
WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION

Waste Complaints

A total of 40 waste complaints were recorded in May, and 20 were resolved.



These complaints related to household backyard burning/storage of waste, unauthorised ELV sites, fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine complaints. A breakdown of the types of complaints investigated in May is shown in above graph.



If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, please contact the Environment Section on Tel: (01) 9806266 or at: environment@fingal.ie



Man in the Van Patrols

During a routine "Man in the Van" patrol, waste enforcement officers observed a van on the M50 carrying a large quantity of treated wood. They discreetly followed the vehicle and approached the driver when it stopped at a service station in Palmerstown. The driver was uncooperative, unable to confirm the source or destination of the wood. After contacting his employer, it was revealed the load was intended for disposal at RDC Paving in Clondalkin, which ultimately refused to accept it. Officers directed the van to the Ballymount authorised waste facility for disposal and followed it there to ensure compliance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as Amended.



WEEE Inspections

Under S.I. No. 149/2014 - European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 and S.I. No. 283/2014 - European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014, premises which distribute or produce EEE, and/or batteries must register with a compliance scheme. Customers can return WEEE and batteries to these registered premises, which are then collected for recycling. Local Authorities have a key role in enforcing compliance with the WEEE regulations.



During May, 9 WEEE and 6 battery inspections were undertaken, with only 1 premises fully compliant. Most premises were registered but failed to correctly display the statutory notice and certificate of registration as required by the legislation. All premises will be fully compliant in the coming weeks.

Deposit Return Scheme

The Environment Department was in consultation with Re-turn to ensure all vendors at upcoming events and festivals are registered with the Deposit Re-turn Scheme (DRS).

This will help capture and recycle all drinks containers at these events. Waste Enforcement Officers continue to carry out inspections covering both retailers and producers of drinks containers. Enforcement action is taken where non compliances are found. More inspections are planned for the remainder of the year with a total of 30 inspections due to be completed by year end.

Re-turn, the administrator of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme, is introducing a new optional charity donation feature that is set to begin rolling out across Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs). This new feature will give RVM suppliers the ability to offer retailers the option to let customers donate their container deposits to charity when returning drinks containers.



Repak

Repak was set up in 1997 to help Member businesses meet their legal obligation to recycle the packaging they place on the Irish market. They have over 3,400 Members, whose fees fund household recycling bins, bottle banks, civic amenity sites and business back-door waste nationwide. Repak has 3 Primary Goals – 1. To make Ireland a Leader in Europe when it comes to packaging recycling and recovery. 2. To recycle 55% of plastic packaging and 65% of all packaging material placed on the market by 2035 and 3. To educate Irish society on how to recycle better and re-use packaging material.

REPAK
Business *funding* recycling

The waste enforcement team have together with WERLA highlighted businesses that are obligated to join the Repak scheme. Inspections are planned for these businesses to ensure compliance with packaging regulations. So far, we have received positive engagement from all companies that were inspected who will become full Repak members in due course.

Commercial Food Waste

WERLA, the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority, created a list of commercial waste premises by tonnage by assessing annual returns from waste collectors. A selection of these premises have been selected for both food waste and dry recyclable inspections to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Bye Laws 2020 and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 as amended.



These inspections cover a range of premises – supermarkets, cafes, schools, restaurants, fast food chains and delicatessens. A three bins system is necessary for all commercial premises following 2024 amendments to the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations, 2009. Commercial premises will reduce the amount of organic waste being disposed of through residual waste bins and increase the amount food waste that can be recycled for other uses such as compost.



Anti-Dumping Initiative 2025

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is again making funding of €3M available to Local Authorities, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) to support the 2025 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).



The Waste Enforcement Section submitted an application in April and was successful in securing €90,000 in funding. The application was centred around the Waste Presentation Bye Laws 2020 and will be used to progress the project to the next stage – Engagement with Householders on the Reverse Register.

The Reverse Register is currently being updated through information received from waste collection companies to highlight households who potentially don't have a waste collection service in place through the use of Eircodes. The reverse register once completed will be mapped using GIS to help identify hot spot areas for follow on investigation. Households will be asked to clarify how they are disposing of their waste and to put in place a waste collection service if required.



Water Quality

Farm Inspections



The National Agriculture Inspection Plan (NAIP) requires that 74 farms within the functional area of Fingal are inspected in 2025. 25 full farm inspections were completed by Q1 2025. At the time of inspection 21 farms inspected were found to be in full compliance with the GAP Regs and 4 farms found to be non-complaint. All non-compliant farm operators have been issued with warning letters and given a timeframe to bring their farm operation into compliance with the GAP Regulations. Failure to comply with the GAP Regulations will result in the operator facing enforcement action and potential prosecution.

Section 4 Licence to Discharge to Waters



ECAATS are responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of operators who hold a Section 4 licence to discharge treated sewage or treated industrial effluent to waters.

In Q1 2025 32 Section 4 samples were collected from the licensees resulting in the issuing of 22 enforcement letters to non-complaint operators.

All non-compliant operators have been directed to comply with their discharge licence consent or else render themselves liable for enforcement action including prosecution.

Licensed Landfills

Dunsink Landfill Works

Site clearance works at the southeastern section of the landfill site is now complete enabling the engineering team to start programming for the required drainage maintenance works which is planned to commence in Q3 2025.

Dunsink Site Clearance Works: BEFORE



Dunsink Site Clearance works: AFTER



SPORTS OFFICE

Area Based Programmes

A new series of Area Based Classes started in May across the County. This included 4 different programmes targeting groups from toddlers to older adults across 22 locations in the 7 electoral areas. These programmes inspire increased participation among targeted groups especially for individuals who want to kickstart or renew their health and well-being fitness journeys. All locations have been well attended, and the programmes have inspired participants to partake in follow up participatory and competitive events.



SportsCon Teacher Training

The Sports Office continued its Education Series in May with Teacher Training workshops for schools in Lusk and Swords. These workshops develop best coaching practice in schools and clubs looking particularly at developing young people's fundamental movement skills. So far this year over 100 coaches and teachers have benefited from these workshops in all 7 electoral areas of the county.





Fingal Athletics League Finals Day

The Finals Day for this year's Fingal Athletics League programme took place on 14th May in ALSAA sports complex. There were 50 schools and over 2,500 students from across Fingal descending on ALSAA for the climax of the programme, after 4 local race meets in Porterstown Park and Newbridge House. As well as there being 4,000 spectators in person, another 6,500 tuned in to watch the livestream of the event.

On the day, students were also able to join in on some fun activities delivered by coaches from Leinster Rugby, Cricket Leinster, Hockey Ireland and Athletics Ireland. There were 8 winning schools across different categories including Overall Winner; St Brigid's NS, Castleknock and Fingal's Greenest School, Balrothery NS.





The first Fingal / DCC - FAI Football for All blitz

The first Fingal / DCC - FAI Football for All blitz was held at the FAI National Training Centre on Wednesday 30th April. Many teams from around Fingal attended. Approximately 80 players participated in the wonderful sunshine. Lots of good football and great craic!
These blitz's will be held over the year monthly.



Fingal Couch to 5K

The Sports Office initiated another Couch to 5k programme after the very successful post-Christmas initiative. This time the target group were inactive participants in Blanchardstown, Swords and Donabate who are looking to take part in their first 5k event.
Tutors are available once a week in Hartstown Park, Broadmeadows Park and Newbridge House to run and develop a structured plan that participants can practice several times during the week with the target of running in the 5k Race Series in the Phoenix Park in May.



Age & Opportunity Physical Activity Leaders Workshops

Fingal Sports Office is delivering a 6-week series of Physical Activity Leader (PALs) Workshops in partnership and being facilitated by Active Age & Opportunity in the Liam Rogers Centre during May & June. PALs Workshop are an initiative designed to empower older adults with the skills and confidence to lead sport and activity sessions within their local groups and communities.
This year's course has welcomed a diverse range of community groups, including members of Men's Sheds, Active Retired Groups, Countrywomen's Association (ICA) guilds, Community Centres, Family Resource Centres and Alone support workers. Each bringing their own perspective on wishing to engage older adults in physical activity. The 5-hour Workshops consists of topics covering Sit Fit, Better Balance, Going Strong and Rolling and Bowling.



Fingal/ FAI TY Football & Fitness Course Graduation

The TY Class of 2025 from the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course – a flagship collaboration between the FAI and Fingal County, were celebrated in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, in May.
Fifty Transition Year students from across Fingal were awarded their certificates at a special ceremony attended by FAI representatives, Fingal County Council officials, programme staff, and special guests Killian Philips – a former participant of the course and recent senior international call-up and Women's National Team manager Carla Ward.





Sports First Aid

Fingal Sports Office continued its Coach Education Series with another Sports First Aid workshop in Corduff Sports Centre D15. Twenty volunteers from ten different clubs in the D15 area took part in a very informative workshop tutored by paramedic Brian Pentony. Participants explored topics such as cardiac arrest, heart attacks, concussion and minor sports injuries.
The Sports Office plans to deliver a follow-up accredited course by the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council in Q3 for participants who attended these introductory courses.



New BoxUp locations

As part of the Active Cities Dublin initiative, Fingal County Council has expanded access to free sports and play equipment with the installation of six new BoxUp units—bringing the total to eight across the county.

BoxUp is a solution for sharing sports and leisure equipment using a physical station, accessible via a mobile application. The user accesses the equipment for a few hours of play, then returns the equipment to the locker as soon as the activity is over.

The BoxUp units provide a solution with cross-functional impacts;

Quality of Life: BoxUp makes spaces livelier, activities more spontaneous and easily accessible to all.
Access to Sport and Physical Activity: Sharing stations facilitate access to a range of sporting activities, helping to inspire more active lifestyles.
Health & Equality: BoxUp improves access to urban infrastructure and thus boosts sporting activity and, by extension, the health of local residents.
BoxUp Units are now installed in; Millennium Park, Malahide Castle & Gardens, Hartstown Park, Newbridge House and Farm, Skerries Mills, Argillan Castle, Lusk Sports Hub and Balbriggan Skate Park.



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Rates

May 2025 is running at 64%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€107.2m
Rates collected %	64%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €17.0m.

Development Levy Income YTD May 2025	
Levies Receipted	€17.0 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	23.8%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May was €37.68m which is c. **97.9%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€37.68m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.9%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of May

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	104	
Value €m	28.4m	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	14.7m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	53.5	
No. of procurements at approved	9	(iii)
Value €m	43.5m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the May
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MAY 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	47,960,580	123,749,800	39%	46,365,058	126,862,200	37%	1,595,523
Road Transport & Safety	15,305,288	36,814,800	42%	3,491,881	9,063,700	39%	11,813,406
Water Services	4,640,240	13,233,400	35%	6,402,366	15,070,000	42%	-1,762,125
Development Management	10,273,906	25,261,800	41%	3,872,287	10,206,000	38%	6,401,618
Environmental Services	20,363,828	48,948,700	42%	5,655,539	8,761,100	65%	14,708,289
Recreation & Amenity	24,552,993	59,101,400	42%	1,198,823	4,375,600	27%	23,354,170
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	801,051	1,575,200	51%	261,592	422,700	62%	539,459
Miscellaneous Services	8,036,638	21,053,000	38%	11,461,817	29,588,900	39%	-3,425,179
Central Management Charge	24,027,255	59,137,800	41%	1,707,398	4,073,900	42%	22,319,857
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,291,792	12,700,300	42%	-5,291,792
Rates				69,896,458	167,751,500	42%	-69,896,458
	155,961,780	**388,875,900**	**40%**	**155,605,012**	**388,875,900**	**40%**	**356,768**

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2025

		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	125,458,875	-59,760,429	56,011,571
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	14,806,127	-5,810,307	18,976,086
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	914,667	-565,022	-9,978,162
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	9,704,149	-15,695,504	-181,335,785
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	1,934,023	-437,745	-13,921,931
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	18,730,593	-5,624,345	1,339,893
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	6,120,926	-6,128,899	-42,110,932
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**177,669,360**	**-94,022,251**	**-171,019,260**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025 €	Balance at 31/05/2025 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	687,390	60,759,598	60,047,167	712,431
LOANS	2,130,037	1,904,892	177,637	1,727,255
RENTS	10,032,929	9,254,008	3,150,833	6,103,175

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

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Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor exercise equipment to Millenium Park, D15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€58,790.00	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	6	27/05/2025	Call Off Contract
sCFT LEAN Business Programme	Jigsaw VAE Ltd t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500.00	08/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	08/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Deliver, Set Up & Monitor of Radio Frequency for 30 Working Days Licence Period of Radio Station & Production Days	Broadcast Technical Services	Unit 20 Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Raod, Dublin 12	€25,800.00	22/03/2025	22/04/2025	1	21/02/2025	Contract
Road inlay and ancillary works, Estuary Rd., Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€83,586.00	26/05/2025	12/06/2025	3 Weeks	16/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Postal Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	Unit 4 Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€180,000.00	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	12	28/04/2025	Contract
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Red Arches Baldoyle Co Dublin.	Joe Duke & Company Ltd	Unit G9 Riverview Business Park, Nangor Road	€42,548.00	21/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	13/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour for Fingal County Council	Ayesa (Formerly t/a Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin12, D12 VW27	€249,605.00	03/06/2025	02/06/2029	48	19/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Pecks Lane Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 13	€59,715.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2025	6	21/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Dromheath Drive and Avenue Dublin 1	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 14	€79,230.00	01/07/2025	01/10/2025	3	22/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Hadleigh Court and Park Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15	€46,520.00	01/06/2025	01/09/2025	3	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract

Road Markings for How/Mal area	Nuzum Road Services ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€52,491.85	28/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Services for Portmarnock Railway Overbridge OBB21	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€44,293.60	28/04/2025	28/09/2025	5	28/04/2025	Call Off Contract
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	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€187,100.10	01/05/2025	31/12/2025	8	16/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Shelving & Miscellaneous Items for Skerries Library	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave. Parkwest, Dublin 12	€66,863.00	20/05/2025	25/07/2025	10 Weeks	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Migration of Data, CCR & Historical Data from Cygnus to Agresso Housing Loans Module and Implementation of a Debt management System	Ascendas Business Solutions Ltd	Market House, 15 Market Square, Dillonsland, Navan, Co. meath C15 N525	€80,600.00	27/05/2025	27/05/2026	12	08/05/2025	Contract
Emergency Paving Repair Works at Newbridge House Courtyard	Francis Haughey Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patrick Street, Keady, Co. Armagh	€46,484.00	19/05/2025	20/06/2025	5 Weeks	29/04/2025	Contract
Provision of NGN Phone Circuits for 2024 & 2025	Eir (Eir Evo)	Hibernia House,	€48,378.83	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24	22/05/2025	Contract
Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	Block 2, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€259,185.39	07/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	13/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Waste Management Services - provision of bins at beaches (Interim)	Bord Na Mona Offices	Bord Na Mona Offices, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare W12 XR59	€284,248.99	01/05/2025	31/10/2025	6	16/05/2025	Contract
Development & Implementation of FCS (Financial Contribution System)	EY Client Solutions Unlimited	Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2	€84,314.42	03/04/2025	30/04/2028	36	03/04/2025	Contract
Construction of a community garden at Meakstown - the adaptation and reuse of Bloom Garden 'A breathing space for Fingal'	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	Richardstown, Dromin, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€82,469.00	12/05/2025	10/07/2026	14	27/03/2025	Contract

Design and Construction of 2 no. Playgrounds at Corduff Park, Blanchardstown and Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Hawthorn Heights Ltd	75 Craigbrack Road, Eglington, Co. Derry, BT47 3BE	€824,670.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2026	18	14/05/2025	Contract
Resurfacing of a section of Carrickbrack Road Sutton Rd and ancillary works	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€119,415.00	26/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Accounting, Audit and Financial Advisory Services for ANCA	Crowe Ireland Risk Limited	40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, DO4 C2N4	€140,000.00	29/05/2025	29/05/2026	12	14/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Construction of Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€82,199.76	12/05/2025	12/08/2025	3	08/05/2025	Contract
Purchase 2 Electric Vans	Setanta Vehicle Importers	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€101,580.00	10/05/2025	09/05/2026	12	10/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Desilting of Millpond at Ward River Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€93,604.50	15/05/2025	15/08/2025	3	30/04/2025	Contract
Inlay and ancillary works of a section of Station Rd Lusk, Co Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,945.00	26/05/2025	13/06/2025	3 Weeks	06/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Swift Survey Fingal Towns	Birdwatch Ireland	Unit 20 Block B, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	€42,360.00	25/05/2025	01/04/2026	11	17/05/2025	Contract
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the CCTV & Recording System in Bell's Lane.	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Ind. Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin 22	€68,944.00	18/03/2025	18/07/2026	16	06/03/2025	Contract
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2025	Irish Tar, Colas Teoranta & Breedon	Irish Tar - Alexandra Road Dublin 11, Colas Teranta - Bluebell Industrial Estate Dublin 2, Bredon - Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin	€171,827.00	01/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	29/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Swords Main Street Transformation - Traffic Survey Phase 1	Tracsis Traffic Data Ltd	Unit 43 Canal Walk, Parkwest, Dublin1 2	€48,830.00	28/04/2025	28/06/2025	2	02/05/2025	Contract
Specialist seeding and three-year management plan to develop a native hay meadow at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Eco Seed Ltd	Inverbrena Hall, Stella Marris Street, Strangford, Co. Down, BT30 7NJ	£37,030.00	10/03/2025	10/03/2028	36	29/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Front Mounted Mowers	Dublin Grass Machinery	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15	€173,600.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract

Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	Micromail Ltd	3 Nessan House, Riverview Business park, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork T12 N2NC	€26,699.20	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	25/04/2025	Contract
Slip form kerbing, macadam footpath & ancillaries, Towerbay, Portrane.	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€81,908.80	14/04/2025	14/06/2025	2	11/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Quay Road, Portrane.	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney Dunleer, Co. Louth	€60,786.80	14/04/2025	14/05/2025	1	10/04/2025	Call Off Contract
CCTV installation to Lanesborough Park D11 to include all necessary civil works	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 22	€174,535.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2028	36	23/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Installation of My Open Library system to Blanchardstown and Malahide libraries & installation of replacement lift to Malahide library for Fingal County Council	Demac Construction Ltd	7A Monaghan Court, Monaghan Street, Newry, Co. Down BT35 6BH	€499,810.00	11/03/2025	19/09/2026	18	11/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Environmental Consultancy Services - Ecological Clerk of Works - Rathmore Recreational Hub Development	Scott Cawley Ltd	71-73 Rock Road, College House, Rock Road, Black Rock, Dublin	€49,700.00	01/05/2025	01/11/2026	18	24/03/2025	Contract
Multi Party Framework for Design and Construction of New Playgrounds and the Refurbishment/Upgrades of Existing Playgrounds within Fingal County Council's Administrative Area	Play & Leisure Services	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€199,995.72	22/04/2025	22/10/2025	6	31/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Control of and daily monitory of oil spill at Balbriggan Harbour	Pollution and Waste Services	Unit 107 Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13	€36,280.67	13/01/2025	01/04/2025	3	13/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance and Management of a network of textile banks and provision of a textile recycling service for the materials collected from the banks for re-use and recycling	Textile Recycling Limited (TRL)	Unit 3, Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin, D12 YP99	€60,000.00	24/01/2025	23/07/2025	6	10/02/2025	Contract
Provision of Audit Services - Internal Audit	Crowleys DFK	16-17 College Green, Dublin 2	€200,000.00	21/02/2025	20/02/2027	24	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing, North Co Fingal, Local Roads 2025 (six locations)	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€539,073.05	02/06/2025	30/09/2025	17 Weeks	07/04/2025	Call Off Contract

Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, R108, Co Dublin, Cooks Rd Junction to Knocksedan Demesne	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€389,469.51	01/07/2025	29/08/2025	9 Weeks	05/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Purchase of up to 8 x Stand on Mowers	Southern Machinery Ltd	Donore, Naas Co. Kildare	€100,000.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Compact Tractor	Dublin Grass Machinery	Ashbrook, River Road, Dublin 15, D15 N504	€52,800.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Cutting, Breaking & Removal of Reinforced concrete foundation & construction of a river channel at Ward River, Brackenstown, Swords	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€35,211.00	10/03/2025	10/06/2025	3	26/02/2025	Contract
Management and Operation of Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€1,151,487.66	26/03/2025	19/03/2029	48	13/03/2025	Contract
Logix Software Subscription 2025 - 2029	Nathean Technologies Ltd	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€75,601.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2029	48	10/01/2025	Contract
An initial contract to supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units to be used as Lifeguard Stations on beaches in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.	Shankill Business Centre Ltd, T/A Spectrum Portable Buildings	Station House, Station Road, Shankill, Dublin, D18 N1N2	€67,080.00	28/02/2025	31/05/2025	3	28/02/2025	Contract
Sports Surface Consultancy Services Development	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury , Shropshire, SY3 8AX	€36,748.80	14/04/2025	14/10/2026	18	19/03/2025	Contract
Bremore Castle Estate Balbriggan (phase 2) - Road Resurfacing inlay	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€70,540.00	19/05/2025	30/05/2025	2 weeks	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Restoration of 3 No. Glasshouses at Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide Demesne	Oldstone Conservation Ltd, Donard,	Donard, Co. Wicklow	€930,587.02	04/04/2025	03/03/2026	12	25/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing Inlay Quickpenny Road, Lusk	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,475.00	28/04/2025	09/05/2025	2 weeks	27/03/2025	Contract
Road surfacing inlay, St Maurs Est Rush	John McQuillan Contract Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€73,936.70	21/04/2025	02/05/2025	1	27/03/2025	Contract

Weekly Bin Collections & Ad hoc Skip Collections from Halting Sites in Fingal Area (2025)	Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€85,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Portable Toilet Units for use at Traveller Accommodation Sites	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue, Cookstown Ind Estate, Tallaght, D24	€55,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Consultancy Services for Castleland Swimming Pool Design Team	ReCreation Group	60 Chorley, New Road, Bolton, BL1 4DA	€359,079.75	24/03/2025	24/10/2025	7	24/03/2025	Contract
Post and Rope Fencing Project Nose of Howth	Stirue Fencing	Priestown, Dunleer Co. Louth	€60,300.00	14/01/2025	28/02/2025	6	13/01/2025	Contract
Requirement for Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Seatown Park, Housing Estate, Swords	D M Morris Ltd	8 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray.	€110,780.00	01/04/2025	01/06/2025	2	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Services for Software Renewal for the Autodesk Software Suite.	NTI Diatec	Unit 17, The Seapoint Building, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	€181,774.19	01/03/2025	29/02/2028	36	10/03/2025	Contract
Hire of excavator and operator at the former Dunsink Landfill and Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co. Dublin	€85,800.00	18/03/2025	17/03/2026	12	26/03/2025	Contract
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor equipment to Hartstown park	Outfit Outdoor Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€44,630.00	01/04/2025	01/10/2025	6	25/03/2025	Call-Off Contract
Requirement for Supply only of ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries	Millenium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas	€64,240.00	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	03/03/2025	Contract
Engineering Services for the upgrade of Skerries Town Park including GAA & soccer sports pitches, ancillary structures and path infrastructure	McCloy Consulting Ltd	Unit 12, Beat Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€34,486.20	27/03/2025	03/09/2026	18	25/03/2025	Contract
R132 Tree Removal works programme for Fingal County Council	King Tree Services Ltd	Coolbeg , Wicklow, Co Wicklow	€93,288.00	31/03/2025	01/05/2025	3	03/03/2025	Contract
Support in the development of an investment concept for an FCC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	Seyfferstrasse, 34 Stuttgart 70197, Germany	€50,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	13/03/2025	Contract
Roof Maintenance, Repairs and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	11 St Cronan's View, Swords, Co Dublin	€27,200.00	20/03/2025	19/03/2026	12	14/03/2025	Contract

Purchase of Tractor Towed Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	Baytown, The Naul, Co Dublin	€37,656.00	27/01/2025	26/01/2026	12	27/01/2025	Contract
Property valuation and negotiation services	Streets Ahead Property Services	22 Mill Close, Stamullen, Co. Meath	€142,150.00	01/02/2025	31/08/2025	7	18/03/2025	Contract
Requirement for an Email Gateway (Sophos - Lot 1)	Softcat PLC	No 2 Harbour Square, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€82,232.40	14/04/2025	13/04/2030	60	11/03/2025	Contract
Road Inlay and Ancillary works, Longlands Swords	SIAC Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	€58,973.00	24/03/2025	07/04/2025	2 wks	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery and all ancillary works	John Browne Construction Ltd	Carragh, Granard, Co Longford	€34,250.00	06/03/2025	28/03/2025	1	06/03/2025	Contract
Interim Caretaker Agreement to manage and operate for Malahide Recreational Facility	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€100,388.00	01/01/2025	28/02/2025	2	01/01/2025	Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Swords and Malahide	Invictus Event Management Ltd	Enterprise House, New Market Street, Fermoy, Co. Cork	€145,587.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan	Davis Events Agency	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin 6	€107,352.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Installation of New Traffic Signals for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€667,508.58	10/03/2025	12/12/2025	10	03/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of Part V and social turnkey housing units at Aster Park, Rush	Mason Hayes & Curran	South Bank House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4	€60,000.00	01/01/2025	30/06/2026	18	01/01/2025	Contract
Newtown Bridge - Balheary Road Active Travel Scheme	Jons Civil Engineering	Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath A92 K654	€995,868.89	30/01/2025	31/07/2026	18	30/01/2025	Contract
Removal of Vessel from Balbriggan Harbour - "Wynd Up"	Marine Specialists Ltd	Larkins Cross, Barntown, Co Wexford	€95,130.00	23/01/2025	23/04/2025	3	23/01/2025	Contract
Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites 2025	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT41 2DU	€223,985.50	17/02/2025	16/02/2026	12	17/02/2025	Call-Off Contract

Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street, Stage 2b	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects (DFLA)	Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin 8	€325,072.50	04/03/2025	04/04/2026	13	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Hire of Volvo EW60E compact wheeled excavator	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€62,100.00	01/04/2025	30/03/2028	36	12/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Dye & Durham Ltd Lawlink Subscription 2025	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€68,484.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	11/02/2025	Contract
Requirement for Logix BI and NEC Housing drawdown services	Nathean Technologies	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€140,400.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/02/2025	Contract
Tree Removal Works at Comyn Manor and R132	Twin Tree Care Ltd	Sequoia House, 73 Torcaill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	€36,350.00	17/02/2025	17/04/2025	2	07/02/2025	Contract
Road Lining for Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€51,205.10	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Legal Conveyancing Services for the acquisition of social turnkey properties for Fingal County Council	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€256,650.00	04/02/2025	03/02/2027	24	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Ongoing Commissioning, operation & maintenance of existing EV charging points to include enabling works for change over from existing supplier.	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, Rockgrove Ind Est, Little Island, Cork	€34,100.00	30/01/2025	29/01/2026	12	30/01/2025	Contract
25 HP Zbook High Spec Laptops	Datapac Ireland	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€38,225.00	22/01/2025	21/01/2026	12	29/01/2025	Contract
Support for Cygnus Housing Loan Application	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 2SI, UK	€45,386.33	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	29/01/2025	Contract
Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell, Dublin 15	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€240,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	21/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Preparation of Dunsink Statutory Local Plan	RMLA Ltd	Unit 3B, Santry Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9	€685,765.00	20/01/2025	19/01/2026	12	20/01/2025	Call-Off Contract

Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€97,280.00	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	14/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Tradfest - Irelands Premier Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/01/2025	Contract
Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	2055 Castle Drive, D24 X2XT	€34,784.50	02/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	08/01/2025	Contract
Purchase of three sports equipment storage units to be installed in local parks & controlled by an app	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€70,000.00	06/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	06/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance of GPS Vehicle Tracking System	Transpoco (E-Pire Ltd)	Innovation House, DCU Alpha Innovation Campus, Old Finglas Rd, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	€80,000.00	31/12/2024	30/12/2025	12	03/01/2025	Contract
Photography Services for Fingal County Council	Coalesce Ltd	78 Landscape Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14.	€62,080.00	15/01/2025	14/01/2027	24	15/01/2025	Contract

Appendix 3 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2025 Allocation**
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

Appendix 3 – Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 725,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 40,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 165,000
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 75,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 175,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 75,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 25,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 115,000
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 350,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 160,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 65,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachailli	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€ 200,000

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
	Total:	**€ 20,000,000**
	Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams	
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		**€7,685,000**

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	2024	Q1 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21
	Air & Odour	37	54	23
	Noise	99	146	47
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**2,562**	**358**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**9,451**	**2,987**

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	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 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 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	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 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
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.	Q2 2025	Q3 2026

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	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q1 2026
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	On-Site	On-Site	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Phased delivery

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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	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.	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 2026	Q1 2027
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

Appendix 5- Continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 5- Continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	22 10	Q2 2025 Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Hansfield Orchard, Hansfield, Dublin 15	54 37	Q1 2026 Q2 2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 31

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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27th May 2025.

Ciara O hAodha,
Senior Executive Officer,
Fingal County Council.

RE: Transient Visitor Levy.

Dear Ciara,

At the May meeting of the Finance SPC the following members were nominated to represent Dubin City Council on a Transient Visitor Levy Working Group of the Dublin local authorities:

Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Michael Pidgeon

We have been advised that the following members will represent South Dublin County Council on the Group:

Cllr Liona O'Toole
Cllr Pamela Kearns

I would ask that you might arrange for the nomination of two Councillors to represent Fingal County Council at your earliest convenience. We will then look at preparing the Terms of Reference for this Group before meeting in September.

Yours sincerely,

Victor Leonov

Victor Leonov FCCA
Acting Head of Finance

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Dublin City Council

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28th May 2025

FAO: Ms Ciara O hAodha
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(By email to ciara.ohaodha@fingal.ie)

Re: Motion from Fingal County Council requesting Dublin City Council to carry out a Compulsory Purchase Order for lands along the Tolka River to facilitate the Tolka Greenway

Dear Ciara,

I refer to Fingal County Council's letter Ref: Item 37, The Purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of Land dated 27th January 2025 regarding a motion that was passed by members of Fingal County Council as follows:

"That the Chief Executive writes to Dublin City Council to request they consider the purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land alongside the Tolka River at Glasnevin (St. Mary's School), for the purpose of a continued Greenway between Mulhuddart and the new Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway which was officially opened to the public."

Dublin City Council wishes to advise as follows;

The greenway that is contemplated in the motion forms part of the proposed Dublin City Active Travel Network and is identified as the Tolka Valley Greenway.

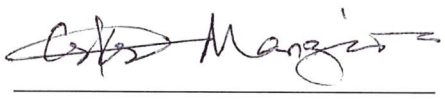
The Tolka Valley Greenway traverses through land under 3rd party ownership namely St. Marys School lands under the ownership of the Holy Faith Order, Glasnevin Cemetery which is under the care of Dublin Cemeteries Committee and the Botanic Gardens which are in State ownership through the OPW.

The third party lands outlined above include the lands that have been recommended for CPO by Fingal County Council. They are contained within an overall 4.1km gap on the greenway, which stretches from Finglas Road to Annesley Bridge in Fairview. This remaining section is not included in the current Active Travel programme which runs from 2025-2028.

Dublin City Council is therefore not yet in a position to commence discussions for land acquisition. This would be contemplated during the design process of the greenway, which is unlikely to start before 2028. However, if funding becomes available sooner, the design development of this scheme could commence before 2028.

The overall greenway route is 8km, stretching from Ashtown to Alfie Byrne Road. 3.4 km of this greenway has been completed, from Ashtown to Finglas Road, via Cardifsbridge Park and Tolka Valley Park. In addition half a kilometre was recently completed between Annesley Bridge and Alfie Byrne Road, via Fairview Park. A further 0.9km would be required through East Point Business Park in order to achieve connectivity to the Tolka Estuary Greenway, recently completed by Dublin Port Company.

If you wished to discuss the matter further or to set up a meeting to go through the information in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted by email on, christopher.manzira@dublincity.ie or mobile 087 932 1163.



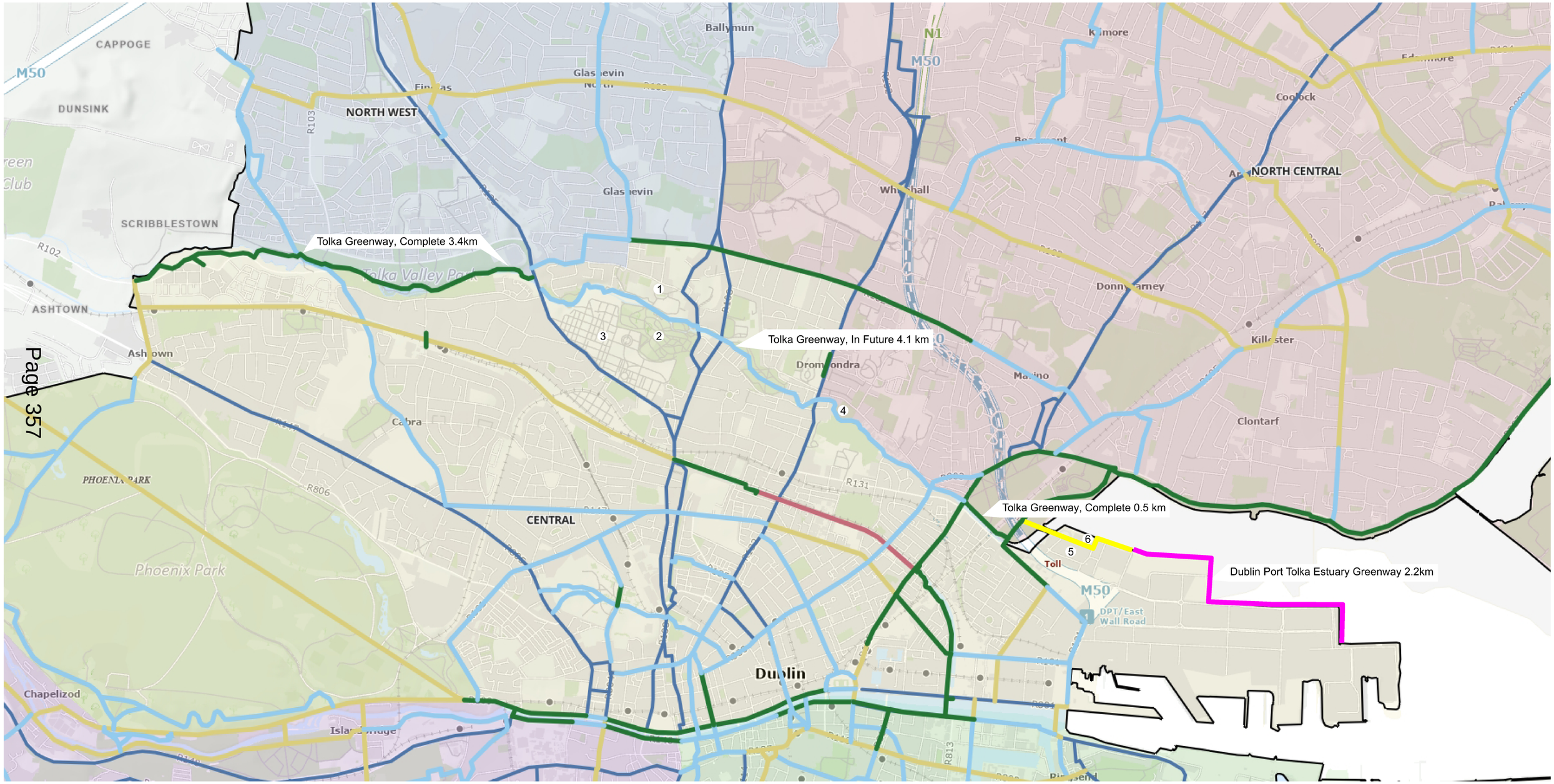
Christopher K. Manzira
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Dublin City Council

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cc Mr John W. Flanagan, Dublin City Council john.flanagan@dublincity.ie

Attachment: Extract of the Dublin City Active Travel Network showing Tolka Valley Greenway

Tolka Greenway



1 Saint Mary's Secondary School
2 National Botanic Gardens
3 Prospect Cemetery
4 Tolka Park (Shelbourne FC ground)
5 East Point Business Park
6 Approximate distance from Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway to Active Travel Network 0.9km

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Comhairle Contae
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29th May, 2025

Re: State of Israel Bonds Issuance Programme

Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their plenary meeting on the 26th of May 2025 resolved to adopt the following motion:

"That this Council is gravely concerned that the Central Bank of Ireland is regulating the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme and, thereby, facilitating the sale throughout Europe of bonds which are funding genocide in Gaza.

This Council notes that,

i. *the bonds, known as Israel Bonds, have, since 1951, raised funds for the Israeli Treasury for use across the Israeli economy including the financing of the apartheid system, the Israeli military and illegal settlements,*
ii. *the bonds are now being advertised as war bonds and are funding the genocide in Gaza.*

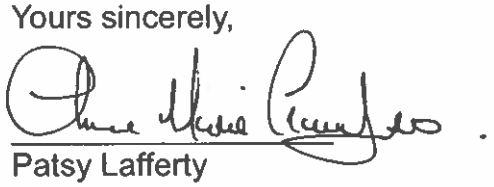
Council further notes that,

i. *in January 2024 the International Court of Justice (ICJ) confirmed the plausibility of the charge of genocide against Israel,*
ii. *in June 2024 the UN's International Commission of Inquiry on Palestine found that Israel's actions in Gaza "constitute the war crimes of wilful killing and mistreatment, and the crime against humanity of extermination"*
iii. *in July 2024 an ICJ ruling declared that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid and its entire regime of military occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal and must end immediately,*
iv. *all institutions are under obligation under international law to prevent genocide and abuse of human rights.*

Council believes that the Central Bank of Ireland must end all complicity in genocide. Council, therefore, calls on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the regulation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme."

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

P.P. 

Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

An Ghníomhaireacht Forbartha Talún
The Land Development Agency

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06 June 2025

Dear Mayor McDonagh,

Commitment to Regeneration of Stapolin Lands

Further to the LDA's presentation to you and the Local Ward Elected Members on 12 March 2025 and subsequent engagement sessions with Councillors Healy and Hopkins regarding the regeneration of the Stapolin lands, I am writing to you to reiterate the Land Development Agency's commitment to delivering housing at scale, along with associated public realm and amenities at Stapolin.

The Land Development Agency (LDA) acquired Stapolin Lands on 27 March 2025 and immediately started implementing the strategy which sought to accelerate design and delivery of homes and associated public facilities across the site. The LDA recognised the need to build a lasting relationship with the key stakeholders and the community so that successful residential led regeneration could be accelerated.

A prioritisation plan was established, this focussed on a number of key moves to implement existing planning consents across the lands and gave precedence to the delivery of key infrastructure which will support the delivery of homes, delivery of Stapolin Square and creating quality public open spaces to provide residents with a sense of place, to build on the unique identity of the Stapolin area.

Immediate Action
There were immediate challenges which the LDA needed to address, which primarily dealt with the existing access route to Clongriffin Station. We have listened carefully to

the feedback and understand the challenges. Although the focus must be on delivering a permanent, accessible access route to the Station, a robust interim solution must be implemented to make the temporary access arrangements more effective for commuters. A regular deep cleaning of the access route has been instructed to improve the journey experience.

The LDA continue to collaborate with NTA, who are currently procuring a replacement lift within the temporary access tower. This will provide a more reliable lift service and in support of this, the LDA have increased security measures and onsite presence to minimise the misuse of the lift service. There has been signage erected with contact details of the response team should there be an issue and we are in regular communication with local residents and commuters who have alerted us to any operational issues as and when they occur. The LDA are committed to addressing issues as quickly as possible to maintain a safe and reliable lift access into the Station forecourt.

Members of the local community have also reached out to the LDA to request that the opening hours to the roller shutter doors are reviewed to allow Stapolin residents to avail of bus services from Clongriffin Station. The current opening hours are 05.30-00.45 and I am pleased to advise that negotiations are now favourably concluded with the security team in relation to extending these opening hours. We are in the process of writing to the elected members and residents to confirm that we will extend the opening hours to Clongriffin Station from 04.00-01.00, effective from 09 June 2025.

Accelerating Delivery of Stapolin Square (Workstream 1)
The LDA are taking a concurrent delivery approach, making sure that we are delivering as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Although there is an existing planning consent in place, there are amendments needed to the design to ensure that the Square provides universal access up to the Clongriffin Station forecourt. The LDA appointed the design team as soon as the site acquisition was confirmed and have instructed them to find a suitable design solution for the long term access from Stapolin to the Station. This is a detailed process as the LDA need to ensure compliance with regulations and statutory requirements, to safeguard delivery of the Square at the earliest opportunity.

We are mindful of the need to minimise disruption for local residents and maintain the public access to the train and bus services throughout construction. The LDA have requested pre application engagement with Fingal County Council and the planning application for Stapolin Square will be submitted as soon as possible thereafter. Whilst the application is in the process of determination, the LDA will concurrently tender the delivery construction contract for Stapolin Square and associated buildings to be able to implement this as soon as possible, subject to the planning decision.

Delivery of Key Infrastructure to Support Residential Led Regeneration (Workstream 2)
The LDA have been progressing detailed design of key infrastructure elements associated with the new homes, this activity also commenced upon acquisition of the site. The design team have been progressing the detailed design and by prioritising this workstream, the LDA can now tender the construction contract to deliver this essential infrastructure as soon as possible to support the overall development and also enable occupation of the initial 279 new homes which we will deliver on site as part of this workstream. The infrastructure package will include the following:

- Haggard Park is a key Public place within the consented masterplan for the Stapolin Lands which will deliver a quality, multi-functional public open space for residents. Potential uses include Multi-Use Games Area, Playground, fitness area, skate park, kickabout space, open parkland, meadows and walking trails.
- A new foul pump station serving the community – currently designed and issued to Uisce Éireann for review and approval
- New Stormwater connection into wetlands in Racecourse Park

In relation to the initial 279 new homes to come forward as part of this workstream, a minor planning amendment is required to regularise the alignment of four rear gardens to the homes. The LDA will engage with Fingal County Council and local stakeholders on this matter as part of the pre application discussion outlined above. The tender pack is prepared and the LDA are ready to take this to the market in the coming months.

The LDA recently met with the local Councillors on 28 May 2025 to provide a progress update on all workstreams underway. The NTA attended this session and provided an update on procurement of the replacement lift as the temporary means of access to the Station forecourt. It was requested that we carefully consider the phasing strategy of the development to ensure that Stapolin Square can be delivered at the earliest opportunity.

The LDA commit to delivering in the following agreed sequence:

- Commence Workstream 1 (Stapolin Square) and Workstream 2 (the 279 units on the south of the site, along with the Haggard Park and the replacement sewage pumping station) as soon as possible, subject to planning and procurement requirements being met;
- That prior to the occupation of any units to be completed other than those in Workstream 2, the public plaza part of Workstream 1 would be completed and opened.

At the meeting on 28 May, the LDA set out our desire to engage with the local community and key stakeholder groups to update on activity and understand whether there are questions or concerns arising regarding the proposed delivery of the stages outlined.

The LDA welcome continued engagement with Elected Members, Fingal County Council and the local community. In support of the community engagement, the LDA have been developing the community stakeholder engagement strategy, which aims to provide clear updates on delivery strategy and associated timelines. It is vitally important that the local community are involved in the progression of the development and benefit from the fantastic new facilities it will bring to the area. We want to build a trusting and lasting relationship with the community as we have committed to delivering and managing homes in the area in the long term.

I trust the above gives reassurance to you and the Elected Members that the LDA are committed to delivering transformative, residential led regeneration at Stapolin which will significantly improve the lived experience of the existing community as well as providing new homes for a growing neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely,



Phelim O'Neill
Director of Development

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

15 May, 2025.

Circular Letter: F.04/25

Nomination of candidates for President

A Chara,

I wish to bring to your attention the requirements in relation to the nomination of candidates for election as President.

The term of office of the current President expires on 10 November 2025. Article 12.3.3 of the Constitution provides that an election for the office of President shall be held in the 60 day period before the expiry of the term of office of the President. Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by:

(i) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or

(ii) by the Councils of not less than four local authorities as defined by law.

The nomination of candidates for a presidential election by city, city and county, and county councils is regulated by law under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993. It is a reserved function. The main points arising are as follows:

- councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate one candidate,
- not less than 3 clear days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person, who, at the time when the notice is given, is a member of the council,
- a resolution under section 16 of the Act cannot be passed before the making of the Presidential Election Order. This Order, which is made under section 6 of the Act, sets out

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the last day on which the Presidential Returning Officer may receive nominations, the date and time of the poll at the election and other details, and

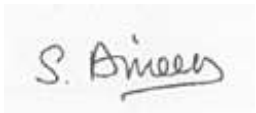
- the resolution of the council must be given effect by means of a nomination paper (as prescribed in regulations) sealed with the seal of the council and delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer.

At this early stage, it should be noted that no Presidential Election Order has been made. Neither has any appointment been made to the office of Presidential Returning Officer, which is made at the same time as the Presidential Election Order. The nomination form is prescribed in S.I. 258/2011 - Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011, amended by S.I. 329 of 2018. A copy of the Regulations (which includes the current form of nomination paper for nominations by county councils, city councils, and city and county councils in the Schedule) is attached.

Councils intending to get involved in the nomination process in due course should liaise with any other councils that are proposing to nominate the same candidate to ensure that the details (names, address and occupation) in relation to the candidate on the nomination papers are identical.

This circular should be brought to the attention of each member of the council as soon as possible. The department will issue a further circular once a Presidential Election Order and a Presidential Returning Officer Order are made.

Mise, le meas,



Stephen Dineen,
Assistant Principal Officer
Franchise Section

To: each Chief Executive and Director General

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 51

ISRAEL BONDS SCHEME

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Central Bank of Ireland, requesting that it end the regulation of the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme, which facilitates the sale of bonds funding Israel's actions in Gaza."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Central Bank of Ireland 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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