

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 11th December, 2025

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Boland, Mark	Mulligan, Dean
Butler, Darragh	Mulville, Paul
Corkey, Luke	Murphy, Tony
Dockrell, Eoghan	Newman, Joe
Humphreys, James	O' Leary, Tom
Johnstone, Corina	Quinn, Malachy
Kelly, Darren Jack	Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John	

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Services), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect), Linda Lally (A/Senior Engineer) Breen Dorris Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), (Senior Executive Engineer), Sean Lenehan (Executive Engineer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/597/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 13th November 2025.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 56 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/599/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Footfall at Swords Castle Market - AI105134

BSB/600/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Humphreys - School Street at Thornleigh ETNS - AI105136

BSB/601/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Cycle-Priority Street - Park Avenue, Swords - AI105137

BSB/602/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Installation of Pencil Bollards - Applewood Community Centre, Swords - AI105138

BSB/603/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Waste Presentation Bye-Laws - Swords - AI105140

BSB/604/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share Initiatives in Swords at Christmas - AI105653

BSB/605/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Knocksedan Estate, Swords - AI105254

BSB/606/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan, Swords - AI105271

BSB/607/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Walled Garden - Knocksedan, Swords - AI105272

BSB/608/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - School Safety at Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105356

BSB/609/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Bremore Castle Works, Balbriggan - AI105456

BSB/610/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking In Charge - Kilsough Gardens, Balbriggan - AI105459

BSB/611/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor L. Corkery - Extension of Walkway alongside Ward River Park, Swords - AI105511

BSB/612/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor L. Corkery - Works on Holybanks Lands, Swords - AI105513

- BSB/613/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor L. Corkery - Purchase of Open Space - St. Colmcille's Court, Swords - AI105514
- BSB/614/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor L. Corkery - Ownership of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105539
- BSB/615/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Pedestrian Access Route to Knocksedan, Swords - AI105581
- BSB/616/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor L. Corkery - Details on Works and Construction - Brackenstown Wood and Usher's Lake, Swords - AI105582
- BSB/617/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor L. Corkery - Vacant and Derelict Buildings - North Street, Swords - AI105583
- BSB/618/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI105526
- BSB/619/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate - Lusk - AI105527
- BSB/620/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Boland - Report on the Amount Levied under the Derelict Sites Act in Rush and Lusk - AI105528
- BSB/621/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Boland - Enforcement Notices on Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI105529
- BSB/622/25** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor M. Boland - Biodiversity Trail within Lusk Sports Hub - Promoting Environmental Awareness - AI105531
- BSB/623/25** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor J. Smyth - Laneways Not Taken In Charge - Castlevue Estate, Swords - AI105555
- BSB/624/25** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor, Swords - AI105556
- BSB/625/25** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor J. Smyth - Ongoing Closure of Playground - Saint Cronan's Well, Swords - AI105557
- BSB/626/25** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Smyth - Private Rental Inspections in this LEA - AI105558

- BSB/627/25** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Smyth - Home based Mechanics Operating in this LEA - AI105559
- BSB/628/25** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor J. Smyth - Number of Vacant/Unoccupied Social Homes in Swords - AI105561
- BSB/629/25** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Smyth - Dog Warden Patrols in Swords - AI105562
- BSB/630/25** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Smyth - Launch of Swords Substance Abuse and Mental Health Group - AI105564
- BSB/631/25** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of Double Yellow Lines and Pencil Bollards - Taylor Hill Walk, Balbriggan - AI105576
- BSB/632/25** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor B. Ryan - Acquisition of Land near Baldongan Graveyard - AI105577
- BSB/633/25** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor B. Ryan - Ownership of Disused Quarry - Thomastown Reservoir - AI105578
- BSB/634/25** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105592
- BSB/635/25** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor B. Ryan - Timeline for Loughshinny Playground - AI105596
- BSB/636/25** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the EV Charging Bays - Skerries Mills - AI105613
- BSB/637/25** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Audit of Sports Facilities - AI105587
- BSB/638/25** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor C. Boland - Conservation and Refurbishment of the 1798 Memorial Cross - Oldtown - AI105588
- BSB/639/25** (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Volleyball Equipment for Donabate Beach - AI105601
- BSB/640/25** (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Painting of Community Centre in the Naul - AI105607
- BSB/641/25** (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on the Cliff Walk from Donabate to Tower Bay, Portrane - AI105608

BSB/642/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Rush Sports Hub - AI105610

BSB/643/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Lusk Sports Hub - AI105611

BSB/644/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor C. Johnston - Active Travel Plan - Donabate Peninsula - AI105630

BSB/645/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor C. Johnston - Primary Care Centre - Donabate - AI105631

BSB/646/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105632

BSB/647/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor C. Johnston - Acquisition of Martello Tower - Balcarrick Donabate - AI105633

BSB/648/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor C. Johnston - Donabate Local Area Plan - AI105636

BSB/649/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI105637

BSB/650/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor C. Johnston - Lands adjacent to Martin's Lane, Donabate - AI105639

BSB/651/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor P. Mulville - Safe Pedestrian Crossing - R132, Blake's Cross/R129 - AI105641

BSB/652/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor P. Mulville - R132 Pedestrian Safety Refuge Island - AI105642

BSB/653/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Enforcement - The Burrow, Portrane - AI105647

BSB/654/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a **BC 1808 Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road, Swords**

The Report was Noted.

BSB/655/25 (Agenda Item No 58)

Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect introduced Ms. Emma Reidy, and Ms. Liberty Finnegan from Aoibhneas and Mr. Christian Cremins from OCF who all participated in the presentation on the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan . After a discussion the report was Noted.

BSB/656/25 (Agenda Item No 59)

Feasibility Report on footpath connections from Loughshinny

Mr. Breen Dorris, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Sean Lenehan, Executive Engineer gave a presentation of Feasibility Report on footpath connections from Loughshinny. Following a discussion the report was Noted.

BSB/657/25 (Agenda Item No 60)

Correspondence

- a **E-mail dated 5th November 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Report on Water Infrastructure in this LEA - AI101965**

The correspondence from the Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

- b **Letter dated 12th November 2025 from the NTA regarding Councillor M. Quinn - Motion - Bus Turnaround at Mourne View Estate - AI100767**

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED.

BSB/658/25 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor L. Corkery - Access to Knocksedan from Usher's Lake - AI105580

It was agreed to take Motions numbered 61 and 72 together.

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

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

BSB/659/25 (Agenda Item No 72)

Councillor D. Butler - Connection of Pathway - Ward Valley Park/Knocksedan - AI105270

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

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

BSB/660/25 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor D. Kelly - Investigation into Old Graveyard - Cloghran, Swords- AI104951

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

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

BSB/661/25 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor C. Johnstone

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

BSB/662/25 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor D. Butler - Existing or Proposed Ring-Roads - Swords - AI105269

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

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

BSB/663/25 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor M. Boland - Initiate Meeting Between the Council the NTA and Iarnród Éireann - AI105532

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/664/25 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor J. Smyth - Purchase of Martello Tower - Balcarrick, Donabate - AI105553

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/665/25 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on Progress of the Development of Séamus Ennis Centre, Naul - AI105575

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/666/25 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Meeting to Provide Update on St. Ita's Campus - AI105594

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/667/25 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor C. Johnston - Remedial Works - Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk - AI105626

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/668/25 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor P. Mulville - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/669/25 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor D. Kelly - Uisce Éireann Issues at Knocksedan Estate – AI105254A

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

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

BSB/670/25 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of 'Non for Profit' Childcare Facilities in this LEA - AI105628

It was agreed to Defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors P. Mulville, E. Dockrell and C. Johnston which was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell

To Read:

“That this area committee demands an urgent emergency response from this Council and all relevant state agencies to address the coastal erosion and flooding crisis situation at Portrane, following the recent storm and before the next storms hit.”

Ms Mary T. Daly, Director of Services and Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer gave a verbal update on the motion and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

Councillor L. Corkery thanked the Councillors and Staff and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 16:26

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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

THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 02

STATUS OF THE VACANT CRÈCHE SITES - LUSK - AI105534

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the three vacant crèche sites in Lusk, (1) the Forge development, (2) Lusk Village development and (3) Raheny Park development, where planning permission was granted but no construction has commenced, to outline the specific planning conditions attached to the delivery of these crèche facilities, to also outline any enforcement action, investigations or compliance checks that have been initiated in relation to their non-delivery and if no notices have ever been issued, what actions the Council intends to take to investigate this matter?"

Reply:

Permission was granted on The Forge development under application Reg. Ref. F15A/0015. Condition number 2 issued on the decision relates to the provision of a childcare facility: *"Prior to commencement of development the developer shall submit a revised site layout plan to the Planning Authority for its written agreement. This site layout plan shall include the following; (i) The omission of Units 49 and 50 and provision of House Type L in lieu. This unit shall be dual aspect: Revised floor plans and elevations shall be submitted for written approval. (ii) The omission of Units 41 and 42 and provision of a dedicated childcare facility. Floor plans and elevations of the dedicated childcare facility together with details in relation to a set down area, capacity, hours of operation, staff etc.*

shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of works on the site. REASON: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development."

Permission was granted on the Skerries Road, Lusk (Lusk Village) under application Reg. Ref F01A/1465. There was no condition added in relation to a childcare facility as part of this decision for this development. Permission was refused on the Skerries Road, Lusk (Lusk Village) under application F07A/0451 for a 2 storey creche/childcare facility. This site remains vacant.

Permission was granted on the Raheny Park development under application Reg. Ref. F18A/0645. Condition number 3 issued on the decision relates to the provision of a childcare facility: *"Site no 23 shall be reserved for the provision of a childcare facility and shall be the subject of a future planning application for same."*

In relation to enforcement action on matters raised, a warning letter, pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, was issued in July 2025 at The Forge, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Investigations remain open and ongoing by the Planning Enforcement section.

There are no open enforcement files in respect of Lusk Village development and Raheny Park.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Reid, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 03

TAKING IN CHARGE - THE FORGE ESTATE, LUSK - AI106017

Question: Councillor M. Boland

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

Reply:

The developer has submitted documentation for this estate for review.

The Building Control section are currently reviewing this documentation and intend to meet the developer on site in the coming weeks to identify the works required to bring the estate to the taking in charge standard. After this meeting takes place, the developer will need to carry out these works and the taking in charge process can then proceed.

Source of Reply: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 04

REPORT ON LEVIES OF SIX NEW DERELICT SITES IN RUSH AND LUSK - AI106020

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular form on the six new sites in Rush and Lusk, levied under the Derelict Sites Act, that are due to pay these levies in January 2026 and to outline the total amount that is expected to be received in 2026 for each site?”

Reply:

A total of 6 no. sites in the Rush/Lusk Local Electoral Area are currently listed on the Derelict Sites Register and will be levied, in accordance with the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended, in January 2026.

AREA	File	2026 Derelict Sites Levy
Rush	DS 23.24	€18,900
Lusk	DS 24.07	€9,100
Rush	DS 24.66	€21,000
Rush	DS 23.46	€7,000

Rush	DS 24.62	€16,800
Rush	DS 14.25A	€98,000
TOTAL		€170,800

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON COASTAL EROSION ON RUSH SOUTH BEACH AREA - AI106021

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of plans to combat coastal erosion in the Rush South Beach area?”

Reply:

The Council is continuing to monitor the situation regarding Coastal Erosion at Rush South Beach. The current assessment is that no significant additional coastal protection works are warranted but this issue will be reviewed on an ongoing basis in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 06

UPDATE ON SPORTS FACILITY AUDIT - LUSK AND RUSH - AI106022

Question: Councillor M. Boland

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

Reply:

The final sports Facilities Audit will be presented to members in early 2026. The report will cover the entirety of Fingal County Council and provides insights at settlement (as defined in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029), Local Electoral Area and county levels across five facility categories: Pitch Sports, Indoor Activities, Outdoor Activities, Water Activities and Other Activities.

Source of Reply:

Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports

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ITEM NO. 07

REPORT ON ROADWORKS - DOWNSIDE HEIGHTS, SKERRIES - AI105800

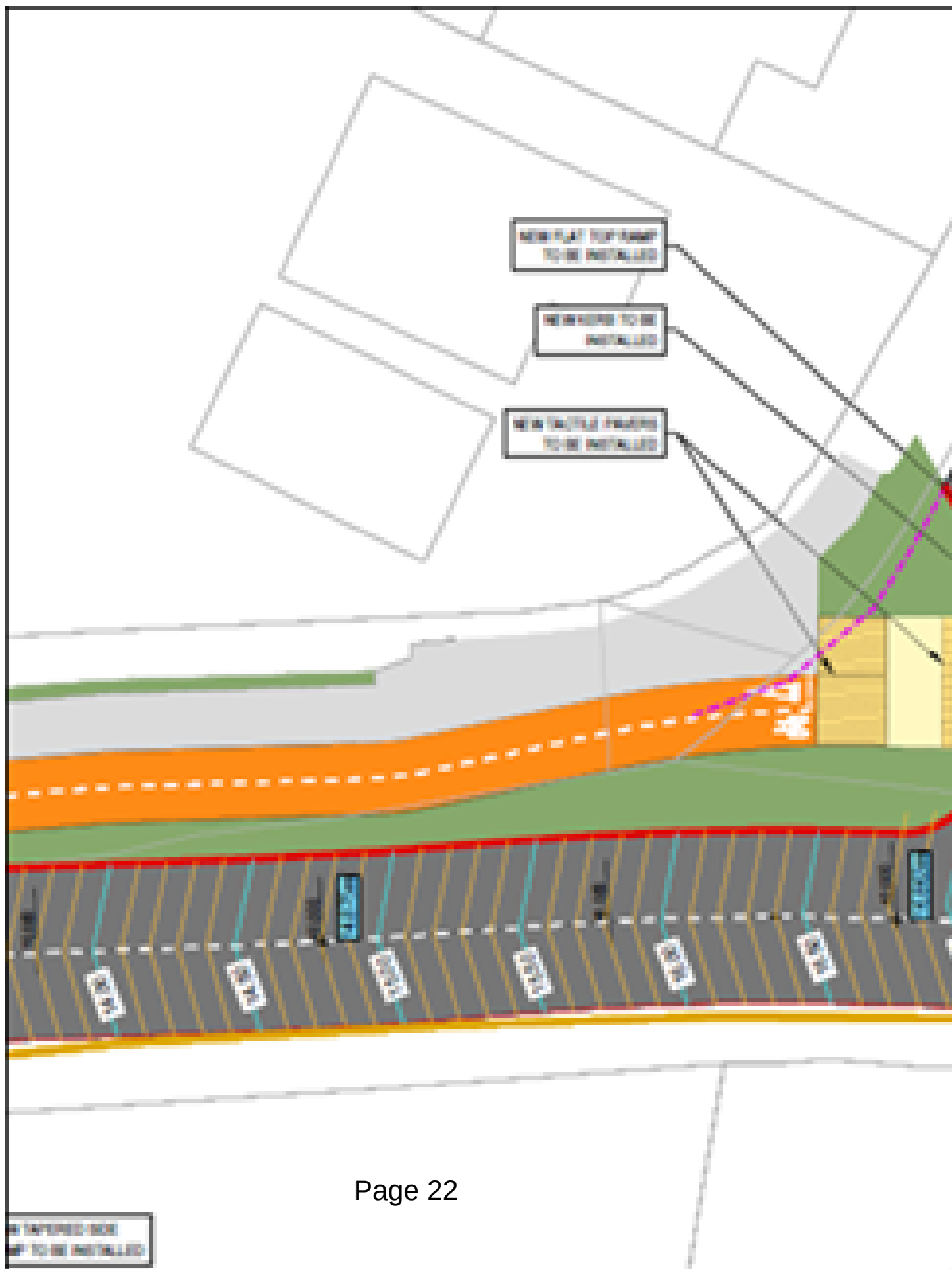
Question: Councillor D. Butler

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the recent roadworks at the entrance, to Downside Heights, Skerries, that narrowed the entrance, as there are concerns that this makes exiting and entering the estate more dangerous?”

Reply:

Permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in July 2021 (Planning Reference F20A/0324 and An Bord Pleanála Reference ABP-309409-21) for the Land Development Agency (LDA) to carry out road upgrades at Miller's Lane, Shenick Road and Golf Links Rd. The permitted works were required to improve on poor pedestrian and cycling connectivity for both existing and future Ballygossan residents and communities.

The road / junction upgrades commenced in September 2025. Works near Downside Heights include a two-way cycle lane along Golf Links Road and junction tightening with new flat top ramp at the entrance to the estate – see snip below.



A number of site visits have been carried out by the Transport Planning Engineers in recent weeks in relation to the residents' concerns about the junction narrowing at Downside Heights. Transport Planning Engineers have also met with the contractor and their designers. As-built drawings have been supplied by the Contractor, and it would appear the junction is being built in accordance with planning permission F20A/0324 and An Bord Pleanála Reference ABP-309409-21.

The junction has been designed in accordance with DMURS. With new residential development taking place in the area, there will be an increase in pedestrians and cyclists using the Golf Links Road. Reducing the corner radii will significantly improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the junction by lowering the speed at which vehicles can turn the corner and by increasing intervisibility between users. Driver's habits will need to change to slow down when entering and exiting the estate where previously the turn was a lot easier to make. When the raised table and line markings are completed, this will guide drivers further also.

An independent Stage 2 Road Safety Audit has been undertaken, and an independent Stage 3 Road Safety Audit will be carried out on completion of the junction (expected Q1 2025). If any problems are observed in relation to the junction, then they will be addressed by the contractor.

The transport Planning section are continuing to liaise with the Developers consultants and continue to monitor the junction.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 08

PROGRESS REPORT - BOAT AND BATH HOUSE, MARTELLO TOWER, BALBRIGGAN – AI105803

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the renovation of the Boat and Bath House, Balbriggan and confirm that funding has been secured?”

Reply:

An Internal Project Team established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects continue to progress the Boat and Bath House Project.

Environmental Screening Reports, a developed conservation design and an approach to erosion controls for the embankment have been completed.

Based on the current programme, a public planning process is anticipated to commence Q3 2026 following completion of internal planning procedures with construction to commence in early 2027 for completion in late 2027. The project forms part of the URDF approved funding for Our Balbriggan projects and has its own budget line under this funding programme.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON UPGRADING OF THE NAUL ROAD - AI105887

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the upgrading of the Naul Road, in the interest of safety, to provide a safe passage for those accessing the M1 motorway?”

Reply:

The County Development plan (CDP) sets out proposed road schemes across the County. The upgrade of the Naul road is set out as an objective in the CDP and included in the Capital works programme with work on advancing the project to be commenced later this year subject to availability of resources and funding. The Infrastructure and Transport Department have a significant number of projects currently underway both in the North County and across the County as a whole.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 10

PLANS FOR OLD ROLESTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING - AI105888

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the plans for the old primary school building in Rolestown, County Dublin?”

Reply:

The old school at Rolestown, Co. Dublin is not on the Derelict Sites Register and it is in private ownership.

The site was previously inspected by an authorised official under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and a file was opened.

The Town Regeneration Office will arrange to have a reinspection carried out with a view to progressing matters under the Derelict Sites Act, should it be appropriate to do so.

Source of Reply:

Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 11

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION - ST. CRONAN'S WELL AND GLASMORE ABBEY RUINS, SWORDS - AI105949

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to commence the planning of a strategy for the protection and preservation of the sites noted in the Mooretown/Oldtown LAP 2005 in Policy 5, namely, St. Cronan's Well and Glasmore Abbey ruins within 6 months if not already underway?”

Reply:

The archaeological sites in question are

DU011-144004- : Field system : MOORETOWN (Nethercross By.)

Description: Geophysical survey (Licence no. 05R170) undertaken in advance of development S of the Rathbeale road identified the S limit of an enclosure (DU011-144001-) and a field system. Similar to the N field system (DU011-144003-) this field system (170m N-S x 145m E-W) consists of sub-rectangular enclosures and curvilinear features. Test excavation (Licence no. 08E0303) confirmed the presence of a series of ditches, pits and a small roundhouse or hut (3.75m diam.) with a sunken floor. A causeway was also identified related to the S annex. The overwhelming absence of medieval pottery is considered to indicate the date of occupation of the complex to the largely aceramic early medieval period (Frazer 2008, 61).

DU011-149---- : Settlement cluster : MOORETOWN (Nethercross By.)

Description: Geophysical survey (Licence no. 06R067) undertaken in advance of proposed development identified a series of linear features. Test excavation (Licence no. 08E0303) confirmed the remains of a small medieval settlement or farmstead, with associated boundary ditches, pits and spreads. It consists of ENE-WSW L-shaped row of sub-rectangular yards or

tofts, delimited by boundary ditches atop a slight raised platform. Surviving building remains are concentrated in the S quadrant with a yard and back lane to the N. To the S slightly downslope is a metalled hollow trackway (80m long x 5m wide) running parallel to the tofts. The settlement appears to date primarily from the late 12th – 14th centuries AD, with less intensive occupation either extending into, or resettled during, the 16th – 17th centuries. The settlement may be the remains of a manor farm or grange for Mooretown (Frazer 2008, 58).

DU011-018---- : Ritual site - holy well : MOORETOWN (Nethercross By.)

Description: St Cronan's Well is a natural spring well in a hollow marked by a tree SW of Glassmore Abbey (DU011-019----). No longer venerated. This was formerly a station well. There is a local tradition that the water cures some eyes and chicken pox (Ó Danachair 1958, 81). Archaeological investigation (Licence no. 08E0303) identified the well as a spring percolating up through the underlying natural subsoil, near to which a small sub-rectangular pool/pit for the collection of the water has been dug. The pool (diam. 1.4m) was lined with a single course of large irregularly-shaped stones pressed into the ground around its edges. A late nineteenth– early twentieth-century ceramic drainpipe directed water from the well source into the pool, suggesting a very recent date for the latter. The area around the well and pool was metalled.

DU011-148---- : Fulacht fia : MOORETOWN (Nethercross By.)

Description: Features identified by geophysical survey (Licence no. 06R067) undertaken in advance of proposed development were confirmed by test excavation (Licence no. 08E0303). A fulacht fia is present in close proximity to St Cronan's well (DU011-018----). It consists of two charcoal rich spreads (6m max. diam.) that contain fire cracked stone and a trough, oval in plan (1.75m diam.) and lined with wicker-work (Frazer 2008, 30).

These archaeological sites form part of the Mooretown-Baile na Mona Phase 2 Design Framework Plan-and their protection and preservation has been integral to the design of the proposed development. Archaeological investigations including geophysical survey, test-excavation and archaeological monitoring of Phase 1, have led to a preservation strategy that retains the archaeological sites and integrates them into a green open space network comprising Rathbeal Archaeological Park (Mooretown section); Glasmore Green Archaeological Park and St Cronan's Well Archaeological Park.

Consultant archaeologists have advised on the key design principles for each park (Oldtown-Mooretown Conservation Management Plan) to inform the landscape design. These include defined buffer zones; avoidance of unnecessary ground disturbance and integrated interpretive elements which will result in surface legibility of the sub-surface archaeological sites and integrated signage with the existing Rathbeal Park (Oldtown Section), maintaining a coherent and consistent presentation of the archaeological narrative.

The current Part X for Baile na Mona Phase 2 Design, Rathbeale Road is scheduled to be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q2 2026 and will include the protection and

preservation of the archaeological sites noted within Rathbeal Archaeological Park (Mooretown Section), Glasmore Green Archaeological Park and St Cronans Well Archaeological Park.

Located outside the Mooretown-Baile na Mona Design Framework Plan is

DU011-019---- : Structure : MOORETOWN (Nethercross By.)

Description: Located within the open space of Cianlea housing estate. This square, enigmatic building is of post medieval date with medieval insertions. It survives to one storey height (int. dims. 9.70m N-S, 9.20m E-W, wall T 0.85m) and is built of coursed limestone blocks with dressed quoins. Known as Glasmore Abbey the site is located to the north-west of Swords. However, the historical references to Glas Mar where St Cronan was killed by Viking raiders specify a 'desolate church to the south of Swords' (Stokes 1905). It was O'Donovan in the 19th century, based on information given to him by a local man, who designated the site as that of Glasmore Abbey (1836). Test excavation (Licence no. 99E0536) was undertaken in advance of the surrounding housing estate development but nothing of archaeological significance was identified (Swan, 1999).

This site was inspected by the Heritage Officer in November 2025. Vegetation control and opportunities for funding for survey are scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the interdisciplinary Fingal Sites & Monuments group and with Operations in Q1 2026.

To note the above archaeological sites are Recorded Monuments and are protected under the *National Monuments Acts 1930-2014*. All descriptions are from the Sites & Monuments Record, National Monuments Service.

Source of Reply: Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 12

NON-COMPLIANCE OF PLANNING PERMISSION - ST. CRONAN'S WELL ESTATE, SWORDS - AI105950

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what actions have been taken by the Council’s Building Control Section in relation to non-compliance with planning permission in St. Cronan’s Well Estate, in particular, the use of sub-standard fence panels, as during the recent storm, a large number of households suffered damage to their gardens as a result of high winds?”

Reply:

Planning Enforcement carried out an investigation into this matter and found that the timber fence panels that have been installed are considered to be substantially compliant with the particulars of the granted Planning Permission. Accordingly, the Council will not be pursuing further Planning Enforcement action with respect to this matter.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON VACANT COUNCIL HOMES IN SWORDS AI105955

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the current vacant Council homes in the Swords Electoral Area and the estimated date when these properties will be ready for re-letting?”

Reply:

There are currently No. 54 vacant units in the Swords Local Electoral Area.

Of these properties:

No.8 Units are undergoing relet works.

No.46 Units are in the various stages of the allocations process.

Vacant period durations vary for several reasons including timeframes for surrender processes, clearing of belongings, inspections, programming of works, procurement, works duration, remediation, fire damage, delays relating to utilities, allocation processes, Garda checks and refusals of offers.

Source of Reply:

Emma Maxwell

Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

CLOTHES BANK RECYCLING IN THIS LEA - AI105956

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress in relation to tendering for clothes recycling banks at the various Council bring bank/recycling points in this Local Electoral Area in light of the persistent issue of clothes banks being at capacity and subsequent dumping of clothes in the immediate vicinities?”

Reply:

The tender for the collection, sorting and recycling of textile will be advertised in Q2 of 2026. A market sounding exercise will be undertaken in Q1 prior to the tendering process, to advise the tender of market conditions for this service, due to the ongoing difficulties in this market.

Source of Reply:
Catherine O'Donovan, ECCATS

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ITEM NO. 15

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - WARD RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PARK - AI105982

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when members of the public can expect the next public consultation for the draft plans for the Ward River Valley Regional Park to go live?”

Reply:

Targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders will be arranged over the coming months in relation to specific elements of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan. A more general public information event will be arranged in advance of the Park Development Plan being submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for statutory planning assessment. Advance notice of this public information event will be provided.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO KNOCKSEDAN - AI105957

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding discussions with the landowner of Brackenstown Woods to reinstate pedestrian connectivity to Knocksedan?”

Reply:

The landowner has indicated that they will meet the Council early this year to discuss all relevant issues regarding these matters including pedestrian connectivity at this location. The Council has requested confirmation of a date that suits the landowner for this meeting.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 17

FLAVOURS OF FINGAL 2025 – COST BREAKDOWN – AI105958

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full cost breakdown of the 2025 Flavours of Fingal County Show, under the following headings?”

- Farmer's Field
- Keeling's Family Funzone (bouncy castles etc.)
- Fingal Food Circle Cookery
- Walled Garden (including stage, bars, stalls)
- Fingal Village
- Circus Tent
- Traditional Skills of Ireland
- Food stalls
- Car parking
- Bus transport

Reply:

Estimated breakdown of costs for Flavours of Fingal 2025.

	Cost (incl. VAT)
Site Build & Event Infrastructure	€625,000
Safety (Security, Stewarding, Emergency Services, Veterinary)	€115,000
Car Parking, Traffic Management & Bus Transport	€250,000
Contributions To Key Event Partners	€100,000
Free Family Entertainment	€135,000
Other	€200,000

TOTAL	€1,425,000
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The shared nature of costs combined with commercial sensitivity and contractual confidentiality with third-party suppliers mean it is not possible to breakout under all the headings requested, but key event partners including Fingal Farmers and Fingal Harriers have been briefed as thoroughly as possible on the costs associated with those elements of the event in which they are involved.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

FINAL ROUTE OF WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, SWORDS - AI105959

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive when a decision on the finalised route of the Swords Western Distributor Road will be available?”

Reply:

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

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

Consultants have been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026. A consultation and a Councillor’s briefing session will be held towards the end of 2026 and in advance of closing out Phase 2 of this project.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 19

FLAVOURS OF FINGAL – TOURISM AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – AI105961

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive what independent assessment, if any, has been carried out on the Economic, Social and Tourism return from Flavours of Fingal, including spend in local businesses and visitor numbers from outside the County?"

Reply:

Extensive work on the economic impact and per diem spend of attendees at major events has been undertaken by Failte Ireland and based on this expert work we estimate the average per diem spend at Flavours of Fingal to be €10 per person. In 2025 it would therefore be estimated at €650,000.

Based on an exit survey the Events Unit conducted in 2024 it is estimated that 87% of attendees are from the domestic market and 13% from other markets including Northern Ireland.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

FLAVOURS OF FINGAL – SPONSORSHIP – AI105962

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if efforts have been made to secure corporate sponsorship for Flavours of Fingal?”

Reply:

The Council has successfully brought many great local sponsors on board over the last number of years, however the income has been modest with the diversity of the event making it challenging to secure significant commercial sponsorship support.

The Council has engaged the services of an expert in the sponsorship area and continues to seek opportunities to source sponsorship.

The Council's event partners have also had limited success in identifying sponsorship opportunities with no significant opportunities recommended.

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

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ITEM NO. 21

**UPDATE ON NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE - TURVEY NATURE
RESERVE - AI105964**

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of a Nature Education Centre at Turvey Nature Reserve?”

Reply:

The Council is currently preparing a tender for the design for the Nature Education Centre at Turvey.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 22

UPGRADING OF SPOUT ROAD, RUSH - AI105995

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading Spout Road, Rush to include the provision of a pedestrian footpath and lights as this is a well-used route connecting the Rogerstown area to Whitestown Road and the Rush/Lusk train station?”

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transportation Department is focused on the delivery of an extensive work programme as provided for in the Capital Programme.

Having regard to the significant work programme underway in the delivery of projects across the County, together with the allocation of resources committed to delivering those projects, including those delivered by colleagues in the Active Travel Department, the inclusion of this project in the Capital Programme cannot be facilitated at this time and its inclusion will be reviewed as part of a future Capital Programme.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 23

TAKING IN CHARGE OF OPEN SPACE - THE ORCHARD ESTATE, OLDTOWN - AI105996

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the taking in charge of the public open space in The Orchard Estate, Oldtown and to include a timeline for the taking in charge to be completed?”

Reply:

The open space in The Orchard, Oldtown was intended to be transferred to Fingal County Council by way of a Deed of Dedication. However, due to the dissolution of the developer company prior to the execution of that deed, the process required an application to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in order for the legal title to be vested in the Council. A Deed of Waiver for this land was secured from the Department over a year ago and an application for registration was submitted to Tailte Eireann in January 2025. It is currently pending registration with Tailte Eireann.

It is not possible to state when it is expected for this process to be completed by Tailte Eireann. Once registration has been completed, the lands will be in the legal ownership of the Council.

Source of Reply: Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 24

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING - BEVERTON/TURVEY PERMEABILITY
ROUTE - AI105997**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of public lighting along the new cycle/pedestrian path in the Beverton/Turvey Estates, which formed part of the Donabate Permeability Phase 1 project, given the safety concerns of residents accessing this pathway in the dark?"

Reply:

No public lighting was provided as part of these works. While lighting in parks and open spaces is generally not provided for operational and environmental reasons, such as wildlife and dark skies protection etc. However we will review this with our Public Lighting section in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Sean Lenehan, Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 25

**UPDATE ON ACQUISITION OF LAND – BAWN ROAD AND SOUTH
BEACH, RUSH - AI106001**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on discussions with landowners regarding the acquisition of land for the provision of an Active Travel Route between the Bawn Road and South Beach, Rush?”

Reply:

The Council has been engaging with relevant landowners regarding the acquisition of land for the provision of an Active Travel Route between the Bawn Road and South Beach, Rush.

The landowners have advised in the Council’s most recent engagements with them that they have no interest in selling land to the Council to facilitate the provision of an Active Travel Route between Bawn Road and South Beach, Rush.

The Council is now considering its options with regard to the provision of the route.

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

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ITEM NO. 26

REPORT ON RESPONSE OF EMERGENCY COASTAL PROTECTION MEASURES - THE BURROW, PORTRANE - AI106012

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the response received from the various stakeholders on the need for emergency coastal protection measures to protect local properties at The Burrow, Portrane?”

Reply:

Council officials met with representatives from the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Thursday the 8th of January. Further to this meeting, the Council is working at speed to establish if there are further emergency works that can be implemented in partnership with the OPW in order to protect the most vulnerable section of coastline at The Burrow, Portrane. If proposals can be delivered and approved, the procurement of a contractor to undertake these emergency works will proceed without delay given the urgent need to protect this section of coastline.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 27

COASTAL EROSION - ESTUARY ROAD, CORBALLIS, DONABATE - AI106023

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline what proposals, if any, are under consideration to address the coastal erosion at the Estuary Road, Corballis given the ongoing issues with flooding along this stretch of road?”

Reply:

The Council currently has no plans to intervene in relation to Coastal change at Estuary Road, Corballis. This matter will be reviewed on the ground to determine if further assessment and/or action by the Council is warranted.

Source of Reply: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 28

REQUEST FOR SURVEY - HERRIG GULL, NAUL - AI106025

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to undertake a survey of Herrig Gull in the Naul and the former Garristown Bog area to establish the foraging areas relationship with the coastline in line with the actions of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan?”

Reply:

There is no funding identified at this time to undertake a Herring Gull Study in the Naul or elsewhere.

Source of Reply: Hans Visser, Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 29

UPDATE ON MOORETOWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (BAILE NA MÓNA) – AI106028

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the construction progress at Mooretown, including timelines for the completion of housing units and associated infrastructure?”

Reply:

The development of housing units in Baile na Móna, Phase 1 will be handed over on a phased delivery basis. The first new homes are anticipated for delivery in June of this year which will comprise of 16 new social homes and 56 new affordable homes.

The next phase of delivery of 95 new affordable homes is anticipated in December of this year. Followed by the delivery of 59 new social homes in Quarter 1 2027, with the remaining 48 new social homes being delivered in September 2027.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 30a

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – 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
Chapel Gate/Pineridge Residents Committee GA -003665	€2,480	H2O2 Water System Folding tables x 4 Face painting kit Microphone and amp Pop up lights Marine plywood	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€2,482

Polish Scouting AssociationGA-003688	€3,000	Music & Sound equipment Tents	N	N/A	€3,000
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Proposed Public Play Space Development Project at Portrane, Co. Dublin.

Briefing to the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee Members

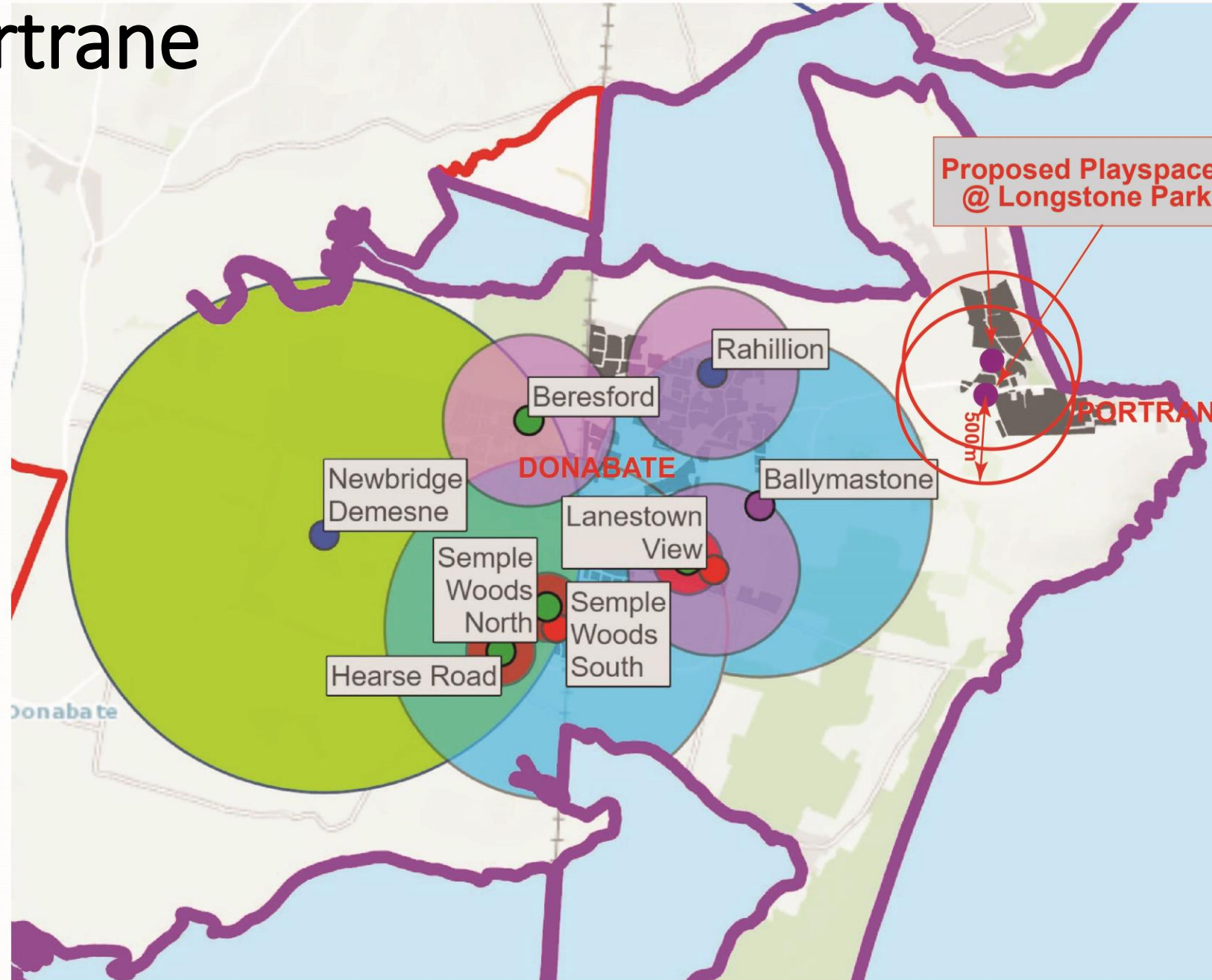
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Site Selection – Portrane

- Community & Public Rep. requests
- Play Audit identified local gap in play provision



Site options – Portrane



Proposed location in Portrane

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Compliance with *Space for Play* Policy – LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play) Characteristics

- **Small Park** category 0.2ha-2ha - Approximately 0.9ha in total, therefore on-site capacity & sizeable catchment for play provision
- Accessibility: 500m-1000m from child's home
- Locate near a well used pedestrian route
- Position on a well drained, reasonably flat site
- Min. 25m from nearest dwelling
- Passive observation opportunity



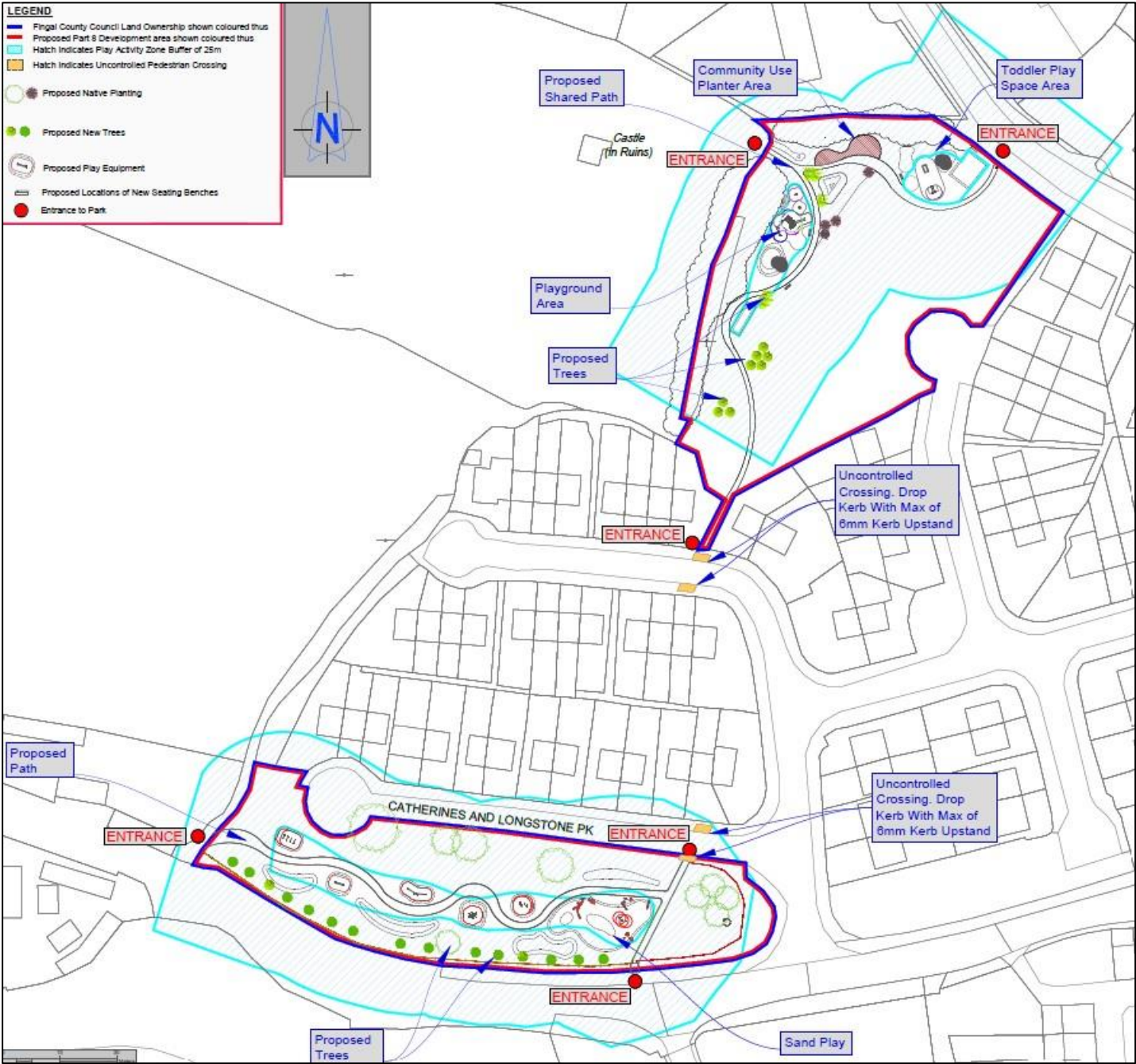
Description of Proposed Development

Play trails across the two linked public open spaces using natural materials and surfacing in harmony with its surroundings.

- *Approx. 1,000m² of an activity zone (Local Equipped Area for Play - LEAP)*
- *Approx. 17no. play items aimed at children up to the age of 12 years.*
- *Natural and synthetic water permeable safety surfacing -*
 - *Play Sand*
 - *Engineered wood fibre*
 - *Tiger mulch*
- *Street Furniture consisting of -*
 - *Bicycle parking (inc. cargo bikes), Water drinking station, Seating, litter bins*
- *Extensive tree planting and landscaping*



Proposed Site Layout



Proposed Site Layout

Northern open space

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Longstone Park

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Burrow Road

Stella's Castle

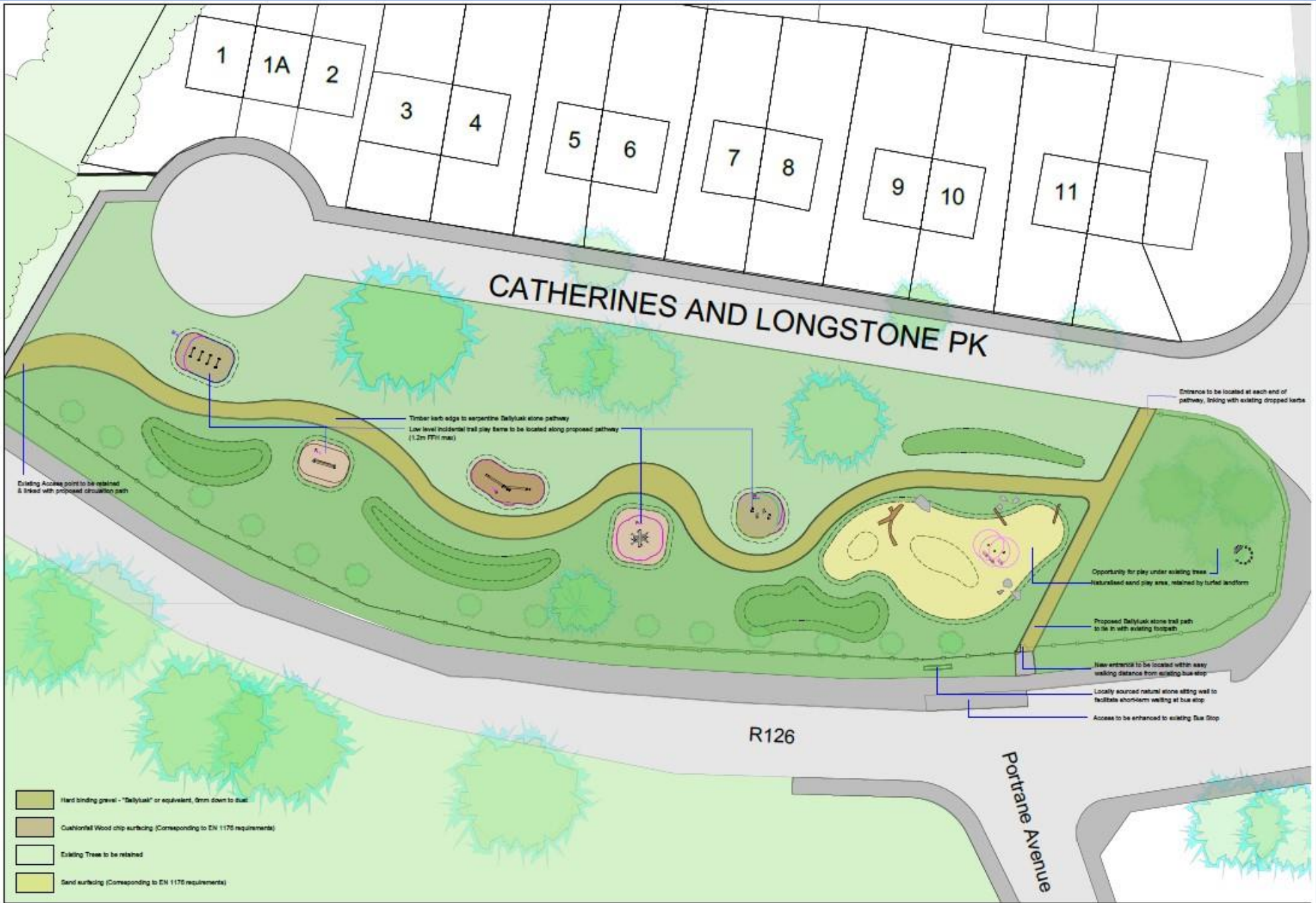




Proposed Site Layout

Southern open space

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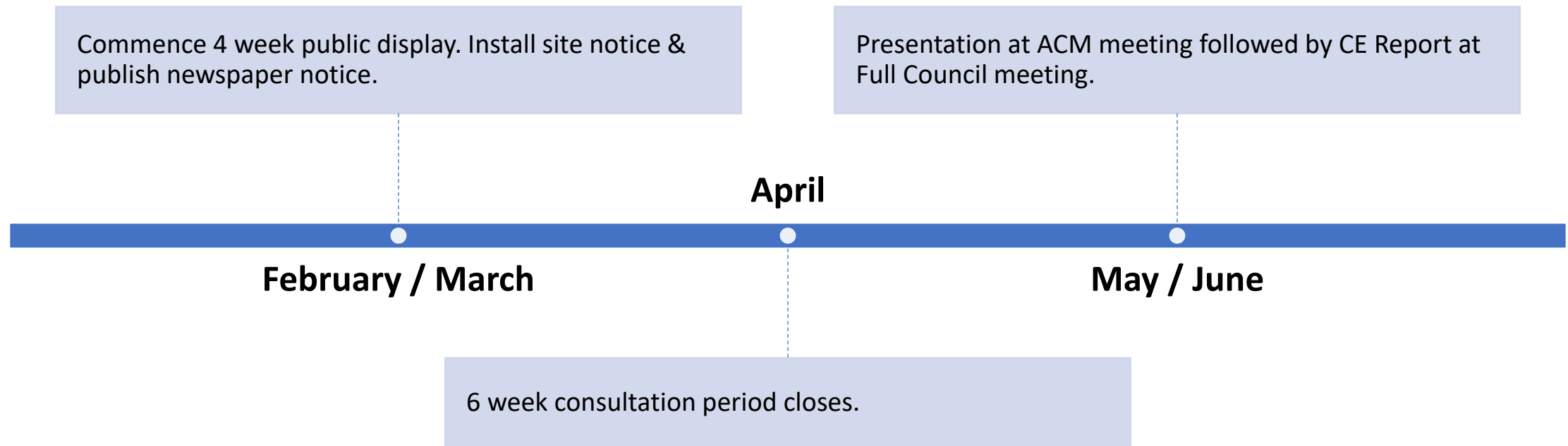
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- Design proposals
- Screening for AA and EIA
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Archaeological Impact Assessment
- Informal Public Consultation (with local residents, 18th Oct. 2025)
- Internal Consultation



Proposed Timeline / Next Steps

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Thank You



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ITEM NO. 32a

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF WAYLEAVE AT REMOUNT, PHASE
2, LUSK, CO. DUBLIN TO UISCE ÉIREANN**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin comprising an area of 2,204 square metres approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4105-25 dated 16th October 2025 to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

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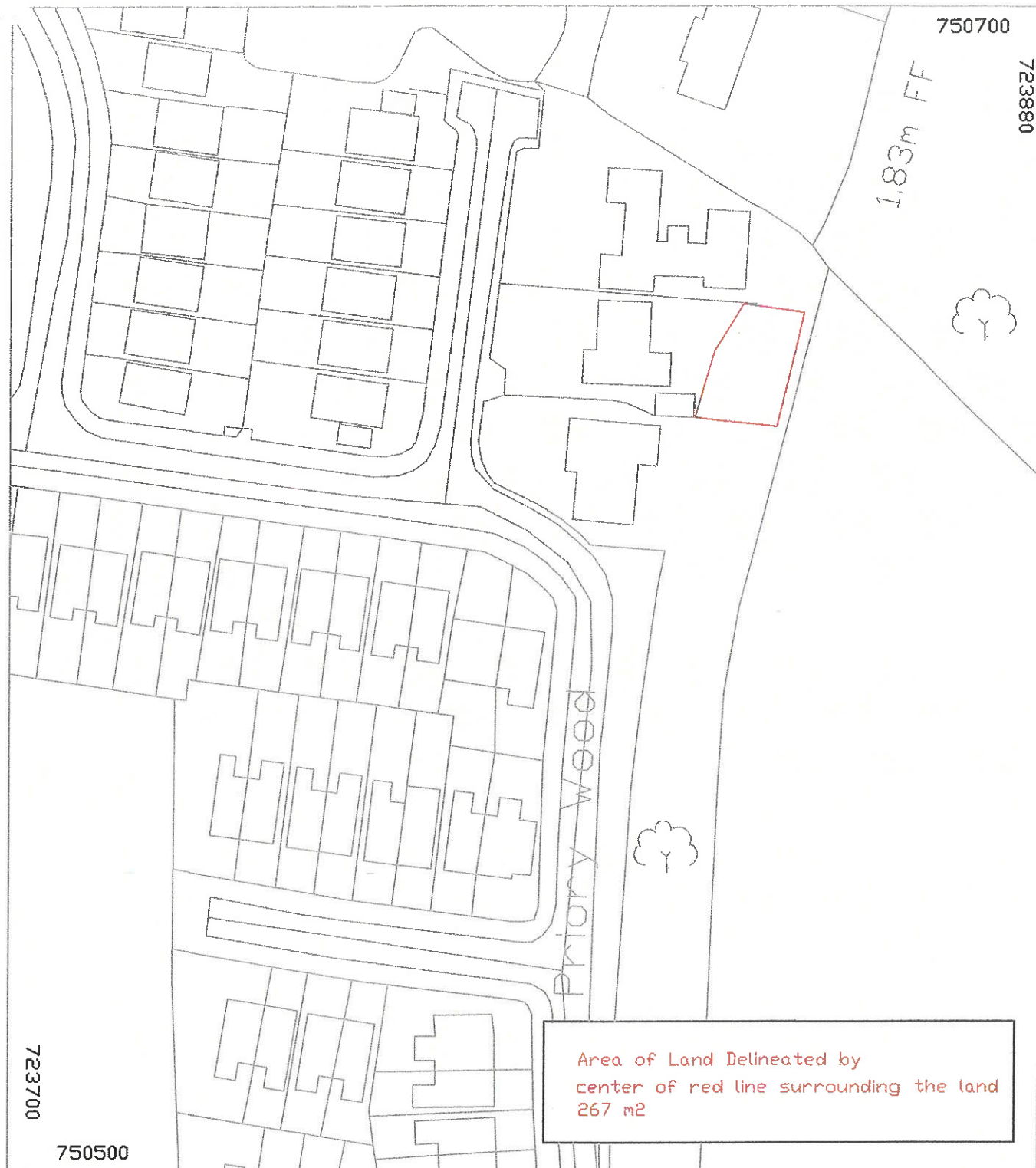
ITEM NO. 32b

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND TO THE REAR OF
SHANDRUM, THE PRIORY, DONABATE, CO. DUBLIN TO VINCENT
AND SHARON ARKINS**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to dispose of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin comprising an area of 267 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-25-19 dated 8th March 2019 to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 9th February 2026

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 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-25-19	D.S.Ref:
	Date: 08 Mar 2019	Drawn By: LJM
Project: Land at House B - Priory Wood Land to be transferred to: Mr Arkins Ordnance Survey Ireland. All rights reserved. Licence number 2017/24/CCMA/Fingal County Council.	Scale: 1/1000	Checked: 
	Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/05/19
	Gross Area :	267 m ²
	Road Area :	
	Nett Area :	267 m ²

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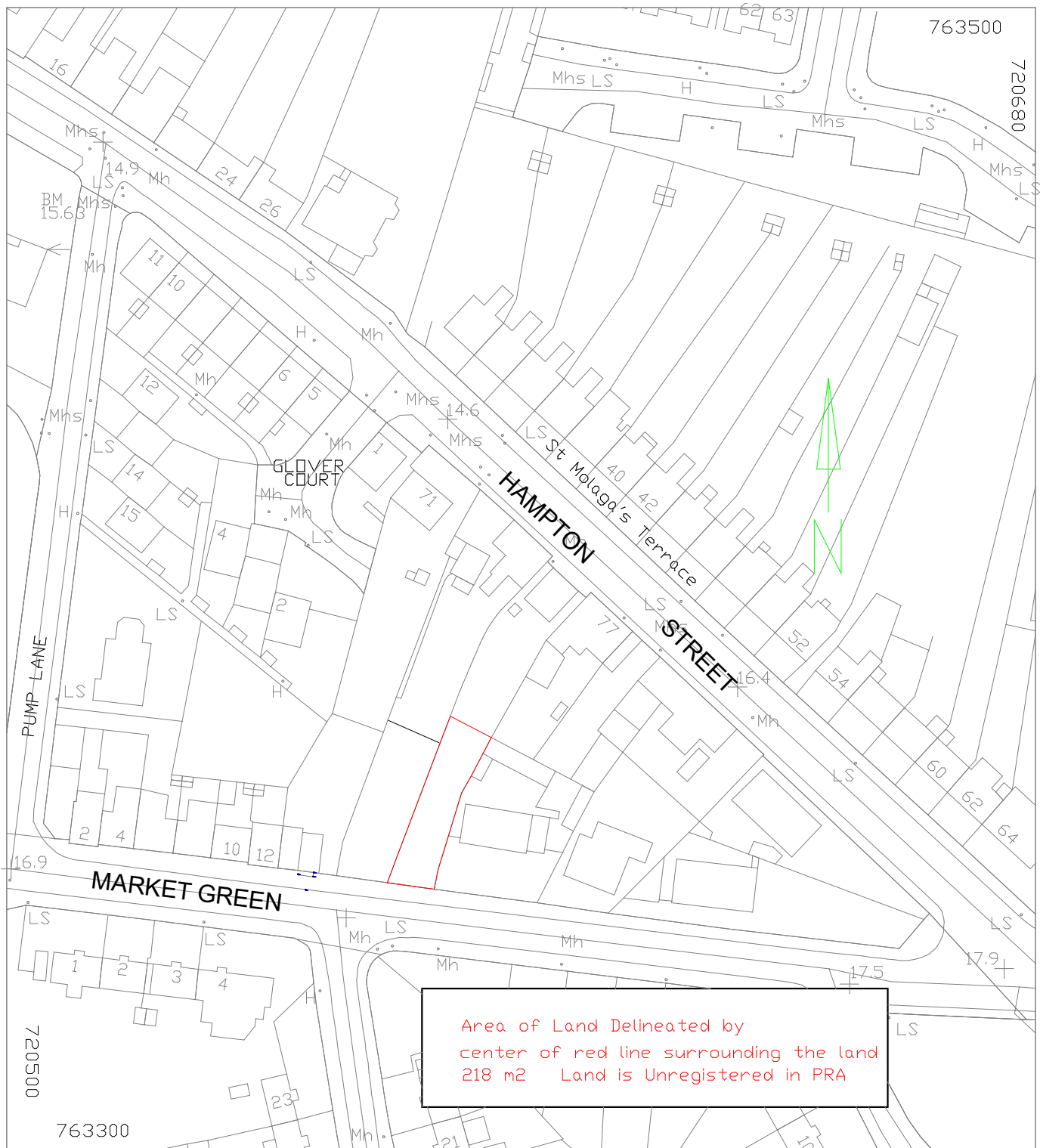
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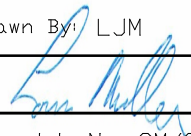
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND TO THE REAR OF NO. 75
HAMPTON STREET, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to dispose of land to the rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 218 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4045-24 dated 12th June 2024 to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

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 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-4045-24		D.S.Ref:	
	Date: 12 June 2024		Drawn By: LJM	
Project: Land at rear 75 Hampton Street	Scale: 1/1000		Checked: 	
	Dev. File No LD1571		Job No. SM/045/24	
Land to be disposed to: Gerard Murphy	Gross Area :			
	Road Area :			
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FINGAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2025 / 2027

Introduction



- Sinéad Murphy – Senior Engineer
(Road Safety Office) - Active Travel Unit
- Larry Bergin – Road Safety Officer & Senior
Executive Engineer
(Road Safety Office) - Active Travel

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95. Each Local Authority RSWTG to publish a multi-agency Road Safety Action Plan and to publish an annual review on progress with implementation.

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- Initial Plan drafted by Fingal Road Safety Office
- Reviewed internally by Active Travel & Operations.
- Sent to Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group for review/comment

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Final draft proposed process:

- Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee – December 2025
- Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar ACM 13th Jan 26
- Howth/Malahide ACM 14th Jan 26
- Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords ACM 15th Jan 26
- Full Council 9th Feb 26

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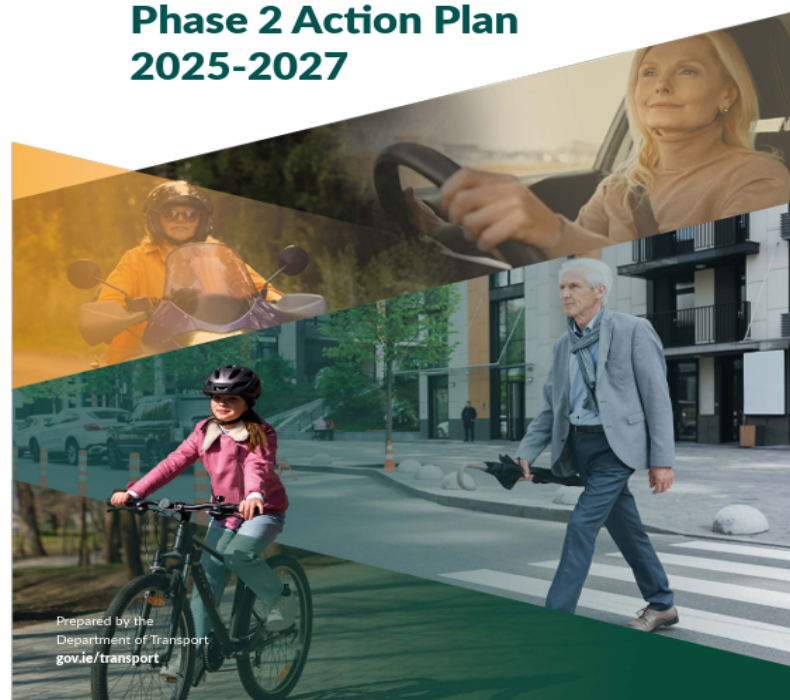
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Means of Travel 2022	Total	Percentage
On Foot	36,997	15%
Bicycle	7,686	3%
Bus, minibus and coach	27,641	11%
Train, DART AND LUAS	15,191	6%
Motorcycle or scooter	929	0%
Car Driver	76,482	31%
Car Passenger	36,182	15%
Van	6,057	2%
Other (incl. Lorry)	501	0%
Work mainly at or from home	19,613	8%
Not stated	19,066	8%
Total	246,345	100%

0.37%

Figure 3.2.1 Modal split across Fingal 2016 & 2022 (CSO)

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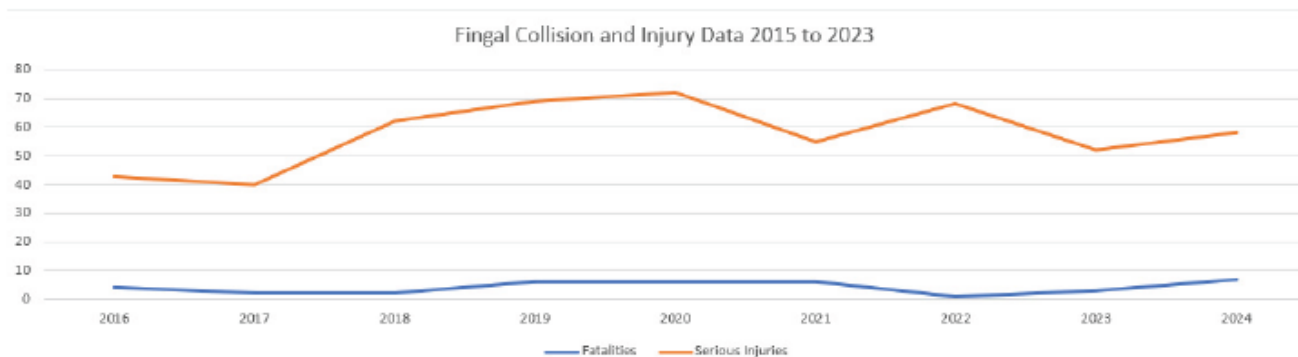


Figure 3.3.1 Fingal Collision and Injury Data 2015 to 2023

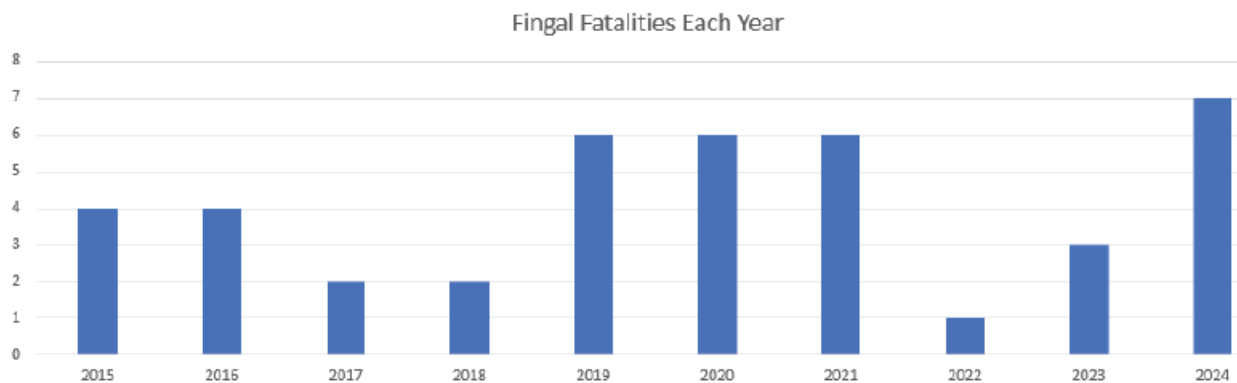


Figure 3.3.2 Fingal Fatalities Yearly

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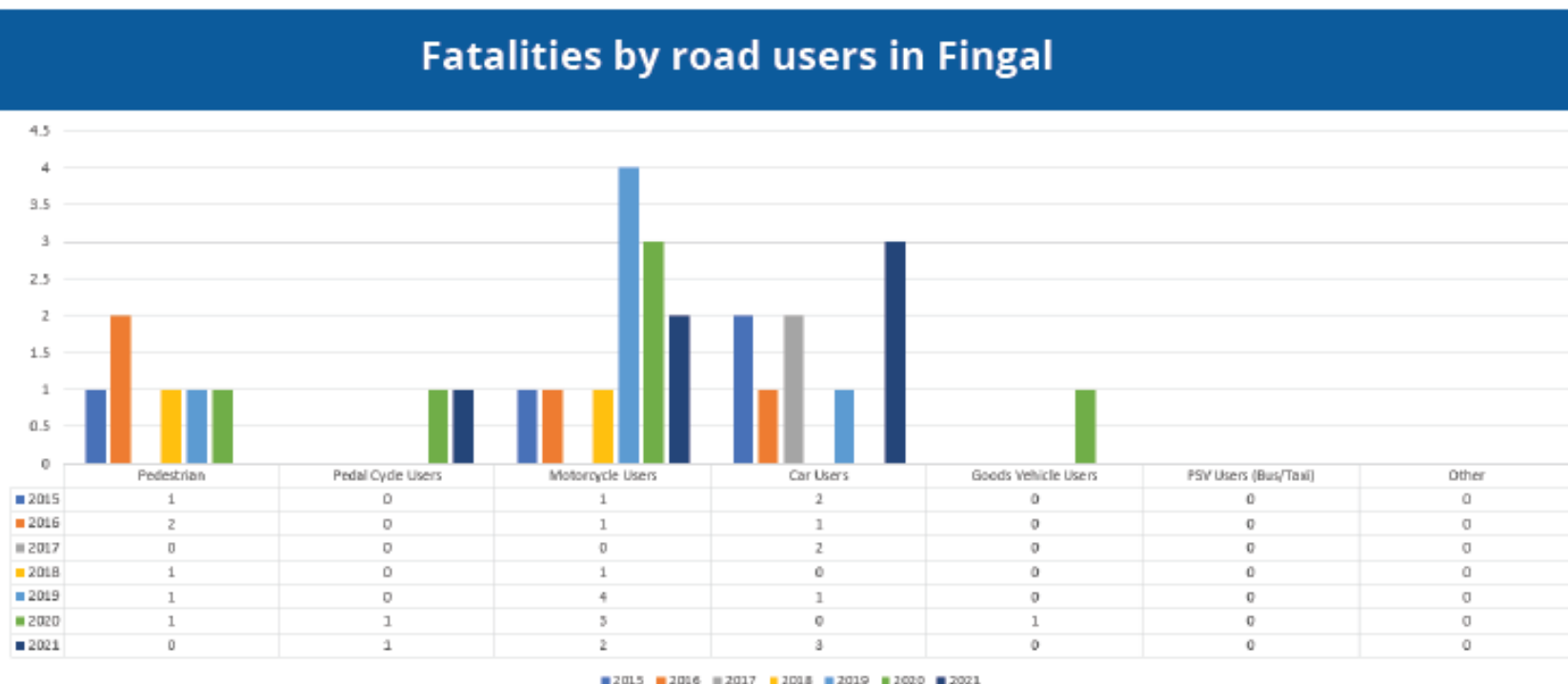


Figure 3.3.3 Fatalities by road users in Fingal



06. The Road Safety Working Together Group

Action No. 94 of Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy Phase 1 Action Plan 2021–2024 further mandates the establishment of a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority area to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level. As part of the Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2017 to 2020 Fingal established its first Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in September of 2016. The workings of this group were interrupted as a result of the covid pandemic. To this end a new RSWTG has been established in Fingal during 2024. The RSWTG brings together all the relevant stakeholders in the local authority area with the aim of reducing road traffic accidents and increasing road safety for all road users in the Fingal area.

[View the RSWTG Terms of Reference](#) | [View the RSWTG Membership List](#)

* RSWTG currently under review by the LGMA.

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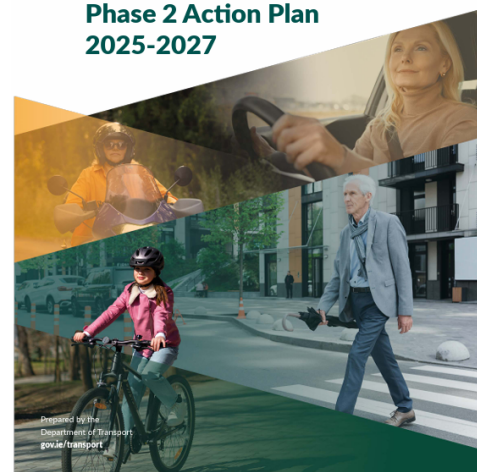
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08. Fingal County Council Road Safety Action Plan Actions 2025 | Phase One

The following section provides an overview of actions outlined in the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 where Local Authorities have a lead or support role. This section also outlines the actions to be undertaken by Fingal County Council each year related to these priority areas.

09. Fingal County Council Road Safety Action Plan Actions 2025 | Phase Two

Over the course of the Phase 2 Action Plan, the Local Authorities (in collaboration with the CCMA and/or LGMA as appropriate) will:

Review the effectiveness of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority to coordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level, and implement any recommendations.

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8.1 High Impact Actions

Safe Roads and Roadsides

National Action No.	National Action	Lead Department or Agency	Due Date
1	Develop and implement a safety rating indicator for national road infrastructure, which will help target investment on sections of national roads with the highest risk of fatal or serious injury.	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Q4 2024
2	Deliver an average of 60 road safety improvement schemes and fund an average of four minor realignment schemes on national roads per year, to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads, and a safe environment for vulnerable road users.	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Annual
3	Increase the length of divided roads on the National Primary Network from 1,310km (2020) to 1,366km (2024).	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Annual
4	Fund and implement a minimum of 150 low-cost safety schemes as identified by local authorities on the regional and local road network per year and progress the implementation of a minimum of 4 larger specific safety schemes per year.	Department of Transport, CCMA / LA's	Annual
5	Over the period 2021 to	National	Q4 2024

FCC Action No.	FCC Action	Action assigned to	Due Date
1			
2			
3			
4	Implement a minimum of 5 low-cost safety schemes as identified on the regional and local road network per year.	Fingal Operations Department	Annual
5	Over the period 2021 to 2025, agree with the NTA on a program of works to construct segregated walking and cycling facilities will be constructed or under construction on the national, local, and regional road network, to provide safe cycling and walking arrangements for users of all ages.	Fingal Active Travel Unit and Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department	Q4 2025

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Example Actions:

- Over the period 2021 to 2025, agree with the NTA on a program of works to construct segregated walking and cycling facilities.

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Example Actions:

- Promote and support an expanded Cycle Right training programme
- Complete a minimum of 70% of LA 16 Collision Reporting and Evaluation Procedure forms where a fatality, or collision that is likely to become fatal, has occurred.

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Example Actions:

- Tender and implement the upgrade of public lighting to appropriate standards using LED lighting to improve visibility and enhance safety for road users.
- Implement the new National Speed Limit Review.

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Example Actions:

- Roll-out of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme as directed by the NTA and An Taisce and provide “front-of school” treatments to all schools when completing near by infrastructure.

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Example Actions Phase 2:

Invest in safety enhancements to sustainable transport infrastructure to support public transport usage and active travel modes.

- a.) Implement 16 kilometres of new, or upgraded, segregated active travel infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists.
- b.) Upgrade 16 junctions or crossings to facilitate active travel modes through the provision of improved crossing facilities and speed reduction of vehicles.
- c.) Deliver 17 additional front-of-school treatments through the Safe Routes to School Programme.



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Dear Ms Kaylin Walsh,

I am writing to you today regarding your representation on behalf of Councillor D. Kelly in relation to the outstanding issues for the final connection at Kocksedan Estate.

I understand this issue has been a source of concern for you and your constituents.

The Connection and Developer Services Department has confirmed that a connection agreement has been issued to the developer covering the new houses. The developer is in full control at this stage of completing the necessary infrastructure to facilitate the new connection.

Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below. For the latest supply and services updates, please see: <https://www.water.ie/?map=supply-and-service-updates>.

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Torreon
Local Representative Support Desk

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24th December 2025

Ms Ciara OhAodha,
Corporate Services,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall, Main Street,
Swords,
Co. Dublin

Email: [REDACTED]

Ref: Item 57 - Need for Tenant Purchase Scheme for Existing HSE Tenants along Portrane Avenue (CEO REF 15415)

Dear Ms OhAodha,

I refer to your correspondence regarding a motion which was passed at a meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee on the 14th November 2024. I wish to apologise for the delay in responding.

I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE are not in a position to offer a Tenant Purchase Scheme as these schemes apply to Local Authority Housing.

Our HSE Estates colleagues have advised they are engaging with Fingal County Council and that Fingal County Council have appointed a consultant to complete a masterplan for the campus. This will examine the future use of the campus, and no disposal of properties will be possible until it is completed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dónal Cassidy
Head of Services for Mental Health
Integrated Health Areas Dublin North County and
Dublin North City & West

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ITEM NO. 35

**PURCHASE OF MARTELLO TOWER - BALCARRICK, DONABATE
- AI105553**

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive consider the purchase of the historical Balcarrick Martello Tower in Donabate with the intention of preserving it for generations to come.”

Report:

The Council recognises the historical value and significance of the Martello Tower in Balcarrick, Donabate.

The Council is consulting with internal stakeholders on the future potential of the Martello Tower, considering the site constraints, the Council’s strategic priorities as set out in the capital programme and the availability of funding whether from DHLGH or other potential funder.

The Council will continue to monitor potential funding streams from central government, as the acquisition and development of the property is contingent upon the availability of funding from a suitable source.

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

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ITEM NO. 36

REMEDIAL WORKS - PORTRANE TO DONABATE CLIFF WALK –

AI105626

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive carries out remedial works along the Portrane to Donabate cliff walk given that the path is inaccessible for families with buggies/prams and wheelchair users due to the poor condition of the surface and during inclement weather as a result of flooding.”

Report:

Fingal County Council has appointed a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm to provide engineering services for the initial phases of the Portrane to Donabate cliff walk project. The initial two phases will involve establishing Scope and Purpose for the project followed by Concept Development and Option Selection. Currently, the project is at the Option Selection stage with potential route options being assessed to identify the preferred route alignment. This work is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. The scope of the consultant's current appointment does not include completion of subsequent project phases. Completion of subsequent project phases will be subject to planning approval to proceed, continued funding and further consultancy appointments, as appropriate.

In the meantime, the Operations Department will endeavour to maintain the path surface and associated fencing. It will not be possible to carry out any intermediate or temporary drainage works as this would involve excavation and earth movement which requires the appropriate planning permissions and AA screening.

Source of Report: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation Department

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ITEM NO. 37

PROVISION OF SWORDS BASKETBALL FACILITIES - AI105274

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

“That the Chief Executive investigate and report on the feasibility of the provision of a dedicated indoor Basketball Facility in Swords, an incredibly popular sport that can keep up with facilities to meet demand, leading clubs to paying large rents that threaten to put them out of business.”

Report:

At present, the Council has no plans to develop an indoor basketball facility. However, we recognise the growing popularity of the sport and the challenges faced by local clubs in accessing affordable and suitable venues. While there are no immediate proposals, we will continue to monitor demand and explore opportunities through future sports infrastructure planning and engagement with other sporting organisations.

Source of Report:
Robbie Corr, Sports Development Officer, Sport

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ITEM NO. 38

VACANT SITE ON MILLER'S AVENUE, SWORDS - AI105938

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the site on Miller’s Avenue which was to accommodate a crèche.”

Report:

Permission was granted on 20th May 2024 under application Reg. Ref. F24A/0133 for a creche at 43 Miller’s Avenue. This permission has a duration of 5 years. A commencement notice has not been submitted in respect of this permission.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 39

PROVISION OF ‘NON FOR PROFIT’ CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THIS LEA – AI105628

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That this Committee recommends that ‘Not for Profit’ Childcare Facilities be provided in all mixed tenure developments on publicly owned land in this Local Electoral Area given the demographics and tenure of such developments and the need for these facilities to be provided to support young and struggling families moving into the areas”

Report:

At a national level, the ‘Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2001) set out policy for the provision of childcare facilities through the planning process. The Guidelines, however, refer solely to the land use planning aspects of childcare provision and therefore do not prescribe the sectoral management or operation of facilities. The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 supports the provision of childcare facilities throughout the county in accordance with the policy approach contained in the Guidelines.

The provision of childcare services falls outside the remit of Fingal County Council. Whilst there are various policies at County Development Plan level to facilitate the provision of childcare through the development management process, the setting up and operation of childcare services does not fall into Fingal County Council’s remit. Notwithstanding this, the Council will facilitate the provision of such services wherever possible, for example there is a research objective in the Community pillar of the Our Balbriggan plan with respect to the provision of public childcare in the town, and findings from this may inform a wider Council policy position in due course. Many local authorities have stepped away from direct involvement in

childcare but in some local authority areas, local volunteer boards of management undertake the key role in the setting up, operation and governance of local childcare groups, and Fingal County Council will strive to support such groups in Fingal. Given the increasingly onerous regulation and compliance responsibilities for childcare providers, this is an increasingly challenging area for volunteer-run organisations to operate in.

Source of Report:

Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department