Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Thursday 08th May 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Boland, Cathal	O'Leary, Tom
Boland, Mark	Maguire, Grainne
Kelly, Darren Jack	Smyth, John
Newman, Joe	Mulville, Paul
Ryan Brendan	Dockrell, Eoin
Johnston, Corina	Quinn, Malachy
Corkery, Luke	Murphy, Tony
Butler, Darragh	Mulligan, Dean
Humphreys, James	

Apologies were received from the following Councillors:

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided

Officials Present

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer) Aoife Lawlor (Senior Executive Officer) Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer) Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer) Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer) Linda Ennis (Principle Sports Officer) Breen Dorris (Senior Executive Engineer) Martin Byrne (Senior Executive Engineer) Dónall Ó Ceallaigh (Senior Executive Planner) Gerald Curley (Senior Executive Engineer) Paul Barnes (Event Manager) Fiona Glynn (Administrative Officer) Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer) Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer) Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer) Sean Lenehan (Executive Engineer) Aaron O'Callaghan (Executive Engineer) David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer) Louise McAuley Baker (Assistant Staff Officer) Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer) Karen O'Neill (Clerical Officer) Aisling Donnelly (Clerical Officer)

BSB/191/25
Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025 be **ADOPTED**."

BSB/192/25

Questions

It was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and RESOLVED-

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 52 inclusive be **ADOPTED**."

BSB/193/25

Applications for Funding

b) Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O' Leary and seconded by Councillor C. Boland and AGREED:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report."

a) Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O' Leary and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and AGREED:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report."

BSB/194/25

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a) BC 1786 Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan

The Report was NOTED.

b) BC 1785 Lanestown View, Donabate

The Report was NOTED.

BSB/195/25

Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025 Presentation

Mr. Paul Barnes, Events Manager, gave a presentation on the Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025, following discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/196/25

Proposed Disposals

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

The Report was Noted.

BSB/197/25

Donabate Permeability Phase 1 Presentation - Active Travel

Mr. Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Sean Lenehan, Executive Engineer gave a presentation on Donabate Permeability Phase 1, following discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/198/25

Email dated 1st May 2025 from the National Transport Authority regarding Councillor L. Corkery - Motion - Request for Bus Stops on Route 101 on the R132 - AI101562

Correspondence from the National Transportation Authority in relation to a motion submitted by Councillor L. Corkery, which had been circulated was NOTED.

BSB/199/25

Councillor E. Dockrell - Meeting to discuss Plans to Improve Indoor Community Facilities - Rush/Lusk LEA - AI100524

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor M. Boland

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/200/25

Councillor D. Mulligan - Dublin Airport LAP - AI101991

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion a Roll Call vote was called.

The result of the vote was as follows:

For: Nine (9)
Against: One (1)
Abstain: Four (4)

For: Councillors: M. Boland, J. Humphreys, C. Johnston, D. Kelly, D. Mulligan, J. Newman, T. O'Leary, B. Ryan, J. Smyth
Against: C. Boland
Abstain: D. Butler, L. Corkery, E, Dockrell, M. Quinn

The Area Chairperson Councillor T. O'Leary declared the Motion AGREED.

BSB/201/25
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Work Programme for Naul Playground - AI101970

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by C. Boland and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/202/25
Provision of Sports and Community Hub - Brackenstown, Swords - AI101989

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/203/25
Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Tennis Court Lane, Skerries - AI102270

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/204/25
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Progress of Swords College of Further Education - AI102390

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor D. Butler

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/205/25

Councillor P. Mulville - Council Housing Waiting List in this LEA - AI102409

In the absence of Councillor P. Mulville it was agreed to defer this motion until the following meeting.

BSB/206/25

Councillor C. Johnston - Meeting to Discuss Connection of Corballis Residents to Donabate/Portrane Foul Water Scheme - AI102550

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED.

BSB/207/25

Councillor D. Mulligan - Residents Meeting to Address Concerns on Woodside Development - AI101992

The Motion in the name of D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/208/25

Councillor E. Dockrell - School Sports Halls availability to Groups in Rush/Lusk Area - AI100950

The Motion in the name of E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/209/25

Councillor C. Boland - Citizen Survey of recent Active Travel Projects in this LEA - AI101971

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/210/25

Councillor J. Smyth - Up to Date Traffic Flow Model for R132 and Surrounding Areas - AI102410

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/211/25

Councillor P. Mulville - Long Delayed Footpath at Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI102498

In the absence of Councillor P. Mulville it was agreed to defer this motion until the following meeting.

BSB/212/25

Councillor M. Quinn - Sightline Issues along Harry Reynolds Road - AI102505

It was agreed to defer this motion until the following meeting.

The meeting concluded at 17:55

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ITEM NO. 02

Painting of Recycling Banks - Portrane - AI102537

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to contacting the operators/management of the recycling banks in Portrane with a view to having them painted given the unsatisfactory condition of same?"

Reply:

The bottle banks at Portrane have been re-painted at the request of the Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns (PVRG), at the end of April 2025. The PVRG & Tidy Towns have indicated that they were happy with re-painting work undertaken by the contractor.

Source of Reply: Catherine O'Donovan, SEO, ECCATS

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ITEM NO. 03

Request for Repairs to Wall - Portrane - AI103193

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting the deteriorating and potentially dangerous condition of the wall adjacent to the cemetery and St. Catherine's in Portrane, to give favourable consideration to having the cement blocks strengthened/refilled similar to work carried out in previous years, and to note the majority of the wall is located on public open space/public road?"

Reply:

A Building Control Engineer has inspected the wall and deemed that at the moment it is not dangerous to members of the public. Building Control will carry out bi-annual inspections in order to catch any further deterioration which could lead to the wall becoming dangerous.

Source of Reply: Martin Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 04

Feasibility Study for Hydro-power Micro-generation Scheme - Naul - AI103196

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a feasibility study for a Hydro-power micro-generation scheme at Hynestown Reservoir, Naul, to assess the potential generational output which may contribute to renewable energy sources for the Council owned sites in Naul Village, such as Naul Community Hall and The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre?"

Reply:

Naul is an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). This is a statutory designation. Any works that would materially affect the character of the ACA would need to undergo an assessment process to consider whether changes would to the exterior of a building within the ACA detrimentally impact on the character of the place or not. The Seamus Ennis Centre is within the ACA and is also a Protected Structure (RPS No. 108), which extends to both the exterior and interior. Any physical alterations to a protected structure need to be carefully considered and sensitively designed.

Fingal County Council's Climate Action Team will investigate the possibility of commissioning a feasibility study to evaluate the potential for a hydro-power micro-generation scheme at Hynestown Reservoir, subject to the above considerations.

Source of Reply/Report: Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Co-Ordinator & **Helena Bergin, Conservation Officer**

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ITEM NO. 05

Update on Naul Village Park Project - AI103198

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive further, to question AI102527 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee meeting on 8th May, to confirm if a company has been engaged to undertake the works on the long overdue Naul Village Park Project, when these works will commence and when this much needed project will be completed?"

Reply:

A procurement process undertaken towards the end of last year failed to produce any quotations for the works contract relating to the development of Naul Village Park including the playground. An extended negotiated procedure is ongoing involving suitable contractors and it is hoped that this process will result in the engagement of a company to undertake the works in the coming weeks subject to a successful outcome to these negotiations.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade Project - AI103199

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the public consultation will commence on the much needed Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade project and if this will include a separate access from Donabate to the M1 given the planned population growth for the area which is already experiencing traffic delays?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has appointed a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm to assist the Council in delivering Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, which will improve access from Lissenhall to Donabate and Portrane, for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

The project is currently at the Option Selection stage with potential route options being assessed to identify the preferred route alignment. Work on the Option Selection stage is nearing completion, and once completed, non-statutory public consultation and preliminary design work will follow on during 2025.

Source of Reply: Ciaron Markey, Executive Engineer, Transport Planning, P&SI Dept.

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ITEM NO. 07

Delay on Broadmeadow Way Greenway – AI103200

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the reason for the delay to the Broadmeadow Way Greenway project following recent media reports that this project has been delayed to 2027?"

Reply:

Progress on the detailed design phases of the elements of this project is continuing. Stage 1 of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework of contractors for the various landward works contracts is being finalised. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- Construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway will commence during the summer months of 2026. The tender documents for the causeway contract are being finalised and it is intended that invitations for tender will be in the coming weeks with a contractor expected to be appointed later in 2025.

This is subject to approval from the National Trasport Authority and Irish Rail. Some of the elements of work must be carried out during railway processions at nighttime due to the proximity of the railway line. There is also an environmental constraint which requires work to be carried out between May and September.

- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026 and continue in 2027.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during late 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway in proximity to a live railway line, it is expected that the completion of the Broadmeadow Way will be in Q3 2027.

Source of Reply:
Linda Lally A/ Senior engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 08

Update on Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Donabate - AI103202

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the status of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub Project, to outline when the land swap with St. Pat's GAA club will be completed, when the tender for works will be published and the anticipated commencement date for this project?"

Reply:

The Council is in discussions with St. Patrick's GAA Club, Donabate with a view to having the land exchange required for the remaining phases of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub in place by late Summer. Currently it is planned to issue the tender for the remaining works (Phase 2 and 3) to a restricted number of contractors pre-qualified within a procurement framework later this month with a view to having the works commence in line with the transfer of the required lands to the Council.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 09

Planning Enforcement Complaints - Donabate - AI103221

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of planning enforcement complaints received, resolved and remaining active from the Donabate peninsula since 2023?"

Reply:

The following table sets out the number of planning enforcement complaints received, resolved and remaining active from the Donabate peninsula from 2023 to May 2025:

Donabate Peninsula Enforcement Data January 2023 - May 2025

Enforcement Files Opened:	**29**
Enforcement Notices Issued:	**3**
Enforcement Files Closed:	**38**
Ongoing Legal Cases:	**4**

Source of Reply:
Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 10

UPGRADE OF THE M1 MOTORWAY, EXIT 6 BALBRIGGAN – AI102628

Question: Councillor T. Murphy
"To ask the Chief Executive how many landowners have been approached/ notified regarding land for Compulsory Purchase (CPO) in order to facilitate the upgrade of Exit 6 Balbriggan?

Reply:
The Council has not approached/notified any landowners about the acquisition of land by Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the upgrade of the Naul Road (R122) from Junction 6 off the M1 Motorway to Balbriggan as route options and the land take required for the project have not yet been determined.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 11

Expansion of Study Space at Balbriggan Library - AI103085

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to explore the possibility of expanding the study space in Balbriggan Library, even on a temporary basis during the months prior to the Leaving and Junior Certificate exams?"

Reply:

The months of April and May are particularly busy months in libraries. Regarding Balbriggan Library, footfall into the building is high all year round, as the Library shares the facility with two other services, Citizens Information and the District Court Administrative Office for Swords and Balbriggan.

As well as accommodating an increase in student numbers this time of the year, Balbriggan Library runs the popular Bealtaine festival, which consists of a full programme of events for the older person. It also hosts events for Climate Week and Africa Day. All the meeting rooms at the Library are used weekly by the Balbriggan Adult Education Service DDLETB (Spanish Beginners, Spanish Intermediate and English Language classes), Breastfeeding Support with HSE, Age Action Digital Support sessions, Creative Poetry Club, Knitting & Crotchet Club, Book and Writing Clubs, and a Dungeons and Dragons Club, to mention just a few. Not having these rooms available would mean reducing considerably the wide range of events and services offered to the community as a whole.

The space in the Library is currently at capacity which creates challenges for ventilation regulation during warm weather, noise management, use of bathroom facilities and for ease

of movement. The library staff work very hard to make sure students are accommodated safely and comfortably. They always facilitate additional study spaces for students in the run up to examinations. Currently, as well as all the usual desks being available, one of the library meeting rooms on the 1st floor is open to students during peak times, and desks with public access pc's have been repurposed as study desks.

Source of Reply: Betty Boardman, County Librarian, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 12

Playful Street Pilot Scheme across the

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - AI102710

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to expand the Playful Street Pilot Scheme across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area and if not, the reason for same?"

Reply:
The Playful Street Pilot initiative was piloted by the Council with the engagement of an external service provider, A Playful City, to run a pilot several years ago. It is not currently an active work programme and there is no funding allocated to support it in the current budget. Despite the engagement of an external service provider, there was a significant resource input required from Council staff including Community and Operations Departments.

The Community Development team is focused on empowering and supporting local groups in the community to run events for their local areas such as those recently approved at the May Council Meeting therefore adopting a more sustainable approach to community development.

Source of Reply:
Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 13

Expansion of School Streets Initiative Across this LEA - AI102712

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to expand the School Streets Initiative in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area, which is currently in place at Grove Road and The Rise, Malahide, and if not, the reason for same?"

Reply:

Front of school treatments which include possible "schools streets" are considered for all schools on the Safe Routes to School programme aswell as any active travel works in the vicinity of schools in the county.

Round 2 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes, Holy Family Junior National School, Swords and St Colmcille's Girls' National School, Swords.

Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes, Broadmeadow CNS, Donabate Portrane ETNS and Holywell ETNS.

There are a number of remaining schools on the original shortlist including, St. Joseph's Secondary School Rush, St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Balrothery, Gaelscoil Ros Eo Rush, Mary Queen of Ireland NS St., Margaret's, Skerries Educate Together NS, Scoil Moibhí Skerries and Hedgestown NS. As of now it is not clear if or when An Taisce will commence a further round of Safe Routes to School works.

Any schools that are examined as part of further rounds of the Safe Routes to School programme are considered for a school street intervention.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin: Senior Executive Engineer: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 14

Monitoring of ALDI Construction Site - Donabate - AI103236

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if the ALDI construction site on Turvey Avenue, Donabate, can be monitored on an ongoing basis given the constant spreading of mud and dirt from construction traffic along the adjacent public road, which is a serious traffic hazard?"

Reply:

The site has been subject to a number of inspections and on these occasions, a road sweeper was in operation and no breaches of planning conditions were observed. The Planning Inspector engaged with the site manager regarding their responsibilities. Planning Enforcement will continue to monitor the site to determine if any breaches of the planning code are occurring on site. Environmental Services have been requested to add the location to the patrol schedule of the litter wardens.

Source of Reply:
Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 15

Fire Safety Inspections at Caravan/Mobile Home Parks in the Corballis/Balcarrick Area, Donabate - AI103250

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out urgent fire safety inspections at caravan/mobile home parks in the Corballis/Balcarrick area, with particular reference to distances between caravans/mobile homes and distances between caravans/mobile homes and adjacent residences, escape routes and access to fire hydrants, given recent fires?"

Reply:

Accommodation such as caravans or mobile homes are considered to be dwellings. As such, and like all other dwellings in Ireland occupied as a single dwelling, they are specifically excluded from the provisions of sections 18, 19 and 22 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003. These sections relate respectively to assigning statutory responsibility for fire safety in premises, and the enforcement and inspection powers of Local Authorities. Therefore, in the case of dwellings occupied as a single dwelling, responsibility for fire safety in each dwelling rests with those living in that dwelling.
However, a duty-of-care may exist in relation to aspects of accommodation provision where a Local Authority provides the accommodation, but officials of state organisations are not authorised or empowered to enter any dwelling and direct or impose any fire safety provisions on the persons living in a premises occupied as a single dwelling.

Following a fatal fire in a halting site in Carrickmines, Dublin on 10 October 2015, a new guideline was produced by NATIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and this guide is free to download and has very useful fire safety advice on all aspects of fire safety in such accommodation. The Guideline is called 'GUIDE TO FIRE SAFETY IN EXISTING TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION' and it was published in June 2019.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 16

Cycle Access along Minister's Road, Lusk - AI103251

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Council's powers under existing Local Government, Roads and Planning legislation to urgently provide safe pedestrian/cycle access along Minister's Road, Lusk from the entrance to Dun Emer Estate as far as the old Belfast Road?"

Reply:

Under the Planning acts there are no powers to allow FCC to urgently provide pedestrian and cycle access along Ministers Road between the entrance to Dun Emer Estate as far as the old Belfast Road. There is currently insufficient space to install pedestrian and cycle facilities at this location. The land on either side of the road is not in Fingal County Council ownership. As such, land acquisition by agreement or compulsory purchase order would be required. Depending on the process for acquisition of land, planning consent may also be required for any works here through either Part 8 permission or an application to An Bord Pleanála for determination. This scheme has not been identified in the current capital program.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 17

Safe Routes to School Programme in this LEA - AI103252

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to include further schools in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area in the Safe Routes to School Programme and if so, which schools?"

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School programme is funded by NTA, administered by An Táisce and delivered by the Local Authority.

The selection process for the programme is managed by An Táisce. Following a call out for expressions of interest from schools in 2020, An Taisce formed a shortlist. The SRTS programme is being rolled out on a phased basis following the existing shortlist.

Round 2 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes, Holy Family JNS Swords and St Colmcille's Girls' National School Swords.

Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes, Broadmeadow CNS, Donabate Portrane ETNS and Holywell ETNS.

The remaining schools on the original shortlist include, St. Joseph's Secondary School Rush, St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Balrothery, Gaelscoil Ros Eo Rush, Mary Queen of Ireland NS St., Margaret's, Skerries Educate Together NS, Scoil Moibhí Skerries and Hedgestown NS. As of now it is not clear if or when An Taisce will commence a further round of Safe Routes to School works or if An Taisce will consider a second call out for expressions of interest.

In addition to the above all active travel projects, such a segregated cycleways, in the vicinity of schools consider the feasibility of including front-of-school interventions. A number of front of school improvements have been delivered in this way across the county.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin: Senior Executive Engineer: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 18

Update on Naul Playground - AI103253

Question: Councillor P Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the planned Naul playground outlining when the planning was first approved by Councillors, whether a tender was ever advertised to construct the playground and if not, the reason why?"

Reply:

Planning approval for the Naul Village Park Development Project including the playground facility was obtained in 2021. In the interim site investigations were undertaken and detailed designs and tender specifications were prepared. A procurement process undertaken towards the end of last year failed to produce any quotations for the works contract relating to the development of Naul Village Park including the playground. An extended negotiated procedure is ongoing involving suitable contractors and it is hoped that this process will result in the engagement of a company to undertake the works in the coming weeks subject to a successful outcome to these negotiations.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

Landfilling in Ballough Area - AI102969

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have the landfill site at Ballough, Lusk examined and to indicate why dumping is continuing at this location when this site has already exceeded agreed conditions and height and in the past two years further activity is still occurring?"

Reply:

Waste Enforcement Officers will arrange to inspect the site in question and speak to the landowner to establish if any recent dumping/landfilling has taken place. If any evidence is found an enforcement notice will be served directing the landowner to remove the waste material and refrain from any further dumping of waste on the lands. Consideration will also be given to the preparation of a legal file dependent upon evidence gathered.

Once the facts are established an update will be provided outlining the steps taken by the Waste Enforcement Section to investigate the matter.

Source of Reply/Report: Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist.

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ITEM NO. 20

Ballyboughal School Walking Bus - AI103205

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the progress made in the provision of public parking, to facilitate the creation of a school car drop off zone, providing the opportunity for children to enjoy the benefits of a School Walking Bus to walk from the zone to the Ballyboughal National School?"

Reply:

Active Travel have had discussions with the local GAA club chairman in relation to the use of their carpark on the north of the village for a park and stride facility. The club was open to the idea and willing to support the initiative. The Active Travel team have met with our colleagues in Operations on site to review the route and identify improvement works that might be required along the route to improve safety for vulnerable road users and how best to deliver them under the current programmes of works. Following completion of these works, we will engage with the school around active travel initiatives.

Source of Reply:

Emma Court, Cycling and Walking Officer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 21

Local Area Plan Update - Ballyboughal - AI103207

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive, taking account of the additional lands zoned in and around the village of Ballyboughal, to advise when a Local Area Plan will be prepared to deliver a modern functioning cluster village?"

Reply:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out in Table 2.18 a Schedule of Masterplans to be prepared over the life of the Plan. This includes under MP3.B, preparation of a Masterplan for the Rural Village of Ballyboughal. Masterplans prepared by the Local Authority are subject to a public consultation process and are presented to the Elected Members for agreement. A programme of statutory and non-statutory plans was agreed with the Elected Members in 2023 following adoption of the Development Plan and these plans are currently being progressed.

It is noted that the Ballyboughal Local Area Plan (LAP) 2012 was extended to 2022 and while withered, planning guidance therein continues to provide an available planning context.

Source of Reply: Patricia Cadogan A/Senior Planner Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

Opportunity for Housing in this Committee's Functional Area - AI103209

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail, by way of map, lands which are zoned for residential development within this Committees area that are not yet developed while detailing the services actually available to support such a development?"

Reply:

At present, Fingal Co. Co., similar to all local authorities, is awaiting guidance from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to inform how Development Plans should be varied to ensure alignment with the updated National Planning Framework (NPF).

As part of this review, Fingal Co. Co. will undertake a full examination of all residentially zoned lands within the county, including tabulating the quantum of remaining developable lands for this specific use-class within the subject Electoral Area.

In preparing the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the planning team consulted widely with national infrastructure providers, including Uisce Éireann. In this regard, Table 11.1 of the Plan highlights Uisce Éireann's *'Statement of Capacity'* which contains the broad strategic water and wastewater capacities and the relevant infrastructural investments programmed by Uisce Éireann (2023).

Once the Departmental guidelines issue, Fingal County Council is committed to ensuring the Fingal Development Plan fully aligns with the revised NPF and will commence a review process as soon as feasible. It is likely that any review will involve consultation with State infrastructure providers and will include an update of the Uisce Éireann Statement of Capacity as contained within Table 11.1 of the Development Plan.

It is also likely that any amendment or variation of the Development Plan will require public consultation which will enable members of the public to make submissions on any proposed changes. Background analysis and any supporting studies to inform the process will be published at this time and will provide for a comprehensive county wide overview.

Updated core strategy figures are available in the 2-year Development Plan Review progress report.

Source of Reply: Patricia Cadogan A/Senior Planner Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

Vacant Units on Dublin Road, Swords - AI102978

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline plans for the future use of vacant houses on Dublin Road, Swords and whether they will be restored and added to the housing stock?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Housing Department has acquired three properties in this area and Fingal County Architect's is currently preparing the designs for a planning application to deliver new, fit-for-purpose, high quality housing here.

Engagement with owners of other properties continues via the Vacant Homes Team and also the Derelict Sites Team. The Derelict Sites team currently have active files in relation to 5 properties along the Dublin Road area in Swords, which are at various stages of progression under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended ("The Act"). Section 11 notices have issued to the owners under the Act outlining measures required to resolve these cases of dereliction. In the event of non-compliance with those Notices, the Council has powers to pursue these sites further.

The Derelict Sites team continues to liaise with the owners and will continue to progress these cases under the Act, where it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Source of Reply: Gene Griffin, A\Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 24

Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103012

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of The Forge Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

Reply:

The Building Control section will look to meet with the developer in the coming weeks to outline the outstanding items that require rectification before the estate can be taken in charge.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 25

Taking in charge of the Open Spaces - Lambourne Park, Donabate - AI103014

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the open spaces in Lambourne Park, Donabate and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to taking in charge?"

Reply:

The Council has received a request for the taking in charge of Lambourne Estate in Donabate and this request is currently being assessed having regard to all relevant issues. As the development originally received planning approval on the basis that it would be maintained by a Management Company; a plebiscite of the property owners will now be required to ensure their agreement with the change in the management arrangements.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 26

Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk - AI103015

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to it being taking in charge?"

Reply:

The Building Control team will be carrying out an inspection in the coming weeks of identified works required to be completed to the satisfaction of the Council before the estate can be considered for Taking in Charge. There is also some documentation outstanding that the developer will need to submit prior to taking in charge.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 27

Age Friendly Accessibility Audit of Public Areas in Lusk - AI103017

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an age-friendly accessibility audit of public areas in Lusk Village with the intention of introducing more age-friendly infrastructure, including accessible benches, public toilets and safer crossing points for older residents?"

Reply:
Undertaking an Age Friendly Walkability Study or Walkability Audit involves the Age Friendly Programme Manager securing sufficient support and commitment from members of the community and community groups to actively take part in the study. Support from elected representatives in achieving this is also welcomed, and active participation from members of the interdepartmental Age Friendly Team in Fingal County Council is also required. Together, these people form the group who will conduct the study, and a firm commitment is required from them in order for the study to progress.

The new Age Friendly Strategy will further inform the workload and approach in this area; it is anticipated that it will be brought before the SPC and Council in the June.

Source of Reply:

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ITEM NO. 28

DERELICT SITES REGISTER - RUSH - AI103018

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current number of properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register in Rush Town Centre and whether any potential for their reuse or refurbishment is being considered as part of a revitalisation strategy for the area?"

Reply:

There are currently 4 No. properties listed on Fingal County Councils Derelict Sites Register which are located within the town boundary of Rush.

A Town Centre First Plan for Rush is currently being drafted. The National Town Centre First policy aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.

The Town Centre First approach to the future development of towns ensures local communities and local businesses can be central to reimagining their own towns and planning their own futures. To enable this the Town Regeneration Office are currently conducting a series of open consultation and capacity building sessions with all interested stakeholders within Rush.

It is expected that the Town Centre First Plan for Rush will be completed later this year. Included within the plan will be a series of projects of varying scales, the aim of which will be to enhance community structures, enable and strengthen the local economy and it is anticipated that there will be a number of actions which focus on the efficient and balanced use of all physical space within the Town.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 29

Review of Minister's Road, Lusk to the R132 Road - AI103019

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the capacity of Minister's Road to the R132 Road with a view to upgrading this route and reducing traffic congestion with the installation of a footpath as new developments come online in the area?"

Reply:

As previously outlined to this committee this section of road is restricted in width, and it is not feasible to provide a footpath within the current roadway. Additional lands would need to be acquired to facilitate such additional infrastructure.

Where new developments come on stream every effort will be made to ensure that adequate infrastructure is provided along the road frontage of the developments.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 30

Installing Active Travel Access Between the South Beach Car Park and Bawn Road, Rush - AI103020

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans for installing active travel access between the South Beach car park and Bawn Road and whether the Council is currently engaging with the residents on Bawn Road regarding this project?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Team has been reviewing the potential for installing active travel access from Bawn Road to South Beach in Rush throughout 2023 and 2024.

Options were developed together with photo montages showing the options and proposals for development into detailed design.

The Active Travel Team together with our colleagues in the Property Section engaged with the landowners with a view to agreeing land acquisition, but unfortunately negotiations broke down at the start of 2025.

The lands remain in private ownership and without agreement we are unable to develop the scheme through private lands.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris: Senior Executive Engineer; Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 31

Heritage Audit of the Historic Bridges in the Townlands around Lusk - AI103021

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a heritage audit of the historic bridges in the townlands around Lusk, including Carriage House Bridge, Donnelly's Bridge, Corduff Bridge, Newhaggard Bridge, Daws Bridge and Baldrumman Bridge, to identify any structural or conservation works required and to inform future inclusion in a heritage Programme of Works?"

Reply:

There is no existing mechanism for heritage or conservation-based audits of the bridge network in Fingal. The management and repair of road bridges within Fingal is overseen by the Operations Department who utilise the EIRSPAN Bridge Management System. The EIRSPAN system is used throughout Ireland to co-ordinate and integrate the inspection and repair of bridges on the road network. This system sets out how the condition of bridge components are assessed, rated and repair works ranked in order of priority.

There has been engagement between the Conservation Office and Operations Department regarding the repair of historic masonry bridges and the Conservation Office has on occasion inputted with conservation advice on specific bridges as several bridges are protected structures. We are in the early stages of discussing how the two sections can co-operate with each other, beginning with an exchange of information.

If you have critical concerns regarding the structural condition of a specific bridge in the Lusk area can you provide details of this to the Conservation Office and Operations Department.

Source of Reply:
Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer

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ITEM NO. 32

Taking in Charge - Moylaragh Estate, Balbriggan - AI103057

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the taking in charge of Moylaragh Estate and specifically whether the entire estate is in the charge of the Council?"

Reply:

All roads and services in Moylaragh estate were taken in charge in October 2008.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 33

Taking in Charge - Golden Ridge Estate, Rush - AI103068

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the taking in charge of Golden Ridge Estate in Rush to include the projected timeline for the inclusion of the open spaces and the implications to the residents who are paying Management Company fees despite the Council taking in charge all of the estate since last year?"

Reply:

The taking in charge of roads and services including grass margins was completed in April 2024. No Public Open Space has been transferred to the Council by the developer.

The Public Open Space located between Kenure Park and Goldenridge will be developed into a park and will contain a playground and community garden in accordance with planning permission reg. ref. LRD005/S3.

Source of Reply:
Gemma Carr, Senior Exeuctive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 34

Fly Tipping at Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan - AI103104

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what measures are being considered by the Council to address the issue of fly tipping at the lay-by area on the Stephenstown Link Road?"

Reply:

The Stephenstown Link Road is monitored by the Litter Warden 3 times per week increasing to daily during the Summer months.

Any illegal dumping is checked for evidence and following that, the Operations Team are requested to remove the dumping. If evidence is found, a fine will issue under the Litter Pollution Act however, with the type of items being dumped, it is rare that evidence is obtained. Witness Statements can be accepted from members of the public in order to issue a fine, once the witness is agreeable to attend Court if the matter proceeds to that stage.

Source of Reply: Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS Department,

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ITEM NO. 35

Update on the Bremore Castle Car Park, Balbriggan - AI103106

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion of the Bremore Castle Car Park Project?"

Reply: It is expected that the car park at the front of Bremore Castle will be completed by the end of next month.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 36

HOUSING APPLICATION WAITING TIMES IN THE BALBRIGGAN/ RUSH- LUSK/SWORDS LEA – AI103107

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the approximate waiting times of assessment for inclusion on the Fingal Housing List in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Assessment of a social housing application form can take up to 12 weeks to process, in accordance with the timelines as set out in Social Housing Assessment Regulations, 2011.

Source of Reply:
Clare Brannelly, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Lettings

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ITEM NO. 37

UPDATE ON BALBRIGGAN PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PROJECT - CASTLELANDS - AI103069

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of the Balbriggan swimming pool project, announced by the Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports, detailing the next steps, when a detailed design will emerge, when a planning application will be lodged , how long will the construction phase be, what is the current estimated cost of the proposed pool for a catchment area of 60,000 people and any other relevant information?"

Reply:

The designs for the proposed €10million swimming pool in Castlelands Balbriggan announced at the end of March have now been developed to a pre-planning stage with internal consultation process commencing in June.

The Council must firstly determine whether the proposed scheme screens out for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). Subject to this determination, the intention is to initiate the statutory planning process and public consultation in September.

Delivery of this scheme requires progress on delivery of key site infrastructure of a neighbouring site by the Land Development Agency including new access road and provision of utilities.
The programme for the development of the detailed design, tender documentation, and construction strategy will be communicated later this

year, when greater clarity is available on the timeline for the adjoining scheme.

Further updates will be provided at key milestones as the project progresses.

Source of Reply:
David Storey Director Of Services

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ITEM NO. 38

PURCHASE OF LANDS FOR A SPORTS HUB - SKERRIES TRAIN STATION AREA - AI103078

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive if the purchase of land has been completed at the Skerries Train Station area for a sports hub and to confirm if the lands are now in the possession of the Council?"

Reply:

The Council and the Vendor are finalising the purchase of the lands at Skerries Train Station and anticipate that the matter should complete by the end of June 2025. When the acquisition is complete the Council will then proceed to take possession of the lands.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 39

REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL DUMPING- ST. CRONAN'S AVENUE, SWORDS- AI103146

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when residents of St. Cronan's Avenue can expect illegally dumped materials to be removed from the laneway behind their houses and access to the lane maintained?

Reply:

The lane way in question is gated, therefore the responsibility of residents to maintain.

The Estate Management Section has requested the Litter Warden to carry out an investigation with regard to the source of the dumping and letters will issue to residents.

Source of Reply:
Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer.

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ITEM NO. 40

WATER SPORT ABILITY CAMPS 2025 IN THIS LEA - AI103150

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the popularity of the recently announced Water Sport Ability Camp 2025 at Howth Yacht Club, if consideration can be given to explore options for similar camps across this Local Electoral Area for the 2025 summer months?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council Sports Office is running a water sports camp at Howth Yacht Club due to its accessible location for the camp. This camp is suitable for children with intellectual and physical disabilities on a one-to-one basis to support their additional needs. The current provider of this camp is Active Connections.

Due to high cost and 2025 budget provision for the camp it is only feasible to run it for one week, although this camp is taking place in Howth, participants are coming from Malahide, Swords, Blanchardstown, and Balbriggan to take part. We are currently exploring a more cost-effective and sustainable approach for next year, working with local water sports clubs to provide more inclusive opportunities.

Source of Reply:
Chloe Farrell, Acting Principal Sports Officer, Sport

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ITEM NO. 41

Dog Fouling - Chapel Lane, Swords - AI103151

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider initiatives to reduce dog fouling on Chapel Lane in Swords in light of persistent incidents occurring adjacent to the girls school?

Reply:

Litter Warden Patrols on Chapel Lane, with particular focus near the school, have been increased on foot of complaints received regarding dog fouling in this area. It is worth noting that the act of dog fouling needs to be witnessed by the Litter Wardens in order for a fine to issue or alternatively, a signed witness statement can be submitted by a member of the public. The name and address of the dog owner is required in order to issue a fine.

Other measures taken by the Council include:

* Recent authorisation to Dog Wardens to issue fines for dog fouling under the Litter Pollution Act
* Increased Dog Warden Patrols
* Additional Dog Fouling signs erected
* Door to door Licence Checks carried out

The Council will also consider placing anti-dog fouling stencils on the footpaths in this area once permission is received from the Operations Department.

Source of Reply: Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 42

Update on Rivermeade Community Centre,

Swords - AI103153

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the Rivermeade Community Centre and what the cost would be for this to re-open?"

Reply:

A survey of Rivermeade Community Centre was conducted by Fingal Architects Department in 2023 whereby a litany of safety and accessibility issues were identified. The building is currently deemed to be unsuitable for public use and is non-compliant with accessibility legislation. Rivermeade Community Centre is one of a number of Fingal County Council-owned community buildings included within the Fingal Capital Plan 2025-2027 and will be progressed as staff and financial resources allowed. Alongside that, community support in terms of local group involvement would need to be confirmed with the local community.

Source of Reply:

Linda Ennis. Principal Community Officer, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 43

RIVERMEADE ILLEGAL DUMPING - AI103154

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improve access to the laneways behind houses in the Rivermeade Estate, in particular Rivermeade Drive and Park?"

Reply:

The lane way in question is gated and residents have been previously provided with keys for access. However, the Estate Management Section will engage with residents with regard to improving access if required.

Source of Reply:
Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer.

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ITEM NO. 44

Taking in Charge - Central Shopping Centre, Swords - AI103179

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to take in charge the footpaths adjacent to Central Shopping Centre, Swords as currently there is a persistent problem of delivery vehicles mounting the footpaths and causing damage?"

Reply:

The Building Control section has not received a taking in charge request for Central Shopping Centre, Swords to date. Should a request be received to take this area in charge, Fingal County Council will require the roads (including footpaths) and services to be repaired and brought to the required standard prior to it being considered for taking in charge.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 45

Bottle and Textile Banks - Balbriggan LEA - AI103164

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate any sanctions available to the Council against people who abandon bottles or textiles in the vicinity of bottle and textile banks when they are full and to indicate if any sanctions have been applied since the beginning of 2024 in the Balbriggan Area?"

Reply:

Abandoning bottle and textiles in the vicinity of bottle and textiles banks in an offence under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. Since the beginning of 2024, there have been 5 fines issued.

The bottle and textile banks in the Balbriggan area are regularly inspected by the Litter Warden.

The bottle and textile banks in Balbriggan are currently being considered for the installation of CCTV cameras.

Source of Reply: Catherine O'Donovan, SEO, ECCATS

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ITEM NO. 46

Pollution of Bathing Water - Front Strand Beach, Balbriggan – AI103165

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the level of human or technical resources that are being applied to identifying sources of pollution or contamination of bathing water at front strand beach in Balbriggan in 2025 and if it has been reduced since 2024?

Reply:

Fingal County Council employs a Bathing Water Technician who is responsible for the identification, reporting and management of bathing water incidents at Front Strand Beach Balbriggan. This human resource existed in 2024 and remains in place for 2025.

The Bathing Water Technician is ordinarily supported by a drainage crew who assist in misconnect incidents however availability to the drainage crew is currently subject to the "*Framework for the Future Delivery of Water Services*" and may be readily available to support investigations as it had done in previous years.

Source of Reply:David Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 47

Cycling Infrastructure Assessment - Blake's Cross to Murtagh's of Ballough - AI103166

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if any formal assessment on usage levels has been carried out on the new cycling infrastructure between Blake's Cross and Murtagh's of Ballough and if so, to provide the results of that assessment?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Team is currently gathering and collating data on usage on this and other projects. We are reviewing and trialling different technologies on the market with a view to collating granular scientific data.

At the outset of all our projects traffic studies are carried out to inform the design process and this is normally a snapshot in time that provides daily figures over a period of time. We are currently compiling a brief for the procurement of a traffic survey company to conduct a follow up survey, so that we can compare the before and after. This will be later in the summer to match the timeframes when previous surveys were conducted.

The technology that we are currently using on the R132 from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny lane is a static counter that captures the usage in a particular direction. We have installed this on a trial basis to assess the type of data and its granular quality. This may inform data collection on projects in the future.

The attached report provides a breakdown of the usage for the month of May 2025.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 48

Taking in Charge - Open Space, Balrothery Court Estate - AI103167

Question: Councillor B.Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process for the open space of the Balrothery Court Estate in Balrothery?"

Reply: The Council's Building Control Section has confirmed that the roads and services in this location were taken in charge in 2003. There is however no record of a formal request from the residents of this estate for the taking in charge of the public open space.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 49

Update on Balrothery Active Travel Plan - AI103168

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Balrothery Active Travel Plan and to indicate when there will be further engagement with Balrothery residents?"

Reply:
A Headed item for the Balrothery Active Travel Plan is being given at the Area Committee meeting on Thursday 12th June 2025, this will provide an update on the plan, the proposed next steps and engagement process.

Source of Reply:

Andrew Nolan;Senior Executive Engineer: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 50

Review of Portrane - Donabate Cliff Walk - AI103210

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to review the Portrane - Donabate cliff walk from Tower Bay to Donabate beach with the objective of repairing any parts of the cliff walk where fencing has been damaged to ensure the walkway remains safe for pedestrians?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has appointed a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to assist the Council in progressing a number of transport projects in Donabate and Portrane. One of the projects aims to provide a high quality, fully accessible coastal walking and cycling route between Tower Bay beach car park in Portrane and the public car park located next to the Shoreline Hotel at Donabate beach. The project also aims to improve access to Donabate beach for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities.

The project is currently at the Option Selection stage with potential route options being assessed to identify the preferred route alignment. The option assessment will take account of any fencing concerns or other safety concerns, as appropriate, to ensure that any design proposals advanced as part of the project result in a fully accessible coastal route that is safe for pedestrians and cyclists to use.

The Council is also liaising with the HSE to upgrade the existing walking route within the HSE property along the cliff path.

Source of Reply:
Ciaron Markey, Executive Engineer, Transport Planning, P&SI Dept.
Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, P&SI Dept.

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ITEM NO. 51

Route of Fingal Coastal Way through Donabate/Portrane - AI103211

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide confirmation of the preferred route for the Fingal Coastal Way through Donabate and Portrane and the approximate timeline for this route to be finalised without any further opportunities for alterations of this chosen route?"

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is a proposed linear greenway to link Newbridge Demesne (Donabate) with Bremore Castle (Balbriggan) via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries. Following a public consultation in 2022 the emerging preferred route has been published since 2023.

Work on the Options Report that establishes the preferred route and closes out Phase 2 is ongoing.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, SE, P&SI Transportation

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ITEM NO. 52

UPDATE ON ST ITA'S CAMPUS - AI103213

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when Council officials are due to meet with HSE officials to discuss the St Ita's campus and plans to acquire parts of the campus for community use?"

Reply:

The Council meets regularly with HSE officials to review the provision of health services in Fingal and to discuss various properties, including St. Ita's campus.

The Council met with the HSE at the end of April 2025 and were advised that the HSE would be commencing an exercise to assess interest in the sale of surplus HSE assets, including assets at St. Ita's campus.

The Council is liaising with HSE regarding the assets at St. Ita's campus which are available for sale, in the context of a collaborative approach to the development of the campus. However, the acquisition by the Council of any assets from HSE at St. Ita's campus will be subject to the identification of a suitable funding stream.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 53

CENTENARY OF THE RUSH DRAMATIC SOCIETY - AI103214

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to engaging with the board of the Millbank Theatre in Rush to organise celebratory events to mark the centenary of the Rush Dramatic Society in advance of 2027?"

Reply:

Over the period 2022-25 the Arts Office has invested a sum of 100,000 euro in the Millbank Theatre as a specific contribution towards the marking of their centenary in 2027.

The Arts Office will continue to support and advise the Board of the Millbank Theatre as they work towards marking the occasion.

Resources beyond the funds already awarded are extremely limited. However, the Arts Office will offer guidance on alternative funding opportunities available. In addition, the Rush Dramatic Society are eligible to make an annual application for funding under the 2003 Arts Act.

Source of Reply: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 54

Request for Hoarding at Construction Site in Lusk Village - AI103216

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if the hoarding around the construction site in Lusk village can be reviewed and tidied up as it has been noted as an eye sore to many nearby residents?"

Reply:

An inspection will be carried out to determine if any action can be taken by the Council.

Source of Reply:
Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 55

Update on Naul Village Park and Playground - AI103217

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Naul Village Park and Playground project following the last Area Committee Meeting where it was stated that a new contractor was being sought to carry out the works?"

Reply:

A procurement process undertaken towards the end of last year failed to produce any quotations for the works contract relating to the development of Naul Village Park including the playground. An extended negotiated procedure is ongoing involving suitable contractors and it is hoped that this process will result in the engagement of a company to undertake the works in the coming weeks subject to a successful outcome to these negotiations.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 56

HOMELESS FIGURES IN THIS LEA - AI103231

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the number of individuals presenting as homeless in this Local Electoral Area to date this year, to the same point last year and for the corresponding period in the previous three years?"

Reply:

96 assessments have been completed in 2025 for Clients emanating from the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area.
This compares to 76 assessments completed in 2024

Source of Reply:
Alan Walsh – Senior Staff Officer, Homeless

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ITEM NO. 57

Update on Cycle Infrastructure in the Swords Area - AI103243

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the delivery of new cycle infrastructure in the Swords area, including progress on the Swords to Malahide Greenway and any improvements to existing cycle lanes?"

Reply:

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department element of the Fingal Capital Plan 2025-2027 includes funding for the Swords Transport Network, which in intended to cover a number of proposals that are objectives of the Fingal Development Plan and is consistent with Sustainable Swords strategy and will include cycle and walking infrastructure.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department appointed Barry Transportation Consulting Engineers to work collaboratively with Fingal County Council on the delivery of a range of schemes in Swords and Kinsealy.

In particular, the recommendations of the Sustainable Swords Strategy will inform the development of a number of new urban realms, walking and cycling projects over the coming years including the upgrade of Swords Main St., consideration for cycling and walking connections between Swords and Malahide, the Swords Western

Distributor Road and a new high-quality walking and cycling bridge connection over the Ward River Valley as part of the wider regional park proposal.

Consultants are appointed for Swords Main Street and are currently engaged in Phase 2, data collection and options development.

Swords Western Distributor Road will also be progressed under the current Capital Plan which will include high-quality cycle and walking facilities.

The R132 Connectivity Project is currently at detailed design stage which is now nearing completion with the tender pack been prepared for stage 2 tendering process which will be undertaken in Q3 of 2025. Cycle tracks are incorporated into the design all along the route as part of the connectivity project.

Greenway routes will also be progressed along the Ward River Valley including proposals for a pedestrian and cycle bridge connection across the Ward River Valley. Preliminary design is progressing on this scheme.

The provision of a high-quality walking and cycling connection between Swords and Malahide is an objective of the National Transport Authority's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The development of route options, design and planning for this facility will be developed as part of the Swords Transport Network project, in the future.

- **Seatown Road:** Active Travel are currently working on the tender documents and detailed design for new walking and cycling infrastructure along Seatown Road Swords. This project runs from the R132, east along Seatown Road to the Estuary Road. This Project is programmed to go to site later this year subject to available funding.

- **Newtown Bridge Balheary Road:** Active Travel are currently at construction stage with new walking and cycling infrastructure at Newtown Bridge. This project will provide protected cycling and walking facilities for vulnerable road users and connectivity between Swords Celtic FC and Swords town. This project will be completed by mid-July 2025.

- **Learn 2 Cycle Tracks;** Two new "Learn 2 Cycle Tracks have been constructed in the Swords area in the last 10 month. One at Brackenstown and a second

one at Holywell. These facilities offer the opportunity for people of all abilities to practice and learn how to cycle in a safe space that mirrors the local road network. These facilities also provide a safe space for our Walking and Cycling to provide courses for vulnerable road users.

- **Cycle Parking:** Active Travel have provided additional cycle parking in various location around Swords over the last four years. Swords main street, Balheary Park, Brasckenstown, Rivervalley to name a few locations.

- **Projects that have been completed in the Swords Area:**

1. Brackenstown St Cronans Swords 2.7km of walking and cycling facilities
2. Rivervalley Swords circa 5km of walking and cycling facilities.

Source of Reply: Shane Satell, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure
Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 58

Active Travel Strategy in Rolestown – AI103245

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how rural areas such as Rolestown are being included in the Council's broader Active Travel Strategy and whether there is scope to pilot rural walking/cycling connectivity schemes to nearby towns?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit has a very detailed brief to deliver on the broader Dublin Cycling Networks Plan, that is supported and funded through the NTA. The main emphasis at present is on the delivery of the primary and secondary routes that are identified in the overall plan.

With over 50 projects currently under delivery through the various phases of options, design, planning and construction, the team is also managing several smaller projects that are being developed through our Permeability and Connectivity Tracker.

The Permeability and Connectivity Tracker is collation of all request for smaller projects that enhance permeability and connectivity. If the infrastructure is feasible and conditional to resources, the infrastructure is delivered by the team with the assistance of our other departments including Operations. Where there is existing works programmed under the yearly programme of works, Active Travel improvements are being incorporated into these works where possible.

The Safe Routes to School Programme is funded by NTA, administered by An Taisce and delivered by NTA with a view to promoting active travel to/from school and improving safety in the vicinity of schools. The education of the younger generation through the schools and clubs by our walking and cycling officers is also a great step forward in creating the

modal shift from the car to the more Active Travel elements of commuting for the shorter journeys.

Source of Reply:

Breen Doris: Senior Executive Engineer: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 59

Youth Services Strategy in Swords and Santry - AI103246

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council's strategic engagement with Youth Service providers in Swords, Santry and surrounding areas detailing if there are plans to expand creative and recreational facilities based on identified local needs?"

Reply:
The provision of youth services falls under the remit of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth alongside other statutory healthcare and educational organisations. So, whilst the operation of youth services does not fall directly into Fingal County Council's remit, the Council actively endeavours to facilitate the provision of such services wherever possible. Accordingly, in building and operating our large number of community facilities across the county, the Council caters for all ages including younger people. With respect to youth services in particular, youth services are operating in Council Supported Community Centres in the Swords area.

While the Community Development Office has not received any requests for support from youth services in the Santry area, we will continue to work with Youth Service Providers across the County to ensure that the Council continues to support these services.

Source of Reply:

Linda Ennis, Principal Community Officer, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 60

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE IN THIS LEA - AI103247

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how this Council is addressing socio-economic disadvantage in this Local Electoral Area as part of its strategic planning and whether there are supports or initiatives planned under the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) to target inequality in this part of the County?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council and the stakeholders of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) are actively working to address socio-economic disadvantage across the county of Fingal under the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The Fingal LCDC Annual Report 2024 is available at the link below which provides information on the work delivered under the LECP during 2024 under a variety of initiatives such as the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), LEADER, Healthy Ireland, the Local Enhancement Programme and the Community Recognition Fund:

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-local-community-development-committee-lcdc

The LECP includes initiatives aimed at reducing inequality, enhancing economic opportunities and improving the quality of life of citizens in Fingal, particularly in areas with identified pockets of socio-economic disadvantage.

The SICAP Programme provides targeted initiatives in areas which align with the Pobal HP Deprivation Index, which outlines areas of relative disadvantage and affluence across the county. Fingal LCDC set increased targets in the procurement of the contract for the delivery of the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028, with the annual target for the number of community groups supported under SICAP at 71 (KPI 1) and for total number of individuals engaged under SICAP at 895 (KPI 2).

Fingal LCDC specified the inclusion of Traveller and Roma as Local Priority Target Groups in the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028 to ensure continuity of service to those groups from previous programmes however the LCDC also specifically included People living in households that are jobless or are in low-paid and/or precarious employment as a Local Priority Target Group in the SICAP Programme to expand the reach of SICAP supports into underserved areas of disadvantage in the county and in areas like Balbriggan and Swords in this LEA.

Fingal LCDC in partnership with Fingal LEADER Partnership co-ordinates the delivery of the LEADER Programme in the Dublin Rural Area, with the LEADER Programme providing supports to the rural areas of Fingal, including the rural area of Swords, as well as the rural areas of the administrative areas of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy also have actions which aim to identify and address inequality in the county. Actions under these strategies are actively being implemented or are planned for implementation over the lifetime of the strategies in areas such as skills development, sustainability and town regeneration.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 61

Councillor D. Mulligan - Cultural Development in Swords, - AI103248

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how the Council plans to ensure that community groups in the Swords and immediate surrounding areas have meaningful input into the development and programming of the Swords Cultural Quarter, including outreach to underrepresented communities?"

Reply:

Since the inception of the Swords Cultural Quarter project the Council has engaged with residents, community groups, artists, musicians, students and businesses through surveys and consultation meetings and as part of the Part 8 planning process, to inform the development and programming of Culture House/Áras Cultúir.

Currently, in framing this engagement, we are guided by the Council's Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 which states that:

"We will continue to develop models that promote culture, creativity and arts, support social inclusion and show leadership in embracing diversity and opportunity".

The Libraries and Arts Departments are partnering with local schools, youth groups, and disability organisations to ensure underrepresented voices help shape the programming and cultural mission of Culture House.

The former Carnegie Library in Swords is serving as a hub for community engagement, public participation, supporting artists' growth, promoting arts awareness and encouraging innovation as the Council prepares for the delivery of the Swords Cultural Quarter.

Swords Castle was the venue for *We Own the Castle* on 7th June, a dynamic teenage music festival attended by almost 2,000 young people that formed part of this year's **Cruinniú na nÓg**. On the day, the nearby Swords Chapel hosted *Wavin Words*, a moving spoken word event that gave young poets a platform to share their voices. With themes ranging from identity and resilience to dreams and social change, these young writers captivated listeners with their honesty and artistry.

Also as part of Cruinníú this year, we asked Artist Chris Judge to work with 4 schools in Fingal, 2 in Malahide and 2 in Swords. This project resulted in an artwork that represents the aspirations of children in Fingal for the future, and which will feed into the programming of events.

The Arts Office is in the process of awarding a programming contract for Culture House / Áras Cultúr with a view to ensuring a full programme is planned for the opening of the venue. This programming exercise will include engagement with communities.

Source of Reply: Betty Boardman, County Librarian, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Sarah O'Neill, Arts Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 62

Upgrades on Church Road, Swords - AI103257

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if any specific agreement was reached with the developer of the former Lord Mayor's Strategic Housing Development to contribute to upgrades on Church Road and if not, why the recommendations made by the Council were not secured as planning conditions?"

Reply:

The permitted development on the site of the former 'Lord Mayors Public House', was granted planning approval by An Bord Pleanála (reg. ref. SHD/013/21 and ABP-313223-22). The planning decision by An Bord Pleanála does not contain any Conditions for the developer to contribute to upgrades on Church Road. While the An Bord Pleanála Planning Inspector recommended the inclusion of a condition around the upgrade of Church Road with works to provide by the developer, at the developer's expense, along Church Road, the Board, in their direction noted: The Board did not consider it would be correct to attach a special contribution condition under Section 48 (2) (c) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, as an alternative to the recommended condition omitted (and as set out in the Report of the Chief Executive) having regard to the wording and spirit of this section of the Act, whereby special contributions are only applicable where 'specific exceptional costs note recovered by a scheme are incurred by any local authority in respect of public

infrastructure and facilities which benefit the proposed development'. The Board were satisfied that the applicable circumstances do not arise in this instance.'

The permitted development does include a new footpath along the site boundary/existing road edge on the western side of Church Road.

Source of Reply: Laura Burke, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept

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ITEM NO. 63

Update on Timeline for Church Road, Swords - AI103258

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the delivery timeline and funding status of the pedestrian and cycling improvements proposed for Church Road in the Sustainable Swords Strategy?"

Reply:

As part the Ward River Regional Park project, project engineers have prepared a concept design for safe access routes for cyclists and pedestrians at Church Road and Brackenstown Road. These proposals will form part of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan which will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval in the coming months. The implementation of any proposals such as raised tables for pedestrian crossings, off road pedestrian routes via the park, park boundary wall re-alignments for improved sightlines and similar solutions will be subject to a Road Safety Audit at detailed design stage and planning approval. It is noted that improvements to this junction are also included in the objectives of the Sustainable Swords strategy.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure, Planning and Strategic infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 64

PURCHASE OF EMMAUS CENTRE, SWORDS - AI103260

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has considered purchasing the former Emmaus Centre site in Swords which is currently for sale by the Christian Brothers?"

Reply:

The Council is considering the development potential of the former Emmaus Centre site in Swords.

When consultation with internal stakeholders is complete the Council will then make a decision on whether to progress with the acquisition, subject to the availability of a suitable funding stream.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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THURSDAY 12th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 65

Taking in Charge - Glen Ellan Road Extension, Swords - AI103262

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the formal taking in charge of the Glen Ellan Road Extension has begun and if it can be expeditated?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has not received a taking in charge request from the developer to date for the Glen Ellan Road Extension. The timelines for this are dependent on the developer.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 66

EUROPEAN YEAR OF THE NORMANS - AI103263

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Council to develop a co-ordinated strategy to mark the 2027 European Year of the Normans by investing in long-term infrastructure that supports public engagement with Swords' Norman heritage, including at Swords Castle, the Round Tower and whether the Council will prioritise funding applications through national and EU cultural or tourism streams to support this work?"

Reply:

EETCD consult on an ongoing basis with Government and national tourism and cultural agencies. All funding opportunities that become available through national and EU streams are considered to support culture and tourism across the county. Following the decision of Cabinet in late May to approve cross-government participation in '2027 The Year of the Normans', the team will now liaise with the relevant Departments and agencies regarding available supports.

Source of Reply: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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THURSDAY 12th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 67

Review of Micromobility Coverage across the Swords LEA - AI103268

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if any review has been conducted of shared micromobility coverage across the Swords Local Electoral Area, particularly in growing areas like Applewood, Seatown and Swords Manor and if the Council intends to work with providers to fill gaps and integrate with active travel and public transport networks?"

Reply:

The Active Travel team recently did a review of the gaps in public bike parking locations in the Swords area, primarily focusing on areas that would provide good connectivity between residential areas, bike share services and public transport.

A works package has been prepared and is currently out for tender. We hope to have a contractor appointed by the end of June with a view to carrying out the works in Q3 2025.

It should be noted that Bleeper Bike recorded their highest number of journeys in the Swords area since April 2022 last Month, a trend we are hoping will continue to increase over the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking and Cycling Officer, Active Travel.

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THURSDAY 12th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 68

Seatown Primary Care Centre Access - AI103269

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has been consulted by the HSE in relation to safe pedestrian and vehicular access to the new Primary Care Centre planned for the former Hertz site in Seatown and if any proposals have been advanced to improve connectivity to the site as part of its redevelopment?"

Reply:

No pre-planning discussions or proposals have been requested or taken place in relation to a new primary health care centre in Seatown.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of BALBRIGGAN/LUSK/RUSH/SWORDS
(SERVICES B – STRATEGIC & GENERAL MATTERS)

THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE 2025

Item No. 69a

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For and breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
SOS Save Our Sand GA-003442	€3000	Insurance - public liability Branding & advertising Fitness Instructor & Equipment DJ, Face painter & Audio Hire Sandcastle artist	N	N/A	€3000
Lusk Men's Shed GA-003536	€1400	Design and development costs	N	N/A	€1400

Ravenswell Residents Association GA-003537	€635	Hire of PA system Petting Zoo Castles Supervisor Insurance Hire of Generator	N	N/A	€705
Currachaí na Sceirí GA-003506	€2993	International Compass Yacht Varnish 2.5l Timber, bitumen, brackets, screws, nails Spike Ground Support Screw Anchor X 8 Insurance Bench Belt Sander Storage Box	N	N/A	€2993
Castleland Community Centre GA-003548	€1219	Sport Day Event Hire Refreshments	Y	2023 - €3000	€1169
Balrothery Tidy Towns GA-003540	€1175	Laminated Diabond Sign 2440x610mm Laminated Diabond Sign 1220x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign 610x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign 405x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign 610x300 A1 Sign Master Pavement Sign	Y	2024 - €912	€1175

89th Dublin Bremore Scout Group GA-003503	€3000	tents/shelters drill Training knives rope stove doors to be used as table tops for camps rent fuel maps	N	N/A	€3000
Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility Ltd GA-003522	€3000	Landscaper gardening supplies - plants, tools, etc bee/bug hotel bee hotel pots for garden supplies for open day	N	N/A	€1420
Flemington Community Centre GA-003547	€3000	Magician & Ventriloquist show Face painter Refreshments	N	N/A	€1169
Broadmeadow Community Garden GA-003539	€889	Speaker Fees (Muriel Farrell) Insurance (BHP)	Y	2023 - €500	€889
St John Ambulance Swords Division GA-003543	€3000	Pull up banners 5 family Manikin set 3 Family Manikin AED trainer x 6 1x infant Manikin Pulse oximeter 5 Emergency First Aid Bag x 5	N	N/A	€3000
		Santa hire for Christmas event			

Mourne Estate Community Centre GA-003508	€2994	Christmas event decorations TV unit youth space cooking equipment – air fryer BBQ for community events and gas canvases slime kits and supplies paint markers and paint supplies coffee machine tye die kits and t shirts/ badge maker	N	N/A	€2367
Balscadden Districty Community Council GA-003533	€2999	Outdoor Defibrillator, Cabinet & Signage 700 x 8-page A4 Newsletter Merlin Press A3 GBC Fusion Laminator Viking Direct 2 x Indoor Entrance Mats Viking Direct 2 Large Fold Flat TV Tables Woodies 1 Small Fold Flat TV Table Woodies	Y	2024 - €2969	€2999
		Arts & Crafts Tutors			

Donabate and Portrane Community Centre GA-003546	€2994	Entertainers, Magician, Face painting, Photographer, printing posters, banners , tables , Exhibition Stands, prizes	Y	2023 - €2728	€2916
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society GA-003551	€600	Art Workshop, Bushcraft Forest School	Y	2024-€3000	€600
Skerries Sea Scouts GA-003517	€3000	Powerboat Training, Sail Training	N	N/A	€3000
Rivervalley Community Club GA-003504	€2644	Furniture Trolley Lawnmower, Signage, Staff Uniforms	Y	2024 - €2462.73	€2644
Skerries TidyTowns GA-003509	€3021	Pollinator plants	Y	2024 - €3000	€3000
Balbriggan Senior Citizens Welfare Club GA-003514	€3000	Transport , Gardening, supplies / items	Y	2024 - €3000	€3000
Skerries Historical Society GA-003496	€2374	Website: Fletcher Bentley IT Consultancy Epson CO-W01 WXGA projector Samsung Galaxy Book 4 laptop	Y	2024 - €1441	€2374
St Partick's Hall Donabate GA-003516	€2852	1 no. portable stage 2mx4m 1 no. portable stage 2mx4m	N	N/A	€2852

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 12th JUNE 12 2025

Item No. 69b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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Balrothery Football Club	€1,500	9 x packs of junior lite, futsal & training footballs	Yes	2024 - €3,000 2021 - €425	€1,500
Rivervalley Rangers	€4,000	1 x portable goalposts	Yes	2022 - €3,000 2021 - €425	€4,000

Balbriggan Golf Club	€1,500	6 x sets of juvenile golf clubs and 300 golf balls	Yes	2021 - €2,000 2020 - €1,000	€1,500
Round Towers Lusk GAA Club	€4,000	1 set of Wheelaway Port Extruded Goal 1 set of 15 x 7 Aluminum Goal	Yes	2023 - €850 2022 - €2,988 2021 - €1,958	€4,000
Skerries Junior Badminton Club	€1,500	48 tubes of shuttlecocks Replacement Nets 4 x racquets racquet grips for €54.95	Yes	2021 - €425 2020 - €1,000	€1,500
Kinsealy United Football Club	€4,000	8 x outdoor lights	Yes	2020 - €1,000	€4,000
St Pat's GAA club	€1,500	30 helmets 5 x 28 inch hurls 5 x 30 inch hurls	Yes	2020 - €1,000	€1,500

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th June 2025

ITEM NO. 70a

PARK ROAD, RUSH

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1790
Taking In Charge – Park Road

DED: Rush, TL: Rush Demesne

Road Name	Length	Description
Park Road	772m	From outside St Maur's GAA Club, heading South then turning South-West, passing the junction of Hyde Court and then the Kenure Lawns entrance, ends at the entrance to Woodbury Estate.
	Total Length: 772m	

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Road Schedule

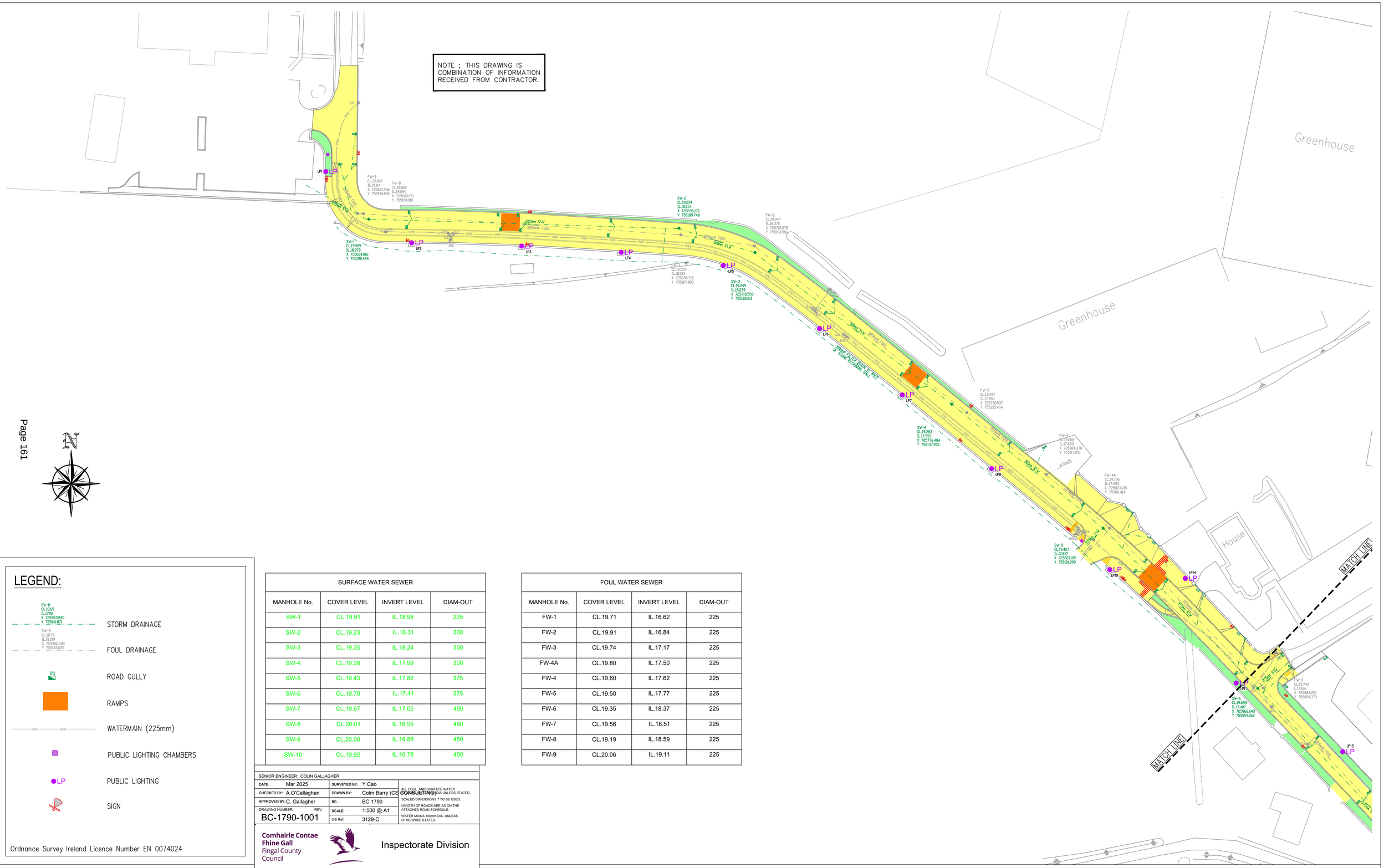
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- FOUL DRAINAGE (FW-8 CL.18.76 IL.18.019 X 725962.784 Y 755143.635)
- ROAD GULLY (RG)
- RAMPS
- WATERMAIN (225mm) (WM)
- PUBLIC LIGHTING CHAMBERS
- PUBLIC LIGHTING (LP)
- SIGN

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SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
SW-1	CL.19.91	IL.18.98	225
SW-2	CL.19.23	IL.18.31	300
SW-3	CL.19.25	IL.18.24	300
SW-4	CL.19.28	IL.17.99	300
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SW-10	CL.19.92	IL.16.78	450

FOUL WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
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SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

Park Road
Rush Demesne Rush

TAKING INTO MAINTENANCE

- Areas proposed to be taken in charge
- Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
- Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
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- Hydrant (HYD)
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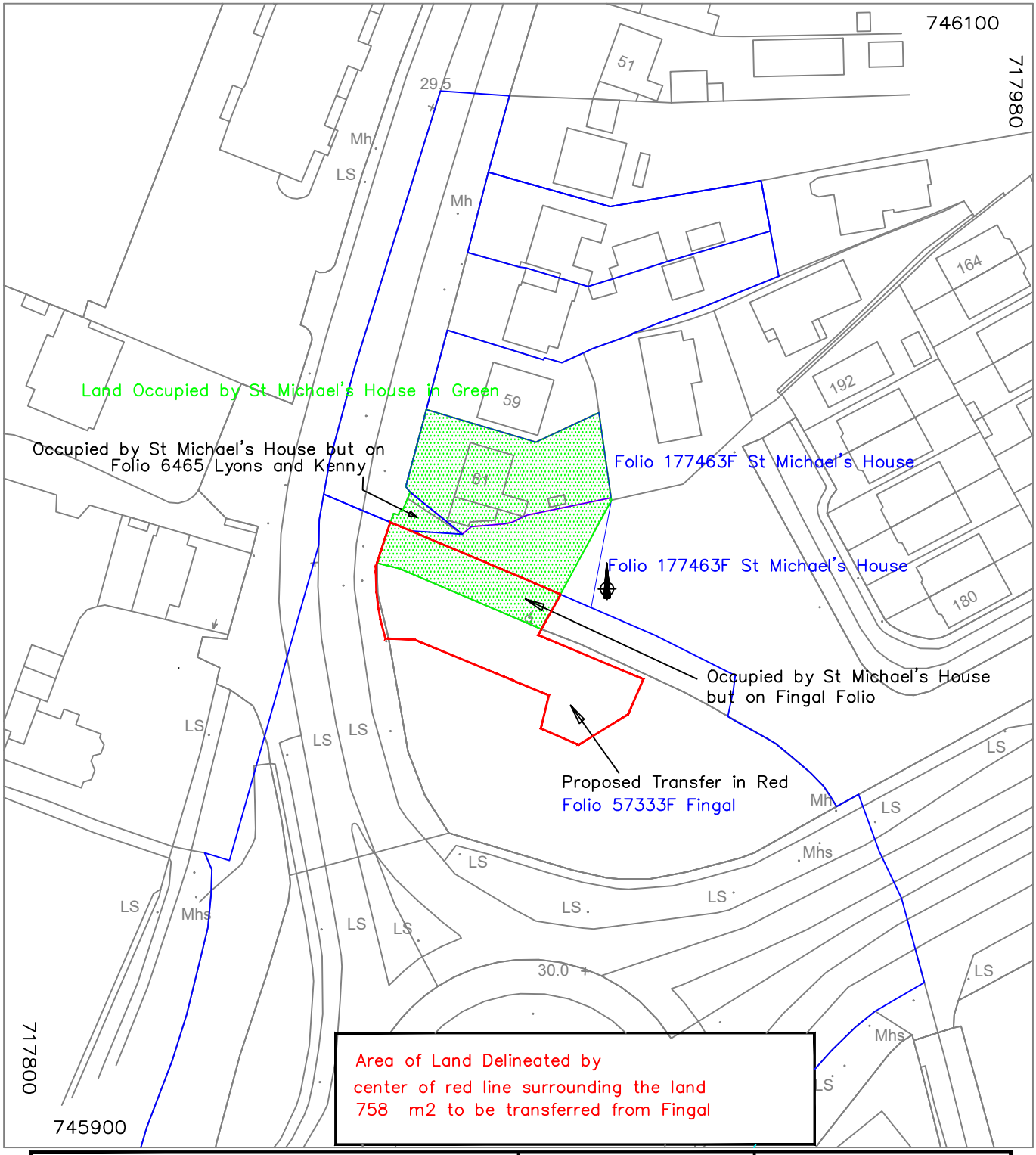
ITEM NO. 71a

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT PINNOCK HILL, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN TO ST MICHAEL'S HOUSE.

It is proposed to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 758 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-008-21 Rev 1 dated 2nd June 2022, at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St Michael's House.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 12th June 2025.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA–008–21–Rev1	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 02 June 2022	Drawn By: FCC Architect Dept.
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/08/21
Project: Land at Pinnock Hill Roundabout Swords		Gross Area :	xx m2
Land to be transferred to : St Michael's House		Road Area :	xx m2
		Nett Area :	xxx m2

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June 2025

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Plan Overview

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Welcome

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7. Implementation
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Balrothery Active Travel Plan

1. Background

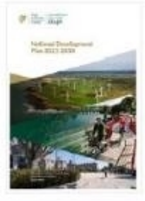


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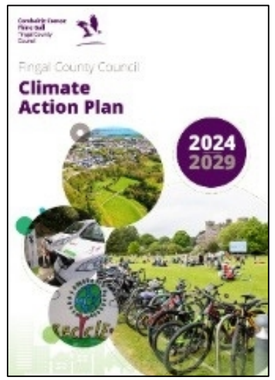
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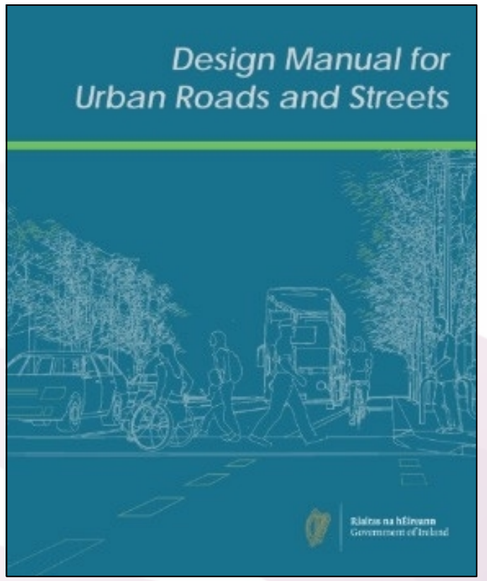


NATIONAL LEVEL	National Planning Framework 2040	National Development Plan (NDP) 2021-2030	National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (2040)
	Climate Action Plan 2023		
REGIONAL PLANNING	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region 2019 to 2031 Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP)		Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042
LOCAL PLANNING	Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029	Local Transport Implementation Plans	Local Economic and Community Plans

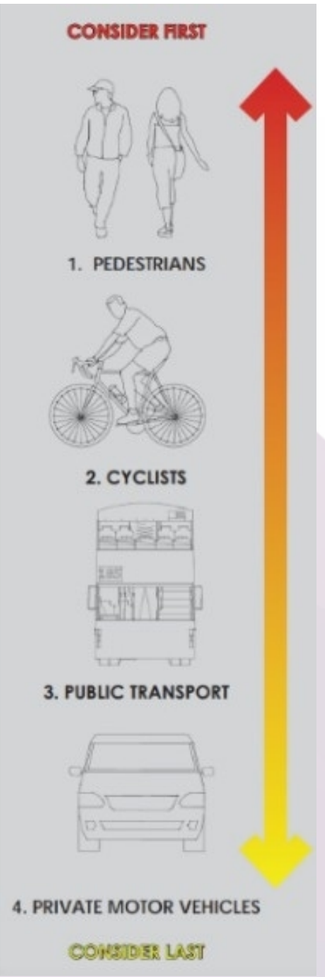




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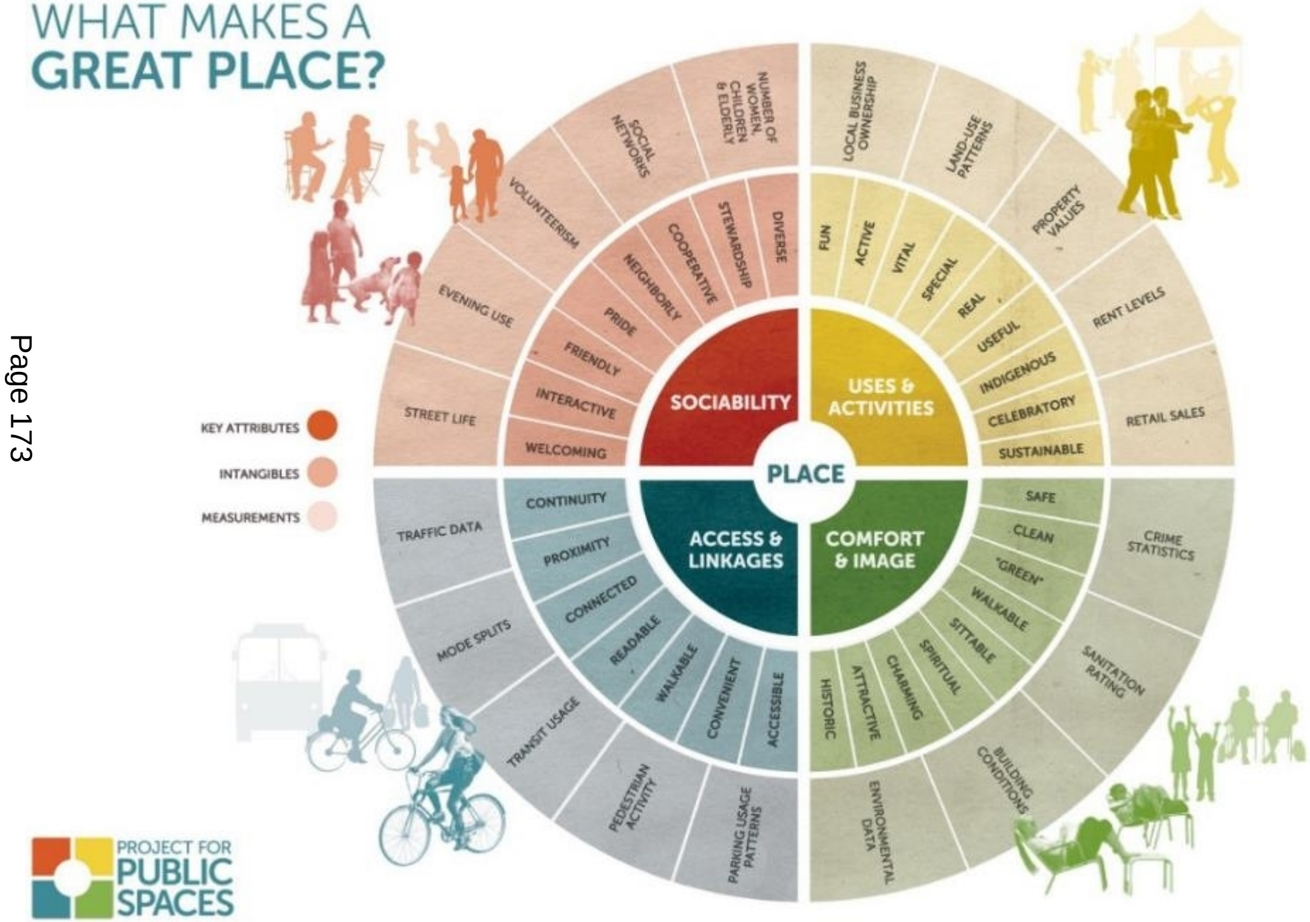


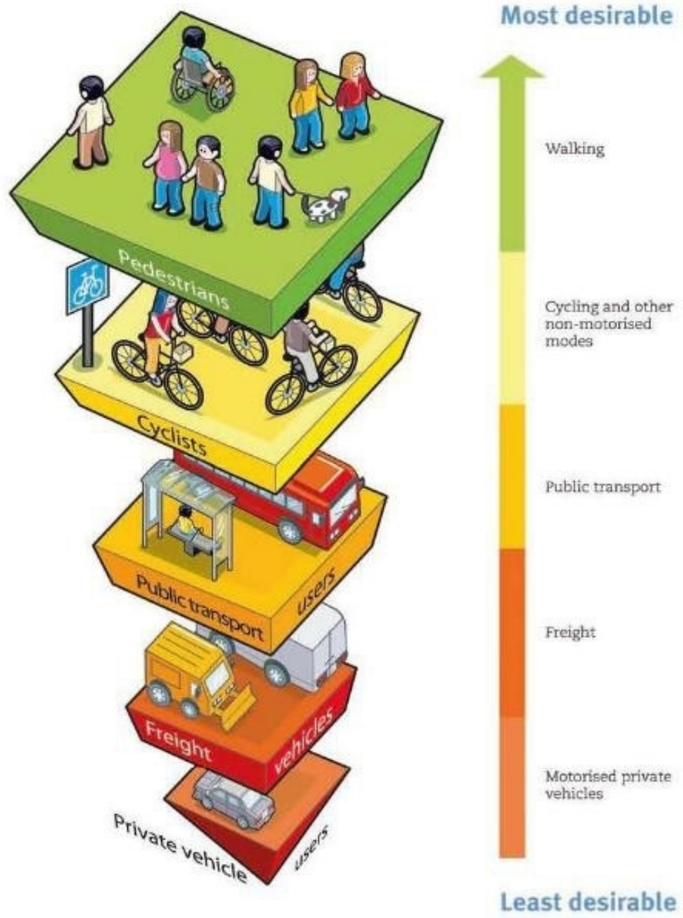




Benefits of Active Travel

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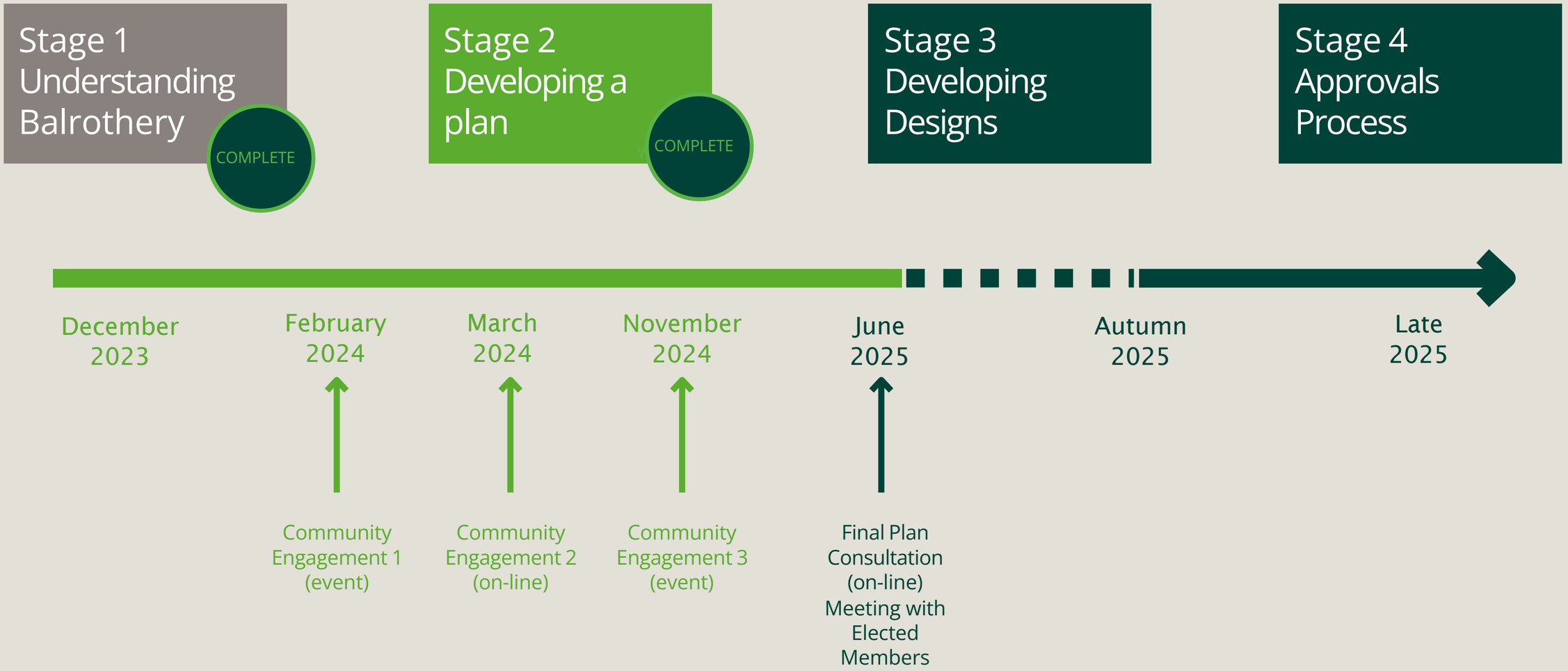


Balrothery Active Travel Plan

2. The journey so far...



Project Process



3. Existing situation



Community engagement feedback

Opening up Old School Lane could make it an easier escape route for thieves.

Glebe park has some great accessible benches, but people can't use them because there isn't a proper path.

I have to keep walking into the road because of the cars parked in front of the hairdressers. It's not safe.

There are no other viable routes for farm traffic to get to the R132 because of the low railway bridges.

A new walking and cycling path to Ardgillan Castle could help to put Balrothery on the tourist map.

A 30 km/h speed limit for the village would slow traffic down and make it feel safer.

Creating a one-way loop which goes around the pub would free up more space for pedestrians at the hairdressers.

There's been an increase in anti-social behaviour in the village. We don't want more spaces for trouble- makers to hang around.

Cars go too fa st past the Spar and don' if see you you're waiting at the crossing.

There should be a 'Park and Ride' outside the village. That would stop people parking for long periods by the bus stops.

The village is being used as a rat-run for drivers heading to Skerries and Ardgillan.

The Spar, pharmacy and pub all get regular deliveries. They need to keep lorry access

SWOT analysis: Strengths and Opportunities for Active Travel



Important local centre with good range of amenities



Proximity to surrounding towns, villages and nearby amenities



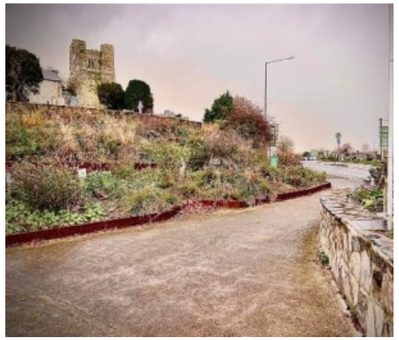
Direct regular bus service to Balbriggan and Dublin



Local sports clubs / facilities



Rural setting with good access to green space



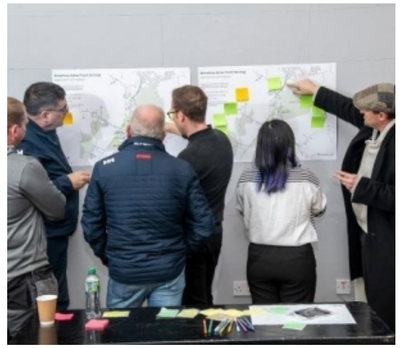
Strong history and village identity



High proportion of residents with access to a bike



Popular local school with high demand potential



An engaged local community



Large green areas with significant potential

SWOT analysis: Weaknesses and Threats



Anti-social parking



Lack of crossings and footpaths



Walking and cycling feels unsafe



Noise and air pollution from R132



Narrow roads with limited segregation opportunities



Strongly embedded car dependence



Anti-social behaviour



Rat-running through village



Higher parking demand than provision – centre spaces used as park and ride



Speeding traffic

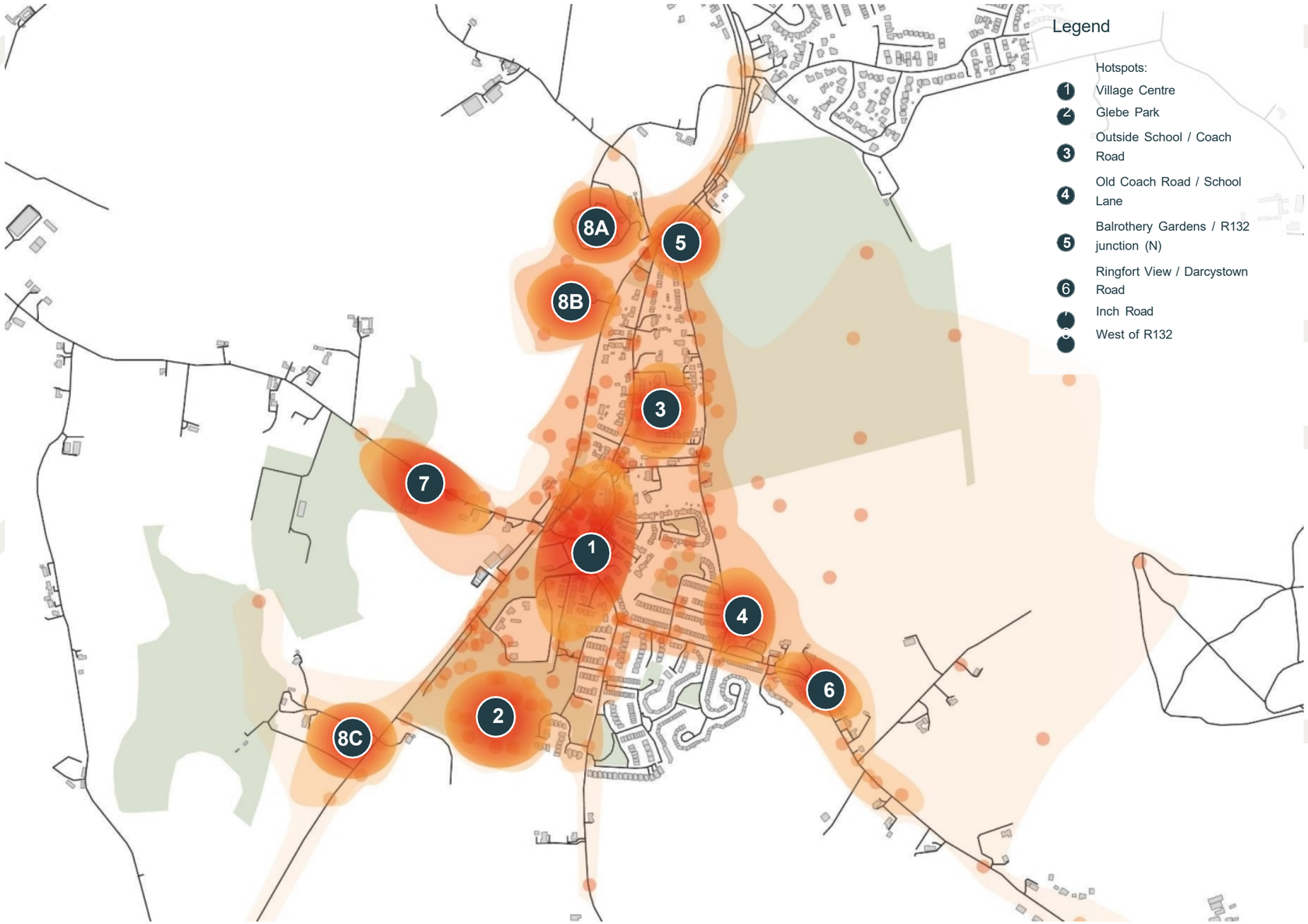


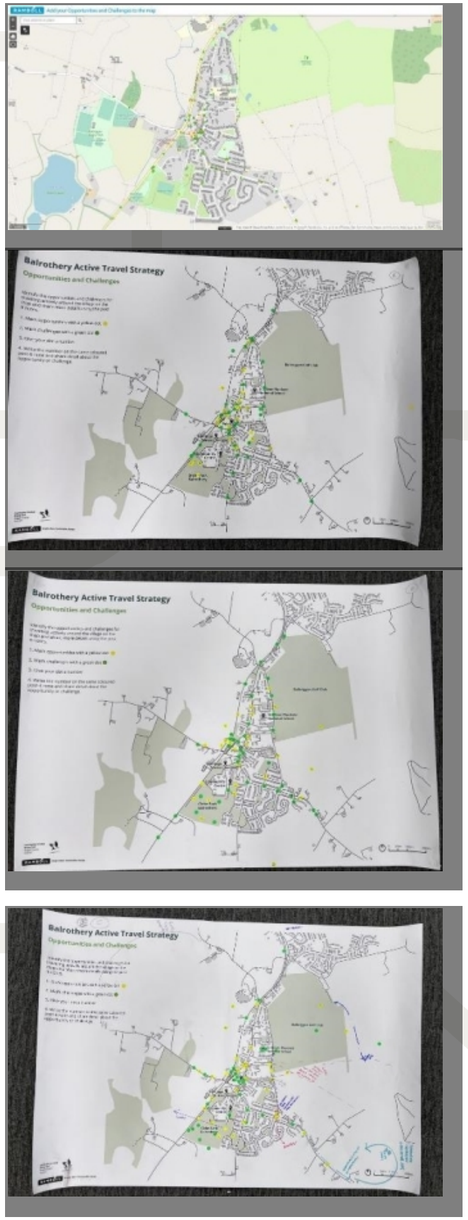
Low population density



Lack of amenities / facilities for active travel

Heatmap of Challenges & Opportunities





Opportunities and Constraints Mapping - Hotspots

4. Vision and key Principles



Vision

An Active Travel Vision for Balrothery:

“A unique and vibrant village, focused on community and connectivity”

Image Credit: The Historic Marketplace in Monheim am Rhein, Planergruppe Oberhausen (Claudia Dreysse)

Balrothery Active Travel Key Principles



Feels Safe



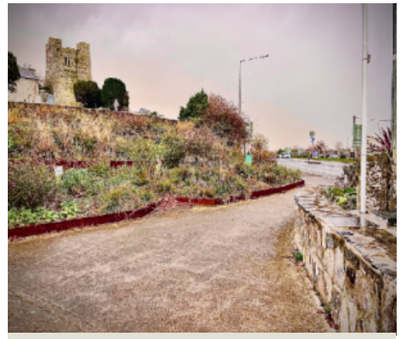
Thriving Natural Environment



Quality Public Realm



Healthier Lifestyles



Unique Heritage and Character



Linking to Surroundings



Well-connected Local Destinations



Comfort and Convenience



Enables Local Business



Accessibility for All



Integration with Other Travel Modes



Clean, Quiet and Low Carbon

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

5. Strategic options



The 3 alternative ‘approaches’ for active travel…

APPROACH 1:
INFRASTRUCTURE-LED



Image Credit: Chris Bruntlett

APPROACH 2:
NEW CONNECTIVITY

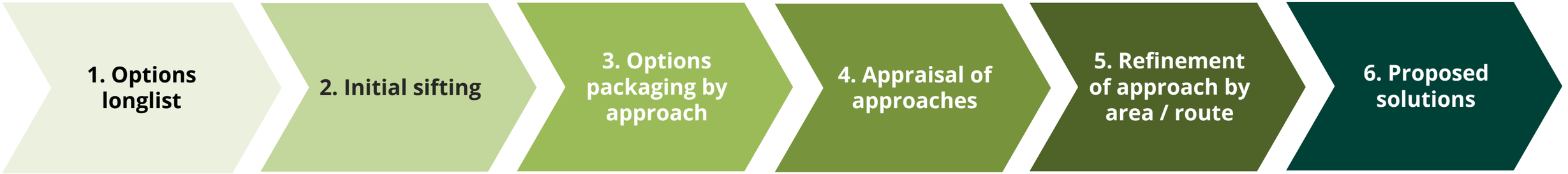


APPROACH 3:
PLACEMAKING PRIORITY



Image Credit: Planergruppe Oberhausen (Claudia Dreysse)

Appraisal of approaches to the provision of Active Travel in Balrothery



- Identification of all potential measures (options) for village
- Informed by site visits, surveys and community engagement

- Initial review of options to filter out:
  - i) Those which don't align to plan
  - ii) Those which are not viable

- Development of 'packages' of options which reflect the three alternative approaches
- Options may be:
  - i) Applicable to one approach only
  - ii) Applicable across all approaches
  - iii) Applicable across multiple approaches, but designed differently

- Assessment of how well each approach performs in relation to:
  - i) Impact on weaknesses / opportunities
  - ii) Alignment to Key Principles
  - iii) Engineering feasibility
  - iv) Funding potential
  - v) Value for money

- Review of approaches to identify which works best at which part of the village / for each route
- Development of refined list of measures

- Final list of measures by location / route
- Delivery phasing

6. Proposed Interventions



Proposed Active Travel Network



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- Existing cycle route
- Segregated cycle route
- Future proposed cycle route
- Onroad / mixed mode cycle route
- Streetscape upgrade (high)
- Streetscape upgrade (medium)
- Traffic calming measures
- Public realm improvements
- Existing pedestrian footpath (no upgrade)
- Existing pedestrian footpath (upgraded)
- Proposed pedestrian footpath
- Existing pedestrian crossing
- Proposed pedestrian crossing
- Key destination
- Existing bus stop
- Cycle parking

Proposed Vehicle movement network



Proposed solutions

Village Centre

Creating a new heart to the village through placemaking. With reallocation of road space away from cars to mixed traffic space where active travel is given priority.

Phase 1

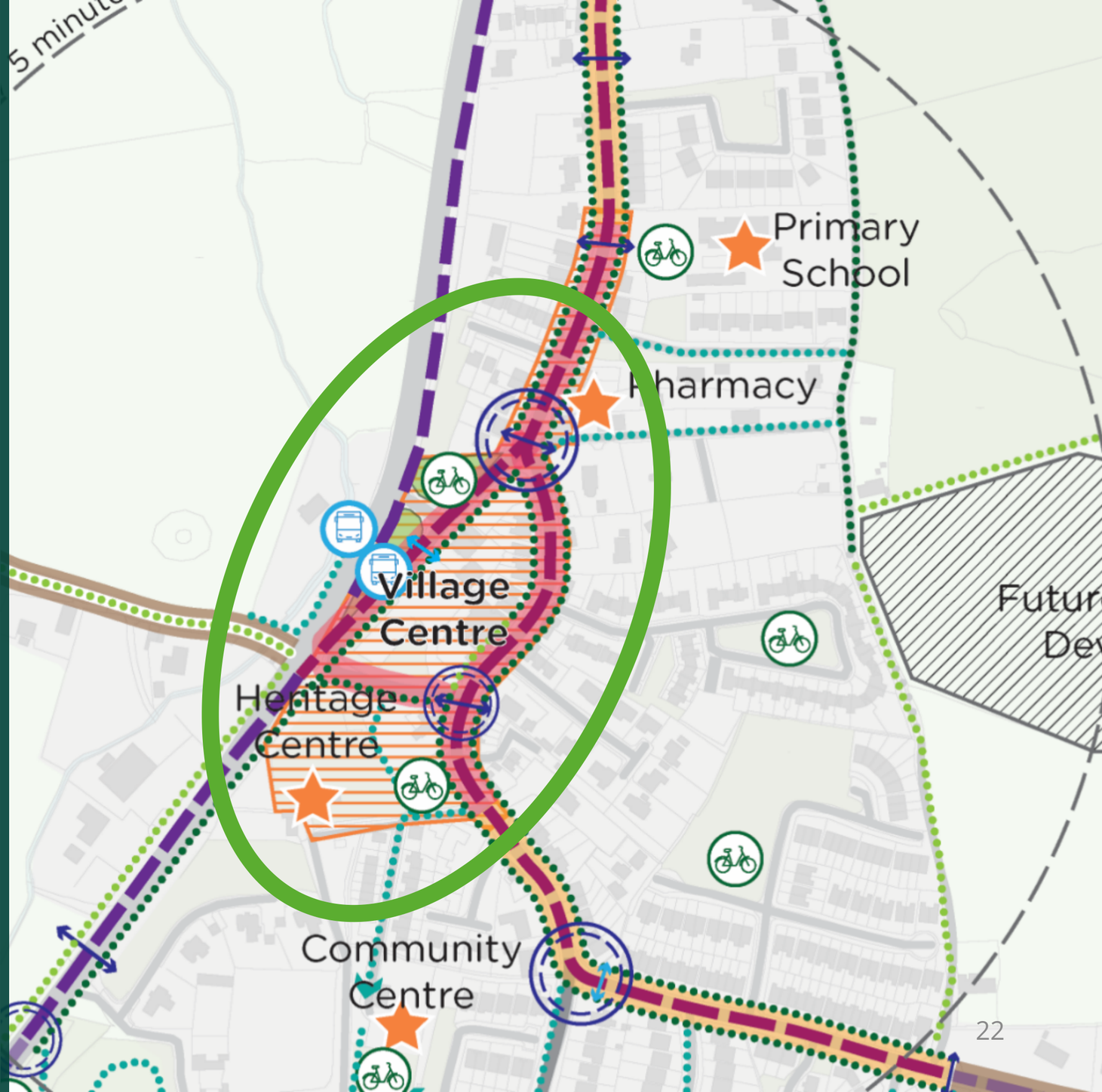
- Trial of 1-way system with marked footpaths and temporary space reclamation
- Speed limit change to 30kph
- Dropped kerbs and crossing improvements
- Marked cycle route
- Additional cycle parking
- Review of village parking management

Phase 2

- Permanent implementation of one-way system (if trial is successful)
- Reallocation of road space for active travel
- Streetscape improvements / re-paving
- Upgrade of public spaces / green areas
- Under-grounding of ESB pole
- Street lighting improvements

Phase 3

- Mobility hub with cycle hire and potential community cafe





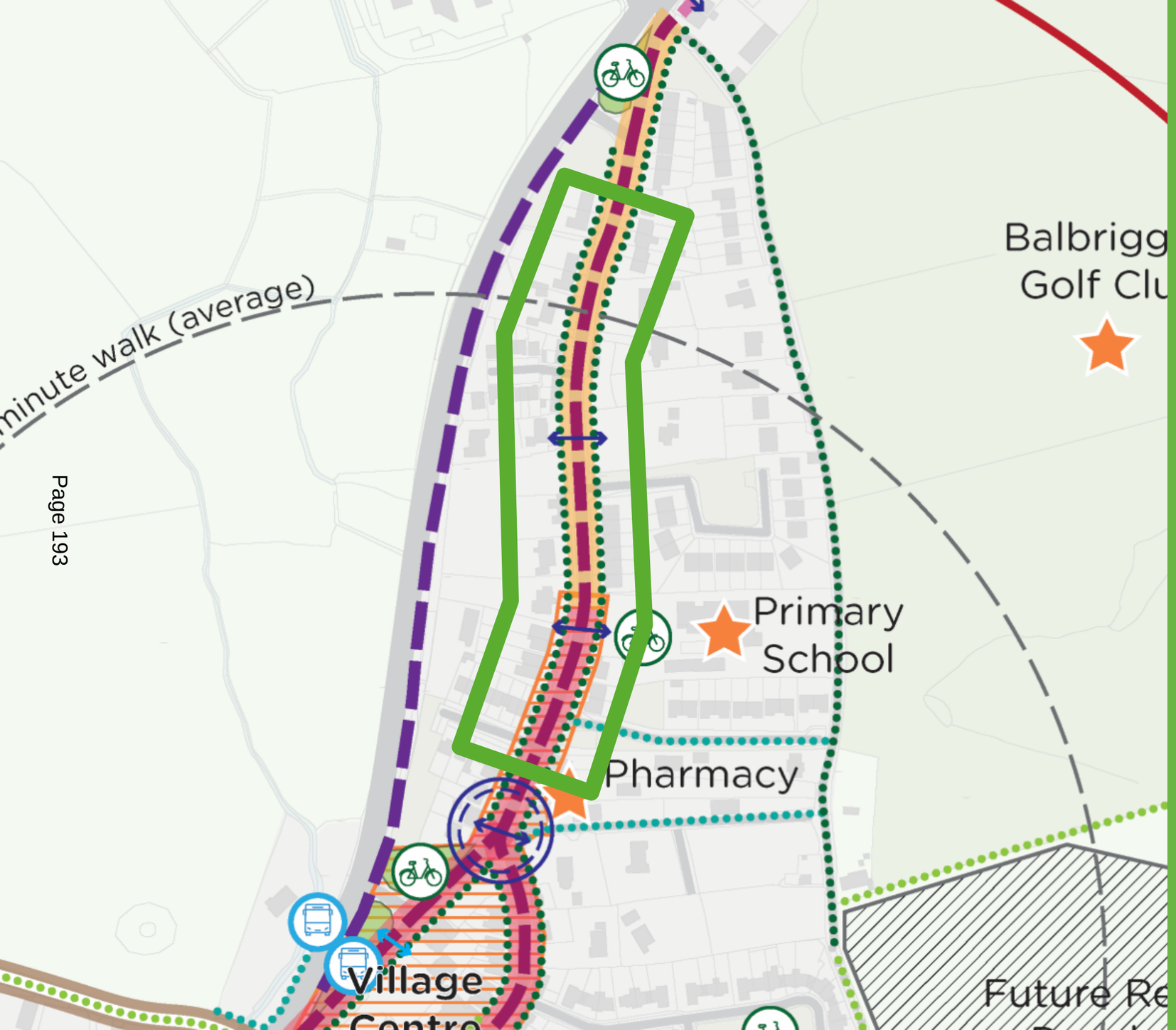
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Artist’s impression of Village Centre



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Artist’s impression of Village Centre (from Coach Road)



Proposed projects

School Street

Continuation of placemaking focus up to school zone to create clear connection to village centre. Enhancements around school to create welcoming space for active travel.

Phase 1

- School entrance enhancement
- New crossing outside school
- Temporary roadspace reallocation
- Marked cycle route
- Speed limit change to 30kph

Phase 2

- Side street crossing improvements
- Footway widening, streetscape improvements and street greening
- New crossing north of school entrance



Artist’s impression of School Street

Proposed solutions

Eastern Gateway

Overall approach aims to mark transition in stages from entry at eastern edge of village to village centre, with increasing focus on placemaking.

Phase 1

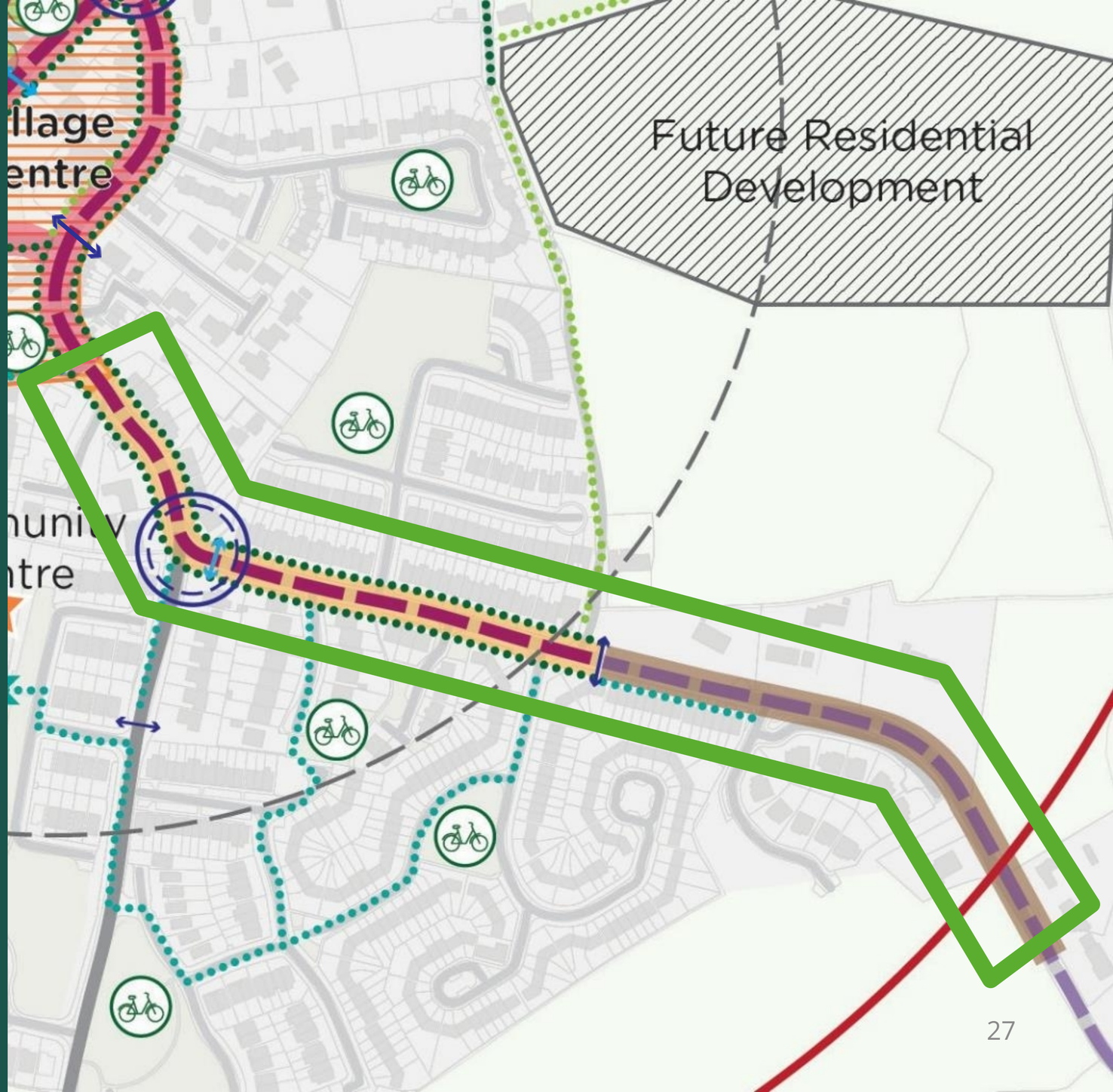
- Speed limit change to 30kph
- Traffic calming at edge of village
- Cycle parking in residential areas
- Marked cycle route
- Footway widening
- Review of Knightswood / Rosepark junction

Phase 2

- Streetscape upgrades (new amenities, greening, materials)
- Side street junction improvements

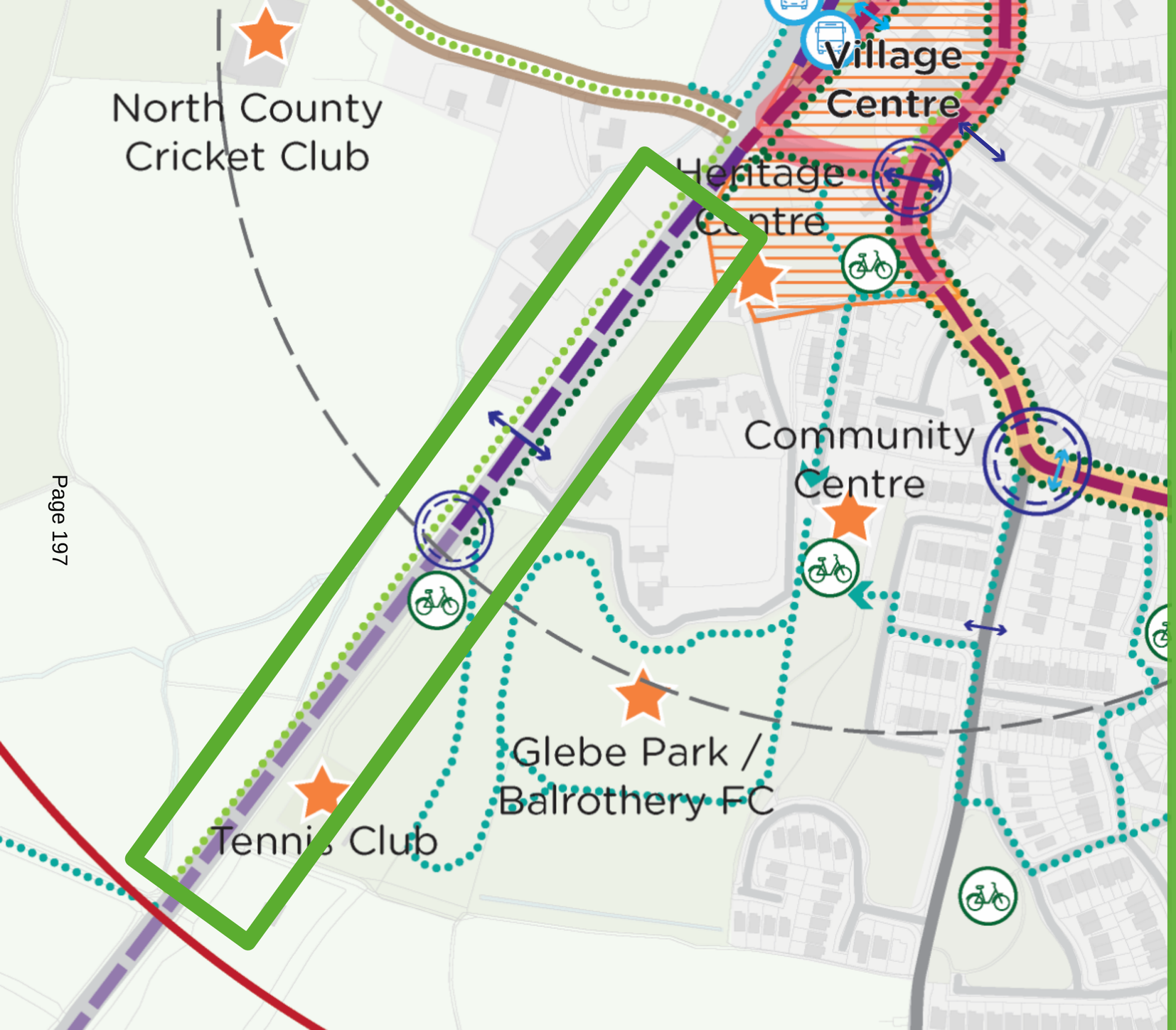
Phase 3

- Old Coach Road active travel route (to support new housing and connection to Ardgillan)
- Expansion of GDA cycle network towards Skerries / Ardgillan





Artist’s impression of Eastern Gateway



Proposed projects

South of Village

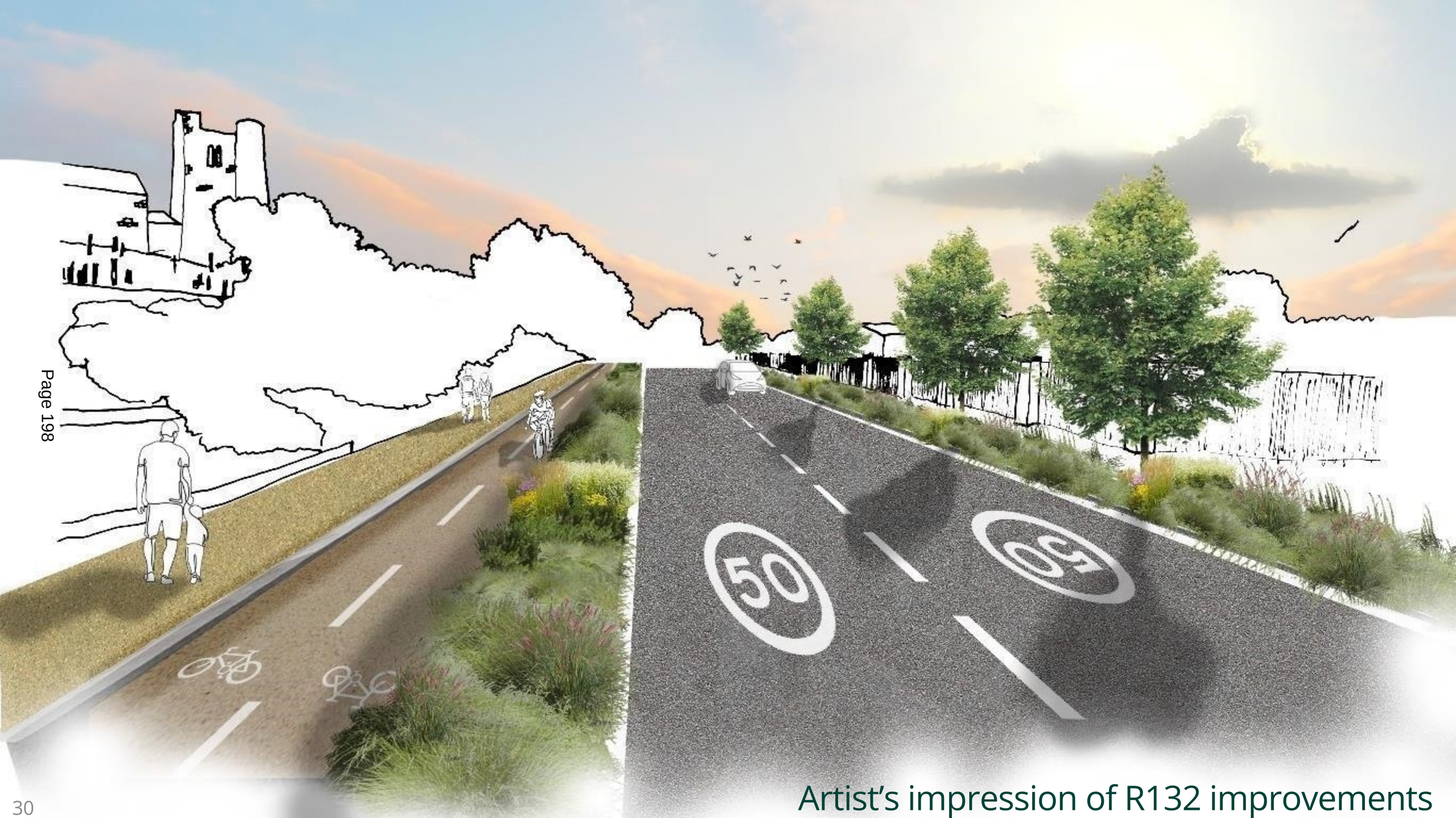
Focus on safe walking / cycle routes, linking village to nearby amenities and destinations.

Phase 1

- Speed limit change to 50kph
- Cycleway from village centre to Glebe Park
- Glebe Park entrance / junction improvements

Phase 3

- New footpath on R132 (northbound carriageway) to Wavin Lake
- R132 crossing south of village
- Further extension of GDA cycle network to the south



Artist’s impression of R132 improvements

Proposed projects

Northern Gateway

Focus on integration with public transport and wider active networks.

Phase 1

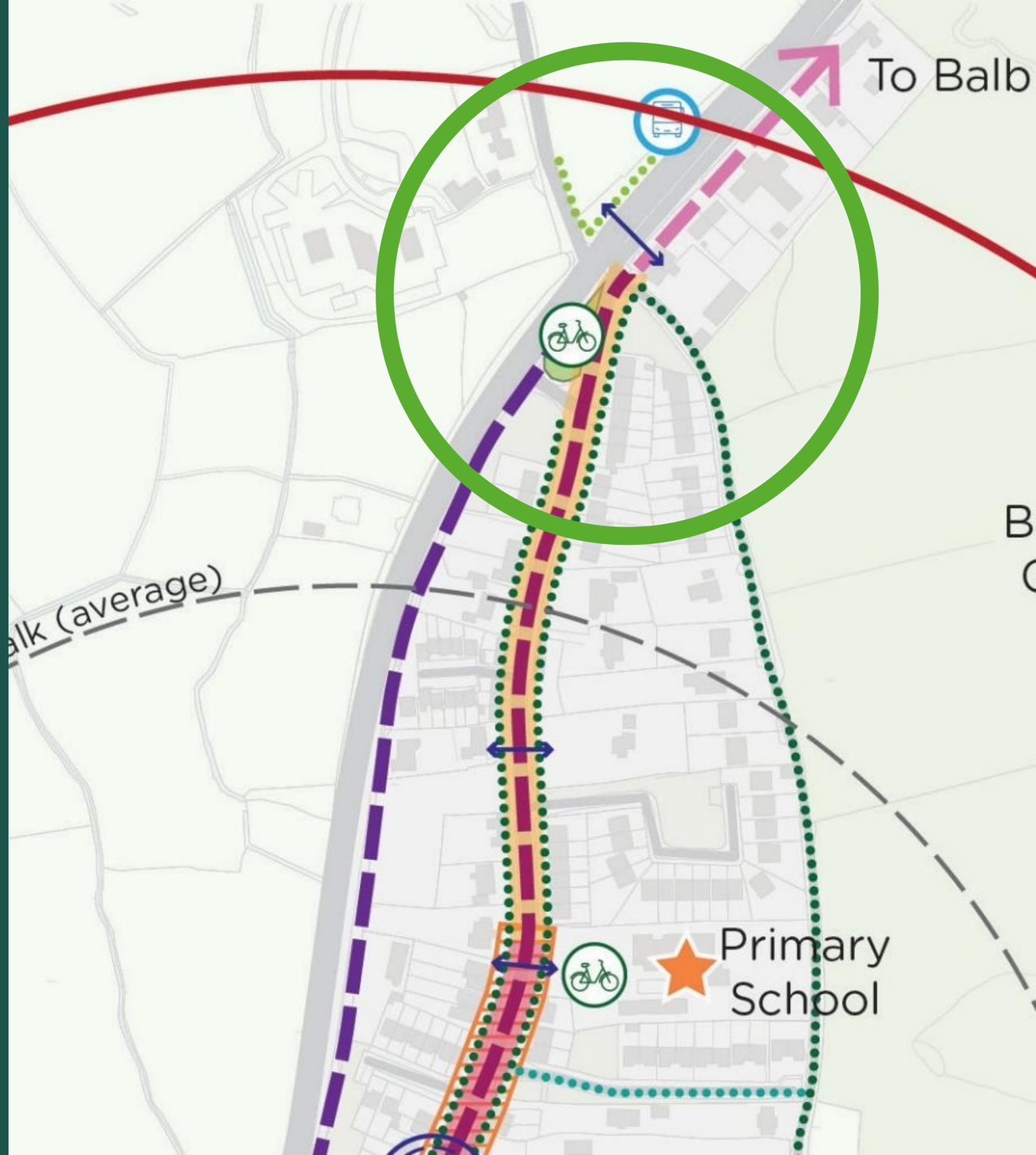
- R132 exit only from Coach Road
- New pedestrian and cycling crossing to bus stop (northbound carriageway)
- Roadspace reallocation and cycleway extension along R132 (with new on-street parking protecting cycleway)
- Removal of kissing gate & barriers to existing cycletrack
- Extension of existing cycleway from north of the village to village centre (on R132)

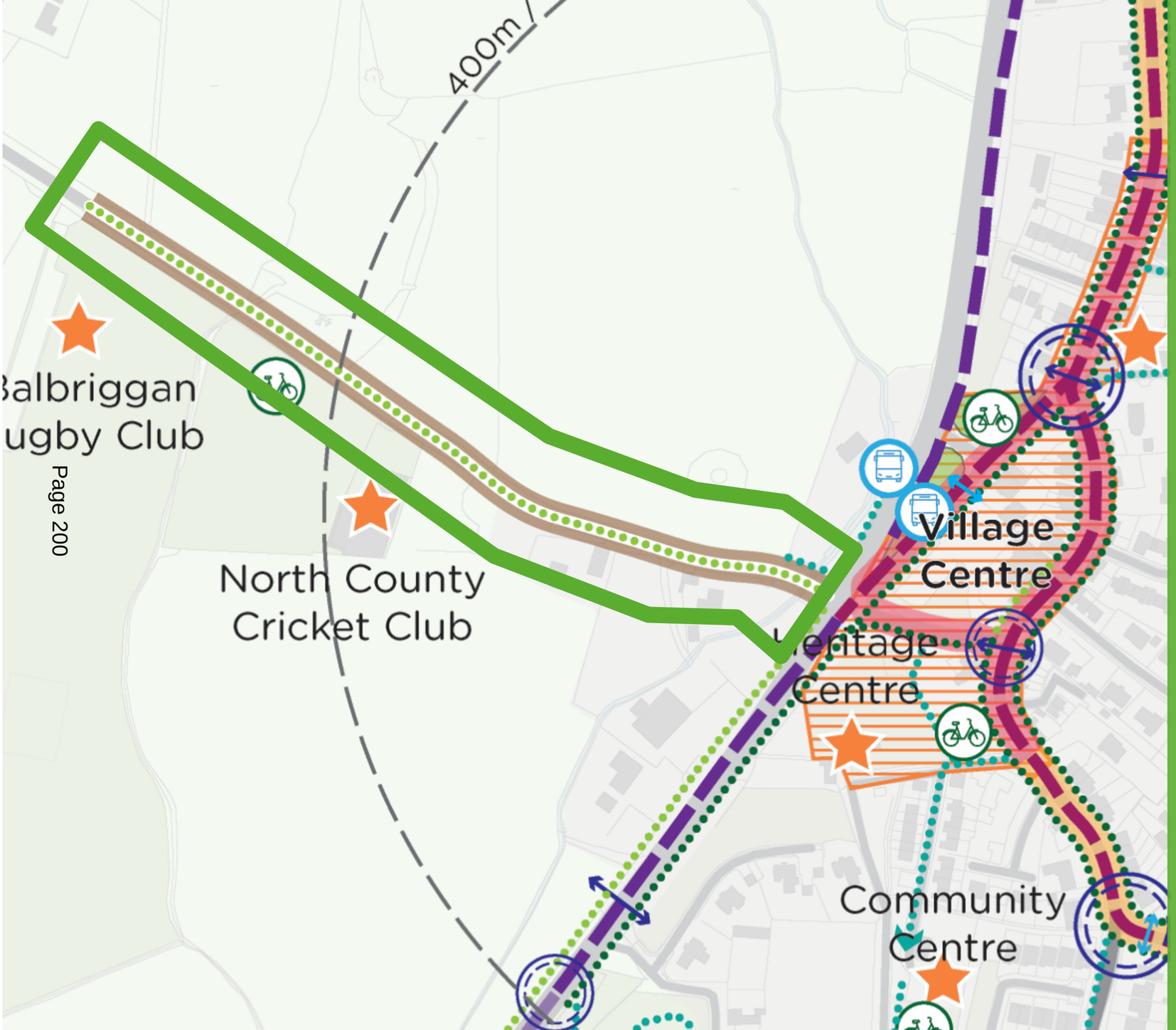
Phase 2

- Upgrade of green amenity area to provide cycle facilities

Phase 3

- Upgrade of existing cycle track to Balbriggan





Proposed projects

Inch Road

Initial focus on slowing and calming traffic with longer term development of safe walking and cycling links between the village and rugby / cricket clubs.

Phase 1

- Speed limit change to 50kph (up to rugby club)
- Traffic calming measures from R132 to rugby club

Phase 2

- Advisory footpath and additional traffic calming (if required)

Phase 3

- New safe walking route to rugby and cricket clubs

7. Implementation

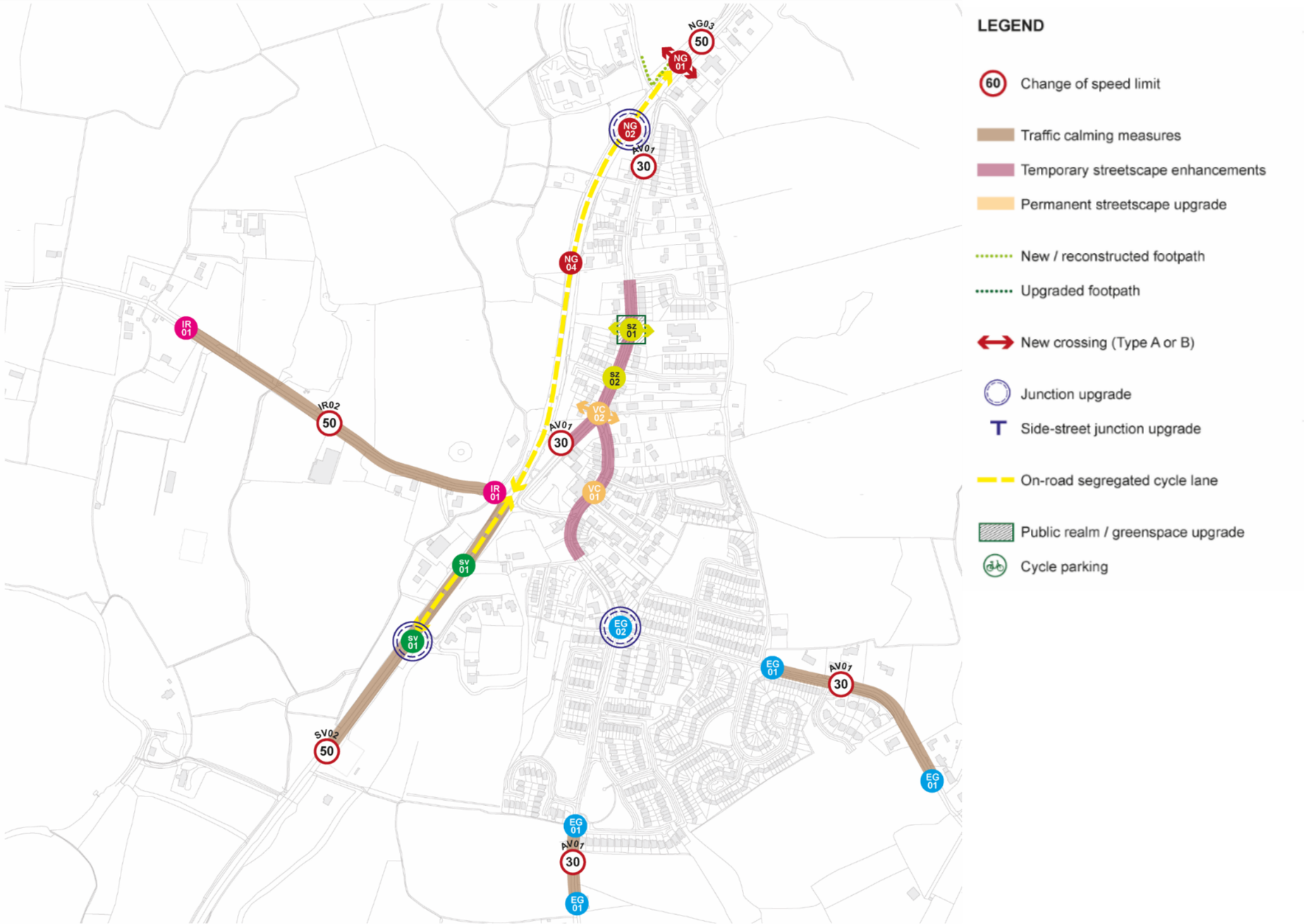


Phase 1

Measures to create an environment where active travel feels safe and easy

Includes:

- Additional traffic calming at village gateways
- Speed limit reductions
- Trial of full 1-way village centre loop and streetscape enhancements
- School entrance enhancements
- Crossing improvements

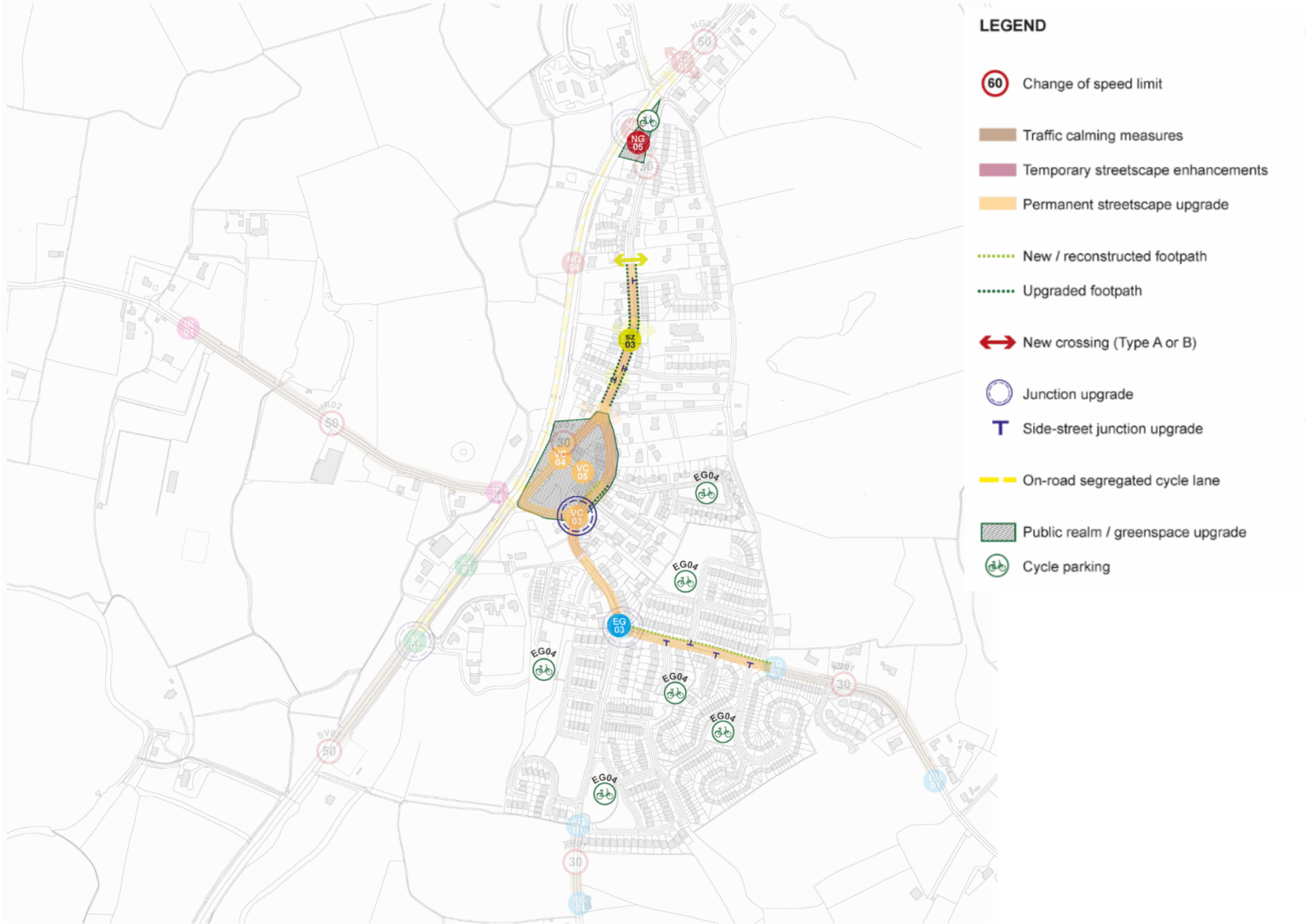


Phase 2

Expansion of road-space reallocation to deliver more space for people

Includes:

- Permanent 1-way loop (depending on trial outcomes)
- Roadspace reallocation and safety improvements along Coach Road and Knightswood / Darcystown Road
- Lighting and public space enhancements
- Resident cycle parking expansion



Phase 3

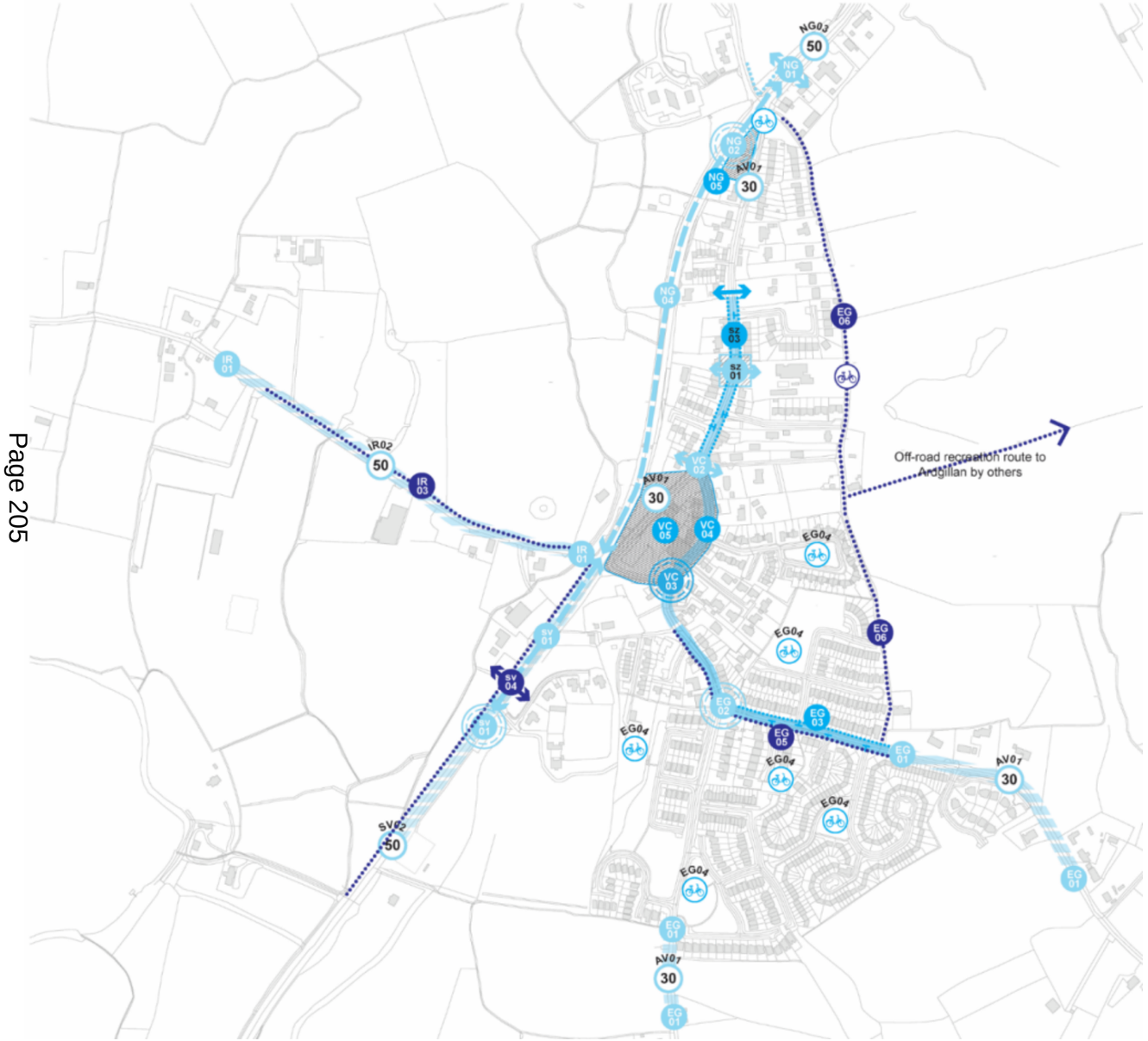
Completion of missing active travel routes across the village

Includes:

- Safe walking route from village to rugby and cricket clubs
- Tree planting and sustainable drainage along Knightswood / Darcystown Road
- Old Coach Road active travel route
- Footpath along R132 to Wavin Lake



Summary



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Colours of symbols denotes phase*:

Phase 1 interventions

Phase 2 interventions

Phase 3 interventions

60 Change of speed limit

Traffic calming measures

Streetscape enhancement / upgrade

New/reconstructed/upgraded footpath

New crossing (Type A or B)

Junction upgrade

T Side-street junction upgrade

On-road segregated cycle lane

Public realm / greenspace upgrade

Cycle parking

*Temporary interventions are excluded from this drawing as they are eventually replaced by permanent solutions

8. Next steps



Next steps

- Finalise SEA & AA Screening Process and complete the Balrothery Active Travel Plan
- Development of designs and application for NTA funding to progress through the stages as outlined above.

Vision for Balrothery is to provide:

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Thank You!

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Subject: RE: Item 70 - Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline on the Upgrade of Oldtown Wastewater Treatment Plant - AI101950

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Dear Kieran,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal Council, regarding a request information regarding the 5-year plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Swords.

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 34293.

I am pleased to advise that my colleagues in our Infrastructure Delivery Team at Uisce Éireann have reviewed your query and the following response has become available:

Uisce Éireann (UÉ) is advancing a project to provide additional wastewater treatment capacity at Oldtown WwTP.

The project is currently at Stage 3 – Final Business Case, at this stage the project progresses through detailed design and statutory approvals after which the tender process for the procurement of a contractor to deliver the project is also completed. We expect this stage of the project to be completed by mid-2025 at which time we will be better able to give a timescale for completion of the project

We would like to thank you for your correspondence, I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your (District) members. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

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Dear Kaylin,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal Council, regarding a request information regarding the 5-year plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Swords.

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 33890,

I am pleased to advise that my colleagues in our Asset Management Team at Uisce Éireann have reviewed your query and the following response has become available:

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Dear Kaylin,

I am writing to you today regarding your representation on behalf of residents regarding WWTP Capacity Swords. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 33890/89345, which was raised on the 15/05/2025. I understand this issue was a source of concern for your constituents.

I am pleased to advise that the following update has become available:

The capacity of Swords WWTW is 70,000pe and the current load is approx. 62,200pe. There is a project to upgrade the capacity to 90,000pe and this is in Stage 1 and subject to funding should be delivered by 2029 in order to maintain capacity at this WWTW. There are currently ongoing capital maintenance(CM) works on the WWTW to upgrade the aeration system in 2 streams and repair 2 of the primary settlement tanks, to be completed by the end of 2025 which should address the non-compliance issues at the WWTW. There is also capital maintenance works on the primary sludge holding tank to replace it as it is near end of life and there is media replacement for the odour control units also in train during 2025. There are further CM works proposed during the next couple of years in addition to the capacity upgrade project.

I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your constituents. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below. For the latest supply and services updates, please see: https://www.water.ie/?map=supply-and-service-updates.

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's Elected Representative Support Desk.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Doyle
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“That the Chief Executive write to Uisce Éireann requesting a comprehensive report on the water infrastructure capacity of this Committee’s area, detailing the number of domestic connections which Uisce Éireann advise are available for connection to their systems up to 2029.”
Ref- AI100919.

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I am pleased to advise that my colleagues in our Asset Management Team at Uisce Éireann have reviewed your query and the following response has become available:

As part of Uisce Eireann’s commitment to support growth and development, we publish annual water supply and wastewater treatment capacity registers on our website to inform forward planning activities, by indicating the ability of the Uisce Éireann treatment and production infrastructure to accommodate growth, estimated using a standardised methodology.

Capacity registers for treatment plants in Fingal are up to date on our website and valid at time of publication. It’s important to note however that the capacity available in supplies and at treatment plants changes regularly based upon changing demand or loads received from new and existing customers. Our registers are an indication of available capacity based on available information at the date of issue and are subject to change. Capacity registers should not be taken as confirmation that capacity is available for a particular development. In all instances any person or developer considering progressing a development should immediately contact the Uisce Eireann Connection and Developer Services team who will provide an up-to-date view and greater level of detail in relation to the availability of capacity in an area.

It is also important to understand that capacity registers provide water supply or wastewater treatment capacity information only and do not provide an indication of network capacity. In cases where a new development is planned, upgrades to the water or wastewater network in that area may be required. Uisce Eireann can assess whether the network can support a new development during the connections application process. All relevant information on the Pre-Connection Enquiry and Connection Application process is available on the Uisce Eireann website. All new Connections are subject to Uisce Éireann’s Connections Charging Policy and at all times the issue of a connection offer is a matter for the discretion of Uisce Éireann.

Given the wide range of factors that influence the nature and pace of growth in any given area, it is not possible to predict the exact type of development that will happen in the coming years or the specific combination of domestic and non-domestic demand for water supply and wastewater treatment in Fingal. For that reason and the reasons outlined above we cannot give a figure for the number of domestic connections that can be made up to 2029. Uisce Eireann is fully committed to working with all stakeholders to provide the necessary water and wastewater infrastructure to support housing and growth aligned to government targets up to 2030 and beyond."

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3 June 2025

PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE
Our Ref: EDU-MOSSE-00740-2025

Dear Ciara,

I refer to your correspondence in relation to the Ballyboughal school bus to Lusk Community College.

Firstly, due to the high volume of representations made to the office, there has been a delay in responding to your query and I apologise for that.

The School Transport Scheme is a significant operation managed by Bus Éireann on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth. Having raised this matter with officials, Bus Eireann have advised that pupils residing in the Ballyboughal area and who are attending Lusk Community College would generally be eligible for Temporary Alleviation Measures as they are attending their second nearest Post Primary Centre.

There is currently one mainstream service operating to Lusk Community College and the nearest pickup point is Gracedieu which is approximately 3.6 km from Ballyboughal. The existing mainstream service is a 53 seater vehicle.

As Minister, I understand that the safety of children is of utmost importance. The local Bus Éireann inspector has reviewed the existing pickup point and has deemed this pickup point as safe. The road is not considered to be any more dangerous than other approach roads to pick up points in use throughout the country.

There is an onus of responsibility on parents/guardians to arrange to bring their children to and from the pickup point of a school bus service, and accompanying the children to ensure their safety and allay any concern, if necessary.

Michael Moynihan
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It is also not possible to extend the service to Ballyboughal due to time constraints as this service also operates a mainstream primary school transport service with the same vehicle.

For additional context, under the terms of the School Transport Schemes, children are eligible for transport at primary level where they reside not less than 3.2 kilometres from and are attending their nearest national school, and at post primary level where they reside not less than 4.8 kilometres from and are attending their nearest post primary school/education centre as determined by the Department/Bus Éireann, having regard to ethos and language.

Eligible children who complete the application process and pay or enter their medical card details on time will get a seat on a school bus service, if a service is available.

Children who are not eligible for school transport but complete the application and pay or enter their medical card details on time will be considered for any spare seats available after eligible children have been accommodated. These spare seats are called concessionary seats.

There may be more demand than availability for concessionary seats. In such cases, Bus Éireann will use a selection process to allocate tickets for the spare seats.

Temporary alleviation measures will continue for the 2025/26 school year at post-primary level. This means that, if there are available services and enough capacity, transport will be provided for concessionary pupils who are eligible for transport to their nearest school but are attending their second nearest school or post-primary centre. This is only if they apply on time and pay or enter medical card details on time.

The closing date for new applications for school transport services for the 2025/26 school year was Friday 25 April 2025. Any new applications made after the closing date are considered late applications and this may mean that a seat is not available.

The Bus Éireann family portal is accepting payments or medical card details until 6 June 2025. Payments or medical card details submitted after the deadline date will be deemed late. A late submission of payment or medical card details may mean that a seat is not available.

Bus Éireann is responsible for the planning and timetabling of school transport routes. Bus Éireann endeavours, within available resources, to ensure that each eligible child has a reasonable level of school transport service in the context of the Scheme nationally.

Following the closing date for payment or entering medical card details, the Bus Éireann family portal will close. This will give Bus Éireann time to assess all applications and plan for routes and services for the 2025/26 school year. Routes may

be altered or extended depending on the number and location of eligible children who will be availing of school transport for the following school year.

A minimum number of 10 eligible children residing in a distinct locality, as determined by Bus Éireann, are required before consideration may be given to the establishment or retention of school transport services, provided this can be done within reasonable cost limits.

Once routes have been finalised, Bus Éireann will assign tickets for each school transport service. Tickets will begin to issue in mid-July and will continue to issue throughout July and August. Families who are unsuccessful in obtaining a seat will be notified via email and a refund will issue.

I hope the above is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Moynihan, T.D.
Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion

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From: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Sent: 06 June 2025 17:05
To: Karen Russell <Karen.Russell@fingal.ie>; Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Cc: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Subject: request for a report on Swords Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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Dear Karen,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal Council, regarding a request for a report on Swords Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 32060.

"Uisce Eireann would like to acknowledge the delay in responding to this Notice of Motion from Fingal County Council Balbriggan Swords Area Committee. Our aim is to respond to Notices of Motion we receive before the next meeting of the relevant Council or committee takes place and we did not meet that timeline on this occasion, for which we apologise.

In response to the query in relation to the operation of Swords Wastewater Treatment Plant we can confirm that Uisce Eireann reports to the EPA, our Environmental Regulator, on the operation and environmental performance of Swords Wastewater Treatment Plant. The most recent AER (Annual Environmental Report) for this plant is available online here: D0024-01_2023_AER.pdf

Swords Wastewater Treatment plant has available capacity for growth and any person or developer wishing to develop new housing in Swords should contact Uisce Eireann New Connections team. Uisce Éireann are currently investing in essential capital maintenance works at the plant to modernise and improve the performance of the existing wastewater treatment infrastructure. As part of planned works to replace an existing concrete tank, Uisce Éireann are scheduled to install concrete piles starting on 23 June 2025. The piling works are expected to be completed within 3 weeks but may take longer depending on ground conditions. All works will be contained within the Swords Wastewater Treatment Plant site. Residents and elected representatives in the surrounding area have been notified that these works are due to take place."

We would like to thank you for your correspondence, I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your (District) members. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's dedicated Council Meetings mailbox.

Regards,

John

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ITEM NO. 75

SKERRIES MILLS RED BARN PROJECT - AI103076

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That the Chief Executive report on the Skerries Mills Red Barn Project, including, if a Contractor has been appointed, when construction will commence and what is the completion date?"

Response:

Following review late in 2024, a draft tender pack for the project issued to Fingal County Council by the integrated consultant design team was found not to satisfy the Council's requirements for this project.

The design team were asked to provide additional information in the documentation and drawings to ensure the appropriate level of coordination and detail expected for a public works contract. Despite reassurances and commitments given this process has taken much longer than anticipated to complete. This delay is not acceptable to the Council which had procured and delivered a separate demolition and enabling works contract to facilitate progressing to site with the project in 2024.

Commitments have now received from the design team to have fully complete updated tender documents issued and available for tender in June with an updated

detailed costing. Upon receipt of the updated documents and detailed pre-tender costings from the Quantity Surveyor, the client department will review against the availability of funding prior to instructing to proceed with procurement stage.

A framework of prequalified heritage contractors is available for the tender process with the full procurement process expected to take 4 months and site works duration of 12 months.

Source of Reply: Pat Boyle, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 76

COUNCIL HOUSING WAITING LIST IN THIS LEA – AI102409

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive provide a report, in tabular form, on the number of households on the Council housing waiting list with an address in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Committee area, their bedroom requirement, their length of time on the waiting list in years to the longest year waiting and the Council's plans to provide housing in the local area to address their housing need."

Report:

Social housing applicants can express interest in multiple areas in the Fingal administrative area. Applicants can therefore be on multiple area waiting lists.

In accordance with the Allocations Scheme for social housing support, allocations are based on date in need, meaning those longest on the waiting list will be offered housing. Waiting lists times can vary as a result of a number of factors. These factors include the following:

- Change in household composition, which may necessitate a change in the required no. of bedrooms; changing to a different bedroom requirement
- Request from applicants to change their housing area of choice

- Priority on exceptional medical / welfare grounds
- Refusal of an offer by the applicant

The housing pipeline has increased year on year in line with delivery and the Council actively engages with stakeholders to increase the type of homes we can offer our social housing applicants. In addition to the Part V homes from Folkstown Park delivered in 2025, the Land Development Agency is actively progressing a site for 817 homes in Balbriggan. Details of this can be found at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Dublin - lda

Source of Report:
Linda McDonald, AO, Housing
Fiona Glynn, AO, Construction

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ITEM NO. 77

Sightline Issues along Harry Reynolds Road - AI102505

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

"That the Chief Executive carry out a safety assessment at two locations along Harry Reynolds Road, (laneway adjacent to Balbriggan Cemetery onto Harry Reynolds Road and the exit from Westbrook Rise onto the Harry Reynolds Road) in respect to the sightlines from both pathways onto the Harry Reynolds Road."

Report:

Both the accesses onto the Harry Reynolds Road at Westbrook Rise and the laneway adjoining the cemetery are pedestrian and cyclist accesses only. A three stage Road Safety Audit was carried out as part of the Harry Reynolds Road project to ensure all aspects of the project adhered to the relevant safety standards.

The lane to the rear of the cemetery linking the R122 and the Harry Reynolds Road is between 4m and 5m wide with good intervisibility along its length and at the junction with the Harry Reynolds Road. As there is no vehicular access at this point any conflicting movements can only be between pedestrians and other pedestrians or pedestrians and people using bikes and scooters.

Given the width of the lane and the level of intervisibility, conflict would most likely occur due to user behaviour and not due to restrictions relating to design, intervisibility or sightlines.

With regard to the access from Westbrook Rise, the relocated access is a significant improvement on the pre-existing access. Ground levels and gradients as well as the width of the opening leading onto Harry Reynolds Road have all been improved. As with the lane at the cemetery, conflicts are likely to be a result of road user behaviour.

Source of Report: Linda Lally A/Senior Engineer Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 78

Plans to Improve Safety of Junction - Brackenstown Road, Church Road, Swords - AI101923

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

"That the Chief Executive report on what is planned for the Brackenstown Road, Church Road corner site, which is under the ownership of the Council, that could make this junction safer for pedestrians, motorists and neighbouring properties and provide direct access to the Ward Valley Park."

Report:

As part the Ward River Regional Park project, project engineers have prepared a concept design for safe access routes for cyclists and pedestrians at Church Road and Brackenstown Road. The implementation of any proposals such as raised tables for pedestrian crossings, off road pedestrian routes via the park, park boundary wall re-alignments for improved sightlines and similar solutions will be subject to a Road Safety Audit at detailed design stage and planning approval. It is noted that improvements to this junction are also included in the objectives of the Sustainable Swords strategy.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure, Planning and Strategic infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 79

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS - BALLALEASE NORTH SITE, DONABATE - AI101937

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education to request an update on the progress for commencing the construction of schools on the right of the Ballalease North site (LAP 7.A) in Donabate, as referenced in the development plan for Donabate."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 80

Brackenstown/Swords Manor Community Centre and Sports Hub Design - AI102411

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

"That the Chief Executive request that the Community Department include a community centre in the ongoing design of the sports hub adjacent to the Brackenstown Road that forms part of the Ward Rivervalley Regional Park redevelopment, in line with the agreed motions AI077118, AI081882."

Report:

The Ward River Valley Masterplan process has included a number of public consultations and is due for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2025, with a significant amount of work undertaken to date through design, planning and environmental assessments led by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept. The provision of a community centre in this location is prohibitive from a number of perspectives in terms of deliverability, cost and environmental impact and as such is not considered feasible.

Source of Reply:

Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 81

OBSTRUCTIONS TO BICYCLE LANES IN THIS LEA- AI102974

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive, in line with this Council's commitment to creating safe and accessible cycling environments, prevent - when possible - physical obstructions to bicycle lanes in this Local Electoral Area (documents attached)."?"

Reply:

Traffic Management, Access and Signage (including cycle paths and footpaths) are the responsibility of the Contractor under both Health and Safety legislation and the building Contract.

These matters are standing items in the project management of building contracts being carried out on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The issue at the particular location outlined in the motion has been referred and rectified.

Source of Reply:
Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 82

Upgrade on Drainage of Skerries Community Centre Playing Pitches - AI103077

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That the Chief Executive give a report when the upgrade of the drainage of Skerries Community Centre playing pitches will commence and finish, when will the clubs be consulted and has a contractor been appointed."

Report:

It is currently expected that the tender for the Pitch Renovation Project and associated park improvement works at Skerries Town Park will be published later this month with on-site works expected to commence by October - subject to the successful conclusion of the procurement process. When a programme for the works has been finalised with the successful contractor, a meeting will be convened with the relevant stakeholders including the clubs affected to discuss how best to mitigate the impact on their activities. Subject to the successful appointment of a contractor, it is expected that the works will be completed by March 2026. The pitches are expected to re-open in Q3 2026 - subject to weather conditions and establishment of the grass sward.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 83

Vacant Homes at St. Columcille's Drive, Swords - AI103111

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on why the properties, (details supplied), St. Columcille's Drive Swords are continuously in a bad state of repair and presently vacant."

Report:

(Details supplied), St. Columcille's Drive Swords were previously under a lease agreement with Peter McVerry Trust. The properties have recently been surrendered back to Fingal County Council's Housing Department.
Re-let works are currently in the tender process. After which work will commence to bring the properties up to standard for reallocation. Once works are completed, the homes will be re-tenanted in line with the Council's housing allocation policy.

Source of Report: Emma Maxwell, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 84

Waste Water Treatment Services to Rural Villages in this LEA - AI103170

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive, on behalf of this Committee, invite representatives of Uisce Éireann to attend a Committee meeting to assist members in exploring how wastewater services may be expanded to meet the potential of the "zoned" rural villages within the Committees area."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to Uisce Éireann, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 87

Anti-Social Behaviour/Assaults/Muggings reported to An Garda Síochána - Santry Demesne - AI102415

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

"That the Chief Executive write to An Garda Síochána requesting a report on the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and assaults/muggings that have occurred in Santry Demesne in 2025 to date and have been reported to them."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 88

Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road Project - AI102449

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive prioritise Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, particularly regarding improving the existing slip road arrangement onto the M1, given Donabate's rapidly growing population, including the provision of completion timeline and the allocation of resources to ensure that this project is completed before traffic significantly worsens with more people moving onto the peninsula of Donabate and Portrane."

Report:

With respect to allocation of resources, a Fingal County Council project team is in place and the Council has appointed a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm to assist the Council with the initial phases of the project, which will improve access from Lissenhall to Donabate and Portrane, for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

The development of Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road will follow the normal lifecycle for large-scale capital infrastructure projects, which typically take a number of years to progress from the initial stages of development through to completion of construction.

Data-gathering, traffic modelling and concept development have been carried out along with completion of various surveys. Option assessment is currently being finalised with non-statutory public consultation and preliminary design work set to

follow on during 2025. Subsequent years will see work progress on environmental assessment and statutory processes such as planning consent and land acquisition, if required. Subject to planning consent and budget provision etc., construction is targeted for 2028.

Source of Report:
Ciaron Markey, Executive Engineer, Transport Planning, P&SI Dept.

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ITEM NO. 89

INVITATION TO METROLINK - AI102979

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive extend an invitation to Mr. Sean Sweeney, Programme Director at MetroLink, to deliver an in-person presentation to this Area Committee on the progress of the project since his appointment and to engage with Elected Members."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to Mr. Sean Sweeney, Programme Director at MetroLink, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 90

Community Walkway - Ballyboughal - AI103204

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive present a report on the failure to deliver the walkway for Ballyboughal as set out as an objective of the Local Area Plan."

Report:

The Ballyboughal LAP 2012 was adopted under the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and extended to the 7th May 2022 under the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act.

The LAP at that time envisaged new public realm, cycle and walking routes within and around the village and identified that the delivery of such facilities would be through collaboration between landowners, the local community and other stakeholders.

It is considered that such proposals could be revisited as part of a future Masterplan for Ballyboughal as envisaged under the *'Schedule of Masterplans to be commenced over the Plan period*' under Table 2.18 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Source of Report: Patricia Cadogan A/Senior Planner Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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