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Friday, 29 August 2025

**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 11th September, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 12th June 2025.**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor P. Mulville - Progress Report on New Public Toilets for Portrane and Donabate - AI103232**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange on-site meetings with local area Councillors as a matter of priority in order to receive a progress report on the planned new public toilets for Donabate and Portrane beaches?”

- 3 **Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103234**

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out urgent repairs on the numerous patches of hazardous road surface along Turvey Avenue, Donabate pending the planned full resurfacing of the road?”

- 4 **Councillor P. Mulville - Pothole Repairs - Quay Road, Portrane - AI104039** (Pages 15 - 16)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the potholes along Quay Road, Portrane, see photos attached?”

- 5 **Councillor P. Mulville - Damaged Road and Water Ponding - Corballis Roundabout, Donabate - AI104041** (Pages 17 - 18)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the damaged road surface and water ponding after the Corballis roundabout approaching the public car park entrance?”

- 6 **Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis, Donabate - AI104043** (Pages 19 - 20)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the potholes on the road in the vicinity of the driveway up to (details supplied) to be repaired, see photo?”

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI104044 (Pages 21 - 22)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the potholes/damaged road surface on the Corballis Road, near the lay-bye past Smyth's Cottages?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis (Old) Road, Donabate - AI104046 (Pages 23 - 24)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the rough road surface and a number of long shallow potholes on the Corballis (Old) Road between Smyths Cottages and the railway bridge, to be repaired, see photos attached?"

9 Councillor P. Mulville - Footpath Works - The Burrow, Portrane - AI104047 (Pages 25 - 26)

"To ask the Chief Executive to accept the thanks and gratitude from residents of the Burrow, Portrane, for the recent welcome footpath repair works?"

10 Councillor M. Quinn - Traffic Assessment at Palmer Avenue/Palmer Road Junction, Rush - AI103289 (Pages 27 - 28)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a traffic assessment to be carried out at the junction of Palmer Avenue/Palmer Road, Rush as there has been a number of traffic incidents at this location recently?"

11 Councillor M. Quinn - Street Lighting Assessment - Tower Street, Rush - AI103290 (Pages 29 - 30)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide an update in regard to any contact with utility companies in respect of the repairs to Tower Street, following works carried out by these companies?"

12 Councillor M. Quinn - Street Lighting Assessment - Ashfield Estate, Balbriggan - AI103315 (Pages 31 - 32)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if an assessment of the street lighting from (details supplied) Ashfield Estate can be undertaken to ascertain the adequacy of lighting at this location at nighttime?"

13 Councillor M. Quinn - Dishing of Footpaths - Clonard Court, Balbriggan - AI103629 (Pages 33 - 34)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the dishing of the footpaths in Clonard Court in the next Programme of Works as the footpath repairs undertaken did not include dishing?"

14 Councillor M. Quinn - "Concealed Entrance Ahead" Signage - Glebe Cottages, Balbriggan - AI103741 (Pages 35 - 36)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make provision for the erection of a "Concealed Entrance Ahead" sign before the Glebe Cottages, Balbriggan to improve the egress and access for residents of the cottages onto the Dublin Road?"

15 Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of 'Slow Down' Signage - Balrothery Road, Balbriggan - AI103742 (Pages 37 - 38)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of 'Slow Down' signage in advance of the Balbriggan Retail Park, to improve the egress and access of the traffic from the Retail Park?"

16 Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of Signage at Skateboard Parks in Balbriggan LEA - AI103749 (Pages 39 - 40)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of "No E-Scooters Allowed" signage at the various skateboard parks in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area due to the incidents of e-scooters using these parks?"

17 Councillor L. Corkery - Rathbeale Road, Swords Traffic Calming - AI103883 (Pages 41 - 42)

"To ask the Chief Executive if traffic calming measures can be considered for the section of the Rathbeale Road adjacent to Rathbeale Cottages as one exits Swords, due to an increase in speeding incidents in what is becoming an increasingly built-up area?"

18 Councillor L. Corkery - Lighting in Miller's Glen, Swords - AI103884 (Pages 43 - 44)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install public lighting on the walkway between The Green in Miller's Glen and Castlevue Green, as part of the next Programme of Works, as the area becomes very dark after dusk?"

19 Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Table Tennis Tables in Swords Town Park - AI103885 (Pages 45 - 46)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing steel table tennis/ping pong tables for use by members of the public, who would bring their own paddles and balls, in Swords Town Park?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Cleaning of Blake's Cross Cycle Lanes - AI103886 (Pages 47 - 48)

"To ask the Chief Executive whether the cycle lanes between Ballough and Blake's Cross are regularly cleaned of any construction debris?"

21 Councillor J. Smyth - Public Lighting Request for Rivermeade - AI103893 (Pages 49 - 50)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the allocation of funding for the installation of public lighting on the pathway adjacent to Toberburr Avenue and Rivermeade playground in the 2026 Programme of Works?"

22 Councillor J. Smyth - Cutting Back of Vegetation - Rivermeade Estate - AI103894 (Pages 51 - 52)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the vegetation in the area outside the former Rivermeade Community Centre will be cut back and maintained as currently there are a number of briars protruding onto the public pathway causing a hazard to pedestrians?"

23 Councillor J. Smyth - Illegal Parking - Oaklands Avenue/Castle Grove, Swords - AI103895 (Pages 53 - 54)

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail the frequency of illegal parking on Oaklands Avenue and Castle Grove in the vicinity of the Pavilions Shopping Centre since the start of 2025 and what are the most appropriate measures that the Council could introduce which would help curb such activity?"

24 Councillor J. Smyth - Timeline of Maintenance Works - Holymount Estate, Swords - AI103897 (Pages 55 - 56)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline on maintenance works to be carried out in the green areas which surround Holymount

Estate, as vegetation is reported to be obscuring site lines for some people exiting the estate and sightings of rodents have been reported in the overgrown grass areas?"

25 Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Stop Enhancement - Rolestown Village - AI103904 (Pages 57 - 58)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritising the 2026 Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme for the installation of shelters at both stops in Rolestown Village?"

26 Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Stop Enhancement - Cherry Avenue, Swords - AI103905 (Pages 59 - 60)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritising the 2026 Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme for the installation of a shelter at Stop 6015 on Cherry Avenue in Swords?"

27 Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Paths - Tara Court, Balbriggan - AI103937 (Pages 61 - 62)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a full examination of the paths in Tara Court with a timeline for the replacement/repair of same?"

28 Councillor G. Maguire - Timeline for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour - AI103938 (Pages 63 - 64)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details and a timeline for the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour that is required as a matter of urgency?"

29 Councillor G. Maguire - Beach Management Plan - Balbriggan - AI103940 (Pages 65 - 66)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the Beach Management Plan for Balbriggan beach?"

30 Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of Boardwalk - Balbriggan Beach - AI103941 (Pages 67 - 68)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the provision of a boardwalk on Balbriggan beach?"

31 Councillor G. Maguire - Replacement of Paths - Tara Court, Balbriggan - AI103942 (Pages 69 - 70)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the new tarmacadam paths throughout the green areas with a view to their replacement as the grass/weeds are growing up through them?"

32 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Old Barrack Road, Rush - AI103944 (Pages 71 - 72)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of Old Barrack Road, Rush in next year's Works Programme given the poor condition of the road surface?"

33 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Palmer Road/Palmer Avenue Junction, Rush - AI103945 (Pages 73 - 74)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the provision of traffic calming measures at the Palmer Road/Palmer Avenue junction, Rush in next year's Programme of Works given the poor sight lines at this junction and the safety concerns of local residents?"

34 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103946 (Pages 75 - 76)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the resurfacing of Turvey Avenue, Donabate from the junction with Cobbe's Lane to the end of Turvey Avenue at the R132 roundabout given the poor condition of the road surface?"

35 Councillor C. Johnston - Road Resurfacing - Corballis, Donabate- AI103947 (Pages 77 - 78)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the public access road to a number of homes across the Corballis Golf Course given the poor condition of this road with recurring potholes resulting in dangerous driving conditions for residents trying to access their homes?"

36 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Road Surface - Hand's Lane Road, Lusk - AI103948 (Pages 79 - 80)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the resurfacing of Hands Lane Road, Lusk in next year's Programme of

Works given the poor condition of this road and concerns of local residents regarding same?"

37 Councillor C. Johnston - Beach Swim Shelters - Donabate and Rush - AI103954 (Pages 81 - 82)

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Beach Swim Shelters, approved in the Programme of Works earlier this year by the members of this Area Committee, will be installed at Balcarrick Beach, Donabate and Rush South Beach?"

38 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Section of R122/Naul - AI103994 (Pages 83 - 84)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the R122 from the 50km speed signage at the eastern entry to Naul Village RV zone westwards to the beginning of the footpath at Delvin Banks?"

39 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Additional Signage and Barrier- Bad Bend Hearse Road, Donabate - AI103998 (Pages 85 - 86)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a barrier and additional road safety/accident black spot signage on the approach to the "bad bend" on the Hearse Road, Donabate in view of the ongoing accidents at this location over the years?"

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing - Quay Road, Portrane - AI104004 (Pages 87 - 88)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works to complete the resurfacing of Quay Road, Portrane?"

41 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Lining Project - Weldon's Lane and Skerries Rugby Club/R128, Skerries - AI103967 (Pages 89 - 90)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the lining project between Weldon's Lane and Skerries Rugby Club on the R128 which is planned for this year under the Programme of Works?"

42 Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Photographic Algae-Monitoring Programme - Captains and Springers, Skerries - AI103968 (Pages 91 - 92)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the photographic algae-monitoring programme at the Captains and Springers, Skerries, introduced by the Council this year following a number of serious slippage incidents for swimmers, with a view to optimising the algae removal programme?"

43 Councillor B. Ryan - Upgrade of Roadway - New Market Green, Hampton Street and Pump Lane, Balbriggan - AI103969 (Pages 93 - 94)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include, in the next Programme of Works, an upgrade to the roadway between New Market Green, Hampton Street and Pump Lane in Balbriggan which is in Council ownership, and which is in an unacceptable condition?"

44 Councillor B. Ryan - Fencing Installation - Curran Park, Balbriggan - AI103977 (Pages 95 - 96)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on and indicate when the fencing installation at Curran Park, Balbriggan, which was budgeted for under the Programme of Works 2025, will be completed?"

45 Councillor M. Boland - Footpath Re-Surface - Dublin Road/R128, Lusk - AI103978 (Pages 97 - 98)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the pathway on the Dublin Road R127 Lusk, approaching Lusk Village (Taylor's Farm) and bring it up to standard as cracks and holes have appeared and are causing trip hazards?"

46 Councillor M. Boland - Repair of Footpath on the R127, Lusk - AI103979 (Pages 99 - 100)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when works will begin on the repair of the footpath on the R127, Lusk, Hanna's Avenue Lusk to Marian Nurseries which was due to start at the beginning of Q3 2025 as previously stated in reference: FCC-2025-005194-V0P0M?"

47 Councillor M. Boland - Traffic Calming Measures - Old Road, Rush - AI103980 (Pages 101 - 102)

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent accident involving a child on the Old Road in Rush, if consideration can be given to have this road, particularly in the vicinity of Doctor's Lane, assessed for traffic calming measures, i.e. ramps for inclusion in the next Programme of Works?"

48 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Seated Benches - Main Square, Lusk - AI103981 (Pages 103 - 104)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of more seated benches in walking areas in Lusk, such as Station Road and the main Square in Lusk (Murray's Pub), to facilitate young parents and adults out walking, who might need to stop and rest?"

49 Councillor M. Boland - Repainting of the Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing - Dublin Road/Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103982 (Pages 105 - 106)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed repainting of the unsignalized pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road in Lusk outside the Forge Estate to ensure a safer crossing point for children and pedestrians?"

50 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing - Upper Main Street Rush - AI103983 (Pages 107 - 108)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the ramp on the Upper Main Street in Rush investigated for the installation of an unsignalized pedestrian crossing at that location, as children from the new Ormond Avenue Estate are required to cross the Upper Main Street in order to access Sandy Road which brings them to the Rush National School?"

51 Councillor M. Boland - Enhancement Programme - Dublin Road, Lusk Village - AI103984 (Pages 109 - 110)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the hedgerows and public realm along the Dublin Road entrance into Lusk Village to be reviewed with a view to a more comprehensive enhancement programme including cutting back overgrowth, replacing missing hedging and improving visual appearance, as this is a gateway into the town?"

52 Councillor M. Boland - Additional Public Benches and Street Furniture - Rush Village - AI103985 (Pages 111 - 112)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to add public benches and street furniture in the centre of Rush and along the promenade area to improve the towns appearance and enhance comfort for residents and visitors alike?"

53 Councillor M. Boland - Improve Public Signage in Rush - AI103986 (Pages 113 - 114)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to improve or introduce more public signage in Rush, including directional signage for public amenities such as beaches, playgrounds, car parks and heritage points, to improve navigation and support local tourism?"

54 Councillor C. Boland - Speed Limit Review - Garristown - AI104000 (Pages 115 - 116)

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to reviewing the speed limits as they apply to Garristown, to ensure that the "village" limit is extended back to the reservoir?"

55 Councillor C. Boland - Installation of Speed Ramps - Garristown - AI104001 (Pages 117 - 118)

"To ask the Chief Executive, having account of the unchecked problem of general speeding in the vicinity of Garristown National School, to give consideration to the installation of ramps on the approach roads to Garristown National School?"

56 Councillor C. Boland - Pedestrian Safety on Roads with no Footpaths in this LEA - AI104006 (Pages 119 - 120)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commit to undertake a program of verge cutting throughout this Committee's area with the objective of ensuring that sightlines are presented correctly and that pedestrians may step in out of danger from oncoming traffic?"

57 Councillor C. Boland - Road Safety by Creation of Safe "Arbours" for Traffic in this LEA - AI104009 (Pages 121 - 122)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, when surfacing narrow rural local roads, to establish "Pull-In's" to permit traffic to pull in providing safer use of the roads in this Local Electoral Area?"

58 Councillor D. Kelly - Swords Town Trees - AI104007 (Pages 123 - 124)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if some safety protective measures can be put in place in the near future by the Council where trees have totally lifted the tarmacadam in Swords?"

59 Councillor J. Newman - Ward River Pollution - AI104013 (Pages 125 - 126)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what action is being considered to rectify the surface water system which enters the Ward River Park at the exercise area below the Rivervalley View end of the park, as the current system is facilitating the pollution of the river?"

60 Councillor J. Newman - Drainage Issues - Rivervalley and Swords - AI104014 (Pages 127 - 128)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what action is planned to clean the surface water drainage in Swords and if the Rivervalley area could be inspected as soon as possible due to the amount of debris in the gulleys?"

61 Councillor J. Newman - Replacement of Signage - Rivervalley Estate, Swords - AI104015 (Pages 129 - 130)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the replacement of signage in the Rivervalley area in next year's Programme of Works?"

62 Councillor D. Mulligan - Sports Facilities Maintenance in this LEA - AI104022 (Pages 131 - 132)

"To ask the Chief Executive, where sports clubs in this Local Electoral Area have the machinery and resources to cut grass on playing pitches allocated to them, including those in public open space, if consideration can be given to introducing a scheme that would allow

clubs to monitor and maintain their pitches in addition to the Council's own maintenance of the sites?"

63 Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Road Resurfacing - Rolestown - AI104024 (Pages 133 - 134)

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the schedule for road resurfacing works in Rolestown, including which roads are prioritised and the expected timelines for completion?"

64 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Ramp - Delvin Banks Estate, Naul - AI104028 (Pages 135 - 136)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the ramp at the entrance to the Delvin Banks Estate in Naul as it is cracked and in need of repair?"

65 Councillor E. Dockrell - Erection of Christmas Trees in this LEA - AI104029 (Pages 137 - 138)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the Council liaising early this year with Community Councils/voluntary groups in charge of erecting Christmas trees in village squares/town centres in this Local Electoral Area to ensure that residents are satisfied with the dimensions of the tree and where they are to be located in the village/town?"

66 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repair of Broken Fencing - Tower Bay Beach/Donabate Beach - AI104030 (Pages 139 - 140)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair any broken fencing on the cliff walk between Tower Bay and Donabate Beach?"

67 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Water Fountains - Rush-Lusk Electoral Area - AI104035 (Pages 141 - 142)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned installations of water fountains in the Rush-Lusk Electoral Area, the location of these new fountains and the timeframe for their installation?"

68 Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrades to Road - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104036 (Pages 143 - 144)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to upgrade Turvey Avenue, Donabate?"

69 Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Yellow Lines - Stephentown, Balbriggan - AI104049 (Pages 145 - 146)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing yellow lines outside Tierney Kitchens and EEC Hardware in Stephentown, where parked cars are restricting visibility at business entrances and reducing the road to a single lane for HGV deliveries?"

70 Councillor T. Murphy - Repainting of Yellow Lines - Chapel Crescent/Chapel Close, Balbriggan - AI104051 (Pages 147 - 148)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the repainting of double yellow lines in Chapel Crescent and Chapel Close estates and outside McNally Funeral Home?"

71 Councillor T. Murphy - Tree Audit in Balbriggan - AI104053 (Pages 149 - 150)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when an assessment of trees for removal will take place in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

72 Councillor J. Humphreys - Traffic Improvements - Broadmeadow Community National School, Swords - AI104055 (Pages 151 - 152)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a review of road access around Broadmeadow Community National School, with a view to easing congestion and improving traffic flow at peak drop-off and collection times?"

73 Councillor J. Humphreys - Sequencing of Traffic Lights - Broadmeadow Community National School, Swords - AI104058 (Pages 153 - 154)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the sequencing of nearby traffic lights serving Broadmeadow Community National School to be reviewed and optimised to accommodate traffic volumes during school opening and closing hours?"

74 Councillor J. Humphreys - Road Safety Audit - Jugback Lane/Glen Ellan Road Junction, Swords - AI104064 (Pages 155 - 156)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Road Safety

Audit at the junction of Jugback Lane and Glen Ellan Road in Swords and to indicate if there are any short-term safety measures planned, pending the outcome of the audit?"

75 Councillor J. Humphreys – Road Safety/Double Yellow Lines - Comyn Manor, Seatown, Swords - AI104066 (Pages 157 - 158)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on roads enforcement request 'Ref: FCC-2025-010056-N7G4J' regarding the introduction of double yellow lines at the entrance to Comyn Manor, where parking is restricting traffic flow, creating hazards for schoolchildren, obstructing road sweepers and blocking footpaths for buggies and wheelchair users?"

76 Councillor J. Humphreys - Outdoor Workout/Fitness Equipment- Balheary Park, Swords - AI104067 (Pages 159 - 160)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of an outdoor workout/fitness station at Balheary Park, similar to that provided at Malahide Castle and Portrane, to complement the existing facilities and enhance the parks role as a health and fitness amenity for all ages?"

77 Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Inspection – Cianlea and Lioscian, Swords - AI104068 (Pages 161 - 162)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange an inspection of the trees in the Cianlea and Lioscian estates and to report on any maintenance works required?"

78 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Bus Terminus - Miller's Glen - Swords - AI104071 (Pages 163 - 164)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council's engagement with the National Transport Authority on securing a bus terminus to serve Miller's Glen/Mooretown, including dates of engagement, actions/outcomes, site(s) examined and the current preferred location and to provide a delivery timeline (or interim arrangement) aligned to the planned commencement of route L82?"

79 Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Maintenance Unit in Swords - AI104072 (Pages 165 - 166)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the dedicated Tree Maintenance Unit will be operational in Swords and to

set out its staffing and the date for publishing an Area Work Programme?”

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

- 80 Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin** (Pages 167 - 174)
- 81 Traffic Calming Scheme - Chapel Green, Lusk, Co. Dublin** (Pages 175 - 190)
- 82 Additional Teen Space Areas in Balbriggan - Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary** (Pages 191 - 204)

MOTIONS

- 83 Councillor J. Newman - Assessment of Parking Spaces - Cedar Grove, Ridgewood - AI103310** (Pages 205 - 206)
 “That the Chief Executive arrange for an assessment of parking spaces in Ridgewood Estate with a view to addressing a shortfall in an area at Cedar Grove.”
- 84 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Issues - Rathbeale Road - AI103891** (Pages 207 - 208)
 “That the Chief Executive agrees to carry out a road safety assessment on the Rathbeale Road (R125) from the junction of the new Glen Ellen road extension to the junction of the R108 with a particular focus on the stretch of road adjacent to the residential homes immediately following the aforementioned junction.”
- 85 Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Footpath - R128/Piercetown, Skerries - AI103965** (Pages 209 - 210)
 “That the Chief Executive arranges to have the footpath, on the western side of the R128 at Piercetown, Skerries, dished to allow wheelchair users cross the road independently in order to use the bus service towards Rush, Swords and Dublin.”
- 86 Councillor D. Kelly - Traffic Calming Management Plan - Rathbeale Cottages, Rathbeale Road - AI103974** (Pages 211 - 212)
 “That the Chief Executive requests that a speed safety audit be carried out on the Rathbeale Road, Swords at the Rathbeale Cottages section.”

87 Councillor P. Mulville - New Public Toilets for Donabate and Portrane Beaches - AI104054 (Pages 213 - 214)

"That the Chief Executive reports on the progress of the commencement date for the planned new public toilets for Donabate and Portrane Beaches."

88 Councillor B. Ryan - Completion of Footpath from Clonard Hill towards Harry Reynolds Roads - Balbriggan - AI103976 (Pages 215 - 216)

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the completion of the footpath from the roundabout on Clonard Hill towards Harry Reynolds Road as the section closest to the Harry Reynolds Road is unsafe for walking."

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Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Thursday, 12th June, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Maguire, Grainne

Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Mulligan, Dean
Newman, Joe
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Kelly, Darren Jack

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Deirdre Sinclair (A/Senior Executive Officer), Rosemary Gibney Sherry (Administrative Officer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Joseph Dowler (Executive Engineer), Shane Sutton (Parks and Landscaping Officer), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/302/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday, 8th May 2025

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 8th May 2025, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor C Boland and seconded by Councillor Kelly and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 8th May 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/303/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor O’Leary and seconded by Councillor Smyth and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51, Questions numbered 02 to 51 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSA/304/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Mulville - Designation of Bathing Area at Tower Bay, Portrane - AI102491

BSA/305/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Blake's Cross to Turvey Avenue - AI102492

BSA/306/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - 'No Right Turn' Signage - Chapel Lane, Swords - AI102566

BSA/307/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Mulville - Additional Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103223

BSA/308/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Litter Bin Emptying Schedule - AI103224

BSA/309/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Mulville - Traffic Safety Plan - Donabate Beach - AI103228

BSA/310/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of On-Site attendants for Public Toilets at Donabate Beach - AI103230

BSA/311/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor M. Boland - Updating of Signalised Pedestrian Crossing - Palmer Ave, Rush - AI102647

BSA/312/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor M. Boland - Painting of New Road Markings - The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate, Lusk - AI103007

BSA/313/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Litter Bin - Green Space, Dublin Road Roundabout, Lusk - AI103008

- BSA/314/25** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor M. Boland - Installation of "Children at Play" and "Slow Down" Signs - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103009
- BSA/315/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Boland - Request for Safety Assessment - Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI103010
- BSA/316/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor M. Boland - Increase of Street Sweeping - Main Street, Rush - AI103011
- BSA/317/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor M. Quinn - Baby Changing Facility within Public Toilets in Balbriggan and Skerries - AI102732
- BSA/318/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor M. Quinn - Assessment of Footpaths - Chapel Gate, Balbriggan - AI103058
- BSA/319/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor M. Quinn - Tree Assessment at Clonard Court, Balbriggan - AI103105
- BSA/320/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - Vehicle Access to Miller's Glen Regional Park, Swords - AI102942
- BSA/321/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Bottle Filling Stations at Swords Manor Football Club - AI102944
- BSA/322/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Smyth - Road Markings on the L2300 Adjacent to Boroimhe Estate - AI103148
- BSA/323/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor J. Smyth - Park Avenue Parking Enforcement - AI103149
- BSA/324/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor L. Corkery - Bicycle Lane Cleaning in this LEA - AI102973
- BSA/325/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Speed Ramps - Longview Avenue, Swords - AI102975
- BSA/326/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor L. Corkery - Removal of Sycamore Tree in this LEA- AI102977
- BSA/327/25** (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor L. Corkery - Engagement with Other Local Authorities Regarding Environmentally Friendly Weedkilling - AI102980

BSA/328/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for Large Solar Street Litter Bin - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103073

BSA/329/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Repair of Footpath - Strand Street, Skerries - AI103074

BSA/330/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on Resurfacing Works - Balbriggan Street, Skerries - AI103075

BSA/331/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Street Signs in Cardy Rock, Balbriggan - AI103100

BSA/332/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor B. Ryan - Cutting Back of Trees in this LEA - AI103161

BSA/333/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Bus Shelter in Skerries - AI103163

BSA/334/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor T. Murphy - Examination of Footpaths in Balbriggan Graveyard - AI103181

BSA/335/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor T. Murphy - Private Bus Parking Bays in Balbriggan - AI103182

BSA/336/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Railing at Chapel Gate Estate in Balbriggan - AI103186

BSA/337/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Litter Bin along Donabate to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI103189

BSA/338/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor C. Johnston - Turvey Avenue Road Resurfacing Works - AI103190

BSA/339/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor C. Johnston - Horse Fouling Signage - Balcarrick Beach, Donabate. AI103191

BSA/340/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI103192

- BSA/341/25** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor C. Johnston - Replacement Bins - Naul Village - AI103194
- BSA/342/25** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue,
Donabate - AI103197
- BSA/343/25** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor C. Boland - Request for Addition Ramps on the R108 - AI103208
- BSA/344/25** (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Traffic Congestion - Main Street, Rush - AI103212
- BSA/345/25** (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Water Filling Station - Donabate Distributor Road - AI103215
- BSA/346/25** (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Rolestown Roadworks - AI103235
- BSA/347/25** (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Planned Road Resurfacing in the Swords Area -
AI103240
- BSA/348/25** (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Public Lighting in Swords - AI103241
- BSA/349/25** (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Traffic and Parking in Swords Town Centre - AI103242
- BSA/350/25** (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Parks and Open Spaces in the Swords Area -
AI103244
- BSA/351/25** (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Landscaping Improvements at Open Space facing
Elmwood Park, Swords - AI103259
- BSA/352/25** (Agenda Item No 50)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Provision of Bus Terminus at Miller's Glen, Swords -
AI103261
- BSA/353/25** (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Pedestrian Crossing at Applewood Community Centre -
AI103264
- BSA/354/25** (Agenda Item No 52)
Programme of Works 2025 Update

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

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

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

Ms. Sinclair gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

BSA/355/25 (Agenda Item No 53)
National Speed Limit Review Update

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

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

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

Mr. Culhane gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

BSA/356/25 (Agenda Item No 54)
Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Moylaragh Road - Balbriggan

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

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

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

Mr.Culhane gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

BSA/357/25 (Agenda Item No 55)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Relocation of Skerries Sailing Club Slipway - AI102259

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor O'Leary was proposed by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

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

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

BSA/358/25 (Agenda Item No 56)
Councillor J. Smyth - Town Notice Board for Swords - AI103139

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth, seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

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

BSA/359/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor B. Ryan - Identifiable Benches within this LEA - AI103156

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Johnston.

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

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

BSA/360/25 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor C. Boland - Deployment of Vehicle Actuated Technology to improve Advance Warning of Rural Crossroads in this LEA - AI103169

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

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

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

BSA/361/25 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor T. Murphy - Balbriggan Beach Management Team - AI103180

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Murphy was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Maguire.

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

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

BSA/362/25 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Palmer Road/Avenue Junction, Rush - AI103195

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Johnston was proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

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

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

BSA/363/25 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Play Equipment in this LEA - AI103225

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulligan was proposed by Councillor Mulligan, seconded by Councillor Mulville.

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

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

BSA/364/25 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor P. Mulville - Clearing of cut grass on path across the Eden Grove Green Space. AI103237

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Mulville, seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

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

BSA/365/25 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor J. Smyth - Accessibility Issues - Abbeyvale Paths - AI103145

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

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

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

BSA/366/25 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Directional Signage - Killalane, Skerries - AI103162

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

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

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

BSA/367/25 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Meeting with Irish Rail Regarding Safety Issues at Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI103201

It was proposed by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Johnston that in the absence of Councillor O'Leary that the following item be **MOVED**

BSA/368/25 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Footpath Access for Wheelchair Users on Brackenstown Road, Swords - AI103226

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulligan was proposed by Councillor Mulligan, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

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

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

BSA/369/25 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor P. Mulville - Public Seating Benches in this LEA - AI103239

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Mulville, seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 6.00 pm

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ITEM NO. 02

PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW PUBLIC TOILETS FOR PORTRANE AND DONABATE - AI103232

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange on-site meetings with local area Councillors as a matter of priority in order to receive a progress report on the planned new public toilets for Donabate and Portrane beaches?”

Reply:

As the elected members are aware, it is the Operation Department’s intention to provide new public toilets at both Donabate and Portrane.

Donabate –

Delays have occurred to date in delivering new toilets at Donabate, due to the lack of a foul sewer connection. The Council carpark, which is the proposed location for the toilets also requires upgrade works, which may consider the necessary infrastructure i.e. biocycle system necessary to facilitate toilets at this location. However this is a significant project which will take time to deliver.

In the meantime, Operations have received numerous complaints regarding the condition of the current toilets at Donabate, and following investigation, the decision has been made to close the current toilet block. In this regard, therefore, it is proposed to install Eco-Toilets in the carpark at Donabate, these toilets to also

include a wheelchair accessible unit. Arrangements are being made to procure these units and the intention is that they will be in situ in Q4 2025.

Following the installation of the new units, arrangements will be made to decommission the original toilet block, with a view to its demolition. Due to its proximity to the shoreline, the necessary environmental assessments will need to be undertaken.

Portrane –

Operations are in discussion with the Planning Department and are currently encountering coastal erosion and environmental issues in determining a permanent location for toilets at Portrane.

A further review is being currently being undertaken and an on-site meeting will be facilitated with the elected members in this regard.

Source of Reply: Ms. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

ROAD REPAIRS - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI103234

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out urgent repairs on the numerous patches of hazardous road surface along Turvey Avenue, Donabate pending the planned full resurfacing of the road?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location can be considered in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Work. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area.

In the interim, temporary repairs will continue to be carried out where necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

POTHOLE REPAIRS – QUAY ROAD, PORTRANE – AI104039

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the potholes along Quay Road, Portrane, see photos attached?”

Reply:

Works required at this location have been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

DAMAGED ROAD AND WATER POND - CORBALLIS ROUNDABOUT, DONABATE - AI104041

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the damaged road surface and water ponding after the Corballis roundabout approaching the public car park entrance?”

Reply:

The roadway/carriageway surface at this location has been examined and there are no signs of any visual damage. However, the verge area is prone to ponding due to compaction from vehicular traffic parking there.

In the absence of any piped surface water system in the area, land drains can be considered with the aim of drainage the area into the sandy substrate, and this can be considered in the context of a future programme of works.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

REPAIR OF POTHOLES - CORBALLIS, DONABATE - AI104043

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the potholes on the road in the vicinity of the driveway up to K36 PP28 (Collins') to be repaired, see photo?”

Reply:

Works required at this location have been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer's general maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Brian Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

REPAIR OF POTHOLES – CORBALLIS ROAD, DONABATE – AI104044

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the potholes/damaged road surface on the Corballis Road, near the lay-bye past Smyth’s Cottages to be repaired?”

Reply:

This location has been inspected and is listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

**REPAIR OF POTHOLES – CORBALLIS (OLD) ROAD, DONABATE -
AI104046**

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the rough road surface and a number of long shallow potholes on the Corballis (Old) Road between Smyths Cottages and the railway bridge, to be repaired, see photos attached?”

Reply:

This location has been inspected and is listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

FOOTPATH WORKS - THE BURROW, PORTRANE - AI104047

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to accept the thanks and gratitude from residents of the Burrow, Portrane, for the recent welcome footpath repair works?”

Reply:

The Councillor’s gratitude is noted with thanks.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT AT PALMER AVE/PALMER ROAD JUNCTION, RUSH - AI103289

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a traffic assessment to be undertaken at the junction of Palmer Ave/Palmer Road, Rush, as there has been a number of traffic incidents at this location recently?”

Reply:

Following assessment of the location, it was noted that the limited availability of road space at the junction of Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue poses significant challenges in accommodating traffic management infrastructure without the need for public road widening.

The upgrade of this junction requires a holistic approach and land acquisition. In addition, Palmer Avenue is not currently taken in charge by Fingal County Council.

Traffic Operations will further assess the site for installation of updated road signage and road markings for inclusion in a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

**STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT - TOWER STREET, BALBRIGGAN -
AI103290**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in regard to contact with utility companies in respect to the repairs to Tower Street, following works carried out by these companies?”

Reply:

Utility companies, in order to carry out works on the road must apply for a road opening licence through the Map Road Licencing (MRL) system.

The licencing fee, including any conditions to be applied to the licence by the road/traffic engineer is applied to the granting of a licence to the relevant contractor.

A T5 notification to a local authority through the MapRoad Licensing system confirms the permanent reinstatement of roadworks previously carried out by a contractor, initiating the licence's sign-off stage and eventually leading into the 24-month guarantee period for the reinstated works.

T5 inspections in respect to works carried out by NBI, Eir Glasnet and ESB in the Tower Street area have been undertaken, following which all sites were deemed satisfactory and compliant.

Source of Reply: Ms. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT - ASHFIELD ESTATE, BALBRIGGAN - AI103315

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if an assessment of the street lighting from Nos. 126 - 132 Ashfield Estate can be undertaken to ascertain the adequacy of lighting at this location at nighttime?”

Reply:

A survey will be carried out on the Ashfield Estate between houses 126-132. If following this assessment, an upgrade of the existing lighting is deemed necessary and possible, it will be designed and costed and added to the list for consideration for inclusion in a future programme of works, subject to available finances.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

**DISHING OF FOOTPATHS - CLONARD COURT, BALBRIGGAN -
AI103629**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the dishing of the footpaths within Clonard Court in the next Programme of Works as the footpath repairs undertaken did not include dishing?”

Reply:

The section of footpath has been assessed and will be considered as part of any future footpath works in the future pending availability of resources and funding.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

CONCEALED ENTRANCE SIGNAGE - GLEBE COTTAGES, BALBRIGGAN -AI103741

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make provision for the erection of a "Concealed Entrance Ahead" sign before the Glebe Cottages, Balbriggan to improve the egress and access for residents of the cottages onto the Dublin Road?”

Reply:

The request for the provision of a concealed entrance warning sign before Glebe Cottages onto the R127 Market Green, Balbriggan has been assessed. It was noted that this is an urban area with a speed limit of 50 km/h, and the entrance is located approximately 100 meters from signalized traffic lights. The entrance serves a small number of properties, and traffic emerging from this point is low.

Given the proximity to the traffic lights, the low traffic volumes, and the urban context, the installation of a concealed entrance warning sign is not warranted at this location.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

**INSTALLATION OF 'SLOW DOWN SIGNAGE' - BALROTHERY ROAD,
BALBRIGGAN - AI103742**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of ‘Slow Down’ signage in advance of the Balbriggan Retail Park, to improve the egress and access of the traffic from the Retail Park?”

Reply:

The provision of warning sign W170 (Other Hazard) and supplementary plate P069 (Permanent Hazard: Concealed Entrance) has been provided on both approaches to alert traffic to the hazard ahead. ‘SLOW’ road markings have also been warranted to complement the warning signs and will be implemented in due course. At this time, no additional signage has been warranted.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

**INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE AT SKATEBOARD PARKS IN
BALBRIGGAN LEA - AI103749**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of “No E-Scooters Allowed” signage at the various skateboard parks in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area due to the incidents of e-scooters using these parks?”

Reply:

The current 'Open Space Byelaws' forbids the use of motorised vehicles within public open spaces, so the rules in relation to E-bikes and E-scooters are already quite clear. The signage at some skateparks and playgrounds also includes 'no bicycles' allowed symbols. However, there is an enormous issue of misuse of these vehicles throughout the entire public realm.

Until there is better regulation of the use of E-bikes/scooters this issue will continue to be a problem. The Council is examining the layout and content within all existing playground and skatepark signage to explore if this information can be displayed in a clearer way.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

RATHBEALE ROAD, SWORDS TRAFFIC CALMING - AI103883

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if traffic calming measures can be considered for the section of the Rathbeale Road adjacent to Rathbeale Cottages as one exit Swords, due to an increase in speeding incidents in what is becoming an increasingly built-up area?"

Reply:

A site inspection was carried out at the specified location. The current layout includes traffic calming measures for the road users.

The Operations Department will further assess the site and if deemed necessary, additional measures will be considered for inclusion as part of future Programme of Works.

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

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

LIGHTING IN MILLER'S GLEN, SWORDS - AI103884

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install public lighting on the walkway between The Green in Miller's Glen and Castlevue Green, as part of the next Programme of Works as the area plunges into darkness after dusk?”

Reply:

A survey will be carried out at this location to assess the existing lighting levels here. If following this assessment, the area in question is deemed to require additional lighting, a lighting scheme will be designed and costed and added to the list for consideration for inclusion in a future Programme of Works, subject to available finances.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

**INSTALLATION OF TABLE TENNIS TABLES IN SWORDS TOWN PARK -
AI103885**

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing steel table tennis/ping pong tables for use by members of the public, who would bring their own paddles and balls, in Swords Town Park?”

Reply:

The proposal to install outdoor table tennis tables within Swords Town Park can be included for consideration as part of a future programme of works.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

CLEANING OF BLAKE'S CROSS CYCLE LANES - AI103886

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive whether the cycle lanes between Ballough and Blake's Cross are regularly cleaned of any construction debris?”

Reply:

The cycle lanes in our area are swept on a weekly basis.

Any other maintenance matters are addressed as issues arise. The areas in question will be added to our list for inspection.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

PUBLIC LIGHTING REQUEST FOR RIVERMEADE - AI103893

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the allocation of funding for the installation of public lighting on the pathway adjacent to Toberburr Avenue and Rivermeade playground in the 2026 Programme of Works?”

Reply:

There is existing lighting on Toberburr Avenue directly in front of the playground.

The path adjacent to the playground is through a green space. The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective, and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space.

Additional criteria for the installation for public lighting in open spaces and park areas includes:

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

This is not the case at this location. The path through the green space adjacent to the playground on Toberburr Avenue, does not meet the criteria for consideration for the installation of public lighting, for the following reasons:

- The path is not the most direct route to nearby public transport, and there is an alternative well lit route.
- In addition, we do not light playgrounds.

For the reasons listed above, the provision of lighting on the path adjacent to the playground at Toberburr Avenue will not be provided.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

DANGEROUS VEGETATION - RIVERMEADE ESTATE - AI103894

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the vegetation in the area outside the former Rivermeade Community Centre will be cut back and maintained as currently there are a number of briars protruding onto the public pathway causing a hazard to pedestrians?”

Reply:

The Community Centre is located behind railings and a gate which is locked. The Operations Department do not look after this building or its surroundings.

However, the site will be examined and any growth which is extending through the railings onto the public footpath will be added to our list of maintenance works.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

**ILLEGAL PARKING - OAKLANDS AVENUE/CASTLE GROVE, SWORDS
- AI103895**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to detail the frequency of illegal parking on Oaklands Avenue and Castle Grove in the vicinity of the Pavilions Shopping Centre since the start of 2025 and what are the most appropriate measures that the Council could introduce which would help curb such activity?”

Reply:

Oaklands Avenue, Swords, is listed for patrol by Fingal Parking Wardens on a rotational basis, and as resources allow.

This location was added to the enforcement roster at the request of a Local Representative. The location has been patrolled by Parking Wardens on three separate occasions in 2025, and on each occasion, only one vehicle was found to be parked illegally, and issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Dates Patrolled	No. of FPN's for parking on footpaths
31/01/2025	1

18/03/2025	1
28/07/2025	1

Castle Grove, Swords, was not previously listed for patrol by Fingal Parking Wardens however has now been included for illegal parking enforcement going forward.

Effective measures to address illegal parking include enforcement with clear signage and, where necessary, paid parking schemes. In combination, the previously mentioned items represent an effective measure to deter illegal parking.

While engineering measures such as road redesign can offer long-term benefits, these options often involve significant costs and require substantial time and planning to implement.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department & Ms. B Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

**TIMELINE ON MAINTAINANCE WORKS - HOLYMOUNT ESTATE -
AI103897**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline on maintenance works to be carried out in the green areas which surround Holymount Estate as vegetation is reported to be obscuring site lines for some people exiting the estate and sightings of rodents have been reported in the overgrown grass areas?”

Reply:

The area has been investigated and no obstruction to sight lines was evidenced on exiting this estate.

The Council will liaise with our external contractor to investigate the rodent issue in the overgrown grass area.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

BUS ENHANCEMENT PRIORITIES - ROLESTOWN VILLAGE - AI103904

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritising the 2026 Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme for the installation of shelters at both stops in Rolestown Village?”

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) maintains an active list of bus stops across the county. Fingal County Council does not maintain this list. From that list, the NTA examine existing stops to see whether bus shelters are feasible to be installed at each location. Bus shelters require planning permission to be installed and this is a matter for the NTA.

A list of bus shelters planned to be installed in this Local Electoral Area can be requested from the NTA and details shared with the elected members of this area committee.

Source of Reply: Ms D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 26

BUS ENHANCEMENT - CHERRY AVENUE, SWORDS - AI103905

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to prioritising the 2026 Bus Enhancement Scheme for the installation of a shelter at Stop 6015 on Cherry Avenue in Swords?”

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) maintains an active list of bus stops across the county. Fingal County Council does not maintain this list. From that list, the NTA examine existing stops to see whether bus shelters are feasible to be installed at each location. Bus shelters require planning permission to be installed and this is a matter for the NTA.

A list of bus shelters planned to be installed in this Local Electoral Area can be requested from the NTA and details shared with the elected members of this area committee.

Source of Reply: Ms D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 27

EXAMINATION OF PATHS - TARA COURT, BALBRIGGAN - AI103937

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a full examination of the paths in Tara Court with a timeline for the replacement/repair of same?”

Reply:

The section of footpath in question has been assessed and will be considered for inclusion in future Programme of Works. Any minor maintenance works required will be undertaken as part of the Area Engineers maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 28

TIMELINE FOR DREDGING OF BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR – AI103938

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details and a timeline for the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour that is required as a matter of urgency?”

Reply:

All survey work has now been undertaken by the Consultants. The necessary permissions are now being progressed and will be submitted to the Department shortly.

Provision has been made in the Capital Programme to progress this project and further funding streams are being investigated with the department (DAFM).

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 29

BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN - BALBRIGGAN - AI103940

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the Beach Management Plan for Balbriggan beach?”

Reply:

The ‘Operational Beach Management Plan for Balbriggan Beach’ will act as the main reference document for the day-to-day management of the beach and will be proactively and reactively updated as and when required. The primary issues in summary are Management Structure, Access, Parking and Traffic, Water Quality, Wildlife and Biodiversity, Beach and Water Safety, Community, Sports and Recreation, and the existing Bye-Laws.

The public consultation element that will be used to feed into the eventual community engagement piece within ‘The Operational Beach Management Plan for Balbriggan Beach’ is currently being undertaken by Dr Kevin Lynch from NUIG. The engagement process commenced at the end of June 2025 with an open public meeting in The Bracken Court Hotel, an event which was very well attended. The public engagement has continued throughout the summer months with survey sessions on the beach with beach users. The information gathered will inform the beach related priorities of the regular beach users and the public as a whole.

A second consultant will now be engaged to bring all the various elements together as one complete document which will also involve input and collaboration between several Fingal departments.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

PROVISION OF BOARDWALK - BALBRIGGAN BEACH - AI103941

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the provision of a boardwalk on Balbriggan beach?”

Reply:

The outline design phase for the ground level timber boardwalk is nearing completion. Additional level surveys were required during the summer months, and the second set of draft layout drawings were received at the start of September 2025. A series of meetings will now be arranged with the various stakeholders prior to detailed drawings being prepared.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 29

REPLACEMENT OF PATHS - TARA COURT, BALBRIGGAN - AI103942

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the new tarmacadam paths throughout the green areas with a view to their replacement as the grass/weeds are growing up through them?”

Reply:

The paths at Tara Court will be inspected and appropriate measures will be taken to rectify the issue.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

RESURFACING OF OLD BARRACK ROAD, RUSH - AI103944

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the resurfacing of Old Barrack Road, Rush in next year's Works Programme given the poor condition of the road surface?”

Reply:

The resurfacing of Old Barrack Road, Rush will be considered for possible inclusion in future Programme of Works, pending availability of resources and funding.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 33

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - PALMER ROAD/PALMER AVENUE JUNCTION, RUSH - AI103945

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the provision of traffic calming measures at the Palmer Road/Palmer Avenue junction, Rush in next year's programme of works given the poor sight lines at this junction and the safety concerns of local residents?”

Reply:

Following assessment of the location, it was noted that the limited availability of road space at the junction of Palmer Road and Palmer Avenue poses significant challenges in accommodating traffic management infrastructure without the need for public road widening.

The upgrade of this junction requires a holistic approach, design and land acquisition, which falls outside the remit of the Operations Department.

In addition, Palmer Avenue is not currently taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The Operations Department will further assess the site for installation of updated road signage and road markings for inclusion in a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

RESURFACING OF TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI103946

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the resurfacing of Turvey Avenue, Donabate from the junction with Cobbe's Lane to the end of Turvey Avenue at the R132 roundabout given the poor condition of the road surface?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location can be considered in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Work. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area.

In the interim, temporary repairs will continue to be carried out where necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 35

ROAD RESURFACING - CORBALLIS - AI103947

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's programme of works for the resurfacing of the public access road to a number of homes across the Corballis Golf Course given the poor condition of this road with recurring pot holes resulting in dangerous driving conditions for residents trying to access their homes?"

Reply:

Substantial gravel replacement was undertaken on both access tracks across the Corballis Golf Course last year by the Operations department. Both tracks are situated within the playing fairways of the golf course and therefore it is neither feasible nor safe to surface them in tarmacadam or concrete or any hard material as, for example, due to the risk of a golf ball rebounding off the hard surface with the potential to cause injury. Furthermore, the gravel being a permeable material, facilitates sustainable drainage in keeping with Council policy and appropriate to a green open space.

The Operations department will continue to repair this gravel track when required.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.



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ITEM NO. 36

**RESURFACING OF ROAD SURFACE - HANDS LANE ROAD, LUSK -
AI103948**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the resurfacing of the road surface at Hands Lane Road, Lusk in next year's programme of works given the poor condition of this road and concerns of local residents regarding same?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at the location referred to in the question Lane will be included for consideration in the context of a future Programme of Works. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 37

BEACH SWIM SHELTERS - DONABATE AND RUSH - AI103954

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Beach Swim Shelters approved in the programme of works earlier this year by the Members will be installed at Donabate Balcarrick Beach and Rush South Beach?”

Reply:

The installation of the concrete plinth and the associated ground works for the Balcarrick Beach, Donabate Swim Shelter commenced this week. When completed the concrete plinth will be allowed to cure for approximately two weeks before the Shelter unit is installed and the surrounding works are completed, with the facility planned to be open for use later in September. This project is being part-funded through The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) grant funding and the Operations departments Program of works 2025. POW funding will facilitate the required landscape improvements around the swim shelter.

The swim shelter at Rush South Beach has been funded through The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). Works are currently in progress. The concrete base for the shelter is in place. Once the concrete has cured, the surfacing in the area will be installed along with the shower. The shelter itself has

been procured and there is a lead in time of ten weeks for installation. It is expected that it will be installed during Quarter 4.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 38

RESURFACING OF SECTION OF R122/NAUL - AI103994

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's programme of work for the resurfacing of the R122 from the 50km speed signage at the eastern entry to Naul Village RV zone westwards to the beginning of the footpath at Delvin Banks?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location will be considered in the context of a future Programme of Work. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area.

In the interim, temporary repairs will continue to be carried out where necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 39

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND BARRIER- BAD BEND HEARSE ROAD, DONABATE - AI103998

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the provision of a barrier and additional road safety/accident black spot signage on the approach to the "bad bend" on the Hearse Road, Donabate in view of the ongoing accidents at this location over the years?"

Reply:

The following on-site traffic calming measures are in place.

- Chevron road signs
- Vehicle activated Signs (VAS)
- Sharp corner road signs
- SLOW road markings
- Continuous white line markings
- Dashed yellow line markings
- Dashed white line markings
- Transversal yellow line markings

This area will be further inspected by Fingal County Council and following this, if deemed necessary, additional measures will be considered for inclusion as part of future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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RESURFACING OF ROAD - QUAY ROAD, PORTRANE - AI104004

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to including the necessary finance in next year's programme of works to complete the resurfacing of Quay Road, Portrane?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location can be considered in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Work. However, this will be subject to funding being made available and other road surfacing demands in the area. In the interim, temporary repairs will continue to be carried out when necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 41

**UPDATE ON LINING PROJECT - WELDON'S LANE AND SKERRIES
RUGBY CLUB/R128, SKERRIES – AI103967**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the lining project between Weldon's Lane and Skerries Rugby Club on the R128 which is planned for this year under the programme of works?”

Reply:

New road markings proposed for the section of R128, Holmpatrick, Skerries, are currently under design assessment. Following this, a consultation with An Garda Síochána and stakeholders will take place as part of the statutory process. The new road markings are scheduled for completion by Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 42

**UPDATE ON PHOTOGRAPHIC ALGAE-MONITORING PROGRAMME -
CAPTAINS AND SPRINGERS, SKERRIES - AI103968**

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the photographic algae-monitoring programme, at the Captains and Springers, Skerries, introduced by the Council this year following a number of serious slippage incidents for swimmers, with a view to optimising the algae removal programme?”

Reply:

The two swimming areas have been cleaned throughout the summer season as per cleaning schedule. The algae growth continues to be monitored and reviewed via the photographic and site visits.

Cleaning is carried out to ensure the effective removal of algae. The swimming areas are scheduled to be cleaned at the end of September.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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UPGRADE OF ROADWAY - NEW MARKET GREEN, HAMPTON STREET AND PUMP LANE, BALBRIGGAN - AI103969

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include an upgrade to the roadway between New Market Green, Hampton Street and Pump Lane, which is in the ownership of the Council, and which is in an unacceptable condition, in the next programme of work?"

Reply:

Resurfacing of the roadway between New Market Green, Hampton Street and Pump Lane in Balbriggan will be included for consideration in a future Programme of Works subject to funding being made available and in the context of competing priorities.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 44

FENCING INSTALLATION - CURRAN PARK, LUSK - AI103977

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and indicate when the fencing installation at Curran Park, Balbriggan, which was budgeted for under the programme of works 2025, will be completed?"

Reply:

This work can only be done outside of nesting season as there is some tree pruning required prior to the fence being installed.

A contractor has been appointed to install the fence, and they have scheduled the work. It is envisaged that it will be completed by end of Q3 and start of Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 45

FOOTPATH RE-SURFACE - DUBLIN ROAD/R128, LUSK - AI103978

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing of the pathway on the Dublin Road R127 Lusk, approaching Lusk Village (Taylor’s Farm) and bring it up to standard as cracks and holes have appeared and causing trip hazards?”

Reply:

The inclusion of this section of pathway will be considered during the preparation of future Programmes of Works. In the meantime, any necessary minor maintenance will be carried out as part of the Area Engineer’s ongoing maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 46

REPAIR OF FOOTPATH ON THE R127, LUSK - AI103979

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when works shall begin on the repair of the footpath on the R127, Lusk, Hannas Ave Lusk to Marian Nurseries which was due to start at the beginning of Q3 2025 as previously stated in reference: FCC-2025-005194-V0P0M?”

Reply:

The scraping back of the grass berm which has encroached on the footpath on the R127, Lusk, Hannas Ave Lusk to Marian Nurseries will be completed by Q3 2025.

Any minor maintenance works required to this section of the footpath will be undertaken as part of the Area Engineers maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 47

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OLD ROAD, RUSH - AI103980

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive given the recent accident involving a child on the Old Road in Rush, if consideration can be given to have the Old Road, particularly in the vicinity of Doctors Lane assessed for traffic calming measures, i.e. ramps for inclusion in the next programme of works?”

Reply:

The location has been noted for further investigation and if warranted it will be included for consideration in future programme of works.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 48

INSTALLATION OF SEATED BENCHES - MAIN SQUARE, LUSK - AI103981

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the installation of more seated benches in walking areas in Lusk such as Station Road and the main Square in Lusk (Murray’s Pub) to facilitate young parents and adults out walking, who might need to stop and rest?”

Reply:

The proposal for additional seating at the main square and at the open space area along Station Road can be listed for consideration as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 49

**REPAINTING OF THE UNSIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING -
DUBLIN ROAD/FORGE ESTATE, LUSK - AI103982**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed repainting of the unsignalized pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road in Lusk outside the Forge Estate to ensure a safer crossing point for children & pedestrians?”

Reply:

The proposed road markings renewal for the referred section of Dublin Road, Lusk, is included in the list of works to be completed by Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 50

INSTALLATION OF UNSIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - RUSH UPPER MAIN STREET - AI103983

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the ramp on Rush Upper Main Street investigated for the installation of an unsignalized pedestrian crossing at that location, as children from the new Ormond Avenue Estate are required to cross the Upper Main Street in order to access the Sandy Road which brings them to the Rush National School?”

Reply:

An uncontrolled crossing is currently in place. The Traffic Operations section will carry out a full assessment over time to determine the current demand and whether a controlled crossing point is warranted. If a crossing is warranted it will be included for consideration in a future programme of works.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 51

**ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDING CUTTING BACK
OVERGROWTH - DUBLIN ROAD, LUSK VILLAGE - AI103984**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the hedgerows and public realm along the Dublin Road entrance into Lusk Village being reviewed with a view to a more comprehensive enhancement programme including cutting back overgrowth, replacing missing hedging and improving visual appearance as this is a gateway into the town?”

Reply:

This area has been inspected, and a plan is in place to carry out improvements. There appears to be green waste in areas along the hedge, this will be removed and will create areas to carry out replacement planting. Works will be scheduled within the Winter Works Programme for 2025/2026.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 52

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BENCHES AND STREET FURNITURE – RUSH VILLAGE - AI103985

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to upgrade public benches and street furniture in the centre of Rush and along the promenade area, to improve the town's appearance and enhance comfort for residents and visitors alike?”

Reply:

Two locations have been identified for new benches. They will be listed for consideration in the 2026 seating installations.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 53

IMPROVE PUBLIC SIGNAGE IN RUSH - AI103986

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to improve or introduce more public signage in Rush, including directional signage for public amenities such as beaches, playgrounds, car parks and heritage points and to improve navigation and support local tourism?”

Reply:

Tourism and Heritage wayfinding signage was installed in Rush during 2020. The signs were funded via the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 and were included as part of a heritage trail signage which formed part of the Operations Works programme. The lead department on this was Fingal County Council's Planning Department who liaised with Rush Tourism, Fingal County Council Heritage Officer and the Operations Department. The scheme included historical interpretive signage which was installed on open spaces throughout the town.

There are no current plans to introduce more public signage in Rush. In fact, the Council have received representations to review the proliferation of signage, particularly on the Main Street, with a view to removing signage from the street.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 54

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - GARRISTOWN - AI104000

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to that when reviewing the Speed limits as they apply to Garristown, ensure that the “village” limit is extended back to the reservoir?”

Reply:

The review of speed limits will be carried out in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland document as set out by the Department of Transport.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 55

INSTALLATION OF SPEED RAMPS - GARRISTOWN - AI104001

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive that having account of the unchecked problem of general speeding in the vicinity of Garristown National School, to give consideration to the installation of ramps on the approach roads to Garristown National School?”

Reply:

There are currently measures in place, including Speed Feedback Signage, “SLOW SCHOOL AHEAD” road markings, and traffic calming ramps on the R130 approach. The local roads identified as L1030 (west) and L5040 (east) currently have a speed limit of 60 km/h and are therefore not suitable for further consideration regarding the installation of traffic calming ramps.

A minimum speed limit of 50 km/h is one of the criteria required to warrant further assessment, along with factors such as road type, traffic impact, and other considerations.

A review of the existing signage and markings will be carried out and implemented where deemed necessary. Issues of careless and dangerous driving are

enforcement matters under the Rules of the Road and should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply: Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 56

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON ROADS WITH NO FOOTPATHS IN THIS LEA - AI104006

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commit to undertake a program of verge cutting throughout this Committee’s area with the objective of ensuring that sightlines are presented correctly and that pedestrians may step in out of danger from oncoming traffic?”

Reply:

The verge maintenance programme is carried out at road junctions, road signage and along the public footpath network in the area. Other areas outside of this are not under the remit of the Operations Department and is a matter for the relevant landowners to maintain.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 57

ROAD SAFETY BY CREATION OF SAFE "ARBOURS" FOR TRAFFIC IN THIS LEA - AI104009

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, when surfacing narrow rural local roads, to establish "Pull-In's" to permit traffic to pull in providing safer use of the roads in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

This can be considered on a case-by-case basis when carrying out road re-surfacing works subject to there being sufficient verge width available in public ownership and provided it would block or negatively impact any drainage ditches or channels.

Source of Reply: Mr P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 58

SWORDS TOWN TREES - AI104007

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive will there be some safety protective measures put in place in the near future by Fingal Co Council to where trees have totally uplifted the tarmac in the town.”

Reply:

The Operations Department is managing the individual tree related path surface issues on Swords main street on a case-by-case basis. The future more permanent improvements to the Swords streetscape will be managed through the delivery and implementation of the ‘Sustainable Swords’ project.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 54

WARD RIVER POLLUTION - AI104013

Question: Councillor J. Newman

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what action is being considered to rectify the surface water system which enters the Ward River Park at the exercise area below Rivervalley View end of the park, as the system is facilitating the pollution of the river?"

Reply:

The Storm Water section of Operations Department is aware of a water pollution complaint addressed to the Environment department in April 2025. That was investigated and closed out as the discharge from the outfall was found to be a one-off event which had dissipated at the time of the Inspector's visit. A recent visit to the outfall found the water outflow to be clean but the metal grate had debris which requires removal and this work is being scheduled. If anyone has additional information or has witnessed ongoing issues at this storm water outfall this should be reported to Environment for investigation and follow up with this section's assistance as necessary.

In addition to the above the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have included an extensive SUDS design water treatment filtration pond within the Ward River Valley Regional Park Development Plan.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department & Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 60

DRAINAGE ISSUES - RIVERVALLEY & SWORDS - AI104014

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what action is planned to clean the surface water drainage in Swords, and if the Rivervalley area could be tackled as soon as possible due to the amount of debris in the gulleys?”

Reply:

Ongoing Gullies Clearance Process and Inspections are cleared on an ongoing basis. When a crew is assigned to a street to clear a specific gully, they will first inspect all gullies on that street to ensure comprehensive maintenance and timely clearing.

Crews are tasked to an area when there is a blockage reported and then they clear all gullies on that road so we will next be in Rivervalley when we get a report of a blockage.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 61

**REPLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE - RIVERVALLEY ESTATE, SWORDS -
AI104015**

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the replacement of signage in the Rivervalley area in next year’s program of works?”

Reply:

Any damaged or worn signage reported or identified will be listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 62

SPORTS FACILITIES - AI104022

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

To ask the Chief Executive, where sports clubs in the LEA have the machinery and resources to cut grass on playing pitches allocated to them, including those in public open space, whether consideration could be given to introducing a scheme that would allow clubs to monitor and maintain their pitches in addition to the Council's own maintenance of the sites.

Reply:

For the purposes of land ownership and potential litigation relating to public liability issues, the Council will not permit private sports clubs to carry out routine maintenance on publicly owned lands.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 63

ROAD RESURFACING ROLESTOWN - AI104025

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the schedule for road resurfacing works in Rolestown, including which roads are prioritised and the expected timelines for completion?”

Reply:

The Council is currently engaging with the developer on site with regard to road re-surfacing works in Rolestown.

A further reply will issue to the Councillor once discussions have concluded.

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 64

**RESURFACING OF RAMP - DELVIN BANKS ESTATE, THE NAUL -
AI104028**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the ramp at the entrance to the Delvin Banks Estate in the Naul as it is cracked and in need of repair?”

Reply:

This has been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme and will be completed by Q1 2026.

Source of Reply: Mr.D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 65

ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES IN THIS LEA - AI104029

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the Council liaising early this year with Community Councils/voluntary groups in charge of erecting Christmas trees in village squares/town centres in this Local Electoral Area to ensure that residents are satisfied with the dimensions of the tree and where they are to be located in the village/town?”

Reply:

The Council currently provides a total of 43 public realm Christmas trees across the entire Fingal area. The provision of public realm Christmas trees is limited to town/village centre locations. The locations are also limited to the nearest power source for lighting purposes. As the organising groups in each of the urban/commercial centres change regularly, it is impossible for the Council to make contact in advance, however, the Council would request that if there is an issue with any of the current locations or sizes that the organising committees make contact with the Operations Department before the end of September 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 66

**REPAIR OF BROKEN FENCING - TOWER BAY BEACH/DONABATE
BEACH - AI104030**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair any broken fencing on the cliff walk between Tower Bay and Donabate Beach?”

Reply:

It will be arranged to carry out the necessary repairs on any fencing installed on Fingal owned lands. The Operations Department will also arrange to meet with the biodiversity team in Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department to establish any additional maintenance issues associated with other boundary issues related to privately owned lands to establish the exact remit of the maintenance required.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 67

INSTALLATION OF WATER FOUNTAINS - RUSH-LUSK ELECTORAL AREA - AI104035

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned installations of water fountains in the Rush-Lusk Electoral Area, the location of these new fountains and the timeframe for installation?”

Reply:

The planned outdoor public drinking fountain for the Lusk Recreational Hub, is currently listed for installation with the contractor working on behalf of Uisce Eireann. It is scheduled for installation during Q4 2025.

The planned outdoor public drinking fountain for Harbour Park Rush has been ordered and within a six-week lead in time. This unit is also scheduled for installation during Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 68

UPGRADES TO ROAD - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI104036

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to upgrade Turvey Avenue, Donabate?”

Reply:

There are currently no plans to upgrade Turvey Avenue, however any upgrade identified may be considered in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 69

INSTALLATION OF YELLOW LINES - STEPHENTOWN, BALBRIGGAN - AI104049

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing yellow lines outside Tierney Kitchens and EEC Hardware in Stephentown, where parked cars are restricting visibility at business entrances and reducing the road to a single lane for HGV deliveries?”

Reply:

An initial assessment was carried out, and further assessment is required at this location over different times of the day and on different days to determine the extent of the issue and the requirement for the provision of double yellow lines. If warranted, the proposal will be referred to An Garda Síochána for consultation, followed by implementation as appropriate.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 70

**REPAINTING OF YELLOW LINES - CHAPEL CRESCENT/CHAPEL CLOSE,
BALBRIGGAN - AI104051**

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the repainting of double yellow lines in Chapel Crescent and Chapel Close estates and outside McNally Funeral Home?”

Reply:

The re-painting of the line markings at the location referred to in the question has been added to our existing line marking schedule and will be actioned in the order it was received.

Source of Reply: Mr.D Cooney, Assistant Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 71

TREE AUDIT IN BALBRIGGAN - AI104053

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when an assessment of trees for removal will take place in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

An independent tree survey has been carried out in the Balbriggan area. Any recommendations for works arising from this survey will be listed in the Winter Works Programme for Autumn / Winter 2025 / 26.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 72

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS - BROADMEADOW COMMUNITY NATIONAL SCHOOL, SWORDS - AI104055

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the Council reviewing road access arrangements around Broadmeadow Community National School, with a view to easing congestion and improving traffic flow at peak drop-off and collection times?”

Reply:

The access road to the Broadmeadow Community Council is located at the junction of Rathbeale Road/Glen Ellan Road. This arm of the junction, which provides access to the school for vehicles is not taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The Glen Ellan Road arm of the junction is also not taken in charge.

In relation to traffic flow and congestion issues, the Operations Department are planning to install a multi lane radar detection device on public land to cover the access road into the school. This will aide in improving traffic flow and congestion.

The Transportation Planning Section is available to engage with the school management and/or the Department of Education in regard to the schools ‘mobility management plan/travel plan’ and the role of a ‘mobility management

coordinator', the management of the internal drop-off area, and the opening of any necessary permitted/conditioned pedestrian and cyclist entrances to the school.

Fingal County Council also notes that the main arterial access road would become a through-road in the future, when the Council's own housing development to the east (now under construction) is complete.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 73

SEQUENCING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS - BROADMEADOW COMMUNITY NATIONAL SCHOOL, SWORDS - AI104058

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the sequencing of nearby traffic lights serving Broadmeadow Community National School being reviewed and optimised to better accommodate traffic volumes during school opening and closing hours?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Signals Contractor attended at the location and confirmed the junction is operational but not fully optimal.

The council have taken in charge only two arms of the junction. For the specified arm of the junction, currently there are no traffic loops installed. To improve efficiency at the junction, the Operations Department are planning to install a multi lane radar detector on public land.

When the requested arm of the junction will be taken in charge, the area will be inspected by Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 74

**ROAD SAFETY AUDIT - JUGBACK LANE/GLEN ELLAN ROAD
JUNCTION - AI104064**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the road safety audit at the junction of Jugback Lane and Glen Ellan Road in Swords and to indicate whether any short-term safety measures are planned pending the outcome of the audit?”

Reply:

The road safety assessment has been carried out by the consultant engineer. Report has been reviewed by the Traffic Operations section and is currently being updated by the consultant.

Once the report is finalised the Operations Department will share its findings with this committee.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 75

**ROAD SAFETY/DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - COMYN MANOR,
SEATOWN, SWORDS - AI104066**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on roads enforcement request ‘Ref: FCC-2025-010056-N7G4J’ regarding the introduction of double yellow lines at the entrance to Comyn Manor, where parking is restricting traffic flow, creating hazards for schoolchildren, obstructing road sweepers, and blocking footpaths for buggies and wheelchair users?”

Reply:

In general, it is not the policy of Fingal County Council’s Operations Department to install Double Yellow Lines on roads within housing estates which have no through traffic. Comyn Manor is Cul de Sac estate with no through traffic.

Restricting parking on any of the roads will reduce parking for visitors and resident parking outside resident’s homes and may also result in displacing the issue of parking to another section of the road or another nearby road within the estate. In addition, providing double yellow lines will result in the removal of passive traffic calming by way of the on-street parking, which may result in increased speeds.

Under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulations, An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings. Parking in locations that are in contravention of the section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulations are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

The Operations Department does not intend to extend the existing double yellow lines at this location.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 76

**OUTDOOR WORKOUT/FITNESS - BALHEARY PARK, SWORDS -
AI104067**

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive consideration can be given to the installation of an outdoor workout/fitness station at Balheary Park, similar to those provided at Malahide Castle and Portrane, to complement the existing facilities and enhance the park’s role as a health and fitness amenity for all ages?”

Reply:

The Operations Department is currently examining potential upgrade options to compliment the area adjacent to the existing MUGA and Skatepark at Balheary Park. The initial considerations include a combination of a 3x3 basketball Court and a Calisthenic/Parkour area.

The project is currently on hold due to potential civil works proposed within this section of the park. It is expected to have an update on these works within the coming weeks, and this will determine the space available and the timeline when any proposed improvements can commence. When a final proposal has been drafted, it will be arranged to notify the local elected representatives prior to works commencing.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 74

TREE INSPECTION – CIANLEA & LIOSCIAN, SWORDS – AI104068

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange an inspection of the trees in the estates of Cianlea and Lioscian and to report on any maintenance works required?”

Reply:

The trees of the Cianlea and Lioscian estates were assessed as part of the countywide tree assessments in September 2023, undertaken by the appointed Arborists. The removal of two street trees identified are included in the Winter works program 2025/26.

Upon receipt of this query, a follow up walk-through re-assessment was undertaken with minor pruning works identified on an additional tree and these works have also been added to the Winter works program 2025/26. The Crown lifting of low-lying branches along pathways has previously been carried out in Lioscian estate following previous assessment.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 78

UPDATE ON BUS TERMINUS - MILLER'S GLEN - SWORDS - AI104071

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council's engagement with the National Transport Authority on securing a bus terminus to serve Miller's Glen/Mooretown, including dates of engagement, actions/outcomes, site(s) examined and the current preferred location and to provide a delivery timeline (or interim arrangement) aligned to the planned commencement of route L82?"

Reply:

In regard to the matter of a Bus terminus at Miller's Glen, I wish to advise that a response has been received from the NTA on this matter:

"As no existing location in the area appears suitable for a bus terminus, we are working with Fingal County Council's planning team to determine how one may be secured as part of new development in the area.

We currently plan to introduce new route 22 in Q4 of 2026. If a new terminus is ready then the service will use it from the start, or else as and when it becomes available".

Source of Reply: Ms. D Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 79

TREE MAINTENANCE UNIT IN SWORDS - AI104072

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the dedicated Tree Maintenance Unit will be operational in Swords and to set out its staffing and the date for publishing an area work programme?”

Reply:

The Operations Department is awaiting a recruitment process to be carried out to enable the staffing of a dedicated operational tree crew in each of the operational work's areas. Each crew will contain a qualified arborist supervisor within a 4-person crew. Each crew will be area based and implementing the recommendations made within the Arbortrack tree management system.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 80

**SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE LAW - MOYLARAGH ROAD,
BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN**

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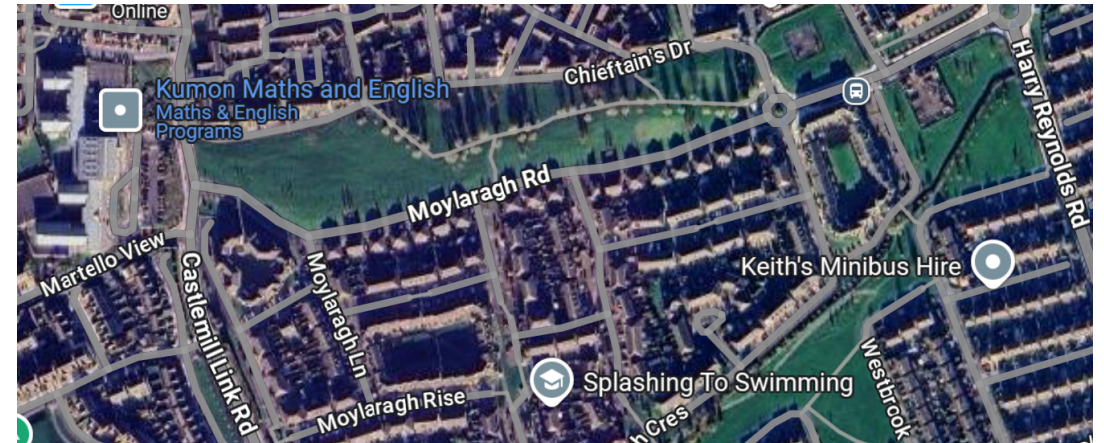
Moylaragh Road – Balbriggan – Special Speed Limit Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords ACM

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Moylaragh Road – Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Background



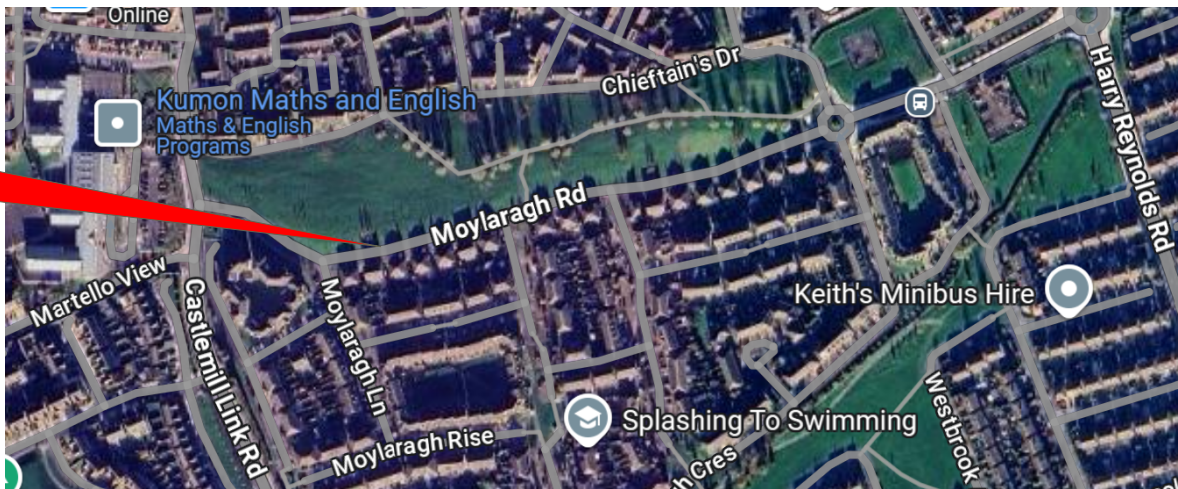
- A speed limit appeal submission was submitted to Fingal County Council to examine the existing speed limit on Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan.
- Current speed limit is 50 km/h.
- Road was examined against Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines (2015).
Result of examination outlined that a reduction in speed limit was merited as set out against the criteria in the guidelines.
- As a result, Fingal County Council must introduce a Special Speed Limit Bye Law in order to lower the speed limit.
- This must be done in accordance with section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act (2004).
- Statutory public consultation is required as part of this process



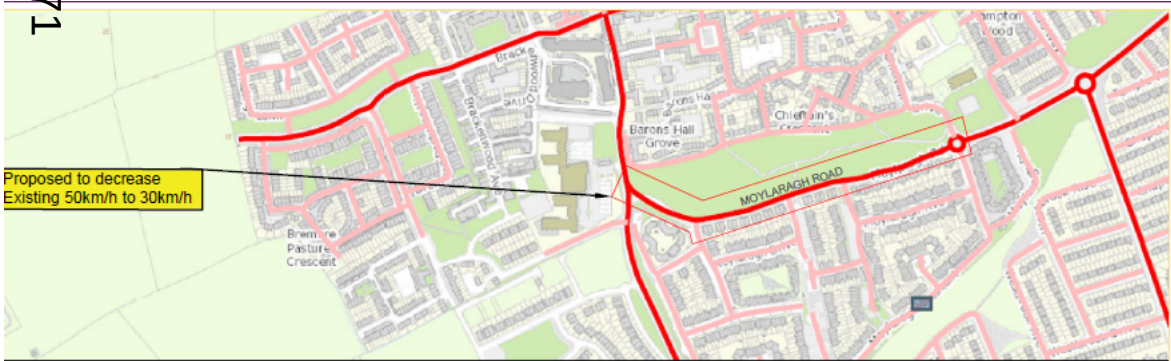
Location of Proposed Speed Limit Reduction 50 km/h to 30 km/h



Location of proposed speed limit reduction



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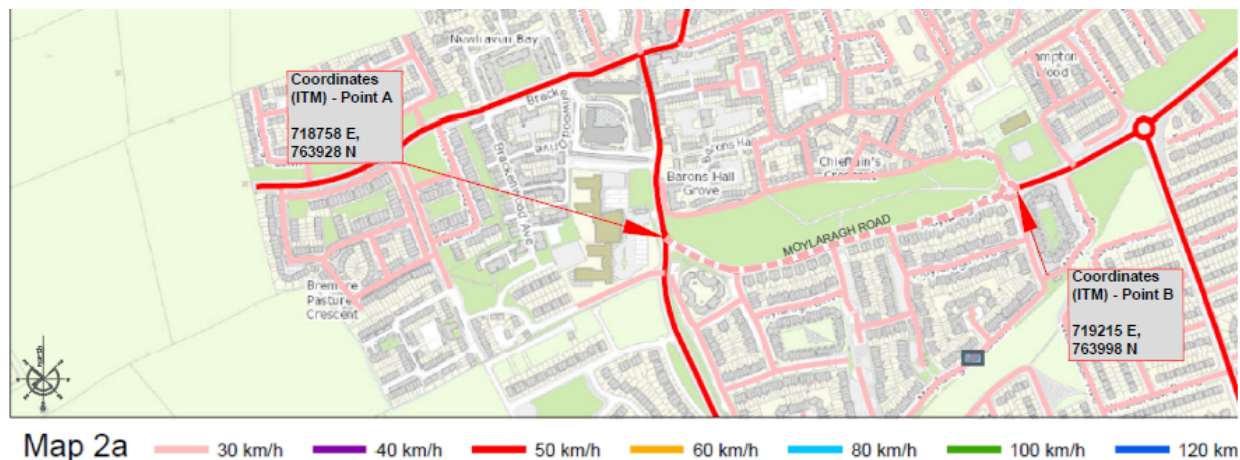


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Statutory Public Consultation and Next Steps



- As per section 9 of the Road Traffic Act (2004), public consultation was carried out between 09 July 2025 to 11/08/2025.
 - No submissions were received.
 - Consultation with An Garda Síochána was also carried out and no observations or objections were received.
 - Recommend moving onto next step of process.
 - Full Council Meeting – October 2025 for adoption.
- Implement Speed Limit Change – Q4 2025 i.e. Maps and Signage



Questions?



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ITEM NO. 81

TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME - CHAPEL GREEN, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN

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Traffic Calming Scheme- Chapel Green Lusk

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Why is the scheme needed?



- **Junction Difficulties:** Tree Hill/ Post Office/ Chapel Green/ Quickpenny Road junctions have unclear priority which lead to driver confusion.
- **Heavy Vehicle Usage:** HGV turning movements within the current layout create danger for vehicles and vulnerable road users.

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Design Overview



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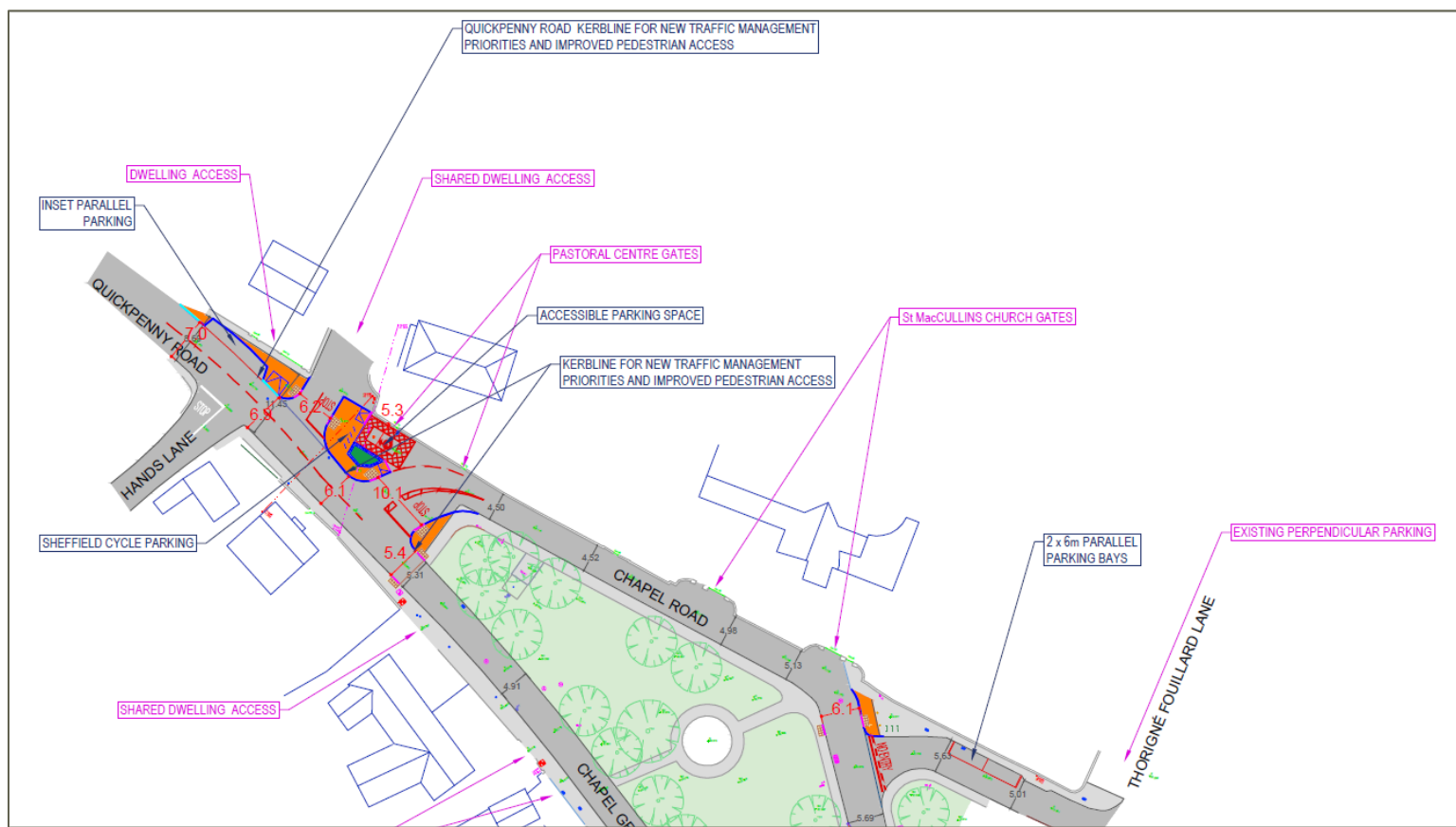


- Scheme included as part of 2025 Programme of Works.
- Scheme developed under DMURS principals, prioritizing vulnerable road users, reducing vehicle speeds and improving legality.

How Chapel Green Could Look Under the New Traffic Scheme



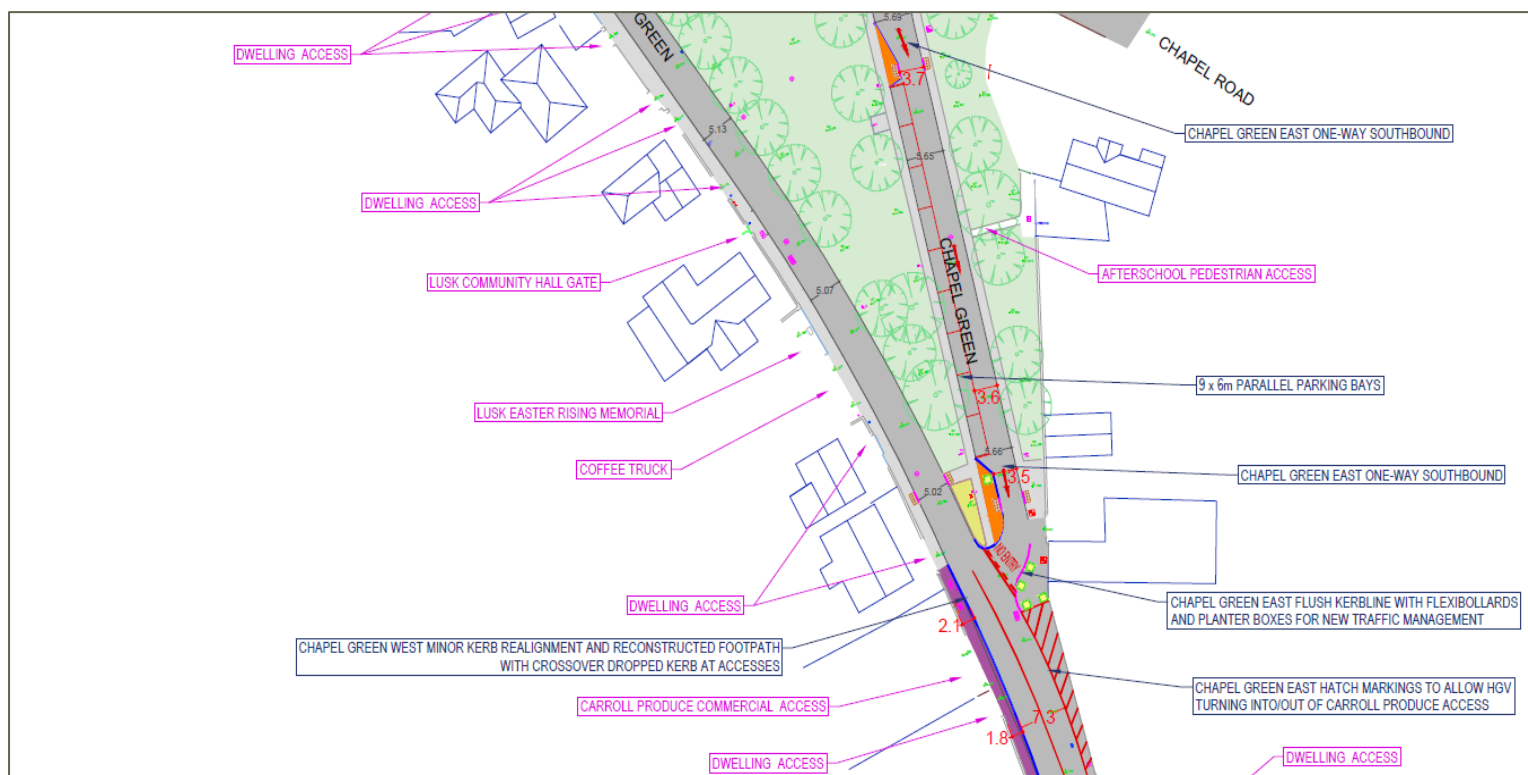
- Priority junction improvement and sightlines at the junction of Quickpenny Lane / Chapel Green.
- Introduction of parallel parking bays and an accessible parking bay.



How Chapel Green Could Look Under the New Traffic Scheme



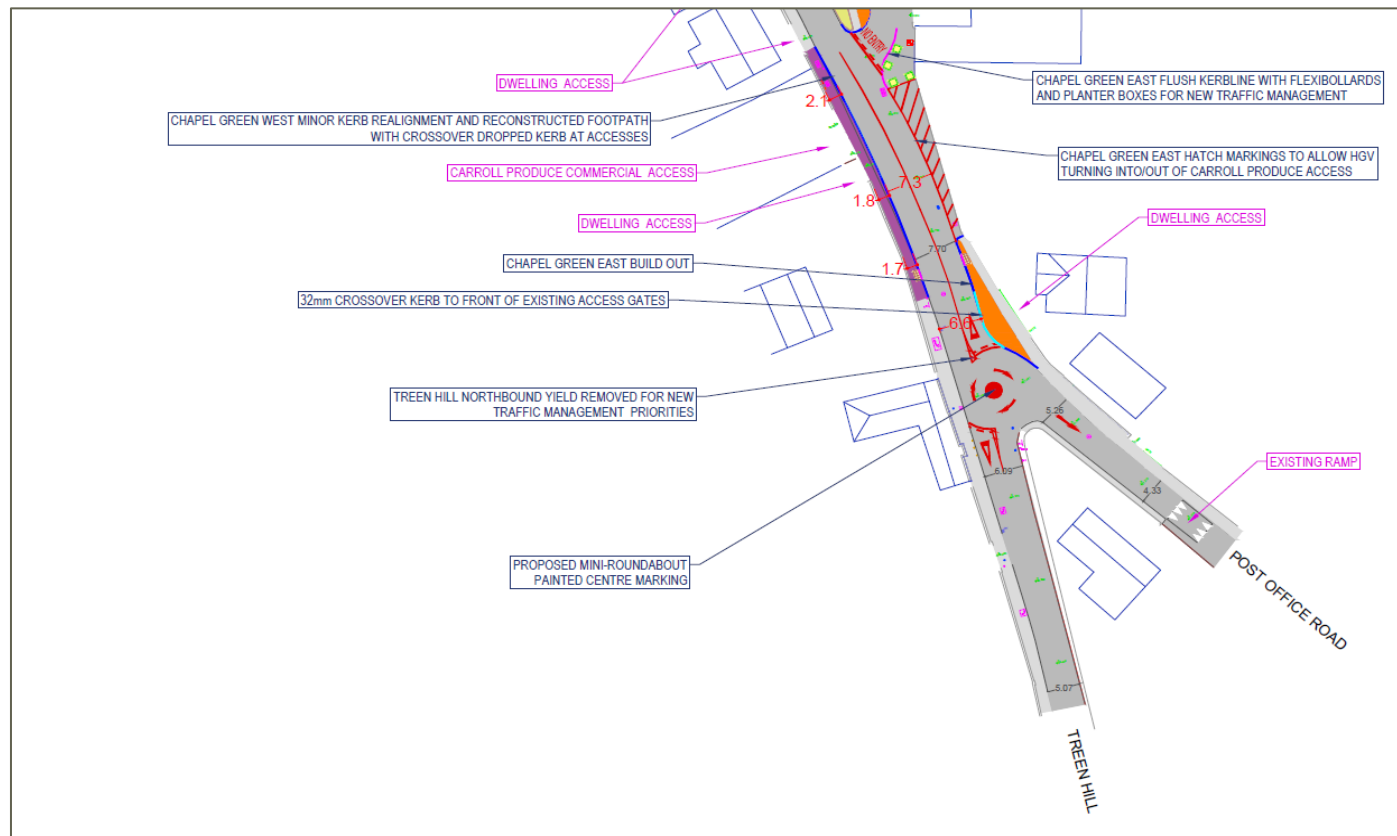
- One-way system on Chapel Green East Southbound to simplify movements and reduce conflict.
- Formal parallel parking bay at Chapel Green East.
- Chapel Green East Junction radii and priority improvement.



How Chapel Green Could Look Under the New Traffic Scheme



- Mini-roundabout at junction of Chapel Green, Tree Hill and Post Office Road to manage priorities safely.
- Build-outs, tactile crossings, and planter features to slow vehicles and support pedestrian priority and continuity.



Public Consultation – Section 38 of Road Traffic Act (1994)



Overview

Scheme is being carried out under section 38 of the Road Traffic Act (1994).

Following public consultation carried out from 14th May until 11th June 2025, 153 submissions were received from the members of public.

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In Favour: 7

Against: 146

These were analysed by the Traffic Engineering team and grouped into four key categories to better understand and respond to community concerns.

- **Parking and Access:** 68 Submissions
- **Traffic Flow and Layout:** 27 Submissions
- **Vehicle Movements:** 16 Submissions
- **Other:** 42 Submissions

Public Consultation



Parking & Access

Concerns about reduced parking spaces and access to homes, school and local businesses.

Response:

- Driveway and business access retained with kerb build out.
- Parking reconfigured, not removed – new parallel bays provided.
 - 11 no. Parking Bays Provided as part of scheme
 - 1 no. Accessible Pay provided as part of scheme.

Improved layout improve safety for all road users with vulnerable road user priority.

Public Consultation



Traffic Flow & Layout

Objections to one-way system due to concerns of increased traffic volume, mini-roundabout and changes in road priority.

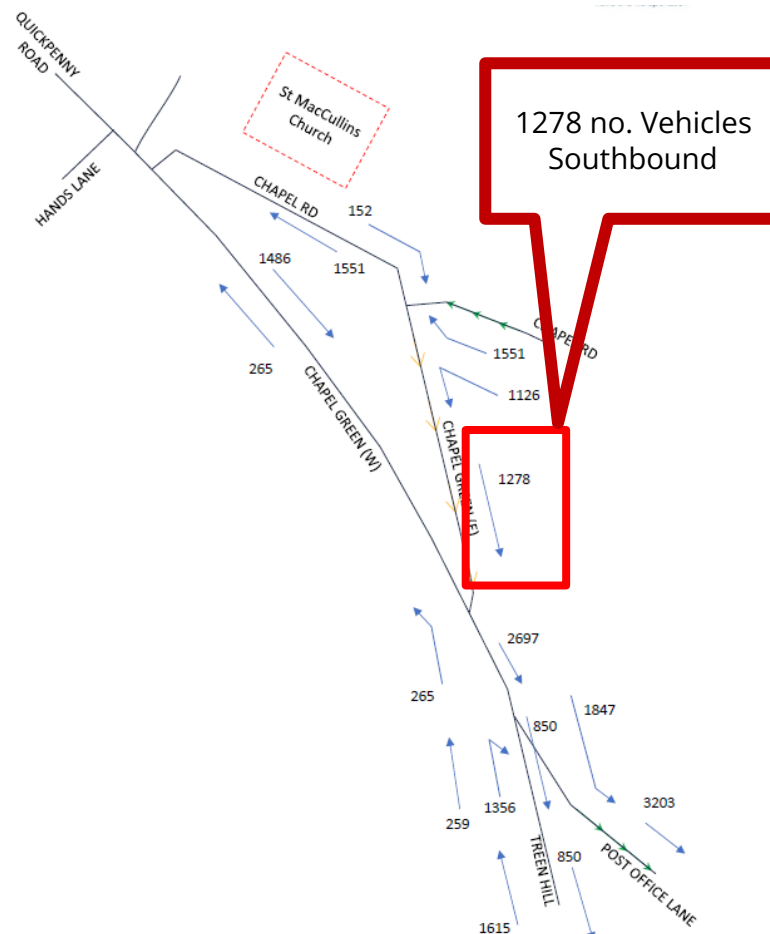
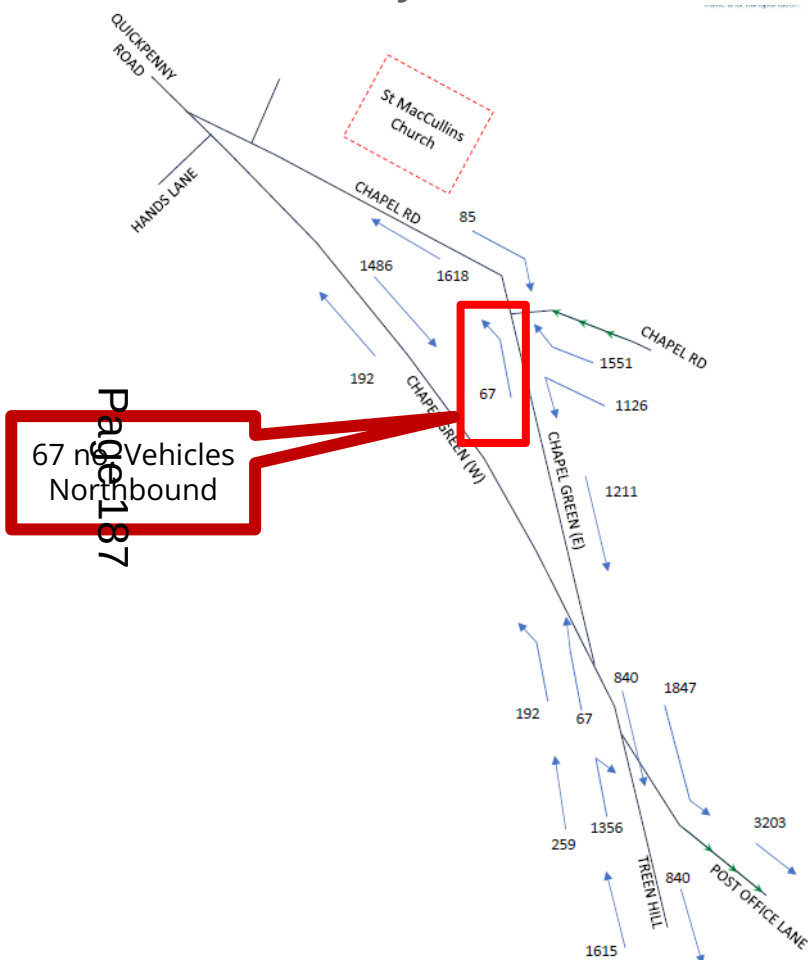
Response:

- Chapel Green East one-way simplifies navigation and reduces head-on conflicts.
- Mini-roundabout slows vehicles and improves intersection safety.
- Priorities updated to follow urban best practices (DMURS).

Public Consultation



Traffic Flow & Layout



Public Consultation



Vehicle Movements

Concerns that larger vehicles (tractors, service trucks) would be unable to manoeuvre the new layout.

Response:

- FCC engaged with local agricultural provider regarding turning movements outside their premisses.
- Turning radii, trail run and lane widths checked for all essential vehicles
- Scheme accommodates agricultural, refuse, and emergency services.

Recommendation



- ✓ The proposed layout improves road safety, accessibility, and traffic flow.
- ✓ The scheme is to improve safety for vulnerable road users and pedestrians movements across Chapel Green.
- ✓ Design is based on national standards and best practices.
- ✓ Post-implementation review will ensure ongoing success.

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It is recommended that the proposed traffic scheme to be approved.



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ITEM NO. 83

**ADDITIONAL TEEN SPACE AREAS IN BALBRIGGAN - NON-
STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

Presentation will be given on the day of the meeting.

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Open Spaces Facilities - Balbriggan 2025

Open Spaces –Balbriggan, CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD

Fingal County Council as part of our Active Cities Dublin initiative, is dedicated to creating more opportunities for physical activity. The proposed addition of outdoor facilities and seating at the large green space between Chieftains Drive & Moylaragh Road is a joint collaborative effort, involving our Sports, Operations, and Community Departments, coordinated by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office.

The proposed scheme takes into account informal play and walkers, with the scheme layout designed to continue to accommodate both.

As part of the project, accessibility considerations have been incorporated into the overall design to ensure inclusivity and usability for all users and ages.

This initiative follows recommendations for additional facilities (particularly in the NW / Flemington area) in the Social Spaces and Youth Services for Young People in Balbriggan report, a copy of the full report can be found [here](#).



2025

Proposed Locations

CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD – PROPOSED EQUIPMENT

Area 1 Map Outline Area 1

- ☐ Half MUGA* (Basketball court) including goal end, mesh fencing behind the basketball
- ☐ Seating/resting area

Area 2 Map Outline

- ☐ Bloxx (climbing) unit

Area 3 Map Outline

- ☐ Seating

Area 4 Map Outline

- ☐ Chess Table x2

Area 5 Map Outline

- ☐ Calisthenics Equipment**



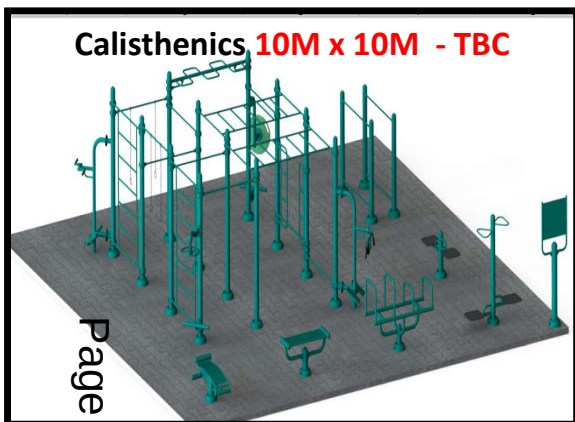
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Chieftains Drive/Moylaragh Road - *Outdoor Equipment*

Calisthenics **10M x 10M - TBC**



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Chess Table



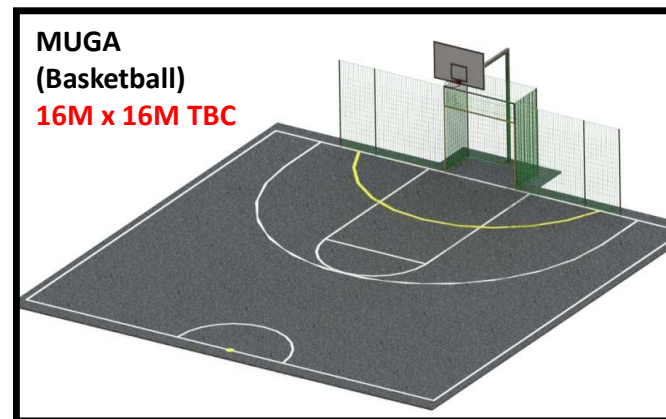
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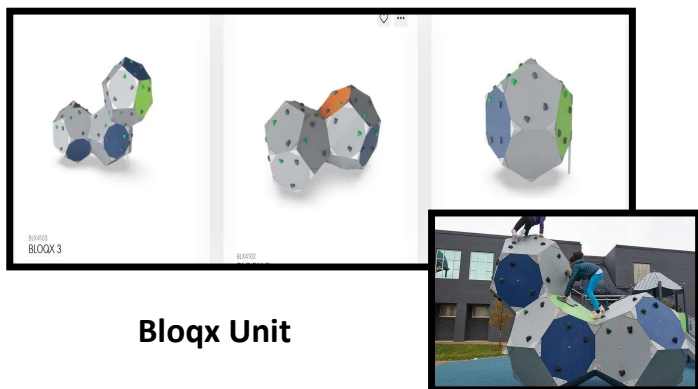
Seating/Resting areas



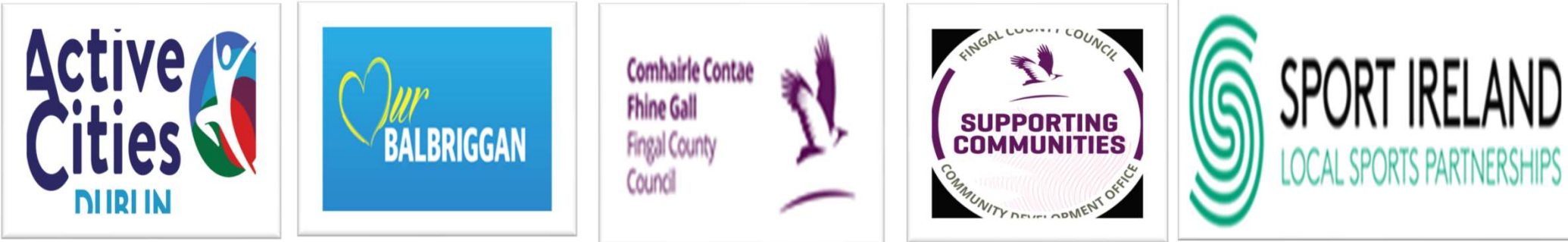
MUGA
(Basketball)
16M x 16M TBC



Bloqx Unit



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Open Spaces Facilities Balbriggan – Consultation review

Public Consultation Overview

Details of draft scheme were published on Consult.Fingal.ie, with the consultation period running from 9th May to 30th May 2025. The scheme was actively promoted through Fingal County Council's and Our Balbriggan's social media platforms throughout this period.

An open information evening took place at Flemington Community Centre on 22nd May 2025, providing an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and engage directly with the project team.

Submissions Received

A total of 14 submissions were received regarding the proposed open space facilities at Chieftains Drive/Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan. A summary of the observations raised in these submissions is detailed in chronological order in table 1.1 below.

2025 Proposed Locations CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD - PROPOSED EQUIPMENT

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Table 1.1

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No	Issue Raised	Response
1.	Sports Facilities – 10 observations were received in this category which can be broadly categorised as follows: <i>Sports facilities suggested aside from MUGA: 'light sports facilities' including football goals (goal posts). Other facilities requested: All weather pitch, tennis court; outdoor badminton court; handball alley; bowling green</i> <i>Fencing at MUGA (basketball) detract from the visual appeal of green aesthetic.</i> <i>Provision of rental type box with sports equipment (similar to Skatepark)</i> <i>Potential disturbance to residents while works are taking place</i> <i>Provision of indoor supervised (sports) areas, no requirement for a basketball half court</i>	These suggestions will be passed to P&SI in relation to future provision within Bremore Regional Park. The fencing is useful for the 5 aside element of the MUGA Can discuss with the Sports Department for inclusion within the next 'BoxUp' roll out. The installation is very quick. Three weeks is average timeframe. Usually minimum disturbance. The contractor is experienced working within residential areas. The Operations Department has only examined the outdoor possibilities due to remit. There is a growing no of requests for casual 3x3 basketball and grant funding to support this proposal
2.	Calisthenics / Outdoor Equipment Area- 10 observations were received in this category which can be broadly categorised as follows: <i>Potential concerns over the provision (and size) of additional calisthenics / outdoor equipment on the green inc:</i> <i>Equipment may be underutilised</i> <i>Request for equipment to be placed in the playground area in proximity to green.</i>	The size of the area proposed can be reduced and/or dispersed over a number of areas. The Council is happy to explore the options here. It is the Council experience that the Calisthenics areas are very well used. There is an established biodiversity area being implemented by residents in

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	<i>Concerns over the location (view from houses)</i> <i>More encouragement to use the current outdoor exercise equipment beside the skatepark and All-weather pitch.</i>	the space around the playground. It is also planned to add additional planting throughout the entire open space which will further enhance the entire space. The Council's Sports Department is actively working to engage and increase awareness	
3.	Anti-Social Behaviour – 6 observations were received in this category, which can be broadly categorised as follows: <i>Concern regards noise levels and possible disruption to residents.</i> <i>Concerns over the green area being used for public gatherings.</i> <i>Concerns unsupervised seating may attract anti-social behaviour and equipment becoming a late-night gathering area.</i>	The new additions to the public open space will be an enhancement to encourage legitimate use of the space. Any issues relating to genuine anti-social behaviour will be a matter for AGS.	
4.	Seating Area / Chess tables – 5 observations were received in this category, which can be broadly categorised as follows: <i>Suggestion of the provision of picnic benches & Wi-fi bench charging station at these locations.</i> <i>Concern over the ongoing maintenance of seating areas</i> <i>Provision of 2 chess areas is too much</i>	The Council is open to additional types of seating requests but would suggest that the initial installations should be assessed for suitability of location and use before any additional ones are added. The Council will be responsible for all maintenance of the new spaces. The Council has experienced that when more than one chess table is installed the usage will increase.	
5.	Trees/Green area – 5 observations were received in this category, which can be broadly categorised as follows:		

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	<i>Trees to be retained</i> <i>Opportunities for orchard planting and flower planting.</i> <i>Requirement for assessment of the condition of trees in the vicinity</i> <i>Necessity for drainage</i>	There are enormous opportunities for additional tree planting at this location, and the Council looks forward to working with the local community groups to further enhance the tree planting. It will be arranged to carry out a full assessment of the existing trees on the site Drainage requirements will be assessed.
6.	Pathways & Public lighting– <i>observations in this category can be broadly categorised as follows:</i> <i>Current pathway in poor condition,</i> <i>Footpath upgrades required to ensure accessibility</i> <i>Suggestion to widen the existing path on the green to make it a cycle lane</i> <i>Provision of appropriate lighting on the green for safety reasons</i> <i>Concerns of usage of area only during daytime / summer if no provision of lighting.</i>	It is planned to carry out footpath upgrades to the entire path network as part of the overall upgrade of this open space. It will be arranged to carry out a lighting assessment of the space.
7.	Other – <i>observations in this category can be broadly categorised as follows</i> <i>Suggestion (x2) for the provision of sheltered equipment considering climate</i> <i>Request for the provision of additional bins in the area</i> <i>Concern over maintenance of green area (mowing over litter)</i> <i>Lack of planned facilities for girls, facilities are more catered for boys.</i>	There is not any provision made for sheltered equipment at this stage. Additional bins can be provided based on a needs assessment. There is a requirement for grass maintenance operators to remove litter prior to cutting. The Council is open to any additional requests for other types of equipment and would be interested to engage with

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	<i>Road safety concerns</i>	any specific proposals that local users would make. As part of the path network upgrades, all road safety requirement considerations will be examined, planned and implemented.
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MOTION NO. 83

ASSESSMENT OF PARKING SPACES - CEDAR GROVE, RIDGEWOOD - AI103310

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive instruct the Operations Department to assess parking spaces in Ridgewood Estate with a view to addressing a shortfall in an area at Cedar Grove.”

Report:

The planning permission for this estate was granted with the appropriate number of parking spaces as set out in the County Development Plan which was adopted by the Elected Members.

The planning permission for Cedar Grove with respect to parking, open space, street lighting etc has been designed in keeping with the aforementioned County Development Plan. The Fingal Development Plan emphasizes the importance of green spaces and open areas for public utility, and converting a verge would not only go against this objective, it would set a precedent for others to follow suit.

The Operations Department have no plans to change the Estate layout as granted by the Planning Department.

The Operations Department have not received any complaints pertaining to parking issues at Cedar Grove, Ridgewood over the last five years.

Source of Report: Ms. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 84

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES - RATHBEALE ROAD - AI103891

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant department to carry out a road safety assessment on the Rathbeale Road (R125) from the junction of the new Glen Ellen road extension to the junction of the R108 with a particular focus on the stretch of road adjacent to the residential homes immediately following the forementioned junction.”

Report:

A site inspection was carried out at the specified location and the speed limit signage, gateway signage and the line markings are in place and comply with current standards.

- No footpath was identified outside the 50km/h area.
- The current road layout includes continuous and dashed line markings on the road, gateway road signs, “No overtaking” road signs and “Traffic calming 400m” road signs.
- The specified segment of the road has a bus route with several bus stops along the road.

The Operations Department will further assess the site and if deemed necessary, additional measures will be considered for inclusion as part of future Programme of Works.

Source of Report: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 85

DISHING OF FOOTPATH - R128/PIERCETOWN, SKERRIES - AI103965

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive arrange to have the footpath, on the western side of the R128 at Piercetown, Skerries, dished to allow wheelchair users cross the road independently, to use the bus service towards Rush, Swords and Dublin.”

Report:

The request for the provision of an adequate crossing point on the R128 at Piercetown, Skerries, has been assessed.

Following the assessment, no suitable location has been identified under the current conditions to install drop kerbing. A more detailed design assessment would be required to ascertain necessary requirements to install pedestrian infrastructure at this location.

Implementation may require land acquisition. In addition, there is no funding to cover the design, land acquisition and construction for the project. It is not on the Programme of Works or the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Source of Reply: Ms L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department & Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING [SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MOTION NO. 86

TRAFFIC SAFETY CALMING MANAGEMENT PLAN - RATHBEALE COTTEGES, RATHBEALE ROAD - AI103974

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive request the traffic management department of Fingal County Council carry out a speed safety audit on the Rathbeale Road swords at the Rathbeale Cottage's section.”

Report:

A site inspection was carried out at the specified location and the speed limit signage, gateway signage and the line markings are in place and comply with current standards.

- No footpath was identified outside the 50km/h area.
- The current road layout includes continuous and dashed line markings on the road, “No overtaking” road signs and “Traffic calming 400m” road signs.
- The specified segment of the road has a bus route with several bus stops along the road.
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The Operations Department will further assess the site and if deemed necessary, additional measures will be considered for inclusion as part of future Programme of Works within Fingal County Council.

Source of Report: Mr. C Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MOTION NO. 87

NEW PUBLIC TOILETS FOR DONABATE AND PORTRANE BEACHES - AI104054

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive report on progress on the commencement date for the planned new public toilets for Donabate and Portrane Beaches.”

Report:

As the elected members are aware, it is the Operation Department’s intention to provide new public toilets at both Donabate and Portrane.

Donabate –

Delays have occurred to date in delivering new toilets at Donabate, primarily due to the lack of an available foul sewer connection. The Council carpark, which is the proposed location for the new toilets will also require upgrade works, incorporating the necessary infrastructure including a biocycle system necessary to facilitate toilets at this location. This is a significant project which will take time to deliver.

Operations have received numerous complaints regarding the current condition of the toilets at Donabate, and subsequently we are proposing to close the current toilet block. It is further proposed to install Eco-Toilets in the Council carpark at Donabate, these toilets will also include a wheelchair accessible unit. Arrangements are being made to procure these units and the intention is that they will be in situ in Q4 2025.

Following the installation of the new Eco-Toilets units, arrangements will be made to de-commission the original toilet block, with a view to its demolition. Due to its proximity to the shoreline, an environmental assessments will be required in this regard.

Portrane –

Operations are in discussion with the Planning Department to determine a suitable permanent location for toilets at Portrane, taking into consideration environmental and coastal erosion issues.

A further review is currently being undertaken and an on-site meeting will be facilitated with the elected members in this regard.

Source of Reply: Ms. R Gibney Sherry, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 88

COMPLETION OF FOOTPATH FROM CLONARD HILL TOWARDS HARRY REYNOLDS ROADS – BALBRIGGAN – AI103976

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive arrange for the completion of the footpath from the roundabout on Clonard Hill towards Harry Reynolds Road as the section closest to the Harry Reynolds Road is unsafe for walking?”

Report:

The provision of a footpath will be considered in the context of the preparation of a future programme of works subject to any constraints posed by land ownership issues and the presence of electrical services.

Source of Report: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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