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Friday 12th September 2025

**To Each Member of the Blanchardstown-
Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A -
Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 25th September, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 26th of June 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor M. McCamley - Request for CCTV in Tyrrelstown Park - AI103515**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide CCTV cameras in Tyrellstown Park, as requested by the Cricket Club and a Park Warden?"

- 3 Councillor M. McCamley - Tolka Park Car Parking Area - AI103565**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to why the car park is closed at the Tolka Park car parking area, along the road from the Mulhuddart Interchange to the Town Centre?"

- 4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Bulb Planting - Castlefield Estates - AI103687**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to planting bulbs along the patch between the entrances to the Castlefield Court and Castlefield Hall estates?"

- 5 Councillor S. Shovlin - Inspection of Footpaths - Lambourn, Clonsilla - AI103877**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an inspection of the footpaths in Lambourn and carry out the necessary improvement works?"

- 6 Councillor S. Shovlin - Tidying of Pillars at Riverwood Entrance - AI103879**

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7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Installation of Rubbish Bin - Carpenterstown Road - AI104106

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a rubbish bin on Carpenterstown Road, particularly looking at the area between College Gate and Castleknock College?"

8 Councillor S. Shovlin - Installation of Exercise Equipment - Laurel Lodge Green - AI104134

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install suitable exercise equipment at Laurel Lodge Green?"

9 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Repainting of Road Markings and Yellow Box - Junction of Church Road and Mulhuddart Village - AI103841

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint the road markings in Mulhuddart Village, at the junction of the Circle K garage and Church Road?"

10 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Maintenance of Hedging at Tyrrelstown Boulevard - AI104271

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cut back the hedging on both sides of the road on Tyrrelstown Boulevard, from the hotel roundabout to the roundabout at Tyrrelstown Plaza?"

11 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Completion of Kellystown Cemetery - AI103860

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion of the project for the cemetery at Kellystown?"

12 Councillor E. Troy - Plans for Lowering Incidences of Illegal Parking in this LEA - AI103864

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the initiatives or plans the Council is making to lower the incidence of cars parking on footpaths in this Local Electoral Area, as 1732 fines to motorists who parked on footpaths were issued in 2024, and this is causing issues to those who are visually impaired?"

13 Councillor E. Troy - Park Patrols - Tyrellstown Park - AI103866

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing park patrols to protect the public, given the incident in Tyrellstown Park in March 2025?"

14 Councillor E. Troy - Increased Level of Rats in this LEA - AI103869

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the increase level of rats being reported over the last 6 months in all areas of this Local Electoral Area?"

15 Councillor E. Troy - Works on Footpath and Stone Wall - The Elms, Castleknock - AI103870

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widen the very narrow footpath outside The Elms on College Road, Castleknock and, at the same time, if the Council could rebuild the old stone wall in the Architectural Conservation Area?"

16 Councillor H. Redwood - Tree Replanting Schedule - Coolmine/Clonsilla - AI103875

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the schedule for tree replanting along the Coolmine and Clonsilla Roads following tree felling due to ash dieback?"

17 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Urgent Concerns Regarding Anti-Social Behaviour, Pallet Stockpiling, and Community Safety in this LEA - AI104189

"To ask the Chief Executive, in view of increasing reports of massive stockpiling of pallets and other combustible materials in Dublin 15 ahead of Halloween bonfire night, to outline a coordinated plan to prevent anti-social behaviour and problematic bonfires before and during the event of 31st October?"

18 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Installation of Pedestrian Crossing - St. Margaret's Road/Hampton Wood Drive - AI104242

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and Hampton Wood Drive (map attached) which has gotten busy following the installation of new bus stops for the E2 and 19 routes?"

19 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Measures for E-scooters, E-bikes and Scramblers in Hartstown Park - AI104243

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any planned measures to address the increasing problem of speeding e-scooters, e-bikes and scramblers in Hartstown Park which are intimidating and dangerous

for park users and which routinely damage the grass areas?"

20 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Playground Repairs - Heathfield Playground - AI104266

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the schedule for the necessary playground repairs and to detail if any new equipment will be installed?"

21 Councillor A. Donnelly - Works Schedule for Hartstown Link Road - AI104279

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the work required and schedule of the works due to take place on Hartstown Link Road?"

22 Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of Public Bench - Ongar Distributor Road - AI104278

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing a bench on the green space on the Ongar Distributor Road (ODR) opposite the Hartstown Link Road junction, as the ODR is a very long road, a bench would be welcomed by our older population and those with limited mobility (the area in questions backs onto an open space in Mount Symon)?"

23 Councillor A. Donnelly - Communication regarding the Public Realm in this LEA with Councillors - AI104280

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if Councillors can be briefed when there is work taking place or enhancements to the public realm in this Local Electoral Area, as much as is practicable?"

24 Councillor A. Donnelly - Damage to New Trees in this LEA - AI104282

"To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the recent spate of damage to new trees, if consideration can be given to tether the replacement/new trees which are planted at 1.2 - 1.4 metres, so they aren't snapped so easily?"

25 Councillor T. Leddy - Annual Presentation for Phoenix Park Concerts and Bloom Festival - AI103575

"That the Chief Executive provide a presentation to this Area Committee Meeting in advance of the annual Bloom Festival (and concerts) in the Phoenix Park so that Councillors are fully aware of the agreed management plans between Fingal County Council and the Office of Public Works."

26 Councillor J. Walsh - Walkability Study - Castleknock Village - AI103873

"That the Chief Executive arranges for a walkability study of Castleknock Village to identify any issues with accessibility for older residents or people who have mobility difficulties."

27 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Road Markings at the Roundabouts on the R121 - AI104272

"That the Chief Executive investigates the road markings on the R121 at all the roundabouts, from Damastown Avenue roundabout to the Hollywood Rath roundabout to insure they are compliant with regulations."

28 Councillor A. Donnelly - Lighting at Playground in Ongar Park - AI104276

"That the Chief Executive installs public lighting at the playground in Ongar Park to help alleviate some of the anti-social activity as the continual lighting of fires in the area is a threat to the new playground equipment."

29 Councillor A. Donnelly - Traffic Calming Measures - Willow Wood Park - AI104277

"That the Chief Executive installs traffic calming measures in Willow Wood Park as consultation has taken place with residents from Willow Wood Park, Willow Wood Close, Willow Wood Green, Elmwood and Stonebridge who overwhelmingly support the call for these measures."

30 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Mick Walsh Car Park - AI104284

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on the car park in Mick Walsh Park regarding illegal parking and a timeline on the insulation

of CCTV.”

31 Councillor T. Leddy - Open Space Maintenance Policy in this LEA - AI103576

“That the Chief Executive changes the policy in this Local Electoral Area toward large open space maintenance so that the grass is cut every two weeks instead of three.”

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council
BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)
Thursday 26th June 2025**

A meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A-Operational Matters) was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm on Thursday 26th June 2025

PRESENT

John Burtchaell	JK Onwumereh
Eimear Carbone Mangan	Patrick Quinlan
Kieran Dennison	Helen Redwood
Breda Hanaphy	Siobhan Shovlin
Angela Donnelly	Ellen Troy
Tom Kitt	John Walsh
Ted Leddy	
Mary McCamley	

Apologies were received from Councillor Gerard Sheehan

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Stephen Callaghan (Administrative Officer); Hugh James (Senior Executive Engineer); James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer); Stephen Johnson (Executive Parks & Landscape Officer); Karen Leeson (Senior Executive Engineer); Ronan Davis (Staff Officer); Elaine Tobin (Assistant Staff Officer)

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

CMA/129/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes from the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 22nd of May 2025

Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 22nd May 2025 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record.

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

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A- Operational Matters) Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMA/130/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 02 to 22 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMA/131/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Clearing and Cleaning of Cycle Lanes - Diswellstown Road - AI102325

CMA/132/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Clean Up - Land near Coolmine Boulevard - AI102881

CMA/133/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Kellystown Cemetery Queries - AI102928

CMA/134/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Clean Up - Clonsilla Road and Coolmine Woods - AI103103

CMA/135/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Road Repair Works - Dunsink Lane - AI103335

CMA/136/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Entrance/Exit Review - Porterstown Park - AI103385

CMA/137/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Speed Limit Implementation - Porterstown Road - AI103386

CMA/138/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Review and Update on Critical Workforce in this LEA - AI102874

CMA/139/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Report on Improvement Works - Mulhuddart Cemetery - AI103086

CMA/140/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Uncoffined Burials in Kellystown Cemetery - AI103112

CMA/141/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Park Ranger for Castlecurragh Park - AI103379

CMA/142/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor H. Redwood - Installation of Traffic Safety Measures - Littlepace Road - AI103400

CMA/143/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of Additional Seating - Hartstown Park - AI103448

CMA/144/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Repair Path at Willow Wood Green - AI103461

CMA/145/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Inspection and Repainting of Road Markings - Hartstown Link Road - AI103463

CMA/146/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Ramp and Resurface Inspection - Sheepmoor Estate - AI103464

CMA/147/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Pruning - Willow Wood View - AI103465

CMA/148/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Tree Pruning/Visibility of Traffic Lights -
Mountview/Shelerin Road - AI103466

CMA/149/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Public Seating - Mulhuddart Village -
AI103458

CMA/150/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Yellow Box - Blackcourt Road - AI103459

CMA/151/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor J. Walsh - Traffic Survey - Luttrellstown Way/Heights - AI103462

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC

CMA/152/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

National Speed Limit Implementation - Phase 2 Update

An update was given to the Elected Members on the National Speed Limit Implementation - Phase 2 the content of which was noted by the Elected Members.

CMA/153/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Signalised Pedestrian Crossing on Beechpark Avenue - Programme of Works
(POW)

A presentation was given to the Elected Members on the Signalised Pedestrian Crossing on Beechpark Avenue as part of the Programme of Works the contents of which was agreed by the Elected Members.

MOTIONS

CMA/154/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Accessibility of Footpath from Avista towards Angler's Rest
- AI102805

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor T. Leddy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

Following discussion, the Committee **ACCEPTED** the report

CMA/155/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Private Insurance - Porterstown Sports Hub - AI103088

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/156/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor T. Leddy - Unstable Boundary Wall between St Brigid's GAA Club and Phoenix Estate - AI103134

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/157/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor M. McCamley - Traffic Light Issue - Junction of Castleknock Road and Main Street, Blanchardstown - AI103152

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/158/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Public Lighting in Tolka Valley Park - AI103176

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/159/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Road Safety Review - Ongar Village - AI103430

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/160/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Walsh - Cleaning of Coolmine Woods - AI103457

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/161/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Inspection of Corduff Park and Grove Estates

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/162/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. McCamley - Path Extension - Dunsink to Rathborne/Ashtown -
Tolka River - AI103368

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/163/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Parking Concerns in this LEA - AI103384

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/164/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor T. Leddy - Safety Strategy - Castleknock Hotel - AI103460

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

The Meeting concluded at 17.25pm

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

REQUEST FOR CCTV IN TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI103515

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide CCTV cameras in Tyrellstown Park, as requested by the Cricket Club and a Park Warden?”

Reply:

CCTV is currently not being considered for Tyrellstown Park.

The cricket club in Tyrellstown, however, have contacted Operations seeking CCTV. In this regard, the club have been asked to return a data protection impact assessment application for review by the Council’s Data officer.

Source of Reply: Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 03

TOLKA PARK CAR PARKING AREA - AI103565

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to why the car park is closed at the Tolka Park Car Parking Area, along the road from the Mulhuddart Interchange to the Town Centre?"

Reply:

The car park at Tolka Valley, adjacent to the Navan Road, has remained closed for several years due to incidents of anti-social behaviour. During this period, no requests have been received to the Council for its re-opening.

As part of the Operations Capital Programme scheduled for 2026, improvement works are planned for this section of Tolka Valley. The car park will be included within these works, with a view to re-opening it on a trial basis.

To bring it in line with other facilities, certain upgrades may be required, including the installation of an overhead barrier, enhancements to the entrance, and the establishment of defined boundaries to prevent vehicles from accessing the park beyond the designated car park area.

Source of Reply: Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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(Services A – Operational Matters)**

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 04

BULB PLANTING – CASTLEFIELD ESTATES – AI103687

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to planting bulbs along the patch between the entrances to the Castlefield Court and Castlefield Hall estates?"

Reply:

Bulb planting at this location will be included for consideration in Q4 2026.

Source of Reply: Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 05

INSPECTION OF FOOTPATHS – LAMBOURN, CLONSILLA - AI103877

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an inspection of the footpaths in Lambourn and carry out the necessary improvement works?"

Reply:

This location has been inspected and footpaths are deemed in good condition. Some minor repairs are to be carried out and are listed as part of our maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Michael Tynan, Roads Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 06

TIDYING OF PILLARS AT RIVERWOOD ENTRANCE - AI103879

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tidying of the pillars at the entrance to Riverwood by clearing them of weeds, repairing and capping them as necessary?"

Reply:

Works, as requested, to tidy the pillars at Riverwood entrance will be undertaken.

Source of Reply: Michael Tynan, Roads Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 07

**INSTALLATION OF RUBBISH BIN – CARPENTERSTOWN ROAD -
AI104106**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to install a rubbish bin on Carpenterstown Road, particularly looking at the area between Collegegate and Castleknock College?"

Reply:

This location has been inspected and there are no current plans to install a bin at this location.

The area will continue to be monitored.

Source of Reply: Michael Tynan, Roads Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 08

**INSTALLATION OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – LAUREL LODGE GREEN –
AI104134**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install suitable exercise equipment at Laurel Lodge Green?”

Reply:

Currently, the Parks Planning & Strategic Infrastructure team are developing the playground on the open space at Laurel lodge.

Once these works are completed, Operations will review if this equipment is needed and suitable for a location on the open space.

Source of Reply: Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

**REPAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS AND YELLOW BOX –
MULHUDDART VILLAGE - AI103841**

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the repainting of the road markings and yellow box outside the Circle K garage in Mulhuddart Village?"

Reply:

This location has been inspected and resurfacing works are planned for 2026, following which the repainting of road markings and yellow box will be undertaken.

Source of Reply: Greg Quinn, Area Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

**MAINTENANCE OF HEDGING AT TYRRELSTOWN BOULEVARD -
AI104271**

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

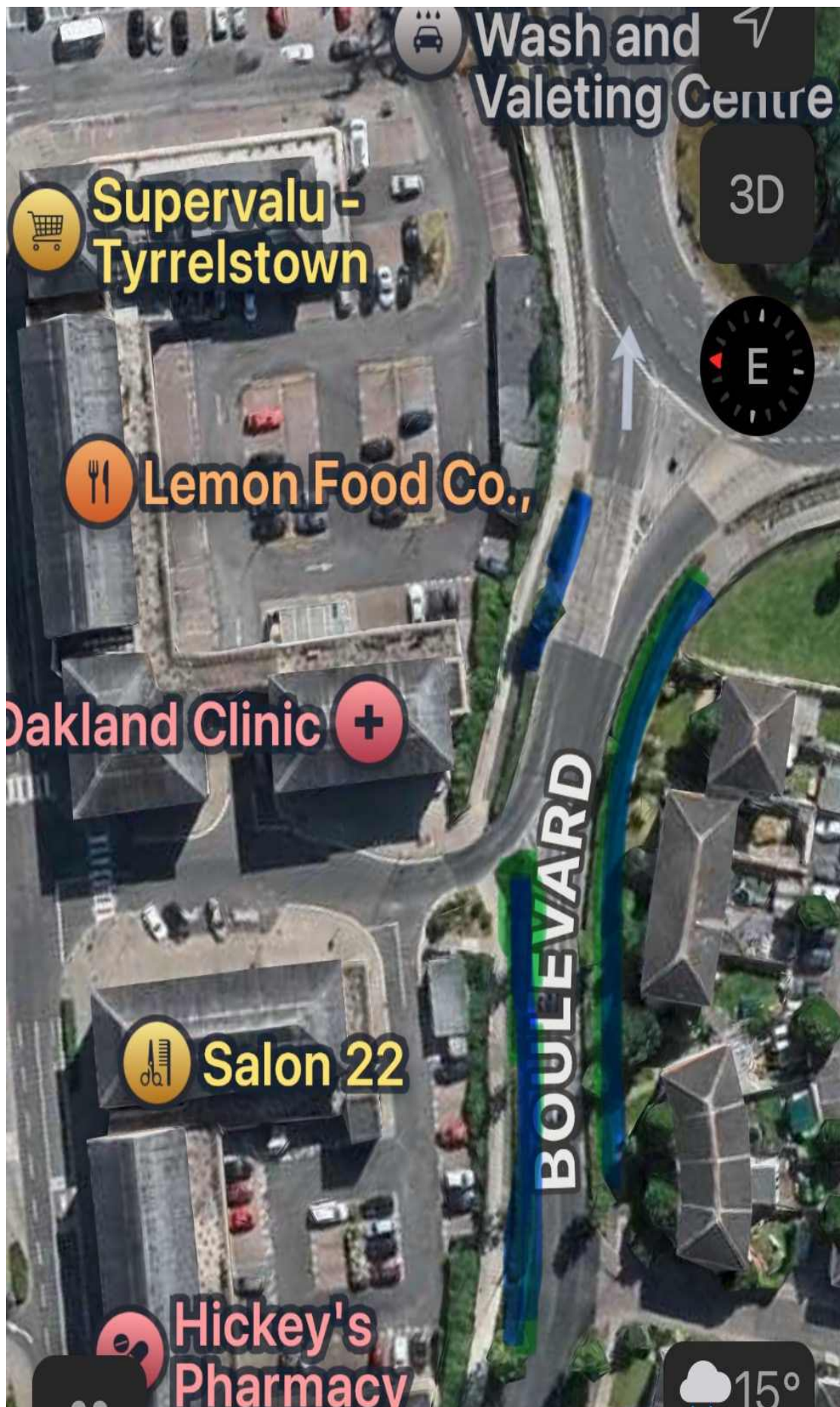
“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cut back the hedging on both sides of the road on Tyrrelstown Boulevard, from the hotel roundabout to the roundabout at Tyrrelstown Plaza?”

Reply:

These works will be carried out in Q4, October 2025.

Source of Reply: Michael Tynan, Roads Inspector, Operations Department

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THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 11

UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF KELLYSTOWN CEMETERY - AI103860

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion of the project for the cemetery at Kellystown?”

Reply:

This phase of cemetery development works at Kellystown will provide approx. 650 grave plots, a columbarium wall for the storage of ashes, a landscaped angel garden, a small services facilities building and yard, including all associated site services and landscaping.

The works started on site in March this year and are expected to take up to 12 months to complete. Currently the grave plots and paths are well advanced with buildings at early stages of construction.

Source of Reply: Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

**PLANS FOR LOWERING INCIDENCES OF ILLEGAL PARKING IN THIS
LEA - AI103684**

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide a report detailing the initiatives or plans the Council is making to lower the incidence cars parking on footpaths in this Local Electoral Area, as 1732 fines to motorists who parked on footpaths were issued in 2024, and this is causing issues to those who are visually impaired?"

Reply:

If a vehicle is parked on a footpath, then this is illegal and is an enforceable matter. To stop or deter vehicles parking on footpaths, physical measures would need to be installed, such as bollards or fencing. This would take away footpath space for users. Furthermore, from a financial perspective this would be difficult to implement due to the upfront cost and the ongoing maintenance costs.

Under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of

statutory signage or road markings. The following regulations apply in a general context and do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings.

Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations:-

A vehicle shall not be parked -

- (c) within 5 metres of a road junction;
- (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises,
- (i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip
- (k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;

Issues of parking are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

If vehicles are parked illegally on footpaths, the matter should be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcing.

Source of Reply: Quintin Greally, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

PARK PATROLS – TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI103866

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing park patrols to protect the public, given the incident in Tyrellstown Park in March 2025?”

Reply:

Tyrrelstown Park is patrolled a number of times each day by Park Rangers, duties include inspection of play and exercise equipment, litter control, inspecting of life rings at the lake and monitoring of the park in general. They visit in the mornings and again in the afternoons and evenings, site visits by the Park Rangers may alter depending on their workload that day.

Any issues of anti-social behaviour are reported to An Garda Siochana.

Source of Reply: Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

INCREASED LEVEL OF RATS IN THIS LEA - AI103869

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the level of increase in rats being reported over the last 6 months in all areas of this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

From April to September 2025 there was a total of 42 call outs for Pest Control in this LEA. For the same period in 2024 there was a total of 44 call outs in this LEA.

Looking at both years, it would appear that the level of pest control, therefore, has not substantially increased during this period.

Source of Reply: Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

**WORKS ON FOOTPATH AND STONE WALL – THE ELMS,
CASTLEKNOCK - AI103870**

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widen the very narrow footpath outside The Elms on College Road, Castleknock and, at the same time, if the Council could rebuild the old stone wall in the Architectural Conservation Area?”

Reply:

Due to the existing road geometry, there is no scope to widen the existing path at this location. Widening the path would involve the Compulsory Purchase Order of adjacent land.

The stoned wall is in private ownership and therefore, not under the remit of Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply: Michael Tynan, Roads Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

TREE REPLANTING SCHEDULE – COOLMINE/CLONSILLA - AI103875

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the schedule for tree replanting along the Coolmine and Clonsilla Roads following tree felling due to ash dieback?"

Reply:

The following is the proposed schedule for Ash Die Back Tree Replacement Planting:

1. Currently in the first phase of our ADB management Plan
2. Stump removal is scheduled for the second phase
 - a. During the stump removal, the immediate site will be assessed for replacement planting and will record (using Arbortrack):
 - Whether it is first of all appropriate to re-plant that specific site (some sites may not be replanted)
 - Whether a Small, Medium or Large tree is appropriate
 - Tree species options will have to be listed for each size category which will give us an opportunity to increase species diversity.

3. The replacement planting of ash trees will be added to the annual tree planting programme and will be carried out in line with resources available.

Source of Reply: Cormac Downey, Tree Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

URGENT CONCERNS REGARDING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, PALLET STOCKPILING, AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IN THIS LEA - AI104189

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“To ask the Chief Executive, in view of increasing reports of massive stockpiling of pallets and other combustible materials in Dublin 15 ahead of Halloween bonfire night, to outline a coordinated plan to prevent anti-social behaviour and problematic bonfires before and during the event of 31st October?”

Reply:

Operations

In advance of Halloween, the Operations team meet with An Garda Siochána to agree joint measures in order to monitor the accumulation of bonfire material within the Area. Operations crews will remove reported bonfire materials in the run up to Halloween and across Halloween weekend. Crews rely on back up support from An Garda Siochána to accompany them into areas where there is a risk to personal safety or threats of same.

Members of the public and local communities can assist the Council to eliminate unauthorised and environmentally destructive bonfires from public areas and can report bonfire stockpiles directly to Customer Care Unit on 01 890 5000 during office hours.

Reports of bonfire stockpiled materials may also be made by email to customercareunit@fingal.ie

Once again residents of Fingal will be able to avail of our Halloween Amnesty whereby combustible materials will be accepted Free of Charge at Fingal County Council Recycling Centre at Coolmine, dates of the amnesty this year being from 23rd to 31st October. This concession is an effort to reduce the amount of material which may otherwise be disposed of on bonfires locally, with consequent health and safety risks and damage to public open spaces.

The Operations Department would urge all citizens and businesses to exercise their civic duty by not leaving out combustible materials for use on bonfires and by reporting an incidence where this might occur within their local community.

Following on from its success last year, Operations will be, once again, hosting a themed event in Lanesborough Park alongside which the Community Department will complement with their activities in the Community Centre. This will include a spooktacular playground and yet to be confirmed either a Fireworks display or a Laser Show to take place on the open space.

Environment

The Council's Environment department have requested the Litter Wardens to commence spot checks in the industrial estates from early October and to issue fines to any businesses that leave combustible materials outside their premises.

Community

In addition, the Community Development Department is committed to supporting a safe and enjoyable Halloween for all. Our focus this year will be on working closely with local community centres as part of the Fingal Safer Halloween initiative which has been coordinated for four years.

An animated short film outlining a Safer Halloween message will be shared and promoted among all community groups and community centres in the weeks before Halloween and will be played on a loop in ten community centres via their digital reception screens.

Community centres will host diversionary activities in the week before Halloween such as mask making craft classes and costume swap shops. On Halloween evening targeted community centres will all host a children's event to celebrate the occasion in a positive manner with an objective to divert children away from anti-social behaviour.

Thirty-nine community centres will receive and display a pack of four information posters outlining:

1. Fingal Festival of Fire event locations
2. Reporting Stockpiling/Halloween Amnesty for dumping combustible materials
3. Go Green this Halloween
4. Halloween Hazards – Tips on Saying Safe

Events

Fingal County Council will once again present the "Festival of Fire" Event, across four locations in the county, including Millennium Park in Blanchardstown - 7pm enjoy a Scary DJ. followed by fireworks at 7.30pm.

Further events are also planned in the Draíocht over Halloween, including a monster doodle family day and a spooky lego blockprint workshop.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations

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

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ITEM NO. 18

**INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – ST. MARGARET'S
ROAD/HAMPTON WOOD DRIVE - AI104242**

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and Hampton Wood Drive (map attached) which has gotten busy following the installation of new bus stops for the E2 and 19 routes?”

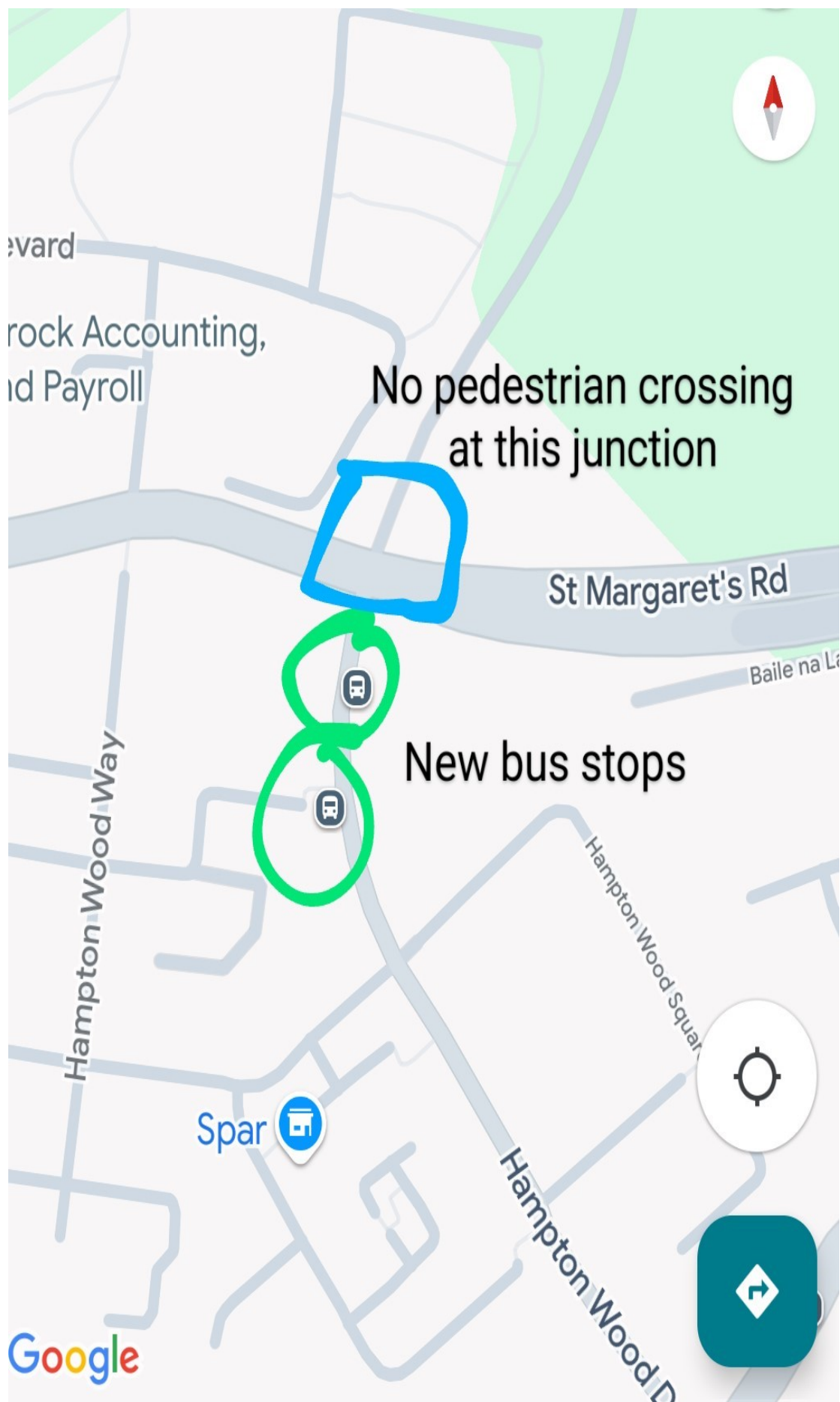
Reply:

The area was inspected, and the request for a signalised crossing close to the junction of St. Margarets Road and Hampton Wood has been added to the Programme of Works list for consideration.

Consideration will be given to a signalised crossing in a future Programme of works when it is being prepared.

Source of Reply: Quintin Greally, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

**MEASURES FOR ESCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND SCRAMBLES IN
HARTSTOWN PARK - AI104243**

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on any planned measures to address the increasing problem of speeding e-scooters, e-bikes and scramblers in Hartstown park which are intimidating and dangerous for park users and which routinely damage the grass areas?”

Reply:

A review of the entrances at Hartstown Park has taken place. Currently there are 17 pedestrian entrances into the park with a breakdown below:

- Kissing gate entrance – 1 at main car park
- K-Barrier entrance – 16 at all other entrances (Pinebrook, Oakview, Briarwood etc.)

Hartstown park entrances were upgraded from 2021-2025 to improve access. Locally, there are groups of park users who found access to the park difficult with the kissing gate system. The entrance improvements created better access for these groups and all other park users.

The K-barrier system was introduced to prevent the larger scramblers from entering parks across the county. Further to this the vehicles have adapted to still enter the park. Most of the scramblers are now electric, lower to the ground and much more lightweight. This allows them to enter the park through the K-barrier system.

The only gate system that prevents access to scrambler motor bikes is the traditional 'Kissing Gate' with a narrow turning area. This system by design prevents access to motorised wheelchairs, mobility bicycles, bikes with cargo trailers etc. Fingal does not want to exclude this vital access for a legitimate park user.

Following a motion at this area committee in April 2025 a site meeting was arranged with residents. The 5 Bollard entrances at Briarwood were changed to K-barriers. This has had a positive effect.

While this anti-social behaviour is regrettable it is worth noting the positive impact the entrance redesigns have had on users with impaired mobility.

Source of Reply: Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

PLAYGROUND REPAIRS – HEATHFIELD PLAYGROUND - AI104266

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on a schedule for the necessary playground repairs and if any new equipment will be installed?”

Reply:

Heathfield playground was taken in charge by the Operations department on July 1st, 2025 and the playground has now been added to our list of weekly playground inspections.

If any faults are identified they are reported to and repaired by our playground maintenance contractor. The playground was inspected in July by an Independent Playground Inspector, no faults were found in the equipment, the equipment received a good quality score.

There are currently no plans to install new equipment. We will however monitor the playground and if anything is required it will be added to a future capital program.

Source of Reply: Lourda Darcy, Assistant Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

WORKS SCHEDULE FOR HARTSTOWN LINK ROAD - AI104279

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the work needed/schedule of the works due to take place on Hartstown Link Road?”

Reply:

The Hartstown Link Road is scheduled to be fully resurfaced as part of the agreed 2025 Surface Restoration Programme of Works.

Works are scheduled to start in the fourth week of September and will be completed at night 8pm – 6am.

Resurfacing works will be completed over 5-7 nights and a further 1-2 nights will be required for associated Ironworks and Lining Works.

Source of Reply: Greg Quinn, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

**INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC BENCH – ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD -
AI104278**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing a bench on the green space on the Ongar Distributor Road (ODR) opposite the Hartstown Link Road junction, as the ODR is a very long road, a bench would be welcomed by our older population and those with limited mobility (the area in question backs onto an open space in Mount Symon)"

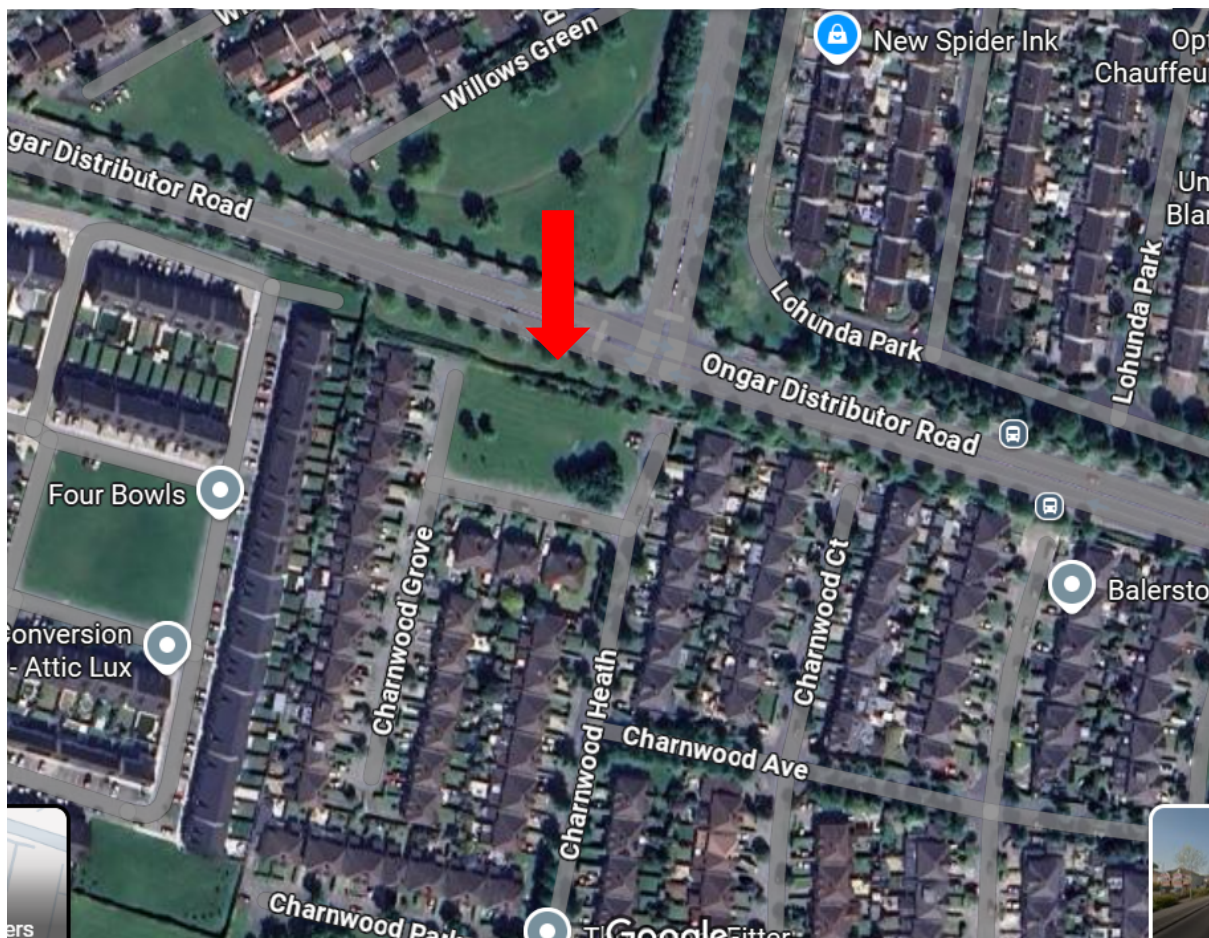
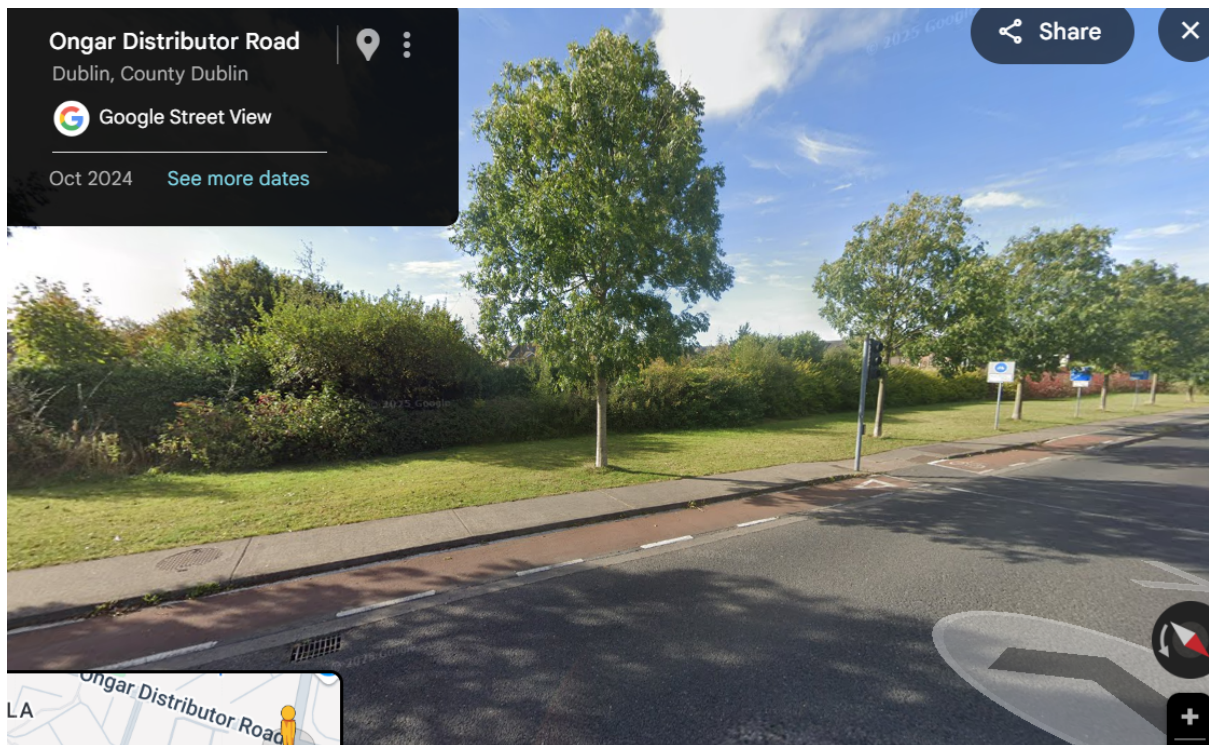
Reply:

Whilst Operations is proactive in installing public benches, this area would not be considered a suitable location for the installation of one given the close proximity to the heavily trafficked Ongar Road

Source of Reply: Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department

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Ongar Distributor Road bench request





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ITEM NO. 23

COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC REALM IN THIS LEA WITH COUNCILLORS - AI104280

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if Councillors can be briefed when there is work taking place or enhancements to the public realm in this Local Electoral Area, as much as is practicable?”

Reply:

All enhancements to the public realm in this LEA (apart from general maintenance works) are works carried out as part of the Programme of Works, which is agreed annually by the elected members.

As the elected members are aware, the scale of the programme is significant, with over 100 items of works proposed across the following areas - Roads, Footpaths, Parks, Traffic Management and Public Lighting. It, therefore, would not be practicable to brief elected members on all elements of work being undertaken.

Notice, is however, currently given to the elected members in respect of significant or substantial works being undertaken in this LEA.

Source of Reply: Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

DAMAGE TO NEW TREES IN THIS LEA - AI104282

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the recent spate of damage to new trees, if consideration can be given to tether the replacement/new trees which are planted at 1.2 - 1.4 metres, so they aren’t snapped so easily?”

Reply:

In light of recent damage to new trees, going forward, Operations will now look to plant a more robust and established specimen in this Local Electoral Area.

Source of Reply: Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 25

**ANNUAL PRESENTATION FOR PHOENIX PARK CONCERTS AND
BLOOM FESTIVAL – AI103575**

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive provide a presentation to this Area Committee Meeting in advance of the annual Bloom Festival (and concerts) in the Phoenix Park so that Councillors are fully aware of the agreed management plans between Fingal County Council and the Office of Public Works.”

Report:

The annual Bloom festival and concerts in the Phoenix Park are not Fingal County Council events. Management of these events are a matter for the Office of Public Works and their appointed event operators.

On foot of the Councillor’s Motion however, contact will be made with the OPW, to request that they attend a meeting of the Area Committee, in advance of these events in early 2026.

Source of Report: Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 26

WALKABILITY STUDY – CASTLEKNOCK VILLAGE - AI103873

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive arranges for a walkability study of Castleknock Village to identify any issues with accessibility for older residents or people who have mobility difficulties”

Report:

Age Friendly Walkability studies are conducted in a particular way as recommended by Age Friendly Ireland. Central to their success is a motivated group of local older people including those with physical and cognitive impairments. It requires the input from Age Friendly Ireland’s Technical Advisor to map the route and provide a final report on the area and recommendations. It also requires the presence of various Departments in Fingal as well as An Garda Síochána and Road Safety. This process is labour intensive and requires time to organise and complete and is usually part of the broader Age Friendly Town Process.

The Age Friendly Fingal work programme for this year is already fully committed and operating beyond capacity and cannot commit to undertaking any additional work in this area this year. However, there is provision in the new Age Friendly Strategy

(2026-2030) for walkability studies, and the order of the audits is to be decided for the next three to four years and the request can be considered within this context.

Source of Report: Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department

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ITEM NO. 27

ROAD MARKINGS AT THE ROUNDABOUTS ON THE R121 - AI104272

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive investigates the road markings on the R121 at all the roundabouts, from Damastown Avenue roundabout to the Hollywood Rath roundabout to insure they are compliant with regulations.”

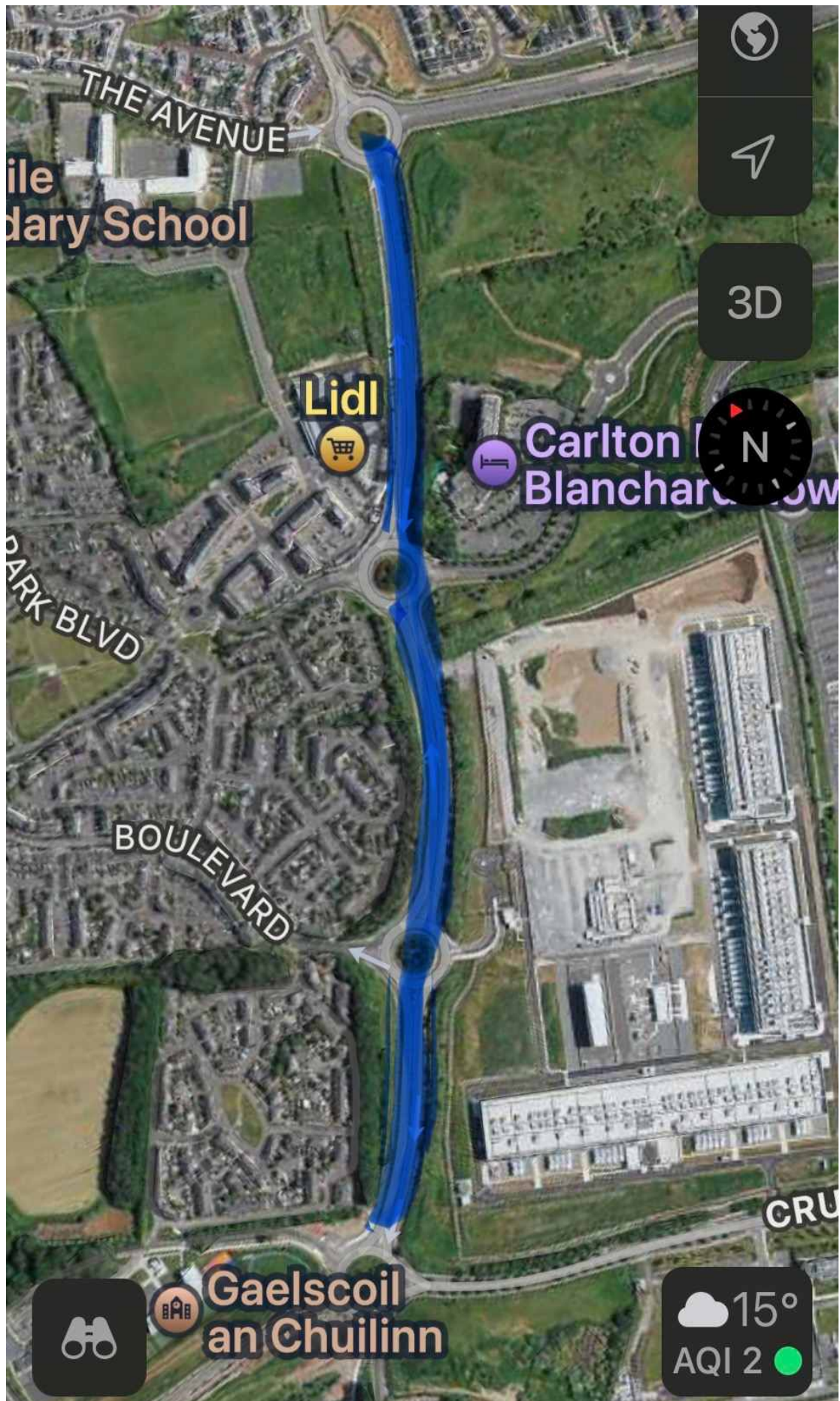
Report:

The Traffic Section have engaged a consultant to review existing road markings at the roundabouts on the R121. The consultant is due to carry out the review in the coming weeks. The aspiration of the review is to determine the easiest road markings for the roundabout, so that motorists are able to navigate the roundabout.

Once the review period is complete, if alterations are required to the road markings they will be carried out as soon as is practically possible.

Source of Report: Quintin Greally. Traffic Section, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 28

LIGHTING AT PLAYGROUND IN ONGAR PARK – AI104276

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive installs public lighting at the playground in Ongar Park to help alleviate some of the anti-social activity that has been taken place in the area for some time. Of greatest concern is the continual lighting of fires in the area, which is threat to the new playground equipment.”

Report:

There are over seventy (70) playgrounds throughout the county that are in the charge of the Council, and there is no public lighting on any of Council-owned playgrounds.

It is a long-held practice of the council not to light playgrounds, as these facilities should only be used during daylight hours. The playgrounds are monitored by our park rangers that work on different time schedules throughout the year (Park opening and closing times).

The provision of lighting in play areas has been found in the past, to encourage inappropriate late night use and associated anti-social behaviour.

Passive surveillance currently exists at the playground in Ongar Park from the adjacent apartment block. It is not planned to provide public lighting in this playground.

Source of Report:

Ms. Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

Mr. Stephen Johnson, Executive Parks and Landscape Office, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 29

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – WILLOW WOOD PARK - AI104277

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive installs traffic calming measures in Willow Wood Park as consultation has taken place with residents from Willow Wood Park, Willow Wood Close, Willow Wood Green, Elmwood and Stonebridge who overwhelmingly support the call for these measures.”

Report:

The Traffic Section will review the petition when it is submitted.

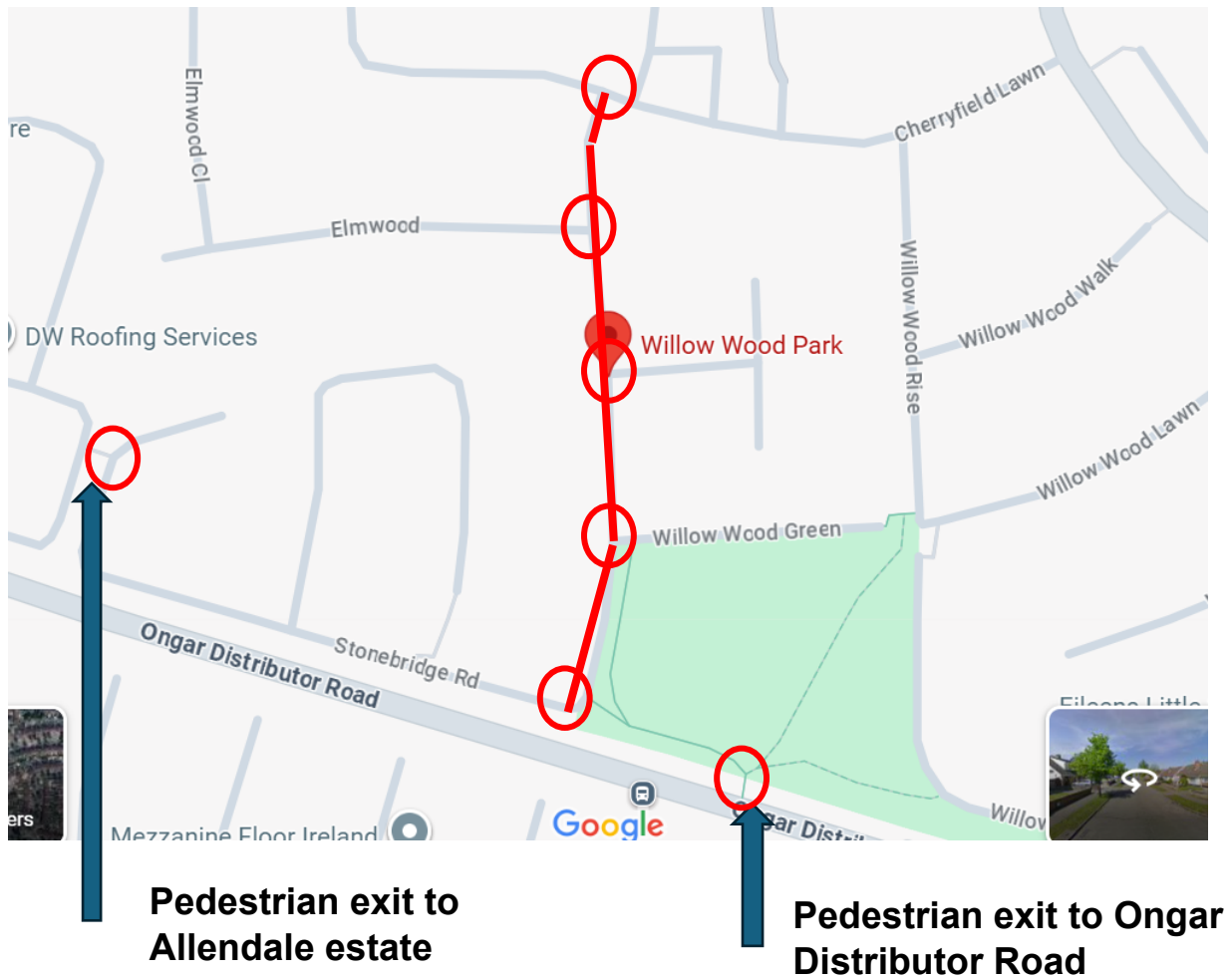
If the petition shows strong support for further traffic calming in Willow Wood Park, Willow Wood Close, Willow Wood Green, Elmwood and Stonebridge, the Traffic Section will carry out several speed surveys in the estate in Q4 of 2025.

The results of these surveys will determine if further traffic calming measures are required in the estate.

Source of Report: Quintin Greally, Traffic Section, Operations Department

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Traffic calming request Willow Wood Park



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ITEM NO. 30

UPDATE ON MICK WALSH PARK - AI104284

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive provides an update on the car park in Mick Walsh Park regarding illegal parking and a timeline on the insulation of CCTV.”

Report:

The Operations Parks department have no current proposals for CCTV at this location. As part of 2025 capital works, it is proposed to install 2 concrete islands in the car park to limit anti-social behaviour which will allow the removal of the rubber strips in the car park. While works are taking place, provision can be made for any future services through ducting and chamber installation.

The Operations department has no enforcement powers when it comes to removing vehicles. Mick Walsh Park like most of our Parks are open 24/7 and people are free to park there.

However, local clubs did bring it to our attention some months ago that the car park was being abused with cars being left for many days. The Operations & Environment Department have been liaising with An Garda Síochána in this regard.

CCTV will be installed at the end of October 2025 at this location. All illegal dumping caught on CCTV will be investigated and prosecuted where evidence of the perpetrator can be obtained.

Source of Report: Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 31

OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE POLICY IN THIS LEA - AI103576

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

“That the Chief Executive changes the policy in this Local Electoral Area toward large open space maintenance so that the grass is cut every two weeks instead of three.”

Report:

The Fingal County Council Open Space Strategy ‘Keeping It Green’ dated July 2015 outlines the guidelines and approach to open space management across the county. Section 3.2 highlights the ‘Open Space Management and Maintenance Hierarchy, which reflects the profile of different areas of open space under maintenance. It is important in establishing this hierarchy that risk management is addressed, as well as the usage pattern and amenity value of the open spaces in question.

The open space strategy prioritises the maintenance of the following elements of public open space in line with this hierarchy and according to their typology as follows: 1. Playgrounds, 2. Sports Facilities, 3. High Profile Open Space in towns and villages, 4. Open Space within Residential Areas, 5. Grassed Roadside Margins

In normal weather and full staff provision, the current grass maintenance schedule will consist of, Cricket pitches cut twice weekly, all other sports pitches are cut weekly, and all other open spaces/parks are cut fortnightly.

While the above is the aim of the Operations department this may be delayed due to numerous operational reasons. When disruption to normal schedules occur, the agreed hierarchy will assist with prioritising the works.

By Q2 2025, approximately 15 hectares (36 acres) of additional open space has come into maintenance in the Castleknock Mulhuddart Operational Area. This does not include grass verges within estates. The total area expected to be taken into maintenance is expected to be 31 hectares (75 acres) by the end of 2025.

While some additional staff resources have been provided and while further are planned, the sudden increase of new land and the extensive area being maintained has resulted in the two-week rotation being stretched to three weeks in certain instances depending on the type of open space involved, weather, machinery breakdown and resource shortages.

The next three to five years will be particularly challenging with the predicted quantity of open space and facilities due to be taken in charge. There will be a constant period of adjustment while trying to match the resources with the works' requirements. The area maintenance teams are working hard during this adjustment period to keep maintenance to an acceptable standard.

Source of Report:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.