

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

Wednesday, 4th June, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors:

Hopkins, Joan
McDonagh, Brian
O'Brien, Eoghan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin and Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

The appointed Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), James Walls (Senior Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Benjamin O' Regan (Executive Engineer), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Seamus Coyle (Executive Engineer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer)

HMA/104/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

It was **AGREED** at the start of the meeting that Councillor C. Haughey would chair the meeting in Councillor A. Tormey absence.

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

HMA/105/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 7th May 2025

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 7th May 2025 which had been circulated, were **Considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 7th May 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/106/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 8 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/107/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Time Limit for Parking on Yellow Walls Road - AI102781

HMA/108/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Signs with Phone Number for Wardens in Malahide Castle - AI102949

HMA/109/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repave Footpath outside Plunkett Cottages, Portmarnock - AI102950

HMA/110/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Ramp Height - Paddy's Hill - AI102951

HMA/111/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Entrance to Kilbarrack Cemetery - AI102953

HMA/112/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Plaque for Memory Tree in Memory for Talbot in Malahide Castle - AI102954

HMA/113/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Casual Trading License Location at Malahide Estuary - AI102958

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

HMA/114/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

National Speed Limit Implementation - Phase 2 Update

A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

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

HMA/115/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Howth/Malahide Cycle Lane Maintenance - Planned Works

A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

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

MOTIONS

HMA/116/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Benches on Strand Road between Baldoyle and Sutton - AI102277

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

The report was read by Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer.

Following discussion Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer advised she would contact Hans Visser, the Executive Parks and Landscape Officer in the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department's, Biodiversity Team regarding the placement of benches along the Greenway. Therese Casey

also advised she would arrange to allocate benches from Racecourse Park to Baldoyle Park and if possible, also along the Promenade.

The motion was **NOTED**.

HMA/117/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

**Councillor D. Healy - Traffic Calming Measures - Carrickhill Road,
Portmarnock - AI102381**

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

The report was read by Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/118/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - 30 km/h for Red Arches Road - AI103022

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

The report was read by Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/119/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Litter Bins in Malahide Village - AI103044

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Mc Donagh.

The report was read by Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer.

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

HMA/120/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor C. Haughey - Temporary Compound at Tuckett's Lane, Howth - AI102952

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

The report was read by Seamus Coyle, Executive Engineer.

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

HMA/121/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Showers, Changing Room and Toilets - Portmarnock Beach - AI103024

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

The report was read by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer would meet the Councillors onsite to discuss the possible relocation of the shower.

The motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/122/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Power Washing of Paved Area on Malahide Village Green - AI103045

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

The report was read by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

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

HMA/123/25 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

The Chair informed the Members that in accordance with Standing Order No. 80, an Emergency Motion had been submitted.

Councillor E. O'Brien - That the Chief Executive report on when the walkway from the boundary of Malahide Rugby Club into Seabury that was approved under the works programme in 2023 will be delivered.

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. Mc Donagh.

A report was read by Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

Following discussion, it was agreed Therese Casey would meet the Area Councillors along with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department's, Biodiversity Team onsite, and that the item would be brought back as a Headed Item on September 2025 Area Committee Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 17.20 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PARKING – AI103693

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examining the wheelchair parking spaces in Malahide village as there have been complaints that they can be hard to navigate as kerbs are not dished and because of the positioning of wheelchair-sign poles and parking ticket machines?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have carried out an initial assessment of the request and this is a significant body of work. More analysis will be required to determine the overall scope requirements such as:

- Geometric requirements to conform with current Irish Wheelchair Association and Traffic Signs Manual standards
- Potential drainage impacts if drop kerbing were installed
- Line marking changes
- Civil cost and associated Engineering works.

Once this process is completed, the overall cost of the technically feasible works can be estimated. The Operations Department will list this project for consideration on a future Programme of Works Programme.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

**BOAT FLOWERBED AT JUNCTION OF DUBLIN ROAD AND YELLOW
WALLS ROAD - AI103696**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council has had any engagement with Malahide Tidy Towns regarding improvements that could be made to the boat flowerbed at the junction of the Dublin Road and Yellow Walls Road?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have liaised with Malahide Tidy Towns regarding the boat flowerbed at this location. The boat has rotted and is no longer fit for purpose. Therefore, it will be removed in the next few weeks, and a more suitable flowerbed will be created.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

TRAFFIC CALMING - STATION ROAD, PORTMARNOCK - AI103697

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to introducing traffic calming measures on Station Road, Portmarnock as there are a number of crèche on the road and many children use the road to walk to school?”

Reply:

The request for traffic calming between the Train Station and the Coast Road on Station Road will be listed for consideration on a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

ACCESS TO BALGRIFFIN HALL - AI103700

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there has been any progress in finding a solution which would allow road users to enter and exit Balgriffin Hall by car from both directions?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have liaised with Fingal County Council’s Transport Planning section, Dublin City Council and the developer’s consultant in relation to the junction movements.

Alternative road lining formats were considered but unfortunately for the junction to work safely it is not possible to alter the road lining to allow users to enter and exit Balgriffin Hall by car from both directions.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department and
James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON POSEY ROW - AI103701

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on pedestrian safety measures and other upgrades that the Council is planning on Posey Row?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have carried out a tender competition for the appointment of a suitably qualified engineering consultant.

The tender competition has closed, and the Operations Department is in the process of evaluating the tenderers. Once this stage is complete it is envisaged that the successful engineering consultant will be appointed during September 2025.

Please note the scope is design related only, and the brief is to examine possible solutions that could be implemented at this location. This will be summarised in a feasibility and options report which will provide design options along with estimated costings and next steps.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

REPAINT AND REPAIR - SEAMOUNT ROAD - AI103722

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to addressing a number of issues outside the property Seamount Road, Malahide, (details supplied), including repainting the 'Keep Clear' sign on the road and repairing the dip in the road outside the house which causes the entrance to the property to flood when it rains?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for the “Keep Clear” road marking to be repainted in the coming weeks. A gully will be installed to take away the water in 2026 and the footpath will be repaired at this time.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

INSTALLATION OF BENCHES IN HOWTH/MALAHIDE LEA - AI103723

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to install more benches in the Howth/Malahide Electoral Area in 2025 and the locations of same?”

Reply:

Bench installation requests are considered as per contact from the Tidy Towns groups and residents' associations. These are listed on the Works Programme for 2025 as follows:

Glencarrick Estate-3 benches

Thormanby Lawns-2 benches

Bayside (beside the basketball court) - 1 bench

Portmarnock Village (In front of the church) - 2 seats

Seabury Park-1 bench will be installed in the playground, and 1 picnic bench will be installed on the open space.

These are all scheduled to be installed in the next few weeks.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

BURROW ROAD WORKS - AI103806

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the cost from conception of the idea for the bollards on Burrow Road to completion of the project and what the annual maintenance budget is for these bollards and who is responsible for them?”

Reply:

The Operations Department carried out the installation of bollards and repainting of road markings as a result of a request from An Garda Síochána to address the ongoing problem of illegal parking and public safety.

The supply and installation of the bollards was €16,500. The cost of the new lining and existing road lining refreshment, including ramp lining works, was €2,200. All costs stated are ex VAT.

The material and work rates are from the annual Traffic Maintenance tender. An additional budget for these works was requested, and no revenue works were impacted because of this works.

The Operations Department will be responsible for the maintenance.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TOILET HOWTH SUMMIT - AI103807

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given for a second public toilet at Howth Summit?”

Reply:

There is no provision in the budget for an additional public toilet at this location. Any installation of a new public toilet would also require planning permission.

The Operations Department's priority is to continue with the provision of the Public Convenience Provision Project across the County. In the Howth Malahide Administrative area, we are currently at Phase 3 of the Project.

The Project consists of several stages (as per Presentation to ACM 5th May 2021):

- Meeting Immediate Needs & Closely Monitoring Locations
- Phase 1 – Summer 2021 Provision
- Phase 2 – Major Refurbishment (Part 8) (2023-2026)
- Phase 3 – Functionality & Aesthetic Upgrades

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

BOLLARDS GRANGE ROAD - BALDOYLE - AI103808

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to paint or replace the black bollards at the junction of Grange Road and Seagrang Road?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out the painting of the bollards during the autumn.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace. Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

PORTMARNOCK DUNE STABILISATION - AI103811

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans there are for Portmarnock Dune stabilisation at the main end of the beach, as the majority of the posts are rotten?”

Reply:

The Operations Department currently have no plans for dune stabilisation works at Portmarnock Beach. There is no provision in the budget for these works. We will have the posts examined and necessary replacement of rotten posts will be added to a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

ZEBRA CROSSING AT STATION ROAD, PORTMARNOCK - AI103815

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration be given to move the young saplings planted in front of the zebra crossing at Station Road before they mature, as they interfere with sight lines and may need to be removed?”

Reply:

The impact of the young saplings on the sightlines will be examined again in the near future by the Operations Department. Plans for removal can be made as required.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

FOOTPATHS AND DISHED CURBS IN STAPOLIN LAWNS - AI103816

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to dish the curb at the main corner at the green in Stapolin Lawns and to repair the cracks outside the houses (details supplied)?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will add the repair of this location for consideration on a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

BUS SHELTERS - AI103817

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the Council has the authority to install bus shelters within the Howth/Malahide Area without the need to await funding from the National Transport Authority?”

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is the body responsible for the installation and maintenance of bus stops and shelters nationwide. This includes the funding, planning, and execution of bus stop projects and ensuring proper operation and maintenance of overall bus stop infrastructure nationwide. The installation of bus shelters requires planning permission.

The Operations Department does not progress the planning funding and installation of bus shelters.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

BUS SHELTERS - AI103818

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the Council and/or National Transport Authority maintains a list of all of the bus stops in the Howth/Malahide Area, together with an indication for some or all of them as to whether bus shelters are possible and/or desirable for each particular stop and to provide any related analysis to this Area Committee?"

Reply:

All public transport related infrastructure is maintained by the National Transport Authority (NTA). The NTA maintains an active list of bus stops. Fingal County Council does not maintain this list.

From that list, the NTA examine existing stops to see whether bus shelters are feasible to be installed at each location. Bus shelters require planning permission to be installed.

A list of bus shelters planned to be installed in this LEA by the NTA can be requested from the NTA and details shared with the Elected members of this area committee.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

**CONVERSION OF CARRIAGEWAY PARKING TO FOOTPATHS -
AI103823**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress at (details supplied) in converting carriageway parking spaces to footpaths, to facilitate outdoor dining and the passage of pedestrians, as previously discussed at a meeting of this Committee?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have tendered the works. The contractor has been appointed. The contractor will commence and complete the work in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

YELLOW LINES ON BURROW ROAD - AI103825

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what consideration was given to the provision of single yellow lines on part of the western end of Burrow Road, in the area where double yellow lines have been installed?”

Reply:

The provision of single yellow lines requires restricted times which would not cover the entire day to deal with the issues being experienced.

The request by An Garda Síochána (AGS) was specifically for new double yellow lines equivalent to other similar road markings along the road. AGS requested no parking allowed at any time as opposed to restricted parking times.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

COLOUR OF BOLLARDS IN THIS LEA - AI103826

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive if there is any guidance followed by the Council regarding the colour of bollards and if it is accepted that bollards on streets and roads, in this Local Electoral Area, within 30km/h or 50km/h speed limits should be black and white rather than orange?”

Reply:

Guidance for the use of bollards is outlined across various national guidelines from sources such as TII, NTA cycle manual and safe route to school guidelines etc.

There is no specific colour standard for the use of bollards in this electoral area.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

**BOLLARD REPLACEMENT - ST. LAWERENCE'S ROAD, HOWTH -
AI103828**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether the bollard protecting the footpath at (details supplied) can be replaced?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for the replacement of the bollard at the location.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

PAID PARKING ANALYSIS FOR HOWTH - AI103831

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to make available to this Committee and online to the general public, the analysis carried out circa 2016 in relation to paid parking in Howth?”

Reply:

The Operations Department carried out a records search no analysis from circa 2016 was found. Currently the Operations Department have commenced drafting of drawings for the introduction of a paid parking scheme for Howth

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

PAID PARKING - AI103834

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what discussions have taken place with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to parking issues since the meeting on 25th March 2025?”

Reply:

A follow up meeting between the Operations Department and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) was held on the 6th June 2025 with DAFM Representatives. No substantial progress has been made with the DAFM to date, as a result of the meeting. The Council will continue to liaise with the DAFM with a view to progressing matters relating to parking at Howth Harbour.

The Council continues to proceed separately with the on-going review of the existing Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

BENCH - AI103829

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to work with residents of the Dunes to identify if there is a suitable place for the installation of a bench?”

Reply:

The Operations Department can meet the residents of the Dunes to look at a suitable location for the installation of a bench. This can then be listed for consideration in the 2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

VISION IRELAND CLEAR OUR PATHS CAMPAIGN IN THIS LEA - AI103805

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive supports the Clear our Paths Campaign in this Local Electoral Area regarding:

- Cars parked on footpaths
- Dog fouling
- Wheelie bins and street furniture
- Overhanging branches.”

Report:

Fingal County Council fully supports Vision Ireland’s Clear Our Paths Campaign. We understand that there can often be many temporary obstacles on the footpaths of our towns and villages that can create challenges for people with disabilities, particularly people who are blind or vision impaired. We recognise that these obstacles also affect accessibility for other people such as older persons, wheelchair users and anyone with reduced mobility.

As a Local Authority we want to assure the public that we are continuing to work hard to remove barriers to access and improve the accessibility of public footpaths, whilst ensuring they are safe and kept clean and litter-free.

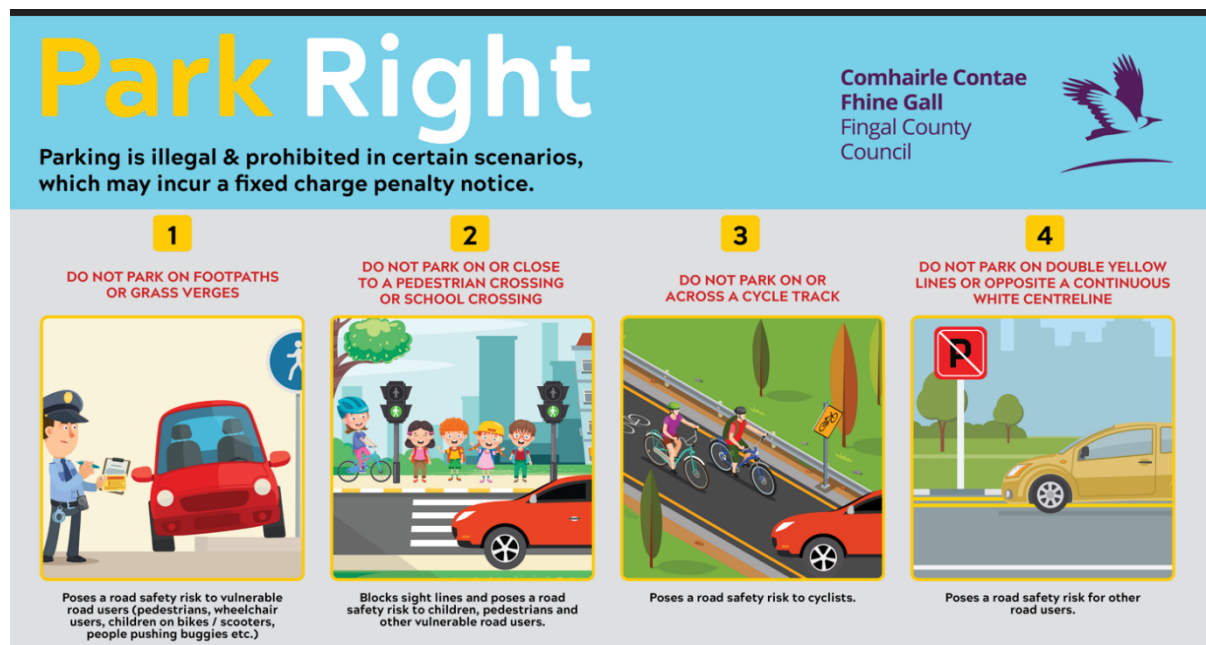
The following is a summary of how our work, through a multi-departmental approach towards improving footpath accessibility, supports the objectives of Vision Ireland’s Clear Our Footpaths Campaign:

Cars Parked on Footpaths

Fingal County Council's Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 authorise the enforcement of parking restriction, which includes parking on footpaths, double yellow lines, yellow boxes, disabled bays non-payment for parking on pay and display bays etc.,

The Parking Services Section Parking Wardens enforce the Bye-Laws. This includes the issuing of Fixed Charge Notices to vehicles parked in locations which vision impaired members of the public need to traverse.

Social Media campaigns are regularly run to remind the public of their responsibilities to park correctly. (see below for example of campaign message)



Dog Fouling

Fingal County Council's Environment Department currently has eight dog wardens on duty. The provision for issuing fines for dog fouling comes under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and therefore the litter wardens issue fines for dog fouling under Section 22 of the Act. Fingal County Council have recently authorised the dog wardens to issue fines under the Litter Pollution as they may come across a dog fouling in the act as they patrol the parks and beaches and can issue on the spot fines if they witness the offence. The dog wardens have increased their patrols in the parks and on the beaches in Fingal. The litter wardens also erect dog

fouling notices where dog fouling is an issue. Anti-Dog Fouling posts have been published on Fingal County Council Facebook & Instagram accounts reminding dog owners of their responsibilities under the #Bag it! Bin it and a link is provided to the Green Dog Walkers Initiative on our website under Environmental Awareness.

We also supply dog poo bags and dispensers to 7 Community Hubs throughout the year Fingal County Council will launch a dedicated dog fouling campaign in 2026, aimed at promoting responsible dog ownership and maintaining cleaner public spaces. Through targeted advertising and community engagement, it will highlight the importance of cleaning up after pets and encourage positive behavioural change. This will complement the Green Dog Walkers programme.

The Environment Department also look for the assistance of the public in identifying dog owners in relation to dog fouling and ask them to present as a witness. As members of the public can be reluctant to act as a witness, it can be very difficult to secure fines for dog fouling.

Wheelie Bins and Street Furniture

Under Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2020, Bye-Law no.4 stipulates that *"Other than on the day before and the designated waste collection day, containers used for the presentation of kerbside waste shall be held within the curtilage of the premises where the waste is produced. They shall not be stored on a roadway, footway, footpath or any other public place unless the location has been expressly authorised in writing by an authorised person."*

The Waste Enforcement & Regulations unit enforces the Bye-laws and would investigate complaints regarding the location of bins.

Public Street furniture such as bins, benches, parking machine, bicycle stands, bollards, planters etc. are all located to ensure that vulnerable vision impaired pedestrians are not impacted by same.

Street Furniture Licences

The following warning/fines were issued to businesses in the Howth Malahide as detailed below:

2025 - No Fines issued, 11 Verbal Warnings /Emails Issued

2024 - No Fines issued, 18 Verbal Warnings /Emails Issued

2023 - No Fines issued, 15 Verbal Warning/Emails Issued

2022 - No Fines issued, 7 Verbal Warnings/Emails Issued

The conditions that businesses need to adhere to relating to obstruction of footpaths by street furniture is as follows:

No 23. The public road/footpath clearance as specified in the licence must be maintained to the front of the Licensed Area at all times. 'Footpath clearance' is defined as the distance between the front edge of the Licensed Area and the edge of the footpath or the inside edge of any Street Furniture elements, bollards, columns etc., wherever such exist.

Minimum footpath clearance of 1.8m with accessibility to be maintained to all footpath users is required.

Overhanging Branches

The Operations Department carry out pruning of public trees and hedges throughout the County. We also have the authority to issue Hedge/Tree Cutting Notices to private property owners to ensure that the maintenance of overhanging branches is carried out.

Other Initiatives

It should also be noted that Fingal Council has and continues to support the Make Way Day event in September each year. Make Way Day, an initiative of the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI), is a selected day where the public are encouraged to document any barriers to access/temporary obstacles and report them through a dedicated website or social media tagging. For example, last year our Access Officer visited two local disability groups in Fingal for walkability workshops and a photoshoot to support Make Way Day.'

Source of Report:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department
Cathal Kearney, Senior Staff/Access Officer, Corporate Affairs Department
Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer, Environment Department.

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 25

PORTMARNOCK GOLF CLUB ENTRANCE - AI103814

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive engage with Portmarnock Golf Club to ensure that work on Blackwood Lane is sufficient to reduce speeding, thereby making the junction safe.”

Report:

The Programme of Works 2025 includes for the installation of three additional bus type ramps along Blackwood Lane. The road conditions and public lighting arrangements determine their location.

They will be installed on the road section between the entrance of the golf club toward the existing ramps heading eastwards. The purpose of which is to reduce vehicular speed on the eastern side of the club’s entrance. There are no public lights to the west of the entrance and therefore ramps cannot be located there.

The Operations Department will advise the Malahide Golf Club of the above.

Source of Report:

Benjamin O’Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department and
Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 26

COASTAL CYCLEWAY - AI103830

Motion: Councillor D.Healy

“That the Chief Executive report on planned work to the Coastal Cycleway between Kilbarrack and Baldoyle Roads, including the proposed redesign of the access at Bayside, the confusion caused by the markings which were painted over due to an evaluation that they were leading to collisions but which have since been used as the basis for additional markings, the challenge posed by the deep shadow cast by the wall on the cycleway adjacent to it and the difficulties accessing and leaving the cycleway at the Kilbarrack Road junction, all of which have been discussed at this Area Committee over the years.”

Report:

Fingal County Council is currently exploring the proposed re-design of the pedestrian access from Bayside Boulevard junction onto the existing coastal cycleway.

The next step in the process is the appointment of a suitably qualified engineering consultant to develop the initial concept design and produce a feasibility and options report. The tender documents are completed and it is proposed to run a tender competition during Q4/2025 to appoint a consultant.

The scope of this report is design related only, and the report will provide design options, planning requirements, funding requirements and general next steps in the process.

In relation to line marking on the coastal cycleway complaints were received that pedestrians were walking on the cycle lane and as a result the Operations Department added additional pedestrian markings circa every 50m for additional pedestrian safety delineation. No markings have been removed in the last few

years along the cycle lanes that Operations are aware of. There are no outstanding complaints regards such markings. Cyclist and pedestrians are also well protected when using this route.

The T-junction at Kilbarrack Road/Dublin Road (R105) is maintained by Dublin City Council (DCC). The traffic signals are also maintained by DCC.

DCC's Active Travel section have a scheme running from Kilbarrack Road to Oscar Traynor Road. The scheme ends at the Kilbarrack Road junction and ties into the existing coastal cycleway. Construction works, subject to public consultation, is scheduled to start in 2027.

The Operations Department will contact DCC Active Travel section to ascertain if there are any further updates in relation to this scheme.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department