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Thursday, 25th September 2025

To Each Member of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Chamber - Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams** at **3.30 pm** on **Thursday, 2nd October, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 4th of September 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor H. Redwood - Temporary Planning Permission regarding Manna Drones in this LEA - AI103880**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide clarification on the exact implication of the footnote to the Temporary Planning Permission given to Manna Drones to operate in this Local Electoral Area which states *"The flight route shall be based on the road network within the delivery area"*, does this mean that drones are prohibited from flying over parkland or other open green spaces?"
- 3 **Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Cycling Infrastructure - Carpenterstown Road - AI104115**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the cycling infrastructure plans for Carpenterstown Road?"
- 4 **Councillor J. Burtchaell - Demolition of Derelict House Opposite Saddlers Estate - AI104244**
 "To ask Chief Executive if consideration can be given to demolish the derelict house opposite the entrance to Saddlers Estate, which has lain vacant for a number of years after a suspected arson attack in 2022, as it is unsightly and attracts anti-social behaviour?"
- 5 **Councillor J. Burtchaell - Inspection of Derelict Sites - Heathfield - AI104267**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the scheduled additional

inspection of the derelict sites at Heathfield has taken place and if there has been any progress in response to the Section 11 notice which was issued to the owners?"

6 Councillor E. Troy - Residents' Concerns for Manna Drones in this LEA - AI104245

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of what process or channels will allow residents to raise concerns regarding drones in relation to noise, environment, planning and bye-laws or enforcement, and when are these to be made operational, given that planning permission and public consultation has been bypassed by Manna Drones at three sites in this Local Electoral Area?"

7 Councillor E. Troy - Update on Enforcement Order - The Elms, College Road - AI104286

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what progress has been made on enforcement order 25.038 against The Elms, College Road, (details supplied) and can a full inspection be carried out, not just a roadside inspection?"

8 Councillor E. Troy - Update on Planning Issues at The Elms and Church Court - AI104287

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update detailing if the owners of (details supplied) Church Court have been considered with respect to the change in height and proximity of the 3rd terraced house (B1) (suggested as mitigation in the appeal by Brookhampton developers (Fingal Planning FW25A/0248E) to An Comisiún Pleanála) as constituents feel that the changes are insignificant and leave them with the same problems of a domineering gable wall extremely close to their boundary line, with their gardens being situated approximately 1.5 m below the ground level above?"

9 Councillor A. Donnelly - Timelines for New Play Areas - Hartstown Park/Hazelbury Park - AI104281

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide timelines for the commencement of work on play areas in Hartstown and Hazelbury parks?"

10 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Litter Blackspot CCTV Installation in this LEA - AI104283

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed CCTV installation in this Local Electoral Area to deal with litter blackspots?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Biodiversity Studies in this LEA - AI104421

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any biodiversity studies which have been undertaken in parks in this Local Electoral Area?"

12 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Housing Delivery in this LEA - AI104422

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular form breaking down the number of houses/apartments delivered for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in this Local Electoral Area, and for the breakdown to include Council delivery of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, 3-bedroom and 4-bedroom houses/apartments and Approved Housing Bodies delivery of same?"

13 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Notices of Termination Reported in this LEA - AI104426

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Notices of Termination reported to the Housing Department in this Local Electoral Area, year to date?"

14 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Litter Fines in this LEA - AI104427

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of litter fines issued in this Local Electoral Area in the last five years, with a breakdown for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 year to date?"

15 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Number of Choice Based Lettings in this LEA - AI104429

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of homes advertised on Choice Based Letting in this Local Electoral Area, last year and year to date 2025?"

16 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Timeline of Refurbishment Works at Corduff Park - AI104397

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline of when the refurbishment works in Corduff Park and the works for the all-weather pitch will commence?"

17 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Taking in Charge - Chapelwood Estate, Hollystown - AI104398

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Chapelwood Estate, Hollystown?"

18 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Housing Forum Meetings in the LEA - AI104399

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a commencement date for the housing forum meetings in this Local Electoral Area?"

19 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Inactive Planning Permissions in this Local Electoral Area - AI104432

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of sites in this Local Electoral Area since 2020 where full planning permission has been given but no work has commenced to build homes and the number of housing units, including both houses and apartments, which received approval on these sites but have never been built?"

20 Councillor J. Walsh - Land Zoned for Housing in the LEA - AI104433

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the total quantity of land currently zoned for housing in this Local Electoral Area, the volume of future housing likely to be required in Dublin 15 up to 2034, based on the national planning framework, and the extent to which the availability of zoned land would be sufficient to meet the revised housing targets recently announced by the Government?"

21 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Blanchardstown to Castleknock Cycle Path - AI104434

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for delivery of the cycle path from Blanchardstown to Castleknock via Farmleigh?"

22 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Ownership of Ashleigh Green - AI104435

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the green space at Ashleigh Green in Ashleigh Estate, which is taken in charge by Fingal County Council, is also owned by the Council?"

23 Councillor J. Walsh - Outline of Dunsink Local Area Plan - AI104436

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update indicating when a Local Area Plan will be brought forward to plan for the necessary infrastructure and amenities to support housing development in Dunsink and to outline the process involved in making such a plan?"

24 Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Planning Enforcement regarding Drone Delivery Hubs in this LEA - AI104437

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all planning enforcement actions taken by the Council since the 1st of January 2024 in relation to the unauthorised establishment of drone delivery hubs or landing pads in this Local Electoral Area?"

25 Applications for Funding.

a Applications for Community Funding

**PLANNING &
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BUSINESS**

26 Draft Old School House Masterplan

27 Proposed Play Space at Hartstown Park

28 Proposed Play Space at Hazelbury Park

MOTIONS

29 Councillor H. Redwood - Report on Drone Delivery Services Policy in this LEA - AI103876

"That the Chief Executive, noting the rapid expansion of unregulated drone delivery services in this Local Electoral Area and the disturbance it creates for residents and wildlife, requests that the Planning Department presents a report regarding the National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems and its implications for Council policy and local residents."

30 Councillor M. McCamley - Request by Powerstown Allotments Committee - AI103943

"That the Chief Executive consider the request by the Powerstown Allotment Committee to extend the allotments into the adjacent land which is now vacant of its tenant."

31 Councillor S. Shovlin - Review of Piece of Land on Clonsilla Road - AI104116

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to tidying up the piece of land at Clonsilla Road and explore suitable community amenity uses, such as a mini park."

32 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Multi-use Motorbike and Pump Track in this LEA - AI104269

"That the Chief Executive gives urgent consideration to the building of a multi-use motorbike and pump track in this Local Electoral Area to accommodate this special interest in a safe and productive way in view of the rising cases of life altering accidents involving scramblers and e-scooters, as well as the rising levels of anti-social behaviour linked to the inappropriate use of the vehicles."

33 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Derelict Site use for Social Housing - Saddlers Estate, Mulhuddart - AI104370

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to bringing the Council owned 0.4-hectare site opposite Saddlers Estate, which has been derelict for several years, into use as a small social housing development."

34 Councillor A. Donnelly - Funding for Step Down Housing in this LEA - AI104420

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Housing to seek funding for transitional housing to support Sonas Domestic Violence Charity, to house victims of domestic violence in this Local Electoral Area."

35 Councillor J. Walsh - Second Special School in this LEA - AI104430

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Education and Minister of State for Special Education requesting them to guarantee full therapeutic support for all children in Danu Community Special School and to also provide a second special school in Dublin 15."

36 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Bus Shelter for Hampton Wood Drive at St. Margaret's Road - AI104346

"That the Chief Executive write to the NTA to address the lack of bus shelters along St. Margaret's Road, especially at Hampton Wood Drive and environs."

37 Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Dublin Canvas in this LEA - AI104428

"That the Chief Executive reports on work completed by Dublin Canvas in this Local Electoral Area and briefs this Committee on other art works that are being planned."

38 Councillor J. Walsh - Planning Enforcement for Drone Delivery Hubs in this LEA - AI104431

"That the Chief Executive continues to pursue planning enforcement action in line with planning legislation to remove unauthorised drone delivery hubs/landing pads where these were established without planning permission in this Local Electoral Area."

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

**Held on Thursday, 4th September, 2025 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,
Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Hanaphy, Breda
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Helen Redwood
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Absent: Councillor T. Doyle

The Area Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Gene Griffin (A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community), Noel McManus (Sports Development Officer, Sports Office, Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel Department), Paul Gillespie (Executive Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Kieran Maher (Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development),

Naomi Weir (Senior Executive Officer, Community Department), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Gerald Curley (Senior Executive

Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Orlagh Sweetman (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, at the start of the meeting reminded members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The chair informed the meeting that an Emergency Motion had been received from Councillor J.K Onwumereh. The chair further advised, she was not accepting the emergency motion having regard to standing orders and that accordingly the motion would not be heard today.

CMB/228/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General) Meeting Held on Thursday the 5th June 2025

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor JK. Onwumereh seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/229/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 33 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/230/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Donnelly - 2025 Housing Forum Meetings in this LEA - AI103067

CMB/231/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Homelessness in this LEA - AI103682

CMB/232/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Litter Wardens in this LEA - AI103683

CMB/233/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Consultation Process - Hartstown and Hazelbury Parks - AI103704

CMB/234/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI103711

CMB/235/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Taking in Charge - Phibblestown Wood - AI103712

CMB/236/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant-in-situ Applications in this LEA - AI103714

CMB/237/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor H. Redwood - Update on Progress of Application - Dunsink/Scribblestown/Elmgreen Development - AI103121

CMB/238/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor H. Redwood - Update on Laurel Lodge Playground - AI103854

CMB/239/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on AHB Allocations in this LEA - AI103171

CMB/240/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. McCamley - Update on Opening of St. Margaret's Hall - AI103308

CMB/241/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor M. McCamley - Update on Opening of Meakstown Community Garden - AI103309

CMB/242/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor M. McCamley - Taking in Charge of Brandon Square - AI103519

CMB/243/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Timeline on Void Units in Castlecurragh Heath -
AI103453

CMB/244/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Provision of Bottle Bank in the Meakstown
Community Centre - AI103527

CMB/245/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Timeline for Completion of Improvement Works -
Lanesborough Park - AI103528

CMB/246/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Laurel Lodge Playground Works - AI103690

CMB/247/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Granard Bridge - AI103859

CMB/248/25 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Pedestrian and Cycle Route - Auburn Avenue -
AI103872

CMB/249/25 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Granard Bridge - AI103766

CMB/250/25 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Recent Funding for Royal Canal Water Activities - AI103767

CMB/251/25 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Report on Hazelbury Park Development - AI103795

CMB/252/25 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on NTQ in this LEA - AI103833

CMB/253/25 (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Social and Affordable Homes in this LEA -
AI103835

CMB/254/25 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Taking in Charge - Tyrrelstown Park -
AI103838

CMB/255/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Taking in Charge - Brandon Square -
AI103839

CMB/256/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Taking in Charge - Heathfield Playground -
AI103845

CMB/257/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Derelict Sites - Heathfield Estate - AI103846

CMB/258/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor E. Troy - Plans for Lowering Incidences of Dog Fouling in this LEA -
AI103864A

CMB/259/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor E. Troy - Rezoning for Housing in this LEA - AI103867

CMB/260/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor E. Troy - Report on Drones in this LEA - AI103868

CMB/261/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor E. Troy - Report on Childcare Providers in this LEA - AI103871

CMB/262/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Sports Funding

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin and **AGREED**:

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

CMB/263/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a Taking in Charge - Dunsoghly Way, Finglas, Dublin 11

The report was **NOTED**.

b Taking in Charge - Hansfield Phase 2, Phibblestown

The report was **NOTED**.

c Taking in Charge - Avondale Park, Mulhuddart

The report was **NOTED**.

d Taking in Charge - Avondale Court, Mulhuddart

The report was **NOTED**.

e Taking in Charge - Balroy Hall, Castleknock

The report was **NOTED**.

CMB/264/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Proposed Disposals

**a Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at
Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff,
Dublin 15 to ESB Networks**

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on the proposed disposal of land and Grant of Wayleave at Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks.

The report was **NOTED** without discussion.

CMB/265/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way Junction Upgrades, Dublin 15

Mr. Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports, provided a presentation on Hartstown Road/Huntstown Way Junction Upgrades, Dublin 15. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Mr. Kieran Maher. Following discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

CMB/266/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Correspondence

- a Letter from MDPM dated 31st July 2025 regarding Councillor J. Walsh Motion - Parking at Balroy House**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- b Letter from Uisce Éireann dated 07th August 2025 regarding Councillor A. Donnelly Motion - Issues with Water Supply in this LEA**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- c Letter from DDLETB dated 12th August regarding Councillor J. Walsh Motion - Write to the Minister of Education and DDLETB - Ériu Community College Plans**

The correspondence, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS

CMB/267/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor M. McCamley - Storage of Stones - Old Mulhuddart Bridge - AI103177

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

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

CMB/268/25 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Temporary Access to Council Owned Land - Powerstown ETNS - AI103676

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

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

CMB/269/25 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Vintage Picnic in Dublin 15 - AI103688

The motion in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/270/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Powerstown Allotments Additional Land - AI103713

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

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

CMB/271/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Proposed Development of Fortlawn Site - AI103731

It was proposed by the Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **AGREED** by the members to vary the agenda and take Item Nos. 43 and 51 together.

The motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

CMB/272/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Development of Plan for Fortlawn Social Housing

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/273/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor H. Redwood - Report on Childcare and Early Learning Services at Blakestown Community Resource Centre - AI103773

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

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

CMB/274/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Taking in Charge - Liscappagh Estate - AI103836

The motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and Seconded by J.K Onwumereh.

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

CMB/275/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor G. Sheehan - Repair of Potholes in Car Park - Huntstown NS - AI103849

The motion in the name of Councillor G. Sheehan was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and seconded by Councillor E. Troy.

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

CMB/276/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park Cycle Path - AI103861

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

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

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** by the members as Councillor M. McCamley was having technical difficulties on MS Teams, to take Item 48 at the end of the meeting and to take Item 49 at this time.

CMB/277/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Ongoing Malodour in Mulhuddart - AI103862

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

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

CMB/278/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Repurpose the Former IPAS Facility on the Mill Road, Blanchardstown - AI104104

The motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

Following discussion, the Chair, instructed that a roll call vote be taken on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 1 ONE

AGAINST: 4 FOUR

ABSTAIN: 7 SEVEN

FOR: Councillor P. Quinlan

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor J. Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor J.K Onwumereh, Councillor H. Redwood, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy

The Chair DECLARED the motion **FELL**.

CMB/279/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor M. McCamley - Part 8 Consideration on the Council Owned Lands - Dunsink Lane/Ashtown - AI103564

The motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor J.Walsh and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

The Meeting concluded at 17:35pm.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION REGARDING MANNA DRONES IN THIS LEA - AI103880

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide clarification on the exact implication of the footnote to the Temporary Planning Permission given to Manna Drones to operate in this Local Electoral Area which states *"The flight route shall be based on the road network within the delivery area"*, does this mean that drones are prohibited from flying over parkland or other open green spaces?"

Reply:

The note in question relates to an internal memo sent from the Environmental Health Air and Noise Unit to Planning. Additional reports were received from the Parks Section, Transport and Water Services as well as reports from external consultees, the DAA and Uisce Eireann. Information contained within all these reports were taken into consideration in the overall planning assessment. The note in question is not contained within the CE Order attached to the grant of permission and has no implications for this temporary permission. It was considered that the content of the note was not enforceable.

Source of Reply:

Sean Walsh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING**

(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 03

**UPDATE ON CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE - CARPENTERSTOWN
ROAD - AI104115**

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the cycling infrastructure plans for Carpenterstown Road?”

Reply:

The Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh cycle route has been identified on the National Transport Authority (NTA) 5-year implementation plan with Fingal County Council and funding has been made available to develop planning and design proposals and a feasibility study has commenced. Carpenterstown Road forms part of the overall route and will be included in the design phase.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages is underway. Pending the outcome of the optioneering, further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, preliminary design, planning consent, etc. may follow thereafter.

Source of Reply:

Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

**DEMOLITION OF DERELICT HOUSE OPPOSITE SADDLERS ESTATE -
AI104244**

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask Chief Executive if consideration can be given to demolish the derelict house opposite the entrance to Saddlers Estate, which has lain vacant for a number of years after a suspected arson attack in 2022, as it is unsightly and attracts anti-social behaviour?"

Reply:

The Council is currently considering a proposal from a local community organisation for the potential use and refurbishment of the property and will therefore not consider demolition of the property at this time.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 05

INSPECTION OF DERELICT SITES - HEATHFIELD - AI104267

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the scheduled additional inspection of the derelict sites at Heathfield has taken place and if there has been any progress in response to the Section 11 notice which was issued to the owners?"

Reply:

The site at Heathfield, Dublin 15 was reinspected by an authorised official under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 in August 2025. It was noted by the official that while representations have not been received from the owners, the measures requested in the Section 11 notice which issued in November 2024, were complied with and the site has been cleared to an acceptable standard.

The file remains open for future review and will continue to be progressed in line with the Derelict Sites Act, 190, as amended, if deemed appropriate to do so.

Source of Reply:

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 06

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS FOR MANNA DRONES IN THIS LEA - AI104245

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of what process or channels will allow residents to raise concerns regarding drones in relation to noise, environment, planning and bye-laws or enforcement, and when are these to be made operational, given that planning permission and public consultation has been bypassed by Manna Drones at three sites in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

Details on how to make an environmental complaint can be found on our website at <https://www.fingal.ie/how-submit-environmental-complaint>.

Fingal County Council’s powers to deal with noise nuisance come from Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992. This power specifically excludes noise from aircraft. Drones are classified as aircraft.

Operators who fly drones with cameras, regardless of weight class, and operators who fly drones (without cameras) weighing 250 grams or more are required to register with the [Irish Aviation Authority](https://www.iaa.ie) (IAA). As the IAA are the regulatory body for this activity, please contact them with the details of your complaint. They can be contacted at: drones@iaa.ie. Further information is available at: <https://www.iaa.ie/general-aviation/drones>.

The Government published a [National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#) on August 20th 2025. The policy framework does not appear to provide for a change in the law to permit local authorities to regulate drones with regard to noise.

The policy does include an action:

'Relevant State agencies, government departments and local government will determine and request UAS Geographical Zones through the Irish Aviation Authority in line with the processes and procedures developed through the National Working Group on UAS Geographical Zones.'

There are no details of how this policy will be implemented yet and we await the outcome of the National Working Group on UAS geographical zones.

Concerns in relation to planning matters can be raised by completing and submitting a planning enforcement complaint form that can be found on our website at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/planning-and-development-enforcement>.

It should be noted that Planning Enforcement Section have two open investigations as follows:

Reference	Location
24.176	Junction 6, River Road, Castleknock, Co. Dublin
24.149	Lands to the Rear of Unit 14, Porters Avenue, Coolmine Ind. Estate

Source of Reply:

Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment Department

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 07

**UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT ORDER - THE ELMS, COLLEGE ROAD -
AI104286**

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what progress has been made on enforcement order 25.038 against The Elms, College Road, (details supplied) and can a full inspection be carried out, not just a roadside inspection?”

Reply:

A warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, issued on 18th February 2025. Investigations remain open and ongoing at present and the file is currently with the Planning Inspector.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal Mc Sweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON PLANNING ISSUES AT THE ELMS AND CHURCH COURT - AI104287

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update detailing if the owners of (details supplied) Church Court have been considered with respect to the change in height and proximity of the 3rd terraced house (B1) (suggested as mitigation in the appeal by Brookhampton developers (Fingal Planning FW25A/0248E) to An Comisiún Pleanála) as constituents feel that the changes are insignificant and leave them with the same problems of a domineering gable wall extremely close to their boundary line, with their gardens being situated approximately 1.5 m below the ground level above?”

Reply:

FW25A/0248E – ACP 323488-25 is a live planning application, and it would be inappropriate for the planning authority to comment on such. That said ACP is presented with all documentation associated with the planning application to aid in the ‘de novo’ planning assessment and this includes the Planning Authority’s comments on impact of the development on the residential amenity of the area which includes Church Court.

Source of Reply:

Sean Walsh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 09

**TIMELINES FOR NEW PLAY AREAS – HARTSTOWN PARK/
HAZELBURY PARK - AI104281**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide timelines for the commencement of work on play areas in Hartstown and Hazelbury parks?”

Reply:

If approval for the development of these playgrounds is confirmed at the October meeting of Fingal County Council, the procurement of the works will commence with a view the playgrounds being provided on site during 2026

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

REPORT ON LITTER BLACKSPOT CCTV INSTALLATION IN THIS LEA - AI104283

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed CCTV installation in this Local Electoral Area to deal with litter blackspots?"

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.

Approval has been granted for CCTV at one location in this LEA and is expected to be installed by the end of October. The Council will continue to identify areas most in need of CCTV across the County and seek approval from the CCTV and mobile Recording Devices Oversight Board and the Chief Executive, for installation on a phased basis.

Source of Reply:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 11

REPORT ON BIODIVERSITY STUDIES IN THIS LEA - AI104421

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any biodiversity studies which have been undertaken in parks in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

This year a hedgerow study is being undertaken in the Dublin 15 area. The purpose of this study to determine the conservation status of the hedgerows and the management requirements.

The Dublin 15 area was also included in the countywide Swift survey, with several nests found in the area.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division.

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ITEM NO. 12

REPORT ON HOUSING DELIVERY IN THIS LEA - AI104422

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular form breaking down the number of houses/apartments delivered for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in this Local Electoral Area, and for the breakdown to include Council delivery of 1-bedroom, 2-bedrooms, 3-bedrooms and 4-bedroom houses/apartments and Approved Housing Bodies delivery of same?"

Reply:

The breakdown on the delivery of houses and apartments in this LEA from 2020 to 2024 are as follows:

Funding Type	AHB/Council	Year	1 Beds	2 Beds	3 Beds	4 Beds	5 Beds	Type
Acquisitions	Council	2020	2	4	1	0	0	Apartments/Duplex
Acquisitions	Council	2020	0	4	27	12	0	Houses
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2020	1	37	7	0	0	Apartments
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2020	0	1	53	14	0	Houses
Construction	Council	2020	0	0	0	0	0	Apartments
Construction	Council	2020	0	0	0	0	0	Houses
Part V	Council	2020	0	2	2	0	0	Houses
Acquisitions	Council	2021	0	0	0	0	0	Apartments/Duplex
Acquisitions	Council	2021	0	0	10	3	0	Houses

CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2021	52	100	64	0	0	Apartments
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2021	0	26	51	20	0	Houses
Construction	Council	2021	0	0	0	0	0	Apartments
Construction	Council	2021	0	4	3	0	0	Houses
Part V	Council	2021	0	0	4	1	0	Houses
Acquisitions	Council	2022	0	0	0	0	0	Apartments/Duplex
Acquisitions	Council	2022	0	0	2	0	0	Houses
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2022	8	14	0	0	0	Apartments
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2022	0	0	2	1	0	Houses
Construction	Council	2022	0	5	22	0	0	Apartments
Construction	Council	2022	0	12	66	24	0	Houses
Part V	Council	2022	0	8	0	0	0	Apartments
Acquisitions	Council	2023	0	1	3	0	0	Apartments/Duplex
Acquisitions	Council	2023	0	1	18	4	0	Houses
Affordable Housing	Council	2023	0	13	40	4	0	Houses
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2023	27	124	22	0	0	Apartments
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2023	0	1	2	2	0	Houses
Construction	Council	2023	5	4	0	0	0	Apartments
Construction	Council	2023	6	13	1	0	0	Houses
Acquisitions	Council	2024	0	7	3	0	0	Apartments/Duplex
Acquisitions	Council	2024	0	7	29	3	1	Houses
Affordable Housing	Council	2024	0	81	135	0	0	Houses
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2024	10	2	0	0	0	Apartments
CALF/MTR/LTL/HAA	AHB's	2024	0	70	8	2	0	Houses
Construction	Council	2024	0	0	0	0	0	Apartments
Construction	Council	2024	0	1	3	4	0	Houses
Part V	Council	2024	34	6	0	0	0	Apartments
Part V	Council	2024	0	18	19	2	0	Houses
Totals			145	566	597	96	1	

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 13

**REPORT ON NOTICES OF TERMINATION REPORTED IN THIS LEA -
AI104426**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Notices of Termination reported to the Housing Department in this Local Electoral Area, year to date?"

Reply:

Year to date in 2025, there have been 105 Notices of Termination specifically for the Dublin 15 area.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 14

REPORT ON LITTER FINES IN THIS LEA - AI104427

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of litter fines issued in this Local Electoral Area in the last five years, with a breakdown for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 year to date?”

Reply:

Year	No. of Litter Fines issued
2021	189
2022	172
2023	144
2024	108
2025	65

Source of Reply:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department

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ITEM NO.15

**REPORT ON NUMBER OF CHOICE BASED LETTINGS IN THIS LEA-
AI104429**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of homes advertised on Choice Based Letting in this Local Electoral Area, last year and year to date 2025?”

Reply:

There were 22 advertisements for the year 2024 and 18 advertisements for the year 2025 thus far.

Where there are multiple similar properties in a scheme or development, one advertisement is used and allocations for the multiple properties are processed for interested parties from the one advertisement.

Source of Reply:

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 16

TIMELINE OF REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT CORDUFF PARK - AI104397

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline of when the refurbishment works in Corduff Park and the works for the all-weather pitch will commence?”

Reply:

The works contract is in the process of being awarded and is in the standstill period. The on-site works will take approximately 8 months, subject to weather conditions. A commencement date will be confirmed by the contractor upon completion of the contract award process; it is expected enabling works will start before the end of the year.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE - CHAPELWOOD ESTATE, HOLLYSTOWN - AI104398

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Chapelwood Estate, Hollystown?”

Reply:

Fingal has recently appointed a Consultant Engineer to oversee and support the process of bringing legacy estates up to Taking in Charge (TIC) standard. The Consultant will carry out site surveys and prepare a detailed scope of works, which will be used to tender for a Contractor to bring the estates to an acceptable standard. Once a Contractor is appointed and the works are completed on site, the estate can then be put forward for Taking in Charge.

Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood, and Redwood are the first of many estates currently being reviewed by the appointed Consultant Engineer.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 18

HOUSING FORUM MEETINGS IN THIS LEA - AI104399

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a commencement date for the housing forum meetings in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The Dublin 15 Housing Forum was originally established to engage with representatives of local residents in Council social housing estates, advocating on behalf of their communities. With the establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP), there is now an opportunity to integrate the role of the Housing Forum into the LCSP, which may prove to be a more effective option for ongoing meaningful engagement between stakeholders in the local community.

The LCSP will involve a more comprehensive range of stakeholders, including local Councillors, Council officials, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Tusla, as well as local residents and representatives of youth groups, older persons, and other community interests. The LCSP will deliver a more collaborative, responsive, and community-led approach to safety and wellbeing.

As the LCSP process is only in its initial stages, this will be considered and monitored over the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 19

UPDATE ON INACTIVE PLANNING PERMISSIONS IN THIS LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA - AI104432

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of sites in this Local Electoral Area since 2020 where full planning permission has been given but no work has commenced to build homes and the number of housing units, including both houses and apartments, which received approval on these sites but have never been built?”

Reply:

A recent survey carried out by Fingal County Council staff (for the purposes of compiling the 4Dublin Housing Supply Pipeline Q2 2025 Report), identified 12 non-active sites in this Local Electoral Area which have received planning permission for developments of 10 dwellings or more.

The total number of dwellings granted permission but not commenced on these sites is 2,409 dwellings consisting of 86 houses and 2,323 apartments.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Murphy, Chief Technician, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 20

LAND ZONED FOR HOUSING IN THE LEA - AI104433

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the total quantity of land currently zoned for housing in this Local Electoral Area, the volume of future housing likely to be required in Dublin 15 up to 2034, based on the national planning framework, and the extent to which the availability of zoned land would be sufficient to meet the revised housing targets recently announced by the Government?”

Reply:

Table 2.14: Core Strategy of the 2023-2029 Fingal County Development Plan (reproduced overleaf) contains information relating to existing and estimated population, proposed housing demand (in units), total available zoned lands, total units/potential yields as well as lands with permission (extant) units at the point in time when the Plan was made in Q1 2023.

As set out in Table 2.14, when the Plan was made, there was a total of 175 hectares available zoned residential and in the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart (90 hectares), Ongar (33 hectares) and Castleknock areas (52 hectares).

With regard to the capacity of existing zoned lands to meet revised targets, it is noted that there have been recent changes in National planning policy, namely the publication of the *National Planning Framework (NPF) First Revision*¹ and the publication of Section 28 Guidelines, *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth*

¹ [National Planning Framework First Revision – April 2025 - The National Planning Framework](#)

Requirements, Guidelines for Planning Authorities,² 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 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. Once complete, this review will provide a robust overview of the extent to which the availability of zoned land in the various LEAs would be sufficient to meet the revised housing targets set out in the Section 28 NPF Implementation Guidelines.

² <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/publications/section-28-guidelines-npf-implementation-housing-growth-requirements/>

Table 2.14: Core Strategy – 2023–2029 Fingal Development Plan

Core Strategy Areas	Settlement Type	Name	CSO Census Population 2016	Estimated 2023 Population	Estimated 2029 Growth	Estimated 2029 Population	Projected Housing Demand (Units)	Total Available Zoned Residential Land	Total Units / Potential Yields	Lands – With Permission (Extant) – Units
Metropolitan Area	(1) Dublin City and Suburbs Consolidation Area	Blanchardstown – Mulhuddart LEA, Includes The Ward, Dubber, Tyrellstown, Mulhuddart, Corduff & Abbottstown	34,420	39,583	3,258	42,841	1,761	90	4,495	917
		Orgar LEA – Includes Blakestown, Coolmine	50,214	57,746	1,803	59,549	975	33	1,659	785
		Castleknock LEA, Includes Roselawn, Delwood, Castleknock Park, Knockmaroon & Lucan North	32,633	37,528	3,005	40,533	1,625	52	2,623	509
		Santry and Ballymun	2,485	2,684	925	3,609	500	12	600	358
		Belcamp and Balgriffin	6,702	7,238	912	8,150	493	36	1,791	-
		Baldoyle / Sutton	13,402	14,474	925	15,399	500	34	1,709	1,386
		Howth	8,294	8,875	925	9,800	500	20	1,006	710
	(2) Key Town	Swords	47,120	54,188	6,077	60,265	3,285	122	6,110	2,468
	(3) Self Sustaining Growth Town	Donabate	7,443	8,187	3,039	11,226	1,643	112	3,912	532
Core Area	(4) Self Sustaining Towns	Malahide	17,053	17,906	1,623	19,528	877	46	1,610	109
		Portmarnock	9,549	10,408	1,060	11,468	573	32	1,120	230
	(5) Towns and Villages	Baskin	349	366	19	386	10	2	24	46
		Coolquay	349	366	37	404	20	37	93	-
		Kinsealy	405	425	268	693	145	11	220	41
		Portrane	1,236	1,298	196	1,494	106	11	106	-
		Rivermeade	720	756	172	928	93	17	174	-
		Rowlstown	896	941	185	1,126	100	48	480	9
		Balbriggan	22,084	23,851	3,519	27,370	1,902	103	3,603	93
	(4) Self Sustaining Towns	Rush	10,359	10,877	925	11,802	500	53	1,600	338
		Lusk	8,353	8,771	555	9,326	300	27	818	132
		Skerries	9,783	10,272	174	10,446	94	9	273	7
	(5) Towns and Villages	Ballyboghil	681	708	163	871	88	21	206	-
		Ballymadun	424	441	19	459	10	16	41	-
		Balrothery	1,943	2,021	87	2,107	47	11	164	43
		Balscadden	503	523	16	539	8	8	20	1
		Garristown	798	830	160	990	86	20	202	21
		Loughshinny	633	658	38	696	20	4	57	5
		Naul	715	744	83	827	45	11	105	28
		Oldtown	1,028	1,069	93	1,162	50	18	180	14
	(6) Rural	Rural areas	5,446	5,555	126	5,681	68			
Totals			296,020	329,289	30,386	359,675	16,425	1,014	35,001	8,782

Source of Reply:

Dónall Ó Ceallaigh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21

**UPDATE ON BLANCHARDSTOWN TO CASTLEKNOCK CYCLE PATH -
AI104434**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for delivery of the cycle path from Blanchardstown to Castleknock via Farmleigh?”

Reply:

The Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh cycle route has been identified on the National Transport Authority (NTA) 5-year implementation plan with Fingal County Council and funding has been made available to develop planning and design proposals and a feasibility study has commenced.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages is underway. Pending the outcome of the optioneering, further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, preliminary design, planning consent, etc. will follow thereafter, subject to funding.

Source of Reply:

Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

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ITEM NO. 22

UPDATE ON OWNERSHIP OF ASHLEIGH GREEN - AI104435

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the green space at Ashleigh Green in Ashleigh Estate, which is taken in charge by Fingal County Council, is also owned by the Council?"

Reply:

The green space at Ashleigh Green in Ashleigh Estate is confirmed to be taken in charge by Fingal County Council, however the lands are not in the ownership of the Council.

The Developer who owned the land was dissolved in September 2007 before the transfer of title could be completed. The Council is currently engaging with the Chief States Solicitors Office regarding a Deed of Waiver to take the land into Council ownership.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 23

OUTLINE OF DUNSINK LOCAL AREA PLAN - AI104436

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update indicating when a Local Area Plan will be brought forward to plan for the necessary infrastructure and amenities to support housing development in Dunsink and to outline the process involved in making such a plan?”

Reply:

The preparation of a statutory plan for the significant land bank at Dunsink is continuing to progress. The ongoing work includes the compilation of background analysis and baseline studies and will inform any development proposal for the lands.

The Dunsink landbank offers significant potential to create a new and sustainable neighbourhood for Fingal and the land use plan currently being prepared will put in place the necessary steps to secure this overall vision.

Policy with regard to the enhancement of the historical complex of Dunsink Observatory is contained within the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and will be a key tenet of the future Dunsink Plan, bringing the historical significance of the complex to new generations. Any new plan will include proposals for necessary infrastructure and amenities to support housing and associated development.

The Planning Authority is also cognisant of amendments to the statutory plan making process as set out in newly enacted legislation. The full enactment

Planning and Development Act 2024 will result in the replacement of Local Area Plans with new categories of statutory local plans including Urban Area Plans (UAPs), Priority Area Plans (PAPs) and Combined Area Plans (CAPs).

Urban area plans (UAPs) will be developed for a settlement that has been identified in a corresponding development plan and will specify how the 'settlement-specific objectives' and the various strategies and statements as set out in the development plan will be implemented in respect of the settlement concerned.

Priority area plans (PAPs) will include similar requirements as those set out above for UAPs and will also be identified under a relevant development plan. However, PAPs will concern settlement-specific objectives for a part of a city that is suitable for significant growth and regeneration and would benefit from being the subject of specific objectives.

Coordinated area plans (CAPs) will be similar to the plans outlined above but will be required for an area designated by a regional authority in a regional spatial and economic strategy that is within the functional area of more than one planning authority.

It is also important to note that, under the 2024 Planning and Development Act, any Local Area Plans made under a 6-year Development Plan adopted under the previous Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) will cease to have effect when a new 10-year Development Plans is made under the 2024 Act.

The elements of the new Planning & Development Act relating to the preparation of statutory plans has not yet commenced.

Source of Reply:

Róisín Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 24

**UPDATE ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REGARDING DRONE
DELIVERY HUBS IN THIS LEA - AI104437**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all planning enforcement actions taken by the Council since the 1st January 2024 in relation to the unauthorised establishment of drone delivery hubs or landing pads in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

In relation to drone activity at the Clonsilla Inn, planning enforcement action taken by the Council has resulted in the removal of all unauthorised drone activity from this location.

In relation to drone activity at Junction 6, reference ENF24.176, an Enforcement Notice has issued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 11th July 2025. Investigations remain ongoing.

In relation to drone activity at Coolmine Industrial Estate, reference ENF25.149, a warning letter was issued, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 20th August 2025. A subsequent site inspection has taken place and investigations remain ongoing.

Details of the above warning letter and enforcement notices issued are available for public viewing on the Planning Enforcement Register.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal Mc Sweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM No. 25a

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

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
104/144 Blanchardstown Scout Group GA-003557	€3,000.00	1 of 3m x 4.5m pop up gazebo 1 of 3m x 3m pop up gazebo 2 x Ice boxes 16 Ice packs 2 packs of gazebo weights Gas Cooking station	NO	N/A	€3,000.00

		2 x gas bottles full 6 x 6ft folding bench 2 x 6ft folding table mobile kitchen prep area			
Kurdish Cultural Centre Ireland GA-003580	€3,000.00	Mountview Community Centre Room Rental Insurance HP Laptop Epson Printer	YES	2024 - €3,000.00 2023 - €2,973.00	€3,000.00
Laurel Lodge Environmental Group GA-003554	€2,900.00	Insurance Website Design	YES	2024 - €1,278.38 2023 - €686.48	€2,900.00
Sadlers Residents Association GA-003558	€2,500.00	Paint & Paint equipment Hyundai Backpack leaf blower X 2	NO	N/A	€1,955.00
Ashleigh Residents Association GA-003568	€1,100.00	Training, Insurance, Shrubs/Flowers Room Hire Paint & Brushes	YES	2024 - €1,700.00	€1,050.00
Autism Friendship GA-003582	€3,000.00	Insurance Community centre rental First aid Not so different workshops Fitness session Tai Chi relaxation Yoga relaxation	YES	2024 - €2,658.00	€3,000.00
Castlefield Woods RA GA-003578	€1,100.00	Horse drawn Santa carriage Decorations	NO	N/A	€800.00

Huntstown Ladies Club GA-003564	€3,000.00	Insurance Games Workshops Materials Room rental	YES	2023 – €1,132.00	€3,000.00
Riverwood Biodiversity Group GA-003570	€929.00	Bluebell bulbs Compost & fertilizer Bog garden plants Container for bog garden Complete Irish wildlife books Dremel & bits Insect hotel suppliers Web Graphics Ox eye daisy seeds	YES	2025 – €930.39 2024 – €618.00 2024 – €2,378.00	€928.67
Mountview Fort Lawn Youth and Sports Hub GA-003569	€2,900.00	Christmas Event Sewing Machine Goal Post Nets Dishwasher	YES	2024 – €2,907.38	€2,900.00
Mulberry Residents Association GA-003584	€2,984.00	Stonework and labour 2 X Bags of limestone Sand & Cement Skip Groundworks/foundations	YES	2024 - €1,500.00	€2,894.00
The VUE Bridge Club GA-003590	€2,707.00	Chairs Equipment	YES	2023 - €2,944.89	€2,707.00
Strawberry Beds Residents Association GA-003555	€2,982.00	External Defibrillator Outdoor Defibrillator Case with Code Lock Entertainer for Community Event (1.5 hours)	YES	2024 – €769.00	€2,982.00

		M&E Supplies – Equipment			
Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club GA-003583	€1,200.00	Laptop Phone	YES	2025 – €1,672.98	€958.00



Report pursuant to part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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Proposed Play Space Development at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15.

2nd October 2025

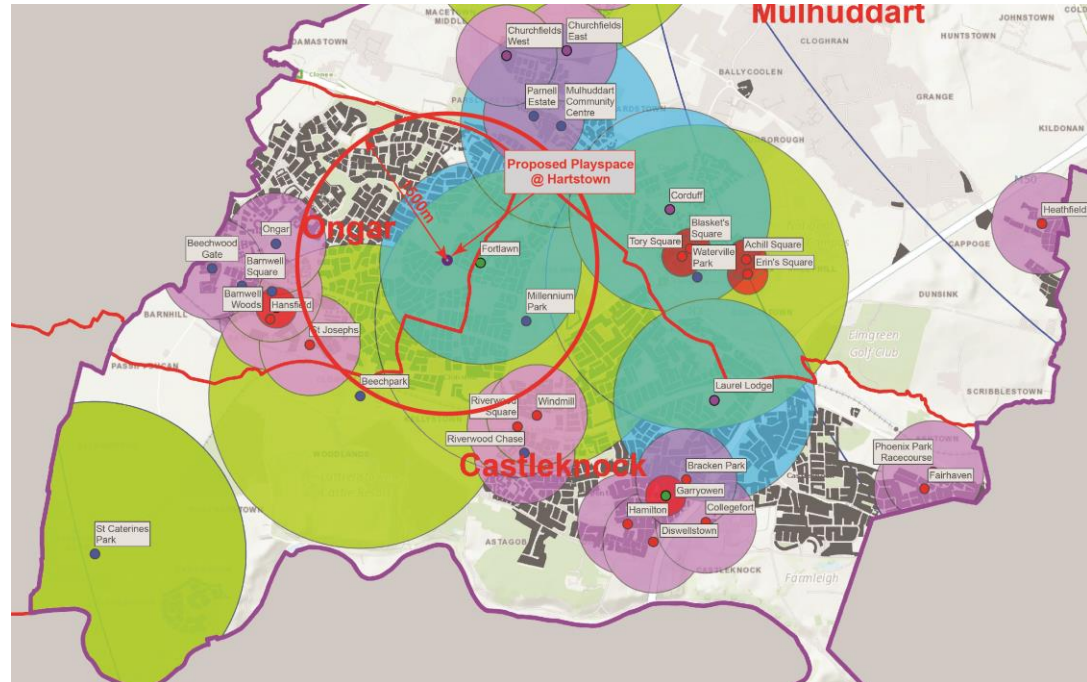
Agenda



- Brief recap summary of proposal
- Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*
- Overview of the Statutory Public Consultation
- Summary of key themes from submissions received and response
- Recommendation

Site Selection – Hartstown Park

- Community & Public Rep. requests
- Play Audit identified local gap in play provision
- Approximately 22ha park– **Urban Neighbourhood Park** category, therefore on-site capacity & sizeable catchment for play provision



Compliance with *Space for Play* Policy –

NEAP (neighbourhood equipped area for play) Characteristics

- Urban Neighbourhood Park 20ha-50ha
- Accessibility: 1000m-1500m from child's home
- Locate near a well used pedestrian route
- Position on a well drained, reasonably flat site
- Min. 25m from nearest dwelling
- Passive observation opportunity





Proposed Play Space Development at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15.

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Proposed Site Layout

View 1

View 2

View 3

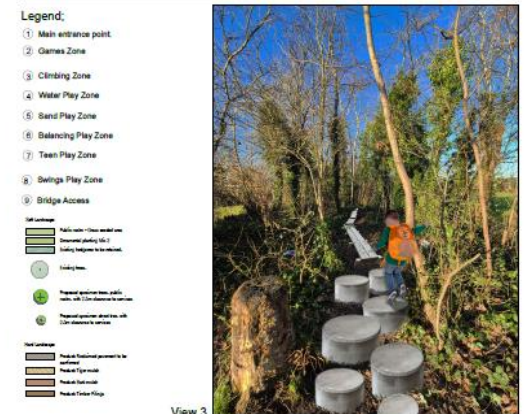
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View 1



View 2



View 3

Legend:

- ① Main entrance point
 - ② Games Zone
 - ③ Climbing Zone
 - ④ Water Play Zone
 - ⑤ Sand Play Zone
 - ⑥ Balancing Play Zone
 - ⑦ Teen Play Zone
 - ⑧ Swings Play Zone
 - ⑨ Bridge Access
- Soft landscape**
- Public space / Open market area
 - Recreational playing field
 - Existing landscape to be retained
 - Existing trees
 - Proposed landscape trees, public space with 10m clearance to service
 - Proposed landscape around trees with 10m clearance to service
- Hard landscape**
- Proposed functional pavement to be installed
 - Proposed cycle route
 - Proposed footpath
 - Proposed timber bridge

Play Space Development at Hartstown Park

Description of proposed development



Enchanted Forest themed play area using natural materials and surfacing

- *Approx. 3,000m² play area (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play - NEAP)*
- *Approx. 20no. play items aimed at ages from young children up to and including teenagers,*
located within -
 - *A Games zone*
 - *A Water & sand play zone*
 - *A Climbing zone*
 - *A Swings zone*
 - *A Teen zone*
- *Bicycle parking (incl. cargo bikes)*
- *Landscaping and tree planting*



Findings of the Planning Report on Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

It is considered that the proposed Play Space Development at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15 would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Public Consultation



- Placed on public display on 16th July 2025
- Advertised in press & social media
- Submissions encouraged prior to closing date of 27th August.

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5 Submissions received



Summary of Observations



- A total of **5 submissions** were received.
- Planning support & issues allocated to **5 themes**,:
 - General Support of the Project
 - Car Parking Management
 - Types of Play Equipment inc. sports facilities
 - Wider Park Management
 - Park Accessibility

Theme 1:

General Support of the Proposed Development



- **4 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
- Sample of support related to this theme:
 - A children's play area is welcome.
 - It's about time there was a play area for kids.
 - More than welcome by the residents of the area.
 - Broadly welcome the proposal for a play space to the benefit of the younger residents of Clonsilla.

Theme 2: Car Parking Management



- **2 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

Few people walk to the park, existing car park not big enough, cars park in estates; especially on match days, can more car parking be provided?

- Page 76
- The Council acknowledges parking on residential roads.
 - The play space is a NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play) intended to be accessible within a 1.5km walking distance to homes.
 - The Council has plans for 2 new playgrounds in Dublin 15 – Hazelbury and Ongar Parks – envisaged this will decrease the requirement of driving to access play provision.
 - Additional car parking is not under consideration of this planning application.

Theme 3:

Types of Play Equipment incl. sports facilities



- **1 submission** received relevant to this theme.

Equipment needs to be robust, no mention of traditional play equipment, can sports facilities such as squash, handball etc. be included?

- Equipment will be selected to withstand public spaces.
- There is a combination of play traditional play equipment and natural play features such as logs, mounding and boulders.
- This application is focused on addressing the deficiency of play provision in the area, other sports facilities may be appropriate elsewhere in the park, subject to a separate application.

Theme 4: Wider Park Management



- **2 submissions** received relevant to this theme.
Other areas of the park also need improvement, can more litter bins be provided in the park?

Page 78 ➤ Additional bins will be installed at convenient locations.

- The wider park will benefit from the additional management & maintenance resources because of this development.

Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Play Space at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15 would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, subject to the recommendations outlined in the Planning Report.

It is recommended that the Council approve the Proposed Play Space at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15 as proposed.



Thank You





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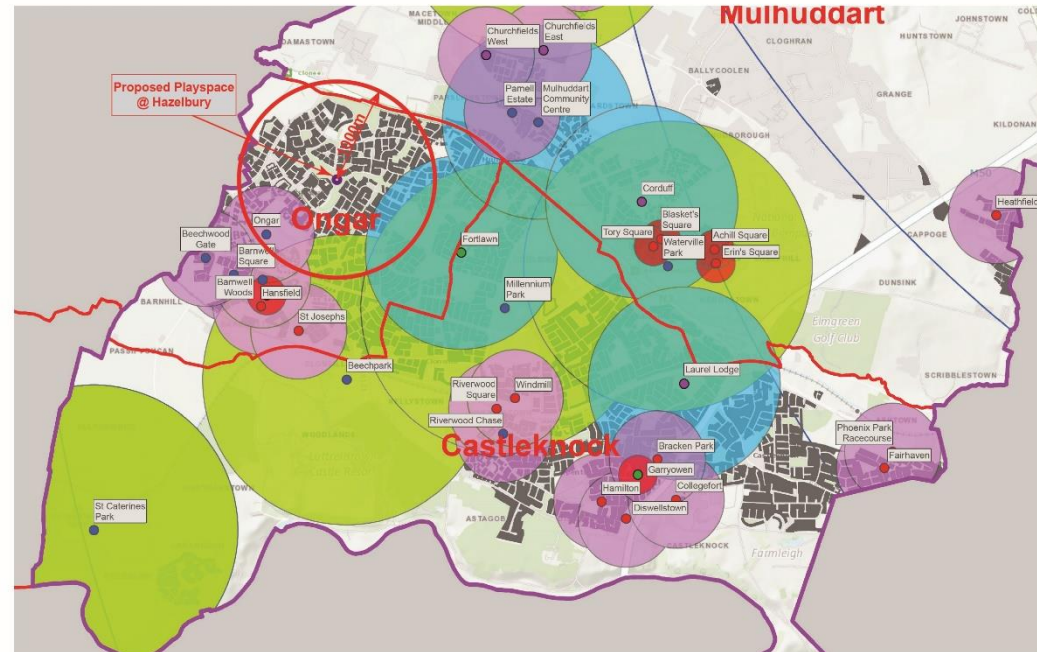
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Compliance with *Space for Play* Policy –

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Proposed Play Space Development at Hazelbury Park, Dublin 15. (as it went on public display)



Proposed Site Layout

(as it went on public display)

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Play Space Development at Hazelbury Park



Description of proposed development

A play area using natural materials and surfacing in harmony with its surroundings.

- *Approx. 1,000m² play area (Local Equipped Area for Play - LEAP)*
- *Approx. 20no. play items aimed at young children up to and including teenagers, located within –*
 - *A Woodland Quarter*
 - *A Wetland Quarter **
 - *A Hill Quarter*
 - *A Meadow Quarter*
- *Bicycle parking (incl. cargo bikes)*
- *Extensive tree planting and landscaping*
- *A canvas shade structure **
- *Picnic benches*



Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Public Consultation



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60 Submissions received



Summary of Observations



- A total of **60 submissions** were received.
Planning support & issues allocated to **15 themes**,:

- General Support of the Project
- Like the proposals in principle
- Anti-social behaviour & vandalism
- Littering, hygiene and public health
- Maintenance and management of the facilities
- Additional facilities / equipment required
- Supervision / surveillance & security
- Location and scale of the proposed play space

Summary of Observations continued



- A total of **60 submissions** were received.
Planning support & issues allocated to **15 themes**,:

- Health and Safety
- Traffic and Parking
- Environmental and Drainage impact
- Cycling accessibility
- Public Consultation
- Planning Process
- Objections to the proposals

Theme 1:

General Support of the Proposed Development



- **11 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

Samples of support related to this theme:

- I support the great, imaginative proposals
- A play area in this neighbourhood is long overdue
- Increased all year round play opportunities
- Great to have a playground within walking distance
- Delighted to see this proposed development, a valuable recreational space etc. etc.

Theme 3:

Anti-Social Behaviour and Vandalism



- **50 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

*The development will cause more anti-social behaviour, **effecting the residents.** This will be a space for night gatherings, trees and facilities in the park have been vandalised.*

- The prominent location of the space provides passive observation opportunities.
- The increased footfall in the park because of the new development would add to the passive surveillance of the area.
- The Council will work with the Operations Dept. and Community Garda as appropriate in the interest of addressing anti-social behaviour being cognisant of the residents and protecting the new investment.
- The improved landscape will give a much better impression of the park as a cared for space, reducing the tendencies of vandalism behaviour.
- Equipment will be selected suited to public spaces.

Theme 4:

Littering, hygiene and public health



- **42 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

A new playground will bring a mess with it. Who will clean the picnic and wetland area? Lack of bins in the area, problems with litter and rubbish already exist in the park. Can public toilets be included?

- Page 94
- Additional bins will be installed.
 - Additional resourcing will be put in place as appropriate to cope with litter management.
 - Public toilets are not under consideration of this application, this can be explored during the operational phase in consultation with the Operations Department.
 - The pond has been redesigned as a rain garden / swale feature – improved access for litter picks.

Theme 8:

Location and scale of the proposals



- **41 submissions** received relevant to this theme

*Proposed location is unsuitable at the pathway intersection, Hazelbury Park does not have the scale to accommodate a play space, wetland and shaded canopy are too close to **homes**, loss of privacy. Increased noise. **Residents** would be okay with a smaller playground.*

- The proposed location within the park is in accordance with guidelines outlined in 'Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal'.
- The pond has been redesigned as a rain garden / swale feature, it will capture rainfall in extreme events. It will no longer be a permanent water body.
- The space will be redesigned to omit the shaded canopy structure from the proposals.
- The privacy and noise issues will be further addressed through strategic planting and landscaping interventions.

Theme 9: Health and Safety



39 submissions received relevant to this theme.

Concerns associated with cycling in the park, car traffic as a result of the proposals, H&S concerns around the pond, no public lighting proposed. Location relevant to GAA pitch.

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- Control of bicycles & scooters travelling at speed will be considered as part of the detailed design, e.g. rumble strips on approach.
- The play space will not increase vehicle traffic significantly to the area, as this is designed as a space within walking distance to homes.
- The pond in the wetland area will be re-designed and constructed as a swale / rain garden.
- Ball stop nets will be installed if required.

Theme 10: Traffic / Parking



31 submissions received relevant to this theme.

*Proposals will bring additional traffic to **residential area**, no additional parking proposed, no traffic management plans or impact assessment etc.*

- Page 97
- The play space will not increase traffic significantly to the area, as this is designed as a local play space within walking distance to homes.
 - Other playgrounds are planned in Dublin 15, therefore reducing demand to drive to Hazelbury Park.
 - The proposals were assessed by the Transportation Planning Section, no traffic issues were raised.

Theme 15: Objections to the proposals



31 submissions received relevant to this theme.

*Objections due to the concerns and issues highlighted above, e.g. due to its size, location, parking, **canopy structure** and **pond** etc..*

The proposals have been revised to omit the canopy structure and the attenuation pond will be redesigned as a rain garden, not to contain standing water.

Recommended changes



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- Pond redesigned to a rain garden / swale
- Canopy removed from seating area
- Revised design document attached

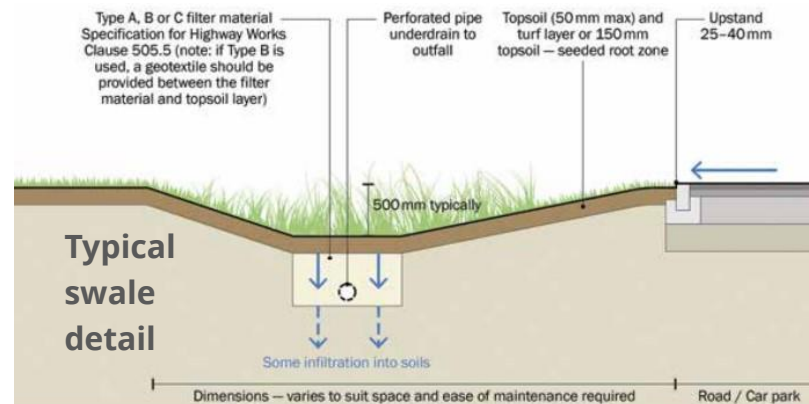
(alongside liaison at local level during the detail design and development phases of the project.).



Examples of a swales / rain gardens

With easy access for maintenance

Dry except for during storm events



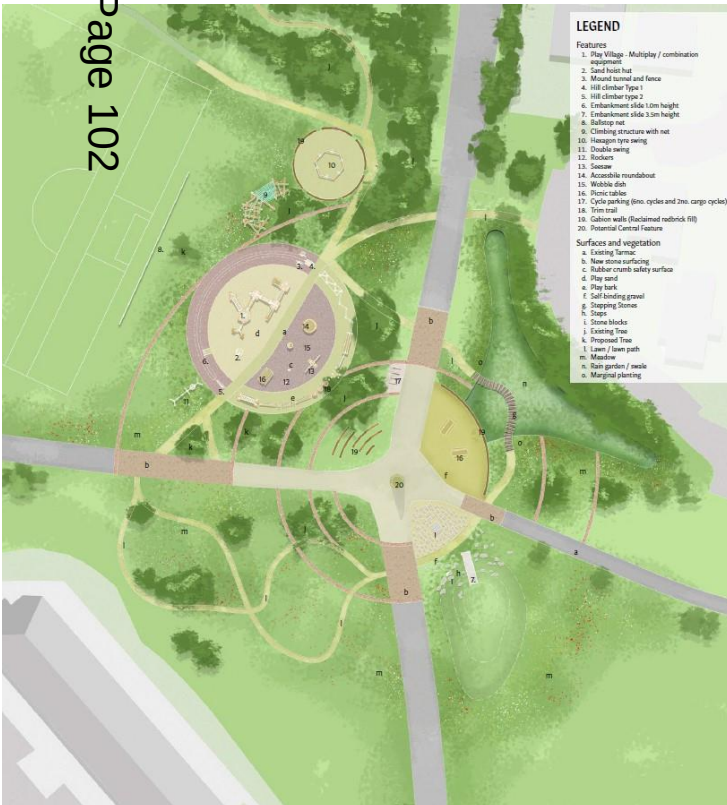
Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Play Space at Hazelbury Park, Dublin 15 would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, subject to the recommendations outlined in the Planning Report.

It is recommended that the Council approve the Proposed Play Space at Hazelbury Park, Dublin 15 as proposed.



Thank You



Hazelbury Park Playground Concept Proposal

Concept Proposal

The proposal for the playground and surrounding space focuses on joined up play and connecting play to natural settings. The proposals aim to more than just create a fun and imaginative play space. It looks to create a social hub for a range of age groups by introducing a number of place making things such as a wide variety of seating, attractive setting, sculptural items, habitats, potential for events and music, shade, walking recreation and play. Careful definition of the space using materials and vegetation types would create a sense of place and a multitude of activities and things of interest would make it a regular hang spot for the surrounding community.

The site is dissected by a cross road that creates the potential for four differently themed spaces. The main focal area is the play hub where traditional play equipment is found. This is set amongst trees giving the sense that you are playing in amongst woodland.

A low-lying area of the site with existing ditch could be extended to provide a rain garden area that captures surrounding water runoff and creates it into a rich habitat. This space could be simple with a generous seating and viewing area. The area would be edged with a brick filled gabion wall to define the edge and make safe the space for younger children. The rain garden could be traversed by placing stepping stone.

Using the excavated material from the rain garden a small domed hill would be formed that would provide an elevated viewpoint. An embankment slide would provide the fun element and the motivation to climb the hill. The base of the hill would be made up of a matrix or grid of stone blocks with a large stone plinth or stage in the centre.

Further relaxed spaces for people to idle amongst the meadow and parkland trees. Areas of lawn could be cut to provide spaces for sitting. Rotating cuts would create a mosaic habitat over years and allowing large areas to grow long and cutting pathways amongst it would make an interesting path for people to follow. Pockets of introduced habitat such as log piles, stumperies, and mounds could be introduced over time.



LEGEND

Features

1. Play Village - Multiplay / combination equipment
2. Sand hoist hut
3. Mound tunnel and fence
4. Hill climber Type 1
5. Hill climber type 2
6. Embankment slide 1.0m height
7. Embankment slide 3.5m height
8. Ballstop net
9. Climbing structure with net
10. Hexagon tyre swing
11. Double swing
12. Rockers
13. Seesaw
14. Accessible roundabout
15. Wobble dish
16. Picnic tables
17. Cycle parking (6no. cycles and 2no. cargo cycles)
18. Trim trail
19. Gabion walls (Reclaimed redbrick fill)
20. Potential Central Feature

Surfaces and vegetation

- a. Existing Tarmac
- b. New stone surfacing
- c. Rubber crumb safety surface
- d. Play sand
- e. Play bark
- f. Self-binding gravel
- g. Stepping Stones
- h. Steps
- i. Stone blocks
- j. Existing Tree
- k. Proposed Tree
- l. Lawn / lawn path
- m. Meadow
- n. Rain garden / swale
- o. Marginal planting



The Woodland Quarter

The main focal area is the play hub where traditional play equipment is found. This is set amongst trees giving the sense that you are playing in amongst woodland. The circular space is contained by a mound to the west which also provide a boundary to sand play area. The mound can be climbed in multiple ways including log climb, stepping stones, it can also be tunnelled through.

The eastern half of the semi-circle has accessible equipment including roundabout, sensory panels, rockers, seesaws and a trim trail which extends the entire eastern perimeter and links into the mound creating a continuous circuit. The trim trail would be design so it could be completed by early age groups but would set a challenge for children from 3-10 years old. A more challenging climbing frame along with tyre swings are found to the north in a more secluded glade like setting.

Key

- 01. Trim Trail
- 02. Sand Play
- 03. Picnic Tables
- 04. Existing trees
- 05. Football Pitch



Location Plan



Existing Condition



The Wetland Quarter

A low-lying area of the site with existing ditch could be extended to provide a wetland space that captures surrounding water runoff and creates it into a rich habitat.

This space could be simple with a generous seating and viewing area. The area would be edged with a brick filled gabion wall to define the edge and make safe the space for younger children.

The wetland could be traversed by placing stepping stones.

The margins could be planted with a range of native species to encourage wildlife to flourish. Interpretation panels could be introduced once the wildlife had moved in.

Key

- 01. Wetland planting
- 02. Stepping Stones
- 03. Seating area
- 04. Rain garden / swale



Location Plan



Existing Condition



The Hill Quarter

Using the excavated material from the pond a small domed hill would be formed that would provide an elevated viewpoint. An embankment slide would provide the fun element and the motivation to climb the hill. The base of the hill would be made up of a matrix or grid of stone blocks with a large stone plinth or stage in the centre.

This area could hold mini events, be an informal seating space or just another play element for children to run between or jump between the stones. This space might be used by teenagers as an informal seating area. The council's stockpile of stone could be put to beneficial use in this space.

Key

- 01. Mound
- 02. Embankment Slide
- 03. Natural boulders
- 04. Cut stone blocks



Location Plan



Existing Condition

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ITEM NO. 29

REPORT ON DRONE DELIVERY SERVICES POLICY IN THIS LEA - AI103876

Motion: Councillor H. Redwood

“That the Chief Executive, noting the rapid expansion of unregulated drone delivery services in this Local Electoral Area and the disturbance it creates for residents and wildlife, requests that the Planning Department presents a report regarding the National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems and its implications for Council policy and local residents.”

Report:

The National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, was launched on 20 August 2025. The Policy Framework aims to guide high-level strategic development of Ireland’s UAS sector by fostering growth and innovation, while ensuring that operations remain safe and secure and environmental and social concerns are managed. The Policy Framework recognises the importance of collaboration and engagement of a wide range of stakeholders. It was developed through cross-government engagement structures, and it is informed by public and industry consultation. It aims to facilitate consideration of how matters such as planning and environmental issues will be addressed by the appropriate authorities.

Subject to the agreement of the Committee, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department will review the policy and prepare a report on the planning policy implications for the next meeting.

Source of Report:

Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 31

REVIEW OF PIECE OF LAND ON CLONSILLA ROAD - AI104116

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to tidying up the piece of land at Clonsilla Road and explore suitable community amenity uses, such as a mini park."

Report:

The Council is currently in discussions with a local community group regarding their proposal for the use of the land at Clonsilla Road for community amenity purposes.

The Council plans to continue discussions with the local community group and internal stakeholders to further develop the group's plans to tidy up the area and bring it into use for community amenity purposes over the coming weeks.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 32

MULTI-USE MOTORBIKE AND PUMP TRACK IN THIS LEA - AI104269

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“That the Chief Executive gives urgent consideration to the building of a multi-use motorbike and pump track in this Local Electoral Area to accommodate this special interest in a safe and productive way in view of the rising cases of life altering accidents involving scramblers and e-scooters, as well as the rising levels of anti-social behaviour linked to the inappropriate use of the vehicles.”

Report:

A Pump Track has been provided by Fingal County Council at St. Catherine’s Park in Lucan. It is operated by the Lucan BMX club. The Council has also developed a Motocross Circuit in the Tolka Valley Regional Park which until recently has been run by Mulhuddart Motocross Club. Unfortunately, due to insurance related issues, this facility has had to cease operating.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 33

DERELICT SITE USE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING - SADDLERS ESTATE, MULHUDDART - AI104370

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to bringing the Council owned 0.4-hectare site opposite Saddlers Estate, which has been derelict for several years, into use as a small social housing development."

Report:

The zoning of the Council owned site opposite Saddlers Estate is designated as High Amenity in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029, and while residential development is permitted in principle, any residential development is subject to compliance with the Rural Settlement Strategy. The Council does not therefore consider the site suitable for a small social housing development.

The Council is currently considering a proposal from a local community organisation for the potential use and refurbishment of the site opposite Saddlers Estate. The Council will continue to engage with the relevant parties to explore the future potential of the site and options for bringing the site into use.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 34

FUNDING FOR STEP DOWN HOUSING IN THIS LEA - AI104420

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Housing to seek funding for transitional housing to support Sonas Domestic Violence Charity, to house victims of domestic violence in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 35

SECOND SPECIAL SCHOOL IN THIS LEA - AI104430

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Education and Minister of State for Special Education requesting them to guarantee full therapeutic support for all children in Danu Community Special School and to also provide a second special school in Dublin 15.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Education and Minister of State for Special Education and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 36

**BUS SHELTER FOR HAMPTON WOOD DRIVE AT ST. MARGARET'S
ROAD – A1104346**

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“That the Chief Executive write to the NTA to address the lack of bus shelters along St. Margaret’s Road, especially at Hampton Wood Drive and environs.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 37

REPORT ON DUBLIN CANVAS IN THIS LEA - AI104428

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive reports on work completed by Dublin Canvass in this Local Electoral Area and briefs this Committee on other art works that are being planned.”

Report:

Dublin Canvas have added an additional 2 traffic boxes to the 2025 programme, located on Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown & Shelerin Road Clonsilla. The 2026 call out will commence in April should specific boxes be requested to be included or repainted. Dublin Canvas box design remains for a 3 year period as the artists are often local and it allows the community to see and celebrate the work. Boxes painted in 2023 will be reviewed for repaint and are located at Mountview Road, Diswellstown Road, Hartstown Link & Hartstown Road, Clonsilla and Church Road, Main Street, Mulhuddart.

Other Arts Office work includes a project with the Corduff Community (I am Corduff) where a dedicated artist John Conway & community members meet weekly to prepare to showcase a new work for the Corduff Community Centre when it re-opens. Research and Development work continues with artists and communities as part of the Churchfields/ Mulhuddart working group.

Source of Report:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 38

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT FOR DRONE DELIVERY HUBS IN THIS LEA - AI104431

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive continues to pursue planning enforcement action in line with planning legislation to remove unauthorised drone delivery hubs/landing pads where these were established without planning permission in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

The Planning Enforcement section continue to enforce breaches of the Planning Code in this LEA in relation to such activity.

In relation to drone activity at the Clonsilla Inn, reference ENF23.034B, planning enforcement action taken by the Council has resulted in the removal of all unauthorised drone activity from this location.

In relation to drone activity at Junction 6, reference ENF24.176, an Enforcement Notice has issued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 11th July 2025. Investigations remain ongoing.

In relation to drone activity at Coolmine Industrial Estate, reference ENF25.149, a warning letter was issued, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on 20th August 2025. A subsequent site inspection has taken place and investigations remain ongoing.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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