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Friday, 26 September 2025

**To Each Member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area
Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 9th October, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of the Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 11th of September 2025** (Pages 1 - 10)

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Hidden Disability Parking Spaces in this LEA - AI103988**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the scope for the introduction of a pilot scheme, similar to that being trialled in other Local Authorities, that promote autism friendly/hidden disability parking spaces in car parks in this Local Electoral Area such as Ardgillan Castle?"

- 3 **Councillor M. Boland - Reinstatements following Road Openings - AI103991**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the steps being taken by the Clerk of Works and/or the Area Engineer to ensure that utility companies and developers reinstate sections of roads and footpaths that have been dug up on the foot of Road Opening Licences in the Rush and Lusk area over the last year and if sanctions can be applied to repeat offenders?"

- 4 **Councillor M. Boland - Provision of Cats Eyes from Reynoldstown Crossroads to Naul Village - AI104565**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of cats eyes from Reynoldstown Crossroads to Naul Village as part of the 2026 Programme of Works to complete the stretch of cats eyes which run from the motorway to the Naul to improve road safety conditions along this stretch of road?"

- 5 **Councillor M. Boland - Re-Painting of Road Markings - Hedgestown School, Jordanstown, Lusk - AI104566**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint the line markings outside Hedgestown School, Jordanstown, along with the cutting back of foliage at the stop signs?"

6 Councillor M. Boland - Solutions to Dangerous Crossroads - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI104567

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an interim solution, such as painting a "yellow box" at the junction at the crossroads at Palmer Avenue, Rush or an alternate form of road marking that makes this junction more visible to drivers and encourages them to slow down, due to the high rate of accidents that occur at this location?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Parking Space Removal - Rush Main Street - AI104568

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of the two parking bays located outside Walsh's pub on Upper Main Street in Rush as they are causing traffic disruption especially since the introduction of the new junction into Ormond Avenue?"

8 Councillor P. Mulville - Resurfacing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104048

"To ask the Chief Executive, in commending the resurfacing recently completed along Turvey Avenue, to provide an update as to when the remaining section of Turvey Avenue will be resurfaced?"

9 Councillor P. Mulville - Re-Painting of Temporary Public Toilets - Portrane Green, Portrane - AI104050

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the relevant contractor to be requested to freshen up and repaint the temporary public toilets at Portrane Green as they are in need of attention?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Road Surface Repairs - Dun Emer, Lusk - AI104052

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the road surface at the second entrance into Dun Emer Estate off Minister's Road in Lusk to be repaired as it is in a poor condition (see photo attached)?"

11 Councillor P. Mulville - Improvements to Balheary Skate Park - Swords - AI104056

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to improve and

enhance the play area at Balheary Park in Swords, for example the removal of the outdated fencing around the skate park, the addition of some play/sports equipment nearby, so that different age ranges are in close proximity and the provision of some seating?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Upgrade of Footpaths - Donabate - AI104401

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to a public realm upgrade of footpaths in Donabate?"

13 Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Double Yellow Lines - Oaklands Avenue, Swords - AI104594

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing double yellow lines at the stretch of road along Oaklands Avenue in Swords, given the ongoing dangerous and illegal parking taking place and given the clearly demonstrated appetite for parking controls as the stretch is constantly lined with traffic cones?"

14 Councillor P. Mulville - Improvements to Potholes/Dips in the Road - Lusk Town Centre - AI104595

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the improvement of potholes/dips in the road alongside the footpath from Lusk Town Centre to the railway station, as when it rains, they fill with water and the path becomes almost impassable, soaking commuters on the way to work?"

15 Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Minister's Road/Treen Hill - AI104596

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the repair of potholes adjacent to the footpath along Minister's Road, Lusk, near

the turn at Treen Hill?"

16 Councillor C. Johnston - Extending and Upgrading Footpath - Naul Village - AI104438

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the upgrading and extension of the footpath from the cottages at the eastern point of the RV Zone in Naul Village on the north side of the R122 to extend around the corner to meet the path at Delvin Banks in next year's Programme of Works?"

17 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Naul - AI104525

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the R122 between the Naul Village Park site and the Naul graveyard in next year's Programme of Works, as a flat-topped ramp was previously proposed at this location but was omitted from the Naul Traffic Calming Scheme 2025, given the need for a safe pedestrian access to Naul graveyard?"

18 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - New Road, Donabate - AI104527

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the New Road, Donabate in the vicinity of the Strand Estate in next year's Programme of Works, given that construction is underway for 2,500 housing units which will have vehicular access onto this road and with an increase in vehicular traffic pedestrians will be impacted trying to cross this busy road?"

19 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Road Markings - Clonard/Balscadden Junction - AI104529

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of road markings at the Clonard/Balscadden junction as a priority, given the poor visibility at this junction which is a safety concern for motorists?"

20 Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Donabate Beach Car Park - AI104530

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in the Capital Plan for the upgrading of the

Donabate Beach car park which is in poor condition?"

21 Councillor C. Johnston - Refurbishment of Donabate and Portrane Public Toilets - AI104532

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the refurbishment of the Donabate and Portrane public toilets and to include a timeline for the refurbishment works to commence and be completed?"

22 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Beach Swim Shelter and Shower Facilities - The Brook, Portrane - AI104535

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the provision of a beach swim shelter and shower unit at The Brook Beach in Portrane?"

23 Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Beach Lane, Portrane - AI104547

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the section of Beach Lane Road from (details supplied) around the left turn to (details supplied) given the uneven surface and gaps along the side of the carriageway?"

24 Councillor M. Quinn - Re-painting of Yellow Boxes in Balbriggan - AI104487

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the repainting of the yellow boxes at the junctions of Station Street with Drogheda Street, Mill Street with Clonard Street and Convent Lane with Drogheda Street?"

25 Councillor M. Quinn - Traffic Assessment at Hamilton Road, Balbriggan - AI104488

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a traffic assessment of Dublin Street (Church) roundabout, Balbriggan between 8.00 am and 9.00 am to improve the traffic flow in this area during the morning?"

26 Councillor M. Quinn - Resurfacing of High Street, Balbriggan - AI104489

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make provision for the resurfacing of High Street in Balbriggan following the completion of the Quay Street project by including it in a future Programme of Works?"

27 Councillor J. Smyth - Bonfire Diversion Projects in this LEA - AI104496

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline any bonfire diversion projects which have been trialled in this Local Electoral Area and to detail the outcomes of these?"

28 Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Assessment - Jugback Terrace, Swords - AI104497

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the most recent road safety assessment was carried out in relation to Jugback Terrace adjacent to Gym Plus and to outline the findings of same?"

29 Councillor J. Smyth - Measures to deal with Unsafe Parking - Rathbeale Court, Swords - AI104498

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assess and implement appropriate measures to deal with unsafe parking practices in Rathbeale Court, Swords?"

30 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Holywell Community Garden - AI104501

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Holywell Community Garden?"

31 Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Saint Cronan's Abbey, Swords - AI104507

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on St. Cronan's Abbey, Swords in relation to Motion AI098630 which was raised at the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting on 10th October 2024?"

32 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of Bus Shelters in the Rush/Lusk LEA - AI104536

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council has entered

discussions with TFI or other bodies in reaching agreement for the provision of bus shelters and hard stands at rural bus stops in the Rush/Lusk Local Electoral Area and to advise on the current standing of those discussions?"

33 Councillor C. Boland - Installation of Public Light - Knightstown, Lusk - AI104538

"To ask the Chief Executive, in noting safety aspects, to advise when the committed to public light will be commissioned at (details supplied) Knightstown as currently young people are left standing in the dark in the mornings and evenings as this is the pick-up/set down point for school transport?"

34 Councillor C. Boland - Electrical Connection for Christmas Tree Lights - Ballyboughal - AI104578

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a permanent electrical connection will be established in Ballyboughal Pocket Parks, as already agreed, to provide a power supply for the annual Christmas tree and to support the Community Council's ongoing building of village spirit?"

35 Councillor B. Ryan - Sale of Used Grave Plots in the Balbriggan LEA - AI104557

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any previously used grave plots have been sold in recent years in graveyards in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?"

36 Councillor B. Ryan - Footpath Improvements in Skerries Town Park - AI104559

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to improve the footpath network at Skerries Town Park?"

37 Councillor B. Ryan - Emergency Access to Red Island, Skerries - AI104560

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to ensure that emergency services have the means to access Red Island, Skerries, at all times?"

38 Councillor E. Dockrell - Removal of Kissing Gate - The Links Estate/Donabate Village Estate, Donabate -

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of the kissing gates between The Links Estate and Donabate Village Estate, as the gate is quite restrictive for buggy, bike and wheelchair users and if an alternative, such as the positioning of a bollard, could be installed?"

39 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Harlockstown Lane, Wimbletown, Ballyboughal - AI104579

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the remainder of Harlockstown Lane?"

40 Councillor E. Dockrell - Safety Inspection - Delvin Banks/R122 - AI104580

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an inspection to be carried out on a section of the R122, on the bend before the left turn into Delvin Banks and if additional speed signage and other speed reduction measures can be installed to reduce the number of accidents at this location?"

41 Councillor E. Dockrell - Safety Inspection - Prospect Hill, Donabate - AI104582

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for signage to be repositioned at the entrance to Prospect Hill, Donabate to make the entry and exit to this area safer with a clearer sightline, in addition, can consideration be given to carrying out a safety inspection of this exit/entrance into this estate?"

42 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Newtown Lane, Garristown - AI104583

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of Newtown Lane in Garristown as a matter of urgency given the current poor state of this road?"

43 Councillor E. Dockrell - Report on Tree Planting in this LEA - AI104587

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of trees planned to be planted by the Council in this Local Electoral Area over the remainder of this Council's term and a breakdown (if possible) of where these trees will be planted?"

44 Councillor J. Humphreys - Re-check for Blue LED Lights - Swords LEA - AI104609

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a re-check to ensure that all faulty LED streetlights in the Swords Local Electoral Area have been identified and replaced in the approach to the winter months?"

45 Councillor J. Humphreys - Criteria included in Bus Stop Enhancement Programme - Swords - AI104612

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria used to prioritise what bus stops in Swords are included in the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and whether consideration is given to passenger numbers, interchange value and local weather exposure?"

46 Councillor J. Humphreys - Clarification for Planning Applications for Bus Stop Enhancement Programme - AI104613

"To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the process for submitting planning applications for new bus shelters under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and whether Dublin Bus or the NTA has responsibility for making these applications?"

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NEW WORKS, ETC.**

47 Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025

MOTIONS

48 Councillor J. Newman - Parking Issues - Brackenstown Village - AI104462

"That the Chief Executive carry out a comprehensive assessment of the parking problems at the row of houses across from St. Cronan's School and Brackenstown Church, the assessment should take account of the parking issues that have arisen since the introduction of efforts to prevent dangerous parking at this location."

49 Councillor J. Smyth - Measures to Curtail Anti-Social Behaviour Associated with Halloween - Lioscian/Cianlea, Swords - AI104493

"That the Chief Executive ensure urgent repairs are carried out in the coming weeks to a section of fencing between the Lioscian and Cianlea estates which is allowing for illegal dumping/bonfire wood stock piling to occur in the run up to Halloween."

51 Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Vegetation - Naul Graveyard - AI104506

"That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Operations Department and the Conservation and Heritage Officers, undertake vegetation removal and repointing of the tops of the walls of the ruined chapel in Naul graveyard, as long-established growth may be affecting the structure of the south and east walls."

52 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104531

"That the Chief Executive includes the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue, in the vicinity of the junction with The Square, given the difficulties for pedestrians trying to cross this increasingly busy road which will increase when the Aldi store opens before the end of the year."

54 Councillor E. Dockrell - Completion of Footpath - Dun Emer, Lusk - AI104585

"That the Chief Executive build the unfinished footpath that the Council granted planning permission for prior to 2008 as part of the Master Plan for Dun Emer and that a plan is put in place to continue this footpath to the R132 to ensure that pedestrians who walk this road daily can have safe access to bus services on the R132."

55 Councillor J. Newman - Cycleway Bollards Maintenance - Rivervalley, Swords - AI104480

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the maintenance, repair and cleaning regime for the bollards on the cycleway in Rivervalley."

56 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Ballyboughal Village - AI104590

"That the Chief Executive prioritise the road resurfacing at Main Street, Ballyboughal Village as part of the 2026 Programme of Works."

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Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Thursday, 11th September, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphries, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack

Maguire, Grainne
Newman, Joe
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Corkery, Mulligan, Mulville, and Murphy.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Áine Donlan Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Rosemary Gibney Sherry (Administrative Officer), Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer).

BSA/370/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 12th June 2025.

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 12th June 2025, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Quinn and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 12th June 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/371/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor O’Leary and seconded by Councillor Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51, Questions numbered 02 to 79 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSA/372/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Mulville - Progress Report on New Public Toilets for Portrane and Donabate - AI103232

BSA/373/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Road Repairs - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103234

BSA/374/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Pothole Repairs - Quay Road, Portrane - AI104039

BSA/375/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Mulville - Damaged Road and Water Ponding - Corballis Roundabout, Donabate - AI104041

BSA/376/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis, Donabate - AI104043

BSA/377/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI104044

BSA/378/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Corballis (Old) Road, Donabate - AI104046

BSA/379/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Mulville - Footpath Works - The Burrow, Portrane - AI104047

BSA/380/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor M. Quinn - Traffic Assessment at Palmer Avenue/Palmer Road Junction, Rush - AI103289

BSA/381/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - Street Lighting Assessment - Tower Street, Rush - AI103290

BSA/382/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. Quinn - Street Lighting Assessment - Ashfield Estate, Balbriggan - AI103315

BSA/383/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor M. Quinn - Dishing of Footpaths - Clonard Court, Balbriggan - AI103629

BSA/384/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor M. Quinn - "Concealed Entrance Ahead" Signage - Glebe Cottages, Balbriggan - AI103741

BSA/385/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of 'Slow Down' Signage - Balrothery Road, Balbriggan - AI103742

BSA/386/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of Signage at Skateboard Parks in Balbriggan LEA - AI103749

BSA/387/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor L. Corkery - Rathbeale Road, Swords Traffic Calming - AI103883

BSA/388/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor L. Corkery - Lighting in Miller's Glen, Swords - AI103884

BSA/389/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Table Tennis Tables in Swords Town Park - AI103885

BSA/390/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor L. Corkery - Cleaning of Blake's Cross Cycle Lanes - AI103886

BSA/391/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Smyth - Public Lighting Request for Rivermeade - AI103893

BSA/392/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor J. Smyth - Cutting Back of Vegetation - Rivermeade Estate - AI103894

BSA/393/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor J. Smyth - Illegal Parking - Oaklands Avenue/Castle Grove, Swords - AI103895

BSA/394/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor J. Smyth - Timeline of Maintenance Works - Holymount Estate, Swords - AI103897

BSA/395/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Stop Enhancement - Rolestown Village - AI103904

BSA/396/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Smyth - Bus Stop Enhancement - Cherry Avenue, Swords - AI103905

- BSA/397/25** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Paths - Tara Court, Balbriggan - AI103937
- BSA/398/25** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor G. Maguire - Timeline for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour - AI103938
- BSA/399/25** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor G. Maguire - Beach Management Plan - Balbriggan - AI103940
- BSA/400/25** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor G. Maguire - Provision of Boardwalk - Balbriggan Beach - AI103941
- BSA/401/25** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor G. Maguire - Replacement of Paths - Tara Court, Balbriggan - AI103942
- BSA/402/25** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Old Barrack Road, Rush - AI103944
- BSA/403/25** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Calming Measures - Palmer Road/Palmer Avenue Junction, Rush - AI103945
- BSA/404/25** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103946
- BSA/405/25** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor C. Johnston - Road Resurfacing - Corballis, Donabate- AI103947
- BSA/406/25** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Road Surface - Hand's Lane Road, Lusk - AI103948
- BSA/407/25** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor C. Johnston - Beach Swim Shelters - Donabate and Rush - AI103954
- BSA/408/25** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing of Section of R122/Naul - AI103994
- BSA/409/25** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Additional Signage and Barrier- Bad Bend Hearse Road, Donabate - AI103998
- BSA/410/25** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor C. Johnston - Resurfacing - Quay Road, Portrane - AI104004
- BSA/411/25** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Lining Project - Weldon's Lane and Skerries Rugby Club/R128, Skerries - AI103967

BSA/412/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Photographic Algae-Monitoring Programme -
Captains and Springers, Skerries - AI103968

BSA/413/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor B. Ryan - Upgrade of Roadway - New Market Green, Hampton Street and
Pump Lane, Balbriggan - AI103969

BSA/414/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor B. Ryan - Fencing Installation - Curran Park, Balbriggan - AI103977

BSA/415/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor M. Boland - Footpath Re-Surface - Dublin Road/R128, Lusk - AI103978

BSA/416/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor M. Boland - Repair of Footpath on the R127, Lusk - AI103979

BSA/417/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor M. Boland - Traffic Calming Measures - Old Road, Rush - AI103980

BSA/418/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Seated Benches - Main Square, Lusk -
AI103981

BSA/419/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor M. Boland - Repainting of the Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing - Dublin
Road/Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103982

BSA/420/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing - Upper Main
Street Rush - AI103983

BSA/421/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor M. Boland - Enhancement Programme - Dublin Road, Lusk Village -
AI103984

BSA/422/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor M. Boland - Additional Public Benches and Street Furniture - Rush Village
- AI103985

BSA/423/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor M. Boland - Improve Public Signage in Rush - AI103986

BSA/424/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor C. Boland - Speed Limit Review - Garristown - AI104000

BSA/425/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor C. Boland - Installation of Speed Ramps - Garristown - AI104001

BSA/426/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor C. Boland - Pedestrian Safety on Roads with no Footpaths in this LEA - AI104006

BSA/427/25 (Agenda Item No 57)
Councillor C. Boland - Road Safety by Creation of Safe "Arbours" for Traffic in this LEA - AI104009

BSA/428/25 (Agenda Item No 58)
Councillor D. Kelly - Swords Town Trees - AI104007

BSA/429/25 (Agenda Item No 59)
Councillor J. Newman - Ward River Pollution - AI104013

BSA/430/25 (Agenda Item No 60)
Councillor J. Newman - Drainage Issues - Rivervalley and Swords - AI104014

BSA/431/25 (Agenda Item No 61)
Councillor J. Newman - Replacement of Signage - Rivervalley Estate, Swords - AI104015

BSA/432/25 (Agenda Item No 62)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Sports Facilities Maintenance in this LEA - AI104022

BSA/433/25 (Agenda Item No 63)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Road Resurfacing - Rolestown - AI104024

BSA/434/25 (Agenda Item No 64)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Ramp - Delvin Banks Estate, Naul - AI104028

BSA/435/25 (Agenda Item No 65)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Erection of Christmas Trees in this LEA - AI104029

BSA/436/25 (Agenda Item No 66)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Repair of Broken Fencing - Tower Bay Beach/Donabate Beach - AI104030

BSA/437/25 (Agenda Item No 67)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Water Fountains - Rush-Lusk Electoral Area - AI104035

BSA/438/25 (Agenda Item No 68)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrades to Road - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI104036

BSA/439/25 (Agenda Item No 69)
Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Yellow Lines - Stephentown, Balbriggan - AI104049

BSA/440/25 (Agenda Item No 70)
Councillor T. Murphy - Repainting of Yellow Lines - Chapel Crescent/Chapel Close, Balbriggan - AI104051

BSA/441/25 (Agenda Item No 71)
Councillor T. Murphy - Tree Audit in Balbriggan - AI104053

BSA/442/25 (Agenda Item No 72)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Traffic Improvements - Broadmeadow Community
National School, Swords - AI104055

BSA/443/25 (Agenda Item No 73)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Sequencing of Traffic Lights - Broadmeadow Community
National School, Swords - AI104058

BSA/444/25 (Agenda Item No 74)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Road Safety Audit - Jugback Lane/Glen Ellan Road
Junction, Swords - AI104064

BSA/445/25 (Agenda Item No 75)
Councillor J. Humphreys – Road Safety/Double Yellow Lines - Comyn Manor,
Seatown, Swords - AI104066

BSA/446/25 (Agenda Item No 76)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Outdoor Workout/Fitness Equipment- Balheary Park,
Swords - AI104067

BSA/447/25 (Agenda Item No 77)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Inspection – Cianlea and Lioscian, Swords -
AI104068

BSA/448/25 (Agenda Item No 78)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Bus Terminus - Miller's Glen - Swords -
AI104071

BSA/449/25 (Agenda Item No 79)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Maintenance Unit in Swords - AI104072

BSA/450/25 (Agenda Item No 80)
Special Speed Limit Bye Law - Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Manager which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

Mr. James Culhane gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

BSA/451/25 (Agenda Item No 81)
Traffic Calming Scheme - Chapel Green, Lusk, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Manager which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

Mr. James Culhane gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

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

BSA/452/25 (Agenda Item No 82)

Additional Teen Space Areas in Balbriggan - Non-Statutory Public Consultation
Summary

The attached report by the Manager which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

Ms. Aileen O'Connor gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

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

BSA/453/25 (Agenda Item No 83)

Councillor J. Newman - Assessment of Parking Spaces - Cedar Grove, Ridgewood -
AI103310

The motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

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

BSA/454/25 (Agenda Item No 84)

Councillor J. Smyth - Road Safety Issues - Rathbeale Road - AI103891

The motion in the name of Councillor Smyth was proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor Quinn.

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

BSA/455/25 (Agenda Item No 85)

Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Footpath - R128/Piercetown, Skerries - AI103965

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

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

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report

BSA/456/25 (Agenda Item No 86)

Councillor D. Kelly - Traffic Calming Management Plan - Rathbeale Cottages,
Rathbeale Road - AI103974

The motion in the name of Councillor Kelly was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Smyth.

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

BSA/457/25 (Agenda Item No 87)

Councillor P. Mulville - New Public Toilets for Donabate and Portrane Beaches -
AI104054

In the absence of Councillor Mulville the following item was **MOVED** to the Area Committee Meeting to be held on the 9th October 2025

BSA/458/25 (Agenda Item No 88)

Councillor B. Ryan - Completion of Footpath from Clonard Hill towards Harry
Reynolds Roads - Balbriggan - AI103976

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Ryan was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor O'leary.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 3.49 pm

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ITEM NO. 02

HIDDEN DISABILITY PARKING SPACES IN THIS LEA- AI103988

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the scope for the introduction of a pilot scheme, similar to that being trialled in other Local Authorities, that promote autism friendly/hidden disability parking spaces in car parks in this Local Electoral Area such as Ardgillan Castle?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws adopted in 2020 were made under Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. These Bye-Laws provide for the management and control of on-street and off-street parking throughout the County.

The Bye-Laws currently provide for Blue Permit parking in such designated spaces throughout the County, free of charge. Citizens with hidden disabilities can avail of Blue Permit parking once they have applied to the Parking Permit Scheme administered by the Disabled Drivers Association and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Current legislation does not provide for the enforcement and control of public parking by a Local Authority beyond the remit of the current Parking Control Bye-

Laws. The provision of these spaces could only function on a non-statutory 'courtesy' basis (much like parent and child parking). This is because neither the Gardai or Fingal County Councils wardens would be in a position to police them or to issue penalties for their misuse/abuse.

Supermarket parking and private car parks are generally in private ownership, and they are subject to set their own private car parking rules. In Ardgillan Park, there are 10 disabled parking bays in the main car park, and 3 in the lower car park. There are no other designated spaces in the park. The Operations Department has not installed any other hidden disability parking bays in the County.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department & Ms. N Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department



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ITEM NO. 03

REINSTATEMENTS FOLLOWING ROAD OPENINGS - AI103991

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the steps being taken by the Clerk of Works and/or the Area Engineer to ensure that utility companies and developers reinstate sections of roads and footpaths that have been dug up on the foot of Road Opening Licences in the Rush and Lusk area over the last year and if sanctions can be applied to repeat offenders?”

Reply:

All road opening licence applicants must follow the ‘Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads’ (2017) published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. These guidelines outline the various steps which must be followed in order for reinstatements of openings to be signed off by the Local Authority. Where reinstatements are not approved by the Area Engineer or Clerk of Works, these remain the responsibility of the licensee to maintain. Where defective temporary or permanent reinstatements (before or during the guarantee period) become known, the Area Engineer and/or Clerk of Works inform the licensee, in order for them to carry out the necessary repairs. Once the reinstatement passes an inspection by the Area Engineer or Clerk of Works, at the end of the guarantee period, the licence will be closed out by the Local Authority by a process known as “T5” approval.

Source of Reply: Mr. H James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

PROVISION OF CATS EYES FROM REYNOLDSTOWN CROSSROADS TO NAUL VILLAGE – AI104565

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of cats eyes from Reynoldstown Crossroads to Naul Village as part of the 2026 Programme of Works to complete the stretch of cats eyes which run from the motorway to the Naul to improve road safety conditions along this stretch of road?”

Reply:

The maintenance and improvement of the road network, including the provision of road studs, are prioritised based on factors such as road safety, traffic volumes, and available budget. The request for the provision of road studs from Reynoldstown Crossroads to Naul Village will be listed for consideration as part a future Programme of Works, subject to funding and resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department & Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

**RE-PAINTING OF ROAD MARKINGS - HEDGESTOWN SCHOOL,
JORDANSTOWN, LUSK – AI104566**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaint the line markings outside Hedgestown School, Jordanstown, along with the cutting back of foliage at the stop signs?”

Reply:

The maintenance and improvement of the road network, including the provision of for line marking, are prioritised based on factors such as road safety, traffic volumes, and available budget. The request for the repainting the line marking at this location will be listed for inclusion as part of the relining programme for the year, subject to funding and resources.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

SOLUTIONS TO DANGEROUS CROSSROADS - PALMER AVENUE, RUSH - AI104567

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an interim solution such as painting a “yellow box” at the junction at the crossroads at Palmer Avenue, Rush or an alternate form of road marking that makes this junction more visible to drivers and encourages them to slow down due to the high rate of accidents that occur at this location?”

Reply:

RRM 020 Yellow Box Markings are not deemed appropriate for the current junction conditions. Improved road markings and signage are currently listed as part of the scheduled works to be completed in due course by the Operations Department.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

**PARKING SPACE REMOVAL - RUSH MAIN STREET -
AI104568**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of the two parking bays located outside Walsh’s pub on Upper Main Street in Rush as this is causing traffic disruption especially since the introduction of the new junction into Ormond Avenue?”

Reply:

The removal of two Pay & Display parking bays on Upper Main Street, Rush, was completed in June 2025 to facilitate and improve traffic flow at the new junction with Ormond Avenue.



Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

RESURFACING - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE – AI104048

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive, in commending the resurfacing recently completed along Turvey Avenue, to provide an update as to when the remaining section of Turvey Avenue will be resurfaced?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location can be included in the context of the preparation of a future Programme of Work for consideration by the elected members when allocating funding. However, this will also be subject to consideration being given to other competing road surfacing demands in the area.

In the interim, temporary repairs will continue to be carried out where necessary.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

RE-PAINTING OF TEMPORARY PUBLIC TOILETS - PORTRANE GREEN, PORTRANE - AI104050

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the relevant contractor to be requested to freshen up and repaint the temporary public toilets at Portrane Green as they are in need of attention?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has written to the contractor in place providing the temporary public toilets at this location with regard to the conditions of the toilets.

It should be noted that these toilets are a temporary provision pending the planned installation of eco-toilets, these toilets will also include a wheelchair accessible unit. Operations are currently reviewing possible suitable locations for eco-toilets at Portrane.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

ROAD SURFACE REPAIRS - DUN EMER, LUSK - AI104052

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the road surface at the second entrance into Dun Emer Estate off Minister's Road in Lusk to be repaired as it is in a poor condition (see photo attached)?”

Reply:

These works will be listed as part of the Area Engineers Road maintenance programme and will be considered in the context of order of priority and subject to the availability of resources and funding.

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

IMPROVEMENTS TO BALHEARY SKATE PARK - SWORDS - AI104056

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are plans to improve and enhance the play area at Balheary Park in Swords, for example the removal of the outdated fencing around the skate park, the addition of some play/sports equipment nearby, so that different age ranges are in close proximity, and the provision of some seating?”

Reply:

There are no current plans to remove the fencing around the skatepark. There are plans for improvement works on the hard surface area adjacent to the skate park and Muga area in Balheary Park. These works are planned to be sourced through a current Outdoor exercise framework with the existing vacant tarmac area to be returning into formal use. Requests received over recent years have demonstrated the use of popularity of the existing Muga and the potential to duplicate it. Therefore, current plans are looking at the potential of installing a 3v3 basketball court. In addition to this there may be sufficient space to include seating. These plans will likely require the tar surface area to be expanded slightly, and the footpath realigned.

Current delays on the commencement of works relate to ongoing proposals for two civil works projects within proximity to the skatepark. One project is proposed

to run directly adjacent to the skatepark and for this reason works have not commenced.

The proposal will be finalised in the coming week and can subsequently be communicated to the local elected representatives prior to works commencing.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

UPGRADE OF FOOTPATHS - DONABATE – AI104401

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to (details supplied) a public realm upgrade for footpaths in Donabate?”

Reply:

The Operations Department manage the repair and maintenance of the existing infrastructure. This repair and maintenance works, which would be carried out by Operations, along with footpath reinstatements by contractors, following road opening licenses, often means that small individual areas of footpath may have works carried out on them and that is why inconsistencies may be noticed.

A full public realm improvement scheme to make uniform the footpath network as suggested in the details supplied in this representation would fall outside of the repair and maintenance remit of the Operations Department who operate within the constraints of limited resources and budget.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

PROVISION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - OAKLANDS AVENUE, SWORDS – AI104594

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing double yellow lines at the stretch of road along Oaklands Avenue in Swords, as per the attached, given the ongoing dangerous and illegal parking taking place and given the clearly demonstrated appetite for parking controls as the stretch is constantly lined with traffic cones?”

Reply:

The Traffic section in the Operations Department have previously undertaken an assessment of the need for double yellow lines (DYL) along Oaklands Avenue, Swords and determined that their implementation was necessary to address ongoing issues with illegal parking. The current layout has the double yellow lines implemented on the road, as it was approved.

The Operations Department is satisfied that the current arrangement is functioning effectively and continues to serve its intended purpose of deterring illegal parking in the area. No further parking restrictions will be introduced in this estate.

Restricting parking on any of the roads will reduce parking for visitors and resident parking outside resident's homes and may also result in displacing the issue of parking to another section of the road or another nearby road within the estate.

In addition, providing extra double yellow lines will result in the removal of passive traffic calming by way of the on-street parking, which may result in increased speeds.

It is also impractical from a funding and maintenance perspective to provide Double Yellow Lines in housing estates in a piecemeal fashion.

Under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings. The following regulations apply in a general context and do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings.

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

A vehicle shall not be parked -

(c) within 5 metres of a road junction

(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, or which obstructs or endangers other traffic

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

Source of Reply: Mr C. Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.



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ITEM NO. 14

IMPROVEMENTS TO POTHOLES/DIPS IN THE ROAD - LUSK TOWN CENTRE - AI104595

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the improvement of potholes/dips in the road alongside the footpath from Lusk Town Centre to the railway station, as when it rains, they fill with water and the path becomes almost impassable, soaking commuters on the way to work?”

Reply:

Any pothole repairs will be listed for inclusion as part of the area inspector's road repairs programme.

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

REPAIR OF POTHOLES - MINISTER'S ROAD/TREEN HILL - AI104596

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the repair of potholes adjacent to the footpath along Minister’s Road, Lusk, near the turn at Treen Hill?”

Reply:

Any pothole repairs will be listed for inclusion as part of the area inspector’s road repair programme.

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

EXTENDING AND UPGRADING FOOTPATH – NAUL VILLAGE - AI104438

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the upgrading and extension of the footpath from the cottages at the eastern point of the RV Zone in Naul Village on the north side of the R122 to extend around the corner to meet the path at Delvin Banks in next year's Programme of Works?”

Reply:

The verge width at this location is insufficient to provide a footpath without the acquisition of land either by agreed sale or Compulsory Purchase Order. Furthermore, there is an ESB pole and a telephone pole, both of which would have to be relocated. There is also a drainage gully within this verge which would otherwise have to be catered for as well as a drainage ditch. The cost of the work, (not including land acquisition) is estimated to be in excess of €20k. Such work is beyond the remit of the Operations Department, which is, to maintain and repair existing infrastructure. The matter would be more appropriately and more efficiently addressed as part of any new road-widening and re-alignment scheme or as a planning condition in the event that adjacent lands are to be developed.

Source of Reply: Mr P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, & Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 17

Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Naul - AI104525

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the R122 between the Naul Village Park site and the Naul graveyard in next year’s Programme of Works, as a flat-topped ramp was previously proposed at this location but was omitted from the Naul Traffic Calming Scheme 2025, given the need for a safe pedestrian access to Naul graveyard?”

Reply:

The proposed uncontrolled crossing point on the R122 to and from Naul Graveyard was removed from the Operations Traffic Scheme due to an overlap with other plans being delivered by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department. The location will be reassessed once the project is completed.

Source of Reply: Ms L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - NEW ROAD, DONABATE - AI104527

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the New Road, Donabate in the vicinity of the Strand Estate in next year's Programme of Works, given that construction is underway for 2,500 housing units which will have vehicular access onto this road and with an increase in vehicular traffic pedestrians will be impacted trying to cross this busy road?”

Reply:

Based on the planning conditions related to the large-scale residential development no pedestrian crossing is proposed at the Strand/New Road junction. There are two uncontrolled crossings proposed to be installed to the east and west of the Strand junction. The closest of these crossings will be approximately 200 meters away to the east. The other uncontrolled crossing will be installed at the junction of New Street/Main Street (R126).

Once these crossings have been installed the Operations Department will monitor the location. If sufficient pedestrian demand is established and a suitable crossing location is identified, then the installation of a pedestrian crossing will be considered under a future Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Mr J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

**PROVISION OF ROAD MARKINGS - CLONARD/BALSCADDEN
JUNCTION – A1104529**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of road markings at the Clonard/Balscadden junction as a priority given the poor visibility at this junction which is a safety concern for motorists?”

Reply:

Road markings renewal works have been included in the list of works to be completed in due course by the Operations Department.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

UPGRADE OF DONABATE BEACH CAR PARK - AI104530

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in the Capital Plan for the upgrading of the Donabate Beach car park which is in poor condition?"

Reply:

The existing Donabate beach car park will require a full re-design to implement any long-term improvements to public car park. A full redesign will require inclusion within a future capital programme and a design team to be assigned. In the interim, remedial works required at this location have been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer's general maintenance programme.

The Operations Department are examining how to include this project in a future capital programme taking into consideration the relevant planning and budgetary requirements.

Source of Reply: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 21

REFURBISHMENT OF DONABATE AND PORTRANE PUBLIC TOILETS - AI104532

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the refurbishment of the Donabate and Portrane Public Toilets and to include a timeline for the refurbishment works to commence and completion?”

Reply:

Donabate

Delays have occurred to date in delivering new toilets at Donabate, primarily due to the lack of an available foul sewer connection. The Council carpark, which is the proposed location for the new toilets will also require upgrade works, incorporating the necessary infrastructure including a biocycle system necessary to facilitate toilets at this location. This is a significant project which will take time to deliver.

It is proposed to install Eco-Toilets in the Council carpark at Donabate, these toilets will also include a wheelchair accessible unit. Arrangements are being made to procure these units and the intention is that they will be in situ in Q4 2025. Operations have received numerous complaints regarding the current

condition of the toilets at Donabate, and subsequently we are proposing to decommission the current toilet block once the eco-toilets are in situ.

Portrane

Operations are currently reviewing possible suitable locations for installation of eco-toilets at Portrane, these toilets will also include a wheelchair accessible unit.

Once the eco-toilets are in situ the temporary toilets at this location will be removed.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

**PROVISION OF BEACH SWIM SHELTER AND SHOWER FACILITIES -
THE BROOK, PORTRANE – AI104535**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the provision of a beach swim shelter and shower unit at The Brook Beach in Portrane?”

Reply:

The Council is not currently able to consider the addition of a swim changing shelter and shower at Portrane Beach as this area is now subject to the requirements within the Coastal Protection Scheme which is currently being prepared. It would be premature to make any further permanent additions to this space until the Coastal Protection Scheme is agreed.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

RESURFACING OF BEACH LANE, PORTRANE – AI104547

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the resurfacing of the section of Beach Lane road from Elandra (details supplied) K36AX24 around the left turn to Burren Dell (details supplied) K36 DN26 given the uneven surface and gaps along the side of the carriageway?”

Reply:

Road resurfacing at this location can be considered in the context of a future Programme of Work for consideration by the Councillors when allocating funding. However, the provision of funding will be subject to other competing road surfacing demands in the area.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 24

RE-PAINTING OF YELLOW BOXES IN BALBRIGGAN – AI104487

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the repainting of the yellow boxes at the junctions of Station Street with Drogheda Street, Mill Street with Clonard Street and Convent Lane with Drogheda Street?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will assess each junction referenced and if warranted the yellow boxes will be repainted as part of the general maintenance programme.

It should be noted that there are several projects being carried in Balbriggan that overlap or include the roads and junctions referenced in the question. These projects include the Quay Street Project and Environs and Active Travel Project on the R132/Drogheda Street.

Source of Reply: Mr J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

**TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT AT HAMILTON ROAD, BALBRIGGAN -
AI104488**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a traffic assessment of Dublin Street (Church) roundabout, Balbriggan between 8.00 am and 9.00 am to improve the traffic flow in this area during the morning?”

Reply:

The referred location has been assessed as part of the Harry Reynolds Road Project, and any associated works deemed necessary have been completed. There are no further traffic engineering recommendations from Traffic Operations at this time.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

RESURFACING OF HIGH STREET, BALBRIGGAN - AI104489

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to make provision for the resurfacing of High Street in Balbriggan following the completion of the Quay Street project by including it in a future Programme of Works?”

Reply:

We have been advised by EETCD that they have plans as part of their Quay Street & Harbour Works to provide a small section of pathway from Quay Street into High Street, a new pedestrian crossing island and to make High Street a one-way street for traffic. Until such works are completed, Operations is unable to consider any road resurfacing request.

Source of Reply: EETCD & Mr P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations.

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ITEM NO. 27

BONFIRE DIVERSION PROJECTS IN THIS LEA - AI104496

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline any bonfire diversion projects which have been trialled in this Local Electoral Area and to detail the outcomes of these?”

Reply:

The Council makes all reasonable efforts each year to mitigate damage caused by unauthorised bonfires.

In advance of Halloween, the Operations team meet with An Garda Síochána to agree joint measures in order to monitor the accumulation of bonfire material within the Fingal administrative area. Operations crews will remove reported bonfire materials in the run up to Halloween and across Halloween weekend.

Members of the public and local communities can assist the Council to eliminate unauthorised and environmentally destructive bonfires from public areas and can report bonfire stockpiles directly to the Customer Care Unit on 01 890 5000 during office hours by email to customercareunit@fingal.ie. Reports can also be submitted to the following email address: balswooparea@fingal.ie

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

The Council's Environment department have requested the Litter Wardens to commence spot checks in the industrial estates from early October and to issue fines to any businesses that leave combustible materials outside their premises. The Operations Department would urge all citizens and businesses to exercise their civic duty by not leaving out combustible materials for use on bonfires and by reporting an incidence where this might occur within their local community.

In addition to the efforts made by the Operations and Environment Departments, the Council's Events Section run the Fingal Festival of Fire to celebrate Halloween throughout the County to divert from non-authorised bonfires in the area. Further details on the festival can be found at <https://www.fingal.ie/events/fingal-festival-fire>.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

**ROAD SAFETY ASSESSMENT - JUGBACK TERRACE,
SWORDS - AI104497**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the most recent road safety assessment was carried out in relation to Jugback Terrace adjacent to Gym Plus and outline the findings of same?”

Reply:

The road safety assessment has been carried out by the consultant engineer. The report has been reviewed by the Traffic Operations section and is currently being updated by the consultant.

Once the report is finalised the Operations Department will share its findings with this committee.

Source of Reply: Mr J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 29

MEASURES TO DEAL WITH UNSAFE PARKING - RATHBEALE COURT, SWORDS - AI104498

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assess and implement taking appropriate measures to deal with unsafe parking practices in Rathbeale Court, Swords?”

Reply:

Rathbeale Court, Swords, is not a through road so it is not used as a short cut for commuting motorists. The roads are primarily used by residents of the estate and their visitors.

Restricting parking on the road will reduce parking for visitors and parking outside resident's homes. It may also result in the displacement of parking to another location within the estate.

In addition, providing double yellow lines will result in the removal of passive traffic calming by way of the on-street parking, which may result in increased speeds.

Under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, An Garda Síochána have powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings. The following regulations apply

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

A vehicle shall not be parked -

(c) within 5 metres of a road junction

(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, or which obstructs or endangers other traffic

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

Source of Reply: Mr C. Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 30

UPDATE ON HOLYWELL COMMUNITY GARDEN - AI104501

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the Holywell Community Garden?”

Reply:

A meeting took place in April between members of the Holywell Residents Committee and the Operations team regarding a Community Designed Space within Holywell Park. The meeting was very productive with discussions based around the proposal of a secured community growing space, and the necessary stages of setting the group up formally to ensure the criteria for use of the public park is met – prior to any further developments taking place.

The Holywell Residents Committee informed the Operations team in June that they were in the process of drafting up a plan of the group’s vision. It was expected to be subsequently sent to the Operations team but to date has not been received. We have reached out to the group for further information and an update on their progress. It is also understood that the group continue to liaise with the Community Department also for further support.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 31

UPDATE ON SAINT CRONAN'S ABBEY SWORDS – AI104507

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on St. Cronan’s Abbey, Swords in relation to Motion AI098630 that was raised at the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting on 10th October 2024?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will liaise with the Councils Heritage Officer regarding the open space around the Glasmole Abbey site. The Heritage Officer has clarified that as it is a Recorded Monument, any works within and around its area will require the appropriate notification to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the relevant consents and monitoring requirements will apply.

The prioritisation of works required is being reviewed by the Councils ‘Monuments at Risk Group’, which is a combination of the Councils Conservation, Heritage, Biodiversity, Architects and Operations Departments. This group is due to meet next during Q4 2025.

Source of Reply: Ms A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscaping Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS IN THE RUSH-LUSK LEA - AI104536

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council has entered discussions with TFI or other bodies in reaching agreement for the provision of bus shelters and hard stands at rural bus stops in the Rush-Lusk Local Electoral Area and to advise on the standing of those discussions?”

Reply:

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

The NTA has made available to Fingal County Council funding to carry out upgrade works to existing bus stops under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP) on their behalf. Access to the funding is strictly controlled by the NTA which operates a multi-step review and approval process on a bus-stop by bus-stop basis.

For 2025, work is being carried across the three Local Electoral Areas through the Operations Department. This amounts to 20 no. bus stop locations in Fingal

County Council that are scheduled to be upgraded. The BSES funding is intended to improve existing bus stop infrastructure. This would include installing bus stop poles, bus stop sockets, kassel kerbs etc., where appropriate. It does not include bus shelters.

Accordingly, there are no plans to upgrade existing bus stops to provide bus shelters under the BSES. Bus shelters are provided and maintained by advertising companies under licence from the NTA. Any new bus shelter licenced by the NTA requires planning permission which is applied for by the sponsor/provider of the shelter.

Sources of Reply: Mr. J Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Dept & Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 33

INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC LIGHT - KNIGHTSTOWN, LUSK - AI104538

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive, in noting safety aspects, to advise when the committed to public light will be commissioned at (Details Supplied) Knightstown as currently young people are left standing in the dark in the mornings and evenings as this is the pickup/set down point for school transport?”

Reply:

Public lighting can only be installed on Fingal County Council's own public lighting columns mounted in footpaths with appropriately available electrical supplies, or on ESB Networks Low Voltage (LV) poles that are located at the road edge or on footpaths.

An initial assessment has been carried out to determine the suitability of this location for the installation of lighting. It is noted this is a rural area with no footpaths and most of the ESB Networks poles in the area are not suitable for the installation of public lighting.

The provision of a light near the junction to this property will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future programme of works, subject to available finances.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

ELECTRICAL CONNECTION FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS - BALLYBOUGHAL - AI104578

Question: Councillor C. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that a permanent electrical connection will be established in Ballyboughal Pocket Parks, as already agreed, to provide a power supply for the annual Christmas tree and to support the Community Council’s ongoing building of village spirit?”

Reply:

The base for the Christmas tree is scheduled to be installed. Once this is in place Operations will liaise with Public Lighting to make the electrical connection.

The application for the permanent supply for the Christmas tree in the park at the junction of the R108/R129, has been made. When the connection agreement for this supply is received from ESB Networks, the permanent supply connection for this Christmas tree will be installed.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

SALE OF USED GRAVE PLOTS IN THE BALBRIGGAN LEA - AI104557

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any previously used grave plots have been sold in recent years in graveyards in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

The resale of used or unused burial plots is not permitted by the Council.

Under the Fingal County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws, Bye-Law 11. Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial, states as follows:

“11.1 Plots which have already been pre-purchased in all burial grounds can only be sold back to the Council. Permission in writing is required from the owner of the plot, giving the Council permission to transfer ownership. The letter must state the name, address and contact number of the new owner/s. A copy of a birth certificate is also required from the new owner/s. Where a Transfer of Ownership takes place, a letter will be sent to the original owner informing them of the transfer.”

“11.2 Plots may only be transferred between immediate family members (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son) subject to consents from other family members being obtained, if applicable.”

The Council does not permit the private sale of burial plots between 3rd parties, and will only consider a transfer of ownership between immediate family members.

Source of Reply: Ms. N Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS IN SKERRIES TOWN PARK - AI104559

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to improve the footpath network at Skerries Town Park?”

Reply:

The footpath network at Skerries Town Park is included in the overall sports pitch upgrade project that is being undertaken by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

The tender for these works is currently under preparation and will be published early in Quarter Four of 2025. It is anticipated that works will commence in Quarter One 2026 depending on that tender process being successful and availability of contractors.

Source of Reply: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 37

EMERGENCY ACCESS TO RED ISLAND, SKERRIES – AI104560

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to ensure that emergency services have the means to access Red Island, Skerries, at all times?”

Reply:

Keys for the overhead barrier have been supplied to the local Fire Service, Gardaí and Coast Guard to facilitate access. A combination key safe has now been installed on the Red Island access barrier which contains the lock key on site and the access code has been provided to all relevant emergency services.

Source of Reply: Mr M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 38

**REMOVAL OF KISSING GATE - THE LINKS ESTATE/DONABATE
VILLAGE ESTATE, DONABATE - AI104576**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to removing the kissing gates between The Links Estate and Donabate Village Estate, as the gate is quite restrictive for buggy, bike and wheelchair users and if an alternative, such as the positioning of a bollard in its place, could be installed?”

Reply:

The existing kissing gates were installed at this location to resolve an issue with scrambler bikes using this open space as a through way. Previous requests to remove these kissing gates were unpopular with the residents that live beside this access path. The Operations Department will forward this proposal to the Active Travel Department, and it will be reviewed as part of the overall Permeability and Connectivity project in the Donabate area.

The Active Travel Section in conjunction with Operations are currently involved in Phase 1 of the Permeability and Connectivity project in Donabate and these works are due to commence during October 2025. The works required within the Links to improve permeability and connectivity in the area may be reviewed during the future phases of this project.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 39

**RESURFACING OF HARLOCKSTOWN LANE, WIMBLETOWN,
BALLYBOUGHAL - AI104579**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurface the remainder of Harlockstown Lane?”

Reply:

This section of road has been assessed by the Area Engineer and consideration will be given for its inclusion in the preparation of a future programme of works

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 40

SAFETY INSPECTION - DELVIN BANKS/R122 - AI104580

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an inspection to be carried out on a section of the R122, on the bend before the left turn into Delvin Banks and if additional speed signage and other speed reduction measures can be installed to reduce the number of accidents at this location?”

Reply:

Further assessment is required to determine and recommend additional road markings and signage improvements, as deemed necessary. Please note that Regulatory Sign RUS 043 50 km/h Speed Limit is installed approximately 240 m east of Delvin Banks, indicating that drivers are entering an urban speed limit zone. The rules of the road apply to all road users, and it is incumbent upon everyone to drive appropriately, giving due care to other road users and the prevailing road conditions.

Issues of careless and dangerous driving are enforcement matters under the rules of the road and should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply: Ms. L. Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 41

SAFETY INSPECTION - PROSPECT HILL, DONABATE - AI104582

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for signage to be repositioned at the entrance to Prospect Hill, Donabate to make the entry and exit to this area safer with a clearer sight line, in addition, can consideration be given to carrying out a safety inspection of this exit/entrance way into this estate?”

Reply:

Works required at this location for repositioning of the signage have been listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer’s general maintenance programme.

In relation to the clearer sight lines, in order to improve the sightlines at the specified junction, the boundary walls from the private properties need to be relocated. As this wall is not in the ownership by Fingal County Council, the Operations Department are unable to make amendments to these structures.

Source of Reply: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 42

**RESURFACING OF ROAD - NEWTOWN LANE, GARRISTOWN -
AI104583**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of Newtown Lane in Garristown as a matter of urgency given the current poor state of this road?”

Reply:

This section of road has been assessed by the Area Engineer and consideration will be given for its inclusion in the preparation of a future programme of works

Source of Reply: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 43

REPORT ON TREE PLANTING IN THIS LEA – AI104587

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of trees planned to be planted by the Council in this Local Electoral Area over the remainder of this Council’s term and a breakdown (if possible) of where these trees will be planted?”

Reply:

The Winter works planting schedule is prepared annually, and there are approximately 420 standard trees planned for planting in the Balbriggan Swords Operational Area in the next 2025/26 winter works period. The trees will be planted in a combination of street margin and open space locations. The locations are selected from a mixture of commitments given following requests from individuals, local community groups and locations recommended by the Arbortrack system which highlights locations of tree removals that require replacement in line with the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy. It is also likely that this scheduled quantity will be larger if additional community planting events are added as part of National Tree Week which is in early March annually.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 44

Re-check for Blue LED Lights – Swords LEA - AI104609

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a re-check to ensure that all faulty LED streetlights in the Swords Local Electoral Area have been identified and replaced as we approach the winter months?”

Reply:

All public lighting throughout the county is regularly visited by the public lighting night patroller who logs all lights out he observes during his patrol routes. Faulty lights reported from members of the public and public representatives are also logged for repair by the public lighting contractor.

All public lighting faults are attended to by the public lighting contractor as part of their routine maintenance schedule, to determine the nature of the fault in the first instance. Routine faults are generally repaired at the same time.

Where faults are determined to be non-routine, these types of faults can take longer to repair. These include situations where traffic management is required or if there are access issues; if there is a cable fault and further investigations are required to locate the cable fault; or the attendance of ESB Networks may be required to facilitate the necessary repairs.

There are approximately 4,650 public lights in the Swords area, of which there are currently thirteen (13) no. faulty lights. Twelve (12) are general public lighting faults, and one (1) is a light that turned blue that was recently identified by the night patroller. This blue light will be attended to by the public lighting contractor as part of their maintenance schedule.

Of the small number of general public lighting faults currently in the Swords area, these have been attended to by the public lighting contractor and require further investigation or the attendance of ESB Networks, before the necessary repairs can be carried out.

Source of Reply: Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 45

CRITERIA INCLUDED IN BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME - SWORDS - AI104612

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria used to prioritise what bus stops in Swords are included in the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and whether consideration is given to passenger numbers, interchange value and local weather exposure?”

Reply:

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

The NTA has made available to Fingal County Council funding to carry out upgrade works to existing bus stops under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP) on their behalf. Access to the funding is strictly controlled by the NTA which operates a multi-step review and approval process on a bus-stop by bus-stop basis. Whilst the Council can submit proposals for inclusion in the programme, ultimately it is the NTA that decides which stops are to be included in the enhancement programme. Enhancements, which must conform to the NTA’s standard design & details, will largely take the form of the provision of *Kasse/* type kerbing which facilitates a ramp being lowered from the bus to allow wheelchair users gain access into and egress from the bus as well as enabling the bus driver to better align the bus with the kerb. Other

enhancements would include the replacement of older style bus stop poles and signage with the newer types displaying a modern livery and text. In determining priority, the Council will follow instructions provided by the NTA.

Source of Reply: Mr. P Magalhaes, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

ITEM NO. 48

Clarification for Planning Applications for Bus Stop Enhancement Programme - AI104613

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the process for submitting planning applications for new bus shelters under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and whether Dublin Bus or the NTA has responsibility for making these applications?”

Reply:

Bus shelters are provided and maintained by advertising companies under licence from the NTA. Any new bus shelter licenced by the NTA requires planning permission which is applied for by the sponsor/provider of the shelter.

This process is undertaken independently of the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP).

Source of Reply: Mr. P Magalhaes, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 47

Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws

Report on Public Consultation

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords - Services A, Area Committee Meeting

9th October 2025

Legislative Background



As per the draft Bye-laws FCC is acting in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

Provision is made for the regulation of car parks in the 1961 Act and parking places on public roads in the 1994 Act and therefore S. 199 of the Local Government Act 2000 does not apply.

CAR PARKS

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S. 101 (7) of the Road Traffic Act 1961 provides:

A local authority may make bye-laws as to the use of any car park provided by them under this section, and, in particular, in relation to all or any of the following matters:

- (a) restricting the classes of vehicles which may be admitted to the car park;*
- (b) specifying the charges to be made for the use of the car park;*
- (c) specifying the periods for which vehicles may remain in the car park.*
- (d) specifying the conditions subject to which vehicles may use the car park.*

The Local Government Act 2000 does not apply as per S. 199 2(b) thereof "A bye-law may not be made under this subsection for a purpose as respects which provision for that particular purpose is made by or under any other enactment or may be made under such enactment".

Public Consultation



- An advertisement was placed in 2 No. local newspapers, and a copy of the Draft Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal from the 17th July to 28th August 2025.
- Copies of the Draft Bye-Laws were also made available for inspection in Council offices, and the Consultation was advertised several times across the Council's social media platforms.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AS PER DRAFT BYE-LAWS

Proposed Amendments to Parking Control Bye-Laws



1. Review Parking Charges – Proposed Changes:

On Street Parking Charges	Current	Proposed
Range ↓↑ p/hr	€0.50	€1.00
	€1.20	€1.70
On Street Long Stay	€2 p/day	€5 p/day

Car Park / Off Street Charges	
€0.50hr / €3 day	€1hr / €5 day

Residential Parking Permit	FCC	
Permit	€20 / €30	€30 / €50
Replacement	€10	N/C
Change of vehicle	€10	N/C
Change of address	€10	N/C
Visitor Disc	€1.50	N/C

Commercial Permit	FCC
	600 €700

Car Club Permit	FCC	
	500	N/C

Proposed Amendments to Parking Control Bye-Laws



2. Proposal to introduce new Pay and Display Locations at Coastal Car Parks:

Coast Road Car Park, Malahide	Portmarnock Beach Car Park (North)	Portmarnock Beach Car Park (South)	Red Island Car Park, Skerries
Tower Bay Car Park, Portrane	South Beach Car Park, Donabate	Loughshinny Beach Car Park	Rush Beach Car Park (North), Rush
Rush Beach Car Park (South), Rush	Howth Summit Car Park, Howth	Balscadden Car Park, Howth	Carrickbrack Hill Car Park, Howth

**First hour free of charge and €1.00 per hour thereafter subject to a maximum charge of €5 per day.*

Proposed Amendments to Parking Control Bye-Laws



3. EV Charging spaces

- Statutory time-plate 3hour max stay, provision for enforcement



4. Update Bye-Laws text with reference to:

- “*Display of permits*” – now virtual permit system
- “*Quay Street Car Park – South of Bracken River*” – remove and replace with Mill Street Car Park
- Bridgefield Car Park “*1 hr free parking*” – 2 hrs free parking
- Mobility Hub – Definition

5. Exemptions

- Local Authority and An Post vehicles during normal course of duties -S.I. No. 222/2024 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and S.I. No. 274/1998 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

Public Consultation



A total of **553 submissions** were received during the consultation period.

- 5 submissions were received in favour of the proposed amendments to the Bye Laws.
- 2 submissions related to the proposed increase in on-street parking charges.
- 1 submission related to the proposed increase in commercial permits.
- 1 submission related to restriction on residential permits for purpose built apartments.
- 15 submissions received relating to the change in fee structure for Mill Street Car Park (incl. Max. 3hr Stay).
- 529 submissions related to the introduction of parking charges at coastal car parks.

Public Consultation -

Submissions in favour of proposed amendments



"I fully support the introduction of fees at the above locations. However there must be a clear path for where the money collected will be spent by the council. A footpath from portrane to tower bay is vital especially as this is a walking route and is dangerous in it's current condition. The car park at balcarick is in need of surfacing in tarmac. Is is not fair to the public to charge at these locations unless these funds can be used for these upgrades."

"I wholeheartedly support the introduction of car park charges. Hopefully the funds can be used to provide more safe walking and cycling infrastructure and bike parking to encourage people to reach the area safely and healthily. The pollution caused by car exhausts is particularly horrible on hot days when the car parks are full and hopefully this will encourage people to adopt more sustainable modes of transport. Equally, it should be ensured that public transport is prioritised and that parking for people with special needs is protected."

"I agree in principle to charging for parking as I believe too much of public land is given to cars. However, the main reason for the over use of cars in the Fingal area is because of a lack of infrastructure given to public transport or active travel. You will need to offer proper alternatives to encourage people to leave their cars at home. This would mean more frequent public transport and safer routes for people using bikes or mobility scooters..."



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Submissions relating to proposed increase in on-street parking charges and commercial permits:



"The proposal to remove free parking in key locations in Fingal is bad enough but in addition Fingal Co Co are also proposing a 25% increase in on street parking fees across many locations. There is no justification for such an increase, charges have already risen by 20% in recent years. The new proposal will mean a 50% increase in parking fees over a small number of years, almost double the rate of inflation for the period."

"FCC would appear to be unaware that the cost of living in this country is very high, amongst the highest in the EU. It is very disappointing to see a public body doing its best to make the cost of living even higher by imposing additional and increased charges. It is evident that the policy of FCC along with most other local authorities in Ireland is to abolish as much as possible free parking and install paid parking in every square inch."

- Fingal County Council propose to increase the on-street parking charges following a comparative assessment carried out against other Dublin LA's, and privately operated parking facilities throughout the county. The charges (including commercial permits) proposed remain lower than other LA's.
- The estimated increase in income from parking charges will form part of the Budget 2026 discussions and will provide for increased operational expenditure.

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Submissions relating to residential permits for purpose-built apartment blocks:



"The draft bye-laws discriminate against apartment residents, preventing them from applying for residents' permits and against their carers and visitors, who are also prevented for applying for permits."

- Part III of the Parking Bye- Laws state: **"resident"** means a person other than the occupant of a purpose-built apartment block, who satisfies the Council that his/her normal dwelling place is at a premises situated in a street containing a ticket parking area;

- Owing to the density and volume of units contained in purpose built apartment blocks, it would not be feasible to facilitate residents permits for all occupiers.
- Purpose built apartment blocks have allocated parking per apartment. This negates the requirement for on-street residents permits.
- At the time of purchase or lease, occupiers know if they have a parking place with the unit.
- All other local authorities apply the same conditions under their respective Parking Bye-Laws.
- The Council do not propose to amend this previously adopted section of the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.

Public Consultation

Submissions relating to change of fee structure (incl. 3hr Max Stay) in Mill Street Car Park:



"Removing the daily limit from this car park will cause havoc to daily commuters as the train station space isn't sufficient. It is full at 7am as most people work in the office between Tues-Thursday. People also use it to spend more than 3h in town, GP, at the cinema or beach, etc. That park isn't that full that you need to put a 3h limit surely?..."

"I wish to raise my serious objections to the proposed reduction in hours you can park in Mill Street Car Park. This carpark is needed for commuters to get to work in Dublin City Centre.

The train station carpark is full around 7am...I live in rural Balbriggan and need to use the car to get as far as the train station. If you continue to make it so difficult I'll drive to work and that's against the green agenda and adds to traffic congestion."

"I wish to object to the proposed change of enforcing a parking time limit of max 3 hrs for the Mill Street Car Park Balbriggan. This car park is used by people who commute to work using the train as myself. There is no car parking available at the Balbriggan Train Station most working days after 7 am."

- The 67 spaces available at the Town Centre Car Park in Mill Street / Quay Street primary function is to service users of business, leisure and amenities in the town.
- Long Stay car park users including rail commuters can avail of the new **free car parking** spaces available at Bath Road, Bath Road overflow, and Bremore Castle. These car parking facilities cater for long-term / all day parking, and are within 6 – 15 min walk to Balbriggan Train Station.

- Parking to a max of 3 hour limit is available for beach users. Members of the public wishing to partake in beach activities over the maximum stay can consider the **long-term free parking** options available at *Bath Road, Bremore Castle and Lambreecher*.

Coastal/Beach Car Parks

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Submissions relating to the introduction of parking charges at coastal car parks:



"Adding charges for the use of the parking at Donabate and Portrane Beach will inhibit local residents from daily walks/swims and activities on the beach. This provides an unnecessary cost for something that is a really important amenity to the locals."

"I oppose the proposal for car parking charges at Loughshinny Beach car park, as being a resident of Rockabill View we are already subject to visitors to the beach parking at the entrance to our small estate and effectively blocking the access to our houses..."

"The beach car parks should remain free of charge for visitors. Many of them are not accessible by public transport and are separate from the main population hubs. Car is the most frequent way that people access these areas, and the people of Fingal should be able to use their natural amenities free of charge"

"I'm totally against parking charges at beach car parks. Beaches are natural amenities for all to enjoy for our health and mental well-being. Personally, as a senior citizen, living alone, I get great enjoyment each day bringing my dog for a walk and meeting up with other dog walking people. All enjoyment would be taken away if I had to pay for a car park and watch the clock."

"I want to object to the proposed parking payments at various beaches in Fingal. We should all have the right to visit and enjoy our beaches without charge. We want people to come to our beautiful coastline and spend time in the outdoors. This should be a free amenity for all to enjoy."

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Proposed New Charges at Car Parks – Breakdown of Submissions by location:

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Loughshinny	21
Malahide Beach	13
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Portmarnock	27

Mill Street, Balbriggan	15
Red Island, Skerries	48
Rush	76
Portrane / Tower Bay	194
All Beach Locations	187

Public Consultation - Overview



Context of submissions – Top 10 Break down by main subject:

1. Car Parks should remain free of charge (102 Submissions)
2. Lack of public transport and walking/cycling facilities (83 Submissions)
3. Added financial burden (50 Submissions)
4. Mental and physical health benefits – Should Remain FOC (37)
5. Charges will impact on local residents (65)
6. Will impact the elderly or mobility impaired (25)
7. May discourage the public from using the Beach (22)
8. Improvements needed to facilities (22)
9. Impact on tourism and local business (17)
10. Commuter Parking (7)



Public Consultation - Overview

Fingal County Council Review & Consideration of Submissions relating to the introduction of parking charges at coastal car parks:

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The Operations Department has reviewed, and given consideration to the submissions received at each of the new locations and considered each under the following criteria:

1. Access to public transport availability at each location.
2. Turnaround of parking bays for local businesses at car parks.
3. Traffic management issues during busy periods and summer months
4. Public usage at each location.

Proposed Amendment to Charges at Coastal Beach Car Parks



Fingal County Council following Review & Consideration of Submissions relating to the introduction of parking charges at coastal car parks propose the following:

	Location	Parking Fee Proposed
1	Mill Street Car Park, Balbriggan	First hour free of charge and €1.70 per hour thereafter and on a pro rata basis for periods less than 1 hour (subject to a minimum purchase of €1.00). Maximum Stay time-limit 3hrs.
2	Bridgefield Car Park, Malahide	First 2 hours free of charge and €1.70 per hour thereafter and on a pro rata basis for periods less than 1 hour (subject to a minimum purchase of €1.00).
3	Coast Road Car Park, Malahide	First 2 hours free of charge and €1.00 per hour thereafter subject to a maximum charge of €5 per day.
4	Portmarnock Beach Car Park, Strand Road	First 2 hours free of charge and €1.00 per hour thereafter subject to a maximum charge of €5 per day.

Proposed Amendment to Charges at Coastal Beach Car Parks (Continued)



	Location	Parking Fee Proposed
5	Red Island Car Park, Skerries	First 2 hours free of charge and €1.00 per hour thereafter subject to a maximum charge of €5 per day.
6	Howth Summit Car Park, Howth	First 2 hours free of charge and €1.00 per hour thereafter subject to a maximum charge of €5 per day.
7	Portmarnock Beach Car Park (South), Golf Links Road	No Charge
8	Tower Bay Car Park, Portrane	No Charge
9	South Beach Car Park, Donabate	No Charge

Proposed Amendment to Charges at Coastal Beach Car Parks (Continued)



	Location	Parking Fee Proposed
10	Rush Beach Car Park (North), Rush	No Charge
11	Rush Beach Car Park (South), Rush	No Charge
12	Balscadden Car Park, Howth	No Charge
13	Carrickbrack Hill Car Park, Howth	No Charge
14	Loughshinny Beach Car Park	No Charge

Timelines

Proposed Timelines for Review



October 2025

Report to Area
Committees on
Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-laws



**December
2025**

Report to SPC on
Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-Laws



**December
2025**

Report to CPG on
Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-laws



Fingal Draft Budget 2026

Revenue Budget 2026



The increased income from Car Parking charges will form part of the Draft Revenue Budget 2026 budgetary considerations. This additional income will provide for an increased Operations budget delivering increased services in the public realm including:-

- Funding of additional staff resources in all 3 areas
- Increased enforcement with the engagement of 3 additional Traffic Wardens
- Increased cleaning of beaches and villages during summer months
- Increased costs of Recycling Centres



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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

MOTION NO. 48

PARKING ISSUES - BRACKENSTOWN VILLAGE – AI104462

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive carry out a comprehensive assessment of the parking problems at the row of houses across from St. Cronan’s School, the assessment should take account of the parking issues that have arisen since the introduction of efforts to prevent dangerous parking at this location.”

Report:

The Operations Department conducted site visits at this location during various times of the day, including during school drop-off and collection periods. During these peak times, illegal parking activity was observed. This issue is however typically limited to short, high-traffic windows associated with school schedules. Similar challenges are experienced at many school locations throughout the county.

This location was added to the additional illegal parking enforcement list at the end of May 2025, following a request from a local representative. Since then, it has been patrolled on three separate occasions by Fingal Parking Wardens. It will remain on the enforcement roster and continue to be patrolled as part of ongoing efforts.

The Operations Department consider that currently, no changes to the existing infrastructure are deemed necessary. The issue primarily relates to driver behaviour during these busy periods.

Any instances of illegal or unsafe parking are enforcement issues and should also be reported directly to An Garda Síochána for appropriate action.

Source of Report: Mr C. Dima, Executive Engineer, Operations Department & Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 49

MEASURES TO CURTAIL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ASSOCIATED WITH HALLOWEEN - LIOSCIAN/CIANLEA, SWORDS - AI104493

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive ensure urgent repairs are carried out in the coming weeks to a section of fencing between the Lioscian and Cianlea estates which is allowing for illegal dumping/bonfire wood stock piling to occur in the run up to Halloween.”

Report:

The section of fencing between the Lioscian and Cianlea estates has been replaced.

Members of the public and local communities can assist the Council to eliminate unauthorised and environmentally destructive bonfires from public areas and can report bonfire stockpiles directly to the Customer Care Unit on 01 890 5000 during office hours by email to customercareunit@fingal.ie. Reports can also be submitted to the following email address: balswooparea@fingal.ie

The Operations Department carry out a number of bonfire prevention projects in this LEA. In advance of Halloween, the Operations team meet with An Garda Síochána to agree joint measures in order to monitor the accumulation of bonfire material within the Fingal administrative area. Operations crews will remove

reported bonfire materials in the run up to Halloween and across Halloween weekend.

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

The Council's Environment department have requested the Litter Wardens to commence spot checks in the industrial estates from early October and to issue fines to any businesses that leave combustible materials outside their premises. The Operations Department would urge all citizens and businesses to exercise their civic duty by not leaving out combustible materials for use on bonfires and by reporting an incidence where this might occur within their local community.

All of the above measures are part of Fingal's Safer Halloween initiative that supports a safer and enjoyable Halloween for all.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 51

REMOVAL OF VEGETATION - NAUL GRAVEYARD - AI104506

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Operations Department and the Conservation and Heritage Officers, undertake vegetation removal and repointing of the tops of the walls of the ruined chapel in Naul graveyard, as long-established growth may be affecting the structure of the south and east walls.”

Report:

The Operations Department will liaise with the Councils Heritage Officer regarding the ruined chapel in Naul Graveyard. The Heritage Officer has clarified that as it is a Recorded Monument, any works within and around its area will require the appropriate notification to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the relevant consents and monitoring requirements will apply.

The prioritisation of works required is being reviewed by the Councils ‘Monuments at Risk Group’, which is a combination of the Councils Conservation, Heritage, Biodiversity, Architects and Operations Departments. This group is due to meet next during Q4 2025.

Source of Report: Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.



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THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025

MOTION NO. 52

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI104531

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive includes the necessary finance in next year's Programme of Works for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Turvey Avenue in the vicinity of the junction with The Square, given the difficulties for pedestrians trying to cross this increasingly busy road which will increase when the Aldi store opens before the end of the year.”

Report:

The current layout includes an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and is positioned approximately 50 m away from The Square junction. The uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is 2.4m wide which has tactile paving and a dropped kerbing to indicate the crossing. Pedestrians may cross when it is safe to do so.

Previously, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (PSI) project team investigated the feasibility of including a signalised crossing in the vicinity of St Patrick's Square as part of the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. Investigations determined that to line up with pedestrian desire lines, the most appropriate location for this pedestrian crossing lies outside of the red line boundary for the Part 8 consented development on Turvey Avenue. Accordingly, a new signalised pedestrian crossing was not included at this location as part of

the PSI project. There is however a new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing provided as part of the Footpath enhancement project.

A site visit will be scheduled following the opening of the Aldi store at the specified location to establish if the current uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is adequate. If is deemed necessary, traffic counts will be organised to be included in the controlled pedestrian crossing warrant assessment.

Following this assessment if a sufficient pedestrian demand is established and a suitable location is identified the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing will be considered as part of a future Programme of Works.

Source of Report: Mr C. Dima, Executive Engineer Operations Department & Mr J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 54

COMPLETION OF FOOTPATH - DUN EMER, LUSK - AI104585

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive build the unfinished footpath that the Council granted planning permission for prior to 2008 as part of the Master Plan for Dun Emer and that a plan is put in place to then continue this footpath to the R132 to ensure that the pedestrians who walk this road daily can have safe access to bus services on the R132.”

Report:

The verge along Ministers Road between the entrance to Dun Emer and the private house known as The Glebe is not taken in-charge and therefore the Council cannot construct a footpath on it. The next stretch of Ministers Road from the Glebe out as far as the R132 does not have any verges and the road is too narrow to construct any footpath. There is, however, a continuous footpath extending in the opposite direction from Dun Emer as far as the centre of Lusk where the services of the village can be accessed on foot. It is expected that if and when lands are developed along Ministers Road towards the R132 that Planning Conditions would require the provision of footpaths as has been the case going in the opposite direction towards Lusk village centre.

Source of Report: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 55

CYCLEWAY BOLLARDS MAINTENANCE - RIVERVALLEY, SWORDS - AI104480

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on the maintenance, repair and cleaning regime for the bollards on the cycleway in Rivervalley.”

Report:

The cycle lanes in River Valley are swept every weekday (ie Monday to Friday).

Regarding the maintenance of damaged delineators, the Operations Department tries to replace these either when they are reported by a member of the public or seen by depot staff during day-to-day activities, provided replacement units are available/in-stock. Missing or damaged orange delineators have been replaced twice so far this year. An order has recently been placed for black delineators and any damaged or missing black units will be replaced once the order has been received. In addition to replacement of missing delineators cleaning of the existing units is due to start within the next couple of weeks.

Source of Report: Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 56

RESURFACING OF ROAD - BALLYBOUGHAL VILLAGE - AI104590

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive prioritise the road resurfacing at Main Street, Ballyboughal Village as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.”

Report:

These works are currently at tendering stage. The tender evaluation process will follow with the appointment of the successful contractor within 3 weeks of the closing date for tender returns, which shall be at the end of October. Once the contractor is appointed, they shall put forward an agreed works plan to FCC Engineering staff, including a timeframe for completion of works which it is envisaged will take up to 5 weeks to complete. The works plan will be subject to contractor availability and inclement weather conditions in order for works to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Source of Report: Mr J Dowler, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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