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Friday, 2 January 2026

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

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 15th January, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services**

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 11th December 2025** (Pages 1 - 8)

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor M. Boland - Review of Lighting - Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - AI105525** (Pages 9 - 10)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the street lighting on Kilhedge Lane, Lusk towards Corduff to improve safety and visibility, particularly as only one end of the lane is currently serviced by two lights and it is a route used by schoolchildren and cyclists?”

- 3 **Councillor M. Boland - Report on Road Opening Licences in Rush and Lusk - AI105530** (Pages 11 - 12)

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the number of road opening licences in Rush and Lusk where reinstatements were not approved by the Area Engineer and to list any current reinstatements that have, to date, not passed and remain before “T5” approval is given?”

- 4 **Councillor M. Boland - Safe Pedestrian Crossing Point on the R132 at R129 Junction, Lusk - AI106007** (Pages 13 - 14)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing a safe pedestrian crossing point on the R132, close to where it meets the junction of R129, to allow local residents and young children cross the R132 safely to get to the National School?”

- 5 **Councillor M. Boland - Inspection and Repair/Resurfacing of Footpaths - Lusk Village - AI106008** (Pages 15 - 16)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the inspection and repair/resurfacing of the footpaths leaving Lusk Village on the Skerries Road/R127?”

- 6 **Councillor M. Boland - Resurfacing of Old Road, Rush - AI106009** (Pages 17 - 18)

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of Old Road, Rush (from the junction of Whitestown Road

heading north) which has experienced significant deterioration in recent years, including uneven surfaces, potholes, surface cracking and water pooling?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of a Mini Orchard in Lusk - AI106010 (Pages 19 - 20)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a mini orchard in the village of Lusk at a location to be agreed with the Operations Department?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Inspection and Repair/Resurfacing of Footpath - Treen Hill/Chapel Green, Lusk - AI106011 (Pages 21 - 22)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the inspection and repair/resurfacing of the footpath from Treen Hill to Chapel Green, Lusk?"

9 Councillor M. Quinn - Footpath Works at Bus Stop (100711) Drogheda Street, Balbriggan - AI105656 (Pages 23 - 24)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for remedial works to be carried out at 100711 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan bus stop to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users getting on and off the buses servicing this stop?"

10 Councillor M. Quinn - South Shore Rush, Traffic Survey - November 2025 - AI105921 (Pages 25 - 28)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the data from the South Shore Traffic Survey, which was undertaken in November 2025, has been collated and if it can be made available to interested parties?"

11 Councillor M. Quinn - Review of Preventative Flood Measures - Brook Lane, Rush - AI105922 (Pages 29 - 30)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a review of the works which are required to prevent flooding in the long-term at Brook Lane, Rush, given existing physical and development constraints, it is envisaged that a comprehensive study would be needed to assess capacity of the catchment drainage network to meet existing and proposed development needs and if a timeline can be given for such a review?"

12 Councillor M. Quinn - Weeding and General Maintenance Works - Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan - AI105987 (Pages 31 - 32)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timetable for the commencement of weeding and general maintenance of Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan following the taking in charge of the road?"

13 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Dredging - Balbriggan Harbour - AI105802 (Pages 33 - 34)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour and the timeline for same?"

14 Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of a Yellow Box - Seatown Roundabout, Swords - AI105952 (Pages 35 - 36)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given, prior to or during the upcoming roadworks which incorporate the Seatown Road roundabout, for the installation of a yellow box to aid motorists leaving the village?"

15 Councillor J. Smyth - Changing Layout of Private Roads - Northwood, Santry - AI105954 (Pages 37 - 38)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what procedures are required to alter the layout of a private road which joins the public road network - this is in light of concerns raised by residents regarding changes to Northwood Avenue at the junction of Swords Road?"

16 Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Identification of Bathing Waters 2026 - AI105980 (Pages 39 - 42)

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the public consultation on the Identification of Bathing Waters in Fingal for Bathing Season 2026 and if Tower Bay in Portrane has been included in this list?"

17 Councillor J. Smyth - Resurfacing of Footpaths - Brackenstown Avenue, Swords - AI105981 (Pages 43 - 44)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of the footpaths on Brackenstown Avenue to be included in the 2026 Programme of Works?"

18 Councillor J. Smyth - Lighting in Public Parks - Holywell Park, Swords - AI105983 (Pages 45 - 46)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of improved public lighting in Holywell Park, as this park is used regularly by the public during the hours of darkness and such an installation would improve accessibility and passive surveillance?"

19 Councillor J. Smyth - Repair of Metal Fence - Bride's Glen, Swords - AI105986 (Pages 47 - 48)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the metal fences which enclose the Bride's Glen Estate where they have been damaged?"

20 Councillor L. Corkery - Cycle Lanes - R132 From Blake's Cross to Ballough - AI105960 (Pages 49 - 50)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance schedules of the cycle lanes on the R132 between Blake's Cross and Ballough, as construction work around this site has caused debris to block the cycle lanes on numerous occasions?"

21 Councillor L. Corkery - Division of Water Services between Fingal County Council and Uisce Éireann in this LEA - AI105963 (Pages 51 - 52)

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the functions of the Council with regard to water services in this Local Electoral Area, compared with the functions of Uisce Éireann?"

22 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Flood Prevention Measures - Damastown, Naul - AI106002 (Pages 53 - 54)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of flood prevention measures on the L1070 Damastown, Naul in the vicinity of (details supplied) given ongoing issues with water and debris from the public road flowing into this property?"

23 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Orchard Estate, Oldtown - AI106003 (Pages 55 - 56)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the

provision of traffic calming measures, including road markings and signage, on the approach to either side of the chicane just outside the entrance to the Orchard Estate, Oldtown?"

24 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Footpath - Orchard Estate, Oldtown - AI106004 (Pages 57 - 58)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for provision of a pedestrian footpath on either side of the chicane on the approach to the Orchard Estate, Oldtown to facilitate pedestrians stepping off the road as oncoming traffic approaches?"

25 Councillor C. Johnston - Re-marking Schedule in this LEA - AI106005 (Pages 59 - 60)

"To ask the Chief Executive, with particular reference to submissions/questions submitted regarding road markings, to confirm when the road marking schedule commences and finishes annually in this Local Electoral Area?"

26 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI106019 (Pages 61 - 62)

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent opening of the Aldi store on Turvey Avenue, Donabate, if consideration can be given to prioritising the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location given the safety concerns of pedestrians, families with buggies and people with additional needs trying to cross this busy road?"

27 Councillor C. Johnston - Removal of Broken Lights - Kenure Park, Rush - AI106024 (Pages 63 - 64)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to removing the broken Christmas tree lights on the bank to the left of the gates of Kenure Park, Rush given the safety concerns of parents and dog owners that a child or dog might get caught in the lights and be injured?"

28 Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Installation of Bus Shelter - Holywell, Swords - AI106029 (Pages 65 - 66)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated delivery timeline for the installation of the bus shelter at Holywell, which was included in the 2025 Bus Shelter Enhancement Scheme for this Local Electoral Area and to outline what engagement has taken place with the

National Transport Authority regarding installation, contractor scheduling and if a revised completion date has now been agreed?"

29 Councillor J. Humphreys - Traffic Light Outages - Rathbeale Road Junction, Swords - AI106030 (Pages 67 - 68)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to investigating the ongoing issue of traffic light outages at the Rathbeale Road junction serving Mooretown and Swords Community College as a matter of priority, given the significant safety risks during school times and other peak periods and to outline what measures can be taken to ensure a more reliable signal service at this location?"

30 Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Planting - Glen Ellan Road, Swords - AI106031 (Pages 69 - 70)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to additional planting within the housing estate off Glen Ellan Road, to reduce the visual impact of nearby construction works and whether interim landscaping or screening measures can be introduced in the 2026 Programme of Works to improve the amenity and appearance of the area for residents?"

**OPERATIONAL
NEW WORKS, ETC.**

31 Programme of Works 2026 (Pages 71 - 114)

MOTIONS

32 Councillor J. Newman - Request for Extra Bus Stops - Forest Road, Swords - AI105676 (Pages 115 - 116)

"That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant Department to assess the possibility of providing two extra bus stops on the Forest Road, south of the entrance to Forest Little Golf Club as the road in this area is bereft of footpaths and is extremely dangerous to walk on."

33 Councillor P. Mulville - Surface Water Flooding - Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane - AI105886 (Pages 117 - 118)

"That the Chief Executive take steps to prevent ongoing surface water flooding at Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane."

34 Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Benches - Airside, Swords - AI105953 (Pages 119 - 120)

"That the Chief Executive allocate funding from the 2026 Operations discretionary budget for the installation of public seating, close to or adjacent to the bus stops currently on L2305 at Airside and R125 at Holywell."

35 Councillor M. Quinn - Public Walkway through Moylaragh Open Space, Balbriggan - AI105988 (Pages 121 - 122)

"That this Area Committee supports the installation of a pathway through the open space from Moylaragh playground to the proposed MUGA."

36 Councillor M. Boland - Facilitate an On-Site Meeting at Rush-Lusk Train Station - AI106015 (Pages 123 - 124)

"That the Chief Executive facilitate an on-site meeting with Senior Executives, Engineers and Local Councillors at the Rush-Lusk train station to discuss possibilities for interim solutions to make this dangerous section of road safer for pedestrians, cyclists and cars while awaiting future works to be completed at the entrances to the train station."

37 Councillor J. Newman - Dumping of Shopping Trolleys - Swords - AI105936 (Pages 125 - 126)

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on what system is in place to address the retrieval and collection of shopping trollies that are dumped into our rivers and parks or left on the footpaths or roadways in Swords and the surrounding area."

38 Councillor J. Smyth - Review of Traffic Measures - Bride's Glen, Swords - AI105985 (Pages 127 - 128)

"That the Chief Executive ask the Traffic Section/Operations Department to carry out an assessment of potential improvements which could be made to the Traffic Management Plan of the Bride's Glen Estate as, due to the nature of the estate, there are numerous reports of near misses and blocked roads due to the insufficient width of the roads and a lack of adequate parking for many residents."

39 Councillor M. Boland - On-Site Meeting at Minister's Road, Lusk - AI106016 (Pages 129 - 130)

"That the Chief Executive facilitate an on-site meeting with the Operations Department and Local Councillors at Minister's Road and

the R132 junction to discuss possibilities for safety measures, i.e. cats eyes, safety signage, traffic calming measures etc, for pedestrians to safely access the public transport links on the R132, as this road is extremely dangerous."

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Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 11th December, 2025

PRESENT

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

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Áine Donlan Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), Aileen O'Connor (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Megan Devaney (A/Administrative Officer), Brian Rochford (Executive Engineer), Joseph Dowler (Executive Engineer), Shane Sutton (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Claudiu Dima (Executive Engineer), Leticia Moore (Executive Engineer) Conor Sheehan (A/Senior Staff Officer), Alvean Finnegan (Assistant Staff Officer), Laura Doyle (Clerical Officer).

BSA/571/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 13th November 2025

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on Thursday 11th December 2025, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor Mulligan and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”.

BSA/572/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor Mulligan and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No 51,
Questions numbered 02 to 47 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

BSA/573/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on Slí Na Sláinte Route - Donabate - AI105102

BSA/574/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Public Lighting at Bus Stop - Hearse Road, Donabate - AI105619

BSA/575/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105621

BSA/576/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Cycle Path Maintenance Schedule - Blake's Cross to Ballough, Lusk - AI105623

BSA/577/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Ongoing Flooding Issues - Brook Lane, Rush - AI105624

BSA/578/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Skerries Road from Coopersfield Junction to Main Street, Rush - AI105625

BSA/579/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Traffic Calming Measures - R122 Naul - AI105634

BSA/580/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic Survey Naul Village - AI105638

BSA/581/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Repair/Reset of Signage - Donabate Graveyard - AI105124

BSA/582/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Location for Community Garden - Portrane - AI105127

- BSA/583/25** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Graffiti on the New Donabate Pedestrian Bridge,
Donabate - AI105129
- BSA/584/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - Repainting of Lines - The Strand, Donabate - AI105506
- BSA/585/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Pruning of Shrubbery Maintenance - Beverton Heights,
Donabate - AI105593
- BSA/586/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Public Lighting - R129/R132 Junction, Blake's
Cross, Lusk - AI105643
- BSA/587/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor P. Mulville - Place Name Signage - Donabate Town Centre - AI105651
- BSA/588/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Installation of Ball Wall - Holywell Park, Swords -
AI105135
- BSA/589/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Inspection of Playground - Ridgewood Estate, Swords -
AI105139
- BSA/590/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Traffic Light Sequencing - Castlegrange/R125, Balheary,
Swords - AI105649
- BSA/591/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Right Turn Filter Light - Castlegrange Estate, Swords -
AI105650
- BSA/592/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Road Resurfacing - Barnageeragh, Skerries - AI105253
- BSA/593/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Resurfacing of Rolestown Road - AI105431
- BSA/594/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Planned Rolestown Roadworks - AI105432
- BSA/595/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Quinn - Assessment of Footpaths - Chapel Grove, Balbriggan -
AI105458
- BSA/596/25** (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor M. Boland - Site Survey of Recent Flooding - Brook Lane, Rush - AI105516

BSA/597/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor M. Boland - Removal of Parking Bays - The Drop Inn Pub, Upper Main Street, Rush - AI105517

BSA/598/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor M. Boland - Painting of Road Markings - Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI105518

BSA/599/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing - Rathmore Road, Lusk - AI105519

BSA/600/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on Works - Palmer Avenue, Rush - AI105520

BSA/601/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor M. Boland - Repair/Resurfacing of Roads - Ballygarra Estate, Garristown - AI105521

BSA/602/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor M. Boland - Re-lining of Road Markings - Lusk Village - AI105523

BSA/603/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor M. Boland - Cutting Back of Grass - Lusk Ring Road - AI105524

BSA/604/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on Parking at Pitches - St. Catherine's Estate - AI105586

BSA/605/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor B. Ryan - Sewage Manhole Issues - Mourne View, Skerries - AI105591

BSA/606/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor B. Ryan - Removal of Works Equipment - Old Market Green, Balbriggan - AI105620

BSA/607/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of a Stepped Footpath - Lady's Stairs, Balbriggan - AI105622

BSA/608/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor B. Ryan - Repair of Cavities - Shenick Drive, Skerries - AI105644

BSA/609/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Newhaggard, Lusk - AI105599

BSA/610/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Speed Signage - R132, Lusk - AI105603

BSA/611/25 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Traffic Calming Measures - Reynoldstown Cross/Delvin Banks, Naul - AI105604

BSA/612/25 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Dog Fouling Signage at Graveyards in Rush - Lusk Area - AI105605

BSA/613/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Quickpenny Lane, Lusk - AI105606

BSA/614/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Approval of "Welcome to Ballyboughal" Sign - AI105609

BSA/615/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI105612

BSA/616/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor J. Smyth - Public Bin Cleaning Schedule in Swords - AI105640

BSA/617/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor T. Murphy - Clearing of Culvert - Balscadden Village - AI105648

BSA/618/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor T. Murphy - Gritting Route - Clonard Road, Balbriggan - AI105652

BSA/619/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor L. Corkery - Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme in this LEA - AI105551

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Corkery was proposed by Councillor Corkery, seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

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

BSA/620/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Footpath Repairs in Swords Village - AI105006

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulligan was proposed by Councillor Mulligan, seconded by Councillor Newman.

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

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

BSA/621/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor G. Maguire - Traffic Calming Measures - Taylor Hill, Balbriggan - AI105376

The motion in the name of Councillor Maguire was proposed by Councillor Maguire and seconded by Councillor Murphy.

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

BSA/622/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of Bench at Bus Stop - Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan - AI105420

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

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

BSA/623/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor M. Boland - Installation of a Hidden Disability Parking Space on a Pilot Basis in Ardgillan Castle - AI105522

At the request of the Councillor Boland, it was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** this motion.

BSA/624/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor C. Boland - Accident Black Spot - Naul Road - AI105537

The motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor Murphy.

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

BSA/625/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor J. Smyth - Construction of Pathway - Ward River Valley Park - AI105552

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

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

BSA/626/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Review - Centre of Naul Village to the Primary School - AI105595

The motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell was proposed by Councillor Dockrell and seconded by Councillor Johnston.

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

BSA/627/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of "Low Bridge Ahead" Signage - Corballis Road, Donabate - AI105627

The motion in the name of Councillor Johnston was proposed by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Dockrell.

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

BSA/628/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor P. Mulville - Local Works Programme Budget for this LEA - AI105645

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Mulville was proposed by Councillor Mulville, seconded by Councillor Corkery.

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

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

BSA/629/25 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor M. Quinn - Replacement of Wooden Bollards - Hamilton Terrace, Balbriggan - AI105453

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

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

BSA/630/25 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor C. Boland - Road Safety Works - Fieldstown - AI105540

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

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

BSA/631/25 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor J. Smyth - Improvement of All-Weather Pitch - Swords Manor - AI105554

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

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

BSA/632/25 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Pedestrian Safety on Minister's Road - AI105597

The motion in the name of Councillor Dockrell was proposed by Councillor Dockrell and seconded by Councillor Mulville.

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

BSA/633/25 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor P. Mulville - Leaf Cleaning and Trip Hazards in this LEA - AI105646

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

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

The Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING [SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 02

REVIEW OF LIGHTING - KILHEDGE LANE, LUSK - AI105525

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reviewing street lighting on Kilhedge Lane, Lusk towards Corduff to improve safety and visibility, particularly as only one end of the lane is currently serviced by two lights, and it is a route used by schoolchildren and cyclists?”

Reply:

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

It is not possible to install additional lighting along other parts of Kilhedge Lane, as this is a rural lane with no footpaths and there are no available electrical supplies or other ESB Networks LV poles that could be used to install lights on.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

REPORT ON ROAD OPENING LICENCES IN RUSH AND LUSK - AI105530

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the number of road opening licences in Rush and Lusk where reinstatements were not approved by the Area Engineer and to list any current reinstatements that have, to date, not passed and remain before “T5” approval is given?”

Reply:

Road Opening Licences are applied for by contractors on the MRL (MapRoad Roadworks Licencing) online portal system which is a shared service (hosted by Donegal County Council) across all local authorities in the State and is managed by the RMO (Road Management Office). All openings on the public roads require a Road Opening Licence.

Contractors and Utilities apply on the system for a Licence. T2 and T3 Licences are approved by the Area Engineer for Roads and Executive Engineer for Traffic and relevant conditions are attached.

The largest volume of licences are T3 Licences. T3's are works of low impact due to their location which is generally within housing estates, at a location which is not near to a junction or where there is traffic lights eg standard gas connection. These licences are automated and approved on the MRL system with standard

roads and traffic conditions assigned which must be complied with. These conditions have been agreed at a national level for all local authority areas.

A T3 that is not a standard licence is referred to the Area Engineer and Traffic Engineer and the standard conditions and additional road and traffic conditions are included on the licence.

Inspections are carried out by the Clerk of Works on all road openings for the area prior to the road opening and following completion of the temporary and permanent reinstatements to ensure that the utilities and contractors are complying with the conditions attached to the licence.

The breakdown of automated licences is recorded on the system on an area basis and is not broken down into Rush/Lusk area. For the first 10 months of 2025 a total of 1833 licences were granted by the Council and approximately 43% of those were automated with standard conditions applied.

Source of Reply: Ms. M Devaney, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT ON THE R132 AT R129 JUNCTION, LUSK - AI106007

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to providing a safe pedestrian crossing point on the R132, close to where it meets the junction of R129, to allow local residents and young children cross the R132 safely to get to the National School?”

Reply:

As part of the R132 Active Travel project, an uncontrolled crossing with a refuge island was installed at the R129/R132 junction. The refuge island was removed during construction after consultation with local stakeholders. As part of the initial design phase of that scheme a controlled crossing was considered, however it was discounted due to insufficient demand.

In addition, it should be noted that there is a lack of infrastructure to develop a signalised crossing at this location. There is no dedicated footpath on the R132 or

R129, nor is there electrical infrastructure and sufficient public lighting to cater a fully signalised pedestrian crossing.

Given the lack of infrastructure and that the provision of a signalised crossing was investigated and discounted as part of an active travel scheme there are no plans in Operations to install a signalised crossing at this point.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

INSPECTION AND REPAIR/RESURFACING OF FOOTPATHS - LUSK VILLAGE - AI106008

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the inspection and repair/resurfacing of the footpaths leaving Lusk village on the Skerries Road/R127?”

Reply:

This section of footpath has been inspected and is deemed to be in good condition overall. Any localised minor repairs will be included as part of the Area Inspector's general maintenance works.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

RESURFACING OF OLD ROAD, RUSH - AI106009

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of Old Road, Rush, (from the junction of Whitestown Road heading north) which has experienced significant deterioration in recent years, including uneven surfaces, potholes, surface cracking and water pooling?”

Reply:

This road will be considered in the context of the preparation of a future programme of works.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

INSTALLATION OF A MINI ORCHARD IN LUSK - AI106010

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a mini orchard in the village of Lusk in a location to be agreed with the Operations Department?”

Reply:

Provision has been made within the 2026 Programme of Works subject to site inspection and suitability.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

**INSPECTION AND REPAIR/RESURFACING OF FOOTPATH - TREEN
HILL/CHAPEL GREEN, LUSK - AI106011**

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the inspection and repair/resurfacing of the footpath from Treen Hill to Chapel Green Lusk?”

Reply:

This section of footpath has been inspected and is deemed to be in good condition overall. Any localised minor repairs will be included as part of the Area Inspector’s general maintenance works.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

FOOTPATH WORKS AT BUS STOP (100711) DROGHEDA STREET, BALBRIGGAN - AI105656

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for remedial works to be carried out at the above bus stop to improve the accessibility for wheelchair users on and off the buses servicing this stop?”

Reply:

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

The Council will include bus stop 100711 for consideration on next phases of the programme, subject to NTA approval.

It should be noted that there are projects being carried in Balbriggan that overlap or include the road referenced in the question. These projects include the Active Travel Project on the R132/Drogheda Street which should include the installation of Kassel kerbs at existing bus stops.

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

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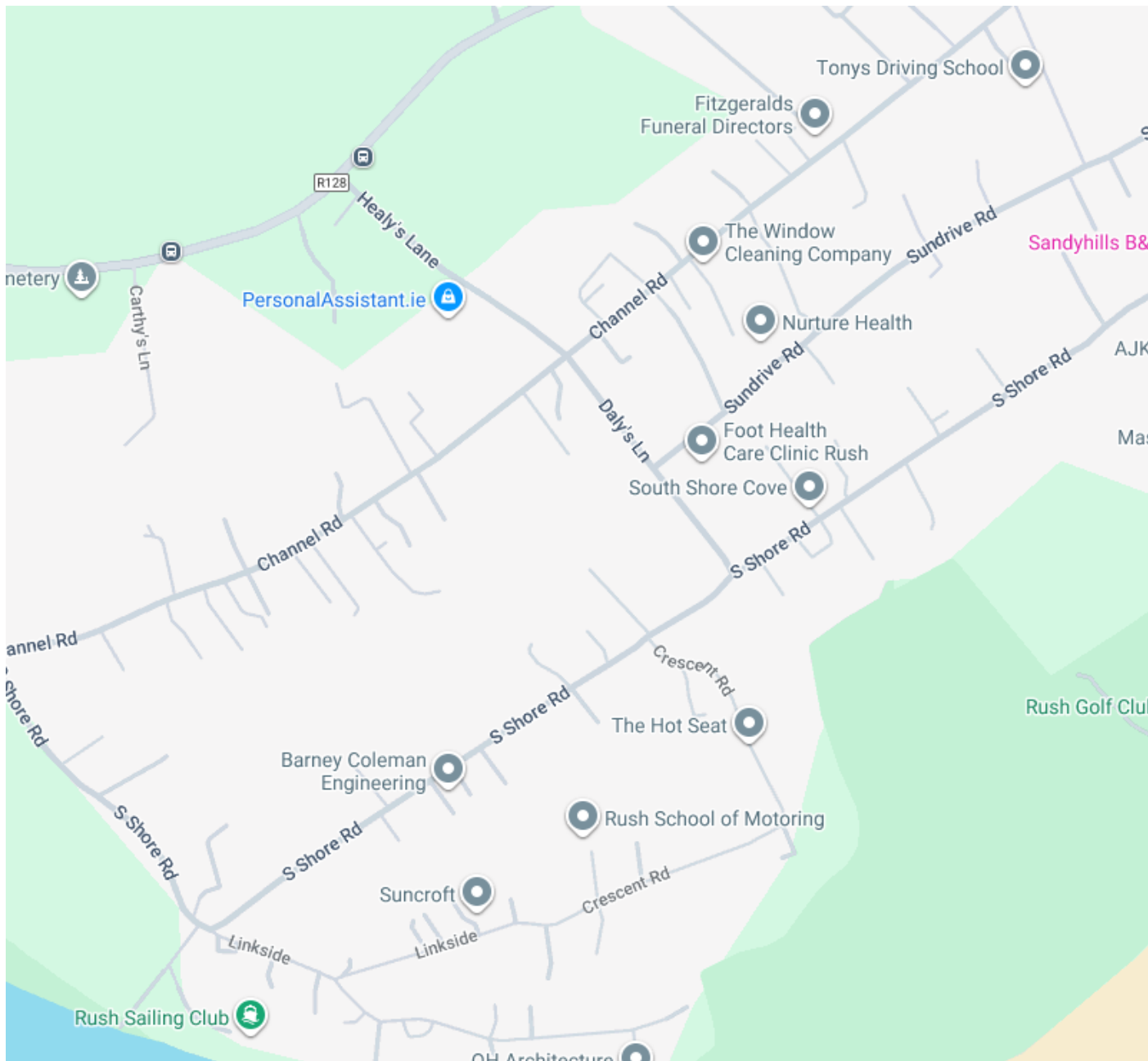
**SOUTH SHORE RUSH, TRAFFIC SURVEY - NOVEMBER 2025 -
AI105921**

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the data from the South Shore Traffic Survey, which was undertaken in November 2025, has been collated and if it can be made available to interested parties?”

Reply:

A Traffic Survey was carried out at South Shore Rush over the course of one week from Thursday 13th November 2025 until Wednesday 19th Nov 2025. The following information will include traffic volumes and speed data for two separated locations along South Shore Road, Rush.



Section 1

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Traffic Volume:

Total two-way volume was found to be 5,849 vehicles with an average of 836 vehicles per day.

Speed Results:

85th percentile speed was noted as 42.8km/h and average speed 34.3 km/h. The 85th percentile speed at this location is below the 50km/h speed limit, indicating acceptable driver compliance in relation to the speed limit.

Section 2

Traffic Volume:

Total two-way volume was 8,067 vehicles with an average of 1,150 vehicles per day.

Speed Results:

85th percentile speed was 50.8km/h and average speed 41.7km/h. The recorded 85th percentile is very close to the posted speed limit of 50km/h indicating that the majority of drivers are travelling at speeds considered appropriate as per posted speed limit.

Summary/Conclusion:

Overall, the traffic volumes recorded are typical for a minor road serving residential areas. The 85th percentile speeds at both surveyed locations are at, or below, the posted 50km/h speed limit. Average speeds are also below the posted speed limit.

Based on the survey results, there is no evidence of speeding at either section of South Shore Road during the surveyed period.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

REVIEW OF PREVENTATIVE FLOOD MEASURES - BROOK LANE, RUSH - A1105922

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to a review of the works which are required to prevent flooding in the long-term at Brook Lane, Rush, given existing physical and development constraints, it is envisaged that a comprehensive study would be needed to assess capacity of the catchment drainage network to meet existing and proposed development needs and if a timeline can be given for such a review?”

Reply:

A comprehensive assessment will be required to identify the causes of recent flooding and to examine the capacity of the catchment to accommodate existing and future development. To advance this, a preliminary review of the network within the catchment will need to be carried out by a consultant, to determine what further investigations and studies or works would be required. The resulting report will be referred to the Projects Office, which sits within the Infrastructure department, for further action, as appropriate. It will also need to be discussed with Planning to consider what implications there are for future development and how this could be managed.

No date can be given at this stage for the review but it will be added to the 2026 Storm Water Capital Programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. J Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Storm Water Operations.

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ITEM NO. 12

WEEDING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKS - STEPHENSTOWN LINK ROAD, BALBRIGGAN - AI105987

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timetable for the commencement of weeding and general maintenance of Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan following the taking in charge of the road?”

Reply:

The entire Stephenstown Link Road is not fully in charge. However, there are some small sections in charge and maintained by the Council.

The Operations Department will liaise with P&SI to ascertain which sections currently have a post construction maintenance contract associated with the initial construction contracts.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

UPDATE ON DREDGING - BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR - AI105802

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour and the timeline for same?”

Reply:

Ayesa Consulting Engineers acting on behalf of Fingal County Council have completed all surveys and environmental testing required to support the submission of a Marine Usage Licence (MUL) application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). Such licence is required before maintenance dredging can be carried out. At a pre-application meeting with MARA in December 2025, MARA could not indicate exact timelines, and therefore the standard 12-18 months are to be expected for the MUL application to be processed by MARA.

Ayesa have also submitted an Exempted Development Planning Application to Fingal County Council’s Planning Department in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and that Application is currently under consideration.

Preparation of the tender documentation for the dredging is well advanced and is continuing to progress in parallel with both the MARA and FCC Planning Applications so as to allow the procurement process for appointing a contractor

to proceed without delay. However, as the project is contingent upon both the issue of a MUL and Planning Approval (or a determination of Planning Exemption) it is not possible at this juncture to provide an overall timeline.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

**INSTALLATION OF A YELLOW BOX - SEATOWN ROUNDABOUT,
SWORDS VILLAGE - AI105952**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to, prior to or during the upcoming roadworks which incorporate the Seatown Road roundabout, the installation of a yellow box to aid motorists leaving the village?”

Reply:

The specified roundabout is included in the R132 Connectivity Project and will be upgraded by the Infrastructure & Transport Department.

Operations Department does not intend to install a yellow box at Seatown Road Roundabout.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

CHANGING LAYOUT OF PRIVATE ROADS - NORTHWOOD, SANTRY - AI105954

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what procedures are required to alter the layout of a private road which joins the public road network - this is in light of concerns raised by residents regarding changes to Northwood Avenue at the junction of Swords Road?”

Reply:

The road leading to the junction in question is privately owned and does not fall under the remit of Fingal County Council. Any alterations to the layout of a private road would require an application for planning permission by the owner and/or management company.

Source of Reply: Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON IDENTIFICATION OF BATHING WATER 2026 - AI105980

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the public consultation on the Identification of Bathing Waters in Fingal for Bathing Season 2026 and if Tower Bay in Portrane has been included in this list?”

Reply:

Under European and Irish law, Irish Local Authorities must identify bathing waters each year so that these areas can be monitored to ensure they meet stringent microbiological water quality standards. In some cases, the formally identified bathing areas are also the areas where local authorities focus their resources providing lifeguards during the bathing season.

Each year Fingal County Council hold a public consultation to determine the bathing waters for the subsequent season. The consultation took place on Fingal County Council’s Consult Portal from 12th May 2025 to 26th September 2025.

The criteria for the formal identification of bathing waters which applied when Tower Bay was previously lifeguarded were less stringent than current criteria, which raise a number of issues as outlined below.

Current issues of concern which provide an obstacle to the formal designation of Tower Bay as an 'identified' bathing water are:

- The requirement to carry out water sampling at high tide in a safe environment which does not pose a health and safety risk to water samplers, and therefore water samplers cannot safely descend those steps once protective clothing has been donned.
- Safe access for beach users to the beach and the bathing water. The beach area at Tower Bay is not universally accessible.
- Safety issues present due to tidal flows observed around the rocky areas of the beach - more suited to experienced open sea swimmers. The beach is prone to strong currents and, when prevailing winds are from the southeast, large breaking waves form. If a formal designation of a bathing water were to take place, this would inadvertently give less competent swimmers the assurance that the waters were safe for swimming.
- Accessibility for Emergency Services - issues with removing a casualty from the beach and could require assistance from RNLI / ICG. No easy access for ambulance crews onto the beach or off the beach with a casualty.
- This location is more suited to competent swimmers and may attract novice swimmers if formally identified.

When all the foregoing issues are taken into consideration, Tower Bay, Portrane, fails to meet the required standard to receive formal bathing water designation.

No new bathing waters have been identified for the 2026 bathing season. The current identified bathing areas are as follows:

- Claremont Beach, Howth
- Burrow Beach, Sutton
- Velvet Strand, Portmarnock
- Balcarrick Beach, Donabate
- Brook Beach, Portrane
- South Beach, Rush
- North Beach, Rush
- Loughshinny Beach

- South Beach, Skerries
- Balbriggan Beach

Source of Reply: Ms. M Mongey, Staff Officer/Water Safety Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 17

**RESURFACING OF FOOTPATHS - BRACKENSTOWN AVENUE,
SWORDS - AI105981**

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of the footpaths on Brackenstown Avenue to be included in the 2026 Programme of Works?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has undertaken extensive works on Brackenstown Avenue over recent years. Should there be any specific locations where footpaths are in need of urgent repair, the Councillor is requested to forward the details, and the Department will assess and carry out any necessary remedial works, subject to provision in the budget.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

LIGHTING IN PUBLIC PARKS - HOLYWELL PARK, SWORDS - AI105983

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of improved public lighting in Holywell Park, as this park is used regularly by the public during the hours of darkness, and such an installation would improve accessibility and passive surveillance?”

Reply:

There is currently no public lighting in Holywell Park, other than at the initial car park entrance. The Parks and open spaces in Fingal are a wonderful resource for Fingal residents, and the popularity of these spaces for exercise and recreation is well established. The Council encourages this usage with the continual provision of wonderful amenities within these spaces.

However, the Council must be cautious regarding the proposed provision of public lighting within many public open space areas. Many open space areas are just not suitable for after-hours use due to public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations.

Many urban areas already have a well-established public path network with public lighting that are safe for after-hours recreational walking and exercising purposes.

Other after-hours sporting activities are catered for within community centres, gyms, and public sports hubs. The Council also has an obligation to preserve and protect the valuable ecological habitats within these spaces and after-hours public use is detrimental from a biodiversity perspective.

The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective, and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space. Additional criteria for the installation for public lighting in open spaces and park areas includes that the open space provides the most direct link to key community services (e.g. to public transport, shopping areas, schools); that the installation of any lighting on the paths to these community services would comply with Fingal County Council's tree strategy for 2022-2032 "Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal", and would not be in conflict with any existing trees installed in the space; or that alternative well-lit routes are not available.

Holywell Park does not meet the criteria for consideration for the installation of public lighting as,

- Holywell Park has no passive supervision from overlooking buildings or passing roads. Most of the park is largely hidden from surrounding development. Therefore, the Council could not encourage after-hours use of this park for public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations and encouraging after hours usage puts considerable additional pressure on the Gardaí who would never have the resources to include these spaces within their usual patrol areas.
- The path through the green space is not the most direct route to nearby Public Transport or Active Travel route.

Source of Reply:

Ms. K Leesen, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting &

Ms. A O'Connor Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

REPAIR OF METAL FENCE - BRIDE'S GLEN, SWORDS - AI105986

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the metal fences which enclose the Bride’s Glen Estate where they have become damaged?”

Reply:

An inspection of the area has been carried out and the specific area where the fence has become damaged was not identified.

If the Councillor can submit pictures or a google pin to the exact location of the section of fencing that has become damaged to the Operations Administration team, then a follow up inspection can be arranged.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Connell, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 20

CYCLE LANES - R132 FROM BLAKE'S CROSS TO BALLOUGH - AI105960

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance schedules of the cycle lanes on the R132 between Batter Lane and Turvey Avenue, as construction work around this site has caused debris to block the cycle lanes on numerous occasions?”

Reply:

All cycle lanes in the Swords area are swept at least twice every week, and any other issues are dealt with as they arise.

All cycle lanes in the Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk area are swept once a week and any other issues are dealt with as they arise.

The Council will request Enforcement to carry out an inspection to ensure that the developer is complying with its planning permission which more than likely includes a condition with keeping the road clean.

**Source of Reply: Mr. J Daly, Area Inspector, Operations Department.
Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operations department**

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ITEM NO. 21

DIVISION OF WATER SERVICES BETWEEN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AND UISCE ÉIREANN IN THIS LEA - AI105963

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the functions of the Council with regard to water services in this Local Electoral Area, compared with the functions of Uisce Éireann?”

Reply:

Water Services

Water and Wastewater functions are the responsibility of Uisce Eireann. The Council no longer has a role in the provision and supply of water or the collection and treatment of wastewater. The owner of a business or private residence is responsible for the maintenance of the wastewater pipe from the residence to where the pipe connects with the public sewer.

Communication with Uisce Eireann for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at localreprsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.

Surface Water

Surface or Storm water describes the rainfall runoff from developments, which may include some connected road drainage. The Council through its County- wide Storm Water Unit is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the surface (Storm) water network and surface water pump stations, carrying out of small-scale remedial works and network repairs, maintaining coastal outfalls and the granting of surface water connections to developments. Road drainage and localised road flooding continues to be managed by the operations crews in each area as previously.

Water Pollution

Investigation and enforcement powers with regards to Water Pollution is the responsibility of the Council in accordance with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 – 2007. Works to rectify misconnections in the public realm between surface water and foul sewer are managed by the Council.

Bathing Waters.

The Council is responsible for maintaining bathing water quality in its area including monitoring of bathing water quality during the summer bathing season.

Source of Reply: Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

**REQUEST FOR FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES - DAMASTOWN,
NAUL - AI106002**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of flood prevention measures on the L1070 Damastown, Naul in the vicinity of (K32 C856) given ongoing issues with water and debris from the public road flowing into this property?”

Reply:

There is no planned flood prevent measures at this location.

Section 76, sub-section (5) of the Roads Act 1993 obliges landowners to accept surface water runoff from a public road:-

(5) The owner or occupier of any land adjacent to a public road shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that-

- (a) water is not prevented, obstructed or impeded from draining into, onto, under, through or to his land from a public road,*
- (b) water, soil or other material is prevented from flowing or falling onto a public road from his land.*

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

Mr P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 23

**PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - ORCHARD ESTATE,
OLDTOWN - AI106003**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of traffic calming measures, including road markings and signage, on the approach to either side of the chicane just outside the entrance to the Orchard Estate, Oldtown?”

Reply:

The Orchard Road Oldtown will be further assessed for road markings and signage improvements for inclusion in list of works for 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN PATH, ORCHARD ESTATE, OLDTOWN - AI106004

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for provision of a pedestrian path on either side of the chicane on the approach to the Orchard Estate, Oldtown to facilitate pedestrians stepping off the road as oncoming traffic approaches?”

Reply:

The road has been examined and it has been determined that the width of the road is too narrow to provide any footpath. However, it is noted that a pathway exists through the green area of Orchard Estate to allow pedestrians to bypass the section of road that has the traffic calming measure (“*chicane*”)

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

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ITEM NO. 25

REMARKING SCHEDULE IN THIS LEA - AI106005

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive, with particular reference to submissions/questions submitted regarding road markings, to confirm when the road marking schedule commences and finishes annually in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

There is no road remarking schedule as such. When roads are re-surfaced, new road markings are applied upon completion. In addition, the Traffic Section has a limited budget available to undertake road markings at discrete locations when a specific need is identified.

Likewise, the Area Engineers also carry out some road markings at discrete locations when a specific need is identified and subject to budgetary constraints. The road markings are undertaken at various times throughout the year and are grouped into packages of works covering many discrete locations to obtain better value for money when engaging a road lining contractor.

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

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ITEM NO. 26

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - A106019

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent opening of the Aldi store on Turvey Avenue, Donabate, if consideration can be given to prioritising the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location given the safety concerns of pedestrians, families with buggies and people with additional needs, while trying to cross this busy road?”

Reply:

An uncontrolled pedestrian crossing is currently installed at Turvey Avenue near the Aldi store and this location has satisfactory sight lines.

The Traffic Section is currently investigating the location to determine the suitability of the site for the installation of a new signalised pedestrian crossing.

Following further assessment, and if warranted, the location will be put forward for consideration in the 2026 Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 27

REMOVAL OF BROKEN LIGHTS - KENURE PARK, RUSH - AI106024

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to removing the broken Christmas tree lights on the bank to the left of the gates of Kenure Park, Rush given the safety concerns of parents and dog owners that a child or dog might get caught in the lights and be injured?”

Reply:

The Christmas lights in Kenure Park were not installed by the Council and the broken lights have now been removed.

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

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ITEM NO. 28

UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTER - HOLYWELL, SWORDS - AI106029

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated delivery timeline for the installation of the bus shelter at Holywell, which was included in the 2025 Bus Shelter Enhancement Scheme for this Local Electoral Area and to outline what engagement has taken place with the National Transport Authority regarding installation, contractor scheduling, and whether a revised completion date has now been agreed?”

Reply:

Bus Stop 6311 at Holywell was originally proposed for inclusion in the Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme (BSEP) 2025 Programme of Works, however, it was subsequently excluded due to design and road safety audit requirements. It is intended for inclusion in the next phase of the scheme.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) applies a multi-step review process to approve programmes submitted by local authorities. The Council will submit the 2026 Programme of Works for NTA approval in Q1 2026. Following approval, a consultant will be appointed through procurement process to develop the design proposal.

The NTA has advised that its newly appointed bus shelter supplier is currently in the mobilisation phase, with the first batch of shelters expected by the end of Q1 2026. The Council will coordinate with the NTA and the supplier to install the shelter upon completion of the associated civils and preparatory works. Construction is anticipated in Q3 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 29

TRAFFIC LIGHT OUTAGES - RATHBEALE ROAD JUNCTION, SWORDS - AI106030

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to investigating the ongoing issue of traffic light outages at the Rathbeale Road junction serving Mooretown and Swords Community College as a matter of priority, given the significant safety risks during school times and other peak periods and to outline what measures can be taken to ensure a more reliable signal service at this location?”

Reply:

The access road to the Broadmeadow National School/Swords Community College is located at the junction of Rathbeale Road/Glen Ellan Road. The arm of the junction, which provides access to the school for vehicles is not taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The Glen Ellan Road arm of the junction is also not taken in charge.

In relation to traffic flow and congestion issues, the Operations Department installed above ground sensor on public land to cover the access road for the school. This sensor is improving the traffic flow regarding the congestion. Also, our traffic contractor updated the timing schedule for the specified arm of the junction to improve the traffic flow.

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

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ITEM NO. 30

TREE PLANTING - GLEN ELLAN ROAD, SWORDS - AI106031

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to additional planting within the housing estate off Glen Ellan Road, to reduce the visual impact of nearby construction works and whether interim landscaping or screening measures can be introduced in the 2026 Programme of Works to improve the amenity and appearance of the area for residents?”

Reply:

A site meeting will be arranged with the residents that are requesting the additional planting to discuss what landscaping works may be feasible at this location.

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

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PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2026

A presentation will be given to the committee.

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Budget 2026



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SECTION	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Roads Reconstruction / Restoration / Overlay	€2,067,200	€2,067,200	Budget retained
Roads Special Works Programme	€420,000	€488,000	+€68,000
Traffic Management Works	€480,000	€543,750	+€63,750
Parks and Open Spaces	€496,800	€558,425	+€61,625
Public Lighting	€135,750	€154,875	+€19,125
TOTALS	€3,599,750	€3,812,250	+€212,500



Roads Footpaths & Drainage

Restoration Improvement - €582,435

Restoration Maintenance - €1,484,765

Special Works Footpaths & Drainage - €488,000

Total - €2,555,200

Restoration Improvement

Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	White Hart Road, Balbriggan	Macadam Overlay / Surface Dressed	€135,850
2	Newtown Lane, Garristown	Macadam Overlay / Surface Dressed	€65,000
3	Palmerstown, Oldtown	Macadam Overlay / Surface Dressed	€50,000
4	Leastown Lane, Oldtown	Surface Dressing	€42,400
		Subtotal	€293,250

Restoration Improvement Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Balheary, Swords	Macadam Overlay	€151,985
2	Balheary/ Windmill Avenue, Swords	Macadam Overlay / Slip Form Kerb	€137,200
		Subtotal	€289,185

Restoration Maintenance



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages			
1	Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Resurfacing Works	€140,000
2	Kilbush Lane, Rush	Resurfacing Works	€66,220
3	Old Barrack Lane, Rush	Resurfacing Works	€47,775
4	Hampton Cove, Balbriggan	Resurfacing Works	€280,000
5	Church Road, Lusk	Resurfacing Works	€24,000
6	Mill Bank, Rush	Resurfacing Works	€25,000
7	Convent Lane, Balbriggan	Resurfacing Works	€45,000
8	Flemington Park, Balbriggan	Resurfacing Works	€110,000
		Subtotal	€737,995

Restoration Maintenance



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry			
1	Mountgorryway, Swords	Resurfacing Works	€159,600
2	Turvey Avenue, Donabate - Phase 2	Resurfacing Works	€175,610
3	Turvey Cottages, Donabate	Resurfacing Works	€120,960
4	Donabate Square, Donabate	Resurfacing Works	€19,600
5	Brackenstown Avenue, Swords	Resurfacing Works	€124,000
6	Kilreesk Road, Kilbrook	Resurfacing Works	€29,400
7	Beach Lane, Portrane	Resurfacing Works	€117,600
		Subtotal	€746,770

Special Works – Footpath and Drainage

Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Mourneview, Skerries	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
2	Loughshinny Bay	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
3	Chapel Grove, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
4	Tara Court, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
5	Kenure Park, Rush	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
6	Millhill Park, Skerries	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
7	Clonard Court, Balbriggan	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
		Subtotal	€273,000

Special Works – Footpath and Drainage Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Batter Lane	Drainage	€49,000
2	River Valley, Swords	Footpath Replacements	€38,000
3	Mooretown, Swords	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
4	Longstone Park, Portrane	Footpath Replacements	€39,000
5	Old Airport Road	Drainage & Footpath Replacements	€50,000
		Subtotal	€215,000



Traffic

Total - €543,750

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Traffic Signals /Crossings		
1	R127 Old Market Green, Balbriggan	Raised Zebra Crossing	€50,000
2	Dublin Road, Lusk	Raised Zebra Crossing	€50,000
3	Thomas Hand Street and Balbriggan Street, Skerries	Traffic Signals Junction Upgrade	€65,000
	Traffic Calming		
1	Old Road, Rush	Round Top Ramps	€36,000
2	Palmer Road, Rush	Round Top Ramps	€24,000
3	Westown Park, Oldtown	Flat Top Ramps	€32,000

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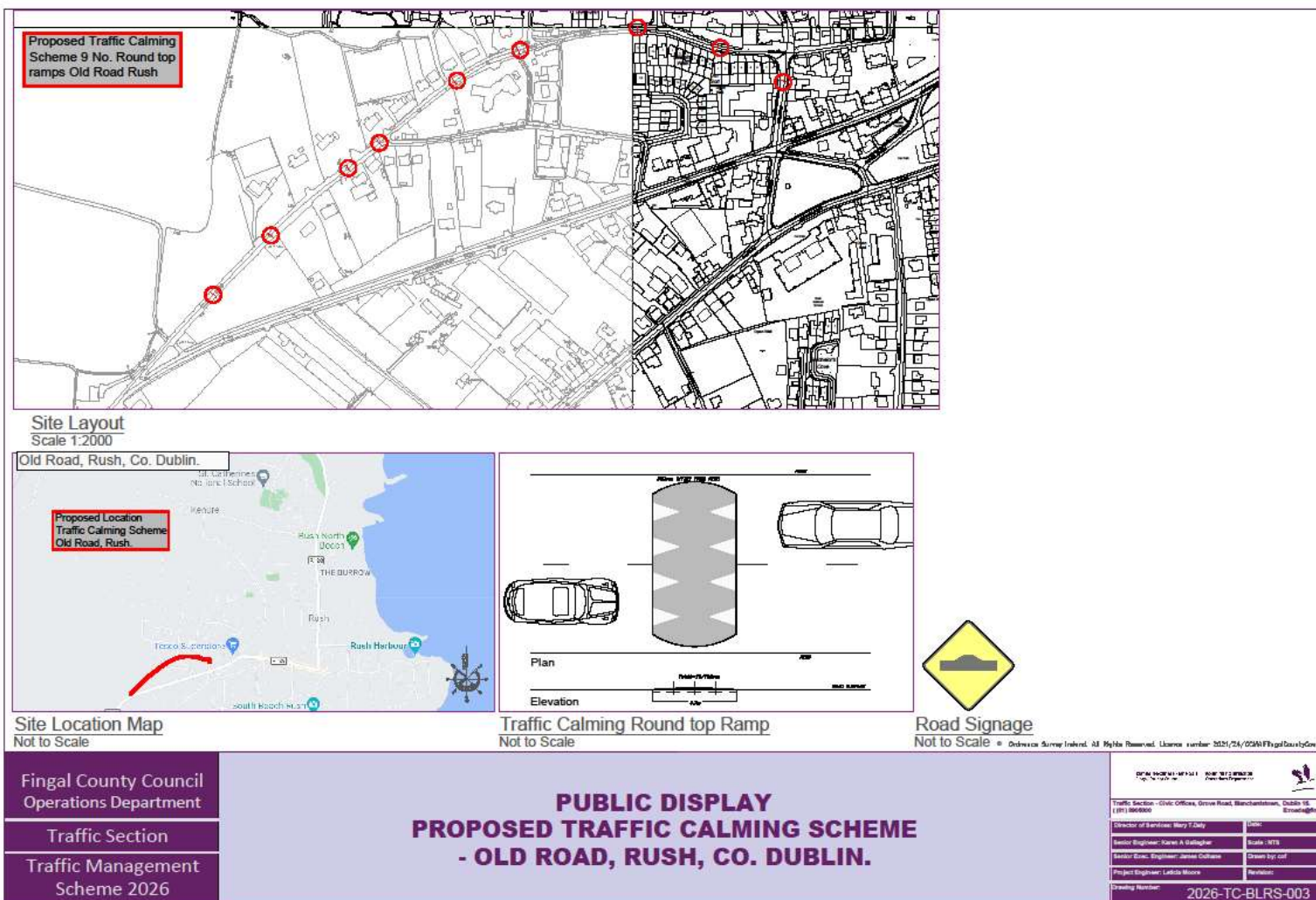
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	Vehicle Activated Signs		
1	R132, (Balbriggan Wavin to Golf Club), Balbriggan	Vehicle Activated Signage and Driver Feedback 60km/h	€4,000
2	R127, Newhaggard Cottages	Vehicle Activated Signage and Driver Feedback Slow Down (Yellow Background)	€4,000
	New Lining		
1	Various Locations		€6,875
		Total	€271,875

BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Calming



Old Rush Road, Rush

9 no. Round Top Ramps - €36,000



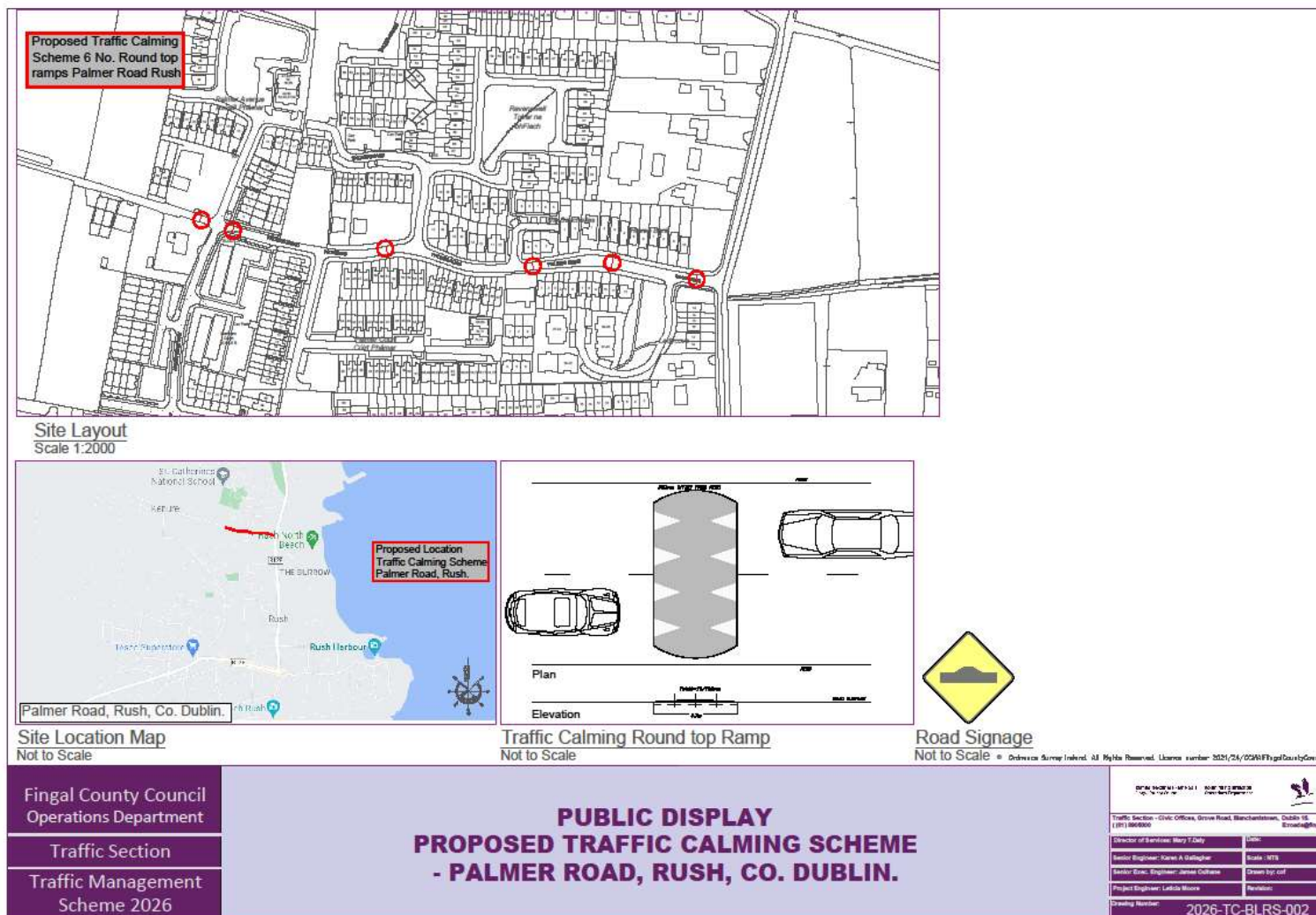
BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Calming



Palmer Road, Rush

6no Round Top Ramps - €24,000

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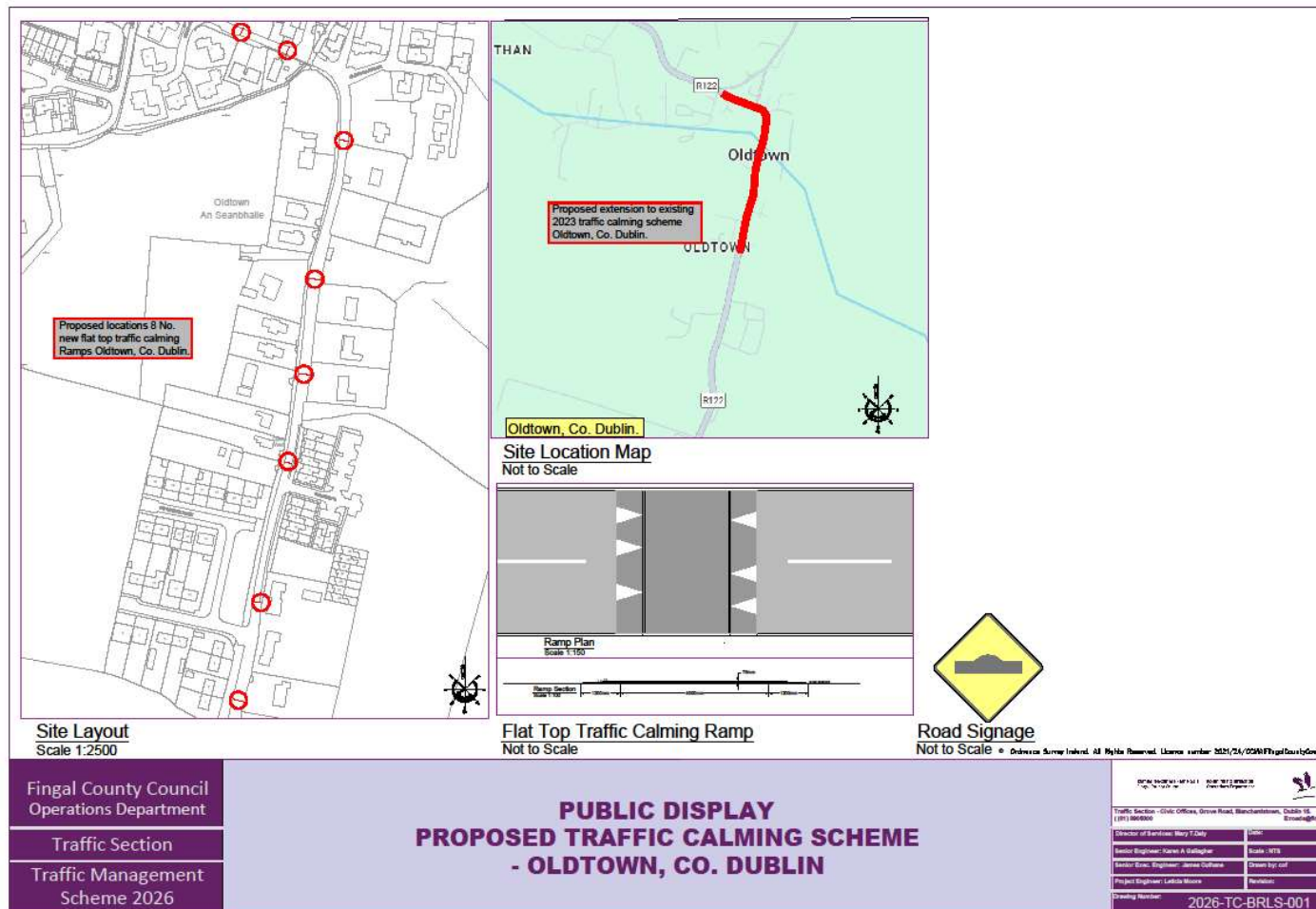
BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Calming



R122 Westown Park, Oldtown

8no Flat Top Ramps - €32,000

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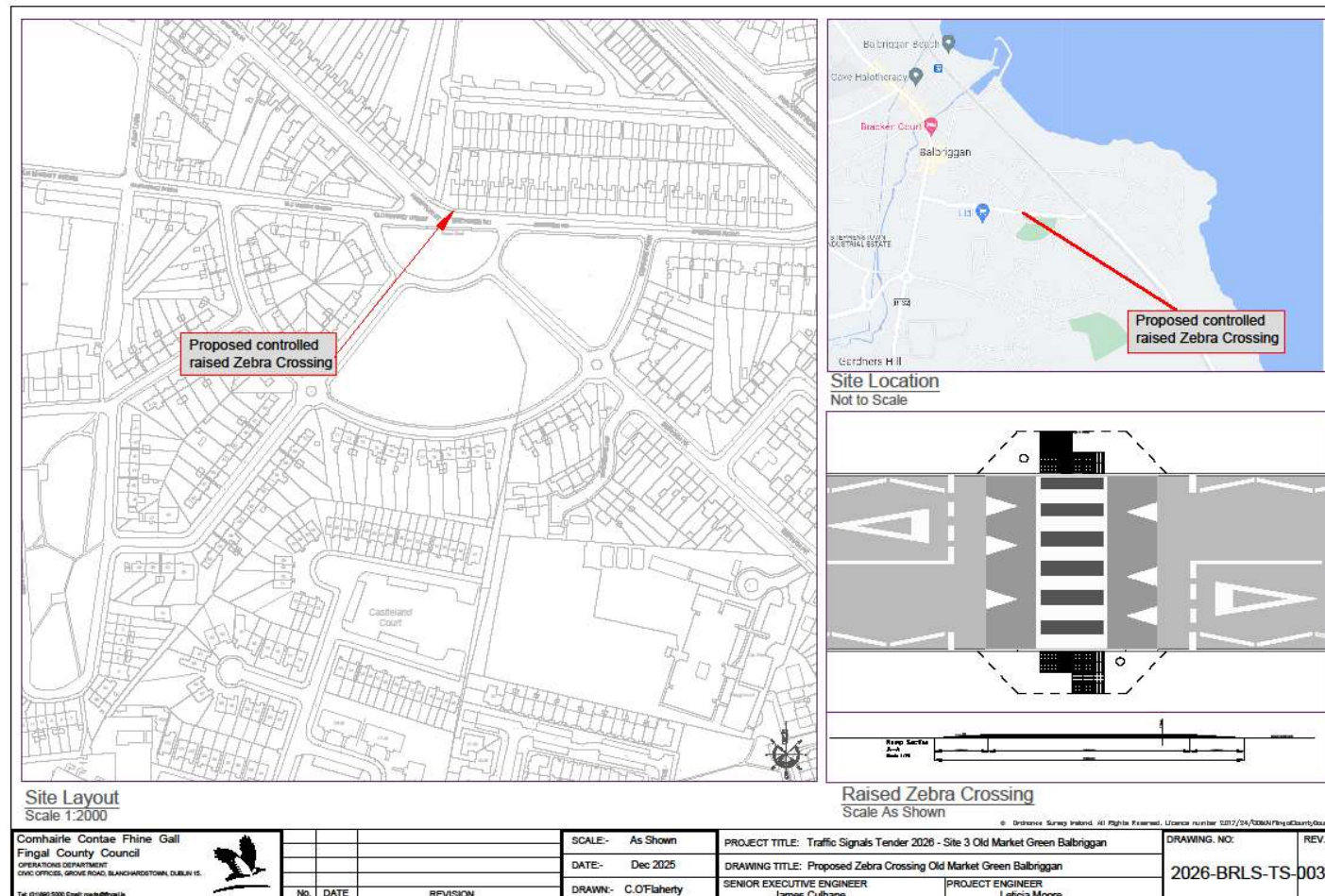
BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Signal Installation/Upgrades



R127 Old Market Green, Balbriggan

Raised Zebra Crossing and kerb build out - €50,000

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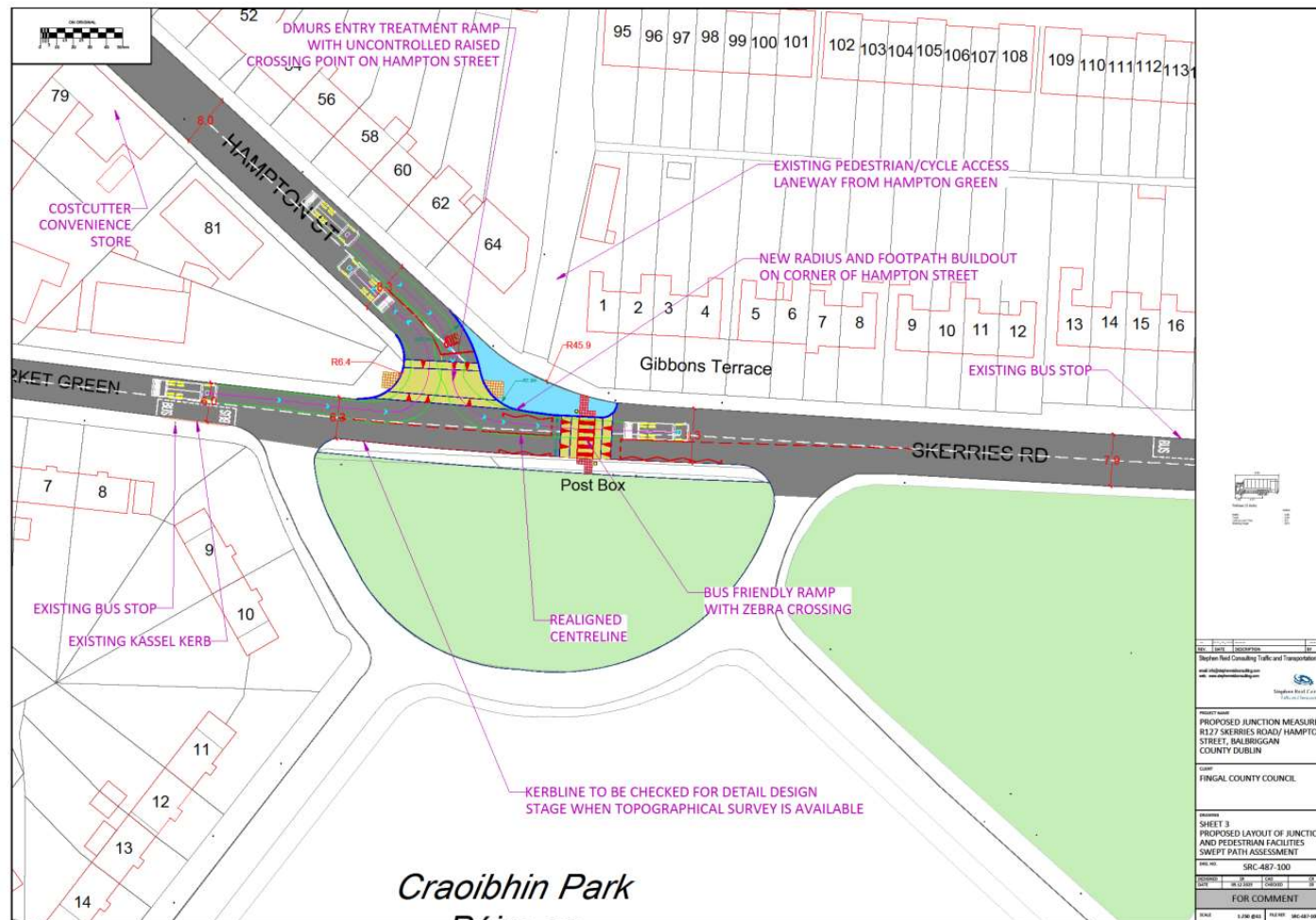


BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Signal Installation/Upgrades



R127 Old Market Green, Balbriggan

Raised Zebra Crossing and kerb build out



Raised Zebra Crossing - €50,000

BLRS Northern Section- Traffic Signal Installation/Upgrades



Thomas Hand Street and Balbriggan Street, Skerries Traffic Signals Junction Upgrade- €65,000

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BLRS Northern Section-Vehicle Activated Signs



R132, (Balbriggan Wavin to Golf Club), Balbriggan Vehicle Activated Signage and Driver Feedback 60km/h- €4,000

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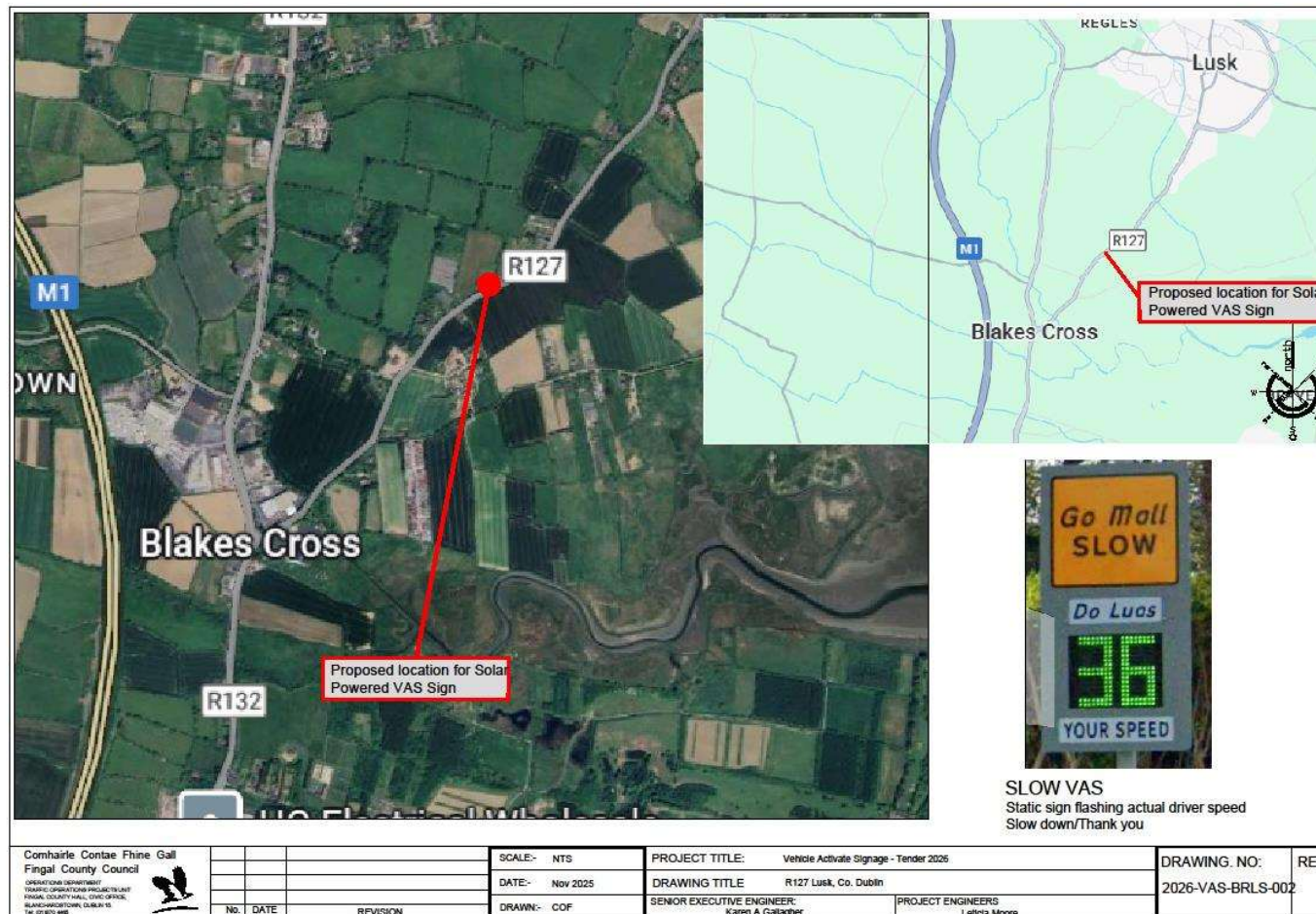


BLRS Northern Section-Vehicle Activated Signs



R127, Newhaggard Cottages, Lusk

Vehicle Activated Signage and Driver Feedback Slow Down - €4,000



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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Traffic Signals		
1	Turvey Avenue, Donabate (ALDI store)	Upgrade the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing to traffic lights controlled pedestrian crossing	€61,500
	Traffic Calming		
1	R125, Rathbeale Road, Swords	Roadside kerbing approx 70m including drainage	€19,250
2	L2170, Ballisk House, Donabate	Junction tightening including raised crossing, drainage	€40,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Traffic Calming Contined		
3	Glen Ellan Rd/Jugback Ln Junction, Swords	Redesign of the junction including ramp, raised uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, and relocation of bus stop	€84,000
4	Rathbeale Rd/Brackenstown Ave	Redesign of the junction including ramp, raised uncontrolled pedestrian crossing	€40,000
5	Ramp Repairs	Several locations	€8,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Vehicle Activated Signs		
1	R125, Rathbeale Road, Swords	Vehicle Activated Signage and Driver Feedback Slow Down (Yellow Background)	€4,000
	New Lining		
1	R125, Rathbeale Road, Swords	New line markings including double yellow lines	€1,500
2	New Road Signage	Several locations	€10,000
3	New Line Marking	Several locations	€3,625
		Total	€271,875



Parks and Open Spaces

Total - €558,425

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Balbriggan		
1	Pump Lane	Installation of Parking Bays along end of open space along Pump Lane.	€25,000
2	Bremore	Tree Trail Upgrade amalgamating existing Bremore Tree Trail with extension of trail into Cardy Rock Open Space as per requests from local residents group.	€2,000
3	Moylaragh	Phase 1 extension of footpath along Moylaragh open space to accommodate the teen space installations plus improved links between existing footpaths. Layout Plan to follow.	€20,000
4	Millpond Park and Moylaragh Open Space	Hedge Planting at pump station in Millpond Park and new orchard area in Moylaragh Open Space as requested by Tidy Towns to be agreed on site prior to planting.	€1,000
		Balbriggan Subtotal	€48,000

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Skerries		
1	Strand Street – Hamilton Monument	Railing to be Repainted	€2,000
2	South Beach on Skerries	Upgrade of Chestnut fencing for dune protection in collaboration with the Biodiversity Unit	€5,000
3	Sherlock Park	Installation of 'Anniversary Name Stone' following requests from residents and details to be agreed	€10,000
4	Existing Perennial Beds	Perrenial beds replacement planting	€5,000
5	Selskar Open Space	Hedge Planting following requests from residents. Locations to be agreed.	€1,000
6	Seapole Monument Red Island	Relettering of memorial plates on existing monument	€2,000
7	Ballygossan	Continuation of landscape improvements at pedestrian entrance	€6,000
8	Skerries Open Orchard Project	Purchase of Planting & Materials	€2,000
		Skerries Subtotal	€33,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Rush		
1	Mariner's Way to Palmer Court	Path extension through estates - Introduction of planting between grass areas	€7,000
2	South Beach Car Park/ Open Space	Replacement of existing chainlink fence plus additional coastal hedge planting on western side of car park	€11,000
3	South Beach Car Park/ Open Space	Replacement wooden bollards at end of green space on western side of car park	€2,000
4	Harbour Park	Handrails from park to beach	€12,000
		Rush Subtotal	€32,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Lusk		
1	Path at Dun Emer Playground	Connecting path required.	€5,000
2	Treen Hill	Landscaping improvements as discussed with Tidy Towns to include associated Traffic Management.	€15,000
3	Barrack Lane/ Dublin Road near New Development	Upgrade Rose Beds.	€2,000
4	Dublin Road outside Lusk Health Care	Refurbishment of existing landscaping scheme to include installation of granite retaining kerb, upgrade stone top dressing and maintenance of existing planting	€7,000
5	Station Road Area	Landscape improvements to space to include possible fruit tree planting	€2,000
		Lusk Subtotal	€31,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Garristown		
1	Garristown	Millenium Sign. Re-lettering	€2,000
2	Garristown	Chess Table at Library Open Space	€5,000
		Garristown Subtotal	€7,000
	Oldtown		
1	Community Centre	Continue Re-Surfacing Project	€15,000
		Oldtown Subtotal	€15,000
	Ballyboughal		
1	Ballyboughal	Water Refill Station including associated civil works	€10,000
2	Ballyboughal Square	Bespoke Seating for landscape scheme	€12,000
		Ballyboughal Subtotal	€22,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Naul		
1	Village Centre	Hanging Baskets/ Planters	€2,500
		Naul Subtotal	€2,500
	Balrothery		
1	Community Centre	Improvements to area beside boules area as discussed with Tidy Towns	€10,000
2	Rose Park	Replacement Fencing/knee rail as discussed with Tidy Towns	€15,000
3	Multiple Areas in Village Centre	Tree Planting as discussed with Tidy Towns	€1,000
		Balrothery Subtotal	€26,000
	Balscadden		
1	Village – Opposite Community Centre	Replacement of Outdoor Fitness Equipment	€25,000
		Balscadden Subtotal	€25,000

Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Loughshinny		
1	Loughshinny Beach	Feasibility Design Proposal (including AA screening) for replacement steps to beach	€15,000
		Loughshinny Subtotal	€15,000
	LEA General		
1	Various Locations	Bench Installation in Open spaces - Supply of benches and install in-house by FCC staff	€12,000
2	Mechanical bulb planting	Mechanical bulb planting to include rejuvenation planting of existing areas	€25,000
3	Community bulb distribution	Supply of pollinator friendly bulb bags to Community groups for planting.	€5,000
		LEA General Improvements Subtotal	€42,000
		Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk/Rural Villages Subtotal	€298,500

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Swords		
1	The Rock Garden	Tree sculpture with Swords Tidy Towns	€4,000
2	The Rock Garden, Seatown Villas & Others	Landscape Improvement Projects - with Swords Tidy Towns	€11,425
3	Swords Manor Estate – Planting Scheme	Landscaping improvement project - Berwick lawn / Abbeyvale lawn and eixsting planting schemes on Brackenstown road	€5,000
4	Ridgewood Green – Open Space	Path improvement works - Phase 1	€25,000
5	R132 Roundabouts - Junctions	Landscape improvements to existing planting areas with Swords Tidy Towns	€5,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Swords Continued		
6	Cianlea Estate – Phase 3	Path improvement works - additional path resurfacing on open space	€20,000
7	Rivervalley Road - Hilltown	Improvements to existing pedestrian network at cul de sacs	€10,000
8	Holywell Drive – West boundary of Open Space	Boundary improvement works - installation of Corral at pedestrian access point	€5,000
9	Rathingle Park	Boundary improvement works - installation of Corral at pedestrian access point	€5,000
		Swords Subtotal	€90,425

Donabate



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Beverton open spaces and Ballisk Lane	Landscaping improvement projects with Donabate Tidy Towns and Resident groups. Pollinator planting schemes, tree and hedge planting.	€10,000
2	Rahillion Mill	Landscape project with Donabate Tidy Towns to include install of bench	€3,500
3	Turvey Avenue	Landscape improvement project at existing rose planting scheme - replant (and retain roses as a border)	€6,000
4	Hearse Road/ DDR Junction	Augment hedge planting and add layer of mulch for weed suppression	€2,500
5	Turvey Green Open Space	Resurfacing of existing tar pathways on the small open space	€7,500
6	Portrane Road	Landscape project - Replacement of existing damaged knee rail and landscaping at the entrance to Library	€20,000
		Donabate Subtotal	€49,500

Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Portrane		
1	Seaview Estate – Embankment – phase 2	Landscape project - raised wall to incorporate seating and a planting scheme	€30,000
2	Portrane Pocket Park, Burrow Road	Landscaping improvements with Portrane village group at various locations	€10,000
3	Tower Bay	Path surface improvement works	€5,000
4	Anchor Memorial at the Brook	Design and install of Heritage sign	€5,000
5	Portrane Village entrance at cottage	Landscape project with community group - to reinstate existing grass and reseed	€5,000
		Portane Subtotal	€55,000

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ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	Santry		
1	Royal Oak estate - entrance	Landscaping improvement works - Planting scheme at entrance and Urban Orchard project	€7,500
2	Landscape project with Santry Tidy Towns	Landscape project as per biodiversity action plan	€12,500
		Santry Subtotal	€20,000

Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
	LEA General		
1	Various Locations	Bench Installation in Open spaces - Supply of benches and install in-house by FCC staff.	€15,000
Page 110 2	Mechanical Bulb Planting	Mechanical bulb planting to include rejuvenation planting of existing areas. (Rejuvenation Areas provisionally selected are Longstone Park Portrane, Cherry Park and Avenue Open spaces Swords, Beverton/The Links Donaabte, Royal Oak Santry)	€25,000
3	Community Bulb Distribution	Supply of pollinator friendly bulb bags to Community groups for planting.	€5,000
		LEA General Improvement Subtotal	€45,000
Swords / Donabate / Portrane /Santry Total			€259,925



Public Lighting

Total - €154,875

Public Lighting



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
1	Rush Harbour Phase 2 - Rush	Install Deco Columns on Rush Harbour Pier	€12,000
2	Glebe Park / Balrothery Football Club Car Park - Balrothery	New lighting Scheme. Light carpark at tennis club entrance.	€17,000
3	Ballyboughal (R129 junction with R108)	2 New lighting Standards on ESB network poles	€2,500
4	Charlie Moore Park - Balbriggan	New lighting scheme between Craoibhin Park and Derham Park	€30,000
5	Bettyville Junction	1 New lighting Standards on ESB network poles.	€1,500
6	R132, Junction towards Ministers Road Lusk	From petrol station to junction to ministers rd. 4 New lighting Standards on ESB network poles	€5,375

Public Lighting



ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
7	South Beach Rush Car Park replacement	Duct and replace 3 existing solar lights at south beach car park	€17,500
8	Skerries Rd R127 Junction	New Lighting Column to light the junction and bring bank	€6,000
9	Laneway Link St Columbas Rise to Church Rd - Swords	Underground 2 PL Columns and install 3 new Columns	€28,000
10	Town Parks Skerries	Light pedway across green. Linking Townparks to Newtown Parks	20,000
11	Jugback Lane - Glen Ellan Rd - Junction - Swords	Move existing light to accommodate new junction layout.	€8,000
12	Man O War GAA to Oberstown Detention Centre - Man O War	5 new lanterns to be installed on ESB network poles	€7,000
		Total	€154,875



Questions?

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING [SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 32

REQUEST FOR EXTRA BUS STOPS - FOREST ROAD, SWORDS - AI105676

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive instruct the relevant Department to assess the possibility of providing two extra bus stops on the Forest Road, south of the entrance to Forest Little Golf Club as the road in this area is bereft of footpaths and is extremely dangerous to walk on.”

Report:

While the Council, as Roads Authority, determines whether a bus stop may be located on the public road network having regard to traffic and road safety considerations, responsibility for the operation, licensing and demand assessment of bus services rests with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Any proposal for additional stops must therefore be supported by the NTA and justified in operational and passenger-demand terms.

Notwithstanding this, the physical elements of Forest Road at the location identified present significant road safety and engineering constraints. The road operates under a 60kph speed limit and contains three consecutive bends, resulting in restricted visibility and inadequate stopping sight distances. These conditions are not conducive to the safe provision of bus stops.

Residential properties along the western edge and a drainage ditch along the eastern edge restrict available widths for provision of compliant hardstanding. Addressing these constraints would require substantial works and potential private land acquisition.

In addition, the absence of footpaths and public lighting in this section increases the safety risks for passengers awaiting buses and crossing the road.

Having regard to the above, the Operations Department considers that the provision of additional bus stops at this location is not feasible from a road safety or engineering standpoint and consequently cannot be supported. The two existing bus stops in front of Forrest Little Golf Club will be included for consideration on the next phases of the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

SURFACE WATER FLOODING - BEACH LANE, THE BURROW, PORTRANE - AI105886

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive take steps to prevent ongoing surface water flooding at Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane.”

Report:

The road drainage on Beach Lane, Portrane is managed via over-the-edge drainage for the majority of the lane. This means surface water from the road flows off the edge of the roadway to the verge/surrounding ground. With Beach Lane, the surrounding ground is of a sandy nature which lends itself to good infiltration. In this year's Programme of Works it is proposed, subject to approval from the Elected members, to carry out some road re-surfacing on Beach Lane and we can look at adjusting various road levels to try further encourage surface water to run off towards the verges/ surrounding ground.

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

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ITEM NO. 34

INSTALLATION OF BENCHES - AIRSIDE, SWORDS - AI105953

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive allocate funding from the 2026 Operations discretionary budget for the installation of public seating, close to or adjacent to the bus stops currently on I2305 at Airside and R125 at Holywell.”

Report:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is the statutory body responsible for the licensing, funding, installation, and maintenance of bus stop infrastructure nationwide, including bus stops, shelters, and associated facilities. Where a public seat is proposed at or immediately adjacent to a bus stop, such an intervention is considered a bus stop enhancement and is therefore subject to inclusion under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP), contingent on the availability of funding and approval by the NTA. Access to the funding is controlled by the NTA which operates a multi-step review and approval process on a bus-stop by bus-stop basis.

Bus Stop 6311 on the R125 Hollywell has been granted planning permission for a bus shelter with seating and together with bus stop 6310, will be included in the 2026 Programme of Works for delivery through the BSEP. Bus Stop 6312 will be considered for inclusion in future phases of the programme, subject to NTA approval.

Regarding the bus stops along the L2305 Airside, the available widths of the footpaths and grass verges are insufficient to accommodate the installation of public seats, particularly given the presence of a cycle track. Any proposed seating would therefore need to be located within the green areas beyond the rear of the footpath. However, these areas are privately owned and not in Council ownership, and as such, the Council is not in a position to progress the installation of seating at these locations.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

**PUBLIC WALKWAY THROUGH MOYLARAGH OPEN SPACE,
BALBRIGGAN – AI105988**

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That this Area Committee supports the installation of a pathway through the open space from Moylaragh playground to the proposed MUGA.”

Report:

It is planned to include additional and improved path links within the Moylaragh Open Space as part of the proposed new recreational additions to this open space.

Source of Report: Ms. S Brady, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 36

FACILITATE AN ON-SITE MEETING AT RUSH-LUSK TRAIN STATION - AI106015

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive facilitate an on-site meeting with Senior Executives, Engineers and Local Councillors at the Rush-Lusk train station to discuss possibilities for interim solutions to make this dangerous section of road safer for pedestrians, cyclists and cars while awaiting future works to be completed at the entrances to the train station.”

Report:

The junctions of the Rush/Lusk Iarnród Éireann train station are legacy junctions.

It has been acknowledged that customers of Iarnród Éireann have difficulty in particular when exiting the car park/train station entrance, at peak times, and wishing to turn right towards Rush owing to the volume of traffic and therefore incur delays. Motorists can however, if they so wish, turn left out of the train station and use the facility of the roundabout at Lusk to execute a U-turn and continue back towards Rush.

The station entrance and eastern car park entrance are a private entrance/private road and is under the control of Iarnród Éireann and not Fingal County Council.

Fingal County Council have, however, been recently informed by the National Transport Authority that the Railway Order for the DART+ Coastal North scheme which included a relocation of the eastern station entrance by Iarnród Éireann so as to alleviate these problems and which was approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála last August was subsequently the subject of judicial review proceedings. Furthermore, we were also informed that a settlement agreement has been achieved in respect of these proceedings, and the judicial review application has been withdrawn. Accordingly, this Railway Order is now fully operative, and the new entrance (*the details of which are in the attached drawing*) can be constructed under the approval granted by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The Dart+ Coastal North scheme was discussed under a previous motion from the December 2025 B Agenda Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords area committee meeting.

It is intended that Iarnród Éireann will prioritise the development of this new entrance and access road in advance of the remainder of the DART+ Coastal North project. In that regard, the required detailed design work will be advanced during this year (2026), with construction of the entrance and revised access road to commence next year (2027).

With regards the main entrance to the railway station this is included under the Rogerstown Park (Former Balleally Landfill site) Masterplan. A greenway is proposed which will connect the park to Lusk via the Lusk Rush train station. Fingal County Council is currently in discussions with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to the masterplan. Once this stage is completed FCC's Parks Infrastructure section will progress the statutory planning for Rogerstown Park with the related greenway connection through the Rush/Lusk station.

In the interim, the Operations Department are carrying out minor works on the R128 during Q1 2026. This will be in form of enhanced line marking and signage on the eastern approach to the station. No other works are planned.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

DUMPING OF SHOPPING TROLLEYS - SWORDS - AI105936

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on what system is in place to address the retrieval and collection of shopping trollies that are dumped into our rivers and parks or left on the footpaths or roadways in Swords and the surrounding area.”

Report:

Reports of trollies abandoned or dumped on public lands are dealt with on a case-by-case basis as they are reported to the Operations Department. If a trolley (or other litter) is accessible by the Operations Crew, it will be removed.

If a trolley (or other litter) is located adjacent to a riverbank and can be reached by Operations staff without entering the water, then staff will endeavour to remove the trolley/litter from the river in a safe manner. Where retrieval is not deemed possible the location and information will be given to an appointed specialist contractor. This contractor is appointed to retrieve litter and debris from the Ward river and Broadmeadow river on request, with a general sweep of the river undertaken at specific locations on a quarterly basis also.

Due to the nature and safety requirements of the works, the operation must be planned accordingly and undertaken at the appropriate time which can be affected by weather conditions, water levels and accessibility.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

REVIEW OF TRAFFIC MEASURES - BRIDE'S GLEN, SWORDS - AI105985

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive ask the Traffic Section/Operations Department to carry out an assessment of potential improvements which could be made to the Traffic Management Plan of the Bride’s Glen Estate as, due to the nature of the estate, there are numerous reports of near misses and blocked roads due to the insufficient width of the roads and a lack of adequate parking for many residents.”

Report:

A site visit was carried out by the Traffic section to determine whether if any measures may be feasible to implement. During the site visit, illegal parking or speeding activity was not observed.

In relation to the road, the current layout it was identified as acceptable regarding the road width concern. Also, as noticed on site, the current layout has been improved in the previous years with SLOW zone 30km/h signage and traffic calming ramps. During the site visit, it was observed that the STOP line markings and accompanying STOP text at the entrance of the estate become faded. These will be included in the general line marking maintenance works during 2026.

In relation to the parking issues, it should be noted that the estate was constructed in accordance with a granted planning permission, which included the current road layout and parking arrangements.

As such, the Operations Department has no remit to intervene in matters relating to the adequacy of parking provision where the development has been completed in compliance with its planning permission.

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

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

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ITEM NO. 39

ON-SITE MEETING AT MINISTER'S ROAD, LUSK - AI106016

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

"That the Chief Executive facilitate an on-site meeting with the Operation Department and Local Councillors at the Minister's Road and R132 junction to discuss possibilities for safety measures for pedestrians who use this area to access the public transport links on the R132 as this road is currently extremely dangerous i.e. catseyes, safety signage, traffic calming measures etc"

Report:

Minister's Road, Lusk has the following traffic calming measures along the section from Lusk to Dún Emer which has a 50 km/h speed limit, public lighting and an existing public footpath.

- Traffic Calming Ramps
- Vehicle Actuated Signage
- Warning Signage

In addition, there is a 3.5 tonne weight limit in place on the entire length of road. The section of Minister's Road from Dun Emer estate to the junction with the R132 is a narrow rural road that lacks public lighting and is bordered by private land on either side. A footpath cannot be installed as previously discussed in October 2025 and December 2025 area committee meetings due to these constraints.

Due to these existing constraints the only feasible method to providing pedestrian connectivity to the R132 is to purchase land either through land acquisition or CPO to allow widening of the road to install a continuous footpath and public lighting.

A design would be required to be carried out to take this proposal from concept stage all the way to construction. Given the length and scale of the works it is likely that planning consent would also be required for a project of this size, scale and nature. Such is beyond the remit of the Operations Department which is to maintain and repair existing infrastructure

The Council neither recommends nor encourages that pedestrians use the section of Ministers Road beyond Dun Emer to the R132 and instead has provided a continuous footpath and public lighting in the opposite direction as far as Lusk village where public transport, shops, businesses etc can readily and safely be accessed on foot.

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