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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday, 26th November 2025

**To Each Member of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services A - Operational Matters)**

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **3.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services**

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 5th of November 2025**

QUESTIONS

- 2 Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Works in Ard Na Mara - AI105064**

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on representation FCC-2025-017022-H4V5C, which asked when the footpaths in Ard Na Mara will be repaired and when the addition of a slip way at the corner of the green would be completed, to grant easier access to the shops for elderly residents, as the reply to this representation stated would works would begin by the end of September 2025?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the trees in the Quarry Estate, which overhang into Carrickhill Close, to be pruned, as these works were due to be completed in the 2024/25 Works Programme but did not occur due to Storm Éowyn, original reference R24/39027?"

- 4 Councillor C. Haughey - Entrance and Exit at Balgriffin Hall - AI105423**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any progress has been made in finding a solution that would allow people to enter and exit Balgriffin Hall from both directions?"

- 5 Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Ramps - Blackwood Lane - AI105424**

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of ramps on Blackwood Lane, near the entrance to the Blackwoods Estate, while acknowledging the ramps that have been installed on other parts of Blackwood Lane?"

6 Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Double Yellow Lines - Burrow Court, Portmarnock - AI105170

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing double yellow lines at Burrow Court, Portmarnock, on the left-hand side of the entrance?"

7 Councillor J. Hopkins - Footpath Repairs - Grange Road - AI105371

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for footpath repairs at Grange Road (details supplied) to be included on the Programme of Works, as it is a trip hazard in its current state?"

8 Councillor J. Hopkins - Hedge Cutting - Stapolin Lawns - AI105452

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cut back the hedging in the small green next to Stapolin Lawns (details supplied) before the nesting season in 2026?"

9 Councillor J. Hopkins - Operational Staffing Requirements - Racecourse Regional Park - AI105461

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the staffing requirements for Racecourse Regional Park, including Park Wardens, maintenance personnel, and other operational staff?"

10 Councillor J. Hopkins - Courts Flooding - Trackside Tennis Club - AI105462

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what action can be taken to prevent the flooding that is occurring at Trackside Lawn Tennis Club and if the wetland proposal designed by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) could be considered as an option?"

11 Councillor D. Healy - Parking Wardens - Earnan's Wood - AI105478

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include Earnan's Wood in the areas patrolled by parking wardens?"

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S
BUSINESS**

12 Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Hidden Disability Parking Spaces in this LEA - AI105421

"That the Chief Executive examine the feasibility of installing "Hidden

Disability" pay and display parking spaces, marked out with the "Hidden Disability" sunflower, in this Local Electoral Area, similar to other Local Authorities in Ireland."

MOTIONS

13 Councillor D. Healy - Bus Shelters in this LEA - AI104965

"That the Chief Executive conducts a consultation with the public and stakeholders to identify and prioritise a list of locations in the Howth/Malahide Area where bus shelters should be provided, with a view to discussing same with the NTA and providing or securing their provision within a short timeframe."

14 Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Double Yellow Lines - Earnon's Wood, Portmarnock - AI105171

"That the Chief Executive installs double yellow lines along Earnon's Wood on Station Road, Portmarnock."

15 Councillor E. O'Brien - Report on the Current Upkeep of New Street, Malahide - AI105374

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the current upkeep, by the Operations Department, of the New Street area under the following headings:

- Cleansing and litter management
- Repair and replacement of café barriers
- Removal of disused café barriers
- Enforcement of illegal parking in the pedestrianised area
- Maintenance and upkeep of planters
- Reinstatement of removed umbrellas."

16 Councillor C. Haughey - Flooding on Station Road, Portmarnock - AI105422

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the cause of the recent flooding and lack of drainage on Station Road, Portmarnock during the recent heavy rainfall and what can be done to reduce or prevent this in the future?"

17 Councillor B. McDonagh - Access Issues - Burrow Court - AI105454

"That the Chief Executive help resolve access issues at the entrance to Burrow Court by restoring the continuous white line on the road and

requesting double yellow lines be approved by An Garda Síochána.”

**18 Councillor B. McDonagh - Parking at Beach Car Parks -
Portmarnock Beach - AI105455**

“That the Chief Executive ensures that both beach car parks in Portmarnock have two hours free parking when parking fees are introduced, in line with similar charges elsewhere.”

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**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 5th November, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor Eoghan O'Brien

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

Councillor Joan Hopkins

Councillor David Healy

Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey

Councillor Cathal Haughey

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Brian McDonagh

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

HMA/172/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 1st of October 2025

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 1st of October 2025 which had been circulated, were **Considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 1st of October 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"

AGREED

QUESTIONS

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

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 10 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"

HMA/173/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Removal of Tree - Blackberry Lane - AI104784

HMA/174/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Tree Survey - Birchdale Road - AI104786

HMA/175/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Inspection of Trees on Warren Green - AI104787

HMA/176/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Public Lighting for Blackwood Lane - AI104908

HMA/177/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Connection of Public Lighting in this LEA - AI104909

HMA/178/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Junction Upgrade of Blackwood Lane and R124 - AI104792

HMA/179/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Removal of Flags on Mountgorry Roundabout - AI104893

HMA/180/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Kinsealy Lane - Speed Limit Review - AI104895

HMA/181/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Healy - Replacement of Trees - Bayside and Sutton Park - AI104966

CATHAOIRELEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/182/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Wheelchair Accessible Parking Spots - Malahide Village - AI104785

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

MOTIONS

HMA/183/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Entrance to Myrtle Estate Enhancements - AI104891

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

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/184/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor - D. Healy - CSO Urban Areas in this LEA - AI104963

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

Following discussion, James Culhane agreed that workshops will be arrange with the Elected Members of the 3 Areas.

The motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/185/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Speeding - Carrickhill Road - AI104894

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

Following discussion James Culhane agreed to liaise with the Fingal Public Lighting Engineer and request the installation of an additional street light in the mid-section of Carrickhill Road.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/186/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor D. Healy - Safety of Pedestrians in Howth - AI104971

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

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

Following discussion, Benjamin O'Regan has agreed to meet on site with Councillor David Healy to discuss further.

The motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded At 17.35hrs

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

WORKS IN ARD NA MARA - AI105064

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on representation FCC-2025-017022-H4V5C, which asked when the footpaths in Ard Na Mara will be repaired and when the addition of a slip way at the corner of the green would be completed, to grant easier access to the shops for elderly residents, as the reply to this representation stated would works would begin by the end of September 2025?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have arranged for a contractor to carry out works at the location. They will be commencing works during this month (December). It is anticipated that the works will be completed by the end of the month subject to suitable weather conditions.

Source of Reply: Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

**PRUNING OF OVERHANGING TREES - CARRICKHILL CLOSE -
AI105353**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the trees in the Quarry Estate, which overhang into Carrickhill Close, to be pruned, as these works were due to be completed in the 2024/25 Works Programme but did not occur due to Storm Éowyn, original reference R24/39027?"

Reply:

The trees which are overhanging Carrickhill Close are in private ownership. Pruning the branches that are overhanging will not alleviate the issues. The Operations Department have issued a notice to the owners of the private estate and will continue to follow up on this.

Source of Reply: Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 04

ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF BALGRIFFIN HALL - AI105423

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if any progress has been made in finding a solution that would allow people to enter and exit Balgriffin Hall from both directions?"

Reply:

There has been no further progress in finding a solution that would allow vehicles to enter and exit Balgriffin Hall from both directions.

The matter was raised with Fingal County Councils' Transport Planning Section, Dublin City Council and the developer's consultant engineer. The consultant has indicated any changes would interfere with the safety of the new signalised junction.

Source of Reply: Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department
James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

INSTALLATION OF RAMPS - BLACKWOOD LANE - AI105424

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of ramps on Blackwood Lane, near the entrance to the Blackwoods Estate, while acknowledging the ramps that have been installed on other parts of Blackwood Lane?”

Reply:

The Operations Department are legally prevented from installing additional ramps on Blackwood Lane adjacent to Blackwood Estate entrance. This is due to the existing traffic calming scheme being too far away from the residential entrance leaving a length between ramps greater than the legal requirement.

Source of Reply: Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

**INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - BURROW
COURT PORTMARNOCK - AI105170**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing double yellow lines at Burrow Court, Portmarnock, on the left-hand side at the entrance?"

Reply:

The existing continuous white centre line was refreshed inclusive of the yield triangle on the 26th of November last.

Double Yellow Lines can be installed by the Operations Department but only on provision of a positive response from the Garda, and when road conditions are suitable for line marking.

Source of Reply: Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

FOOTPATH REPAIRS - GRANGE ROAD - AI105371

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for footpath repairs at Grange Road (details supplied) to be included on the Programme of Works, as it is a trip hazard in its current state?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will add the location to the list of repairs under consideration for the 2026 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply: Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations

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ITEM NO. 08

HEDGE CUTTING - STAPOLIN LAWNS - AI105452

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to cut back the hedging in the small green next to Stapolin Lawns (details supplied) before nesting season 2026?"

Reply:

This location will be added to the current Winter Works Programme. However, the Operations Department are working through a substantial programme and cannot guarantee that it will be done before the 1st March 2026.

Source of Reply: Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

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ITEM NO. 09

**OPERATIONAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS - RACECOURSE
REGIONAL PARK - AI105461**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the staffing requirements for Racecourse Regional Park, including Park Wardens, maintenance personnel, and other operational staff?”

Reply:

The Operations Department are currently reviewing staff resourcing requirements for the Racecourse Regional Park, which is due for completion Q4 2027.

Source of Reply: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

COURTS FLOODING - TRACKSIDE TENNIS CLUB - AI105462

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what action can be taken to prevent the flooding that is occurring at Trackside Lawn Tennis Club and if the wetland proposal designed by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) could be considered as an option?"

Reply:

A meeting is being arranged between the Operations Department, the Planning Department and the Fingal Biodiversity Officer to determine a solution to alleviate the flooding which is occurring at Trackside Lawn Tennis Club.

Source of Reply: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 11

PARKING WARDENS - EARNAN'S WOOD - AI105478

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include Earnan's Wood in the areas patrolled by parking wardens?"

Reply:

Earnan's Wood is currently listed for patrol by Fingal Parking Wardens.

Parking Wardens have attended this location and carried out enforcement on 22 separate occasions between 6th October and 18th November 2025, and have issued 3 No. parking fines and 1 No. Warning notice to vehicles found to be parked illegally.

In addition, the Operations Department have installed double yellow lines along the roadway at the entrance to the estate to prevent illegal parking.

Source of Reply: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Dept.

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ITEM NO. 12

INSTALLATION OF HIDDEN DISABILITY PARKING SPACES IN THIS LEA - AI105421

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive examine the feasibility of installing “Hidden Disability” pay and display parking spaces, marked out with the “Hidden Disability” sunflower, in this Local Electoral Area, similar to what has been done by other Local Authorities in Ireland.”

Report:

The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws, adopted in 2020, were enacted pursuant to 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 govern the management and regulation of both on-street and off-street parking throughout the County.

Under the current Bye-Laws, provision is made for Blue Permit parking in designated spaces across the County, free of charge. Citizens with hidden disabilities may avail of Blue Permit parking upon application to the Parking Permit Scheme administered jointly by the Disabled Drivers Association and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

It should be noted that existing legislation does not extend enforcement powers to Local Authorities in respect of public parking beyond the scope of the current Parking Control Bye-Laws. Consequently, the provision of additional designated spaces could only operate on a non-statutory, courtesy basis, similar to age-friendly parking. In such circumstances, neither An Garda Síochána nor Fingal

County Council wardens would have authority to monitor compliance or issue penalties for misuse.

Furthermore, there is currently no officially recognised symbol by Government for hidden disabilities, and no statutory signage or road markings are prescribed in the Traffic Signs Manual to identify or regulate such spaces. As a result, any provision of parking spaces for hidden disabilities would lack a statutory basis.

Fingal County Council does not intend to install non-statutory parking spaces for hidden disabilities. Such spaces would be open to misuse and, in the absence of statutory authority, cannot be effectively enforced.

Source of Report: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.
Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

BUS SHELTERS IN THIS LEA - AI104965

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive conducts a consultation with the public and stakeholders to identify and prioritise a list of locations in the Howth/Malahide Area where bus shelters should be provided, with a view to discussing same with the NTA and providing or securing their provision within a short timeframe.”

Report:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) maintains an active list of bus stops. This request list for new stops or shelters is formed from requests from elected members, members of the public, resident groups or local authorities. Fingal County Council does not maintain this list nor do other local authorities as it is a nationwide list.

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

A list of bus shelters planned to be installed in this LEA by the NTA are as follows.

- Grange Road - Adjacent to Abbey Park Junction.
- Willie Nolan Road. Grange Road - Adjacent to Credit Union. Grange Road - North off Industrial Park.
- Main Street, Baldoyle - Adjacent to Church/Community Hall.
- Grange Road - Adjacent to Industrial Park/Longfield Road junction.
- Grange Road - Adjacent to St. Laurence O' Toole Church.

Fingal County Council can write to the NTA to ascertain if any other bus shelters are due to be submitted for planning permission or are planned to be installed through BusConnects or other NTA related upgrade works on existing service lines within this LEA.

Source of Report: James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - EARNON'S WOOD, PORTMARNOCK - AI105171

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive installs double yellow lines along Earnon's Wood on Station Road, Portmarnock."

Report:

The Operations Department have completed these works on the 26th of November following a positive response from An Garda Síochána. The new double yellow lines begin on the right-hand side at the entrance to Earnan's Wood, Station Road, Portmarnock and end by the start of the residential area within Earnan's Wood.

Source of Report: Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

REPORT ON THE CURRENT UPKEEP OF NEW STREET, MALAHIDE - AI105374

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the current upkeep by the Operations Department of the New Street area under the following headings:

- Cleansing and litter management
- Repair and replacement of café barriers
- Removal of disused café barriers
- Enforcement of illegal parking in the pedestrianised area
- Maintenance and upkeep of planters
- Reinstatement of removed umbrellas."

Report:

Cleansing and Litter Management

New Street is swept daily by the Operations Department. Every 6 months a more intensive street sweep is carried out. In relation to litter picking and bin collection, the area is litter picked daily and the bins are also emptied daily. In addition, there are solar powered compactor bins installed throughout the village which allows for greater litter capacity.

Repair and Replacement of Café Barriers and Removal of Disused Cafe Barriers

Since installation, the Council has removed and repaired the café barriers on two occasions, incurring costs to Fingal County Council. To ensure a sustainable solution, the Council will coordinate with the supplier to carry out an audit identifying barriers that require repair or replacement.

However, businesses are requested to engage directly with the supplier to arrange for the replacement of their café barriers with the appropriate Fingal/Malahide branding. Following completion of the audit, the Council recommends that businesses work with the supplier to procure their own café barriers, either incorporating the Malahide logo or opting for unbranded versions.

Enforcement of Illegal Parking in the Pedestrianised Area

The Operations Department has reissued instruction to Fingal Parking Wardens to issue fines to any vehicle parked on New Street outside the designated delivery hours, as indicated on the signage. Parking during these restricted times is considered a parking offence within the pedestrian zone.

Maintenance and upkeep of planters

The planters on New Street are maintained in the same way as planters in other areas which includes seasonal planting in winter and summer.

Reinstatement of Removed Umbrellas

For health and safety reasons, the Council has removed and stored the umbrellas during the winter and storm season. These umbrellas will be included in the upcoming audit of street furniture requiring repair or replacement.

Businesses are advised to engage with the supplier to arrange for the repair or replacement of their umbrellas in advance of the summer months. Businesses are responsible for any associated costs for this.

Source of Report: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department
Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

FLOODING ON STATION ROAD, PORTMARNOCK - AI105422

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on what caused the recent flooding and lack of drainage on Station Road, Portmarnock during the recent heavy rainfall and what can be done to reduce or prevent this in the future?”

Report:

Due to excessive rainfall over the October and early November period this resulted in soil being saturated and elevated watercourse levels. This put significant pressure on the surface water system.

Once the localised flooding issue occurred on Station Road, the Operations Department had to close to road to through traffic for health and safety reasons to allow emergency pumping works to alleviate the localised flooding. The closure also facilitated investigation works to determine the root cause of the issue. The existing stormwater network runs through mainly privately owned land and estates not taken in charge.

Based on the current information please refer to Figure 1 below which outlines the indicative stormwater line.

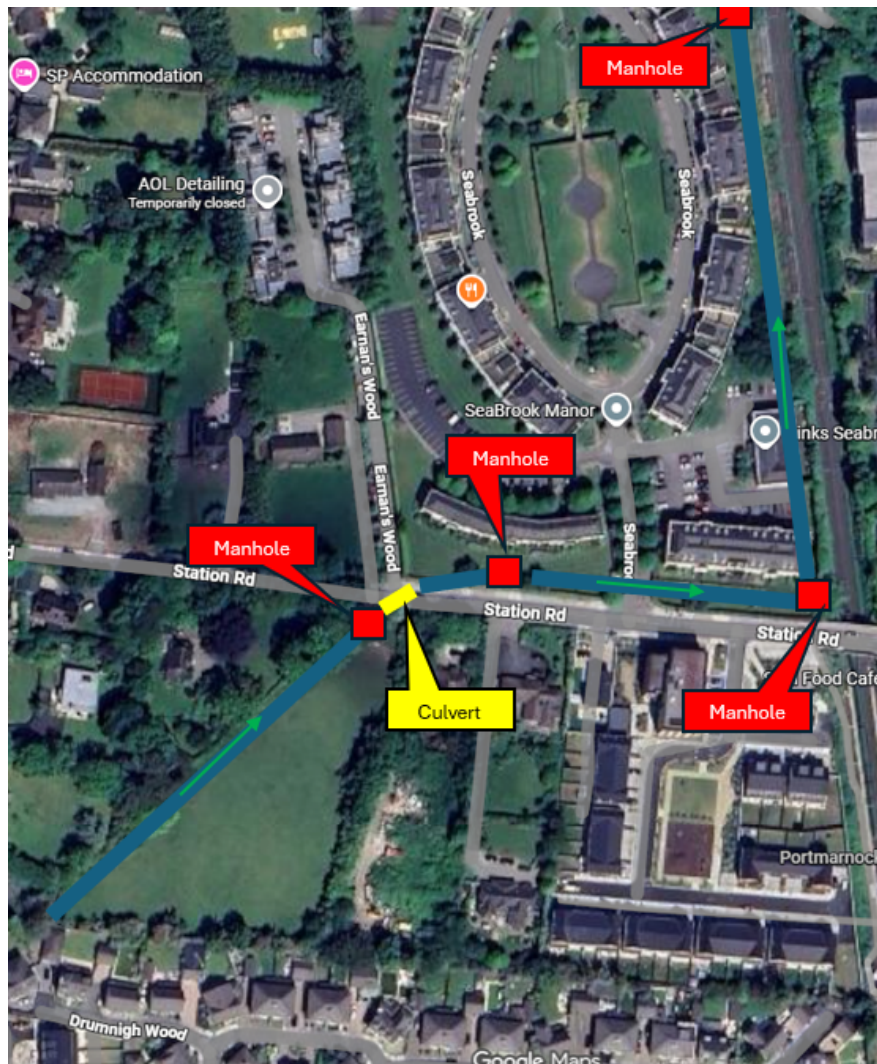


Figure 1: High Level Diagram of Stormwater Line

Silt buildups were found throughout the system along with debris in the open ditch including a tree root. These obstructions along with the excessive rainfall more than likely are the root cause of the localised flooding issue.

The next steps are to attempt to finish mapping of the stormwater line and potentially establish wayleaves to allow the Operations Department future access to the manhole inside the field for preventative maintenance through the Storm Water Unit.

In addition, the Operations Department will liaise with the Building Control section to ensure that the estate management companies are maintaining their private sections of the stormwater line.

Source of Report: James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

ACCESS ISSUES - BURROW COURT - AI105454

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That the Chief Executive help resolve access issues at the entrance to Burrow Court by restoring the continuous white line on the road and requesting double yellow lines be approved by the Gardaí."

Report:

The existing continuous white centre line was refreshed inclusive of the yield triangle on the 26th of November last.

Double Yellow Lines can be installed by the Operations Department but only on provision of a positive response from the Garda, and when road conditions are suitable for line marking.

Source of Report: Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 18

PARKING AT BEACH CAR PARKS - PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI105455

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive ensures that both beach car parks in Portmarnock have two hours free parking when parking fees are introduced, in line with similar charges elsewhere.”

Report:

Fingal County Council, following review and consideration of submissions received during public consultation on the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws 2025, relating to the introduction of parking charges at coastal car parks propose the following:

- 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.
- Portmarnock Beach Car Park, Golf Links Road – No charge.

Source of Report: Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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