

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal
Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin, Councillor David Healy and Councillor Brian McDonagh.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Benjamin O'Regan (Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer)

HMA/48/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMA/49/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 5th of March 2025

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 5th March 2025 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 5th March 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/50/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 17 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/51/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Path Sweeper for Howth Malahide - AI101046

HMA/52/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Process for Additional Pay and Display Parking in this LEA - AI101067

HMA/53/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Healy - Adjusting of Bye-Laws for Pay and Display Parking in this LEA - AI101068

HMA/54/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Co-operation in the Management of Parking in Howth - AI101069

HMA/55/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report on Road Verges at the Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction - AI101266

HMA/56/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Planting on Red Arches Road - AI101267

HMA/57/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - Replace Missing Bollard - St. Lawrence Road, Howth -
AI101269

HMA/58/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Healy - Survey Progress of Existing Cycle Lanes in this LEA -
AI101645

HMA/59/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Repair Footpath - Yellow Walls Road, Malahide -
AI101168

HMA/60/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Complaints about Benches - Baldoyle and Sutton -
AI101641

HMA/61/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Removal of Vegetation - Strandmill - AI101642

HMA/62/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor C. Haughey - Lighting for Broomfield Carpark - AI101388

HMA/63/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor C. Haughey - Cut Down Trees at Malahide Castle - AI101390

HMA/64/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor C. Haughey - Prune Back Overgrowth Walkway between Dungriffin
Villas and Balglass Road - AI101389

HMA/65/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Loose Manhole - St Margaret's Road - AI101391

HMA/66/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Inspection and Repair of Boundary Wall Cracked by Tree
Roots - Seabury, Malahide - AI101637

MOTIONS**HMA/67/25** (Agenda Item No 18)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Engage with School Board regarding Stapolin
Educate Together School Safety Zone - AI101044**

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report was read by James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer)

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Operations Department would follow up with the taken in charge section & there would be another on site meeting.

The Motion was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/68/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor D. Healy - Consult with the Howth Harbourmaster and the Department of Agriculture Food - Pay and Display Parking in Howth - AI101070

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The Motion was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/69/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor C. Haughey - Improve Pedestrian Safety on Seamount Road - AI101393

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey & Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was read by James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer)

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

HMA/70/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Installation of Zebra Crossing - Redfern Avenue - AI101643

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and Seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/71/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor D. Healy - Outdoor Seating (Cafe and Public), Planting and Public Realm - Harbour Road, Howth - AI101115

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy has been deferred, until the May meeting.

HMA/72/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Replacement of Concrete Surface - Redfern Avenue - AI101644

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and Seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was **ACCEPTED**

The Meeting concluded at 15.33hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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ITEM NO. 02

PATH SWEEPER FOR HOWTH MALAHIDE - AI101046

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that the path sweeper is fully servicing all of the Howth/Malahide area, as there have been complaints about the cleanliness of Howth Village, so that sweeping does not end on Harbour Road but continues throughout the village?"

Reply:

The paths are swept with the mini sweeper as far as the end of Harbour Road. The paths are too narrow to sweep on Main Street, Howth with the mini sweeper therefore the paths at this location are swept by hand. The footpaths on Main Street Howth will be swept by hand in early April.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Exec. Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

PROCESS FOR ADDITIONAL PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING IN THIS LEA - A1101067

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the process which would be used to create one or more pay and display parking control areas in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

The process for introducing a new Pay & Display location in the County is as follows:

The Operations Department will assess suitability of the location for the introduction of a Pay and Display scheme once it has first been established that there is a demonstrable and clear desire/need in favour of a Scheme by:

1. Local Residents.

This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from all residents of the road submitted to the Council.

2. The Operations Department

The Operations Department consider that the introduction of a scheme would improve the turnover of visitors/customers of businesses in an area.

Once a petition is received or the Operations Department feel there is a need for Pay and Display Parking a traffic/parking survey will be carried out to assess the nature and extent of the parking issue in the area; whether the implementation of Pay and Display parking control is considered appropriate; the suitability of the area, including road widths; and the capacity to accommodate a Pay & Display

parking control scheme. Assessment of the location and relevant drawings are carried out by the Operational Area Team.

The introduction of a pay parking scheme is then brought to the Area Committee for agreement by Members to proceed, followed by public consultation.

A report on the result of the public consultation on the proposed introduction of a parking scheme will then be brought to the Area Committee in which the proposed Scheme is located for approval. If the Scheme is approved by the Members, it will then be presented at Full Council for final approval to introduce the Scheme.

It should be noted that if a scheme is approved for a location, the residents and businesses in this area are responsible for ensuring they hold valid parking permits. Visitor parking permits are also required for residences. It is important to also note that any member of the public that pays for parking can legally park in a Pay & Display location in a residential area.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

ADJUSTING OF BYE-LAWS FOR PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING IN THIS LEA - AI101068

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to set out the process used to adjust the Parking Bye-Laws to address parking control challenges in the Howth/Malahide area on Sundays and Bank Holidays?"

Reply:

Provisions for the making of bye-laws, the amendment and revocation of bye-laws are regulated by Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 – 2014. Fingal County Council are currently undergoing a review of the current Parking Control Bye-Laws which were adopted by the Council and came into operation on the 1st September 2020. The procedure for the making of bye-laws is provided for under Section 200 of the Local Government Act 2001 to 2014.

As part of this review, a full consultation process will take place in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. Submissions will be welcomed from Elected Representatives and members of the public during this period of consultation. All submissions will be considered prior to presenting a report and final draft of the Bye-Laws to the Full Council for adoption.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell. Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

REPORT ON CO-OPERATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKING IN HOWTH - AI101069

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on any discussions which have taken place with Howth Harbourmaster and/or the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to co-operation in the management of parking in Howth over the last decade?"

Reply:

The Operations Department met with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in November 2021 to discuss progressing a pay parking scheme in Howth. It was noted at this meeting that not all of Howth is within the control of the Council, with the majority of parking availed of by the public, free of charge, located within the Harbour area. Paid parking could only be implemented within the Harbour area by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM) under the Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order 2012.

The Operations Department are currently undergoing a review of the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws, and the introduction of a pay parking scheme for Howth was raised again at a briefing on the draft bye-Laws with Elected Members on the 12th March 2025.

The Operations Department met with the DAFM on 25th March 2025 and briefed the DAFM that the Council would be reviewing existing bye-laws and reviewing parking in Howth.

A follow up meeting with the DAFM will be scheduled with a view to progressing parking in Howth.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

**PROGRESS REPORT ON ROAD VERGES AT THE HOLE IN THE WALL
ROAD/MAYNE ROAD JUNCTION - AI101266**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the development of a planting plan for the road verges at the Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction as discussed at this Area Committee in December 2024?"

Reply:

Tree planting has started along the verges on the Hole in the Wall Road. Two of the roads will be planted in March/ April 2025 and the remaining two road verges will be planted in November 2025.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

PLANTING ON RED ARCHES ROAD - AI101267

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, in light of the ash dieback which is evident in the area, to interplant another species of tree in the avenue planting of ash trees on Red Arches Road?"

Reply:

A phased removal of the Ash trees along the Red Arches Road will commence next winter. The existing trees are planted very close together. As a result, it is proposed to remove every second Ash tree to allow sufficient light for the new planting.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

**IMPROVEMENT OF PATHWAY BETWEEN SEAPARK AND
SEAMOUNT PARK - AI102273**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving the pathway surface between Seapark and Seamount Park, to make it easier to navigate for those with mobility issues?"

Reply:

The permanent path is to be installed by the Active Travel Section. It is projected to be installed by the end of 2025. The Operations Department will resurface the existing path in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

**IMPROVEMENT OF ROADWAY TO SUTTON DINGHY CLUB -
AI102275**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving the concrete wall alongside the roadway to Sutton Dinghy Club, with the inclusion of signage to indicate that the roadway is for emergency vehicle parking only as normal cars park along the roadway?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have replaced the defective wall adjacent to the public access to the beach. A row of flexible bollards will be installed in front of the wall to prevent cars parking adjacent to it. These bollards can be removed to allow emergency vehicles access to the dingy club. The Operations Department will monitor the location to determine if signage is required.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

REPLACE TREES AT ST PETER'S TERRACE - AI102276

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replacing all the trees previously removed on St Peter’s Terrace, while some have been replaced others have not, as the locations have been concreted over?”

Reply:

Operations will include these locations in the 2025/26 tree planting programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

JUNCTION OF SEAPARK AND COAST ROAD - AI102330

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examining the junction of Seapark and the Coast Road and identifying any potential changes as there have been complaints about the tightness of the junction when exiting Seapark turning left, and entering Seapark from the Portmarnock side, turning right?"

Reply:

An autotrack computer simulation was undertaken at the time of junction improvement works. The simulations modelled various size vehicles (big and small) turning in/out of the revised layout of the Seapark junction with the Coast Road. The simulations indicated the revised layout was fit for purpose and was confirmed by visual observations after installation.

Vehicles must travel at the appropriate speed to negotiate the junction.

Minor works are required to repair the kerbs at present due to damage caused by vehicles travelling at an inappropriate speed.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O' Regan/Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineers, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

**PRUNING SHRUBBERY BETWEEN GAYBROOK LAWNS AND
CASTLEHEATH - AI102367**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to pruning back the shrubbery, weeds and overgrowth that separates Gaybrook Lawns and Castleheath, as a wire fence between the two estates has been submerged, and if the area could be maintained more regularly, acknowledging that the nesting season is currently taking place?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will include in the 2025/26 Winter Works Programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

MALAHIDE CASTLE CONCERT LOTTERY - AI102379

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process of deciding which estates are in which ticket zone for the Malahide Castle concert lottery, and if Clairville Lodge could be added to zone 1 as it appears to be closer to the concert area than estates that are in zone 1?"

Reply:

The Operations Department recognises that residents who live in close proximity to Malahide Demesne may be directly impacted by the concerts that will take place in June and July 2025. Fingal County Council is committed to working with local residents in this regard.

The Council will again this year be holding a ticket lottery for a number of complimentary tickets for local residents in advance of the concerts taking place.

There are 2 categories of residents identified, which qualify for entry into the draw:

- Zone 1 – Residential housing estates within a 1km radius of the concert site
- Zone 2 - Residential housing estates within a 1.5km radius of the concert site

Claireville Lodge is considered to fall within the 1km radius of the concert site, therefore has been included under Zone 1 for the lottery.

Information on the ticket lottery has been published on the Fingal website www.fingal.ie and an information leaflet has been delivered to all eligible households with further details on the application process. The lottery will take place at the end of May 2025, following the closing date for applications (14th May 2025).

As in previous years, winning tickets are not guaranteed for all residents and only one application per household is permitted.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - STREAMSTOWN LANE - AI102383

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving pedestrian safety on Streamstown Lane, and to widen the road/footpaths at the two bends on the road?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will review the signage and road lining on the road for any potential safety improvements. Considerable improvements to the footpaths and road width on Streamstown Lane have been made in recent years by the Operations Department. The widening of the road and footpaths on the bends on Streamstown Lane require land acquisition and capital funding.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

REPLACE TREES ON RED ARCHES ROAD - AI102357

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensuring that the trees on Red Arches Drive with Ash disease are replaced before or during removal?"

Reply:

A plan for the phased removal and replacement of the Ash trees along Red Arches Road will be communicated to the Area Committee Elected Members in the coming months. The aim is to begin these works as part of the Winter Works Programme 2025/26.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer., Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

CLEAN VERGE AT COAST ROAD (RACECOURSE SIDE) - AI102358

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to remove the litter from alongside the stone wall of the old Racecourse on Coast Road (from Red Arches roundabout to Portmarnock roundabout) as there is no footpath and is unsafe for volunteers to remove litter?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will organise the outdoor cleansing crew in the coming weeks to pick the litter at the above location. This will be done during a weekend to minimise traffic management requirements.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON WATER FOUNTAIN - BALDOYLE - AI102506

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of the water fountain for Baldoyle?"

Reply:

The Operations Department are scheduled to complete the required civil works and have the water fountain installed by mid-summer 2025.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

LAMB CHOP PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT WORKS - AI102508

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Lamb Chop Playground improvement works will commence?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has procured a Contractor who has been appointed to carry out the extension which will include an accessible roundabout, a junior multi-unit and play panels. Works are due to start in June 2025.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

**REMOVAL GRAFFITI FROM PUBLIC LITTER BINS IN THIS LEA -
AI102510**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to removing graffiti from all public litter bins in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

The Operations Department arrange the removal of graffiti from bins in a timely matter. It is difficult to have the graffiti removed from all bins continuously as once graffiti is removed from a public bin new graffiti appears in its place.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

REMOVAL OF EXCESS LITTER BINS - MALAHIDE VILLAGE - AI102511

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to removing the excess litter bins in Malahide Village?"

Reply:

The Operations Department are currently reviewing the number of street bins in Malahide Village. Where appropriate, any bins to be found in excess will be removed.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

LITTER BIN SHELTERS - PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI102514

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reinstall the large litter bin shelters on Portmarnock Beach?"

Reply:

The Operations Department install the litter bin shelters / cages in all high demand locations during the summer bathing season. The Team are progressing the roll out of these bin cages at present.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

TIMELINE FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROTTEN POSTS PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI102515

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for replacing all the rotten posts holding back sand/grass on the slope down to Portmarnock beach?"

Reply:

To repair or replace the existing posts on Portmarnock beach will require, at minimum, AA screening. Given the location there is a high risk that the works will screen in and a natura impact statement will be required. This will result in the scheme going to An Bord Pleanála.

There is no budget provision to appoint an ecologist, or for this scheme itself. Should funding become available the Operations Department will liaise with the Biodiversity Officer on the scheme.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

ACCESS TO SUTTON DINGHY CLUB - AI102475

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that adequate access for dinghies and emergency services is retained as part of any work carried out at Strand Road Sutton?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have replaced the defective wall adjacent to the public access to the beach. The wall was damaged due to vehicles hitting the wall during turning movements. A row of flexible bollards will be installed in front of the wall to prevent cars parking adjacent to it. These bollards can be removed to allow emergency vehicles access to the dingy club.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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**MEETING OF HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE
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ITEM NO. 24

**TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES FOR THE HOWTH/MALAHIDE
OPERATIONAL AREA**

Report:

A presentation will be given to members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee on the day.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 25

OUTDOOR SEATING (CAFE AND PUBLIC), PLANTING AND PUBLIC REALM - HARBOUR ROAD, HOWTH - AI101115

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That this Area Committee recommends that the Chief Executive brings forward proposals for the length of Harbour Road, for the reallocation of some of the car parking spaces previously used as parklets, along with some car parking spaces on the carriageway for footpath buildouts for use as cafe/restaurant seating, open public seating and planting.”

Report:

There is no budget provision in the 2025 – 2027 Capital Programme to progress footpath buildouts along Harbour Road, Howth. The Operations Department have no current plan for this in the work programme and as agreed buildouts where feasible will be provided for businesses which had parklets removed.

Harbour Road is a regional road in Howth with an approximate linear length of 730 meters. To infill large sections of the existing parking spaces to provide public realm, planting or outdoor dining spaces is a substantial body of work.

A public realm scheme would have to be developed to strategically inform the most suitable locations to provide the infrastructure outlined in the motion. To achieve this an integrated multi-disciplinary design team would have to be appointed to oversee this process to develop the public realm plan and the manage any projects. Screening for appropriate assessment and EIA would be required. Works of this scale and nature would require planning permission either under Part VIII/XI or through An Bord Pleanala.

The Operations Department will not be progressing a scheme of this scale and nature. As agreed, buildouts, where suitable, will be provided where business had a parklet removed.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 27

PUBLIC TOILETS ON HOWTH PIER - AI102288

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive take action to resolve some of the issues with the public toilets in Howth:

- the capacity of the current toilets is less than the old toilets which has led to large queues forming, often onto a public road
- that signage be installed to let people know about the toilets,
- the extension of the opening hours of the toilets as they have been closed at 4pm on some days
- outline what sets off the alarm as on one occasion the alarm rang continuously for 6 hours, can another mechanism be put in place when there is an alert or issue."

Report:

Fingal County Council upgraded the existing toilets at Howth East Pier as part of of Part VIII/XI planning application. There is no scope to increase capacity of the toilets due to the constrained nature of the site. The current layout allows for wheelchair access to all the toilets and accommodates a universally accessible changing facility.

The official closing times for the toilets during the winter and spring seasons is 16:00. For the summer season it is 20:00. Signage will be installed regarding the opening hours.

In relation to the alarm issue, this was due to members of the public smoking in the toilet block which triggered the alarm. This was reported to the on-call team

however due to another call-out elsewhere in the area there was a delay to attend this issue.

Source of Report:

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