

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)**

Wednesday, 6th May, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors

Hopkins, Joan
O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey (Director of Services); Ciara OhAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Shane Harding (Executive Engineer); Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer); Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer); Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer); Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty (Senior Community Officer); Nuala Casey (Sports Development Officer); Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer); Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

HMB/96/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chair, Councillor C. Haughey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMB/97/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2026

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 1st April 2026 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 1st April 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/98/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 17 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/99/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Replanting of Trees at Mabestown - AI108102

HMB/100/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Access to Balscadden Beach - AI108105

HMB/101/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on the Taking in Charge and Playground in Belcamp
- AI108161

HMB/102/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Kinsealy to Portmarnock Greenway - AI108106

HMB/103/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Howth Library Works Details - AI108243

HMB/104/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Communication Boards for Community Centres in this LEA -
AI108244

HMB/105/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Opening Hours for Baldoyle Racecourse Centre - AI108250

HMB/106/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Micheal Hurley, Baldoyle Historian - AI108252

HMB/107/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - €50k Budgeted for Landscape Works at Clongriffin DART
Station- AI108254

HMB/108/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Stapolin Square Crèche - AI108255

HMB/109/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report - Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan - AI108261

HMB/110/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor D. Healy - Howth/Malahide Urban Area Plans - AI108262

HMB/111/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor D. Healy - Update on Tuckett's Lane Housing Development - AI108265

HMB/112/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor D. Healy - Progress on Floating Boardwalk - Malahide - AI108267

HMB/113/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor D. Healy - Progress on Public Square in Howth - AI108268

HMB/114/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor D. Healy - Progress for Masterplan for Malahide Estuary - AI108269

HMB/115/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty, Senior Community Officer, Community Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

b Applications for Sports Funding

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Nuala Casey, Sports Development Officer; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

HMB/116/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Proposed Disposals:

a **Notice of proposed renewal of lease of land at The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Vantage Towers Limited**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A report was given by Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** the proposed renewal of lease of land at The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Vantage Towers Limited.’

HMB/117/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Correspondence

a **Email dated 15th April 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth - Councillor J. Hopkins - Opening Date for the Educate Together School - Malahide**

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

b **Email dated 21st April 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth - Councillor J. Hopkins - Special Education Needs - Malahide**

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

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMB/118/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor C. Haughey - Taking in Charge of Newpark Estate - AI107962

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

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

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department, read the report into the record.

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

MOTIONS

HMB/119/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Update on the Naming of the Park at Old Yellow Walls Road, Seabury - AI108032

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

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

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department, read the report into the record.

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

HMB/120/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor C. Haughey - Planning Enforcement Regarding Construction Traffic Using Streamstown Lane and Carey's Lane - AI108173

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

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

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department, read the report into the record.

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

HMB/121/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor A. Tormey - Littering at Bayside Square - AI108208

The Motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey, was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

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

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport Department, read the report into the record.

It was **AGREED** to bring a review of the summer activity on littering in the shopping centres back as a headed item in September.

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

HMB/122/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Baldoyle Community Hall Upgrades - AI108247

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

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

Gene Griffin, Administrative Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department, read the report into the record.

It was **AGREED** a separate briefing will be given to the members on the plans for the proposed refurbishment.

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

HMB/123/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Portmarnock Swimming Pool - AI108253

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

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

David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department, provided the members with a verbal update.

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

The Meeting concluded at 16.37.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 02

UPDATE ON TUCKETT'S LANE HOUSING PROPOSAL STATUS – AI107670

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Department of Housing's decision regarding the funding of the provision of the planned social homes on this site and, should the funding be declined, to advise if the Council will revert to the initial proposal of developing a playground/park at this location?"

Reply:

The Council is actively engaging with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on details of the scheme. The current eight-unit scheme appears to be unviable, so that design is currently being reviewed to ascertain whether there is an alternative design that is feasible. This process is ongoing with County Architect's and an update will be provided when that process has come to a conclusion.

Fingal Housing Department and Operations Department met with elected representatives and local residents on site recently also.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 03

REPORT ON LISSADEL WOOD TAKING IN CHARGE - AI108245

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge status of Lissadel Wood, which was built between 2000 - 2004?”

Reply:

No Taking in Charge (TIC) request has been received to date. The development is currently being managed and maintained as a private development. It appears the bond was released in October 2006.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON GATE LODGE COTTAGES IN MALAHIDE DEMESNE – AI108246

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Gate Lodge cottages in Malahide Demesne?”

Reply:

There are eight lodges located on the grounds of Malahide Demesne connected to the operation of the demesne in the past as a large private historic garden.

Three of the lodges (McAlister’s Gate Lodge, South-West Gate Lodge and Dingly Dell) are currently in residential use.

Two (Peter Pan cottage and North Lodge/Hogans Lodge) are leased to the Operator for use as an office for the Curator, and essential storage and working space requirements for repairs, having been refurbished and brought back into use in 2024 and 2025 respectively.

The remaining three lodges (South Gate Lodge, Southeast Gate Lodge and Herdsman’s House) are currently vacant. These buildings are in various states of disrepair and require significant refurbishment to bring them back into use. They are undergoing detailed review with some associated works having been undertaken including review of services, Matterport scanning and feasibility studies for renovation. These works are ongoing. The future uses of these lodges will be complementary to the existing tourism and public amenity offering at Malahide Castle.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 05

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS LEA - AI108249

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what activities are planned for the summer as diversions for young people of both genders (e.g. Friday night leagues) in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Fingal Sports Office has organised an extensive program of summer activities and diversions for young people of both genders across the Howth/Malahide Local Electoral Area (LEA). These initiatives focus on physical activity, inclusion, and community participation.

Below is the detailed schedule of planned physical activities and funding allocations

- **Fingal Inclusive Water Sport Camp:** A two week 4-day camp hosted in partnership with Active Connections and Howth Yacht Club at Howth. It provides adaptive kayaking, paddleboarding, and canoeing for 20 children with additional needs
- **HerMoves Basketball Project:** Partnering with Malahide BC and clubs across Fingal (including Swords BC, Tridents, Dublin Sonics, Ongar Chasers, and Lusk Ravens). This initiative specifically targets girls aged 13–17 who do not currently play basketball
- **Cricket Development:** A co-funded Development Officer will deliver youth activity programmes from May to August at Malahide Cricket Club.
- **Howth on the Move:** Open-access fitness and health activities for all age groups, taking place currently every Tuesday at 7pm in Howth
- **ParkFit:** Outdoor light resistance, cardio and yoga style activity for all age groups in Baldoyle and Howth.
- **Community 5s Football:** The Sports Office is collaborating with the FAI (Football Association of Ireland) to develop soccer programmes specifically targeting teenage boys and girls. Full operational details will be finalised by the end of June.
- **Beach & Family Yoga:** Multi-generational outdoor sessions held on Tuesdays at Seabury Park and Thursdays at Baldoyle Racecourse Park at 11:00am with dates for yoga on Portmarnock Beach to be confirmed in June.

The multitude of sport and physical activity delivered by the Sports Office during the summer serves to strengthen community engagement and participation for young people and provide them with a sustainable pathway of activity into the future.

In addition, the Community Department has approved funding of **€5,100** to support four Summer Programmes across the Howth/Malahide Electoral Area in 2026, targeting **305 children and young people**:

- Howth Sutton Autism Group
- Baldoyle Family Resource Centre
- Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club

These initiatives will deliver structured, supervised **20-hour programmes** of recreational and educational activity during the summer period. They place a strong emphasis on community participation, while strengthening local resources and organisations. The programmes offer a diverse range of child-focused activities designed to meet the varying demographic and socio-economic needs of communities across the county.

Source of Reply:

David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

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WEDNESDAY 3rd June 2026

ITEM NO. 06

**DATE FOR INSTALLATION OF BENCHES ON THE BALDOYLE TO
PORTMARNOCK GREENWAY - AI108256**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm is the installation date for the proposed benches on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway?"

Reply:

When the benches are delivered to the Council, they will be installed.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 07

INVESTIGATE EMPTY HOME- STRAND MILL AI-108692

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to investigate why (details supplied) Strand Mill is empty and when it is expected to be back in the housing stock?"

Reply:

The Council's Estate Management Team is aware of issues regarding this dwelling. The matter is currently under investigation.

Source of Reply:

Glenda Robertson, Senior Staff Officer, Housing

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ITEM NO. 08

**PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING AT PORTMARNOCK DART
STATION - AI108694**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware of any plans to provide additional parking at Portmarnock DART Station, neighbouring estates are now becoming spill-over parking sites?”

Reply:

The carpark at Portmarnock station falls under the remit of Irish Rail. The Infrastructure and Transport Department are not aware of any plans to provide additional parking at Portmarnock DART Station.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport

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ITEM NO. 09

CYCLE PATH FROM SEAMOUNT HILL TO SEAPARK HILL - AI108661

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans the Council have to deliver cycling infrastructure from Seamount Hill to Seapark Hill?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit has engaged an Integrated Design Team, and they have recently completed a draft tender pack for the construction of a universally accessible link between Seapark Hill and Seamount Park. We have completed our review and issued our comments back to the designers. The design team will now consider our comments and incorporate them as appropriate. When this process is complete, the tender will be published. We plan to be able to advertise the tender by the start of Q3, for the appointment of a contractor.

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorrow, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Unit.

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ITEM NO. 10

RIGHT OF WAY ON LANEWAY OFF HOWTH ROAD – AI108665

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise who has right of way or right to access the lane that leads to the property at (details supplied), Howth Road?"

Reply:

The Council is the registered owner of the lane leading to the property. A right of way over the lane was granted by the Council in 2017 to Mr. Ronan Murphy for a consideration of €50,000.00, the right of way was personal to Mr. Ronan Murphy and could not be conveyed to any successors in title or third parties without the consent of the Council.

The grant of right of way reserved the right of access at all times to Fingal County Council and Irish Water for the purposes of repairing/replacing as necessary the watermain which runs along the lane.

The right of way granted to Mr. Murphy has not been registered on the Folio with Tailte Eireann, as Mr. Murphy was required to do under the terms of the grant and the Council will follow up on this.

There are no official rights of way registered on the Folio or access agreements made with any other third parties by the Council's Property Services Section.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 11

**CORRESPONDENCE WITH MALAHIDE REGIONAL BRIDGE CLUB -
AI108706**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Infrastructure and Transport Department has responded to the correspondence sent to the Department by the Malahide Regional Bridge Club, who wish to apply to the Council for planning permission?"

Reply:

Arrangements will be made in the coming days to contact the Bridge Club.

Source of Reply:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 12

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA - AI108726

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report, in tabular format, on the following information as regards planning permissions granted in the Howth/Malahide area since 2002:

- the reference numbers of all planning permission including provisions for special development contributions under section 48(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000
- the public infrastructure and facilities which benefit the proposed development to which the special development contribution relates
- the amount of the contribution
- whether the development has commenced
- whether the contribution has been paid
- the current status of the public infrastructure and facilities for which the special development contribution is being levied."

Reply:

Reg Ref	Cond No	Special Levy Conditioned	Condition Description	Development Commenced	Amount of Levy Paid	Status of Project
SHD/009/19 & ABP-306102-19	21	€5,819,413.31	Pedestrian bridge over railway line near Claremont Strand.	Yes	€5,819,413.31	Not Commenced
F10A/0065	9	€5,000.00	S48 (2) (c) Provision of controlled on street parking (<i>Railway Avenue, Malahide</i>)	Yes	€5,000.00	Not Commenced
F19A/0487	5	€5,000.00	S48 (2) (c) Provision of controlled on street parking (<i>The Green, Malahide</i>)	Yes	€5,000.00	Not Commenced
F20A/0045	8	€5,000.00	S48 (2) (c) Provision of controlled on-street parking. (<i>Church Road, Malahide</i>)	Yes	€5,000.00	Not Commenced
F21A/0378	8	€57,701.00	Provision of junction upgrades at Station Road with Drumnigh Road R124 and Strand Road with Coast Road, Portmarnock	Yes	€57,701.00	Not Commenced
F22A/0297	4	€76,800.00	Upgrade of Station Road/Drumnigh Road Junction.	Yes	€76,800.00	Not Commenced
LRD0002/S3	7 c	€323,946.00	Upgrade of Station Road/Drumnigh Road (R124) junction	Yes	€323,946.00	Not Commenced
F24A/0781E	17	TBD	Upgrade of Station Road/Drumnigh Road (R124) junction	Yes	€0.00	Not Commenced
LRD0058/S3	33	TBD	Upgrade works to the station road/Drumnigh road junction	No	€0.00	Not Commenced
LRD0035/S3 - ABP-320660-24	25	TBD	Works to remove infiltration in the network on approximately 55 metres of existing wastewater network at Dungiiffin Road, Howth to facilitate the wastewater connection for the proposed development and which specifically benefits the proposed development. Amount to be agreed.	No	€0.00	Not Commenced
F24A/1025E	11	TBD	works to the existing boundary wall to Thormanby Road	No	€0.00	Not Commenced

Source of Reply:

Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON CLAREMONT BEACH BRIDGE - AI108727

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of what contact there has been between the Council and the developers of the Techrete site or their agents in relation to the bridge over the railway to Claremont Beach, subsequent to the agreement in February 2025 of the monetary amount for the special development contribution for the bridge?"

Reply:

The Council has not had contact with the Developer or their agents in relation to the bridge over the railway to Claremont Beach, subsequent to the agreement in February 2025 of the monetary amount for the special development contribution for the bridge.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 14

CAPITAL PROGRAMME WORKS FOR GOLF LINKS ROAD - AI108739

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what works are envisaged or under consideration for Golf Links Road as reflected in the allocation in the Capital Programme?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is currently assessing options to improve accessibility on Golf Links Road. This assessment is at the initial stage of development.

Accordingly, a full and detailed list of improvement works is not available at this early stage. However, it is envisaged that works may include: upgrades to the junction of Golf Links Road and Strand Road; upgrades to the carriageway of Golf Links Road; provision of an active travel pathway alongside Golf Links Road to improve safety and connectivity for people walking and cycling to Portmarnock beach, and; improvements to the existing beach car park.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 15a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Bayside Boules GA-003931	€2599	Storage Container	N	N/A	€2599
Millview Residents Association GA-003892	€3000	Soft Play Equipment Hire Gazebo Hire Band Marquee Magician	Y	2025 - €3000 2024 - €2249.19	€3000
Racecourse Community Centre Baldoyle GA-003946	€3000	Face Painter, Magic Show & DJ Mindfulness Workshop Yoga Classes Band Performance	N	N/A	€2960.50

Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland GA-003932	€3000	Laptop Microphones, stands, Karaoke Calendars Newsletters Face Painting Entertainment (2 events) Insurance	Y	2025 - €2603	€3000
Bayside Community Centre GA-003937	€3000	Website and Social Media Upgrade, Signage for front of building Community Event	N	N/A	€3000
Portmarnock Integrated Arch Club GA-003941	€2,488	Defib Machine & PA system	N	N/A	€2,487.65
Portmarnock Active Retirement Association (PARA) GA-003974	€3000	Room Hire Wool Bus Tai Chi Tutor	N	N/A	€3000
Portmarnock Community Association GA-004000	€1,341	Graffiti Remover Cordless Sander Step Ladder Plants Plants for 5 ECO planters Exterior paint for two beach Toy Library Potting table 2 x Staging Bark Mulch Insurance - St Marnock's Bay Fest	Y	2024 - €2,228.00 2024 - €522.00	€1,341.00

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ITEM NO. 15b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Malahide Rugby Club	€4000	Gym equipment for players gym to benefit all club members. Equipment included is Olympic bars and bumper plates, adjustable benches, a functional trainer, hyper extension	N	N/A	€4000 recommended twords gym equipment allows for player development and promotes health and wellbeing within the club

		machine, dumbbell sets, TRX systems, specialist rubber gym flooring and an astro sprint training track			
Na Dubh Ghall	€4000	Portable floodlights for winter training	N	N/A	€4000 recommended twords portable floodlights which will alolow for winter training outdoors

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Item No. 15c

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANTI-LITTER & ANTI-GRAFFITI (ALAG) GRANT

Applications for funding under the Council's ALAG Grant have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

ALAG GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Bayside Community Association	€1,500	Mural and clean up, planting in Sutton grove with kids	Y	2022 €1300	€1,200

Bayside Community Centre	€1,500	Mural on external wall of the CC and kids art exhibition	Y	2025 €1087.23	€1,050
Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community	€1,500	Community mosiac mural	Y	2025 €1200; 2024 €1500	€1,305
Howth Tidy Towns	€1,100	Mural workshop and sprays	Y	2025 €750; 2021 €1500	€880
Malahide Tidy Towns	€1,500	Wrapping service boxes	N	N/A	€1,290
O'Hanlon's Lane Residents Association, Malahide	€1,480	Painting tools, plants, compost	N	N/A	€1,184
Portmarnock CA & TT	€863.25	Various anti-litter anti-graffiti equipment	Y	2025 €1200; 2022 €1500	€733.76
St. Samson's Community Group, Balgriffin	€1,500	Wildflower seeds, pumkin patch, litter picking	Y	2025 €1122.40; 2024 €1300	€1,275



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting

3rd June 2026

Overview



Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- SRTS is Administered by An Taisce
- SRTS is Grant funded by The National Transport Authority (NTA)
- SRTS is delivered by Fingal County Council.

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Round 1

Round 1 Tranche 1

1. Brackenstown Educate Together NS, Swords
2. Powerstown Educate Together NS, Dublin 15
3. Bayside Junior School, Sutton
4. Castaheany Educate Together NS Ongar Village
5. Rush & Lusk Educate Together NS

Round 1 Tranche 2

1. Pope John Paul, Malahide
2. Scoil Choilm CNS, Porterstown
3. Scoil Ghrainne CNS, Phibblestown
4. Ladyswell NS, Mulhuddart



Round 2



1. Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
2. Scoil Bhríde Cailíní - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
3. St Helens SNS Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
4. Holy Family JNS – Forest Fields, Swords
5. St Colmcille's Girls' National School - Chapel Lane, Swords

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Round 2 Time line



1. Cllr Update 22nd Oct 2025
2. Public consultation 8th Nov to 29th Nov 2025
3. Procurement just completed
4. Works to be confirmed but expected late June/early July

Round 2 Howth Malahide – St Helens Portmarnock



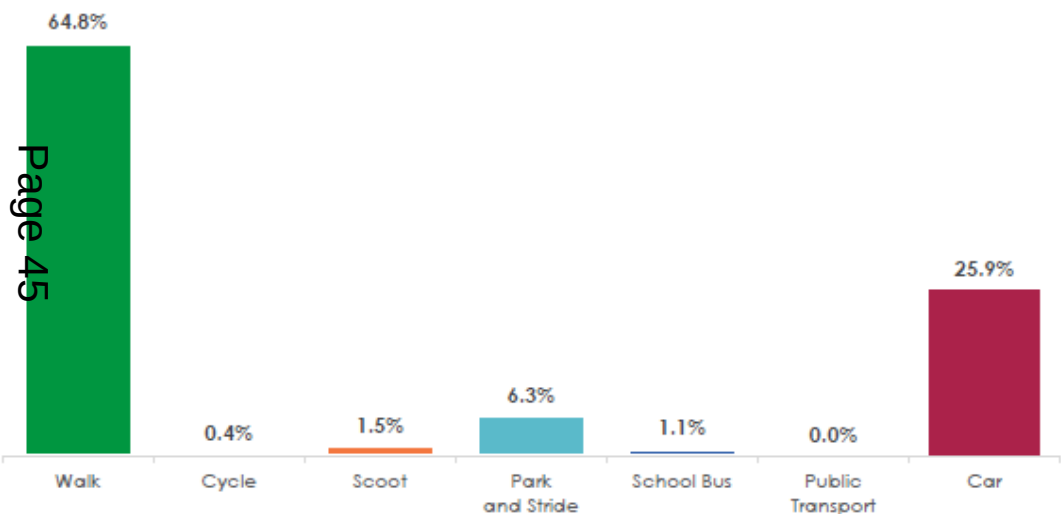
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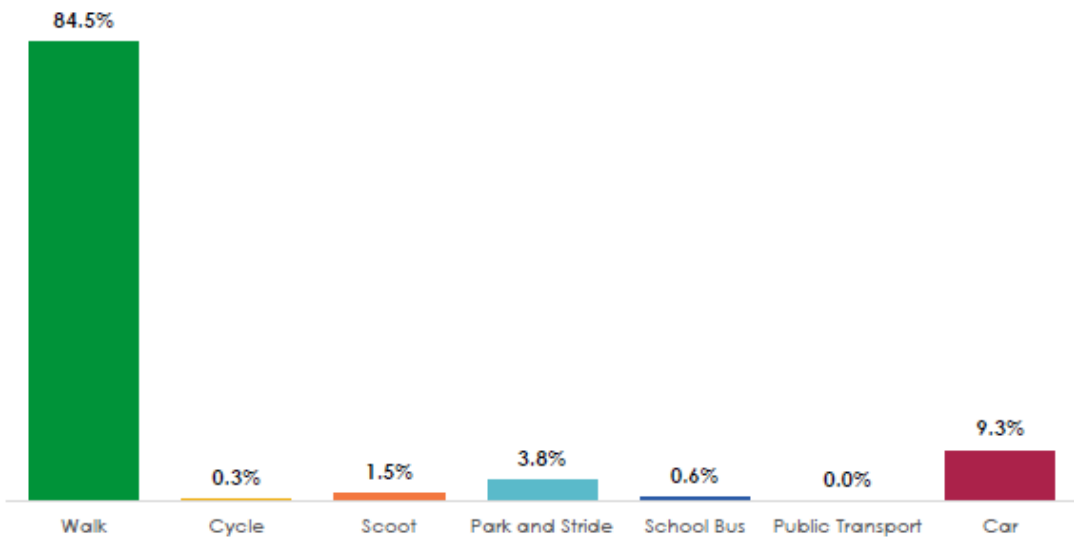
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How students surveyed (525) are travelling to school



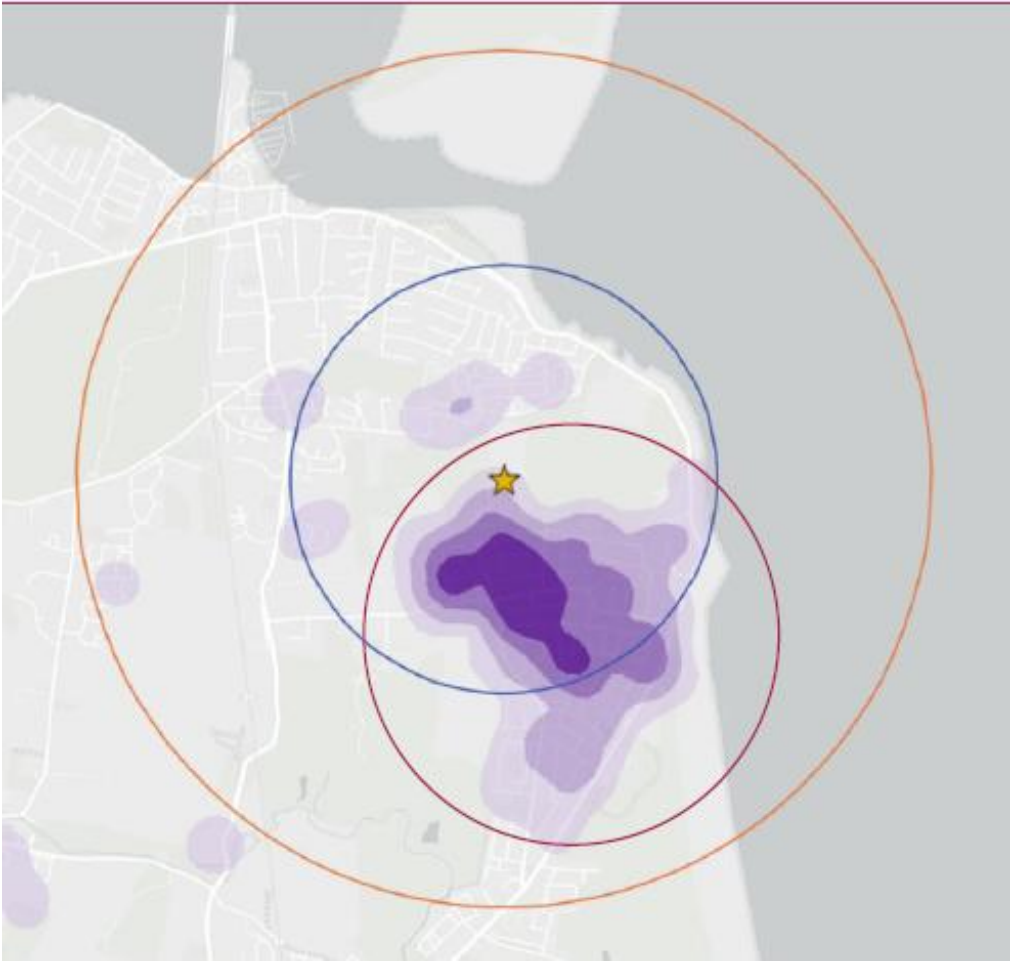
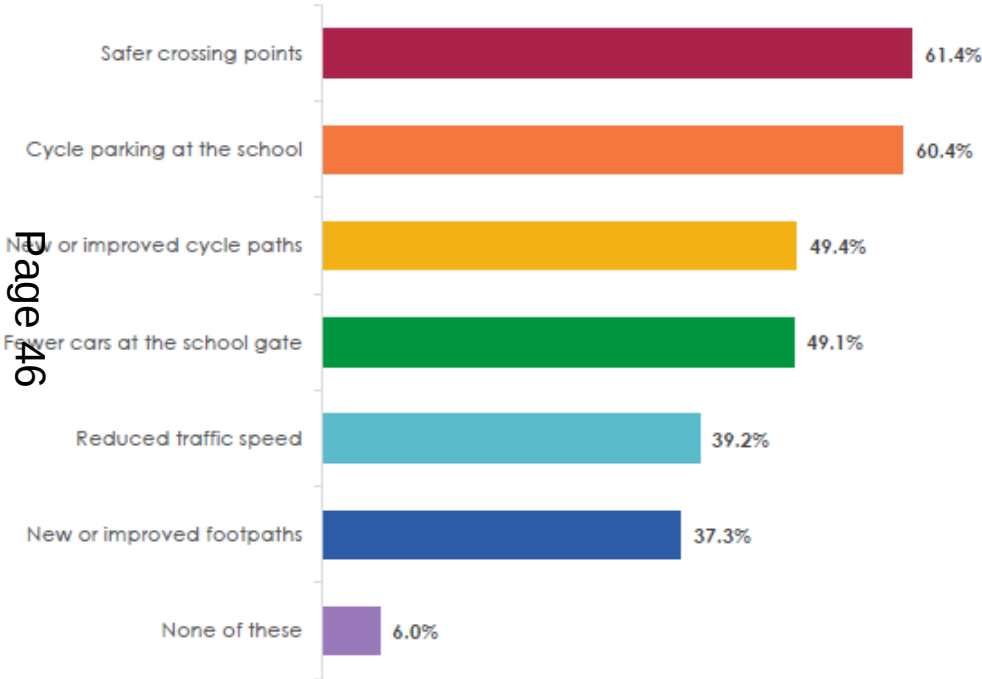
How students within a 1km radius (343) are travelling to school



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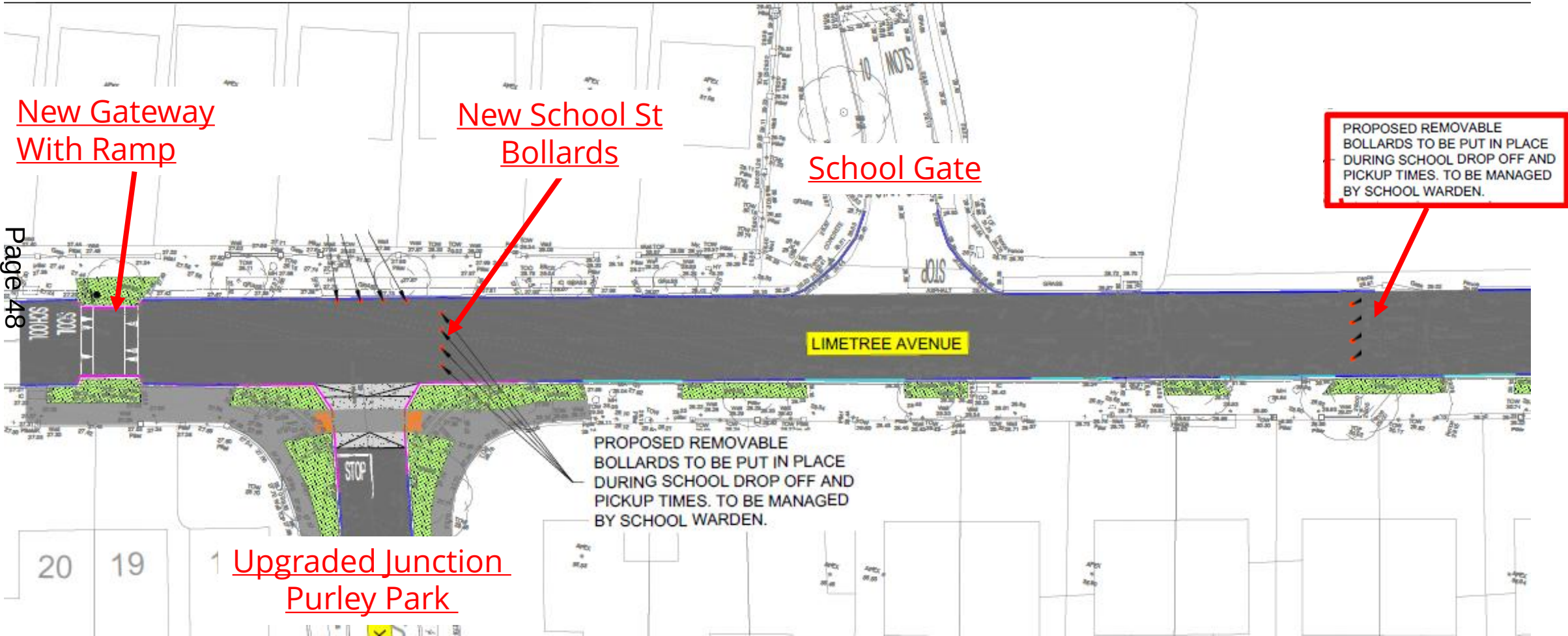
Parents/guardians selected the following, when asked what improvements would support them walking, cycling or scooting to school:



Round 2 Howth Malahide – St Helens Portmarnock



Round 2 Limetree Ave



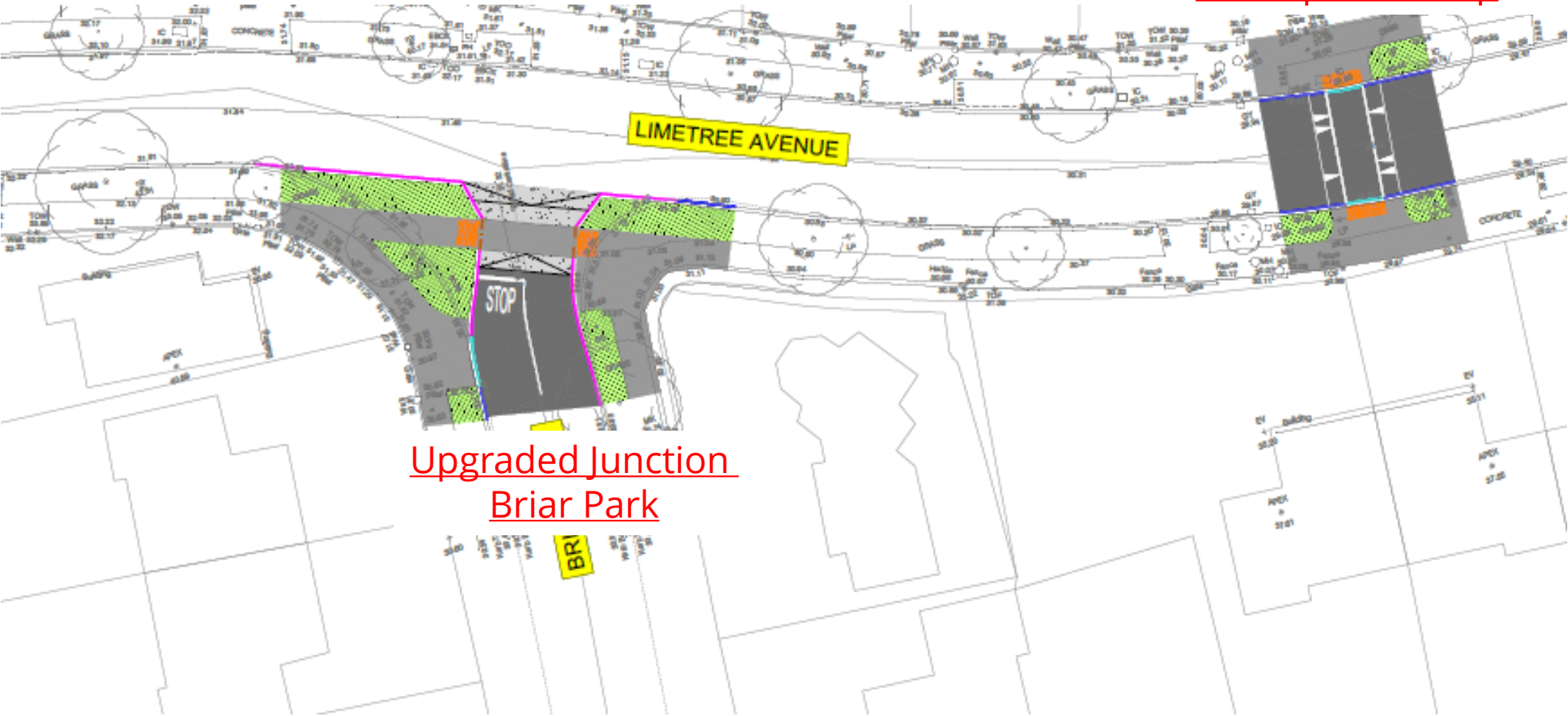


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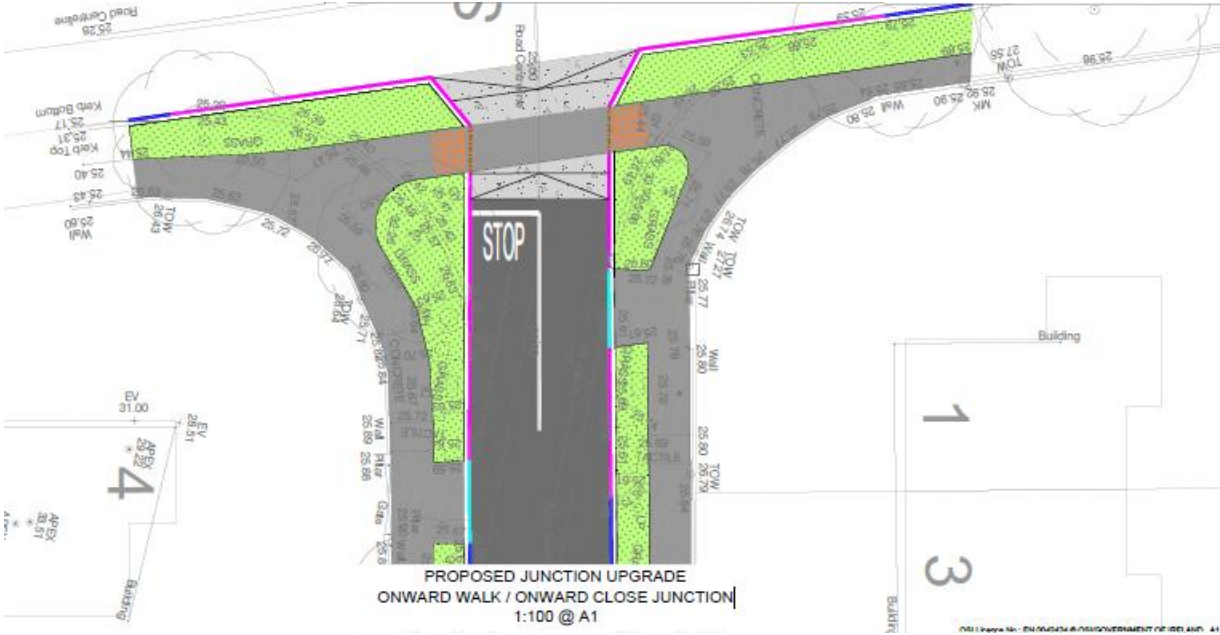
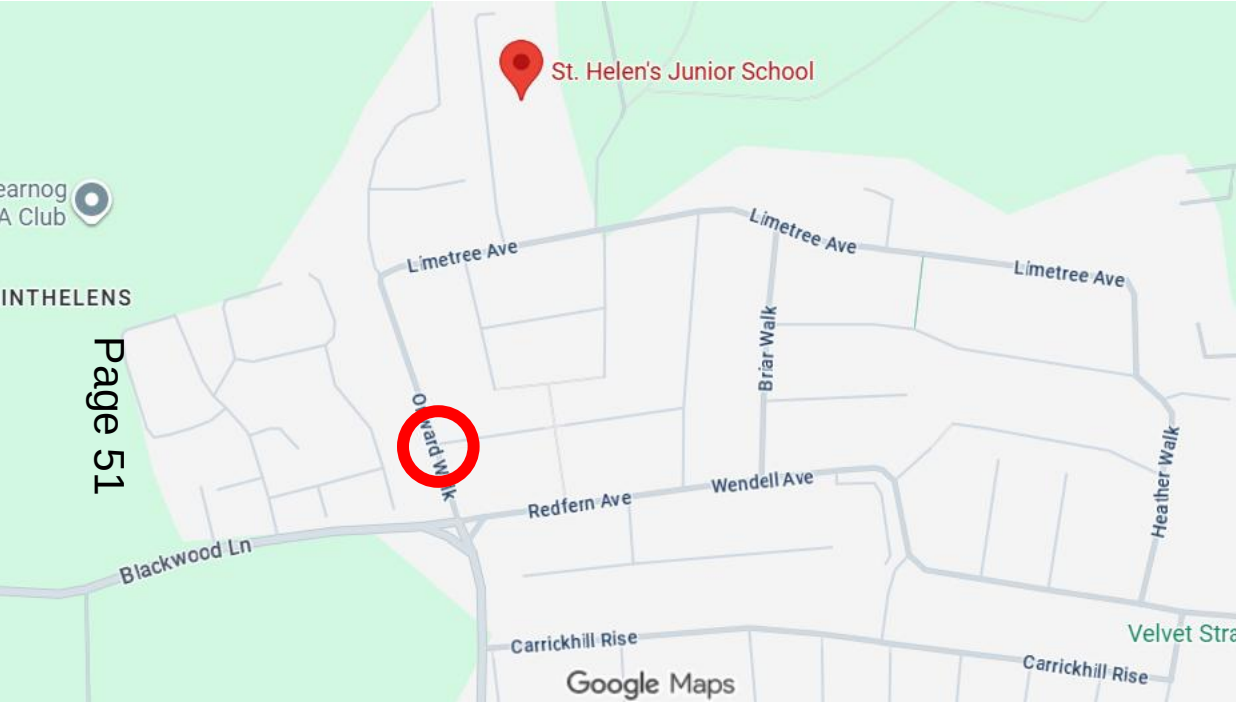
New Speed Ramp

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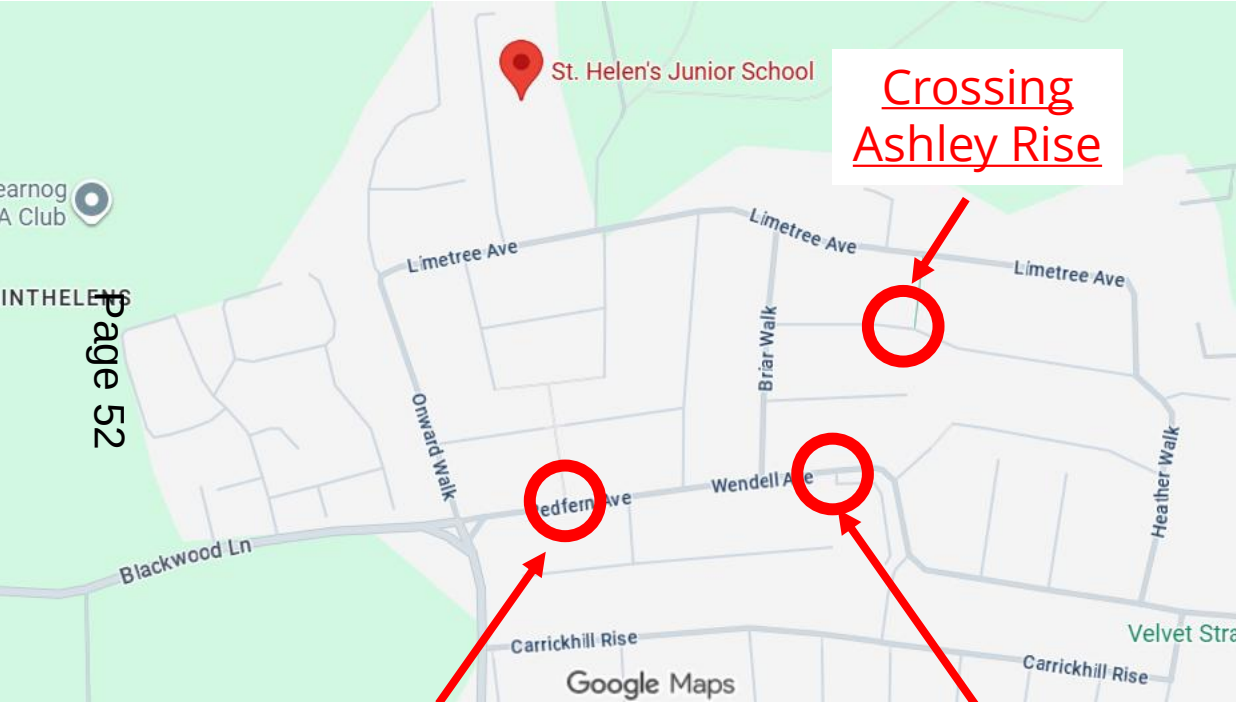
Upgraded Junction
Briar Park

Round 2 ONWARD WALK / ONWARD CLOSE



Upgraded Footpath

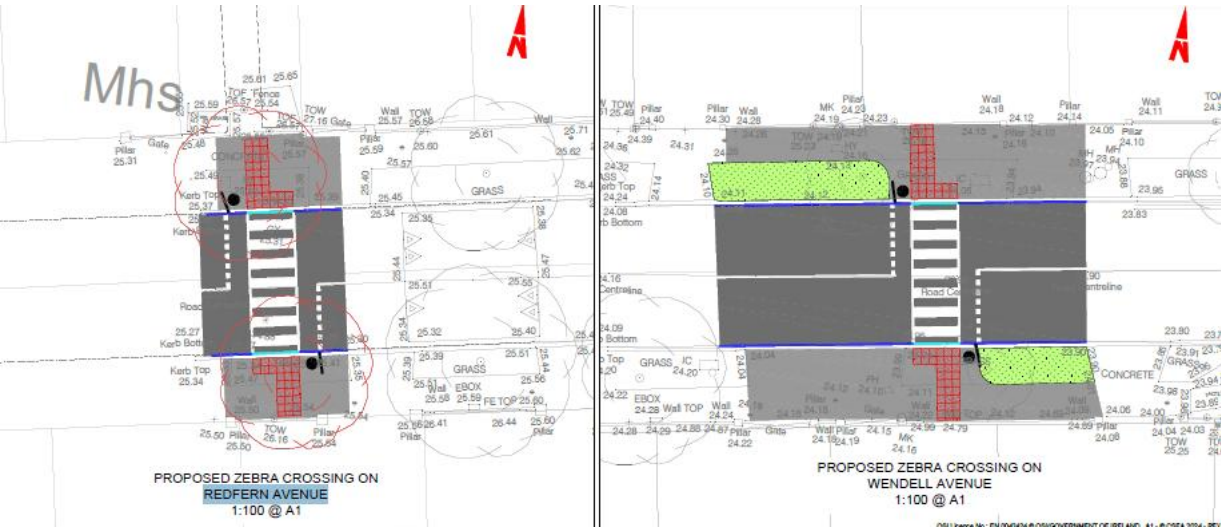
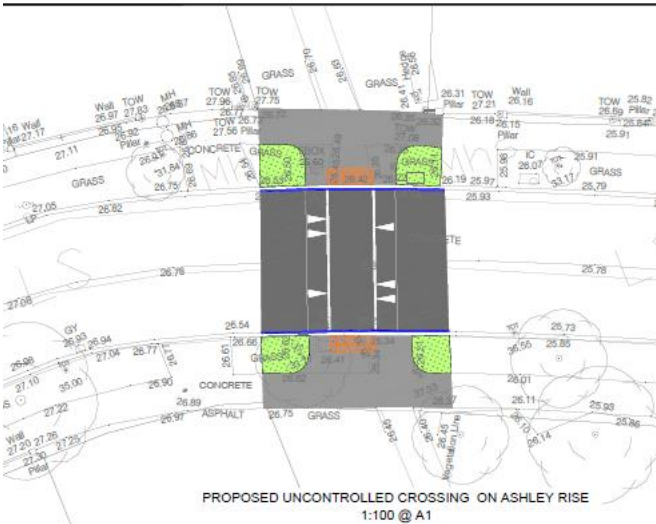
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Crossing
Ashley Rise

Crossing Redfern

Crossing Wendel Ave



SRTS Round 3



7 Schools

1. Broadmeadow CNS
2. Donabate Portrane ETNS
3. Holywell ETNS
4. Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS
5. St Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy
6. Scoil Mhuire Junior, Blakestown
7. Scoil Thomáis Castleknock

- An Taisce currently completing delivery plans.
- FCC Design stage late 2026
- Works 2027



Questions?

27th May 2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha ,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to respond to you on her behalf regarding school capacity in Portmarnock.

I can assure you that the provision of school places to meet the needs of children and young people at primary and post primary level, including children and young people with special educational needs is an absolute priority for the Minister.

The annual enrolment process for new Junior Infants at primary and new first years at post-primary is a very large-scale operation that is transacted at close to 4,000 schools across the country, involving some 140,000 pupils. The department works with schools, patrons, and management bodies to ensure that there are sufficient school places available to meet the needs of children.

The department's main responsibility is to ensure that schools in an area can, between them, cater for all pupils seeking school places in the area. In relation to school admissions, it is the responsibility of the managerial authorities of all schools to implement an enrolment policy in accordance with the Education Act, 1998.

The availability of places is a matter for each individual school in the context of their Admissions legislation.

Parents have the right to choose which school to apply to and where the school has places available the pupil should be admitted. However, in schools where there are more applicants than places available a selection process may be necessary.

This selection process and the enrolment policy on which it is based must be non-discriminatory and must be applied fairly in respect of all applicants. However, this may result in some pupils not obtaining a place in the school of their first choice.

While the department is aware of enrolment pressures and demand for additional school places in some areas, including Portmarnock, it is important to note that enrolment pressures can be driven by duplications of applications, applications from outside an area, and school of choice factors. Notwithstanding the above, in some areas, demographic pressures and other factors are driving a requirement for additional school places.

The department has been in contact with schools in Portmarnock and has requested admissions data from each school. It would appear from this data that a proportion of

applicants currently without a confirmed place reflects duplicate acceptances, where offers have been held across more than one school.

As this process works through in advance of the school year, the number of students without a place is expected to reduce significantly. At present there appears to be sufficient capacity in the area to meet demand, however the department will continue to keep the situation under close review.

I want to assure you that the department will continue to work to ensure a school place for every child in Portmarnock as with other areas across the country, under review.

Yours sincerely,



Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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ITEM NO. 18

EMPTY CHILDCARE FACILITY IN SEAMOUNT - AI108430

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on planning for the development in Seamount, planning reference SHD/013/19, in particular relating to the need to build a childcare facility as part of the planning application, the childcare facility is built but is not in use, and to advise if it was built in accordance with planning regulations and if there is a recommended size for childcare facilities in Fingal.”

Report:

Permisison was granted for development at this location under planning reference number SHD/013/19 / An Coimisiuin Pleanala reference number ABP 305991-19 for 142 no. residential units, creche, open space and associated site works. The development, including creche, has been constructed.

The guidance for creche facilities is set out in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines document entitled ‘Childcare Facilities - Guidelines for Planning Authorities June 2001.

Circular PL 3/2016 ‘Childcare facilities operating under the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme’ published in 2016 by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage directs planning authorities to exclude matters relating to childcare facility standards outlined in Appendix 1 of the Childcare Facilities Planning Guidelines 2001 such as minimum floor area requirements per child- from their consideration of planning applications. Those spatial and operational standards are now governed by Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, under relevant childcare legislation.

Source of Report:

Colm McCoy, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Dept.

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ITEM NO. 19

UPDATE ON BAILY COURT SITE, HOWTH - AI108660

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on whether the Council has had any recent communication with the owner of the Baily Court site in Howth and if works are expected to begin soon.”

Report:

Fingal County Council Building Control have been in contact with the developer in May 2026. Construction commenced on site in late 2023. It is the developer's intention to complete construction by the end of the approved planning permission (29/03/2028).

Source of Report:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

PLANNING STATUS OF BAILY COURT HOWTH AND RACECOURSE PARADE RING BALDOYLE - AI108690

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide a detailed status report of the Baily Court, Howth, and Racecourse Parade Ring, Baldoyle, vacant/derelict sites, including investigations by the Planning and Development Department if either site have been subjected to vacant/dereliction taxes over the last 5 years, the total value of taxes paid and, if no taxes have been paid, to explain why.”

Report:

Permission was granted by An Coimisiún Pleanála on 30th March 2023 for development on lands including the former Baily Court hotel in Howth (Ref. No. TA06F.313133). This permission has a duration of 5 years. The vacant sites register has been superseded by the introduction of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) in 2021, with tax arising from this first due from February 2025. The Baily Court site is included on the RZLT map. The RZLT is a self assessed annual tax and the administration and collection of the tax is undertaken by the Revenue Commissioners.

Permission was granted under Reg. Ref. F14A/0109 for a retirement home and hotel on part of the lands of the former racecourse at Baldoyle. Permission for an extension of duration was subsequently granted, with the approved new expiry date of the permission being 9th May 2028. The RZLT applies to lands zoned for residential or mixed use. The lands subject to this application are currently zoned as ‘High Amenity’ in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 and are not within the remit of the RZLT.

Neither site is registered on the derelict sites register at present. However, an inspection will be arranged by the derelict sites team to determine if the site

meets the definition of a derelict site as set out under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended and further action in accordance with the Act will be undertaken where it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 21

HOWTH COURTHOUSE AVAILABILITY FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS - AI108725

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive allow the Howth Courthouse to be made available for use by community groups, advise how to book it and have the information publicised at the Courthouse itself and on the Council's website.”

Report:

Howth Courthouse is a heritage building whose primary function is as a tourism information office. The building is open in the daytime for this purpose, and any evening uses rely on the support of keyholders and security officers, which has associated cost and resourcing implications.

Some community interests have a precedent for using the space in the evenings. These groups are facilitated with use of the building as an historic arrangement, which is now subscribed to the maximum extent. Given the limited availability Fingal County Council is therefore unable to offer the building for further additional use.

Howth is presently served with a state-of-the-art community centre at the nearby Racecourse Centre in Baldoyle. This building is designed for communities of all types, is sustainable, has a low carbon rating and is available and specifically resourced to cater to community group needs from 9am to 9pm.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 22

INVESTIGATION OF BUSINESSES WHO ARE POTENTIALLY FRONTS FOR MONEY LAUNDERING IN THIS LEA - AI108691

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive advise if there is active engagement with Revenue and an Garda Síochána regarding potential money laundering among Council ratepayers in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

The principal agency in the State for the investigation of suspected criminality is An Garda Síochána. In the course of such investigations if any information is sought by An Garda Síochána to assist in their investigations from the Local Authority such information is provided where it is available.

Source of Report:

Oliver Hunt, Director of Service, Finance Department

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ITEM NO. 23

DART TIMETABLE AT WEEKENDS IN THIS LEA - AI108731

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Area Committee write to the NTA and Iarnród Éireann
a) in relation to the DART timetable, to request that they increase the frequency and capacity of trains at weekends to address the situation experienced in the summer months at coastal stations in the Howth/Malahide Area, i.e. long waits for trains, overcrowded station platforms and overcrowded trains,
b) in relation to weekend closures of the rail line for work, to request that these are not during spring and summer,
c) in relation to any planned closures of the rail line, to ensure that adequate capacity is provided on the buses for the unserved passenger demand, and
d) to invite them to meet with this Committee, and, either jointly or separately, with Explore Howth who have also been in touch with them."

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

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