

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 11th September, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Butler, Darragh
Boland, Mark
Smyth, John
Newman, Joe
Ryan Brendan
Johnston, Corina
Mulligan, Dean

Councillors:

O'Leary, Tom
Maguire, Grainne
Humphreys, James
Mulville, Paul
Dockrell, Eoin
Quinn, Malachy
Kelly, Darren Jack

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors C. Boland, L. Corkery, T. Murphy

In the absence of the Area Chair Councillor Luke Corkery, Councillor T. O'Leary presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer) Betty Boardman (County Librarian) Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer), Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Gerald Curley (Senior Executive Engineer), Fiona Glynn (Administrative Officer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Joan Kernan (Administrative Officer), Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer) Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Caitriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/403/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 12th of June 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 12th June 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor, T. O’Leary, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 60 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/405/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Schools - Donabate - AI103222

BSB/406/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Public Consultation on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade Project - AI103949

BSB/407/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Playground - Oldtown - AI103950

BSB/408/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Commencement date for Naul Village Park Project - AI103951

BSB/409/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the Ballymastone Recreational Hub - Donabate - AI103952

BSB/410/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the St. Ita’s Hospital Site - Portrane - AI103953

BSB/411/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Public and Private Childcare Services in this LEA - AI103955

BSB/412/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Active Travel Projects - Donabate - AI103956

BSB/413/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Indoor Community Facility - Ballymastone, Donabate - AI104008

BSB/414/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Choice Based Letting Properties in this LEA - AI103254

BSB/415/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Welfare Officer/Social Worker Public Drop-in Clinics in this LEA - AI103256

- BSB/416/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - Climate Action Plan Flood Defence - AI103534
- BSB/417/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on the Donabate Framework Plan 2024 - AI103651
- BSB/418/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Wren's Hill, Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103721
- BSB/419/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor P. Mulville - Community Based, Not-For-Profit Childcare Services in this LEA - AI104059
- BSB/420/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Improvement to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI104060
- BSB/421/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - AI104062
- BSB/422/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor L. Corkery - South Bank Vacant Homes - AI103881
- BSB/423/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor L. Corkery - Taking-in-Charge - Castlevue Laneways - Swords - AI103882
- BSB/424/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor J. Smyth - Design Issues - St. Cronan's Well Estate, Swords - AI103896
- BSB/425/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor J. Smyth - Ward River Valley Regional Park Plans - AI103898
- BSB/426/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on New Location for Swords Historical Society - AI103901
- BSB/427/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor J. Smyth - Child Care Facility Provision in this LEA - AI103903
- BSB/428/25** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update and Timeline for Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103936
- BSB/429/25** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on the Bath House - Martello - Balbriggan - AI103939
- BSB/430/25** (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor B. Ryan - Progress Report on Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103970

BSB/431/25 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor B. Ryan - Balbriggan Youth Creation Spaces - AI103971

BSB/432/25 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Footpath between Loughshinny and Skerries - AI103972

BSB/433/25 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the Opening of New Skerries Library - AI103973

BSB/434/25 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103987

BSB/435/25 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk - AI103989

BSB/436/25 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Brookfield Residents Association Requests - Rush - AI103990

BSB/437/25 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Outer Rogerstown Estuary Masterplan - AI103992

BSB/438/25 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Capital Projects in this LEA - AI103997

BSB/439/25 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Boland - Update on Road Safety Measures - Blake's Cross Junction - AI104002

BSB/440/25 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor C. Boland - Housing Stock and Housing Demand in this LEA - AI104010

BSB/441/25 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor D. Kelly - New Bridge - Bridge Street Swords - AI103999

BSB/442/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Tenant-in-Situ in this LEA - AI104016

BSB/443/25 (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Social Housing List in this LEA - AI104017

BSB/444/25 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Bulk Purchase of Homes in this LEA - AI104018

BSB/445/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Notification of Bulk Housing Stock Purchases - AI104019

BSB/446/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on the Western Distributor Road - Swords - AI104020

BSB/447/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Swords Cricket Club - AI104021

BSB/448/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Traffic Management and Infrastructure in this LEA - AI104023

BSB/449/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Road Safety Reviews - Oldtown - AI104026

BSB/450/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade Project - AI104027

BSB/451/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Naul Village Park - AI104031

BSB/452/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Report on Minister's Road - Lusk - AI104032

BSB/453/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Knockdromin House Study - AI104033

BSB/454/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on St. Ita's Campus - Portrane - AI104034

BSB/455/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Arts Trail for Rush - AI104037

BSB/456/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor T. Murphy - Incomplete Fencing - Balbriggan Beach - AI104040

BSB/457/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor T. Murphy - Bremore Regional Park - Balbriggan - AI104042

BSB/458/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Boat and Bath House - Balbriggan - AI104045

BSB/459/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Broadmeadow Community National School - AI104057

BSB/460/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Access Route at Swords Community College - AI104061

BSB/461/25 (Agenda Item No 58)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Phase 2 of Mooretown Development -
AI104063

BSB/462/25 (Agenda Item No 59)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor - Swords -
AI104065

BSB/463/25 (Agenda Item No 60)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Swords Cultural Quarter - AI104069

BSB/464/25 (Agenda Item No 61)
Applications for Funding

BSB/465/25 (Agenda Item No 61a)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and
AGREED:

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

BSB/466/25 (Agenda Item No 62)
Proposed Disposals

a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co.
Dublin to Mr. John Rodgers**

The Report was Noted.

b **Notice of Proposed Lease of Land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co.
Dublin to Donabate Golf Club CLG**

The Report was Noted.

BSB/467/25 (Agenda Item No 63)
Correspondence

a **Letter dated 3rd December 2024 from Irish Rail regarding Councillor P.
Mulville - Motion - Need for Platform Shelter on the Drogheda Bound
Platform at Donabate Railway Station - AI098922**

The correspondence from Irish Rail was NOTED.

b **Letter dated 23rd June 2025 from Dublin City Council regarding
Councillor D. Butler, Councillor D. Mulligan and Councillor J. Newman -
Motion - Santry - DCC and Fingal Working Group - AI097030**

The correspondence from Dublin City Council was NOTED.

c Letter dated 7th July 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor J. Humphreys - Motion - Public Transport in this LEA - AI098320

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED

BSB/469/25 (Agenda Item No 63d)

Letter dated 8th July 2025 from Local Link regarding Councillor D. Kelly - Motion - Additional Direct Bus Service to Beaumont Hospital from Swords - AI098629

The correspondence from Local Link was NOTED.

a E-mail dated 16th July 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Waste Water Treatment Services to Rural Villages in this LEA

The correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

b E-mail dated 28th August 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Johnston - Motion - Meeting to Discuss Connection of Corballis Residents to Donabate/Portrane Foul Water Scheme - AI102550

The correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

BSB/470/25 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor L. Corkery - Old Brackenstown Road Access Strategy - AI103765

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

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

BSB/471/25 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor L. Corkery - Invitation to MetroLink - AI102979

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary 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/472/25 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Invitation to Approved Housing Bodies in the LEA - AI103233

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

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

BSB/473/25 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for In-Person Meeting with HSE Regarding Status of St. Ita's Campus - AI102467

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

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

BSB/474/25 (Agenda Item No 68)

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

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

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

BSB/475/25 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor J. Smyth - Rates of Illegal Dumping in this LEA for 2025 - AI103144

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor 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 report was ACCEPTED

BSB/476/25 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor D. Butler - Statue for Saint Colmcille (St. Columba) in Swords - AI103383

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

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

BSB/477/25 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor M. Boland - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by M. Boland and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

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

BSB/478/25 (Agenda Item No 72)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on Naul Playground - AI103996

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/479/25 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor D. Kelly - Glasmore ESB Substation - AI104003

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly 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/480/25 (Agenda Item No 74)

Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Local Area Plan - AI104011

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

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

BSB/481/25 (Agenda Item No 75)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Public Consultation for the Naming of the New Library - Swords Cultural Quater - AI104070

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M. Boland

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: Three (3)

Against: Eight (8)

For: Councillors: J. Humphreys, D. Mulligan, P. Mulville

Against: Councillors: M. Boland, D. Butler, E. Dockrell, C. Johnston, D. Kelly, J. Newman, T. O'Leary, J. Smyth

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

BSB/482/25 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor J. Smyth - Averting Traffic Chaos for Swords - AI103147

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

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: Eight (8)

Against: Two (2)

Abstain: One (1)

For: Councillors: M. Boland, D. Butler, E. Dockrell, J. Humphreys, C. Johnston, D. Kelly, D. Mulligan, J. Smyth

Against: Councillors: P. Mulville, T. O'Leary

Abstain: Councillors: J. Newman

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

BSB/483/25 (Agenda Item No 77)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Feasibility Study to Extend the Community Centre - Donabate - AI103673

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

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

BSB/484/25 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillor J. Newman - Swords Historical Society - AI104012

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

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

The meeting concluded at 18:11

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

UPDATE ON PHASE 2 OF DONABATE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - AI104038

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users?”

Reply:

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. The emerging preferred route option for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road has been identified and non-statutory public consultation is expected to commence in October. Preliminary design work is set to follow on in 2026.

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 Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE - TURVEY PARK - AI104577

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of a Nature Education Centre at Turvey Park as laid out as an action in the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 - 2030 and a timeline for completion of this project?”

Reply:

At the moment, it is not possible to provide a definite timeline for the development of the centre as that is dependent on the planning approval process (part 8 v application to An Coimisiún Pleanála) and the budgetary requirements. The design and planning process is expected to take up to two years with work to commence in the coming months.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 04

Installation of School Safety Measures – Naul National School – AI104584

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing pencil bollards outside Naul National School and specialised road markings in front of the school, which would indicate to ongoing traffic that they are approaching a school and should drive with caution?”.

Reply:

- Naul National School is not included with the Safer Route to school programme managed through An Taisce.
- FCC Operations Department has carried out works previously and installed bollards and improved road markings on the approach to the school. And will install new solar school ahead signs as part of their 2025 works programme.
- Prior to the above, FCC Active Travel had included the school on the Active Travel permeability tracker which assesses, in turn, the current environment and any future feasible improvements that could be made.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Climate Action & Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 05

Converting Rush Library to a "My Open Library" - AI104588

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any plans to convert Rush Library into a "My Open Library", similar to other libraries in Fingal?"

Reply:

Currently, Baldoyle Library is the only library in Fingal operating as a "My Open Library". There are plans to install the system in all 10 branches in the County and to that end, €1.2m has been included in the Capital Programme 2026 – 2028 to accommodate "My Open Library" at Rush, Balbriggan and Garristown Libraries.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

Increase Visits of Mobile Library - Lusk – AI104589

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to increasing the number of occasions that the mobile library visits Lusk?”

Reply:

Currently the Mobile Library visits the public stop in Lusk every Thursday afternoon and also makes regular weekly visits to schools and creches in the immediate area. In the coming months, we will be reviewing the Mobiles Library timetable for 2026 and we will examine the possibility of more visits to Lusk.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

PROVISION OF WILDLIFE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION CENTRE - TURVEY NATURE RESERVE, DONABATE - AI104334

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the provision of a Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre at Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2022-2030?”

Reply:

At the moment, it is not possible to provide a definite timeline for the development of the centre as that is dependent on the planning approval process (part 8 v application to An Coimisiún Pleanála) and the budgetary requirements. The design and planning process is expected to take up to two years with work to commence in the coming months.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 08

HEALTHY STEPS COMMUNITY WALK - NEWBRIDGE DEMESNE, DONABATE - AI104534

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extend the Healthy Steps Community Walk organised by Healthy Fingal, over the autumn and winter period at Newbridge Demesne, given the numbers attending this weekly walk and the positive impact on the physical and mental health of participants?”

Reply:

Healthy Fingal has four Healthy Steps Community Walks taking place across Fingal, with walks currently organised in Balbriggan, Newbridge Demesne in Donabate and in Millenium Park in Blanchardstown and a new walk starting in October in Mulhuddart.

The Healthy Steps Community Walks were developed by Healthy Fingal in collaboration with the Council's Active Travel Section and are supported by the HSE. The Council is extending the walks until the end of November due to the popularity, strong attendance and highly positive feedback received from participants, which highlights the impact of the walks on both the physical and mental wellbeing of participants. The extension of the walks will ensure participants continue to benefit from regular activity and social connection throughout the autumn.

Healthy Fingal is also actively promoting indoor physical activity opportunities in association with Fingal's Sports Office, with the Healthy Steps Community Walks due to re-commence in 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - DONABATE/PORTRANE EDUCATE TOGETHER - AI104537

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the implementation of the Safe Routes to School at Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School and to include a timeline for the delivery of this project?”

Reply:

Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School is included in Round 3 of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme. This programme is administered by An Taisce, funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA), and delivered by Fingal County Council.

An Taisce is currently developing delivery plans with the Round 3 schools. Once these plans are finalised and submitted, Fingal County Council will review and select options, followed by preliminary and detailed design stages, public consultation, and construction.

Construction works are expected to begin in 2027.

Source of Reply: Vijaya Kumar Gude, Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 10

REPORT ON TRIAL ONE-WAY SYSTEM - BALLISK, DONABATE - AI104539

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recent trial of the one-way system in Ballisk, Donabate, undertaken by the Active Travel Department and to outline if any further measures were identified during this trial?”

Reply:

As part of European Mobility Week, the Active Travel Department conducted a one-week trial of a one-way traffic system in the vicinity of the school campuses for Gaelscoil na Mara Donabate Community College. The objective of the trial was to improve safety outside the schools, encourage active travel modes such as walking and cycling and assess the potential for road space reallocation in the area.

During the trial, vehicles accessed the area via Beaverstown Road and exited via Portrane Road, with a designated drop-off zone located at the Donabate Portrane Community Centre. Temporary traffic management measures—including directional signage and road cones—were put in place to guide vehicle movements and enhance safety. Fingal staff were on site daily to monitor the trial and address any short-term issues.

Initial feedback is largely positive. A review of the scheme will now take place, this will include the assessment of anonymised drone footage and a review of all feedback from the principals of both schools, local stakeholders and parents. Following which a decision will be made as to whether it is appropriate or not to formally adopt the scheme.

Source of Reply:

Namer: Larry Bergin Position: Senior Executive Engineer Department: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 11

Progress Report on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI104540

Question: C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme and to include a timeline for the commencement and completion of this project?”

Reply:

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick’s Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path, and in this regard the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat were issued to affected landowners in July.

The project team is currently liaising with affected landowners to finalise agreements regarding works to property boundaries prior to tendering for a builder. Tender documents are being finalised and are expected to be issued to the market this month with contract award to follow in November. It is anticipated that the construction phase will take 9 months to complete.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, P & SI

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ITEM NO. 12

Taking in Charge - Weston Park Estate, Oldtown - AI104548

Question: C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of the Weston Park Estate, Oldtown, detailing a timeline for the commencement of the outstanding works in the estate?”

Reply:

Building Control has recently appointed consulting engineers to bring developments throughout the county, including Weston Park, to the taking in charge standard. Information is currently being collated and provided to the consultants so that they can begin their review and snag Weston Park by the end of this year.

Once the estate has been snagged, a contractor will be appointed to carry out the works, and it is anticipated that works can then commence in Q1/Q2 2026.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 13

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TURVEY LOOP WALK/CYCLE WAY - DONABATE - AI104549

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way project including details of the proposed route and timeline for delivery of this project which is an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan?”

Reply:

There is currently no provision in the Capital Programme for this greenway route. The plan will be further reviewed in future Capital Programmes.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 14

Update on Castle Mill Link Road, Balbriggan – AI104486

Question: M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance of the Castle Mill Link Road in Balbriggan including who is responsible for the upkeep of the grass verges, kerbs and cycle lanes at this locations?”

Reply:

The Castle Mills Link Road is scheduled to be taken into maintenance shortly. The Council will then assume responsibility for the upkeep of the grass verges, kerbs and cycle lanes along the road.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, A/SE, P & SI Department

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ITEM NO. 15

**Update on Taking in Charge of New Haven Court, Flemington Lane,
Balbriggan - AI104490**

Question: M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of New Haven Court, Balbriggan and if it has been taken in charge by the Council?”

Reply:

Roads and services in New Haven Court were taken in charge as part of New Haven Bay estate in January 2023.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

Report on Abandoned Vehicles in this LEA - AI104562

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of abandoned vehicles lifted in this Local Electoral Area over the last 12 months and to advise if abandoned vehicles remain an issue locally including whether any increase or other trend has been identified?”

Reply:

In the past 12 months, a total of 7 Abandoned Vehicles has been lifted in this LEA

For 2025 to date there has been a total of 324 reports received of abandoned vehicles in the County, of which there are currently 30 active cases being investigated for this LEA. Upon investigation a large number of cases are found to be a parking/storage issue and are moved/removed prior to being lifted.

Source of Reply/Report: Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 17

TENANT ACTIONS REGARDING MOULD AND DAMP ISSUES- AI104499

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what actions Council tenants in this Local Electoral Area can take in instances when their homes are experiencing persistent issues with damp and mould?"

Reply:

Mould is a significant and widespread issue in Irish homes due to our varied climate, often caused by excess moisture from activities like cooking, washing, poor ventilation, and cold surfaces.

Appropriate ventilation throughout the property on a daily basis is essential to help combat condensation and the build-up of mould. Windows should be opened daily for at least 30 minutes for adequate airflow.

Drying clothes indoors alone can produce almost five litres of moisture a day. The average person asleep adds half a pint of water to the air overnight which is doubled during daily activities.

To kill and remove mould, wipe down or spray walls and window frames with an antifungal wash that carries a Health Service Executive (HSE) 'approval number', and ensure that you follow the instructions for its safe use. Decorating using a good-

quality fungicidal paint and a fungicidal resistant wall paper paste will help prevent mould from recurring.

Source of Reply: Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer.,

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ITEM NO. 18

Updated Road Safety Assessment - Applewood Community Centre - Swords - A1104500

Question: J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an updated road safety assessment/audit to be carried out on the stretch of road adjacent to Applewood Community Centre in light of safety concerns from parents and the requirement for an additional signalled crossing at this location?"

Reply:

The section of road referenced is not yet in charge of Fingal County Council and remains under the control of the developer. Should the developer request that the area be taken in charge they will need to undertake a Road Safety Audit as part of the taking in charge process. Fingal County Council will require the roads (including footpaths) and services to be repaired, fully completed and brought to the required standard prior to it being considered for taking in charge. The Building Control Section will contact the developer to inform them that this section of road is not in charge and that they need to submit a request to progress the taking in charge process.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

UPDATE ON TENANT-IN SITU SCHEME IN LEA-AI104502

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many homes in this Local Electoral Area are currently being considered for purchase through the Tenant -in-Situ scheme and if funds have been allocated for this in the 2026 Budget?”

Reply:

We have received information on advance funding for TiS for 2026 and also a commitment to fund the homes that we purchased in 2024 and completed in 2025.

In addition, we have been provided with a fund to acquire specific types of homes targeted to address long-term homelessness in 2025 and 2026.

We are in the process of reviewing the criteria required to avail of these funding streams and also the needs of the families that have been in homeless accommodation for the longest and those families at the greatest risk, to ensure we get the most benefit from these funding streams. This review to determine exactly how the scheme criteria will be applied in Fingal is ongoing at the moment.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 20

Unauthorised Construction/Tree Felling - Ward River Valley Regional Park - AI104591

Question: J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if the council is aware of any unauthorised construction and or tree felling occurring in the Ward River Regional Park, in particular in the areas adjacent to ushers lake and the historical cottage/ brackenstown house which is not part of the councils own redevelopment"

Reply:

The Parks & Green Infrastructure project team are unaware of any unauthorised construction and or tree felling occurring in the Ward River Regional Park, in particular in the areas adjacent to Usher's Lake and the historical cottage/ Brackenstown house.

Source of Reply:

Mark Finnegan, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, P&SI

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ITEM NO. 21

**Update on the Protection of the Well at the Lord Mayor's Site,
Swords - AI104508**

Question: D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the protection of the Well at the site of the Lord Mayor’s Pub in Swords?”

Reply:

There is an open enforcement file at this location and the Planning Enforcement section will liaise with the Heritage Officer as appropriate on this matter.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 22

**UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND - WARD RIVER VALLEY PARK, SWORDS -
AI104509**

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the “landmark playground” proposed for the Ward River Valley Park?”

Reply:

The proposed playground within the Ward River Regional Park is currently at design stage. The proposed playground will form part of the planning permission application for the regional park project.

Source of Reply:
Kevin Halpenny, Chief Parks and Landscape Officer

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ITEM NO. 23

LINK GLASMORE ABBEY TO ST. CRONAN'S WELL, SWORDS - AI104519

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to link Glasmore Abbey Structure to St. Cronan’s Well in Swords to create further green infrastructure, like the Archaeological Park near Applewood Community Centre at Millers Glen, to protect these important heritage sites and to indicate a timeline for same?”

Reply:

The opportunity for a link as requested will be investigated in consultation with the relevant sections of the Council having regard to the constraints relating to this historically significant site.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

UPDATE ON FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS - AI104520

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on and to confirm key projects, as identified by the Fingal Biodiversity Forum, for forest management plans for St. Catherine’s Park, Ward River Valley Park, Newbridge, Santry and Malahide demesnes and advise if they will be implemented over the next 3 years?”

Reply:

Woodland management plans have been prepared for St Catherines Park (Lucan), the Ward River Valley (Swords) and Newbridge Demesne (Donabate). The management plans for the woodlands at Malahide and Ardgillan Demesne are currently being prepared, while a tender for the management plan of the Santry woods is to be issued in the coming months.

The majority of the woodland management works relate to the thinning of the woodlands, dealing with Ash dieback and invasive species control. Felling licences have been applied for from the Forest Service for the Ward River Valley and Newbridge Demesne to deal with the thinning out operations. No response has been received to date.

In the meantime, the council has made a start with the removal invasive species control such as Cherry Laurel, Snowberry and Bamboo in the woodlands at St Catherines Park, the Ward River Valley at Ushers Lake and in Newbridge Demesne.

The invasive species management will continue over the next couple of years and the thinning operations will be carried once the felling licences are received.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 25

REPORT ON BATHING WATER ANALYSES - BALBRIGGAN, SKERRIES AND LOUGHSHINNY - AI104550

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the bathing water analyses recently completed during bathing season, at Balbriggan, Skerries and Loughshinny designated bathing areas and to outline the implications for future blue flag achievement?”

Reply:

The 2025 bathing water season ended on the 15th September 2025 and the following table outlines Fingal County Council's summation of the bathing water sample results that were returned for samples collected at South Strand Beach, Skerries, Loughshinny Beach and Front Strand Beach, Balbriggan in 2025.

Please be advised that this report is Fingal County Council's estimate of what the Environmental Protection Agency's bathing water assessment may be and that the official assessment will follow when the EPA adjudicates on the assessment of bathing waters usually in Q4 of each sampling year.

Scheduled sampling (single sample status assessment) results for 2025 bathing season

Classification 2025 based on EPA assessment (4-year period 2021-2024)	'Changes' (no classification assigned)		
Date	Balbriggan, Front Strand beach	Skerries, South Strand beach	Loughshinny beach
26/05/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
03/06/2025	Poor		
4/6/2025* Prohibition Notice lifted 6/6/25	Excellent*		
09/06/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16/06/2025	Excellent		
23/06/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent
30/06/2025	Excellent		
07/07/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent
14/07/2025	Excellent		
21/07/2025	Poor**	Excellent	Excellent
25/07/2025* Prohibition Notice lifted	Excellent*	Excellent*	Excellent*
28/07/2025^	Excellent		
05/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
11/08/2025	Excellent		
18/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
25/08/2025	Excellent		
02/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
08/09/2025	Excellent		
09/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Good
15/09/2025*			Excellent*

* Indicates a re-sample was taken on this date and ^ indicates a replacement sample (pre-season/in-season) was taken on this date

** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach following the "poor" water quality result
Advisory Notice issued at this beach following "sufficient" result
*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach due to a pump station overflow

*Resample required to lift a temporary warning notice
Orange Weather warning for rainfall issued Sunday 20 th July, 2025
*Resample required if result less than Excellent (if not sampled weekly)

Balbriggan, Front Strand beach

Bathing water at Balbriggan was sampled on 17 occasions during the 2025 bathing season. Of the 17 samples collected, 13 met excellent bathing water quality, 2 met good bathing water quality and 2 met poor bathing water quality.

Based on a review of the aforementioned results it is likely that a “Poor” classification will be assigned to Front Strand Beach Balbriggan due to the exceptional elevated result attained for the sample collected on 21/7/2025 (second poor result) when the sample was taken during an orange weather warning for rainfall – see below which co-incided with the set bathing water sampling calendar;

The implication of a “Poor” classification means that in terms of bathing water quality it will not be possible to attain a blue flag award for this beach in 2026.

Loughshinny Beach

Loughshinny bathing water was tested on 9 occasions during the 2025 bathing water season. Of the 9 samples collected and tested, 8 samples were of excellent standard and 1 sample met the standard for good.

The likely classification based on the 4-year period (2022-2025) for this beach is “Good”. The implication of a “Good” classification would mean an application for a blue flag award will not be possible in 2026 as “Excellent” water quality classification (EPA assessment) is one of the criteria to be met to be eligible to apply.

Skerries, South Strand Beach

Skerries beach had 9 scheduled samples collected and tested during the 2025 bathing water season. All 9 samples met excellent water quality standard.

The likely classification for this bathing area is considered to be “Excellent” based on the 4-year period (2022-2025).

The implication of an “Excellent” classification would mean an application for a blue flag award could be possible in 2026 as “Excellent” water quality classification (EPA assessment) is one of the criteria to be eligible to apply.

However, Blue Flags are awarded each year by An Taisce to beaches provided the bathing area meets with the requirements of a wide range of criteria. The water quality results from the previous four bathing seasons (2022-2025) must accompany all applications to An Taisce.

Applications for 2026 are made by Fingal County Council for bathing waters that have excellent water quality classification for two consecutive years.

Source of Reply:

Rita McGrath, Executive Scientist, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 26

Update on Use of CCTV for Illegal Dumping - AI104551

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the use of CCTV to identify people engaged in illegal dumping in the Balbriggan area?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council is rolling out a program of CCTV subject to the approval of the CCTV Oversight Board, to deal with litter and waste enforcement throughout the county, that will be approved by the CCTV and mobile Recording Devices Oversight Board and the Chief Executive, under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.

The location of the CCTV cameras will be based on evidence of ongoing illegal dumping and littering in an area and will be reviewed after 5 years. The collection and use of any images / footage containing PII (Personal Identifiable Information) must be compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018 (Ireland) and GDPR requirements.

The Council will continue to identify areas most in need of CCTV across the Balbriggan area and seek approval from the CCTV and mobile Recording Devices Oversight Board and the Chief Executive, for installation as required.

Source of Reply: Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 27

NOTICES SERVED ON DERELICT SITES AND BUILDINGS - BALBRIGGAN - AI104552

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of notices served on owners or occupiers of derelict sites or buildings in the Balbriggan area in the first nine months of this year?”

Reply:

44 no. statutory notices under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended have issued in the Balbriggan LEA in the first nine months of 2025.

These are broken down in the following table whereby:

- Section 11 Notice – Notice of Measures to be carried out to render the site non derelict.
- Section 8(2) – Intent to place property on the Derelict Sites Register.
- Section 8(7) – Notice of entry onto the Register.
- Section 22 – Notice of determined market value of property.
- Section 23 – Levy demand on property.
- Section 8(3) – Notice of removal of property from the Register.

	Section 11	Section 8(2)	Section 8(7)	Section 22	Section 23	Section 8(3)
Balbriggan	18	8	6	3	8	1

6 no. sites have complied with Section 11 Notices in Balbriggan year to date.

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

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ITEM NO. 28

UPDATE ON LOUGHSHINNY PLAYGROUND - AI104553

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the promised playground in Loughshinny?”

Reply:

Staff from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department are currently preparing a planning pack for internal review as part of a non-statutory Part VIII Consultation process. It is anticipated that a formal part of the planning process will commence in early 2026.

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

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ITEM NO 29

UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN - SKERRIES - AI104554

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of an Active Travel Plan for Skerries?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Project Team, together with our Integrated Design Team, have been working over the summer on the overall Skerries Draft Active Travel Plan. A number of projects will fall out of this plan and are being developed and will be presented.

The Project Team held a workshop with the various departments within Fingal to develop the plan in line with our corporate and development plans.

The project team has also engaged with our public transport stakeholders in the area to look at various initiatives and linkages that can be developed and supported through the plan.

The Project Team is at an advanced stage of the draft plan and will be issuing an invite to the member to attend a briefing on the draft plan in early November in advance of non-statutory public consultation.

The team has engaged a Comms Consultant to manage this consultation process which will take place during November via various workshops. These workshops will be held in the local Skerries Area. These will be advertised in advance, and we encourage the members to assist in spreading the word about these engagements to ensure that we receive a good turn out and meaningful engagement on this exciting Draft Skerries Active Travel Plan.

Source of Reply: Breen Doris Position: Senior Executive Engineer Department: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 30

REPORT ON LAND ADJACENT TO LOUGHSHINNY BEACH - AI104555

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any recent engagement with the Loughshinny landowner who owns the land adjacent to the beach and the stairs?”

Reply:

The Council's Property Services Section is actively engaging with the landowner in Loughshinny who owns the land adjacent to the beach and stairs regarding the potential acquisition of land.

The Council has appointed a Valuer and negotiations are proceeding, however agreement has not yet been reached with the landowner.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

Four Bedroom Social Homes Balbriggan – AI104556

Question: Council B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether any additional four bed additional four -bedroomed social homes will be available for allocation in the Balbriggan area in Quarter 4 2025 or Quarter 1 2026?”

Reply:

There is currently one four-bedroom home in Balbriggan currently undergoing relet works and the date it is to be made available for allocation is yet to be confirmed. There will be one four-bedroom property (re-let) available in Skerries and eleven four- bedroom new homes available in Donabate in Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 32

Pond Maintenance of Skerries Mills – AI104558

Question: B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current condition of the pond at Skerries Mills and what further maintenance is planned?”

Reply:

A third of the reed growth and sludge in the pond is to be removed this autumn to restore the pond to its original depth and create more open water.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 33

Taking in Charge - Forge Estate, Lusk – AI104569

Question: M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of the Forge Estate in Lusk and to provide a list of outstanding items to be completed prior to it being taken in charge?”

Reply:

The Building Control section has been in communication with the developer of this estate. However, there has been no meaningful progress from the developer despite assurances that works would take place to bring the estate to the taking in charge standard.

If no progress is forthcoming, Fingal County Council will have to consider sequestering the development bond.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Building Control, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 34

UPDATE ON LUSK SPORTS HUB - AI104570

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Lusk Sports Hub since the granting of planning permission and to provide a timeline for the commencement of construction works?”

Reply:

The Lusk Recreational Sports Hub at Rathmore Park is currently at detailed design stage. It is expected that the works tender will be published in January. The on-site works are expected to commence in Q2 2026 subject to the successful completion of the tender process and availability of the appointed contractor.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

**UPDATE ON SPORTS AND INDOOR FACILITY AUDIT - LUSK AND
RUSH - AI104571**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Sports Facility Audit that has been carried out with particular attention to the sporting and indoor facilities in the Lusk and Rush areas?”

Reply:

Following the draft audit that was presented to the members in May, the consultant was dealing with several queries raised which will form the basis of the final report. This has now been updated, and the final report will be presented to Area Committees before the end of the year.

Source of Reply:

Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports

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ITEM NO. 36

OPENING OF ROGERSTOWN PARK ON SUNDAYS - AI104573

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on and timeline for the opening of Rogerstown Park on Sundays?”

Reply:

There are no proposals to extend the opening hours of the park at the moment. A Park Development Plan has been developed by Fingal County Council for Rogerstown Park (former Balleally landfill). The Council is seeking confirmation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that this Park Development Plan is acceptable to them in the context of the Closure and Aftercare Plan for the former landfill. If this confirmation is received from the EPA, the Council will progress relevant statutory planning approval for the Park Development Plan and the closely related active travel route between the park and the town of Lusk. Pending a response from the EPA, the Council is allowing for a limited level of public access, and it is planned to extend this public access in the context of the further development of the park as planned.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

UPDATE ON SPORTS PITCHES AT THE PROPOSED RUSH SPORTS HUB - AI104575

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of additional sports pitches at the proposed Rush Sports Hub to be located north of St. Catherine’s Estate in Rush and to provide a timeline on when the next meeting will take place with other stakeholders on this project?”

Reply:

The Council is continuing to liaise with local clubs in Rush in relation to their needs and proposals for a Recreational Hub. A meeting with the Clubs will be arranged in the near future to update them on the project and to get their further inputs.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

Commencement Notice CN0125059FL – AI104599

Question: P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the conversion of Ballisk House, where the compliance documentation as mentioned below is available for members of the public to view?”

Reply:

A request to view this documentation can be made to EETCD, the lead Council Department delivering this project.

Source of Reply: Seamus Martin, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO 39

UPDATE ON SKERRIES HARBOUR PART VIII PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS AND ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES SCHEME - AI104600

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the approved Skerries Harbour Part VIII Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel Measures Scheme and if a funding source has been identified?”

Reply:

The Active Travel Project Team, together with its Integrated Design Team, have been progressing the detailed design and tender documents for the scheme since it was approved in the June Council meeting by the members.

The Project will be split into two phases for the construction phase.

Phase 1 will concentrate on the Red Island Loop, the rationalisation of the car parks, and the active travel pathways along the south shore beach and the Dorn Lane.

It is planned that we will go out to tender for a works contractor in Q1 of 2026, with works to commence mid to late Q1 2026 on the ground.

Phase 2 will concentrate on the works along Harbour Road, which will include the undergrounding of the overhead utilities. This work will not progress until Phase 1 is substantially completed at the end of 2026, early 2027.

Discussions have been held with the NTA in relation to funding, and while some funding will be made available for the active travel elements in our 2026 allocation, the public realm elements will have to be funded through an alternative source to be identified.

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ITEM NO. 40

Update on Pedestrian and Cycle Safety - Blake's Cross – AI104601

Question: P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress on improving pedestrian and cycle safety at Blake's Cross, in particular given the greatly increased pedestrian travel from the Airport View homeless family emergency accommodation centre, to the bus stop on the other side of Blake's Cross, which is a very unsafe route that people have no choice but to walk along a road with no path and a main junction with no safe pedestrian crossing?"

Reply:

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department are currently undertaking a project to upgrade Blakes cross Junction which will include for significantly improved connectivity across the junction for pedestrians' cyclists and vulnerable road users.

A Fingal County Council project team is in place, and the Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to assist the Council with the initial phases of the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade project, such as feasibility and option selection.

As the project is a large-scale capital infrastructure project, it will take a number of years to bring the project from the initial stages through to completion of construction.

The current status of the project is as follows: data-gathering, traffic modelling and concept development have been carried out along with completion of various surveys (e.g. traffic surveys, topographical surveys, initial ecological surveys, road safety audit, etc.).

The Option Assessment stage of the project is nearing completion with the Council's project team currently examining landownership in the vicinity of the junction. Once the preferred junction option for Blakes Cross is identified, the project will proceed to non-statutory public consultation, expected later in 2025. The project will then proceed to preliminary design in 2026.

Subsequent years will see progress on further stages of work, such as environmental assessment, planning consent, construction, etc.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, P&SI

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ITEM NO. 41

HOMELESS FAMILY EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES IN THIS LEA- AI104602

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of further homeless family emergency accommodation facilities in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area?”

Reply:

The Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) is responsible for the provision of emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region. Fingal Co. Co. extensively supports the DRHE wherever possible.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke – Administrative Officer, Homeless Services

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ITEM NO. 42

UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE - PORTRANE - AI104603

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of providing a much-needed children’s play space in Portrane?”

Reply:

Arrangements are being made to undertake non-statutory consultation with local residents in Portrane in relation to potential locations for a playground located on public open space. The results of this consultation will be presented as part of a draft proposal to a future Area Committee Meeting.

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

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ITEM NO. 43

UPDATE ON MURTAGH'S OF BALLOUGH - AI104604

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise the exact date that the Council purchased Murtagh's of Ballough, the specific reason it was acquired and the reason that the intended use has not, to date, been progressed?"

Reply:

The Council acquired the property Murtagh's of Ballough on the 10th May 2019 for housing purposes.

Since the acquisition the Council has been unsuccessful in securing the necessary funds from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refurbish the property to meet the housing needs of the county. There are substantial works required to bring the property into use for housing purposes and the cost of the works do not meet value for money requirements.

The Council has re-evaluated the site and reviewed potential alternative uses for the property and available funding streams, however a viable way forward to bring the property into use has not been identified.

The Council now intends to dispose of the property.

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

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ITEM NO. 44

UPDATE ON DEDICATED SPACE FOR DONABATE YOUTH SERVICE - AI104605

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions, if any, between Crosscare or the Education Training Board (ETB), regarding the provision of dedicated space in the Donabate area for the local youth service workers to operate from?”

Report:

In recognition of their work in the community and in the interests of supporting the increased provision of youth services in the county, the Council through the Community Development will continue to engage with Fingal CYPSC Youth Space Sub-committee of which Crosscare/Swords Youth Services and DDLETB are members. This engagement is to support and assist these dedicated youth service providers in identifying a suitable premises in the Donabate/Portrane area from which they can operate their youth services.

Where the Property Department can or needs to assist, such assistance will be provided.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.
Linda Ennis, Principal Community Officer, Housing and Community Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 45

Update on Western Distributor Road - Swords – AI104610

Question: J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Western Distributor Road for Swords, including current status, anticipated tendering and how delays are impacting traffic on the Rathbeale Road and Jugback Lane?”

Reply:

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions.

The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (MetroLink) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue.

Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 46

Update on Primary Care Centre - Seatown, Swords – AI104611

Question: J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has received any updates from the HSE regarding the proposed Primary Care Centre at Seatown, in particular whether a pre-planning meeting has taken place and if there have been any discussions with the Council on the design, access or integration with local services?”

Reply:

In the last 12 months we, (the Swords Planning Team) have not received from the HSE any planning application regarding a Primary Care Centre at Seatown, and no pre planning meeting has taken place in the last 12 months. Also, no discussions have been had with the Planning Team on the design, access or integration with local services.

Source of Reply: Solomon Aroboto, S/E Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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

THURSDAY, 9th October 2025

Item No. 47a

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
Active Retirement Club Skerries GA-003611	€600	Bus for AGM Bonnington Santry	N	N/A	€600
Balbriggan Community Council GA-003589	€3000	Banner, leaflets and T.Shirts Stationary Equipment Launch	Y	2023 - €1659	€1772

		Hall Rental and Subsistence			
Garristown Community Council GA-003606	€2998	Renewal of Group Insurance. Purchase of microwave oven Toaster	Y	2024 - €2999.94 2023 - €2829	€2998
Lusk Men's Shed GA-003602	€1080	Pure Movement Pilates coach/trainer Room Rental	N	N/A	€1080
Skerries Men's Shed GA-003613	€2575	Seated Pilates 25 weeks Woodturning Classes 4 sessions	Y	2024 - €800	€2575
Skerries Sea Sharps GA-003571	€3000	Lark Rental of venue etc Technical Support A/V Recording Choir Riser Rental Grand Piano Rental Electric Organ Rental	N	N/A	€3000
Swords Community First Responders GA-003593	€374.00	Defibrillator pad replacements over the year.. we have 7 in Swords. Public access defibrillators	Y	N/A	373.50
		Seven leaders to be First Aid trained so that			

OWLS - The Childrens Nature Charity GA-003609	€1,500	they will have a life long skill being able to administer first aid and be to run events on their own going ahead into the future.	Y	2024 - €1,784	€1,500
Rush Tidy Towns GA-003619	€2,952	Aoife Munn Talks Gardening Equipment Spares and Servicing River Cleaning Equipment East Coast Dance Group - Let's Play Rush Debera Casey Face Painting - Let's Play Sheena & Alison Face Painting - Let's PI	Y	2024 - €3,000 2023 - €3,000	€2,952

**REMEDIAL WORKS MULTI PURPOSE FACILITES FUNDING GRANT
APPLICATIONS**

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For & breakdown of items.	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Yes/No	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
Rush Dramatic Society GA- 003595	€29,680.25	Triple glaze windows to include internal black-out blinds in windows Disability ramp Repairs to fire doors frame media panels to make waterproof Replacement of external facia	No	N/A	€29,680.00

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1802
 Taking In Charge – Glaslinn
 DED: Donabate, TL: Ballisk

Road Name	Length	Description
Glaslinn (a) Main	132m	From junction of Portrane Rd (L2170), heading South passing at 7m on left hand side a Junction with Glaslinn No. 1 to 7, bend to left at 89m and heading East to Tri-junction at No.15/22 Glaslinn.
Glaslinn (b) Cul-de-sac	57m	7m from main entrance heading 57m East from junction at No. 7 to cul-de-sac at No.1.
Glaslinn (c) Cul-de-sac	62m	From tri-junction at 15/22 heading North for 40m then bending east for 22m to cul-de-sac at No.26.
Glaslinn (d) Cul-de-sac	33m	From tri-junction at 15/22 heading South for 33m to cul-de-sac at No.19.
	Total Length: 284m	

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ITEM NO.

GLASLINN, DONABATE, CO DUBLIN

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 – 1802
Taking In Charge – Glaslinn
DED: Donabate, TL: Ballisk

Road Name	Length	Description
Glaslinn (a) Main	132m	From junction of Portrane Rd (L2170), heading South passing at 7m on left hand side a Junction with Glaslinn No. 1 to 7, bend to left at 89m and heading East to Tri-junction at No.15/22 Glaslinn.
Glaslinn (b) Cul-de-sac	57m	7m from main entrance heading 57m East from junction at No. 7 to cul-de-sac at No.1.
Glaslinn (c) Cul-de-sac	62m	From tri-junction at 15/22 heading North for 40m then bending east for 22m to cul-de-sac at No.26.

Glaslinn (d) Cul-de-sac	33m	From tri-junction at 15/22 heading South for 33m to cul-de-sac at No.19.
	Total Length: 284m	



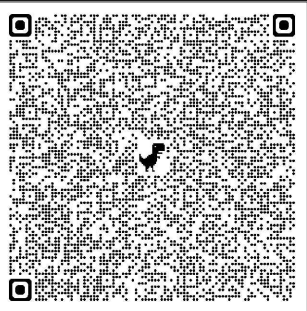
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Manhole Schedule, Glaslinn, Donabate

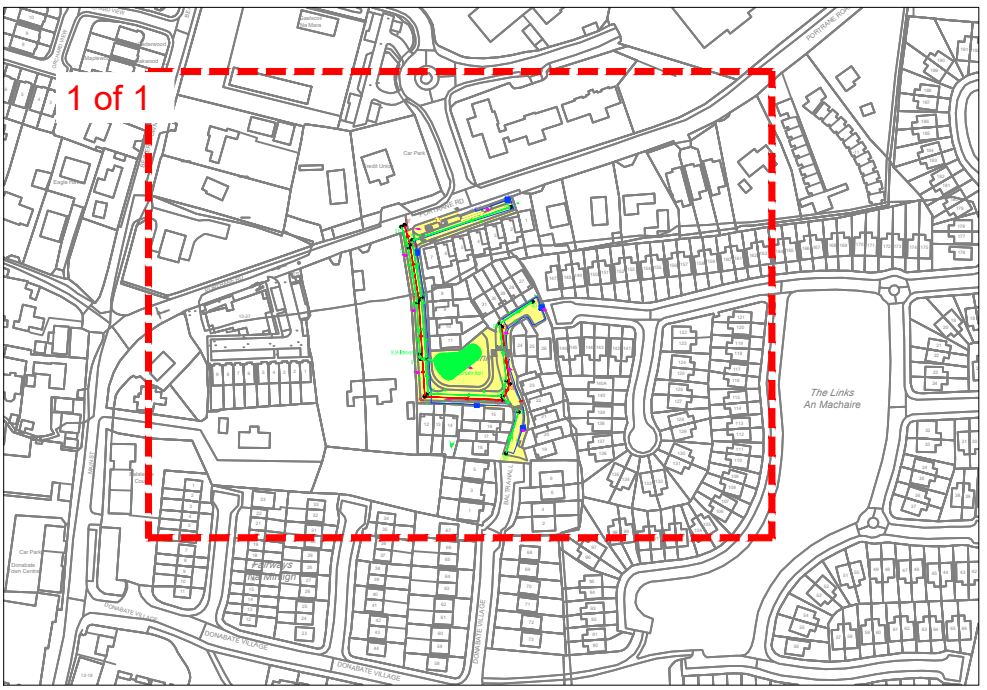
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S01	6.78	5.26	225
S02	6.58	4.86	225
S03	6.59	5.61	225
S04	6.38	5.28	225
S05	6.43	4.77	225
S06	6.47	4.69	225
S07	6.2	4.32	225
S08	5.57	4.75	225
S09	5.29	4.37	225
S10	5.67	4.27	225
S11(Hydrobrake)	6.05	3.95	225
S Attenuation	5.4	4.2	225
S12	6.06	4.09	225
S12A(Interceptor)	6.02	2.72	225
S13	5.7	3.86	225
S14	5.29	3.72	225
S15	5.39	3.56	225

Foul Sewer			
MH Ref	C.L. (m)	I.L. (m)	Dia. (mm)
F01	6.39	4.81	225
F02	6.41	4.36	225
F03	6.49	4.2	225
F04	6.22	3.48	225
F05	5.7	3.01	225
F06	5.29	2.7	225
F07	5.41	2.04	225

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Key Plan



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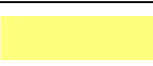
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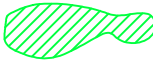
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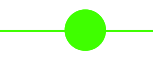
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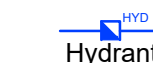
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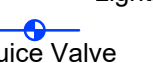
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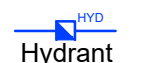
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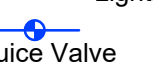
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 Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

 Watermains

 Public Lighting

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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO.

TAYLOR HILL PHASE 1 & 2, BALBRIGGAN, CO DUBLIN

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 – 1803

Taking In Charge – Taylor Hill Phase 1 & 2, Balbriggan

DED: Balbriggan Rural, TL: Clonard

Road Name	Length	Description
The Green	306m	From the entrance at Castlemill Link Road, heading Southwest for 239m, meeting The Wood in front of House No.32. The branch road begins at the junction in front of House No. 15 The Green, travel North and finishes at the end, passing House No. 12 The Green.
The Crescent	380m	The Road begins at the junction in front of House No. 6a The Crescent, travels northeast, to the cul-de-sac in front of House No.1 (74m) The road starts in front of House No. 7, The Crescent, heads south, then turns

		west in front of House No. 21, The Crescent, and ends at the junction near House No. 27, The Crescent.
The Walk	310m	The road starts at its junction with The Green, heading south. After passing the roundabout, it continues southward, curves eastward, and stops just passing public light no. 111.
The View	132m	The road starting from the junction in front of House No.16 The View, heading West and finishes at the junction in front of House No. 1 The View.
The Wood	236m	The road begins at the junction of the The Close, heading South for 127m to the junction of The View, Keep heading South for 109m to the junction of the Way.
The Close	128m	The road starts in front of House No. 1, The Close, heads northeast, and finishes at the end passing House No. 20 The Close.
The Way	341m	The road begins at the junction of Boulevard and Way, heads straight northeast, and ends at the junction at the roundabout.
The Park	314m	The road begins at the cul-de-sac in front of House No. 15 on Park, heads Northeast, turning Southeast and then heading Northeastto the junction of the Wood.
The Drive	47m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 32 on Way, heads

		northwest through the Drive, and ends in front of House No. 4 on The Drive.
The Rise	103m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 14 on Rise, travels southwest, and ends at the junction in front of House No. 1 on Rise.
The Grange	241m	The road begins at the junction southeast of House No. 6, travels northwest, passes several junctions along the way, and ends at the junction of The Terrace.
The Court	52m	The road begins at the junction north of House No. 1 on Court, travels west, passing several points along the way, and ends at its terminus.
The Mews	109m	Road beginning at the junction, in front of house No. 5 Court, travelling Northwest and stopping at the junction in front of house No. 7 Gardens.
The Grove	38m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 5 The Grove and finishes at the end in front of House No. 1 The Grove.
The Terrace	35m	From the junction of The Gardens heading North to the cul-de-sac in front of House No.1.
The Gardens	98 m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 36 on Grange, travels west, and ends at the terminus in front of the public open

		space opposite to House No. 13 on The Gardens.
Footpath Connecting The Mews to The Grange	48m	The footpath starts from House No.1 The Mews heading Northeast to the House No.43 on the Grange.
Footpath Connecting The Park to The Way	58m	The footpath starts from House No.2 The Park heading South to the House No.13 on the Way.
Footpath Connecting The Gardens to The Mews	105m	The footpath starts from House No.13 The Gardens heading South to the House No.10 on the Mews.
	Total= 3081 m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1803

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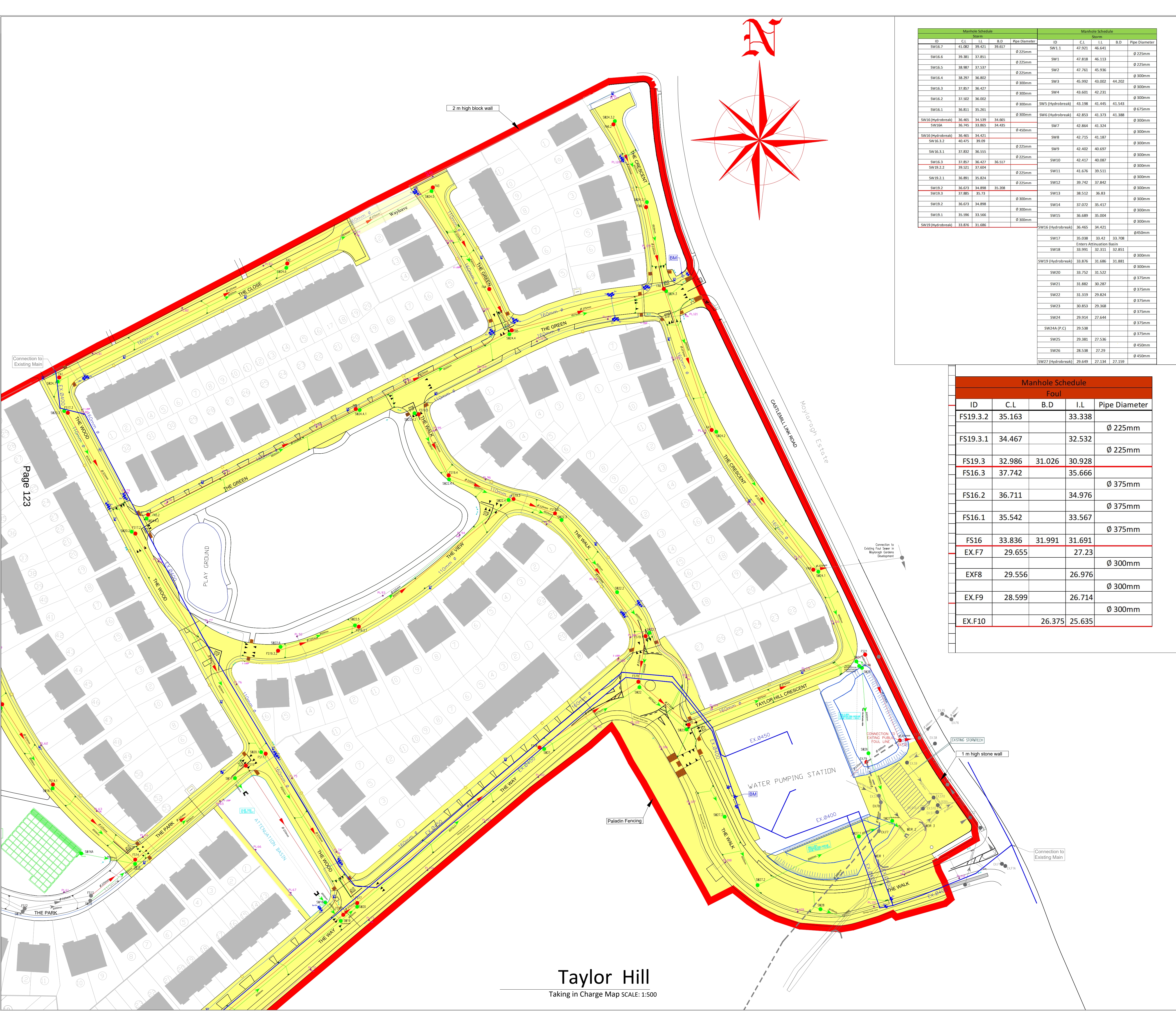
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Road Name	Length	Description
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The Crescent	380m	The Road begins at the junction in front of House No. 6a The Crescent, travels northeast, to the cul-de-sac in front of House No.1 (74m) The road starts in front of House No. 7, The Crescent, heads south, then turns west in front of House No. 21, The Crescent, and ends at the junction near House No. 27, The Crescent.
The Walk	310m	The road starts at its junction with The Green, heading south. After passing the roundabout, it continues southward, curves eastward, and stops just passing public light no. 111.
The View	132m	The road starting from the junction in front of House No.16 The View, heading West and finishes at the junction in front of House No. 1 The View.

The Wood	236m	The road begins at the junction of the The Close, heading South for 127m to the junction of The View, Keep heading South for 109m to the junction of the Way.
The Close	128m	The road starts in front of House No. 1, The Close, heads northeast, and finishes at the end passing House No. 20 The Close.
The Way	341m	The road begins at the junction of Boulevard and Way, heads straight northeast, and ends at the junction at the roundabout.
The Park	314m	The road begins at the cul-de-sac in front of House No. 15 on Park, heads Northeast, turning Southeast and then heading Northeastto the junction of the Wood.
The Drive	47m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 32 on Way, heads northwest through the Drive, and ends in front of House No. 4 on The Drive.
The Rise	103m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 14 on Rise, travels southwest, and ends at the junction in front of House No. 1 on Rise.

The Grange	241m	The road begins at the junction southeast of House No. 6, travels northwest, passes several junctions along the way, and ends at the junction of The Terrace.
The Court	52m	The road begins at the junction north of House No. 1 on Court, travels west, passing several points along the way, and ends at its terminus.
The Mews	109m	Road beginning at the junction, in front of house No. 5 Court, travelling Northwest and stopping at the junction in front of house No. 7 Gardens.
The Grove	38m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 5 The Grove and finishes at the end in front of House No. 1 The Grove.
The Terrace	35m	From the junction of The Gardens heading North to the cul-de-sac in front of House No.1.
The Gardens	98 m	The road begins at the junction in front of House No. 36 on Grange, travels west, and ends at the terminus in front of the public open space opposite to House No. 13 on The Gardens.
Footpath Connecting The Mews to The Grange	48m	The footpath starts from House No.1 The Mews heading Northeast to the House No.43 on the Grange.

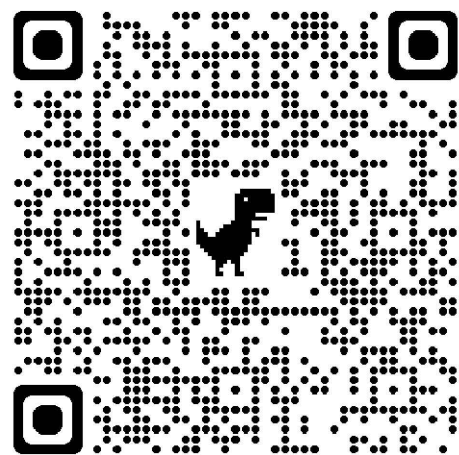
Footpath Connecting The Park to The Way	58m	The footpath starts from House No.2 The Park heading South to the House No.13 on the Way.
Footpath Connecting The Gardens to The Mews	105m	The footpath starts from House No.13 The Gardens heading South to the House No.10 on the Mews.
	Total= 3081 m	



Manhole Schedule Storm					Manhole Schedule Storm				
ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter	ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
SW16.7	41.082	39.421	39.617	Ø 225mm	SW1.1	47.921	46.641		Ø 225mm
SW16.6	39.381	37.851		Ø 225mm	SW1	47.818	46.113		Ø 225mm
SW16.5	38.987	37.537		Ø 225mm	SW2	47.761	45.936		Ø 300mm
SW16.4	38.297	36.802		Ø 300mm	SW3	45.992	43.002	44.202	Ø 300mm
SW16.3	37.857	36.427		Ø 300mm	SW4	43.601	42.231		Ø 300mm
SW16.2	37.502	36.002		Ø 300mm	SW5 (Hydrobreak)	43.198	41.445	41.543	Ø 300mm
SW16.1	36.811	35.261		Ø 300mm	SW6 (Hydrobreak)	42.853	41.373	41.388	Ø 300mm
SW16 (Hydrobreak)	36.465	34.539	34.665		SW7	42.864	41.324		Ø 300mm
SW16A	36.745	33.865	34.435	Ø 430mm	SW8	42.715	41.187		Ø 300mm
SW16 (Hydrobreak)	36.465	34.421		Ø 225mm	SW9	42.402	40.697		Ø 300mm
SW16.3.2	40.475	39.09		Ø 225mm	SW10	42.417	40.087		Ø 300mm
SW16.3.1	37.832	36.555		Ø 225mm	SW11	41.676	39.511		Ø 300mm
SW16.3	37.857	36.427	36.517	Ø 225mm	SW12	39.742	37.842		Ø 300mm
SW16.2.2	39.521	37.604		Ø 225mm	SW13	38.512	36.83		Ø 300mm
SW19.2.1	36.891	35.824		Ø 225mm	SW14	37.072	35.417		Ø 300mm
SW19.2	36.673	34.898	35.208	Ø 300mm	SW15	36.689	35.004		Ø 300mm
SW19.3	37.885	35.73		Ø 300mm	SW16 (Hydrobreak)	36.465	34.421		Ø 450mm
SW19.1	35.596	33.566		Ø 300mm	SW17	35.008	33.42	33.708	
SW19 (Hydrobreak)	33.876	31.686			SW18	33.991	32.311	32.851	Ø 300mm
					SW19 (Hydrobreak)	33.876	31.686	31.881	Ø 300mm
					SW20	33.752	31.522		Ø 375mm
					SW21	31.882	30.287		Ø 375mm
					SW22	31.319	29.824		Ø 375mm
					SW23	30.853	29.368		Ø 375mm
					SW24	29.914	27.644		Ø 375mm
					SW24A (P.C)	29.538			Ø 375mm
					SW25	29.381	27.536		Ø 450mm
					SW26	28.538	27.29		Ø 450mm
					SW27 (Hydrobreak)	29.649	27.134	27.159	

Manhole Schedule Foul				
ID	C.L	B.D	I.L	Pipe Diameter
FS19.3.2	35.163		33.338	Ø 225mm
FS19.3.1	34.467		32.532	Ø 225mm
FS19.3	32.986	31.026	30.928	Ø 375mm
FS16.3	37.742		35.666	Ø 375mm
FS16.2	36.711		34.976	Ø 375mm
FS16.1	35.542		33.567	Ø 375mm
FS16	33.836	31.991	31.691	Ø 300mm
EX.F7	29.655		27.23	Ø 300mm
EXF8	29.556		26.976	Ø 300mm
EX.F9	28.599		26.714	Ø 300mm
EX.F10		26.375	25.635	

Manhole Schedule Foul				
ID	C.L	B.D	I.L	Pipe Diameter
FS14.3.2	40.431		39.021	Ø 150mm
FS14.3.1	37.828		36.033	Ø 150mm
FS14	37.837		35.992	Ø 225mm
FS16.2.2	39.572		37.637	Ø 225mm
FS16.2.1	36.874		35.784	Ø 225mm
FS16.2	36.711	35.116	34.976	Ø 225mm
FS17.3	36.899		35.784	Ø 225mm
FS17.2	36.631		35.253	Ø 225mm
FS17.1	34.666		33.118	Ø 225mm
FS17	33.762	31.797	31.537	Ø 225mm
FA1	36.662		35.092	Ø 225mm
FA2	34.129		31.964	Ø 225mm
FA3	31.185		29.86	Ø 225mm
FA4	31.447		29.402	Ø 225mm
FA5	31.821		29.001	Ø 225mm
FA6	29.432		27.527	Ø 225mm
FA7	30.622		27.267	Ø 225mm
FA8	30.078	26.963	25.183	Ø 225mm
FA6.2	29.862		28.327	Ø 225mm
FA6.1	29.649		28.024	Ø 225mm
FA5.2	36.464		34.874	Ø 225mm
FA5.1	34.233		32.541	Ø 225mm
FA5	31.821		29.001	Ø 225mm
FS19.5	33.417		31.967	Ø 225mm
FS19.4	33.151		31.518	Ø 225mm
FS19.3	32.986		30.928	Ø 225mm
FS19.2	32.517		30.662	Ø 225mm
FS19.1	31.308		30.038	Ø 225mm
FS19	31.323	29.868	29.708	



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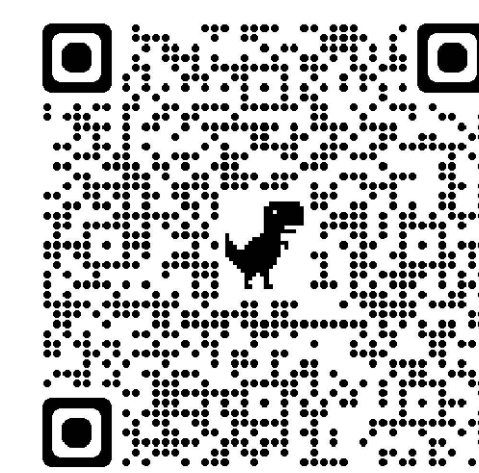
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Foul				
ID	C.L	B.D	I.L	Pipe Diameter
FS1.1	47.918		46.478	
FS1	47.783		46.013	Ø 150mm
				Ø 150mm
FS2	47.683		45.823	
				Ø 150mm
FS3	46.107		44.315	
				Ø 150mm
FS4	43.646		41.856	
				Ø 225mm
FS5	43.267		41.712	
				Ø 225mm
FS6	42.686		41.146	
				Ø 225mm
FS7	42.393		40.203	
				Ø 225mm
FS8	42.412		39.982	
				Ø 225mm
FS9	41.68		39.075	
				Ø 225mm
FS10	39.692	38.142	37.137	
				Ø 225mm
FS11	38.576		36.901	
				Ø 225mm
FS12	37.085		35.485	
				Ø 225mm
FS13	36.721		35.123	
				Ø 225mm
FS14	36.478		34.078	
				Ø 225mm
FS15	34.782		33.127	
				Ø 225mm
FS16	33.836	31.991	31.691	
				Ø 375mm
FS17	33.762		31.537	
				Ø 375mm
FS18	31.904		30.32	
				Ø 375mm
FS19	31.323		29.708	
				Ø 375mm
FS20	30.832		29.397	
				Ø 375mm
FS21	29.585		26.535	
				Ø 375mm
EX.F10	28.75	26.1	25.635	
FS4.1	44.243		42.313	
				Ø 150mm
FS4	43.646		41.856	
FS7.6	47.108		44.998	
				Ø 150mm
FS7.5	45.919		44.157	
				Ø 150mm
FS7.4	44.725		42.888	
				Ø 150mm
FS7.3	44.523		42.725	
				Ø 225mm
F7.2	43.665		41.6	
				Ø 225mm
FS7.1	43.016	41.141	40.501	
				Ø 225mm
FS7	42.393		40.203	
FS9.1	42.772		40.432	
				Ø 225mm
FS9	41.68		39.075	
FS10.2	42.312		40.574	
				Ø 225mm
FS10.1	40.095	38.465	37.54	
				Ø 225mm
FS10	39.692		37.137	
FS14.7	41.122		39.467	
				Ø 150mm
FS14.6	39.34		37.78	
				Ø 225mm
FS14.5	38.912		37.347	
				Ø 225mm



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TAKING IN CHARGE	Taylor Hill Phase 1 & 2 Sheet2
Clonard	Balbriggan Rural

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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO.

GREENBROOK, RUSH, CO DUBLIN

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 – BC1804
Taking In Charge – Greenbrook
DED: Rush, TL: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
Greenbrook (a) Entrance	11m	From Main Road Brook Lane heading South for 11m to Tri-junction with Greenbrook at No.39.
Greenbrook (b)	118m	From Tri-junction at No.39 heading West for 59m then heading South for 59m to junction at No.25.
Greenbrook (c) cul-de-sac	14m	From junction at No.25 heading South for 14m to No. 23 (cul-de-sac) .

Greenbrook (d)	68m	From the junction of at No.25 heading East for 68m to junction at No.11.
Greenbrook (e) cul-de-sac	24m	From the junction at No.11 heading south for 24m to No.14 (cul-de-sac).
Greenbrook (f)	76m	From junction at No.11 heading North for 64m then turning West at No.40 for 12m to junction with Entrance Road.
	Total Length: 311m	

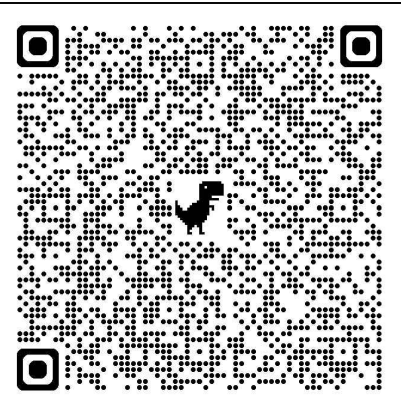


MANHOLE SCHEDULE

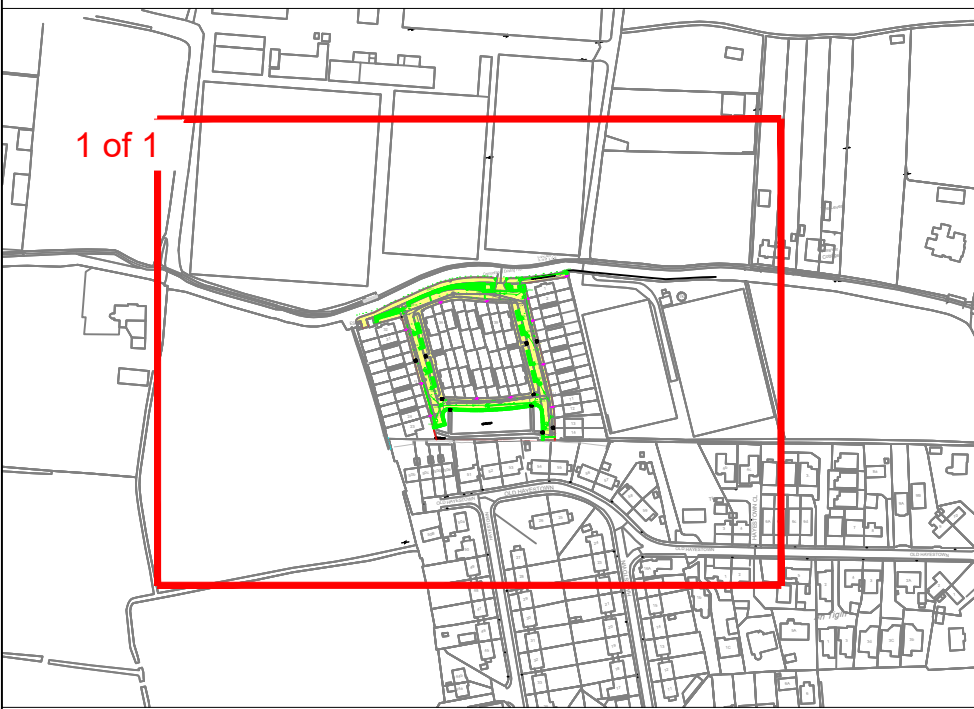
Surface Water Sewer			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
SW01	19.388	18.426	150mm
SW02	19.186	18.14	150mm
SW03	19.289	18.18	150mm
SW04	19.381	18.28	150mm
SW05	19.532	18.867	150mm
SW06	19.697	18.824	150mm
SW07A	19.902	18.262	150mm
SW08	20.155	19.412	150mm
SW09	20.5	19.6	150mm
SW08A	20.5	19.67	150mm
SW10	20.5	18.435	150mm
SW11	19.95	19.15	150mm
SW12	19.7	18.9	150mm
SW13	19.6	18.8	150mm
SW13A	19.6	18.7	150mm
SW14	19.608	18.691	150mm
SW15	19.511	18.795	150mm
SW17	19.35	18.436	150mm
SW20	18.97	18.27	150mm
SW21	18.97	18.27	150mm

Foul Sewer			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
FS1.1	19.31	17.535	150mm
FS2.0	19.202	17.65	150mm
FS2.1	19.768	18.259	150mm
FS2.2	20.132	18.433	150mm
FS2.3	19.958	18.451	150mm
FS2.4	20.05	18.685	150mm
FS1.5	20.031	18.748	150mm
FS1.4	20.012	18.559	150mm
FS1.3	19.562	18.227	150mm

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Rush Td

Greenbrook - TIC (1 of 1)

Rush DED

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Surface Water SUDS Infrastructure

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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FUEL SEP

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Greenbrook
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email.

I have spoken with Mr. Sweeney and he would be pleased to attend a meeting to provide an update on the MetroLink project. Would the week of the 11th or 18th November be suitable?.

Best regards,

Fiona

Fiona Morris
Executive Assistant

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 50

MAINTENANCE OF FORMER LORD MAYORS SITE, SWORDS - AI103892

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive makes contact with the developer of the former Lord Mayor’s site requesting that they maintain this site, to limit the impact on adjacent roads and pathways, as currently there are a number of overgrown trees/bushes protruding on public paths and local residents report infrequent sweeping of the surrounding roads.”

Report:

The Planning Enforcement section has an open file at this location. The Planning Inspector has raised the contents of this motion with the relevant party, and we are continuing to monitor the site accordingly.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 52

REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECEPTION - AI104521

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That this Committee supports a Civic Reception to honour and thank Bernie Marks for her invaluable work over many years in preserving local history along with her work in genealogy services."

Report:

The process to be followed in granting a civic honour/reception is set out in Standing Order No. 153.

Standing Order 153 states - "Nominations for a person or persons to be granted a civic honour/reception will be made by the Mayor to the Council, and the decision to confer a civic honour/reception on any person or persons will be made by resolution of the Council."

Source of Report:

Liz Hartigan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 53

**MEETING FOR CONTENT AND LOCATION OF DUBLIN COASTAL TRAIL
SIGNAGE - DONABATE PENINSULA - AI104541**

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with the Donabate Town Team in respect of the content and location of the Dublin Coastal Trail signage on the Donabate Peninsula”

Report:

The signage is being funded by Failte Ireland and being designed on their behalf by AECOM. There are two signs, with the intention that more could be added in future years pending a review.

It is intended to meet the Donabate Town Team with the above parties once the proposed locations are finalised.

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

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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 54

COMMUNITY SPACE - R127 RATHMORE ROAD - AI104586

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive give consideration to having a section of Council owned land on the R127 Rathmore Road (north of Racecourse Commons), designated as a community space for community groups to use, for example, the Men's Shed and Lusk ICA.”

Report:

The Community Department continues to work with the Lusk Men's Shed and Lusk ICA to locate a suitable piece of land for the use of these community groups. The Community Department is working in tandem with the Property Services Section in respect of the request for land.

At present there is no suitable land identified in the Lusk area to meet the requirements of the groups. The Council has noted the requirements of the groups and will actively consider those requirements as suitable opportunities arise in the Lusk area.

**Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.
Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department.**

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THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 55

1916 RISING MEMORIAL - THE HAND, DONABATE - AI104606

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell/Councillor C. Johnston

“That this Committee supports the erection of a monument at The Hand, Donabate to honour and commemorate the men and women of Donabate and Portrane who took part in the 1916 Rising and that this proposal be advanced through the Naming and Commemorative Committee in line with the Council’s objective in the Donabate Framework Plan, to be provided within the first 12 months of the adoption of the plan.”

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Naming and Commemorative Committee for consideration, in line with the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy, at the next meeting of the Committee. Additional information and a formal application may be required.

Source of Report:

Liz Hartigan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 9th October 2025

ITEM NO. 56

Report on Protection Measures of Swords Green Belt – AI104607

Motion: J. Humphreys

“That this Committee requests a report from the Chief Executive on measures to ensure the protection of the green space and the existing greenbelt around Swords in the implementation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, so that National Planning Framework targets do not erode the towns designated open space and green infrastructure.”

Report:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2022-2029 contains a number of policies and objective relating to GB - Greenbelt lands.

Before outlining these policies, it should be noted that as stated in Chapter 13 of the Plan ‘Land Use Zoning’ the stated objective for GB zoned lands is to “Protect and provide for a Greenbelt”. The stated vision for this zoning category is as follows:

Create a rural/urban Greenbelt zone that permanently demarcates the boundary (i) between the rural and urban areas, or (ii) between urban and urban areas. The role of the Greenbelt is to check unrestricted sprawl of urban areas, to prevent

coalescence of settlements, to prevent countryside encroachment and to protect the setting of towns and/or villages. The Greenbelt is attractive and multifunctional, serves the needs of both the urban and rural communities, and strengthens the links between urban and rural areas in a sustainable manner. The Greenbelt will provide opportunities for countryside access and for recreation, retain attractive landscapes, improve derelict land within and around towns, secure lands with a nature conservation interest, and retain land in agricultural use. The zoning objective will have the consequence of achieving the regeneration of undeveloped town areas by ensuring that urban development is directed towards these areas.

In terms of the area of lands zoned GB, at present over 6,090 hectares of lands across Fingal are zoned GB, which constitutes ca 13% of the entire land use zoning of the County with larger areas of GB zoned lands present around settlements such as Balbriggan, Swords, Malahide/Portmarnock and Blanchardstown.

In terms of specific policies and objectives relating to Greenbelt lands, Chapters 2 'Core Strategy' and 3 'Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes' include the following:

Policy CSP44 – Greenbelts

Strengthen greenbelt lands by identifying opportunities for infill development and consolidation of existing towns and villages to reduce the need to zone additional greenfield lands and ensure the preservation of strategic greenbelts to avoid coalescence of settlements. Support development within the Greenbelts which has a demonstrated need for such a location, and which protects and promotes its permanency.

Policy SPQHP49 – Preservation of Greenbelts

Recognise the importance of and preserve greenbelts in Fingal in order to safeguard valuable countryside to ensure that existing urban areas within Fingal do not coalesce enabling citizens to enjoy the County's natural amenities and to strengthen and consolidate greenbelts around key settlements.

Objective SPQHO85 – Visual Impact Statement for Applications in GB or HA Zoned Areas

Ensure that any planning application for a house within an area which has a Greenbelt or High Amenity zoning objective is accompanied by a comprehensive Visual Impact Statement.

Chapter 3 also includes a specific section on the issue of greenbelts (see Section 3.5.15.12 Fingal's Greenbelts which states that:

The targeted development of strategically identified towns and villages will be supported by a greenbelt policy which will safeguard the innate rural value of the Fingal countryside. Greenbelt zoning will underpin the settlement strategy by ensuring:

- Existing urban areas within Fingal do not coalesce and merge into one another leading to unsustainable development and travel patterns.*
- The identity and unique character of rural and urban areas in the vicinity of administrative boundaries will be maintained where this would be beneficial.*
- That citizens can enjoy the visual and natural amenities of the countryside in close proximity to the urban areas in which they reside.*
- Proposed development within the Greenbelt shall clearly demonstrate a functional need for such a location, and consistency with the established character of the landscape of the area.*

This section includes additional specific policies and objectives as follows:

Policy SPQHP58 – Preservation of Greenbelts

Preserve Greenbelts in Fingal in order to safeguard valuable countryside; to ensure that existing urban areas within Fingal do not coalesce to ensure that citizens can enjoy the County's natural amenities and to strengthen and consolidate greenbelts around key settlements.

Objective SPQHO101 – Strengthening of Greenbelt Lands

Strengthen greenbelt lands by identifying opportunities for infill development and consolidation within existing towns to reduce the need to zone additional greenfield lands and ensure the preservation of strategic greenbelts between our towns and villages.

Objective SPQHO102 – Development within the Greenbelts

Promote development within the Greenbelts which has a demonstrated need for such a location, and which protects and promotes the permanency of the Greenbelt, and the open and rural character of the area.

The number of policies and objectives outlined above, as well as the robustness of the supporting text indicates a high level of protection against inappropriate development in areas zoned GB – Greenbelt in Fingal. This is borne out by the

ongoing monitoring of planning applications across Fingal which indicates that of the 27 applications for new housing in Greenbelt areas since the adoption of the current development plan, 13, or less than half were granted permission.

With regard to the current zoning status of lands in the Fingal County Development Plan, as referred to in the motion text, there have been recent changes in National planning policy, namely the publication of the National Planning Framework (NPF) First Revision and the publication of Section 28 Guidelines, NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, which require Fingal County Council to review the current adopted County Development Plan against the updated requirements to provide the capacity to develop housing to the extent identified in the Guidelines.

In response to the requirements of the Section 28 National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation Guidelines, the Planning Department has commenced a detailed review to establish the adequacy of existing zoned lands across the County to cater for the Housing Growth Requirement figures and the potential for 'additional provision' (as set out in Appendix 1 of the Guidelines) for the full duration of the current adopted Development Plan.

This review includes, amongst other things, establishing a full and up to date baseline of the planning and development status of all residentially zoned lands in Fingal including lands developed before and after the coming into effect of the Development Plan, lands which have not been developed but which are subject to a planning permission (extant permissions), as well as those which have not been development but which are not subject to a planning application.

The review is currently ongoing and at an advanced stage and is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 57

PROVISION OF CRICKET PITCH IN THIS LEA - AI104495

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive, through the Sports Department, work with the Swords Cricket Club to identify a suitable location in and or around the town of Swords where a cricket pitch could be constructed in light of the increasing popularity of the sport in the town.”

Report:

If Swords Cricket Club make contact with the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Division, arrangements will be made to meet the club to discuss their ideas in relation to the provision of Cricket facilities in the Swords area.

Source of Report: Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports

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ITEM NO. 58

REPORT ON YOUTH-FRIENDLY GREEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACES - SWORDS - AI104608

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on plans to audit, expand or improve youth-friendly green and recreational spaces in Swords over the coming years, as The Fingal Youth Council (Comhairle na nÓg) has cited a lack of safe indoor and outdoor spaces for young people in many parts of the county including Swords.”

Report:

The recently completed Fingal Sports Facilities Audit has assessed that the existing outdoor sports pitch provision in Swords currently stands at 38 pitches with a requirement based on the “Fields In Trust” standards amounting to 43 resulting in a current shortfall of 5 pitches. Without intervention, based on population estimates in the “Core Strategy” of the current Fingal Development Plan, the requirement for sports pitches would increase to 48 by the year 2029. In response to this assessment, the Council is planning to develop new Active Recreational Hubs at Swords Manor in the Ward River Regional Park and at Millers Glen Swords as part of the planned Swords Regional Park.

The Fingal Play Audit undertaken in 2023 did not identify any significant gaps in access to public play facilities in Swords. The Ward River Park Development Plan currently being prepared includes provision for a major new destination playground which will replace an existing facility and greatly improve the quality of play provision for Swords. The Council will continue to require the provision of new playgrounds in

residential developments through the Planning & Development Management Process.

In relation to indoor facilities the Fingal Sports Facilities Audit identifies 17 indoor facilities in Swords. The Audit recommends that access to indoor facilities be increased in the western residential areas of the development plan area near Brackenstown Road and St Cronan's Avenue.

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