Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th January, 2026 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Darren Jack Kelly, Mary McCamley, Helen Redwood and Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Infrastructure and Transport); Roisin Burke (Director of Services / Planning and Development); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate &

Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Mary T. Daly (Director of Services/ Operations), Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager).

F/1/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor, welcomed and congratulated Ms Roisin Burke on her appointment as Director of Services to Planning and Development Department.

F/2/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor JK. Onwumereh seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/3/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

b **Appointment of one Member to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)**

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

It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed as a member to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)."

c **Appointment of one Member to the Regional Health Forum**

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

It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed as a member to the Regional Health Forum."

d **Appointment of one Member to the Local Committee Development Committee (LCDC)**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/4/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 12 be **ADOPTED**."

F/5/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on the number of Social Homes Allocated in the last 20 years

F/6/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on the Need to Rezone Land for Residential Purposes in Fingal

F/7/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on Running Tracks in Fingal

F/8/26 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor D. Butler - Differential Rent Scheme

F/9/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Securing New Bus Stops close to New Housing Developments

F/10/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor P. Mulville - Historic Landfills

F/11/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Ethical Procurement Policy

F/12/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Smyth - Private Rental Inspections

F/13/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor M. Quinn - Support for tenants who find themselves homeless following an Enforcement Notice

F/14/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Flavours of Fingal

F/15/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Report of Committees

a **Annual Chairpersons' Reports of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings held in 2025**

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

b **Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Committee which was held on Monday 8th December 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/16/26 (Agenda Item No 13c)

Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting which was held on Wednesday 7th January 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/17/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/18/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of proposed lease of land at Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13 to Baldoyle Boxing Club, Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED**:

"That land at Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 12th December 2025, be leased to Baldoyle Boxing Club, Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/19/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/20/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operation Department.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members a number of motions were submitted.

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That the Parking Bye-Laws be amended to allow for the issue of resident parking permits to residents of apartment buildings."

Following discussions, the Mayor, called for a 3 minute recess.

On recommencement of the meeting, Councillor D. Healy withdrew his motion.

Following discussion on resident permits for apartment it was **AGREED** to bring back as a headed item in March on the process which is required to make changes to the Bye-Laws.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED** that –

"That pursuant to Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (No. 7 of 1994), and having consulted with the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council hereby make the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 and Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 are hereby revoked."

F/21/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Annual Policy Programme 2026

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2026 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/22/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Sports Equipment and Activity Grants

A presentation was given to the Members by Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports Section.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **AGREED**.

F/23/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor, informed the members a motion had been received by Councillor J. Humphreys and has been ruled out of order.

It was agreed to amend the date in the report for the Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/24/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a **Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception for Mr Pat Reen, Prosper Fingal**

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

The motion was **AGREED**.

b **Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception Balbriggan Cricket Club All-Ireland Champions**

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/25/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a **Local Authorities Members' Association (LAMA) Spring Conference, 28th and 29th January 2026, The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway**

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

F/26/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 27th November 2025 from Limerick City and County Council Re - National Commemoration to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Catalpa Expedition**

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

b **Letter dated 2nd December 2025 from Longford County Council Re - Blister Packs of Medication**

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

c **Email dated 8th December 2025 from Chief Superintendent, DMR West Divisional Office - Re Item 38 Increasing number of incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters December 2024 Meeting**

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

d **Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Vaginal Estrogen Gels and Creams**

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

e **Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Ireland's declining economic competitiveness**

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

f **Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Review of Local Government funding, powers and democratic structure**

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

g **Letter dated 10th December 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Reform - Contest Future Presidential Elections**

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

h **Email received 19th December 2025 from Mr Jim Meade, Iarnród Éireann Re - Item 36 - Cllr J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations January 2025 Council Meeting**

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

F/27/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Email received 8th December 2025 from the office of the Minister of the Department of Justice Re - Item 38 Increasing Number of incidents involving Scrambler and Scooters December 2024 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/28/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor C. Haughey - Oversight Report into Electoral Registers

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

Following discussion the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/29/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor P. Mulville - Biodiversity Budget for 2025

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Following discussion the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/30/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Taken-in-Charge Process

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/31/26 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor M. McCamley - Sunscreen Dispensers

It was **AGREED** to take Item 28 and Item 29 concurrently.

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/32/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Pilot Project for Sunscreen Dispensers

The motion, in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/33/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor M. Quinn - Signage at Skateparks

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/34/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/35/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor D. Healy - 30km/h Speed Limit

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

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/36/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor L. Corkery - Parking Regulations Near Schools

The motion, in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/37/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Installation of CCTV Cameras

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/38/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Walsh - Pet ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/39/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Garda Vetting Procedure for Housing Applicants

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/40/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facilities in all Part 8 Housing Developments

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Following initial discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

Following discussions, the Mayor informed the members an amended motion was received.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

“That the Chief Executive takes into consideration that all Part 8 housing developments where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed, it shall be a condition of the planning permission that the developer must ensure the facility is fully operational and a qualified operator is secured.”

The amended motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.12.

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NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR SIOBHAN SHOVLIN FROM THIS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

A nomination is now sought for a replacement Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Siobhan Shovlin from this Strategic Policy Committee.

The current elected members on the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee, are Councillor J.K. Onwumereh, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Brian McDonagh and Councillor David Healy.

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ITEM NO. 02b

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

A nomination is now sought for the replacement of one Member from the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, following the resignation of Councillor Cathal Haughey from this Committee.

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) provides a more central role in the local economic, social and community development of the county. The Local Government Act, 2014 gave legislative effect to these commitments, including the establishment of Local Enterprise Offices and the Local Community Development Committee Guidelines 2016. LCDCs have a number of statutory functions, including the responsibility for national funding programmes at a local level.

Nominations to the Fingal LCDC are made based on basis of there being one Member representing each Area Committee. The current elected members on the LCDC, are Councillor E. Dockrell representing Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee and Councillor E. Carbone Mangan representing Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart / Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee. Therefore, a nominee is now sought from the Howth/Malahide Area Committee to the Fingal LCDC.

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ITEM NO. 03

PROCESSING HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (HAP)

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any payments made to Fingal County Council from the central Housing Assistance Payment's (HAP) office with respect to the processing of HAP applications?"

Reply:

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Administrative Payment Recoupment from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to Fingal County Council is based on the number of active tenancies the Local Authority has at the end of each Quarter during each calendar year. The current rate of recoupment is €53.35 per quarter per active mainstream HAP tenancy in the Local Authority area.

The total active tenancies as at Q4 2025 was 2,274 and the invoiced claim for this quarter amounted to €121,310.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 04

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the performance of planning enforcement function and statistics in tabular form of various files opened / closed, legal cases and the number of open files at year end for the period 2021-2025?"

Reply:

Planning Enforcement Statistics from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2025 are as follows:

Files Opened	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Enforcement Files opened	330	247	292	269	274
Miscellaneous Files opened	306	233	305	203	289
Total Complaints Received	636	480	597	472	563
Warning letters issued	309	228	308	269	271
Enforcement Notices issued	28	29	79	91	100
Section 160'S issued	11	2	17	15	14
Section 157's issued	3	1	3	3	0
Enforcement Files closed	129	131	352	380	468
Open Files at Year End	1138	1254	1194	1059	847

Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Warning letters and Enforcement notices are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development or alleged breaches of Planning Permissions throughout the county. Site inspections by Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish the level of enforcement action required. In certain cases, further information may be sought and issues that arise can be of a highly technical nature requiring specialist consultant expertise. Files can remain open for ongoing monitoring until resolution or where legal costs are being discharged.

There are currently 56 files at various stages of the legal process and are either being resolved through engagement, formal issue of legal proceedings or awaiting Court dates having been referred to the Law Department to initiate legal action.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning and Development

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ITEM NO. 05

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline if applicants with life-limiting conditions can be prioritised and have their Housing Adaptation Grant application fast tracked?"

Reply:

The Housing Adaptation Grant framework explicitly permits and supports the fast-tracking of applications where a life-limiting or terminal condition is identified.

The combination of medical certification and the prioritisation provisions contained within the official guidelines ensures that such applicants receive expedited consideration and processing of applications. The staff within the Housing Department actively monitor and assess applications as they are received, linking in with elected members, family members and the applicants themselves as required, to ensure that all applicants are dealt with as compassionately as possible, in particular those with the most pressing needs.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 06

PROVISION OF CHILDCARE IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the review into Childcare Provision committed to in April 2022, will be finalised and made available?"

Reply:

The review commitment given by Fingal County Council in 2022 was not finalised at the time, and while research was undertaken, stakeholder engagement was not concluded, and a final report was not produced.

In the intervening period, there has been significant interaction on childcare provision from multiple stakeholders, included numerous discussions at the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). In addition, the childcare sector has experienced challenges and changes, both nationally and within Fingal and, as per the recent announcement of the Minster of Children, is currently under review.

In light of the developing circumstances and the time that has elapsed, it is considered best to re-examine the situation in Fingal as part of the item agreed for inclusion of the Work Programme of the Community, Sports & Culture SPC and await clarity on the outcome of the proposed review announced by the Minister.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Culture and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 07

NATIVE WOODLAND ACROSS FINGAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Council's plans to support the increase of native woodland cover across the Fingal County Council's administrative area, given the lack of tree cover and the need to address this as set out in our Tree Strategy?"

Reply:

The Council is planning to create two large woodland areas at the Nevitt near Lusk and at St. Catherine's Park near Lucan. Further woodland planting at scale is planned for the former landfill sites at Dunsink and Rogerstown. Other smaller scale tree planting efforts will also continue in open spaces and regional parks.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 08

ORGANIC FARMING IN THIS COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Council's role, if any, in supporting and promoting organic farming in Fingal County Council's administrative area, given the need to see improvements as set out in our National Climate Action goals and the National Organic Strategy?"

Reply:

Key Commitment 5 of EU Nature Restoration Plan to be Implemented by 2030 across the EU and which is included in the Fingal Biodiversity Plan provides that at least 25% of agricultural land is under organic farming management, and that the uptake of agroecological practices is significantly increased. It should be noted that responsibility for the implementation of this objective rests with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Teagasc. Fingal County Council currently has no plans relating to the promotion of organic farming.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 09

NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a review of the operation of the New Year's Fireworks Display, with regard to suitability of location, traffic management, and liaison with Iarnród Éireann, in light of many would-be attendees not being able to safely board trains due to the crowd sizes at the event on 31st December 2025?"

Reply:

The post event review process reviewed all aspects and feedback from the event. This process is underway, and the issues highlighted are being examined. It is expected that the process will be completed by March 2026 in time for event preparations for this year.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 10

UPDATE ON THE PRIORITY ACTIONS IN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S BIODIVERSITY PLANS 2025

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Priority Actions in the Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Plans for 2025 and to confirm how successful the plan was?"

Reply:

An update on the progress of the 2025 priority actions is given in the table below:

No.	ACTION	2025 UPDATE
1	Implement Masterplan for Rogerstown Inner Estuary and prepare & implement masterplan for Rogerstown Outer Estuary	Tree planting, Bat boxes installation and sowing of sacrificial crops in Turvey Nature Park completed
2	Continue to support Little Tern and Ringed Plover conservation project at tip of Portrane	Annual project undertaken by Fingal Branch Birdwatch volunteers and supported by FCC. 14 birds successfully fledged this year.
6	Develop artificial nesting platforms Malahide estuary	Research into design options ongoing
9	Maintain the verge along the coast Road between Portmarnock & Malahide as a wildflower meadow	Completed in early September

10	Prepare and implement masterplan for Baldoyle bay SAC & SPA	Primary focus is on the development of the Racecourse Park
12	Develop and implement detailed management plan for the Howth Head SAC & SPA	Management plan at the second draft stage. To be completed in 2026
13	Develop and implement Operational Plans for Howth Head SAAO and Liffey Valley SAAO	Invasive species control, pathway repairs, heathland restoration and goat grazing project on Howth implemented. Wardening and visitor management scheme implemented on Ireland's Eye. Meeting organised with South Dublin Co. Co. to discuss Liffey Valley SAAO.
14	Support implementation of Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy, Education & Awareness strategy	New MOU signed between biosphere partners for period 2025-2030
15	Develop management plans for key winter bird sites identified in satellite tagging programs	Current focus is on identifying all relevant sites for migratory birds in Fingal and elsewhere in Dublin.
17	Prepare and implement masterplan for Ward River Valley Park	Development of masterplans is ongoing.
20	Seek to establish an ecological corridor to link the Royal Canal, the Tolka River and the Liffey Valley	Awaiting final design Royal Canal Greenway
25	Manage linear calcareous grassland strip along the Canal at Clonsilla	Lands at School house site subject to masterplan by Planning Dept.
26	Control invasive species in Fingal	Control works carried out on Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed, Veldt grass, Snowberry, Cherry Laurel and Rhododendron. Japanese knotweed control programme halted due to lack of funding.
29	Prepare planning & design guidance for incorporating nesting facilities in building facades	Guidance document at 2nd draft stage
30	Prepare guidance document and training on quality rating and management prescription of	Guidance document at 2nd draft stage

	hedgerows in open space for FCC Operations and developers	
31	Prepare promotional guidance on how to incorporate biodiversity in development and infrastructure projects	Guidance document at 1st draft stage.
38	Support and promote All Ireland Pollinator Plan Actions for Councils and monitor resulting changes	Monitoring report submitted for 2025 to NBRC
39	Develop a grass maintenance policy for open spaces including options for grass disposal from wildflower meadows	Open Space mapping completed.
40	Implement Tidy Towns Biodiversity Action Plans	2025 Actions for Tidy Towns groups identified and actioned where possible
41	Organise and monitor the effects of a biodiversity make-over of 3 housing estates in Fingal in conjunction with local residents and FCC Operations Department	5 housing estates have been selected: Castleway in Malahide, Seatown in Swords, St. Catherines estate in Rush, Portergate in Clonsilla and the open space at Ongar, Dublin 15.
46	Prepare and implement woodland management plans in Fingal Demesnes and parks	Felling licence received for Newbridge Demesne. Control of Cherry Laurel, Snowberry and Bamboo continued in St. Catherines Park. Cherry Laurel control continued in Newbridge Demesne. Preparation of Woodland management plans for Malahide and Ardgillan Demesnes commenced.
52	Support reintroduction of Osprey in Fingal and install artificial nest platforms near estuaries	Suitable locations for Osprey nest platforms have been identified.
57	Restore marine ecosystem along Fingal coast by supporting restoration projects of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands	TCD Oyster restoration trial started at Malahide Marina. Awaiting MARA approval for larger scale Oyster bed restoration trials in Malahide Estuary, Rogerstown Estuary and Irelands Eye.

58	Develop Newbridge Farm as a national hub for the promotion of Irish rare farm breeds	Support funding provided to Bó Riabhach cattle Society for DNA analysis of Bó Riabhach cattle.
59	Use native Irish farm breeds for conservation grazing schemes	Ongoing
65	Fund satellite tracking studies of winter birds listed as qualifying features in SPA's	Awaiting final PhD report on 4 bird species. Brent Geese study completed.
68	Carry out Otter survey all of rivers in Fingal	Otter survey of Fingal rivers and coasts completed.
69	Carry out urban bird and bat survey	Urban Swift survey completed in all towns and villages in Fingal
71	Explore funding models for carbon offsetting to fund wetland and woodland development	Specification developed for tender.
84	Undertake surveys of obstacles to fish passage for freshwater migratory fish species and identify mitigation options on all rivers	Fish pass at Ushers Lake completed. Study on fish migration barriers structures upstream from Ushers Lake completed. Consultants appointed to come up with options for 6 weirs on the Broadmeadow River. IFI Funding application is successful for options assessment of fish migration barriers (7 historical weirs) on the Liffey between Dublin Bay and Leixlip. IFI funding application successful in removing 3 barriers on the Matt River in Balbriggan.
87	Carry out breeding bird, flora and invertebrate studies in Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate	Butterfly survey and aquatic invertebrates' studies completed at Turvey Nature Park
93	Re-develop Fingal Biodiversity website and social media channels	Website text under preparation
94	Organise a monthly program of events e.g. walks, talks and practical conservation outings	Programme of biodiversity events in Howth funded through SAAO.
95	Develop a Nature Education Centre for Dublin in Turvey Nature Park	Preparation of tender specification has started

97	Run a nature education program for primary and secondary schools	Nature education programme in place for 3 primary schools in Howth funded through Howth SAAO and two in Balbriggan funded through the Our Balbriggan programme. No funding available for county wide nature education programme.
99	Organise training days for County Council staff and politicians regarding biodiversity	Training day on Green Roof Design organised for FCC staff
100	Develop operational procedures with respect to Council work that may impact on SAC's and SPA's and protected species	Operational procedures completed for Water Services Dept re cleaning of surface water outfalls.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 11

CYCLE LANE REVIEW - UPDATE

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the Cycle Lane Review (5 yrs and older) that took place, the works completed to date and the works still outstanding?"

Reply:

Across each Operational Area inspections were carried out in 2025 and continue to be carried out on the new and existing cycle lane infrastructure (5 years and older). Works programme are developed, and a number of existing cycle lanes were upgraded in 2025 as set out below. Further works are planned in 2026 under this ongoing programme.

Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar:

A total of 5,020 metres squared were resurfaced in the area as listed below:

- Hartstown Ring Road- 142m2
- Blanchardstown South – 102m2
- Clonsilla Link Road – 75m2
- Powercity Roundabout to Grove Road – 115m2
- Littlepace Road – 90m2
- Castlecurragh Road - 624m2
- Phibblestown Road - 405m2
- Ongar Road – 248m2

- Allendale to Clonee Roundabout - 300m2
- Clonee to Littlepace - 144m2
- Melville Road - 377m2
- Hutton and Meade JAVA - 1360m2
- Riverwood – 109.5m2
- Powercity to Porterstown Road – 45m2
- Blanchardstown Road North - 10m2
- Laraghcon – 382.5m2
- N3 – 45m2

Howth/Malahide Operational Area:

Inspections were carried out in 2025 on the existing cycle lane infrastructure (5 years and older). A works programme was developed and the existing cycle lanes at Red Arches Baldoyle were resurfaced in 2025. Further works are planned in 2026 under this programme.

- Red Arches, Baldoyle - Resurfacing works carried out in 2025.

Balbriggan/Swords Operational Area:

Balbriggan:

- R132 Blakes Cross to Balough - Replacement of damaged/missing delineators and directional bollards.
- Stephenstown by-pass, Balbriggan - Replacement of 4 no. pedestrian/cyclist tactile crossing points. Further sections of both pedestrian footpath/ cycle tracks to be replaced in 2026.
- Dun Emer Avenue, Lusk – Inspection done. Active ROLs where works are taking place in the cycle lanes, works to be considered once ROLs are completed.
- R127, Lusk by-pass - General repair carried in 2025. Currently there are a number of active ROLs where works are taking place in the cycle lanes, works to be considered once ROLs are completed.

Swords:

- R132 - Any f further works required to the cycle lanes will be addressed through the bus connects project.
- Rivervalley - Replacement of damaged/missing delineators and directional bollards ongoing.
- Hollywell - Inspection done. Active ROLs where work is in the cycle lanes, further works to be considered once ROLs are completed.
- Balheary Road (Glen Ellan Junction to Broadmeadow River) - There is an active ROL by Uisce Eireann in the area. Further works scheduled to the cycle lane once Uisce Eireann are off site.
- Glen Ellan Road - General repairs carried out. Traffic Section have upgrade works at the junction of Jugback lane and Glen Ellen.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

INCOME THRESHOLD - SOCIAL HOUSING

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what the ceiling income is before a family is accepted onto or taken off the social housing list?"

Reply:

Income eligibility limits are advised to Housing Authorities by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, as amended on 1st January 2023.

The Household Means Policy (https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/fb1f2-social-housing-support-household-means-policy/) provides details of how a household's income is assessed by Housing Authorities for social housing support. It includes information about what income is taken into account and what income is disregarded. Income assessed is net income.

The determination of whether an applicant household meets the income criteria is based on a calculation of their preceding 12 months' net average income prior to the date of assessment. An income assessment is carried out at the time of application and allocation to determine eligibility but can be carried out at any time as required, including during the annual Housing Needs Assessment. The income of all persons aged 18 years and over included in a social housing application shall be assessed for the purposes of determining whether an applicant household meets the income requirements.

Single Adult	2 adults	1 adult 1 child	1 adult 2 children	2 adults 1 child	2 adults 2 children	2 adults 3 children	2 adults 4 or more children	3 adults 4 or more children
€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€44,000	€45,000	€46,000	€48,000

Income bands are expressed in terms of a maximum net income threshold for a single person household, with an allowance of 5% for each additional adult household member subject to a maximum allowance under this category of 10% and 2.5% for each child.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 13

RECENT CHANGES TO PLANNING LEGISLATION

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how the recent changes in planning legislation will impact on the need for, and triggers for, Local Area Plans, and if any local flexibility is allowed for?"

Reply:

By way of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (Commencement) (No. 5) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 633 of 2025), the provisions of Chapters 5 and 6 of Part 3 and Chapter 1 of Part 7 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 came into operation on 31st December 2025.

Chapters 5 and 6 of Part 3 of the Planning and Development Act provide for development plans and for area plans (urban area plans, priority area plans and coordinated area plans).

As a result of the commencement of these elements of the 2024 Act, Chapters I and II of Part II of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended were repealed from 31st December 2025. Chapters I and II provided for development plans and local area plans.

Chapter 6 (Urban Area Plans, Priority Area Plans and Coordinated Area Plans) replaces the provisions for Local Area Plans under the Act of 2000 with three new types of focused Area Plans.

The three types of Area Plans are:

Urban Area Plans for regional growth centres and key towns that have been designated at regional level in the regional spatial and economic strategy and where, in the opinion of the planning authority, the scale of planned growth requires an integrated approach to land use and transportation planning for the entire urban area.

Priority Area Plans for parts of towns and cities that have the capacity to deliver significant housing or other development or that have a particular need for a bespoke plan for regeneration and renewal.

Coordinated Area Plans to be prepared jointly by two or more planning authorities for the development of a settlement, or part of an urban area of a settlement, that straddles their functional areas. Such a settlement or part of a settlement is to be identified in the regional spatial and economic strategy.

The process for the preparation and making of Area Plans replaces the process established for the preparation and making of Local Area Plans under Chapter II of Part II of the Act of 2000. Chapter 6 also provides an enhanced oversight role of the OPR in respect of Area Plans.

Under the 2024 Act, there is no automatic population-triggered requirement for area plans. Instead, the development plan must identify which settlements or parts of settlements need area plans, Urban, Priority, or Coordinated Area Plans, based on regional objectives, strategic needs, expected growth, regeneration potential, infrastructure capacity and other planning objectives.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning & Development

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ITEM NO. 14

ACTIVE TRAVEL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all the Fingal Active Travel plans, either completed or in progress, funded through the National Transport Authority (NTA) as part of the Active Travel Investment programme, together with the name of any consultancy firm involved with each of them?"

Reply:

Project Name	**Consultancy Firm Name**	**Department**
Skerries Active Travel Plan	DBFL	Active Travel
Balrothery Active Travel Plan	Ramboll	Active Travel
Balbriggan Active Travel Plan	DBFL, Turner & Townsend	Economic Development

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 15

VACANT HOUSES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant social houses in each Local Electoral Area (LEA) in Fingal as a percentage of the total number of social housing stock in each LEA and the total number of allocations in the previous month to include how long those properties were vacant?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council manages more than 7,500 social housing dwellings and there are currently 84 casual vacancies (31st January 2026).

The Council does not currently publish void figures at Local Electoral Area (LEA) level for a number of reasons:

1. Even high-level data could make it possible to identify specific empty homes, creating data protection, security and estate-management risks.
2. Voids often arise from sensitive personal circumstances, and detailed figures may unintentionally reveal information about current or former tenants.
3. As void numbers change on a week-to-week basis, publishing them at the granular local level could also lead to inadvertently misleading data being published.
4. The information requested is not currently held in a way that can be readily reported by Local Electoral Area. Producing it at this stage would

require significant manual data extraction, taking staff away from essential core housing duties.

The Council continuously reports overall voids performance through established mechanisms such as the monthly Chief Executive's Report and the National Oversight and Audit Commission, and these provide a more accurate picture of housing activity.

Following on from various discussions at Area Committee Meetings and full Council level with the Elected Members, the Housing Department does intend to engage more proactively, for example, at estate level where there may be a higher number of voids, in order to provide more detailed updates directly to councillors; where specific local updates are required. For example, following a recent community engagement exercise in Corduff, led by the Community Department, the issue of vacant council properties was identified as a local concern. In that particular instance, the higher number of vacant properties is due to an upcoming pyrite remediation programme, and a requirement to retain unoccupied units to facilitate temporary decanting of Council tenants whilst works are undertaken. In such cases, this context and rationale for the presence of voids will be communicated more directly and explicitly to councillors and the local community through various channels.

Where Elected Members require additional detail, this can be provided on request through the appropriate channels, in a manner that fully complies with the Council's obligations.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 16

THIS COUNCIL'S USE OF X AND SIMILAR SITES

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive what actions this Council has taken in relation to its use of social media sites which may be facilitating the illegal use of AI tools for the creation of Child Sexual Abuse Material or illegal deep fakes?"

Reply:

All Fingal County Council accounts on the social media platform X, which was formerly known as Twitter, have now become passive accounts with only emergency public information notices being posted. This applies to all Fingal County Council X accounts and staff in charge of these accounts have been informed.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 17

COMMUNITY AND SPORTS GRANTS/SCHEMES FOR 2026

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive, given there is now a deadline for the Community Activity Grants and a new Sports Activity Grant, if community groups and sports clubs registered with the PPN in Fingal can be provided with a full list of grants / schemes at the start of the year so they can apply in 2026, including the deadlines for these grants (e.g. Local Enhancement Programme Grant)?"

Reply:

There is on-going communication with groups registered with the PPN by way of direct engagement, monthly newsletter issue by PPN staff to over 900 groups advising of grant schemes and associated deadlines, promotion of grant schemes via the Council's social media channels, online webinars and various other means as information needs to be provided.

By way of example, the Council's Community Development Office held a well-attended online webinar (over 140 groups) on the 27th January 2026 to advise groups of the new end of June deadline with respect to Community Activity Funding scheme and also provided general information with respect to this and other funding schemes including deadlines.

In respect of the Local Enhancement Programme 2026, Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) was notified in December 2025 by the

Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) of an allocation to Fingal County Council in the amount of €268,827.00 under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026.

Applications for the Fingal LEP 2026 opened on 15th December 2025 for community groups/organisations to apply for capital funding only, with a submission deadline of 27th February 2026. A webinar was held on 15th January 2026 to explain the LEP 2026 and application process. The webinar is available on the Council's website for any community groups/organisations applying for funding and any queries can be directed to lcdc@fingal.ie

The Fingal Sports Office will be administering 3 different grants in 2026. Essential Sports Equipment grant, up to a maximum of €1,500, Large Sports Equipment grant, up to a maximum of €4,000 and the newly launched, Sports Activity funding, up to a maximum of €500. There is no deadline for applications for any of the schemes; however, the budget provision for grants by the Sports Department in 2026 is €200,000. So, when all funds have been allocated, all further applications will be processed in 2027. Grant guidelines and criteria along with the online application links are sent annually to our database of clubs, and the schemes are also promoted on the Sports Department social channels.

Note Community Development Officers, Sports Officers and other relevant Council staff come into regular contact with Community and Sports Groups and as part of this interaction information is brought to the attention of groups.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport

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ITEM NO. 18

OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install modern outdoor gym equipment in towns around Fingal, which has the technology to track usage showing how frequently, and when the equipment is used by the public, this type of modern equipment has been installed in other local authorities, benefiting all age groups and it would also be aligned with Fingal's Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan, which states the importance of making physical activity accessible and part of everyday life for all residents?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has extensive quantities of outdoor adult fitness equipment installed countywide over the last number of years. The Council has a current Multi-Party Framework for the Supply and Installation of equipment for all Outdoor Fitness Hubs/Spaces, including calisthenics, MUGAs, Agility Trails, Parkcour & any ancillary works & supplies. This contract is due to be re-advertised at the end of 2026 and any companies who supply the various types of outdoor fitness equipment can submit tenders as part of this procurement process.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

INACTIVE SITES

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the total number of inactive sites where full planning permission has been given but no homes have been built between 2022 and 2025 and the total number of homes which have not been built on such inactive sites between 2022 and 2025?"

Reply:

Please see the following table for the end of each year between 2022 and 2025. The table shows the total amount of inactive sites at the end of each year, also showing the total units.

Year End	Total In-Active Sites	Total Units Not Commenced
2022	49	7626
2023	57	13664
2024	49	8733
2025	56	8933

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning & Development

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 20a

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/ CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Castleknock Wellbeing Club GA-003678	€3000	Insurance Bus Hire, Belts Facilitators Fee Venue costs	Y	2024 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3000
Practical Language Service-GA 003700	€3000	Venue Hire, Insurance	Y	2025 - €3000 2024 - €1891.50	€3000

		Equipment. Stationary, Books			

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Walsh **seconded** by Councillor G. Sheehan that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Cabone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Malahide Regional Bridge Club GA-003684	€3,000.00	Hire of Room on Friday Projector and Screen for 3 days Brochure/Flyer Hire of Equipment and Tools of the Game	N	N/A	€ 3000

It was **proposed by** Councillor E. O'Brien and **seconded by** Councillor J. Hopkins. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Malahide Fingal Hockey Club	€4,000	Dugouts - pitch shelter €10,184	Y	2020 - €1,000	€4,000 - The dugouts will provide sheltered facilities and increase female participation due to better facilities, safer, more pleasant and inclusive environment

It was **proposed by** Councillor E. O'Brien and **seconded by** Councillor C. Haughey. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor C. Haughey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Chapel Gate/Pineridge Residents Committee GA -003665	€2,480	H2O2 Water System Folding tables x 4 Face painting kit Microphone and amp Pop up lights	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€2,482

		Marine plywood			
Polish Scouting Association GA-003688	€3,000	Music & Sound equipment, Tents	N	N/A	€3,000

It was **proposed** by Councillor L. Corkery **seconded** by Councillor J. Newman that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor L. Corkery
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG)
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY 2026

Standing Orders Review

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, provided an overview to the CPG in relation to the Standing Orders Review. This overview detailed each Standing Order that received a request for suggested amendment, the suggested amendment and comment from Corporate Services. Members of the CPG reviewed, discussed and agreed a recommendation on each requested amendment.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that a briefing for all Councillors will be held in relation to the review of Standing Orders.

Signed: Tom O'Leary
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 20e

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group		Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Malahide Pipe Band GA 003738	€ 3,000.00	Insurance, Snare Drums Bagpipe	Y	2024- € 961.00 2025-€ 2,679.00	€ 2,952.00	

It was **proposed by** Councillor A. Tormey and **seconded by** Councillor E. O'Brien. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor C. Haughey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20f

REPORT OF BLANCHARSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For and breakdown of items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Yes/No	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
GREATER COCHIN CLUB GA-003699	€ 2,000.00	DJ, Band, Kids Magician & Face Painter, AV and Sound Engineer	Y	2025 - €1,000.00 2025 - €2,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€2,000.00
Women's Shed Clonee GA-003706	€ 3,000.00	Fitness class, Zumba class Choir, Dance, Yoga	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Walsh **seconded** by Councillor B. Hanaphy that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Coolmine Swimming Club	€4,000	Reel for holding swim ropes - €4,583.93	Y	2021 - €425	€4,000 - The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment purchase a Storeel and Power Tower training aid. The total project will cost €4,583.93. The grant will cover €4,000. I recommend

					allocating the full amount of €4,000.
Livorno Carpenterstown Football Club	€1,500	Footballs, portable bench and shelter, ball carrier bags, training poles, corner flags, crowd barrier rope, water bottles & carrier, ball pump & needles, and heavy pegs for goals - €1,564.59.	N	N/A	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase everyday essential football equipment. The total project will cost €1,564.59. The grant will cover €1,500. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,500.

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Walsh **seconded** by Councillor M. McCamley that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Cabone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 21

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 22

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1633

7th January 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**

It is proposed to dispose of land to the rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 218 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4045-24 dated 12 June 2024 to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the disposal is for the construction of 1 no. residential dwelling only.

2. That the land to be transferred is shown outlined in red on Drawing LA-4045-24 dated 12th June 2024 comprising 218 square metres approximately.

3. That prior to the signing of contracts, the purchaser must provide proof of the contract for title of the adjoining plot to the rear of No. 73 Hampton Street, Balbriggan.

4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €60,000.00 (sixty thousand Euro) plus VAT if applicable, payable as follows:

    a. 10% deposit on the signing of the contract, which must be within one month of receipt of the contract.

b. 40% payable on the grant of planning permission.
c. 50% balance to be paid on the transfer of title.

5. That this disposal is on the basis of the sale of the site for the development of one residential dwelling only, on the subject site or together with the adjoining site.

6. That the applicant shall apply for full planning permission for the development of the site within 6 months from the date of a binding contract for sale. Prior to lodging the application, the proposal shall be submitted to the Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department for approval. Failure to lodge a planning application within the stated period shall render the agreement null and void.

7. That the applicant shall be allowed two opportunities to submit a planning application to Fingal County Council and, if necessary, an appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála. All planning application related costs to be borne by the applicant.

8. That in the event that the Planning Authority or An Coimisiún Pleanála refuses permission for the proposed development, the contracts shall be rescinded and all monies received will be returned, without the payment of interest.

9. That the disposal is subject to the receipt of a final grant of permission for the development of one residential dwelling only, on the subject site or together with the adjoining site.

10. All works shall be completed under a building licence on receipt of planning permission. That the Building Licence will be for a duration of fifteen (15) months with an option to extend at Fingal County Council's discretion.

11. That the applicant shall be responsible for all costs in relation to the planning process.

12. That the development must be completed within 24 months of the grant of planning, otherwise the vendor shall have to right to repossess the land or part thereof. That the timeline can be extended by agreement of the parties.

13. That the applicant shall not build or erect any building on the land other than that for which planning permission has been granted.

14. That the land shall be disposed of with full freehold title or equivalent on receipt of the Certificate of Practical Completion and Certificate of Compliance with Planning and Building Regulations from the purchaser's architect.

15. That the purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

16. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, Valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

17. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained from the relevant statutory bodies relating to the works.

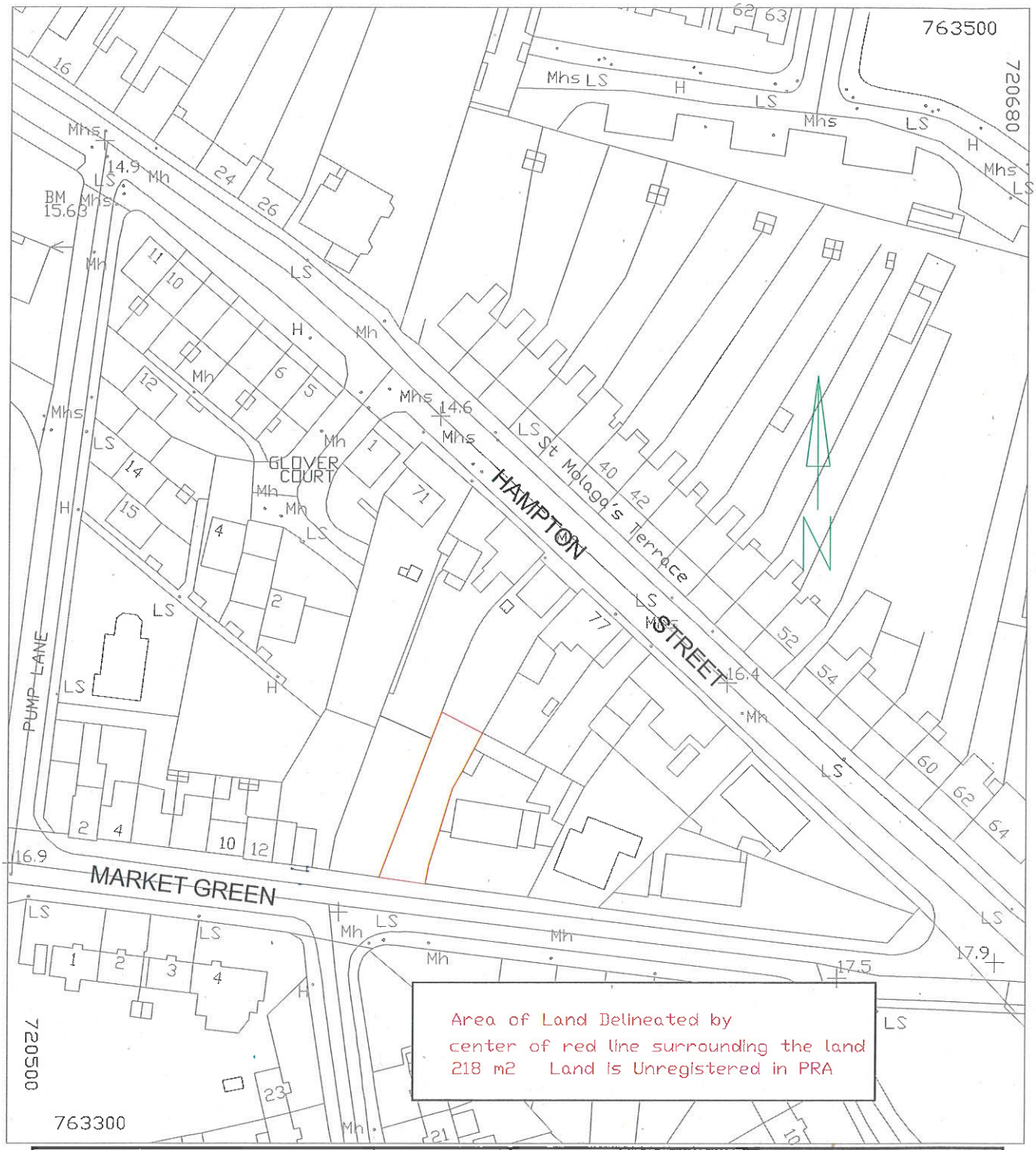
18. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the Legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Balbriggan Town Commissioners in March 1973 for Housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th January 2026 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development.



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Dwg No: LA-4045-24	O.S.Ref:
Date: 12 June 2024	Drawn By: LJM
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Dev. File No LD1571	Job No. SM/045/24

Project:
Land at rear 75 Hampton Street

Land to be disposed to :
Gerard Murphy

Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

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Property Services Division,
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County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1645

7th January 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1.**

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

1. The purpose of the wayleave is to facilitate the installation of vital services to facilitate the delivery of a Council housing project at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

2. The wayleave comprises 2,204 square metres approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4105-25 dated 16th October 2025.

3. The terms and conditions are as set out in the Uisce Éireann Diversion Agreement No. CDS2200883901.

4. The consideration payable will be in the amount of €1.00 (one Euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty, if applicable.

5. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

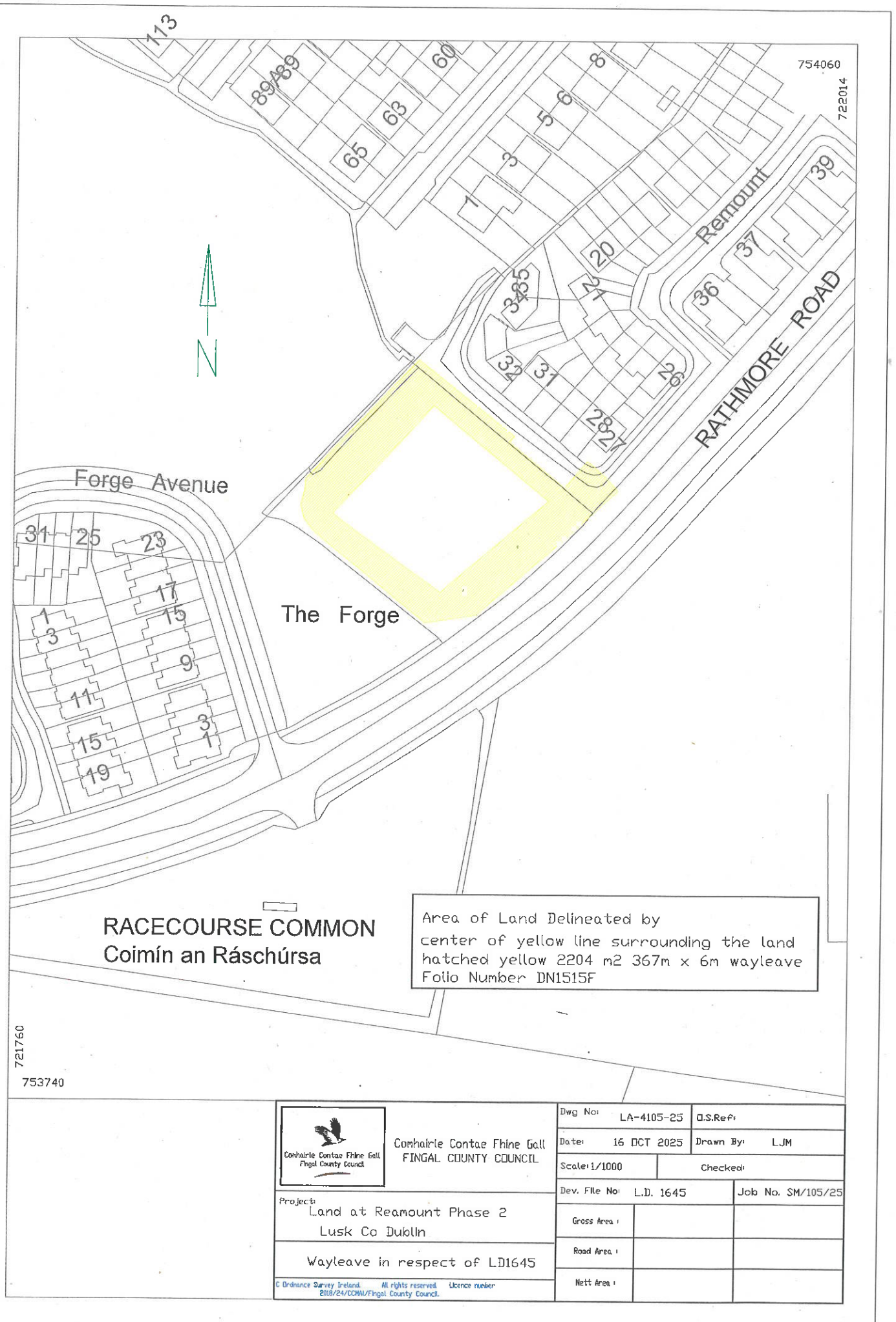
6. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Edward J. Doyle in 1974 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th January 2026 and the proposed grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Aoife Brennan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development.


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Remount
RATHMORE ROAD
Forge Avenue
The Forge
RACECOURSE COMMON
Coimín an Ráschúrsa
Area of Land Delineated by
center of yellow line surrounding the land
hatched yellow 2204 m2 367m x 6m wayleave
Folio Number DN1515F
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Fingal County Council
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Dwg No: LA-4105-25
O.S.Ref:
Date: 16 OCT 2025
Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000
Checked:
Dev. File No: L.D. 1645
Job No. SM/105/25
Gross Area :
Road Area :
Nett Area :
Project:
Land at Reamount Phase 2
Lusk Co Dublin
Wayleave in respect of LD1645
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1600

7th January 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.**

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising an area of 9 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4035-25 dated 27th March 2025 and grant a wayleave coloured yellow and comprising an area of 78 square metres approximately on Drawing No. LA-4035-25 dated 27th March 2025, at Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the disposal and grant of wayleave is to facilitate the installation of a new transformer to improve the electricity supply to Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15.

2. That the subject plot is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4035-25 dated 27th March 2025, comprising a total area of 9 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall grant a wayleave over the land coloured yellow on the Drawing No. LA-4035-25 dated 27th March 2025, comprising an area of 78 square metres approximately.
4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands and grant the wayleave for a total consideration of €3,500.00 (Three Thousand and Five Hundred Euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

5. That the Council shall retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

6. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the applicant.

7. That the applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission, if applicable.

8. That the applicant shall carry out all necessary reinstatement works, and that the wayleave agreement shall only be finalised if the works are completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

9. That the applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

10. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

11. That the applicant shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs up to a maximum of €750.00 plus VAT, valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

12. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

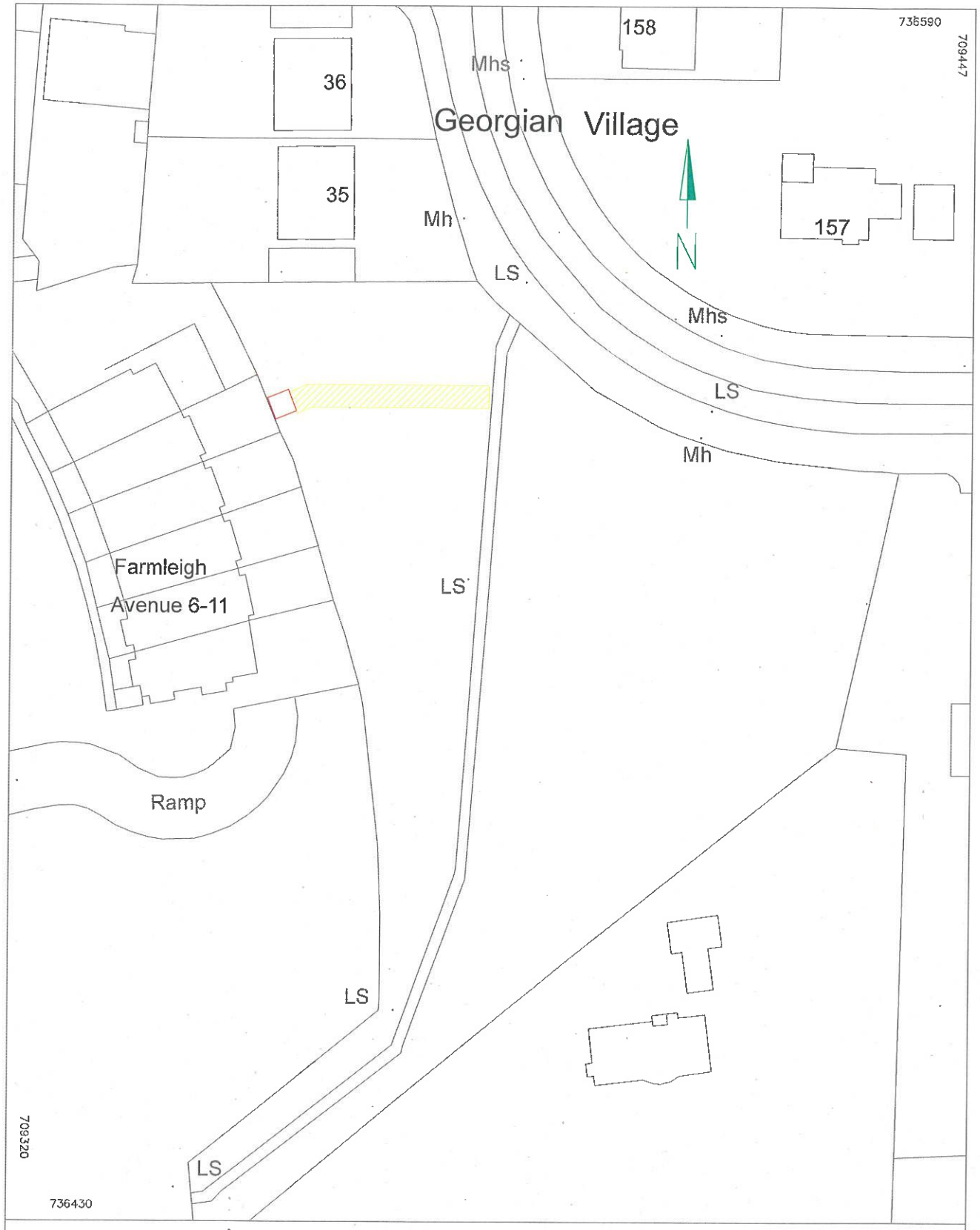
13. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Crampton Housing Limited in 1986 for open space purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal and grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 13th January 2026 and the proposed disposal and grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Aoife Brandar

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development.



Area of Land delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
9 m2 from Folio DN256601F

Area of Land hatched and delineated by
center of yellow line surrounding the land
78 m2. Wayleave 26 m x 3m
Land hatched Yellow is on Folio DN256601F

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Project:
Land at Georgian Village
Castleknock, County Dublin

Transfer and Wayleave in respect LD1600

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Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

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Property Services Division,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1301

7th January 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Proposed disposal of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin.**

It is proposed to dispose of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin comprising an area of 267 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-25-19 dated 8th March 2019 to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of providing additional garden space to the property at Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-25-19 dated 8th March 2019, comprising an area of 267 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration in the total amount of €10,000.00 (ten thousand Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

4. That the land shall be disposed for gardening use only, and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature.
5. The Deed of Transfer to the purchaser shall contain a covenant to this effect.

6. That the purchaser shall maintain the boundary feature between the subject plot and the adjoining property to the satisfaction of the Council.

7. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

8. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

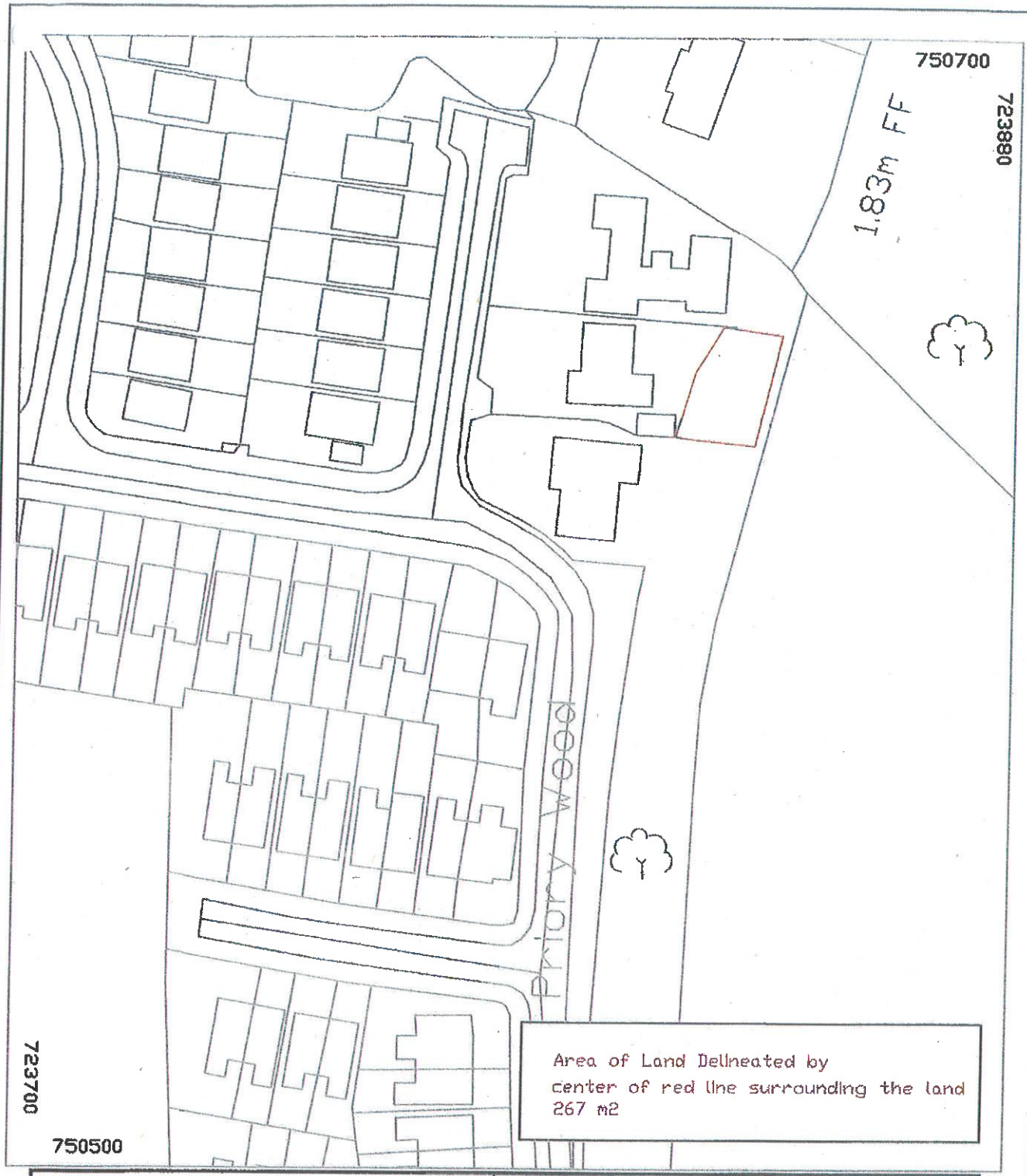
9. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from the Eastern Health Board in 1974 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th January 2026 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Paddy Brendan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
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Date:	08 Mar 2019	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:		Job No.	SM/05/19
Gross Area :			267 m^2
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			267 m^2

Project:
Land at House B - Priory Wood

Land to be transferred to :
Mr Arkins

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
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County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1606

29th January 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land at Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Properties Plc., Block C, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.**

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising an area of 724 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4033-25 dated 14th April 2025 at Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Properties Plc., Block C, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the disposal is to facilitate the provision of housing as provided for in SHD planning application SHDW/003/21 for the development of the surrounding lands, in the ownership of Glenveagh Properties Plc. and relates to the provision of road and parking infrastructure for the development.

2. That the subject site area measures 724 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4033-25 dated 14th April 2025.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the freehold title interest in the subject lands for a consideration in the total amount of €32,500.00 (thirty-two thousand five hundred Euro) plus Vat, if applicable.

4. That the subject lands are included in the SHD planning application SHDW/003/21 for the development of the surrounding lands which are in the ownership of Glenveagh Properties Plc. and the lands are required for the provision of road and parking infrastructure for the development.

5. That Fingal County Council consented to the inclusion of the subject lands in the abovementioned SHD planning application.

6. That the purchaser will pay the vendors reasonable Valuer's Fee, Surveyor's Fee and legal fees plus outlays as apply to this transaction.

7. That the proposed disposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained.

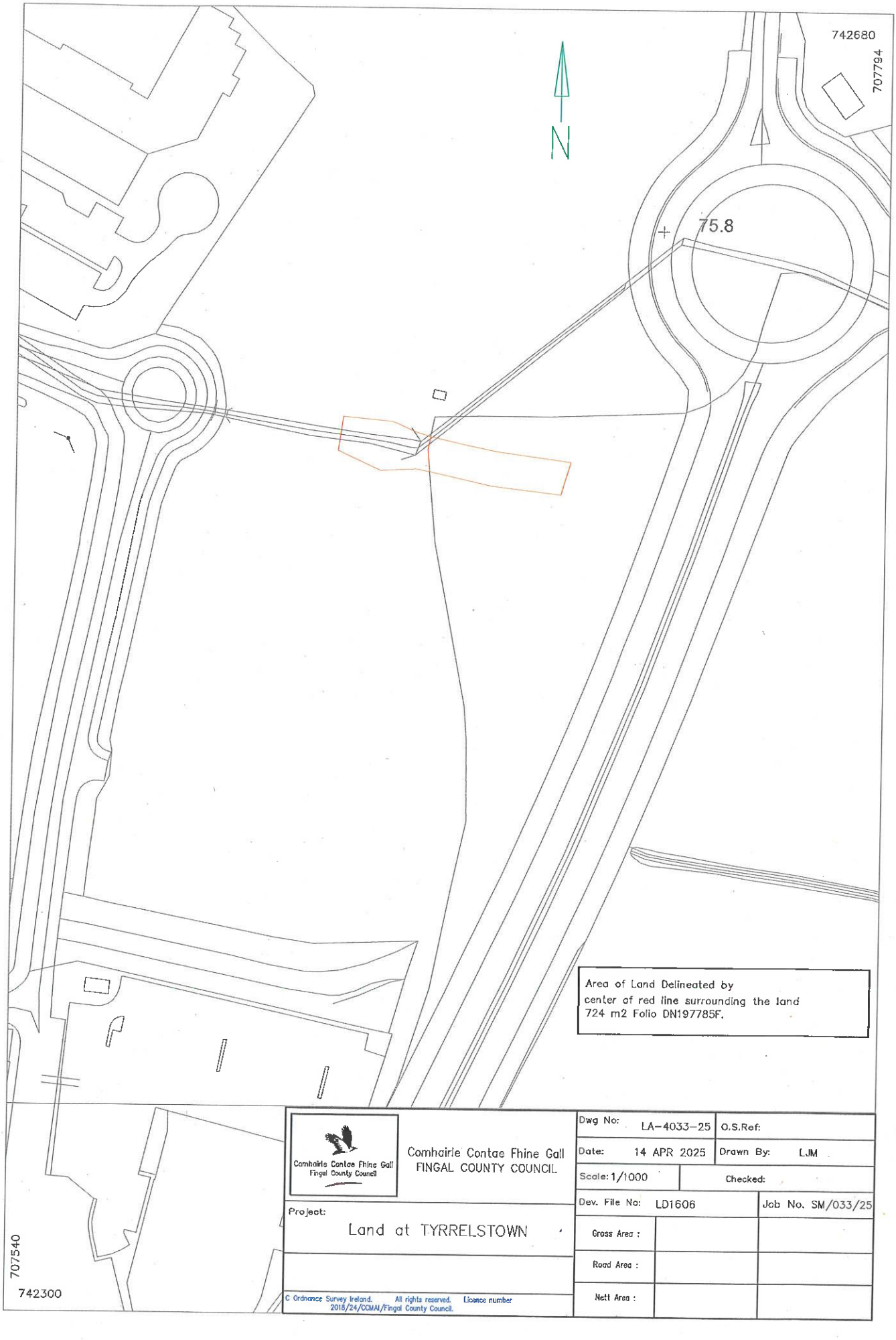
8. That any other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation

The land to be disposed of was acquired from various owners in 2011 for roads purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday, 5th February 2026 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Aoife Sheridan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Department.


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Area of Land Delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
724 m2 Folio DN197785F.
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Fingal County Council
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Project:
Land at TYRRELSTOWN
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Gross Area :
Road Area :
Nett Area :

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1624

29th January 2026

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11, to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited Custom House Plaza, Block 6, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1

It is proposed to grant a wayleave comprising an area of 4,000 square metres approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4071-25 dated 22nd July 2022, at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11, to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited Custom House Plaza, Block 6, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the grant of wayleave is to facilitate the connection of high-speed broadband services in the Dublin 11 and contiguous areas.

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave comprising 4,000 square meters approximately as shown in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4071-25 dated 22nd July 2022.

3. That the Council will retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

4. That consideration payable to the Council shall be in the total amount of €70,000.00 (seventy thousand Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

5. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the applicant.

6. That the applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if required).

7. That the applicant shall carry out all necessary reinstatement works, and that the wayleave agreement shall only be finalised if the works are completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

8. That in the event that any trees or shrubbery are to be removed, this will be agreed with Fingal County Council in advance. Fingal County Council will be adequately compensated for the loss of trees and an appropriate boundary feature will be reinstated.

9. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

10. That the applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

11. That the applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,500.00 (one thousand and five hundred Euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees and surveyor fees in respect of the wayleave agreement.

12. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

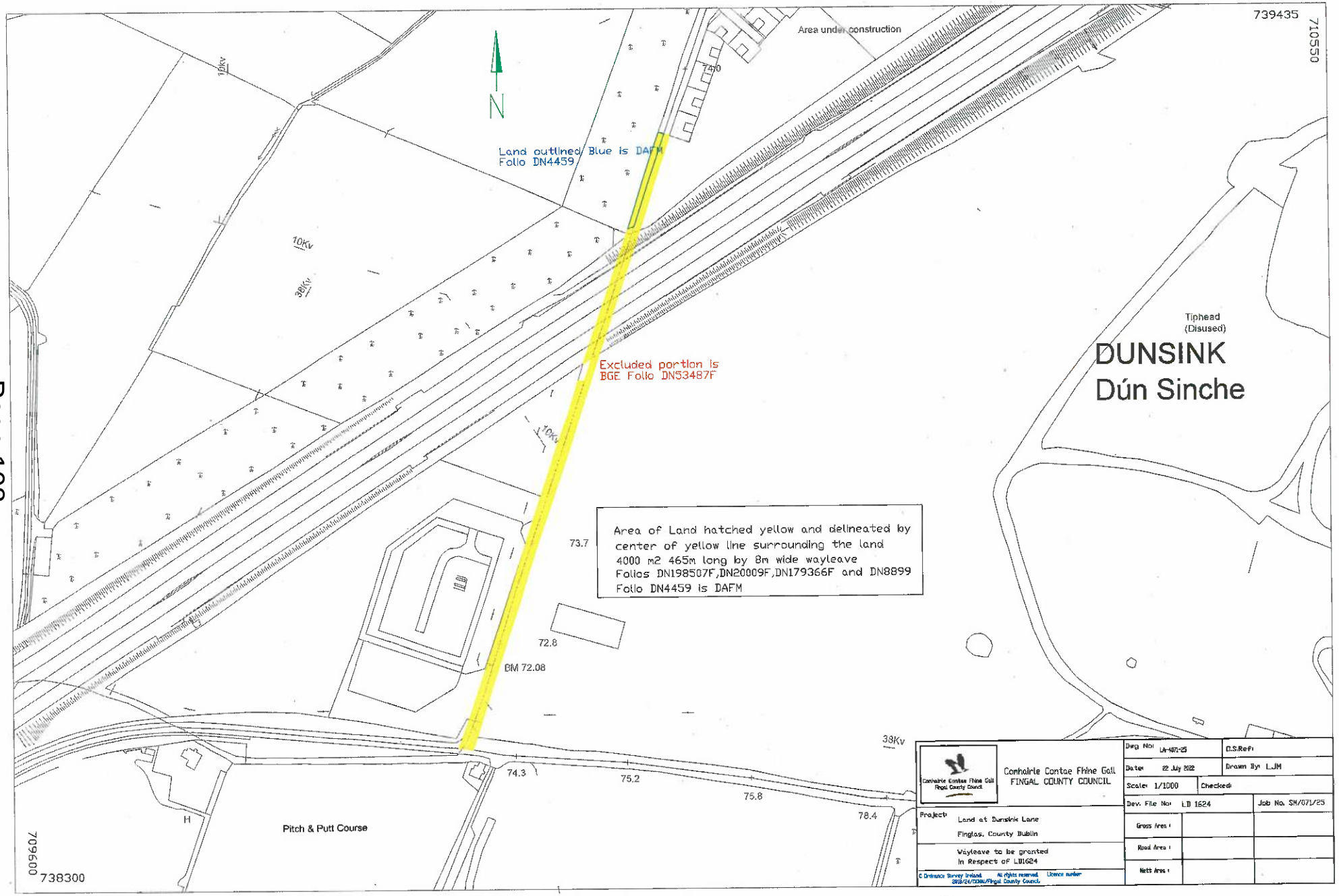
13. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Dublin Corporation in 1996 for community purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday, 5th February 2026 and the grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 9th February 2026.

Pádraig Brendan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Department.


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Area under construction
N
Land outlined Blue is DAFM
Folio DN4459
Excluded portion is
BGE Folio DN53487F
Tiphead
(Disused)
DUNSINK
Dún Sinche
Area of Land hatched yellow and delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land 4000 m2 465m long by 8m wide wayleave Folios DN198507F,DN20009F,DN179366F and DN8899 Folio DN4459 is DAFM
BM 72.08
Pitch & Putt Course
738300
709500
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Project: Land at Dunsink Lane
Fingtas, County Dublin
Wayleave to be granted
In Respect of LD1624
Dwg No: LA-071-25
O.S.Ref:
Date: 22 July 2022
Drawn By: LJM
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Dev. File No: LD 1624
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Gross Area:
Road Area:
Nett Area:

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 23

DECLARATION OF ROADS

No Business

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Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 24

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

PART XI/009/25

Proposed Demolition of 4 no. Dwellings and Development of 21 no. Residential Dwellings and all Associated Site Works at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

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2. INTRODUCTION

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council of the Proposed Demolition of 4 no. Dwellings and Development of 21 no. Residential Dwellings and all Associated Site Works at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. (ref: PART XI/009/25).

This report is submitted under Section 179 of the Act, which requires the Chief Executive to prepare and submit a detailed written report to the elected council members no later than eight weeks after public display and submissions or observations period close. The report must include:

Description of the Proposed Development: *"Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area."*

Evaluation of the proposed Development*: "Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".*

List of Submissions or Observations Received: *"List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2"*

Summary of the issues raised & CE's responses: *"Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"*

Recommendation: *"Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"*

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development were made available for inspection during the public consultation period and are included in **Appendix A**.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

Public Notice: In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013, Public Notice of the Council's intention to demolish 4 no. dwellings and construct 21 no. dwellings was published in the Herald and Irish Independent on 11th November 2025. Six copies of the Site Notice were erected on site.

Prescribed Bodies: The following Prescribed Bodies were notified of and provided with the plans and particulars of the proposal:

- Uisce Éireann (Irish Water)
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Dublin Airport Authority
- AirNav Air Traffic Control

Public Display Period: The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development are included in Appendix A, and were made available for inspection from Tuesday 11th November 2025 up to and including Wednesday 10th December 2025, in line with the requirements outlined in Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The documents were made available for inspection on the Fingal County Council website at http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse, and for inspection or purchase at the cost of making copies, at two locations:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2
- Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638

Submissions or Observations Period: Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, could be made from Tuesday 11th November 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026, at no cost, and either in writing, or online via the Council's public consultation portal at http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse.

The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired, and a total of 342 submissions or observations were received by the closing date. Section 4.3 and 4.4 of this report includes a list and analysis of the submissions or observations received.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

4.1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Planning Context: The proposed development is located within the administrative area of Fingal County Council and is subject to the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029. The lands are zoned RS – Residential with the objective to "*Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity*." Residential development is permitted in principle under this zoning.

The proposal also includes improvements to an existing public open space zoned OS – Open Space, which aligns with the objective to "*Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities*."

The development supports national and regional policy objectives under Project Ireland 2040 – National Planning Framework, including compact growth, sustainable communities, and increased housing supply in serviced urban areas. It complies with Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines, including:

- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (2024)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS, 2013)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2022)
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007)

The site is within walking distance of Blanchardstown Town Centre and public transport corridors, supporting sustainable travel patterns.

Site Description: The subject lands are within the established Fortlawn residential estate in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, and comprise two infill sites (Site Area A & B), six no. cul-de-sacs and parts of the roads on Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue, and an existing open space area linking Site Areas A and B. The combined site area is approximately 0.72 hectares, with a net developable area of 0.48 hectares.

A portion of Site Area A is currently occupied by four detached houses. The topography is generally flat with a gentle fall from north to south. Existing services include foul and storm sewers and water mains, confirmed by ground-penetrating radar (GPR) surveys.

Proposed Development: The proposal of 21 no. dwellings represents a significant "infill" project to maximize the utility of serviced land and combat urban sprawl, with

improvements to the existing open space area and works to the six no. cul-de-sacs and parts of the roads on Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue to provide access to the proposed housing. It also seeks to address issues associated with anti-social behaviour in the area. The proposal creates a net gain of 17 units (21 built minus 4 demolished) and includes:

- Site Area A: Demolition of 4 no. detached, 3-bedroom, two-storey houses at nos. 23A and 46A Fortlawn Avenue, and nos. 63A & 81A Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, D15; Construction of 7 no terraced houses in one block comprising 1 no. 4-bedroom house (1 & 2-storeys) and 6 no. 3-bedroom houses (2-storeys) and associated boundary treatments, private open space, hard & soft landscaping, paved driveways, and bin and bicycle storage to mid-terrace units; Construction of 12 no. apartments in one block (2-storeys) comprising 6 no. 1-bedroom apartments (3 no. to each floor) and 6 no. 2-bedroom apartments (3 no. to each floor), with 3 no. shared entrances, stairs and plant areas, terraces and balconies and associated boundary treatments, communal open space with hard & soft landscaping, communal waste bin storage, communal and visitor bicycle storage, hard & soft landscaping to building perimeter, off street parking for 12 no. vehicles (incl. 2 no. disabled bays and 2 no. EV charging bays) and 2 no. motorcycle parking bays.
- Site Area B: Construction of two no semi-detached houses,1 no. 4-bedroom house (1 & 2-storeys) and 1 no. 3-bedroom house (2-storeys) and associated boundary treatments, private open space, hard & soft landscaping, and paved driveways.
- Associated Works: Demolition of 6 no. cul-de-sacs on Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue; New roads and pedestrian footpaths to provide access to Site Area A and Site Area B, linking Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue in 3 no. locations with associated works including speed ramps, raised table pedestrian crossings, public lighting, street trees, hard & soft landscaping, improvements to existing open space creating areas of incidental play; and all associated site development, water, drainage and utility connection works, above and below ground.

Access and Roads: The development introduces three new through roads linking Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue, replacing the existing cul-de-sacs to provide access to the proposed development and to improve permeability. Roads are designed to DMURS standards, with a reduced carriageway width (5m), raised tables, and pedestrian crossings to promote low vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety. Footpaths are continuous and integrated with landscaping.

Residential Density: The net developable area of the site is approximately 0.48 hectares, accommodating 21 dwellings, equating to a net density of 44 units per hectare. This density is consistent with the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (2024), which promote higher densities on infill sites in established urban areas with good access to services and public transport. The proposed density supports compact growth and efficient use of serviced land.

Residential Mix: The proposed development will deliver a balanced mix of dwelling types designed to meet identified housing needs and Fingal County Council's Housing Strategy objectives. The mix comprises:

- 6 no. 1-bedroom apartments (dual aspect, designed to Universal Design standards)
- 6 no. 2-bedroom apartments (dual aspect, designed to Universal Design standards)
- 7 no. 3-bedroom two-storey houses
- 2 no. 4-bedroom two-storey houses (both designed to Universal Design standards)

This mix provides for a range of household sizes and life stages, including smaller households, families, and those requiring accessible accommodation. Approximately 38% of units are designed to Universal Design standards, exceeding the Development Plan requirement of 30% for social housing. This ensures adaptability for older people and those with mobility impairments.

Design Standards: All dwellings comply with the minimum standards set out in:

- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007)
- Design Manual for Quality Housing (2022)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2022)

Internal layouts provide adequate circulation, storage, and daylight. Apartments are dual aspect, and all houses have south-facing rear gardens. Ceiling heights meet or exceed minimum standards (houses: 2.55m GF, apartments: 2.7m GF).

Accessibility, Age Friendly and Universal Design: Approximately 38% of units are designed to Universal Design standards, exceeding the Development Plan requirement of 30% for social housing. This ensures adaptability for older persons and those with mobility impairments. The design is in compliance with Part M for external access routes, parking, and internal layouts.

Open Space: The scheme incorporates 795m² of public open space, equating to 16% of the net site area, which exceeds the minimum requirement for infill sites (12%). This space will be upgraded with new planting, grass mounds, seating, and incidental play areas, enhancing amenity for existing and future residents. The design integrates biodiversity measures and improves pedestrian connectivity through the estate.

All houses are provided with private open space (rear gardens) exceeding Development Plan standards:

- 3-bedroom houses: 65–100m² (minimum standard: 40m²)
- 4-bedroom houses: 147–156m² (minimum standard: 50m²)
- Apartments have private terraces or balconies ranging from 5.9m² to 7.7m², meeting or exceeding the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2022).

The apartment block includes 268m² of secure communal open space, significantly exceeding the minimum requirement of 66m² for the 12 apartments. This space is landscaped and overlooked for passive surveillance.

Landscape and Biodiversity: The landscape strategy integrates SuDS features (permeable paving, rain gardens, rainwater butts) with biodiversity enhancements, including pollinator-friendly planting and nesting boxes for birds and bats. Existing low-quality trees will be replaced with high-quality species. The design aligns with the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022–2030.

Car Parking Provision: The proposed development is within Zone 1 and on the threshold of Zone 2 as per the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP) but would be considered 'an intermediate peripheral location', as defined in SPPR 3 in the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities', 2024 (Tables 3.1 & 3.8). Considering the site's location on the Threshold of Zone 2, the distance to bus stops and the level of bus service provided to these stops, it is considered appropriate to use the criteria set out in SPPR 3 Table 3.1 and 3.8 (intermediate location) with an upper limit of 2 spaces per dwelling, rather than the FDP 2023-2029 Zone 1 maximum requirements (0.5bay/2-bed unit & 1bay/3- and 4-bed unit).

The proposal includes 23 no. car parking spaces at a rate of 1 space per 1-, 2- & 3-bed unit, and 2 spaces per 4-bed unit which aligns with SPPR 3 the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities', 2024.

Carparking includes EV charging provision at 20% of spaces for the apartments (ducted for future expansion) and car parking in curtilage provision at the houses, consistent with the Development Plan approach and the scheme particulars.

Please note that the Architectural Report contains an error in stating the requirements as 'minimum'. It should have read 'maximum'. In addition, there is a drawing error on the site layout drawings indicating two parking bays instead of one to House Type HT A2. Both the Architectural Report and Site Layout have been corrected and are included in this report in the Appendices. The amended Architectural Report also includes further clarifications on the parking provision.

Bicycle Parking: 61 long-stay spaces and 6 short-stay visitor spaces are provided, meeting Development Plan and national standards. Mid-terrace houses are [provided with bicycle storage to the front.

Communal bike stores for apartments are located in the Communal Open Space and are secure, covered, and accessible.

Water & Drainage: The design includes for connections to existing infrastructure as per Uisce Éireann standards, and capacity without upgrade has been confirmed with them:

- Mains Water & fire hydrants – connections to existing mains water network.
- Foul Water - connections to existing network.

Surface Water – The SuDS strategy includes permeable paving, rain gardens, and rainwater butts. Attenuation provided within permeable paving sub-base for the 1-in-100-year storm event + 20% climate change and 10% urban creep.

Flood Risk: The site is outside fluvial and coastal flood zones and pluvial mapping; the residual risk is considered to be low. The design accommodates extreme rainfall events and includes resilience measures for water-main bursts and snowmelt.

Electricity supply and on-site electrical infrastructure: The scheme will connect to the existing ESB Networks infrastructure available in the estate. Standard practice is for supply to be provided from the existing network via underground cabling and metered at each dwelling/apartment core. Final ESB Networks ducting, mini-pillar/section-pillar locations and metering arrangements is subject to detail design and agreement with ESB Networks.

Public lighting will be LED and subject to detail design to address the layout, spacing, tree offsets, and maintenance access requirements. This will be addressed at the next stage and in agreement with the Public Lighting Section.

Telecommunications and digital connectivity: The scheme will connect to the existing high-speed broadband services within the estate. Final fiber providers' ducts and chambers will be coordinated alongside ESB and public lighting in shared service corridors at detailed design, with wayleaves as required.

Climate Action and Energy Strategy: The Climate Action Energy Statement sets out the strategy for the proposal to meet or exceed national and local climate action objectives. The development will fully comply with:

- Part L of the Building Regulations (2022)
- EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)
- Fingal Development Plan Climate Action Policies
- NZEB standards for new dwellings

Enhanced building fabric insulation and airtightness will minimise heat loss and reduce energy demand. U-values and air permeability will comply with or exceed Part L standards.

All dwellings will use heat pumps for space heating and domestic hot water, supported by mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR) or continuous mechanical extract systems. Energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed throughout.

The design will integrate renewable energy technologies to achieve Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) standards. Heat pumps will provide the primary renewable contribution, with photovoltaic panels under consideration at detailed design stage. All dwellings will achieve a minimum A2 Building Energy Rating (BER).

In line with FCC policy and national climate targets, 20% of car parking spaces will be equipped with EV charging facilities, with ducting for future expansion.

Environmental Considerations: The proposed development has been assessed under the relevant environmental legislation and guidance, and the following determinations have been made by Fingal County Council as the competent authority:

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning and Development Regulations 2001

(as amended), and the EIA Directive (2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU), Fingal County Council carried out a preliminary examination and screening of the proposed development.

The Council considered the characteristics of the project, its location, and potential impacts, referencing Schedule 7 and Schedule 7A of the Regulations, and relevant guidance including the *Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment* (DHPLG, 2018) and the *OPR EIA Screening Guidance (2021)*.

Following this examination, the Council concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. Accordingly, it was determined that the project screens out for an Environmental Impact Assessment. This determination is recorded in Chief Executive's Order PG/0217/2025, dated 3rd November 2025.

Appropriate Assessment (AA): The development was screened under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

Fingal County Council assessed, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of European sites, whether the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

The screening concluded that the proposed development will not have a significant effect on any European site, and that this conclusion was reached without considering mitigation measures.

Therefore, an Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Statement are not required. This determination is recorded in Chief Executive's Order PG/0218/2025, dated 3rd November 2025.

The proposed development does not trigger the requirement for EIA or AA; the screening processes were carried out in accordance with statutory provisions and best practice guidance, and the determinations confirm that the project can proceed without further environmental assessment.

Conclusion: The proposed design is fully detailed within the notices, plans and particulars that were made available for inspection during the Public Consultation Period and are included in Appendix A to this report. It complies with current best practice and all relevant regulations and guidelines.

The following documents were consulted during the design:

- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP, 2023-2029)
- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)
- Fingal Housing Strategy
- Fingal Climate Action Policies
- Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2011/92/EU, amended by 2014/52/EU)
- Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)
- European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended)
- Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (DHPLG, 2018)
- Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening (European Commission, 2017)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Guidance (Office of the Planning Regulator, 2021)
- Guidance for Consent Authorities re Sub-threshold Development (DEHLG, 2003)
- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG, 2010)
- Managing Natura 2000 Sites: The Provisions of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (European Commission, 2018)
- Employer's Requirements for Detail Design of Quality Housing (DoHLGH, 2020)
- Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas (DoELG 1998)
- 10 Ways To Construct A More Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home (FCC, 2019)
- Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (NDA, 2012)
- Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030
- Technical Guidance Documents Part A to M of the Building Regulations
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS, 2013)
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (2024)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2022)
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007)

- Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) requirements under EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)
- Uisce Éireann Codes of Practice for water and wastewater connections
- ESB Networks National Code of Practice for Customer Interface
- TII Utility Guidelines for ducting and coordination
- EN 13201 – Public Lighting Standards
- The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities
- BRE Digest 365 – Soak away Design
- CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) – Sustainable Drainage Systems

4.2. EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Internal Consultation and Review: In line with Fingal County Council's Part XI Internal Consultation Process Procedure, the proposal was presented to and discussed with the Fingal County Council Planning Department, and other relevant internal Departments and Consultees at pre-planning meetings, and comments and feedback were incorporated into the design.

The full proposal was then formally submitted to Planning Registry for Internal Consultation and was circulated to the Planning Department and relevant internal Departments and Consultees for comment. Each stakeholder reviewed the plans and particulars and provided comments and observations on technical compliance, safety, and service integration. Issues raised—such as road layout, pedestrian connectivity, SuDS design, and lighting specifications—were addressed in the final design or noted to be addressed at detailed design stage if appropriate. The following internal consultees submitted reports:

- Transportation Planning,
- Water Services,
- Public Lighting,
- Parks & Green Infrastructure
- Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation)

The Planning Department carried out a comprehensive assessment of the proposal against the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, national guidelines, and statutory requirements. and the various internal consultee reports, and concluded that the development:

- Complies with the RS zoning objective and supports compact growth.
- Meets housing mix, density, and design standards.
- Integrates climate action and biodiversity measures
- Integrates sustainable drainage solutions.
- Poses no significant environmental effects, (initial draft EIA and AA screenings).

Evaluation of the Proposal: The Planning Department recommended that the proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and could proceed to EIA & AA Screening Determinations. Once it was determined to screen out for both EIA & AA, the proposal was presented to the local council members on 6th November 2025, and the public consultation process was initiated as set out in Section 3 above.

4.3. LIST OF SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED:

A total of 342 unique submissions or observations were received within the statutory period. There were three distinct categories of respondents: Elected Representatives, Community Groups (via petitions), and individuals or individual families.

Elected Representatives:

URN (Ref.)	Name
FIN-C898-2	Cllr. David Healy (Green Party)
FIN-C898-3	Cllr. Angela Donnelly, Deputy Paul Donnelly TD, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy (Sinn Féin)
FIN-C898-335	Cllr. John Walsh (Labour)
FIN-C898-336	Cllr. Helen Redwood, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Ruth Coppinger TD (Solidarity)
FIN-C898-342	Cllr. Ellen Troy

Community Groups (via petitions):

URN (Ref.)	Name
FIN-C898-4	Petition with 566 signatures
FIN-C898-5	Petition with 496 signatures

Individuals & Families:

URN (Ref.)	Name
FIN-C898-1	Jordan Maguire
FIN-C898-6	Adam Homan
FIN-C898-7	Aileen Martin
FIN-C898-8	Alan Maxwell Jr
FIN-C898-9	Alan Maxwell
FIN-C898-10	Amanda Moran
FIN-C898-11	Amber Lyons
FIN-C898-12	Ana Poppard
FIN-C898-13	Andrew R
FIN-C898-14	Annabelle Madigan
FIN-C898-15	Anne Keogh
FIN-C898-16	Aoife Maxwell
FIN-C898-17	Aoife May
FIN-C898-18	Aoife Pounch
FIN-C898-19	Bernie Maguire
FIN-C898-20	Bettie Byrne
FIN-C898-21	Bridie Byrne
FIN-C898-22	Brigid Flanagan
FIN-C898-23	Brooke Farrell
FIN-C898-24	Caitlin Nugent
FIN-C898-25	Cara Nugent

URN (Ref.)	Name
FIN-C898-173	Amy Dowdall
FIN-C898-174	Amy Maples
FIN-C898-175	Ann Marie Galloon
FIN-C898-176	Joyce Mooney
FIN-C898-177	Anne Byrne
FIN-C898-178	April Walsh
FIN-C898-179	K Fox
FIN-C898-180	Karen
FIN-C898-181	Laura Galley
FIN-C898-182	Leanne Heffernan
FIN-C898-183	Leigh
FIN-C898-184	Lorraine Barry
FIN-C898-185	Madeleine Hanaphy
FIN-C898-186	Margaret Mc Carthy
FIN-C898-187	Maria Faris
FIN-C898-188	Marie Sington
FIN-C898-189	Marina Lonel
FIN-C898-190	Martha
FIN-C898-191	Martina Malloy
FIN-C898-192	Barbara O'Dohorty
FIN-C898-193	Billie Walsh

FIN-C898-26	Carrie Coogan
FIN-C898-27	Celine O'Brien
FIN-C898-28	Ciara Coates
FIN-C898-29	Colin F
FIN-C898-30	Coraline Peale
FIN-C898-31	Coutlone
FIN-C898-32	D Reid
FIN-C898-33	Damien Gorman
FIN-C898-34	Darren O'Brien
FIN-C898-35	Darren O'Reilly
FIN-C898-36	Darren Peale
FIN-C898-37	Deirdre Coogan
FIN-C898-38	Eileen Martin Heffernan
FIN-C898-39	Eileen Smith
FIN-C898-40	Elizabeth Moran
FIN-C898-41	Elizabeth Tutty
FIN-C898-42	Emily Nugent
FIN-C898-43	Emma Horan (Homan)
FIN-C898-44	Farrells
FIN-C898-45	Fran Gaffney
FIN-C898-46	Frances Reid
FIN-C898-47	Frank Favis
FIN-C898-48	Gislaine F
FIN-C898-49	Helen Owens
FIN-C898-50	I. Achola Madara
FIN-C898-51	J Dempsey
FIN-C898-52	Jacqueline Glennan
FIN-C898-53	Jane Gleeson
FIN-C898-54	John Byrne
FIN-C898-55	John Coogan
FIN-C898-56	John McCann
FIN-C898-57	John Paul Redmond
FIN-C898-58	Alice o' Brien
FIN-C898-59	Aaron Tracey
FIN-C898-60	Angela David
FIN-C898-61	Ben Jensen
FIN-C898-62	Angela
FIN-C898-63	Ann Byrne
FIN-C898-64	Ann Deluhoyde
FIN-C898-65	Justin Gouldin
FIN-C898-66	Kevin Maguire
FIN-C898-67	Leah O'Reilly
FIN-C898-68	Annette Brennan
FIN-C898-69	Anthony Bride

FIN-C898-194	Brian Quinn
FIN-C898-195	Mary O'Toole
FIN-C898-196	Michelle Boggins
FIN-C898-197	Michelle Moran
FIN-C898-198	Michelle Reynolds
FIN-C898-199	Mihoelo Teooloreseu
FIN-C898-200	Mohamed Ishag
FIN-C898-201	Carol McGlynn
FIN-C898-202	Olive Walsh
FIN-C898-203	P Pawel
FIN-C898-204	Paddy Parrott
FIN-C898-205	Patrick Walsh
FIN-C898-206	Paul Byrne
FIN-C898-207	Razy Ishag
FIN-C898-208	Carolina Smith
FIN-C898-209	Dave Mahady
FIN-C898-210	Richard Jordan
FIN-C898-211	Robert Stearcty
FIN-C898-212	Ruth Jatuze
FIN-C898-213	Caroline Connolly
FIN-C898-214	S Gle
FIN-C898-215	David Mc Glynn
FIN-C898-216	Caroline Gelling
FIN-C898-217	Saint Matzashi
FIN-C898-218	Catherine Flanagan
FIN-C898-219	Denise Davis
FIN-C898-220	Sanos Farmor
FIN-C898-221	Catherine Pettigran
FIN-C898-222	Sarah Jensen
FIN-C898-223	Dylan Francis
FIN-C898-224	Sarah McCullagh
FIN-C898-225	Caulfield Colin
FIN-C898-226	Sarah O'Toole
FIN-C898-227	Eliz Tutty
FIN-C898-228	Christine Davis
FIN-C898-229	Shane Flanagan
FIN-C898-230	Sophie McDonald
FIN-C898-231	Christine Griffin
FIN-C898-232	Stephen Morgan
FIN-C898-233	Elizabeth Ashe
FIN-C898-234	Christy Stalliny
FIN-C898-235	Stephen Tyndall
FIN-C898-236	Tara Power, Gary Hughes et al.
FIN-C898-237	Elizabeth Slattery

FIN-C898-70	Baiem
FIN-C898-71	Behzad Sanhei
FIN-C898-72	Bernie Byrne
FIN-C898-73	Breda Hughes
FIN-C898-74	Brenda E
FIN-C898-75	Bridget Dinnegan
FIN-C898-76	Chelsea Dooley
FIN-C898-77	Ciara Murphy
FIN-C898-78	Claire Brennan
FIN-C898-79	Claudia O Gorman
FIN-C898-80	Liz Ashe
FIN-C898-81	Liz Osbourne
FIN-C898-82	Louise Caffrey
FIN-C898-83	Marie Davis
FIN-C898-84	Martin Greene
FIN-C898-85	Mary Gaffney
FIN-C898-86	Mary Gorman
FIN-C898-87	Mary McKay
FIN-C898-88	Michele
FIN-C898-89	Michelle Norman
FIN-C898-90	Mick Kent
FIN-C898-91	Nicholas Maxwell
FIN-C898-92	Nicholas St Ledger
FIN-C898-93	Noel O'Reilly
FIN-C898-94	P Collin
FIN-C898-95	P Sodre
FIN-C898-96	Patricia Byrne
FIN-C898-97	Patricia Dowling
FIN-C898-98	Patricia Maxwell
FIN-C898-99	Patrick May
FIN-C898-100	Pauline Tutty
FIN-C898-101	Quasan
FIN-C898-102	Robert Kerrigan
FIN-C898-103	Ryan Fowley
FIN-C898-104	S Connolly
FIN-C898-105	Samantha Connolly
FIN-C898-106	Sweet Ugbo
FIN-C898-107	The Millers
FIN-C898-108	Tind Stine
FIN-C898-109	Craig O Gorman
FIN-C898-110	Tommy Lawlor
FIN-C898-111	Victoria O
FIN-C898-112	Violette
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FIN-C898-170	Joe Egan
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FIN-C898-172	John O' Brien

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4.4. SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED & CE'S RESPONSES:

The consultation process itself emerged as a central theme across many of the submissions or observations. While the proposed development is strategically aligned with national densification and compact growth objectives, such as those set out in *Housing for All*, it nevertheless faces significant local opposition, particularly in relation to the proposed approach of "demolition for densification" and the alteration of long-established cul-de-sac layouts within the estate.

A total of 333 submissions or observations were made using a standard template, with some including only the first page, while others provided both pages, 48 of these included added commentary appended to the standard template, including personal testimonies and observations. Two submissions or observations took the form of petitions signed by multiple parties and seven were fully unique and included detailed concerns about specific aspects of the proposed development.

A review and analysis of all submissions or observations identified three overarching themes:

- Submissions or observations relating to Regulatory Procedure and Planning Policy
- Submissions or observations relating to Displacement and Tenancy Security
- Submissions or observations relating to Community Impacts and Antisocial Behaviour

The Tables in Sections 4.4.1 to 4.4.3 summarise the issues raised under each of these themes and set out the Chief Executive's response to each. The individual submissions or observations are referenced within the tables as follows:

Ref.	**Submission Type**	**List of Submissions or observations (Unique Reference No. (URN) i.e. FIN-C898-1)**
ST	Standard template	FIN-C898-7 to 333 & 337 to 341
ST+	Standard template + added commentary	FIN-C898-6, 43, 61, 83, 125, 126, 129, 132, 135, 140, 155, 157, 162, 173, 175, 177, 178, 191, 200, 201, 205, 212, 215, 217, 219, 222, 226, 231, 232, 234, 247, 250, 252, 255, 258, 264, 267, 271, 281, 291, 296, 298, 300, 303, 307, 309, 329, 341
PET	Petitions	FIN-C898-4, 5
FIN-C898-1, 2, etc	Unique Submissions or observations	FIN-C898-1, 2, 3, 334, 335, 336, 342

4.4.1. Regulatory Procedure and Planning Policy Submissions or Observations

Submission or Observations Summary	CE Response
a) Regulatory Procedure: The consultation process itself was raised as an issue in many submissions or observations which contend that previous consultation undertaken in July 2025 did not adequately notify all affected residents. That consultation was subsequently withdrawn, and residents queried the transparency and fairness of the process. They also asked why the project did not include early consultation with stakeholders, or via selected or targeted consultation only. It was subsequently communicated that the process was withdrawn and would take place again in November 2026, and this ambiguity fostered mistrust in the process. *"… gone ahead after saying not … behind resident's backs and even lying …", "… decision making process has lacked transparency …" "… demands genuine consideration of public concerns …" "… plan was introduced without any input from the local community, the gardai, elected representatives, the community department … or the housing department … estate management division …"*	We acknowledge the concerns raised by residents about the July 2025 public consultation. Site Notices were published and erected in line with the Statutory process. Residents raised significant concerns that they had not been adequately notified ahead of the Site Notices being erected. Considering those concerns, and in the interests of maintaining full public confidence, the Council withdrew the proposal from public consultation and terminated that Part XI process. The Council committed at that time to re-examine the feasibility of other options, with a view to minimising disruption to existing residents. The Council also committed to engaging more with the directly affected residents; both actions took place. As a result, individual meetings were offered with those residents, and meeting slots arranged, but the tenants did not take up the offer of individual meetings; joint meetings were held instead. While this is fully each tenant's prerogative, we continue to advise that our preference remains to meet with each tenant individually as we are constrained from a fuller discussion on each tenant's personal/confidential housing needs if others are also present. Notwithstanding those concerns, the meetings held helped us understand specific concerns and informed how the process would be run again, with higher standards of consultation for all stakeholders. A new Part XI process was initiated in November 2025, with refreshed documentation and new notification to the public. Statutory public consultation under the Part XI/Part 8 framework is designed to be open, accessible and democratic. It provides equal opportunity for all

Submissions or observations Ref: **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 335, 336**	members of the public to inspect drawings and make submissions or observations within a defined period, ensures transparency, because all relevant plans/particulars are available at a single point in time and because submissions or observations are recorded and considered in a formal report to the Chief Executive and Elected Members, and it avoids any perception that only "selected" or "invited" residents are consulted. In contrast, targeted (invitation only) consultation can be useful for pre-consultation or local briefings, and we did meet with residents and local representatives after the July proposal was withdrawn. However, targeted outreach cannot replace the statutory public consultation, which is the mechanism that guarantees procedural fairness and a public record of submissions or observations and responses; it is the cornerstone of transparency and democratic participation in planning The Council accepts responsibility for the upset experienced during the July 2025 consultation and again apologises for the distress caused particularly to the four residents primarily affected. The withdrawal of that process and the re initiation in November 2025 were the correct steps to reset the consultation on a fully transparent, accessible footing, so that all residents, stakeholders and Elected Members could rely on a clear public record, a fair opportunity to comment, and a comprehensive CE assessment and Report. Accordingly, the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submission or Observations Summary	CE Response
b) Questions and Motions on Anti-Social Behaviour: Several questions and motions were brought to the Local Area Committee Meetings by Elected Members between 2019 and 2023, focusing on the anti-social behaviour in the estate and the open space areas. Some sought the closing of several of the eight openings because the green *"… was only used for antisocial behaviour and bonfires …*" and was difficult for Gardaí to police. The motions originally sought targeted measures, not wholesale redevelopment, but in the responses, infill housing was suggested to address the issues, which would require rezoning, but a development necessitating demolition was never mentioned. The anti-social behaviour issues were also addressed through extensive community led efforts in recent years, like community gardens, planting schemes, fun days, and events led by Fortlawn Flower Power. This initiative received a Pride of Place recognition and praise for strong community spirit. The submissions or observations argue that the rezoning of the Fortlawn infill lands from Open Space	Across multiple years of motions and questions (2019 to 2023), Elected Members consistently sought action regarding anti-social behaviour on the Fortlawn open space areas. The Council's responses show a clear evolution: • Short-term responses: barriers, gates, landscaping, cooperation with Gardaí. • Medium-term responses: feasibility studies, infrastructure checks. • Long-term solution: rezoning and infill housing, repeatedly stated by the Chief Executive and Housing Department as the most sustainable response to the repeated anti-social behaviour and open space management issues. Across at least five motions/questions and Chief Executive responses, the only durable solution repeatedly identified by the Housing Department was infill housing development. This culminated in the rezoning of the land to *RS – Residential* in the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and the current Part XI infill development proposal, which reflects: • years of motions and questions, • repeated reports and feasibility work, • rezoning & infill housing identified as most sustainable long-term solution, • public consultation in relation to the rezoning, and • alignment with the direction recommended by Council staff and supported by national compact-growth policy.

to Residential enabled a redevelopment approach, specifically one involving the demolition of four existing homes, that residents and councillors *"never anticipated"* and was advanced without adequate consultation or alignment with the original intent of addressing anti-social behaviour through modest infill housing interventions. *"… there was no suggestion at any time … that existing homes would have to be demolished. The various proposals discussed … envisaged either closing of exits and entrances to the small park to control anti-social behaviour or construction of up to four new homes as part of sensitive infill development … when the open space land was rezoned … there was no proposal or suggestion that this would lead to demolition of existing family homes. Moreover, the decision on rezoning does not imply any particular pattern of development and did not give any basis for demolition of existing homes …"* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-3, 335**	The concerns raised regarding the rezoning of the that allowed for this proposal are noted. The lands were rezoned from Open Space to Residential through the statutory Development Plan process, during which all elected members had the opportunity to consider and vote on the zoning objectives for the area. This rezoning did not predetermine any specific design or demolition proposal but created the policy framework within which future infill opportunities could be assessed. The current Part XI proposal was developed subsequently and is subject to its own full public consultation process, allowing all residents and stakeholders to make their views known. While the submission suggests that rezoning enabled an approach not anticipated locally, it is important to emphasise that the Development Plan sets broad land use parameters rather than detailed design outcomes, and the present proposal is being evaluated on its own merits, informed by public submissions or observations, internal technical assessments, and the requirement to ensure proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Accordingly, the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submission or Observations Summary	CE Response
c) Alternative designs: The submissions note that Elected Members passed two motions asking for an alternative design that does not necessitate the demolition of existing houses, but that this proposal is the same design as the proposal put forward in July that was withdrawn, apart from the introduction of an option to phase the works. *"… a new plan for infill social housing in Fortlawn that does not necessitate the demolition of four homes …"* *"… That the Chief Executive investigates ways to close some of the openings to the infill area between Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue that does not necessitate the demolition of four homes …"* *"… other plans with varying numbers of houses considered that did not necessitate the demolition of four homes. One of those plans with full public consultation should be put forward instead of the current plan …"* *"… opposed to this plan in its current form and strongly advises the executive to produce an alternative*	Studies were carried out to assess feasibility of providing houses without the need to demolish any existing houses, and it was determined that the current proposal is consistent with the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (2024) and has a residential density that is to an appropriate standard for an established urban area resulting in the most sustainable and cost-effective use of this serviced residentially zoned site. Retention of the existing 4 houses does not optimise the use of the residentially zoned and serviced site, and results in a maximum of 6 new dwellings being feasible across the two site areas. In contrast, the demolition of the existing 4 houses allows for 21 new dwellings across the two site areas which delivers a net gain of 17 new dwellings considering the demolition of 4 houses. Alternative designs will require a new and separate Part XI. As set out in this report above, the proposed development in its current form allows for a larger number of new dwellings to be provided, which in turn facilitates the provision of 38% of those units being fully accessible Universal Design units. The Housing Dept is aware of several residents with mobility issues, who currently reside in Fortlawn, who have expressed a wish to move to a more appropriate property, whilst remaining in their local community. The proposed development facilitates these older people and people with disabilities.

plan for some infill social housing that does not necessitate the demolition of four family homes …" *"… have repeatedly urged the Council to produce an alternative plan for infill social housing serving this area which will not necessitate the demolition of four family homes …"* *"… other plans which do not require the demolition of 4 family homes should be brought forward for discussion and public consultation …"* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-3, 335, 336**	Accordingly, the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submission or Observations Summary	CE Response
d) Demolition Justification: One submission queries the absence of a standalone *Demolition Justification Report* and many of the other submissions or observations seeks clarity on the rationale for the demolition of the four existing dwellings. *"…the Development Plan requires … where demolition is proposed, the applicant must submit a demolition justification report to set out the rationale for the demolition having regard to the embodied carbon of existing structures as well as the additional use of resources and energy arising from new construction relative to the reuse of existing structures." "…can't find any such report in the online documentation, nor indeed any analysis which would be expected evaluating the potential for, and the impacts of, incorporating the existing houses in the proposal (with retrofitting as necessary) …"* *"… Demolishing existing houses … creates unnecessary environmental waste …"*	A Demolition Justification Report is usually required where there is a realistic prospect that the existing buildings could be retained and adapted, and where demolition would result in a greater whole-life carbon impact than reuse. The purpose of such a report is to demonstrate that demolition represents the preferable option from a climate and sustainability perspective. In this instance, a Demolition Justification Report was not required for a number of reasons. The proposed development delivers a substantial uplift in residential density, replacing 4 dwellings with 21 dwellings. This represents a significant increase in housing provision on a sustainable site and makes a more efficient use of land and existing infrastructure. The delivery of these 21 dwellings supports compact urban form and reduced per-capita carbon emissions associated with housing, transport, and energy use, when compared to the continued use or refurbishment of four individual houses. The proposed dwellings are designed to current environmental standards, including significantly improved operational energy performance, which would not be achievable to the same extent through the retention and retrofit of the existing housing stock. When considered on a whole-development and per-capita basis, the embodied carbon associated with demolition and new construction is offset by the long-term operational efficiencies and the substantially increased number of homes delivered.

"… makes no financial sense during a housing crisis for four large homes - only constructed in recent decades to be demolished …" **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-2, 6, 336**	The climate benefits of providing 21 energy-efficient dwellings, including reduced housing pressure and more efficient use of serviced land, clearly outweigh the potential carbon benefits of retaining four low-density dwellings. On this basis, Fingal County Council was satisfied that the proposed redevelopment represented a net climate benefit and that a separate Demolition Justification Report was not necessary to support the application. The proposal was assessed comprehensively under zoning, density, design, infrastructure, environmental screening and compliance with national guidelines. Demolition was accepted as a necessary and appropriate component of an RS zoned redevelopment delivering compact growth, improved permeability, and social housing provision. The purpose, necessity and impacts of demolition are fully addressed across the Architectural Report, Engineering inputs, the Climate Action Energy Statement, and the Resource & Waste Management Plan. Accordingly, the submission does not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submission or Observations Summary	CE Response
e) Car Parking Provision: The submission queries the car parking provision as it is more than the maximum no. allowed in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. ***"...** the architectural report ... states that the car parking standards for Zone 1 are minimum provision. This is incorrect. The standards ... are maximum provision ... By the Plan a development of this size is limited to a maximum of 15 spaces, but 24 are proposed."* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **FIN-C898-2**	The Architectural Report contains an error in the parking requirements; its states it as 'minimum' instead of 'maximum' and there are 4 disabled bays, not 8. In addition, there is a drawing error indicating two parking bays instead of one to House Type HT A2. The corrected documents are included to this report in the Appendices . Car parking provision: The proposed development is in Zone 1 and on the threshold of Zone 2 as per the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP) but is considered 'an intermediate peripheral location', in SPPR 3 in the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities', 2024 (Tables 3.1 & 3.8). Under the FDP Zone 1 requirements, a total of max. 15 spaces are permitted, but considering the site's location on the threshold of Zone 2, the distance to bus stops and the level of bus service provided, it is considered appropriate to use the criteria set out in SPPR 3 Table 3.1 and 3.8 (intermediate location) with an upper limit of 2 spaces per dwelling. The proposal includes 23 no. car parking spaces at a rate of 1 space per 1-, 2- & 3-bed unit, and 2 spaces per 4-bed unit. The Roads & Transportation Section was consulted on the proposal during the internal review process, and on receipt of this submission, and they advised that the car parking allowance as per the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities' is acceptable for this location. Accordingly, the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

4.4.2. Displacement and Tenancy Security Submissions or Observations

Submissions or Observations Summary	CE Response
a) Displacement of Tenants: Nearly all submissions or observations express concern about the potential displacement of existing tenants living in the four dwellings proposed for demolition. Residents queried whether tenants would be moved against their wishes, whether alternative accommodation would be provided, and whether the project would result in the forced eviction of families. The phrase "Unfair and Cruel" appears in the standardized text in hundreds of the submissions or observations, highlighting a collective community narrative that the Council is acting without compassion as the residents living in homes earmarked for demolition are disincentivized to maintain their homes and this destroys the tenants' right to eventual purchase under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. *"… many of these houses represent family & community …" "… will severely disrupt the stability and character of the neighbourhood …"*	The concerns raised are fully acknowledged. Fingal County Council wishes to make it clear that there will be no forced removals, no evictions, and no loss of accommodation for existing tenants. No tenant will be evicted as part of this proposed project. The demolition and construction programme will be phased so that works commence only after tenants have voluntarily moved to alternative accommodation provided by the Council. This approach will allow phased works in other areas of the overall site to take place in the meantime, and removes any requirement for tenants to vacate their current dwellings. As there is no expiry date on a Part 8 planning consent, this may take place over a period of a number of years. Tenants will have the time, information and choice necessary to decide if, and when they wish to move, and no household will be asked to leave their home without a suitable alternative being identified, offered and accepted by the tenant. Fingal County Council routinely transfers tenants within its housing properties, in order to maximise the efficiency of the housing stock available. Fingal County Council confirms that: • Tenants will not be required to vacate their homes by a fixed deadline. • No eviction proceedings will take place.

"… Residents have been given a solid commitment, as have Councillors, that the four houses due to be demolished to facilitate the original plan will not be demolished for as long as the current residents want to live there …" "…unfair and cruel to those residents as it changes the tenancy they signed …" *"… whether one or more may be boarded up indefinitely if some residents choose to move but others do not. The actual benefit in terms of new housing in the short-term is minimal and future infill development on this site is marked by a high level of uncertainty, which is deeply unfair to the residents of the homes directly affected …"* *"… demolish family homes to make way for development is unprecedented … This Part 8 proposal would create a new precedent for demolition of houses … to make way for a larger development …"* *"…goes against positive consultation with local Residents …"* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-1, 3 to 6, 335, 336 & 342**	The development will be delivered in a responsible, tenant centred manner, respecting the rights and circumstances of each household. This approach aligns with the Council's standard practice for estate-regeneration and infill projects. Any tenant who chooses to move may be offered a similar existing home within Fortlawn, one of the proposed new dwellings, or another suitable, modern, energy efficient dwelling in a location of their choice. The Council will sequence the works to begin only when a tenant has voluntarily accepted alternative accommodation, when all affected households have moved of their own accord and ensuring that there will be no gap between vacating a property and moving into a new home. This ensures continuity of accommodation and avoids any risk of displacement. While the scheme is an important element of the Council's response to the documented housing need in the area, this need will not override tenant wellbeing or security of tenure. Accordingly, the concerns raised, while understandable, do not alter the assessment of the proposed development.

4.4.3. Community Impacts and Antisocial Behaviour Submissions or Observations

Submissions or Observations Summary	CE Response
a) Opening of Cul-de-Sacs: The proposed opening of six existing cul-de-sacs to create through-roads is a dominant theme in the submissions or observations, with residents viewing this as the removal of critical defensive architecture, which will exacerbate anti-social behaviour and lead to increased vehicle speeds and encourage unsafe driving behaviours. Previous engagement with the Council focused on closing gaps to stop scramblers; residents view the opening of roads as a change to previous safety commitments. *"... The plan claims to address anti-social behaviour... but ignores the specific solutions raised by the local community in terms of closing entrances... and may even exacerbate anti-social behaviour by opening up new roads..."* *"... would create a perfect 'racetrack' for speeding of both scramblers and other vehicles ..."* *"...significant concerns in relation to the opening of Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue on both roads ..."*	The concerns of the residents are acknowledged; however, the opening of the cul-de-sacs is considered justified and appropriate in planning, design and safety terms. The dead-end roads and multiple pedestrian shortcuts ('escape routes') through the open spaces create conditions that are widely recognised as risk factors for anti-social behaviour and the current cul-de-sac layout makes it difficult for Gardaí, residents and others to enter and exit efficiently, particularly where turning movements are constrained. Through roads, combined with improved lighting and clearer sightlines, create an environment where movement routes are open and visible, and anti-social activity is less concealed and therefore more easily deterred and managed. Opening the cul-de-sacs is necessary to facilitate the proposed development and provide lawful access, it is an integral part of the development layout and necessary to provide parking, turning movements, bin collection access and emergency services access to the new residential units. The Planning Report confirmed that access via the existing cul-de-sacs is not feasible, and through-roads are needed to support permeability, layout functionality and public realm improvements. The existing road layout is made up of local streets and there is traffic calming within the estate in the form of traffic calming ramps. The opening up of the Cul de sacs provides for movement for all users within the local

"…The opening of these roads serves no purpose …" *"… making it less safe for children going to and from school …"* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **ST, ST+, FIN-C898-1, 3 to 6, 335, 336**	street network in accordance with the principles of DMURS and the design has incorporated additional traffic calming measures with the road layout design. Permeability and connectivity are national and local policy objectives and improving permeability in established estates is strongly supported by DMURS (2013) which promotes connected, legible street networks over cul-de-sacs, and the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, which encourages permeability, walkability, access to public transport, and integrated movement networks. The proposed layout addresses concerns around road safety and vehicle speeds by introducing raised tables and pedestrian crossing points, narrowed carriageways, build outs from pavements, planting and signage. These improvements contribute to a safer, more coherent neighbourhood: It enables the delivery of 21 much needed social homes. • It complies with national and local planning policy. • It improves accessibility and safety for residents. • It improves overlooking of the remaining open space areas that have historically hosted anti-social behaviour. • It enhances Garda accessibility through clearer, more open streets. The proposal represents a substantial improvement to the existing layout and will contribute positively to the safety, functionality and community life of the Fortlawn estate. Accordingly, the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submissions or Observations Summary	CE Response
b) Community Garden: Some submissions or observations included testimonies on the value of the existing open space areas, and that it is extensively used by the community. There is an active group, Fortlawn Flower Power Community Garden Group that maintains the spaces and the community have also arranged for family fun days over the last few years making use of the open spaces. It is noted that this has drastically reduced the anti-social behaviour issues on these spaces, and the larger area of Mountview won the 'Urban Neighbourhood Category' at the Pride of Place Awards in 2022, with the Fortlawn community's work recognized as very positive and contributing to winning the award. *"... our community garden is the only safe space for our children to play and our elderly to walk and enjoy ..."* **Submissions or Observations Ref:** **FIN-C898-3, 43, 83, 135, 219, 281, 291**	The submissions highlighting the importance of the existing open space to the Fortlawn community, including its role as a safe and valued amenity, are noted. The Council acknowledges the significant work undertaken by local residents, including the Fortlawn Flower Power Community Garden Group, whose stewardship, events, and community led initiatives have contributed to the reduction of antisocial behaviour in the area, which were recognised as part of Mountview's achievement in winning the *Urban Neighbourhood Category* at the 2022 Pride of Place Awards. As part of the proposed development an open space is to be upgraded, and the Council is committed to ensuring that it continues to function as a positive, inclusive and well used community asset. In this regard, the Council will actively engage with local community groups, including Fortlawn Flower Power, during the detailed design stage to explore the potential to incorporate a dedicated area for community gardening activities within the upgraded open space, subject to layout, safety, and maintenance considerations. This approach will ensure that the remaining open space continues to support community wellbeing and reflects the strong spirit of local participation evident in the submissions or observations received, and the submissions or observations do not raise any matters that would alter the assessment or recommendation on the proposed development.

Submissions or Observations Summary	CE Response
c) Existing Social Infrastructure Capacity: A submission expressed concern that existing social infrastructure such as schools, GP services and community facilities may be insufficient to support additional population arising from the development. It is argued that the proposal could place pressure on already stretched services. *"... Increased housing density will strain already limited infrastructure (schools, public services, doctors, parking) ..."*	The concerns regarding existing social infrastructure are acknowledged. However, having reviewed the scale, nature and context of the proposed development, it is considered that the scheme will not give rise to any significant or measurable strain on local services, for the following reasons: • The proposal sits in an area with exceptionally strong social, retail and transport infrastructure and is fully consistent with Fingal's strategy to locate new housing where services already exist. • This is a small-scale infill development, not a strategic growth project. The proposal comprises 21 dwellings within a mature urban neighbourhood. At typical occupancy rates, the development would generate a population uplift far below the thresholds at which planning authorities or government require new social infrastructure assessments (e.g., schools, childcare or healthcare impact studies) and does not trigger any threshold for a Childcare Demand Assessment, Schools Demand Assessment and does not require an EIAR. This scale of development is typical of normal demographic turnover within established suburbs and generates no measurable cumulative load on services. The National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Sustainable Residential Development & Compact Settlements Guidelines encourage new housing within existing serviced areas where schools, clinics, parks, public transport and community facilities already exist, rather than adding pressure to greenfield locations. The Planner's Report confirms the scheme aligns with NPF Objectives 4,

Submissions or Observations Ref: **FIN-C898-6**	27, 33 and 34 emphasising compact growth and sustainable use of existing urban infrastructure. Infill schemes of this size are exactly the type of development national policy considers low-impact and sustainable. In addition, Part XI of the Planning & Development Act concerns the planning acceptability of the proposed works, not the management, procurement or delivery of social infrastructure, which is addressed through wider national and local policy, service planning, and community development frameworks. For small-scale infill developments, it is outside the scope of a Part XI assessment to undertake detailed social infrastructure forecasting. Given the modest scale of the development, its location within a well-serviced urban area, the absence of any consultee concerns, and the direction of national policy encouraging such infill schemes, it is concluded that the concerns raised do not materially alter the assessment or recommendation.

Submissions or Observations Summary	CE Response
d) Housing Need: A submission questions the legitimacy of the stated housing need in the area and queries why a refurbished 3-bedroom house described by the resident as "fully renovated" is being used as a Council worker hub rather than being allocated to a household on the social housing waiting list. The submission suggests that if housing need were genuinely pressing, this dwelling would have been allocated rather than used for operational purposes, and it further suggests that the dwelling sits on a corner site with space to build an additional unit. *"… If there is such a housing issue in the area then why is there a 3 bed house … fully renovated … a Council worker hub … a corner house … space to build another house beside it …"*	The concerns are noted, however, the redevelopment of the Fortlawn sites is driven by significant and well documented housing need, both locally and nationally. The Fingal Housing Strategy 2023–2029 confirms substantial unmet need across all household sizes, and National policy (NPF Objectives 27, 33 and 34), prioritises compact urban growth and increased social housing output on serviced infill lands. Therefore, the development is being progressed precisely because Fingal County Council must increase the supply of suitable, high quality social homes within established communities and must maximise available site development potential in compliance with proper planning to meet these needs. The temporary use of one refurbished house as a Council worker hub is operationally necessary and does not undermine housing need. The dwelling referred to in the submission forms part of the Council's phased energy retrofit and upgrade programme in Fortlawn and acted as a base of operations for health & safety coordination, secure tool storage, welfare facilities, and site supervision during the works. This project is now almost complete and the house in question will be available for allocation in the coming weeks. This use was short-term, practical and ensured efficient delivery of improvements to existing housing stock, minimising disruption for existing residents and achieving better value for public funds. The temporary use of a house for these purposes did not undermine the reality of significant housing need in the area.

Submissions or Observations Ref: **FIN-C898-1**	Regarding the suggestion that the corner plot could accommodate an additional house, the council will undertake to review if the corner plot in question is suitable for an additional dwelling without compromising road safety, access, open space quality, or residential amenity – if feasible this will be subject to a separate Part XI/Part 8 procedure. The proposed Fortlawn Infill development remains essential to meeting Fingal's housing need targets, fully consistent with national policy, and appropriately designed for its context. The issues raised in the submission or observations do not alter the assessment or the recommendation.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

Having considered the submissions or observations received during the statutory public consultation process, the internal technical reports, the relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, national and regional planning policy, and all documentation submitted with the proposal, it is the opinion of the Chief Executive that the proposed development represents proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The proposed scheme will deliver 21 high quality social homes in a well serviced urban location, contributing meaningfully to Fingal's housing objectives and to national compact growth and climate action targets. The design has been informed by DMURS, best practice housing standards, Universal Design principles, SuDS integration, and the enhancement of the remaining public open space. The internal consultees including Transportation Planning, Water Services, Parks and Green Infrastructure, Public Lighting, and the Environment Section have raised no objections, subject to standard conditions.

The issues raised in the submissions or observations have been carefully reviewed and addressed in Section 4.4. These include concerns relating to displacement, tenancy security, social infrastructure, antisocial behaviour, the alteration of cul-de-sacs, and the regulatory procedure. In each case, the analysis confirms that the development:

- will not result in forced displacement of any tenants, and will be phased to ensure voluntary relocation only;
- will not materially strain existing social or community infrastructure, given its modest scale and infill nature;
- incorporates design measures that improve safety, permeability, visibility and passive surveillance within the estate;
- delivers significant enhancements to public open space, landscaping and pedestrian connectivity;
- complies fully with the statutory requirements of the Part XI process;
- delivers the most cost-effective, sustainable & efficient use of residentially zoned and serviced land, maximising it's potential and supporting compact growth; and
- accords with the strategic aims of the Fingal Development Plan and national housing and climate policy.

Accordingly, no issues have been identified that would warrant the alteration or refusal of the proposed development. The proposal is deemed consistent with the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (2024) and has a residential density that is to an appropriate standard for an established urban area resulting in the most sustainable and cost-effective use of this serviced residentially zoned site.

It is therefore recommended that, in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and having considered the Chief Executive's Report, the Elected Members approve the proposed development as outlined in the plans, particulars, and documentation placed on public display.

6. APPENDIX A**:**

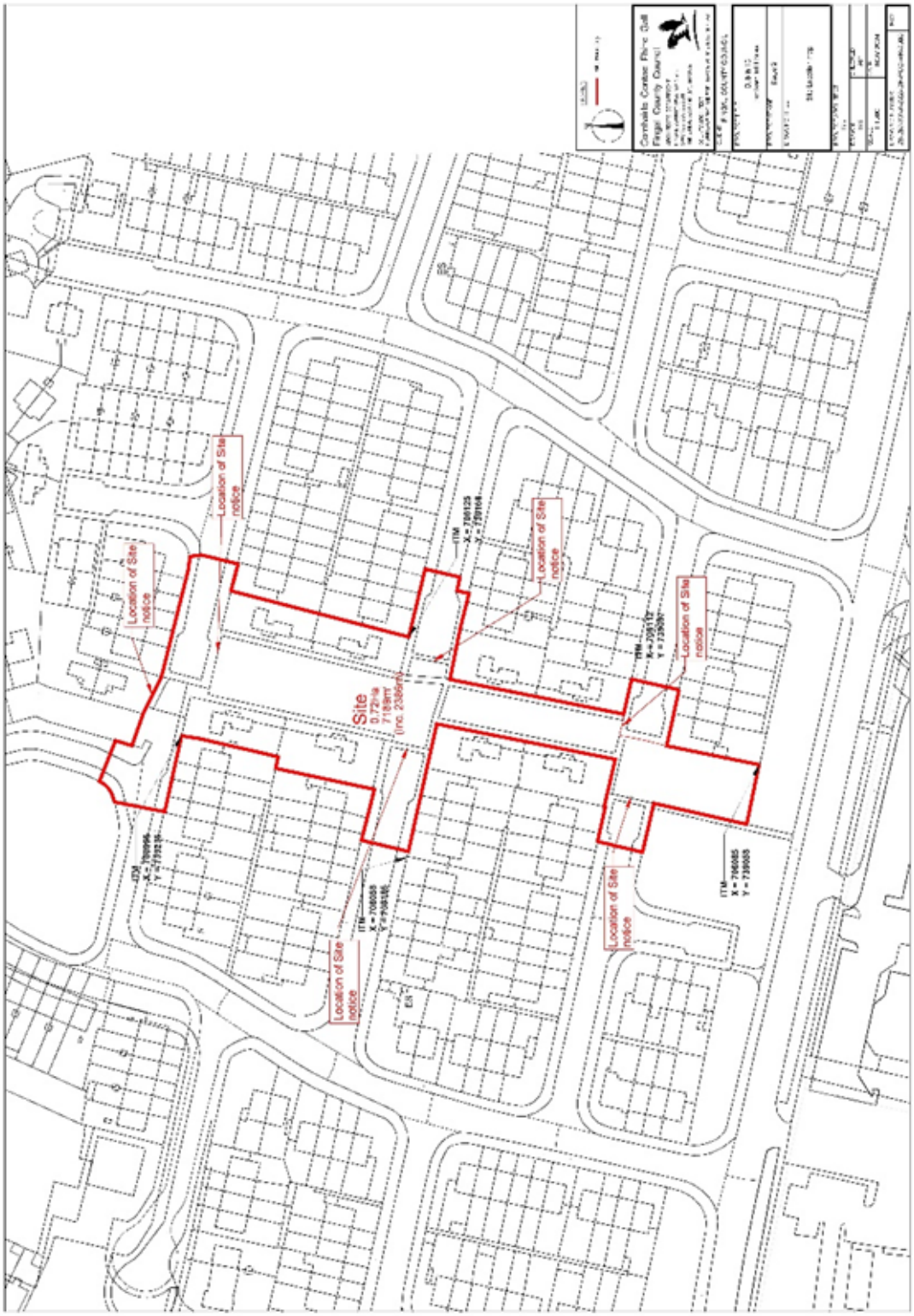
6.1. Public Display Package:

The Notice of the Proposed Development and the Plans and Particulars describing nature, extent, and principal features thereof, was made available for inspection during Public Consultation. The full package is available at: PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - Proposed demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. residential dwellings and all associated site works at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

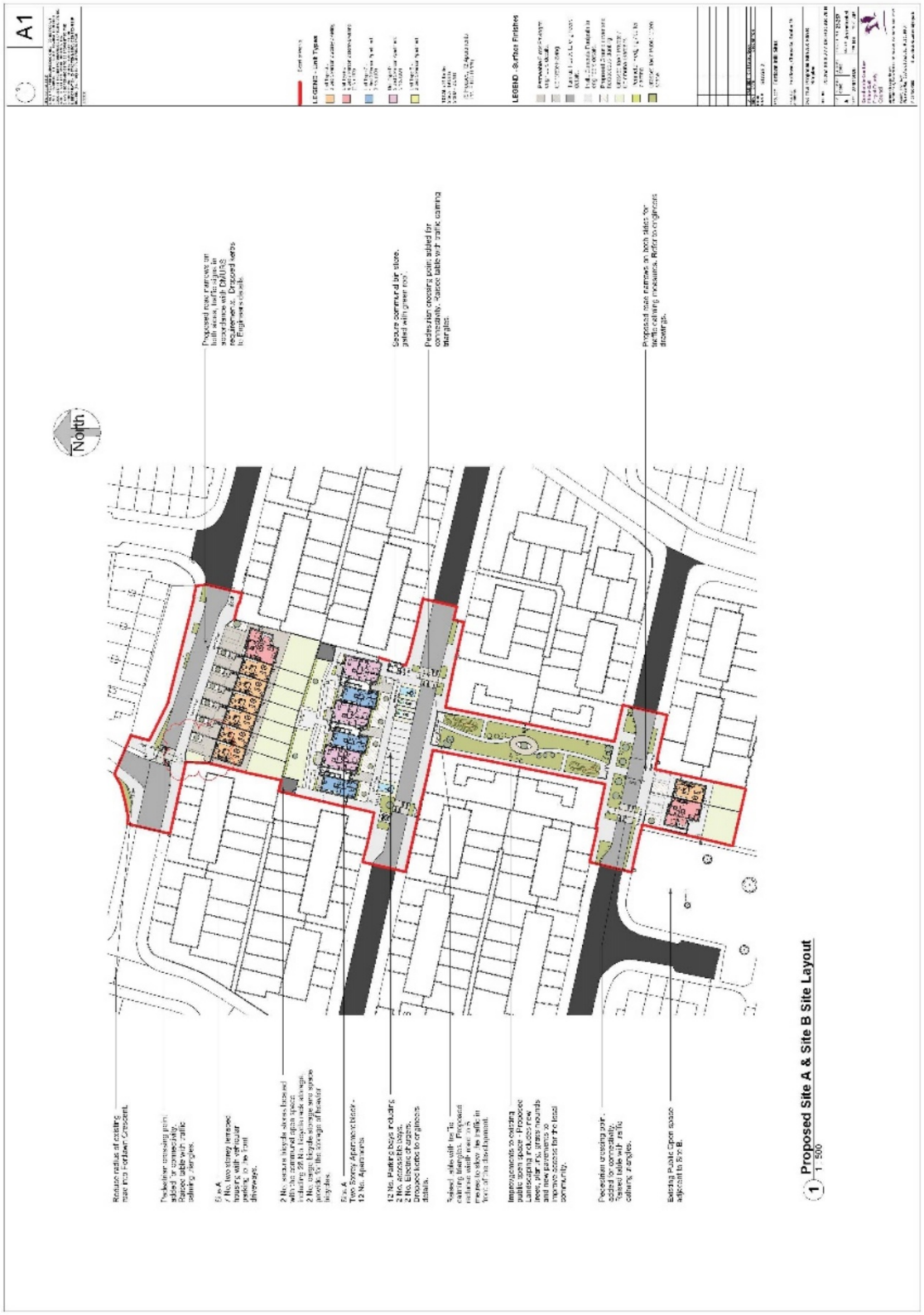
List of Documents for Inspection		
No	**Title**	**Reference**
01	Site Notice of Proposed Development	
	Newspaper Notice of Proposed Development	
02	**Architects Drawings**	
	Architectural Drawing Register	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-SH-FCC-AR-6810
	Site Location Map	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7000
	Existing Topographical Survey Site 1	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7010
	Existing Topographical Survey Site 2	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7011
	Proposed Demolition Plan	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7020
	Proposed Demolition Context Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7021
	Proposed Demolition Context Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7022
	Proposed Site development Plan - Ground Floor Plan	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7030
	Proposed Site development Plan - First Floor Plan	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7031
	Proposed Site development Plan - Roof Plan	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7032
	Proposed Site Boundaries	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7033
	Proposed Site development plan - combined	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7034
	Site 1 Context Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7035
	Site 2 Context Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7036
	Site sections	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7037
	Model Views	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7038
	House Type A1 – 3B5P2S Mid terrace	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7040
	House Type A2 – 3B5P2S End of Terrace	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7041
	House Type A2 – 3B5P2S End of Terrace	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7042
	House Type A3 – 3B5P2S End of Terrace	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7043
	House Type A3 – 3B5P2S End of Terrace	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7044
	House Type B1 – 4B7P2S End of terrace - plans	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7045
	House Type B1 – 4B7P2S End of terrace - Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7046
	House Type B2 – 4B7P2S End of terrace - plans	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7047
	House Type B2 – 4B7P2S End of terrace - Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7048
	Apartment Type C,D & E - Plans	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7049
	Apartment Type C,D & E - Elevations	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7050
	Boundary Drawings	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7060

	Landscape Details	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7061
03	**Architectural Reports**	
	Housing Quality Assessment	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-SH-FCC-AR-6790
	Architects Report	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-RP-FCC-AR-9000
	Building Life Cycle Report	23257-XX-X-ZZZ-RP-FCC-AR-9100
04	**Engineers Drawings**	
	Civils Drawing Registry	
	Proposed Site Layout	P3821_ C-01B
	Proposed Drainage layout	P3821_ C-02A
	Proposed Watermain layout	P3821_ C-03
	Roads Sections	P3821_ C-04
05	**Engineers Documents**	
	Engineering Services Report	
	Uisce Éireann - Confirmation of Feasibility	CDS24006520 & CDS24006524
	Preliminary Resource and Waste Management Plan	
	Road Safety Audit 1/2	
06	**Surveys**	
	Topographical Survey	
	GPR Survey	
	Utilities Folder	
07	**Screening Reports**	
	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report	7100_AASR01
	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report	7100_EIASR
	Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination	
	Environmental Impact Assessment Determination	
	AA Screening CE Order	PG/0218/2025
	EIA Screening CE Order	PG/0217/2025
08	**Other Reports**	
	Tree Survey Plan	241016-P-10
	Tree Removals Plan	241016-P-11
	Tree Schedule	241016-PD-10
	Arboricultural Report	241016-PD-11
	Site Investigations	24-1078 Infill Site at Fortlawn, Coolmine Report_Final_A00 20241024
	Mechanical & Electrical - Public Lighting Layout Site A	
	Mechanical & Electrical - Public Lighting Layout Site B	
	Mechanical & Electrical - Outdoor Lighting report	
	Mechanical & Electrical - Climate Action Energy Statement	

6.2. Site Location Map



6.3. Proposed Site A & Site B Layout (amended)



6.4. Proposed Site Ground Floor Plan (amended)



6.5. Amended Architectural Report:

Below are extracts of the relevant amended pages. The full amended report is available at PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - Proposed demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. residential dwellings and all associated site works at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

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3.8 Parking & Bicycle Storage

~~The site is within Zone 1 as the sites are within 800 metres of a bus connects spine route, refer to section 3.1 above.~~

~~In compliance with the above minimum standards, the design includes one driveway parking bay to three bed terraced housing, and two parking bays to the front of the larger four bed houses (exceeding the min requirement). The apartments will have one space per apartment which also exceeds the min. requirement, and 8 no. car parking spaces are accessible spaces to serve the UD units. Full accessible car parking space designation can be assigned to these car parking spaces depending on the assigned occupant's accessibility needs.~~

~~In reference to SPPR 3 of the Sustainable Residential and Compact Settlements guidelines and table 3.8 regarding accessibility and in conversation with the Roads Department, we agreed that the location of the sites is in an intermediate location due to the high frequency of bus services approximately an 8 min walk along the Blanchardstown Road. For this reason, we agreed with the Roads department to provide more than 0.5 spaces per apartment and have included the one space per apartment~~

The proposed development is within Zone 1 and on the threshold of Zone 2 as per the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP) but would be considered 'an intermediate peripheral location', as defined in SPPR 3 in the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities', 2024 (Tables 3.1 & 3.8).

Considering the site's location on the Threshold of Zone 2, the distance to bus stops and the level of bus service provided to these stops, it is considered appropriate to use the criteria set out in SPPR 3 Table 3.1 and 3.8 (intermediate location) with an upper limit of 2 spaces per dwelling, rather than the FDP 2023-2029 Zone 1 maximum requirements (0.5bay/2-bed unit & 1bay/3- and 4-bed unit).

The proposal includes 23 no. car parking spaces at a rate of 1 space per 1-, 2- & 3-bed unit, and 2 spaces per 4-bed unit which aligns with SPPR 3 the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Local Authorities', 2024. There is no visitor parking allowance in Zone 1; visitor parking is included in the SRDCSG allowances.

In the FDP2023-2029, it is encouraged to provide reasonable accessible parking bays. This proposal includes 4 no. accessible bays; 2 no. at the apartments, and 1 each to the 4-bed houses, this equals 17% of the total parking provision. Accessible car parking space designation will be assigned depending on the resident's occupancy requirements.

The breakdown of the residential car parking demand is shown in the following table:

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Location	Unit Type	Total No. of units	Car Parking max (FDP 2023-2029)	Car Parking Max (FDP 2329)	Car parking SRDCSG Upper limit	Car parking SRDCSG Upper limit	Applicants Proposed Rate.
Site A	4 Bed House	1	1 per unit	1	2 per unit	2	2
	3 Bed House	6	1 per unit	6	2 per unit	12	6
	1 Bed Apart	6	0.5 per unit	3	2 per unit	12	6
	2 Bed Apart	6	0.5 per unit	3	2 per unit	12	6
Site B	4 Bed House	1	1 per unit	1	2 per unit	2	2
	3 Bed House	1	1 per unit	1	2 per unit	2	1
Visitor Parking.			N/A	N/A	Included in the above.		
Total				15		42	23

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging

Section 14.17.10 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 states that 'all multi-unit residential developments shall incorporate EV charging points at 20% of the proposed parking spaces, and appropriate infrastructure (e.g. ducting) to allow for future fit out of a charging point at all parking spaces.

The scheme will provide 3 no. off street electric vehicle (EV) spaces (2 no. standard bays plus 1 no. accessible bay), and all 9 no. houses will facilitate EV charging in the driveways, totalling 12 no. EV charging bays, or 52%, which is more than the FDP2023-2029 standards. The remaining off street parking bays will be ducted for future EV charging points.

Motorcycle Parking

Section 14.17.9 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 requires motorcycle parking spaces should be provided based on one motorcycle parking bay per 10 car parking spaces provided for apartment developments. We have provided 2 no. parking bays.

Motorcycle Parking (Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029) SITE A				
Unit Type	Standard	No. of Units	Car Parking Spaces Required	
			Parking	Visitor
Spaces Required (As above)			12	0
Total Motorcycle Parking Requirement	1 motorcycle space per 10 car parking spaces		**2**	

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MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 25

EXTENSION OF DURATION OF KELLYSTOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN 2021



1. Introduction

This report contains the Chief Executive's advice to the Elected Members on the proposal to extend the life of the Kellystown Local Area Plan under Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended).

The Kellystown Local Area Plan was adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council on the 11th January 2021 and came into effect on 22nd February 2021. As stated in the LAP document, the Kellystown LAP was to be in effect for a period of six years following its adoption, unless otherwise extended, thus would be due to expire in 2027. It is recommended that this duration be extended for another 5 years, until 2032, or until such time as a new county development plan is made, whichever is the earlier.

This report sets out the legislative provisions to extend the period for which a local area plan is to remain in forces, provides an outline of the progress made in achieving the main objectives of the Kellystown Local Area Plan, and sets out the basis for Chief Executive's recommendation that it is appropriate to extend the period for which the Kellystown Local Area Plan shall remain in force until 2032.

2. Legislative Provisions for the Extension of the Lifetime of an LAP

The Kellystown Local Area Plan was prepared under the provisions in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. These have since been repealed, with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended, now being the applicable legislation. Section 81(1) of the 2024 Act provides that a local area plan made under the 2000 Act continues to be in force for the remainder of the lifespan of the local area plan or until a new development plan for the area is made.

In addition, Section 81(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), outlines that the members of a planning authority may, by resolution, extend an existing Local Area Plan, for such period as they consider appropriate.

In this regard, Section 81 of the 2004 Act (as amended) states:

> *(2) The members of a planning authority may, by resolution for the purposes of ensuring the effective operation of this Part, extend for such period as they consider appropriate, the period for which a local area plan continued in force under subsection (1) is to remain in force provided that a new development plan has not been made under Chapter 5 in respect of the functional area to which the plan relates.*
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> *(3) Prior to adopting a resolution under subsection (2), a planning authority shall comply with any applicable requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations) and the Habitats Directive (and Part 6).*
>
> *(4) Where the members of the planning authority extend the period for which a local area plan is to remain in force under subsection (2) and a new development plan is*

made under Chapter 5 before the expiry of the period as extended, the local area plan concerned shall cease to have effect upon the coming into effect of the new development plan.

(5) Where the members of the planning authority extend the period for which a local area plan is to remain in force under subsection (2), the chief executive of the planning authority shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, notify the Minister of the extension.

Therefore, the provisions of the Act allow for the extension of the Kellystown Local Area Plan by way of resolution made by the elected members.

3. Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021

3.1 Overview

The Kellystown Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted by the Council on the 11th January 2021 and came into effect six weeks later on 22nd February 2021.

The LAP establishes a framework for the planned, coordinated and sustainable development for the Kellystown area. The Kellystown LAP area represents a significant land bank along the Dublin-Maynooth railway line. Rail services along this line are due to undergo a substantial upgrade in the coming years as the line is electrified and the frequency of services increase under the Dart + West scheme which has been approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála. The purpose of the LAP is to ensure that new development in this area is of an appropriate density and scale, is carefully planned and thought out, and highly sustainable and that provision is made for the necessary social and physical infrastructure needed to support the development of the lands.

The vision statement set out in the Kellystown LAP seeks to

'…promote the development of a distinctive, sustainable, high quality new residential quarter, connected to the neighbouring suburbs of Clonsilla and Carpenterstown. Kellystown will provide a sustainable residential community, comprising a choice of high quality new homes, with a mix of dwelling types, size and tenure based around a new civic square that incorporates local services with new schools, public open space and access to high capacity public transport links.'

An urban design strategy is provided in the Local Area Plan, in conjunction with strategies for transport, green and blue infrastructure, open space, community infrastructure and water services. The Local Area Plan also sets out details in respect of the phasing of the plan lands with the overall aim of ensuing the delivery of physical, community and social infrastructure in tandem with the provision of new housing and the resultant population increase.

3.2 Implementation of the Kellystown Local Area Plan

Progress has been made in achieving the objectives of the Local Area Plan, with permission having been granted for c. 370 units to date. Construction has commenced

on these. A number of planning applications amounting to c. 400 units are currently in the planning system, being under consideration by either Fingal County Council or An Coimisiún Pleanála. Permission has also been granted for new playing pitches and a club house to facilitate the relocation of St. Mochta's. Work is also ongoing on the new graveyard. A detailed listing of recent planning applications in the area of the Local Area Plan is included in Appendix 1 to this report.

It is considered that the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 remains consistent with the provisions contained within the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Having regard to the progress in securing the objectives of the Kellystown LAP and in order to ensure that a comprehensive framework is in place to guide the development of this area, it is considered appropriate to extend the duration of this Local Area Plan for a duration of a further 5 years or until such time a new development plan is made, whichever is sooner.

3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment

A screening exercise was carried out in relation to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the Local Area Plan (Directive 2001/42/EC).

The screening exercise for SEA concluded that a full Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required, given the nature and scale of development proposed and its potential impacts.

The screening statement was published as part of the Local Area Plan documents.

The proposal to extend the duration of the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 has been subject to screening for the requirement for strategic environmental assessment in accordance with Schedule 2 European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025. The proposal to extend the local area plan will not give rise to likely significant environmental effects and strategic environmental assessment is not required.

3.4 Appropriate Assessment

In addition to the Strategic Environmental Assessment, it was also a requirement to undertake an Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening regarding possible impacts of the LAP on Natura 2000 sites as required under the EU Habitats Directive. The screening exercise concluded that a full Appropriate Assessment was not required. The AA Screening document was also published with the LAP.

A review of the AA Screening has been prepared that considers whether or not the proposal to extend Kellystown LAP would necessitate the undertaking of Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora).

Other than the time-limited extension of duration, no other changes to the policies and objectives of the existing Kellystown Local Area Plan are proposed. No additional sources

or pathways will arise as a result of the proposed extension of duration and there is no possibility that the proposed extension could result in a significant effect on any European site. There is also no possibility of any significant effects on the North-west Irish Sea SPA, which was designated in 2023.

The Appropriate Assessment screening process undertaken in the preparation of the Kellystown LAP considered potential effects which may arise during the implementation of the Plan. An assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the LAP characteristics was undertaken, taking account of the characteristics of the subject lands and the separation distances to European Sites in the potential zone of influence. It was determined that there are no likely significant effects on any European sites.

It is now concluded that the proposed extension of duration of the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 – 2027 will not give rise to significant effects on any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Furthermore, any future plans or projects arising from the implementation of the policies and objectives of the Plan will themselves continue to be subject to screening (or AA if necessary) as part of the planning process. All development arising as a result of the Plan, if it is extended, will also continue to be guided by the development management policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

3.5 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

In accordance with the 'Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoEHLG, 2009) and Circular PL02/2014, (August 2014), the preparation of the LAP was the subject of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), which was also completed by McCloy Consulting Engineers. The SFRA incorporates commentary and recommendations to guide future development, which must comply with the objectives of the assessment to ensure impacts on water quality and increased flood risk are avoided. The SFRA and Sustainable Drainage Strategy were published with the LAP.

4. Chief Executives Recommendation

In summary, it is the recommendation of the Chief Executive that the Kellystown Local Area Plan is extended in accordance with the provisions of Section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended to remain in force for a further period of 5 years from the 21st February 2027 to the 20th February 2032, or until the making of a new County Development Plan, whichever occurs sooner.

5. Recommended Resolution

It is recommended that the following Resolution be passed:

That the Members having considered the Chief Executive's Report AGREE and hereby approve the extension of the period for which the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 shall

remain in force for a further period of 5 no. years from the 21st February 2027 to the 20th February 2032, or until the making of a new County Development Plan, whichever occurs sooner.

Appendix 1: Planning History

Applications Granted

LRD0034/S3 – Permission granted on 21 Aug 2024

Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company & Castlethorn Developments (Kellystown) Unlimited Company were granted permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development Amendment to a consented Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21) at this site (c. 9.73 ha) in the townlands of Kellystown, Porterstown and Diswellstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15.

The proposed amendment to Block A and curtilage sits within the eastern corner of the site of the consented scheme. The latter generally bounded by: Porterstown Road, St. Brigid's Lawn traveller accommodation, St. Mochta's FC sports grounds and Diswellstown Road overpass / Dr. Troy Bridge to the east; the Dublin-Maynooth rail line, Porterstown level crossing and an existing dwelling ('Abbey Cottage') to the north; greenfield lands to the west and south; and, Scoil Choilm Community National School and Luttrellstown Community College to the south east. The site of the consented upgrading of drainage infrastructure extends to the Riverwood Distributor Road.

The proposed amendments to the consented SHD scheme ABP-312318-21 comprise changes to Block A and its immediate curtilage only, and include:

- The reconfiguration of Block A to accommodate 193no. dwellings in total (an increase of 28no. dwellings) in buildings ranging between 2 and 8 storeys in height, with the following residential unit mix: 82no. 1-bed apartment units, 108no. 2-bed apartment units, and 3no. 2-bed duplex units. Associated reconfiguration of internal floor plans to accommodate an increase from 31no. to 34no. apartment units per floor. Reduced floor area of the internal residential amenity area (from c.405.7 sq m to c.120.9 sqm). Reduced floor area of the retail unit (from c.236 sq m to c.200.6 sq m).

- And all associated and ancillary site development, infrastructural, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: Creation of a public realm / plaza to the south eastern corner of Block A, relocation of podium level communal open space courtyard to ground level within the perimeter block, addition of new roof terrace at Level 4 and enhanced planting. Reconfiguration and reduction of Block A residential car parking, reduced from 62no. podium level and 36no. surface level spaces (total 98no. spaces) to a revised total of 59no. surface level spaces. Reconfiguration and reduction in Block A retail unit car parking from 5no. to 4no. spaces, and the omission of 7no. visitor spaces. Reconfiguration and increase in Block A bicycle parking spaces, from 367no. to 604no. spaces.

- Vehicular access to revised Block A via the Kellystown Link Road site entrance and internal access road network (including east-west junction across Porterstown Road), is as per the consented SHD development ABP Reg. Ref. ABP-312318-21.

This application for the proposed amendments to the consented Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21) is a Large-scale Residential Development as defined under Section 2 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended.

FW25A/0033E - Permission granted on 29th Jul 2025
Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited, in association with St Mochta's Football Club were granted permission at this site (c. 4.03 ha) in the townlands of Kellystown and Porterstown, Dublin 15. The site is located within the Kellystown Local Area Plan development boundary. It is generally bounded by Luttrellstown College, Scoil Choilm Community National School and the existing Cemetery Road to the east; existing and permitted Kellystown Link Road (ABP-312318-21, as amended by LRD0034-S3 refers) to the north; permitted Public Park (ABP-312318-21 refers) to the west; and existing cemetery and 'The Gables' Luttrellstown Road (Protected Structure) to the south.

The proposed development comprises new sportsground and clubhouse for a relocated St Mochta's Football Club, in accordance with Key Objective DA 1.1 of the Kellystown Local Area Plan, to lands south of the existing and permitted Kellystown Link Road, to include:

- 6no. playing pitches, including 1no. 11-a-side (63m x 92m) grass turf, floodlit playing pitch (6no. 15m high floodlight columns); 1no. 11-a-side (63m x 92m) synthetic turf, floodlit playing pitch (6no. 15m high floodlight columns); 1no. 9-a-side (45m x 73m) synthetic turf, floodlit playing pitch (4no. 12m high floodlight columns); 1no. 7-a-side (36m x 54m) grass turf, floodlit playing pitch (4no. 12m high floodlight columns); and 2no. 5-a-side (25m x 40m) synthetic turf pitches;

- 1-2 storey clubhouse building (c. 533 sq m) with a maximum parapet height of c. 8.1m, accommodating 4no. changing rooms, gymnasium, general purpose area, kitchen, toilets, meeting rooms, officials room, first aid room, office, storage and associated facilities, and including a first-floor terrace overlooking the main playing pitches;

- All associated ancillary site development works, landscape, boundary treatments and signage, including:

- Regrading of the pitch areas;

- Associated 3m run-off areas, 1m high perimeter pitch fencing, dug-outs for the two 11-a-side pitches and 5m high ball-stop netting behind the goals of the 11-a-side pitches and along the southern boundary adjoining the cemetery site;

- Boundary treatments, including native hedge, street trees and mixed woodland planting in areas of the site; a 1800mm high railing is proposed at the northern site boundary along the permitted Kellystown Link Road (ABP-312318-21, as amended by LRD0034/S3 refers), at the western boundary adjoining the permitted Public Park (ABP-312318-21 refers) and at the eastern boundary along the existing Cemetery access road; and a 2m high wall with name plate at the proposed site entrance at the existing Cemetery Road;

- 97no. car parking spaces (total), including 5no. universally accessible spaces;

- 114no. bicycle spaces (total), including 6no. cargo bike spaces;

- 5no. motorcycle spaces;

- 1no. coach set-down space;

- 1no. maintenance shed (c. 28sqm);

- Vehicular access is proposed via the existing Cemetery Road, with 2no. access points providing a one way In-and-Out circulation system;

- A new 4.5m wide footpath and cycle path on the eastern side of existing Cemetery Road, to extend from its junction with Kellystown Link Road and provide the main pedestrian & cycle access point into St Mochta's Football Club. A new 3m wide cycle path to extend from this point to the southern boundary, on the eastern side of Cemetery Road. The existing 2m wide footpath on the western side of Cemetery Road will be maintained for the full length of Cemetery Road.

SHDW/004/21 [ABP 312318] Permission granted on 2nd March 2023
Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company were granted permission for 346 no. units.

The proposed development for which permission was sought consisted of residential-led development (c.38,005.4 sq m gross floor area), including 349no. residential units, internal residential amenity area (c. 405.7 sq m), 1no. childcare facility (c. 528.2 sq m) and 1no. retail unit (c. 236.2 sq m), in buildings ranging from 2 to 8-storeys, and associated site works. The breakdown of proposed accommodation is: - 123no. own door detached, semi-detached, terraced and end of terrace houses, (including 99no. 3-bed, 2 -storey houses, 24no. 4-bed, 2 to 3-storey houses and private rear gardens are

provided for all houses.) 3no. apartment buildings, accommodating 226no. apartment units, internal residential amenities and non-residential units, including: - Block A: 4 to 8-storey building, accommodating 168no. apartments (70no. 1-beds and 98no. 2-beds), internal residential amenity area (c. 405.7 sq m) and a ground floor retail unit (c. 236.2 sq m). Block B: 4 to 5-storey building, accommodating 34no. apartments (9no. 1-beds, 21no. 2-beds and 4no. 3-beds) and a ground floor childcare facility (c.528.2 sq m) . Block C: 4 to 6-storey building, accommodating 24no. apartments (5no. 1-beds and 19no. 2-beds). Private patios / terraces or balconies are provided for all apartment units, on all elevations of the proposed apartment buildings. And, all associated and ancillary site development and infrastructural works, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: - Road infrastructure works, including: - Upgrading of existing section of 'Kellystown Link Road' (c.280m), between the Diswellstown Road junction to a point west of the existing main vehicular entrance to Scoil Choilm Community National School, to provide new and enhanced pedestrian and cycle facilities, new left turn lane, provision of Toucan crossing, upgrade of existing junctions with Porterstown Road and Diswellstown Road / Overbridge. A new c. 160m western extension of the 'Kellystown Link Road', including new pedestrian, cycle and crossing facilities and 1no. new vehicular access to the scheme. 3no. new vehicular site entrances on the Porterstown Road. New internal residential road network including pedestrian and cycle links and green routes, including segregated pedestrian and cycle link aligned along the western edge of the existing Porterstown Road. Pedestrian and cycle access to the proposed public park to the south west. Pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular connections to facilitate future access to future development lands to the west. Repositioning of existing vehicular site entrance to 'Abbey Cottage' on its eastern boundary to Porterstown Road. New dedicated public park with active and passive recreation facilities (c. 2.1 Ha), smaller public pocket parks, green infrastructure links and communal private open space. Waste water infrastructure, including pumping station, pipe network and associated service road to connect to a public watermain under the proposed 'Kellystown Link Road'. Proposed Surface Water network with associated SuDS devices and attenuation pond with forebay. Upgrade works to existing drainage infrastructure in the Riverwood Distributor Road. 385no. car parking spaces, including: 170no. spaces on-curtilage and on-street for the houses; 140no. spaces for the apartments; and 14no. spaces for the proposed commercial unit and creche, 58no. visitor spaces and 3no. ESB service spaces. 22no. motorcycle parking spaces for the apartment units. 630no. bicycle parking spaces, including 402no. covered spaces in dedicated secure facilities and 228no. uncovered spaces. Bin and bicycle storage for all houses and apartment blocks. ESB sub-station units. Demolition of the existing vacant house and agricultural buildings.

Applications Pending

LRD0052/S3E – Decision due 5th March 2026

Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited has applied for permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development at this site (c. 4.39 ha) in the townland of Porterstown

Clonsilla, Dublin 15. The site is located within the Kellystown Local Area Plan development boundary and is predominately in use as football pitches for St. Mochta's Football Club. A new purpose-planned sportsground for St. Mochta's FC forms the subject of a concurrent planning application with Fingal County Council (Reg. Ref. FW25A/0033E) as required under the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021. The site is generally bounded to the north by the Royal Canal and Dublin-Maynooth rail line, Diswellstown Road/ Dr. Troy Bridge to the east, by permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3) known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1) to the south and west.

The proposed development consists of 302no. residential units in a mix of houses, duplexes and apartments ranging from 2 - 7 storeys in height comprising: -

- 97no. Houses (62no. 3-bed and 35no. 4-bed) ranging in heights of 2-3 storeys
- 205no. Apartment / Duplex Units (98no. 1-bed, 88no. 2-bed and 19no. 3-bed) across 4no. blocks comprising:
- Block D ranging in height from 5-7 storeys accommodating 57no. apartment units;
- Block E ranging in height from 5-7 storeys accommodating 77no. apartment units;
- Block F ranging in height from 4-5 storeys accommodating 29no. apartment units and 10no. duplex units;
- Duplex Blocks G1, G2, G3 & G4 3 storeys in height accommodating 32no. duplex and simplex units;
- The provision of 241no. car parking spaces and 993no. bicycle parking spaces;
- Private, communal and public open space provision including a new children's playground and active recreational facilities as well as all associated landscaping and boundary treatments;
  Vehicular access is provided off the existing Kellystown Link Road via the internal roads of Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development and submitted with this LRD application.

The Planning Application, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report may be inspected online at the following website: www.stmochtaslrd.ie

FW25A/0419E / PL-500486-DF-25
On appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála after Fingal County issued a decision to grant permission for 47 no. units.

The application relates to a site (c. 2.17 ha) in the townlands of Porterstown and Kellystown, Dublin 15. The site (Luttrellstown Gate Phase 2 - Site B) is located within the Kellystown Local Area Plan development boundary. The site is generally bounded to the

north by the Dublin-Maynooth rail line, to the south and east by permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3) known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1), with the shared boundary defined by hedgerow, and to the west by concurrent planning application known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 2 - Site A). The site boundary extends to the southwest to accommodate foul drainage to a permitted foul pumping station and surface water drainage to a permitted attenuation pond (both on Phase 1 lands permitted under ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3).

The proposed development comprises 47 no. dwellings, in a mix of houses and duplex units/own-door apartments, ranging from 2-3 storeys in height, including 35 no. houses (31 no. 3-bed and 4 no. 4-bed), and 12 no. duplex/apartment units with balconies (8 no. 1-bed and 4 no. 2-bed); and all associated and ancillary site development, landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: 54 no. surface car parking spaces; 152 no. bicycle parking spaces for mid-terrace and duplex units; Bin stores; Private, communal and public open space; Public lighting; Minor amendments to the permitted surface water attenuation pond. Vehicular access is provided off the existing Kellystown Link Road via the internal roads of Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1).

FW25A/0418E / PL-500488-DF-25
On appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála after Fingal County issued a decision to grant permission for 56 no. residential units.

The application relates to a site (c. 2.35ha) in the townlands of Porterstown and Kellystown, Dublin 15. The site (Luttrellstown Gate Phase 2 - Site A) is located within the Kellystown Local Area Plan development boundary. The site is generally bounded to the north by the Dublin-Maynooth rail line, to the south by permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3) known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1), to the east by concurrent planning application known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 2 - Site B) and to the west by agricultural lands. The site boundary extends to the southwest to accommodate foul drainage to a permitted foul pumping station and surface water drainage to a permitted attenuation pond (both on Phase 1 lands permitted under ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3). The proposed development comprises 56 no. dwellings, in a mix of houses and duplex units / own-door apartments, ranging from 2-3 storeys in height, including 50 no. houses (33 no. 3-bed and 17 no. 4-bed), and 6 no. duplex/apartment units with balconies (4 no. 1-bed and 2 no. 2-bed); and all associated and ancillary site development, landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: 79 no. surface car parking spaces; 71 no. bicycle parking spaces for mid-terrace and duplex units; Bin stores; Private, communal and public open space; Public lighting; Minor amendments to the permitted surface water attenuation pond. Vehicular access is provided off the existing Kellystown Link Road via the internal roads of Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1). The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at

the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission

Applications Refused

FW25A/0233E – Permission refused on 24 July 2025

Permission at a site (c. 3.68 ha) in the townlands of Porterstown and Kellystown, Dublin 15. The site is located within the Kellystown Local Area Plan development boundary. The site is generally bounded to the north by the Dublin-Maynooth rail line, to the south and east by permitted Strategic Housing Development (ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3) known as Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1), with the shared boundary defined by hedgerow, and to the west by agricultural lands. The site boundary extends to the southwest to accommodate foul drainage to a permitted foul pumping station and surface water drainage to a permitted attenuation pond (both on Phase 1 lands permitted under ABP-312318-21 as amended by LRD0034/S3).

The proposed development comprises 99 no. dwellings, in a mix of houses and duplex units/own-door apartments, ranging from 2-3 storeys in height, including 87 no. houses (66 no. 3-bed and 21 no. 4-bed), and 12 no. duplex/apartment units with balconies (4 no. 1-bed and 8 no. 2-bed); and all associated and ancillary site development, landscaping and boundary treatment works, including: 132 no. surface car parking spaces; 158 no. bicycle parking spaces for mid-terrace and duplex units; Bin stores; Private, communal and public open space; Public lighting; Minor amendments to the permitted surface water attenuation pond. Vehicular access is provided off the existing Kellystown Link Road via the internal roads of Luttrellstown Gate (Phase 1).

The reason for refusal was as follows:

> The development as proposed would be contrary to Ministerial Guidelines issued to Planning Authorities under section 28 of the Planning Development Act 2000 (as amended) as the proposed density of the scheme is below the minimum density standards set by Table 3.1 of the Sustainable and Compact Settlement Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2024 for 'City - Suburban/Urban Extension' locations. The principle of permitting a low-density scheme on prime residential zoned lands, located within 'Dublin City and Suburbs Consolidation Area' as per the Core Strategy of Table 2.14 of Fingal Development Plan 2023-29 would set an undesirable precedent for similar forms of inappropriate development.

Furthermore, the proposed development would materially contravene the density range indicated in a Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021. The development as such is therefore contrary to Ministerial Guidelines and inconsistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

SHDW/004/20 [ABP-308695-20] – Permission refused on 15 March 2021

The development will consist of a residential-led development comprising 360no. dwellings, 1no. childcare facility and 1no. retail unit, in buildings ranging from 1 to 8-storeys. The breakdown of residential accommodation is as follows:
128no. own door detached, semi-detached and terraced houses (including: 104no. 3-bed 2-storey houses, of which 28no. have optional single storey extension to rear, and 24no. 4-bed 2 to 3-storey houses) and 232no. apartment units accommodated in 3no. blocks, including:

- Block A: 1 to 8 storeys, accommodating 164no. apartments (62no. 1-beds and 102no. 2-beds) and a residential amenity area (c. 380 sq. m gfa);
- Block B: 4 to 5 storeys, accommodating 41no. apartments (12no. 1-beds, 24no. 2-beds and 5no. 3-beds);
- Block C: 4 to 6 storeys, accommodating 27no. apartments (11no. 1-beds and 16no. 2-beds), the childcare facility (c.278 sq. m gfa) and the retail unit (c. 98 sq. m gfa).

Private rear gardens are provided for all houses. Private patios/terraces or balconies are provided for all apartment units and feature on all apartment block elevations.

All associated and ancillary site development, drainage and infrastructural works (including plant), hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works, including:

- Road infrastructure works, including:
- The provision of new pedestrian and cycle facilities along the northern edge of an existing road, which extends c. 280m west from Diswellstown Road to a point west of the existing main vehicular entrance to Scoil Choilm Community National School (hereafter referred to as 'Kellystown Link Road')
- A c. 160m new western extension of the 'Kellystown Link Road'.
- The reconfiguration of a section of the 'Kellystown Link Road' at its junction with the Diswellstown Road;
- The realignment of a southern section of Porterstown Road at its junction with the 'Kellystown Link Road';
- Repositioning of existing vehicular site entrance to 'Abbey Cottage' on its eastern boundary to Porterstown Road;
- New vehicular access to the site at 1no. new site entrance on the Porterstown Road to Block A and 1no. site entrance to the scheme via the 'Kellystown Link Road'; and
- New internal residential road network including pedestrian and cycle links, a north-south pedestrian and cycle green route on the eastern side of

Porterstown Road and new pedestrian and cycle access to the proposed public park to the south west.

- New dedicated public park (c. 2.1 Ha), smaller pocket parks and green links;
- Waste water infrastructure, including; pumping station and pipe network to connect to a public watermain under the proposed 'Kellystown Link Road' and an associated pump station service road, and upgrade works to existing drainage infrastructure in the Riverwood Distributor Road;
- 435no. car parking spaces, including: 256no. spaces in-curtilage and on street for the houses; 58no. spaces at under croft level of Block A and 116no. spaces at surface level for the apartments; and 5no. spaces on-street for the proposed commercial units and to facilitate shared car club vehicles in the future;
- 12no. motorcycle car parking spaces, including: 4no. at surface level and 8no. at under croft level of Block A;
- 562no. bicycle parking spaces, including 401no. covered spaces and 161no. uncovered spaces;
- Bin stores;
- 3no. ESB sub-station units;
- Demolition of the existing vacant house and agricultural buildings.

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Festival & Events Funding Scheme 2026

-	**Event Name**	**Name of Applicant/Organisation**	**Award**
1	Balbriggan & District Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show	Balbriggan & District Horticultural Society	€500
2	Club festival fishing day	Balbriggan and Skerries Fishing Club	€500
3	Garden Talks Series 2026	Broadmeadow Community Garden	€500
4	Photographic Exhibition	Skerries Camera Club	€500
5	Leinster ILCA Championship	Skerries Sailing Club	€500
6	Skerries Junior Regatta	Skerries Sailing Club (Junior Section)	€500
7	A Stitch in Time Festival. Balbriggan: Past, Present and Future	Balbriggan & District Historical Society	€1,000
8	Our Nature Festival 2026	Balbriggan Tidy Towns	€1,000
9	Easter Family Fun Day	Baldoyle Forum CLG	€1,000
10	Gala Concert closing the Bicentenary celebrations of the Blanchardstown Brass Band	Blanchardstown Brass Band	€1,000
11	The Three Island Challenge	Currachaí na Sceirí	€1,000
12	The Stars of the Orient Ireland Festival	Danse Fusion	€1,000
13	Family fun event, Carnival, Live Music & Dance Acts, Street Entertainment, Games, Music, Food Vendors and Fireworks	Donabate/ Portrane Summer Festival 2026	€25,000
14	Dublin Concert Band presents Summer in the Parks concert series	Dublin Concert Band	€1,000
15	Santa Truck Visit	Lusk Action Group	€1,000
16	Oldtown Haunted Hall Halloween event	Oldtown Community Council CLG	€1,000
17	Polish constitution day festival	Polish Scouting Association Balbriggan	€1,000
18	A Print and Language Festival	Scéal Collective CLG	€1,000
19	5th Annual Skerries wild bee festival	Skerries Mills Community Garden	€1,000
20	Skerries Rowing Club Regatta 2026	Skerries Rowing Club	€1,000
21	Round Rockabill Rowing Race 2026	Skerries Rowing Club	€1,000
22	Skerries Regatta and E-Boat Nationals	Skerries Sailing Club	€1,000
23	Ulster 420s Championship	Skerries Sailing Club	€1,000

24	Naul Gardening & Flower Club Annual Flower Show	Naul Gardening and Flower Club	€1,500
25	Community Gathering - Christmas Tree Lights Switch on Event	Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns	€1,500
26	Christmas Show and Tree Lighting	Baldoyle Forum CLG	€2,000
27	Feasibility Study and Business Plan for Bealtaine Photography Competition and Positive Ageing Week Neighbourhood Festival	Bayside Community Centre CLG	€2,000
28	The Fingal Ballroom & Latin American International Dance Festival	Dance Sport Ire CLG	€2,000
29	Christmas Lights Festival in Donabate village	Donabate Christmas Lights Festival	€2,000
30	Fingal Rowing Club Annual Regatta 2026	Fingal Rowing Club	€2,000
31	Lambay Challenge 2026	Fingal Rowing Club	€2,000
32	Gaelcon	Gaelcon Irish Games Association	€2,000
33	Irish ILCA Master Championships 2026	Howth Yacht Club	€2,000
34	IODAI Optimist Leinster Championships 2026	Howth Yacht Club	€2,000
35	Indonesian Independence Day	Indonesian Irish Association	€2,000
36	India Day	Ireland India Council	€2,000
37	Balbriggan Traditional Music Festival	Irish Institute of Music & Song	€2,000
38	Lady Barbalade 10th anniversary event	Lady Barbalade	€2,000
39	Evening of Summer Song	One Voice Singers Swords	€2,000
40	Holistic Recovery-themed festival for National Recovery Month	Recovery is for Everyone Fingal (RIFE)	€2,000
41	Rush Christmas Lights & Santa's Grotto	Rush Community Council	€2,000
42	Skerries Christmas Lights 2026	Skerries Chamber of Commerce	€2,000
43	Ukulele Festival in Skerries	Skerries Ukulele Strummers	€2,000
44	Annual Slí Dhála Summer School 2026	Slí Dhála	€2,000
45	East of Ireland Pipe Band Championships	St Lawrence pipe band Howth	€2,000
46	Santa grotto for academy kids, a summer festival for the club and local community, a Christmas market	St Maurs GAA	€2,000
47	Summer Family Fun Day and Christmas Family Fun Day	Taylor Hill Residents Association	€2,000

48	Irish Open - Pitch and Putt	Portmarnock Pitch and Putt Club	€2,500
49	Brian Boru's Wake Festival	The Friends of St Columba's	€2,500
50	AsIAm Christmas Market Section as Swords Castle Christmas Market	AsIAm, Ireland's Autism	€3,000
51	Ballyboughal Halloween thriller night	Ballyboughal Community Council	€3,000
52	Seasonal Community Concert	Blakestown Drive Community Group	€3,000
53	Band Festival branded "Brass in the Park"	Blanchardstown Brass Band	€3,000
54	Sports Across the World 2026	Children 4 World Children (C4WC) CLG	€3,000
55	Clonsilla Heritage Festival	Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society	€3,000
56	Family Fun Festival	Corduff Football Club	€3,000
57	Outdoor painting festival running for seven days in different locations around Fingal	Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	€3,000
58	Skerries Triathlon & Aqua bike 2026	Fingal Triathlon Club	€3,000
59	Lambay Races Regatta 2026	Howth Yacht Club	€3,000
60	British & Irish Masters International Cross Country	Irish Master Athletes Association	€3,000
61	Loughshinny Harvest festival and Halloween party	Loughshinny community association	€3,000
62	Kenure Woods Christmas Market	Rush tourism	€3,000
63	Skerries Trad Music Weekend 2026 - 25th Anniversary	Skerries Trad Music Weekend	€3,000
64	Festival of Traditional Irish Set Dancing	Malahide Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann	€4,000
65	Autumn Open International Cross-Country Festival	Athletics Ireland	€5,000
66	Ballyboughal Christmas wonderland.	Ballyboughal Community Council	€5,000
67	Ballyboughal Heritage summer Festival	Ballyboughal Community Council	€5,000
68	Castleknock Music Festival	Castleknock Music Festival	€5,000
69	Donabate St. Patricks Festival	Donabate St Patricks Festival	€5,000
70	Women's Irish Challenge 2026	Forefront Sports Ltd	€5,000
71	Malahide Village Turning on of the Christmas Lights & Event	Malahide Chamber of Commerce	€5,000
72	Annual Halloween and Christmas Event in Naul Village	Naul Community Council	€5,000
73	Irish Open Karate	ONAKAI	€5,000
74	The Howth Wing Regatta	Pure Magic Watersports	€5,000

75	St. Patricks Day Parade Festival	Lusk Community Council	€7,000
76	St Patrick's Day Parade	Rush Community Council	€7,000
77	Skerries Saint Patricks Day Parade	Skerries Chamber of Commerce	€7,000
78	The Fingal International Festival of Voices	Fingal International Festival of Voices	€8,000
79	The Story of The Fingal 5th Battalion Festival Roadshow	Fingal old IRA Commemorative society 1916 - 1921.	€8,000
80	Leinster Pipe Band Festival 2026 incorporating the Leinster Pipe Band and Drum Majors Championships	Leinster Branch / Irish Pipe Band Association	€8,000
81	Skerries 100	Loughshinny Motorcycle Supporters Club	€8,000
82	Lusk Summer Festival	Lusk Action Group	€8,000
83	Coastal Music Festival	Coastal Music Festival	€8,000
84	All Shucked Up - Howth Guinness, Oyster & Music festival	Visit Howth Peninsula / Explore Howth & Optophonic Ltd	€10,000
85	Howth Roots and Blues Festival	Explore Howth & Optophonic Ltd	€10,000
86	"The Celtic Open" WDO Latin World Titles and Dance Competition	Dance Talent Academy	€12,500
87	Garristown Festival	Garristown Community Council	€12,500
88	Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)	Invictus Event Management	€12,500
89	Fingal 10K Road Race	Marathon Events Management	€15,000
90	Marathonkids Final Mile Event in Morton Stadium	Marathonkids Ireland	€15,000
91	Safer Together Summer Festival	Safer Blanchardstown	€15,000
92	Skerries Mills Harvest Time Festival	Skerries Mills	€15,000
93	Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Festival	Baldoyle Forum CLG	€20,000
94	Rush Harbour Festival	Rush Community Council	€20,000
95	Summerfest	Balbriggan Summerfest Committee	€25,000
96	Village Festival	Castleknock Village Festival	€25,000
97	Ireland v India, International T20 Cricket series	Cricket Ireland	€25,000
98	Connect Festival	Greater Cochin Club	€25,000
99	79th All Ireland Festival of Piping & Drumming incorporating the 79th All	Irish Pipe Band Association	€25,000

	Ireland Pipe Band & Drum Major Championships		
100	Skerries Summer Festival	Skerries Chamber of Tourism	€25,000
101	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival Committee	€3,000
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 27

2026 ARTS ACT GRANT SCHEME

Applications have been received under the bursary entitled the '***Fingal Arts Act Grants Scheme'***. Fingal County Council allocates funding annually under the Scheme to assist the development of the 'arts' in Fingal.

The 'arts' means any creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, and architecture, and any medium when used for those purposes.

The Arts Act Grant Scheme is intended to assist **groups, organisations, and individuals** in the following:

- stimulating public interest in the arts
- promoting the knowledge, appreciation and encourage practice of the arts
- improving standards and development in the arts in the county

Events, festivals and projects supported under this scheme aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

This year marked the first time that the Arts Act Grant Scheme was publicly announced as open for applications. In tandem with this, a new Revenue Strand was

introduced by invitation only in this pilot year, expanding the scope of the scheme and the range of applicants eligible to apply.

As a result of these changes, the scheme attracted 60% new applicants in this funding round. Overall, this represented a 140% increase in applicants compared to 2025. This public announcement indicated a significantly increased awareness of the scheme and broadened extent of support sought to €730,714.

A total of 84 applications were received and assessed. Having examined the applications, the panel has recommended 38 awards, amounting to a total sum of **€225,000.**

LIST OF APPLICANTS AND AWARDS

It is proposed to make funding available to the following organisations in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amounts set out here under and the approval of the Members is now sought:

APPLICANT	2026 AWARD
Éadaoin Copeland, Fingal Chamber Music, Balbriggan	3,000
Artists Rest Workshop, Balbriggan	2,250
Baldoyle Musical Society	8,000
Gary Keegan, Ballyboughal Community Choir	5,000
Blanchardstown Brass Band	5,000
Brian Gallagher, Howth	4,200
Castleknock Music Festival	10,000
Cecilian Theatre Arts, Dublin 15	8,000
John Nutekpor, CeltAfrik / St. Catherine's National School, Rush	5,000
Cliodhna Noonan, Balbriggan	8,000
Coastal Music Festival, Baldoyle & Sutton	8,000
Coláiste Ghlór na Mara, Balbriggan	3,000
Coolmine Musical Society	8,000

Coolmine Panto Group	8,000
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	6,620
Fedelm Creativity	2,000
Hedgestown National School, Lusk	3,000
High Rock Productions	5,000
Hooks & Reels, Howth	3,000
Howth Singing Circle	3,000
Laura Skehan, A Thinning of The Veil, Malahide	12,000
Lusk Community Council	2,430
Malahide Camera Club	5,000
Malahide Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	8,000
Malahide Musical Society	8,000
Portmarnock Art Group	1,500
Portmarnock Singers	3,000
Rush Dramatic Society / The Millbank Theatre	25,000
Rush Musical Society	8,000
Sean Smith, Rush Festival of Writing	4,000
Skerries Community College	1,000
Skerries Theatre Group	6,000
Skerries Trad Music Weekend	10,000
Skerries Ukulele Strummers	1,500
St. Mary's Secondary School, Baldoyle	3,000
Swords Theatre Company	3,500
Swords Youth Choir	5,000
The Bleeding Pig Festival, Donabate & Portrane	10,000
TOTAL	**225,000**

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 28

REPORT TO COUNCIL ON PARKING CONTROL BYE-LAWS 2026

The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-laws 2026 were adopted by the Council at the meeting on the 12th of January 2026 and come into effect on the 16th of February 2026.

The Director for Operations agreed to do a report on the process required to make changes to the adopted Bye-laws following discussion on apartments and residents permit provision contained within the approved Byelaws.

Procedure for Amendment of Bye-Laws.

The making, amendment, or revocation of a Bye-Law is a reserved function of the Council. The Bye-Laws cannot be amended by resolution until such time as the procedure for the making of Bye-Laws is recommenced and undertaken in accordance with the relevant legislation. This includes public consultation, briefing to SPC, Area Committees etc. It is not possible to amend a part of the Bye-Laws as they have been adopted in full following consultation with the public. Therefore, the process must be commenced again in order to make any amendment to the Bye-Laws.

Resident Permits & Apartments

Resident Permits for apartments was raised during the discussion on the Bye-Laws on January 12th. At Census 2022 there were 115,358 housing units in the county and 17.36% of those units were apartments – 20,035. That number has risen and will continue to rise as more units are completed and become available for purchase.

There are a total of **2116** parking bays in the county, excluding disabled bays.

Residents Parking Permits are provided for Under Part III (16 – 23) of the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026.

Resident is defined in the Bye-Laws as …. a *person other than the occupant of a purpose-built apartment block, who satisfies the Council that his/her normal dwelling please is at a premises situated in a street containing a ticket parking area.*

Residents Parking Permits are only issued to the owner of a premises which are situated in a **street containing a ticket parking area** and where a payment is required for on-street parking.

If it is not a ticket parking area and there are no yellow lines preventing cars parking in that area, a car can be legally parked on the public road free of charge. In most areas of the County residents of housing estates and apartment blocks use the public road for parking which is permitted once the vehicle is legally parked.

Ticket parking areas in the County are located in heavy demand areas and in town and village centres. In most instances resident parking permits are issued to people living in town houses in the town centres and do not have a parking space within their property.

Issuing parking permits to apartments in these heavy demand areas will lead to a decrease in paid parking in village and town centres leading to a decrease in turnover for businesses and visitors and loss of pay parking revenue.

Comparison with other Dublin Local Authorities

Dublin City Council

Resident permits for apartment owners are not provided for by Dublin City Council in their Bye-Laws. Bye-Law 22 provides for a converted house only

In the Dublin City area residents of a building consisting of more than 4 housing units located on a heavy demand road shall **not** be eligible for residents parking permits except where the house is a ***converted house****….a building comprising a former single dwelling house which has been altered or converted so as to contain within it more than a single housing unit.*

Resident permits are issued where a single house has been converted to a number of units. In accordance with Part III 16 (5) (e) …. except as provided in Bye-Law 22, where the building consists of more than 4 housing units and is located on a heavy demand road, residents shall not be eligible for residents parking permits.

Fingal County Council Bye-Laws

Similar provision is provided in Fingal Bye-Laws 19 (5) and (6) - Under the adopted by-laws a resident's permit would be issued by Fingal County Council to each unit in an instance where a house has been divided from a single housing unit into six units or less. This unit is a premises situated in a street containing a ticket parking area. Applications for resident parking permits will not be considered for residents where a house is divided into more than six units.

Conclusion

Following the review and consultation process on the current Bye-Laws, **one** submission was received with regards to residents permits for apartments. There is no provision within the Fingal County Council Bye-Laws 2026 to provide for the issuing of resident parking permits to owners of apartment and there is no proposal to review the newly adopted Bye-Laws to make provision for apartment holders for the following reasons: -

- The issuing of resident parking permits to apartment owners in high demand areas would displace public parking which would impact turn around for businesses and visitors in the towns and village centres.
- Insufficient paid parking in the high demand areas to meet the volume of resident permits that would be required to facilitate apartment owners.
- Purpose built apartments already have allocated parking as per the planning permission granted for the development, which negates the requirement for on-street residents permits.
- On street paid parking is only available in high demand areas of the county and apartment owners have the option in low demand areas to park legally on the public road.
- Making a provision for owners of apartments is promoting car ownership which is in contradiction with this Council's Fingal Action Plan and Development Plan. These plans adopted by the Council promotes a transition towards more sustainable forms of transport, public transport, cycling, and walking. To make such a provision would be promoting car ownership.
- There would be a substantial loss of revenue from existing on street paid parking.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

9th February 2026
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Chief Executive's Foreword

The LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards will have four shortlisted nominations from Fingal in this, the 20th year of the awards. Over the years, Fingal initiatives have been celebrated at this prestigious ceremony which highlights the collaboration between local communities and councils. Showcasing what can be achieved through these partnerships is a great source of pride for all involved and I wish to congratulate everyone who worked on the Fingal entries and shortlisted nominations. This year's award ceremony will not only mark the anniversary of the inaugural awards in 2006 but also will acknowledge 40 years of the LAMA Executive, and a century of the main sponsor, IPB Insurance. The calibre of entries to the awards each year reflects our commitment to investment across areas such as infrastructure, climate action, community and place building and wellbeing for the people of the county. Collaboration is a key asset in realising our core objectives and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our stakeholders for their valuable input, experience and work on projects and initiatives across Fingal. The shortlisted entries for this year's awards are extremely deserving and represent the diversity of initiatives that the council is involved with. I wish everyone the very best of luck at the awards ceremony on February 28th.

Best Irish Festival - *The Fingal Write Time Literary Festival*
Best Inclusive Community Wellbeing - *Water Sport Ability Camp*
Community Wellbeing Initiative - *Talking Heads Project*
Excellence in Sustainable Major Infrastructure Delivery - *Church Fields Mixed Tenure Housing Development*

On January 16th, the third Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030) was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O'Leary at County Hall. I was pleased to attend the event with the Chair of Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance, Senan Turnbull and Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassador, Terry Prone along with a host of guests and Fingal's wonderful Staff Choir. We all know that Fingal boasts a vibrant, diverse and young population, but 21% of Fingal residents are now over 55 years old and this demographic shift is continuing. As an inclusive county, it is important to ensure people of all ages feel included, valued and consulted – particularly our ageing members of society. The Age Friendly Alliance developed the Strategy following a period of extensive engagement with older people, stakeholders, and sectoral partners. The four themes of the strategy are: Health and Wellbeing, Mobility and Accessibility, Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods and Information and Participation. These themes are of importance and relevance to us all but were examined especially for citizens who are older and who seek to age with dignity and purpose in their communities. In the strategy, challenges which have been identified through the consultation process are met with a coordinated, multi-agency Action Plan. This body of work represents our unwavering commitment to the Age Friendly Programme and will be an important reference and source of information and knowledge for everyone. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who facilitated the production of the strategy and would encourage you all to read it here:
fingal-age-friendly-strategy-2026-2030.pdf
Baldoyle is the latest community which will benefit from an exceptional amenity right in the heart of the locality with the opening of Racecourse Community Centre.

The visually spectacular circular design gives just a hint of the assets which lie inside the front door - A central sports hall featuring three courts sits adjacent to four multi-purpose community rooms and externally accessible sports rooms which will be well utilised by local and visiting sports teams. Sustainability are accessibility are at the core of the design and functionality of the building which boasts ample bike parking, electric vehicle charging points, accessible parking, a rain garden and a green roof. The €10m project was fully funded by Fingal County Council's Community Development, Parks and Green Infrastructure Departments. An Integrated Design Team was led by Henchion Reuter Architects and included Roughan O'Donovan Engineers, Matt O'Mahoney Associates, Walsh Associates Quantity Surveyors and Dermot Foley Landscape Architects. Construction was carried out by Vision Contracting. The project team here in Fingal, the Racecourse Community Centre Committee, sports clubs and the local Baldoyle community were very pleased to see the project come to fruition following many years of planning and design. The centre, conveniently located in Racecourse Park, will form an integral part of the fabric of the community of Baldoyle and will be an invaluable asset for locals and visitors alike.

There was further good news for Active Travel in the county this month as Fingal County Council was awarded €33.1m for projects as part of €360 million in Government funding for Active Travel and Greenways across Ireland in 2026. Key projects to receive funding in Fingal include the Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge (Malahide–Donabate), which has been allocated €12.2 million and the Auburn Avenue to 12th Lock Walking & Cycling Route, which will receive €2.9 million. A further €3 million will progress the Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide) Scheme. The New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme has been allocated €1 million and €100,000 will support the S2M Extension (Sutton to Malahide). An additional €9.6m has been allocated to other priority commuter projects including the R132 Junction Upgrades (Design Stage), the countywide Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, and Bus Priority / Traffic Management Improvements. This major investment will be hugely beneficial for the identified 49 walking, cycling and public realm projects, other priority commuter projects and additional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programmes. Six Fingal schools have been included in the recently announced Round 4 of the SRTS programme: Coolmine Community School (Dublin 15), Gaelscoil Ros Eo (Rush), Scoil Moibhi (Skerries), Scoil Oilibhéir (Dublin 15), St. Andrew's NS (Malahide) and St. Joseph's Secondary School (Rush). This funding will help shape Fingal's active future by ensuring the provision of infrastructure and initiatives which will make it safer and easier to embrace active travel solutions in our day to day lives. I look forward to bringing you further updates on these initiatives in the coming months.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Interviews Held to date	43
New Starters	21
Promotions	4
Number of Current Job Offers	55

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	20
Number of Attendees	220
Number of Training Days	237

In February, Mental Health Workshops for all grades, Personal Effectiveness, Retirement Training and Delivery of standard Health & Safety training will continue to include Driver CPC, Polesaw, First Aid, Chainsaw, Manual Handling and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The wellbeing team focused on supporting a positive start to the year by promoting available wellbeing resources and encouraging engagement with staff wellbeing activities. Awareness of support options were reinforced with continued engagement across the organisation. Further wellbeing activities will continue over the coming months.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU is committed to ensuring that safety measures are in place by undertaking a proactive blended approach which creates an effective safe and healthy working environment. This includes undertaking risk assessments, safety audits and inspections, encouraging hazard reporting and taking corrective action. This approach is essential for preventing incidents and improving future safety practices in Fingal County Council.

Local Government Act 2001 as amended

The Mayor has received the prescribed notification from the Chief Executive for the purposes of Section 147(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

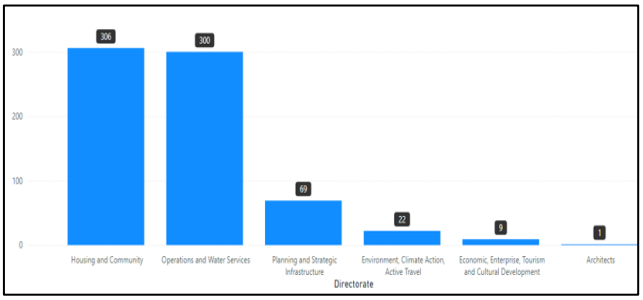
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – January 2026

Month	Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU
January 2026	**11,406**	**1,319**

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of representations for January was 707. See below breakdown by each department.



Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 153,790 visitors during January, an increase of 27,329 from the previous period. The number of page views increased by 81,248 to 336,657. The average time spent on the website dropped to 1 min 55 secs.
The most popular page during January was the Affordable Housing page. Our Planning Applications page also had over 26,353 page views.
The Facebook account rose to 45,061 followers (+1.2%) while the number of views increased by 18.5% to 2,326,242 from the previous month. There were 7,857 (+11.6%) interactions. The most popular post was Driving through floodwater isn't worth the risk.
Instagram rose to 17,329 followers. Total views down by 19.2% to 606,357, with a reach of 37,348 (-62.9%). There were 4,482 (-27.1%) interactions. The most read post was the Driving through floodwater isn't worth the risk.
The number of followers on X fell again, down by 269 to 23,056; there was an engagement rate of 4.1% from 50,527 impressions. We limit posts **on X** to emergency information.
The WhatsApp channel now has 3,600 followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,652), TikTok (1,183) and Bluesky (500).
For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 30 to 1,969 in January. Total views were 7,934. We now have 850 videos, our most popular video during January was Upgraded Portmarnock Rail Bridge delivers vital active travel link. We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting which is proving popular on YouTube.

Irish Language

A Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for 2nd level students was launched offering 15 partial scholarships to be awarded in February.
Staff Irish language training continues with the Certificate in Professional Irish and evening Gaelchultur courses.
Compliance with, and education regarding, the requirements of Irish Language legislation continue including reporting on our compliance with the bilingual Advertising requirements.
Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from 1-17 March, and a programme of events is being prepared, including a County Hall Celebration on March 11th, details can be found on https://www.fingal.ie/seachtain-na-gaeilge-2026

Press Releases

There were **23** press releases issued during January covering topics such as the opening of the Portmarnock Railway Bridge, the inaugural meeting of the Fingal North and Fingal West LCSPs, the awarding of 33.1 million euro to Active Travel Projects in Fingal, the openings of the new Donabate Library and Skerries Carnegie Library, and the changing of the organisational structure of the Council.
Media Coverage included an RTE1 special report on the plans for Dunsink. This featured on the SixOne News and Morning Ireland. There was also national interest from the Irish Independent and the Irish Times in the Sutton planning case and in the Skerries Active Travel Plan, with articles featured on both.



Director of Planning and Development, Roisín Burke speaking to RTE News.

Media Queries

Media queries lodged with the Communications section during the month of January included questions on the Derelict Sites Act, Fingal's use of X as a social media platform, vacant houses in Swords, hidden disability parking spots, Part V developments, and the rezoning of land at Dunsink.

Digital Services

Digitisation of Housing Loans and Housing Allocations

The work to digitise paper files within the Housing Directorate continues. The Housing Loans files were completed in August 2025, with a total of 83,000 documents digitised. Work is currently underway in Housing Allocations and is due to be completed by February 2026, with 69,650 of their paper files digitized to date. This work has complemented the digitalization of the Housing Allocations process facilitated by the new Housing system.

Digitisation of Planning Historic Files

The project to digitise the Historic Planning Files has been completed which converted decades of legacy material into fully searchable, accessible PDF documents. The project included the digitisation of 63,000 pre-1998 microfiche-based planning applications dating back to 1963; 73,000 files from the legacy Alchemy system; and 10,000 paper planning files from 1998–2002.

These files are all now securely stored in SharePoint for improved access and long-term preservation. This project has replaced outdated technologies and processes, provides enhanced search efficiency, and safeguards vital historic planning files for both staff and the public.

Digital Programmes / Smart Balbriggan / CE Innovation Fund

Digital Services attended the TY Expo at the Helix in October where students had the opportunity to try out our "Makey Makey" science kits, and the Virtual Reality headsets with the 3D models of Swords Culture House and Balbriggan Quay Street and Harbour. Blanchardstown Community Training College were the winners of a "Makey Makey" science kit valued at €1,000 which was presented to the school by Mayor Tom O'Leary.



Presentation of "Makey Makey" kit to Blanchardstown CTC

"How It's Made: Unmasking AI" is a curated art exhibition which took place in Balbriggan during Science Week in November. There were exhibits in The Warehouse, The Lark and The Window. The exhibition was funded by Research Ireland with support from Fingal County Council and in partnership with Smart Balbriggan, the CONNECT Centre and the SCÉAL Arts Collective. We are planning for some of the exhibits to travel to other locations in Fingal in 2026.


Launch of "How It's Made: Unmasking AI"


Exhibit from "How It's Made: Unmasking AI"

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Inaugural Fingal Golf and Accommodation Forum(s)



The inaugural Fingal Golf Forum and Fingal Accommodation Forum meetings were held in January. Both were well attended and regular meetings will now take place going forward.

There is an opportunity to position golf as a flagship tourism experience—driving visitor spend, extending the season, and strengthening Fingal's profile. In relation to accommodation, it is an opportunity not just to benefit from increased visitor numbers, but to help shape a stronger, more sustainable and more profitable destination together.

Destination Brand Launch

Fingal's tourism destination brand will be officially launched at an event in The Grand Hotel Malahide on **Monday 23rd February 2026**. The event will be an opportunity to outline the Council's plans to the tourism and food sector, and explain the destination tourism website and social media rollout within a comprehensive, marketing, PR and advertising plan.

TradFest 2026



Over 30 concerts took place across Fingal as part of TradFest 2026 that ran from 21-25 January 2026. TradFest is developing strong roots in Fingal as a celebration of Irish music and culture along with the Dublin region.
All the Fingal venues reported strong turnout, and audiences were delighted with the variety of concerts in wonderful settings such as Swords Castle and the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre as well as free gigs in locations such as Joe May's pub in Skerries and a sold-out banjo masterclass in the Abbey Tavern in Howth.

EVENTS

New Years Eve

A spectacular display of fireworks took place with a 7pm start with amazing viewing from Howth Pier. As part of the post event review a full assessment of this event will be conducted and completed by March 26.



Festival and Events Funding for 2026

Following the success of the 2025 programme, which supported over 100 events across the County to the tune of €600,000, applications for the 2026 scheme closed on the 22nd of December. 136 applications were received with 99 meeting the criteria for festival and events funding. The balance of applications was referred to Sports, Community or the Art sections.



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle



To coincide with St. Brigids Day festivities, Ardgillan Castle held MnáFest, a celebration of female creativity over the Bank Holiday weekend from Friday 30th January to 2nd February. The festival was well attended and covered a wide range of activities including yoga, portrait drawing, bag making, bellydancing and St. Brigid's Cross making.

Swords Castle

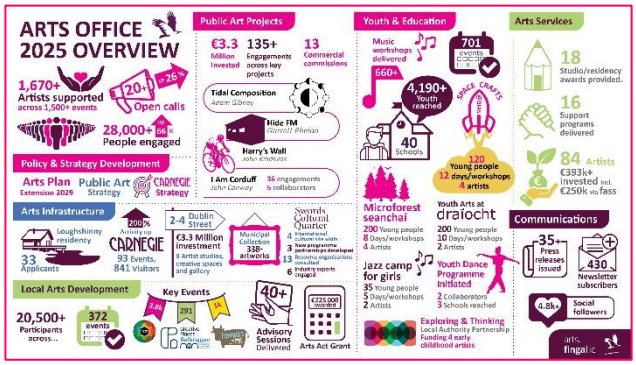


A new operator arrangement has been established for Swords Castle and Carnegie Library to provide facilities management services and to support events in both venues. The contract duration is for six months renewable to one year.

Works have started on public realm improvements in the vicinity of the Castle as part of the SCQ development. The castle will remain open to the public insofar as possible given that the works will include the main access path.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Arts Office have compiled an infographic to highlight key aspects of the Arts Service and measure the impact of Arts Development across Fingal in 2025 including a 26% increase in open calls since 2025, 1,500+ events, supporting 1,670+ artists, and a 66% increase in overall engagement.



Professional Arts Development

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme



On Tuesday 13th January Fingal Arts Office announced the 2026 edition of the Fingal Artists Support Scheme.

This funding stream offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for up to €5,000 to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

To support artists with the application, Fingal Arts Office are offering three drop-in clinics in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, and Swords.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 27th February 2026 at 4:00pm.

Local Arts Development

Artist Workspace Scheme



On 19th December, The Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, announced that **Fingal County Council was awarded an arts capital grant awards of €300k** to support the delivery of 8 Artist Studios as part of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan development.

The Artist Workspaces Scheme is a €6m capital investment scheme for Local Authorities to enable them to provide additional capacity and availability of artist workspaces in their regions.

The Carnegie

During January, the development of the programming for SCQ progressed through a partnership with Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, to research and develop a framework for a pilot collaborative arts project in Swords.

This work focuses on establishing a practical framework and commissioning plan to support artists working collaboratively with local communities, strengthening the Arts Office's engagement with both artists and residents.

Create's national leadership in community-based arts practice will ensure the framework is informed by best practice and robust, community-centred methodologies, while aligning with Create's new strategic plan. The proposed Producer-in-Residence, working in collaboration with Create, will support professional delivery, stakeholder engagement and meaningful community impact as programming at Swords Cultural Quarter continues to develop.

Public Art



Public Art at New Street Malahide

Fingal Arts Office are working closely with colleagues and the development of the New Street Public Realm, Malahide. We are working with Fingal artist Laura Skehan who will propose a suitable work which will integrate into the design and animate aspects of Malahide's rich cultural & architectural heritage.

Creative Places Balbriggan

After 3 months of consultation with the Balbriggan community, Creative Places Balbriggan has delivered a report with recommendations for the project over the next 2 years.



The report was carried out by Paula Phelan of Traverso Ltd. and involved both qualitative and quantitative surveying of four main stakeholder groups: Community groups, older people, young people and artists.

The research involved needs analysis from each group during workshops and focussed around the 3 main pillars of Creative Places Balbriggan strategy which are Creative Youth, Creative Industry and Climate Action.

The report reveals a rich and diverse picture of creativity in Balbriggan, highlighting shared priorities, distinct needs and opportunities for future development through Creative Places Balbriggan.

Draíocht

Our January 2026 performance programme began with Coolmine Panto's production of 'Cinderella'. Their 17 sell shows (including a sensory friendly performance) sold out and was very much enjoyed by all who went to see it.
We are delighted to continue to work with TradFest in 2026. Both the Freddie White and the Altan performances have sold out with long waiting lists.
Our first Exhibition of 2026 is an Exhibition of works by recent graduates (past 4 years) and/or early career artists who are from and/or live in Fingal. This is an Open call Exhibition with applicants submitting to us by 31st December 2025. 47 applications were received across all disciplines. 26 artists have been selected to exhibit with us.
The selection panel included Fingal's County Arts Officer, Sarah O'Neill and Fingal artists, Rich Gilligan and Bassam Al Sabah. All artists selected to exhibit, will be paid a fee.

This Exhibition will be over both the Ground and First Floor Galleries and will open on March 4th 2026.

Our March/April programme has been signed off and is with our printers. Our spaces/facilities remain in high demand with many requests for the use/hire of same. 2026 is booked out with Spring 2027 heavily booked at this point. Commercial producers are now seeking dates in 2028.

Our artist Residency and Mentorship initiatives have begun. Em O'Ceallaigh (3-year Mentorship Residency) will engage with our Children/Youth Arts and Collaborative practices programmes. The 'Other Kitchens' Residency with Lou Lewis and Veronica Coburn will begin with meeting women from Dublin 15 to talk about their experience/knowledge of the mis use of certain medications by middle aged and older women.

Our children/youth arts programme will offer the full range of work for children and young people aged 0 to 18 years. This includes the cornerstone programmes of D15 Youth Theatre, Create Dance for children/young people with intellectual disabilities and our annual Toddler TakeOver Event. Like other programme areas, the demand for the children/youth arts workshops and projects outweighs our capacity.

We continue to liaise with Fingal's Accessibility Officer on several issues that have arisen recently in relation to queries from people who use wheelchairs. We have been informed that Draíocht is subject to part M of the 2022 Building regulations. This requires us to have 6 wheelchair user spaces (12 seats) plus seats for their companions available for sale for every performance. This has brought us some challenges in relation to the accommodation of live bands for certain shows (e.g. Coolmine Panto and Coolmine Musical Society, schools shows) and we are working our way through that issue.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

2026 sees a new term of music and art classes, with a packed programme for Tradfest rounding off the month.

Music

A **new term of music classes** kicked off on January 19 with 58 students learning the fiddle, uilleann pipes, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle, and our first **Céilí Beag** of the year began with a full house of 28 parents and toddlers on January 16. The theme was an Arctic Playground.

For our week of **Tradfest** events, we kick off with the **Pop Up Gaeltacht** on January 22, with 20 lovers of the Irish language, which will be followed by a sold out **Singing Session Tradfest Special** with Sean Nós singer **Inni-K** (45 in person and 32 online). We are hugely excited to welcome the renowned artist **Peggy Seeger** on Friday, January 23 (sold out – 90 attendees), where she will discuss her incredible life in music.

On Saturday January 24, Tommy Hayes and Anthony Hughes bring their documentary, **The Garden where the Praties Grow**, to the Centre, which celebrates the story of the potato through music, song and dance.

The weekend will culminate in a family day on Sunday, with the **Black Raven Pipe Band,** parading through the village of Naul followed by a **Family Ceili** in the Pipers Garden, followed by our first **Slow Session** of the year, with Paudie O'Connor.





Visual Arts

Finally, a new term of oil painting classes with Dave West began on January 12 (15 participants), and our exhibition of paintings by **Kate Walsh** continues until January 30. This captivating exhibition showcases Walsh's latest works, bold, expressive paintings that explore memory, identity, and the Irish landscape through a contemporary lens.

Libraries

Opening of Donabate Library at Ballisk House



The new Donabate Library at Ballisk House was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, on Thursday 22nd January.

One of the most exciting features of the new library is the introduction of the My Open Library service which is due to commence in the near future. With opening hours extended from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, this service gives library members the freedom to use the space beyond normal staffed hours including Sundays. The opening of Donabate Library in Ballisk House, at a total cost of €2.4 million, marks the completion of phase one of a two-phase project. Planning for phase two — an extension to the building and the enhancement of its facilities will begin in early 2026.

Ireland Reads Day

Throughout February and particularly on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 28th February, people of all ages across Ireland are encouraged to get lost in a good book.

Fingal Libraries are once again taking part in this national reading promotion initiative, with events taking place at Rush, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Skerries Libraries

Skills for Life

Skills for Life is a national public library initiative aimed at helping adults build everyday skills. As part of Fingal Libraries Skills for Life programme, Howth, Rush, and Swords Libraries will offer courses to help older adults gain more confidence in using their smartphones. There will also be cybersecurity workshops in Baldoyle and Donabate Libraries. Páraic Kerrigan will explore the potential and pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence in talks in Malahide and Swords Libraries. Freelance journalist Aoife Barry will explore how the media affects our daily lives in talks in Skerries and Balbriggan Libraries.

Skerries Library Events Programme

Following an extensive redevelopment, Skerries Library was officially reopened by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Tom O'Leary on 29th January. A programme of classes, workshops and talks for all ages has been scheduled throughout the spring. The programme includes author visits, classes in creative writing and art, sensory-friendly and story time sessions, chair yoga classes, history talks and much more.

Schools Programme

Fingal Libraries programme of events for schools begins in February with a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops for Engineers Week. In March, libraries will host more STEM workshops for Irish Astronomy Week. Transition year students in Baldoyle will take part in an ethical fashion workshop exploring the clothing supply chain. This workshop takes place ahead of Baldoyle Library's first clothes swap shop event to promote sustainability on 21st February.

Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club

The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club is a collection of children's books chosen to help students explore global citizenship, sustainability, and the world around them through story. Schools across Fingal can borrow the collection from their local library.

Write Time Festival Nominated for LAMA Award

The Write Time, Fingal Libraries festival of writing and creativity, has been nominated for Best Irish Festival at the LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards.

History and Heritage Talks

Fingal Libraries Spring programme includes talks on Newbridge House and Luttrellstown Castle. To mark the reopening of Skerries Library, the Skerries Historical Society will give a presentation on the building of the Carnegie library which opened in 1911. There will also be a talk at Malahide Library on the centenary of the La Mancha murders of 1926.

Other topics explored in the programme include Irish merchant ships and shipowners, and the 1926 census. At Blanchardstown Library Dr. Aoife Bhreatnach will talk about her podcast Censored which explores the censorship culture of twentieth-century Ireland. Fingal Local Studies and Archives will host genealogy workshops.

Creative Fingal

CAMHS Creative Art Therapy Workshops A three-week series of creative art therapy workshops is taking place in Swords Library. The sessions are designed for young people attending Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

The ongoing Silver Lining virtual music appreciation sessions with the Forget Me Nots and This Is Me choirs provide a connection between choirs north and south of the border. This two-year project culminates on 21st February, with a Gala Performance at The Great Hall, Stormont Government Buildings, Belfast.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – January 2026

FUTURE FINGAL: FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

- The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation group met on Monday the 13th of January reviewing 2025 activities and planning for 2026.
- Planning is underway with stakeholders and construction subgroup members to host a Modern Methods of Construction Briefing scheduled for 4th February in Baldoyle Training Centre.
- A Transport & Logistics Briefing event was discussed with the T&L subgroup with a view to holding an event during Logistics & Supply Chain Skills Week in May.



Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)

- Invitations to enter competition issued to 36 secondary schools in Fingal Region.
- Closing date for entries: 8th May 2026.
- Focus: To build awareness of the wide variety of careers and job opportunities in specific industry sectors.



Further details are available here:
Student Skills Competition 2025 | Fingal County Council

Interreg Skyla Project – Update – January 2026

The Interreg SKYLA Project will enter the monitoring and follow-up phase in March 2026. Indicators will be reported on quarterly.

URBACT–EcoCore – Update – January 2026

Work is underway with project partners to highlight key local actions for display at the URBACT Cities Festival in March 2026.

Sustainable Fingal - Update – February 2026

Sustainability stakeholder engagement sessions were held in November and December 2025 with the internal Fingal County Council team, Business Stakeholders, Community Groups and the Councillors.

Circular Cities - Update – January 2026

- Feasibility study from EcoCore Hackathon in progress on a Circular Hub and Digital Platform for the Balbriggan area.
- Information on circular initiatives across Fingal is being compiled for the CCD Report with a submission deadline of end of March 2026.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 25th March 2026
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review.

SICAP Update

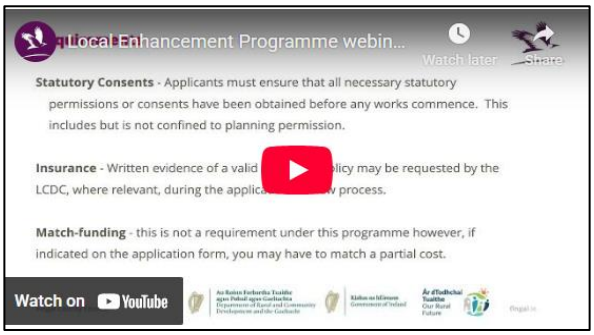
- SICAP Budget 2026: €1,616,781
- New Arrivals: € 375,372
- SICAP 2026 KPI targets have been agreed.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting: 15th December 2025
- 6 projects approved - €127,889.62
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups
- Next LAG Meeting: 25th March 2025

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

- **Funding Available:** €268,827 allocated to Fingal.
- **Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 5pm (via submit.com).
- Capital Projects only.



- Fingal County Council held an Information and Q&A Webinar on 15th January 2026 which is available at https://www.fingal.ie/local-enhancement-programme-lep-2026

Exwell Medical

- Healthy Fingal ExWell Programme running in both Blakestown and Mulhuddart for 2026.
- Focuses on community-based clinical exercise programmes.
- GP Referral only for people living with chronic illness.
- Funded by Healthy Ireland Sláintecare fund



Healthy Steps – Walking programme

- 4 GP Referral walk locations in Balbriggan, Donabate, Millennium Park and Mulhuddart.
- Developed By Healthy Fingal and Active Travel and supported by the HSE
- Walks to take place over 48 weeks
- Looking to develop a further 2 new locations during summer 2026



Taking Heads - Let's Talk About Suicide

- A Healthy Fingal, HSE & CYPSC partnership in suicide prevention.
- Barbers complete free online Let's Talk About Suicide training.
- Promo video featuring PJ Gallagher seen over 17,000 times and nominated for a LAMA award
- Roll out to barbershops around Fingal in 2026



TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group are scheduled to meet next on March 11th where members will receive updates on the Urban Regeneration Development funded Public Infrastructure Projects and progress reports from its four Pillar Chairs.





The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is continuing to progress well across all key elements, with the majority of the work scheduled to be substantially completed in Spring 2026.

Phase 5 works are underway with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building continuing.

The restoration works are due for completion in Q1 2026. The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing and are due for completion by March 2026.

Works on 2 new pedestrian bridges have been completed, and extensive bedded planting in the Plaza area completed. Site testing investigations are complete. on the site of Balbriggan's old gas works, which is part of the new Harbour Square development. Ongoing monitoring at the site will continue until February 2026.

Following the November Swords/Balbriggan ACM a Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation for the Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme was published on Consult.ie, closing date for submissions was 17th December 2025, with four submissions received. A report will be brought back to the February Balbriggan Area Committee Meeting. The intention is to implement a series of traffic control measures in Georges Hill, Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road and Seapoint Lane in the first half of 2026.



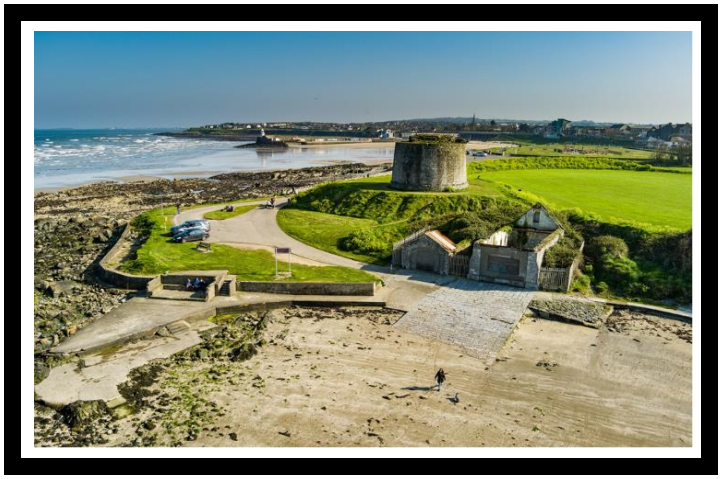
The procurement process to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is ongoing. The property and adjoining commercial unit are set to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, digital learning, training and enterprise activities. Substantial completion is expected in 2027.



An Integrated Design Team, McCullough Mulvin Architects, have been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. It is intended to proceed to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in 2026.

A Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform has been completed by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers. The Programme Office are reviewing the proposed options and costs before progressing with next steps.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects
to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Based on the current programme, a public planning process is likely to commence in Q3 2026 with construction commencing in early 2027 for completion of the project in late 2027.



Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to work with the Operations Department on a programme of works to enhance spaces for young people. Three locations have been completed in Millpond, Bremore and Charlie Moore Parks.

Following the publication of a Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, Chieftan's Drive / Moylaragh Road on Consult.ie in June, and a presentation to the Balbriggan ACM in September installation will commence Q1 2026 and include a Half MUGA, and other outdoor enhancements including seating.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

The first meeting of the Lusk Town Team in 2026 took place on the 20th of January, to discuss implementation strategies for projects contained within the Lusk for Life Town Centre First Plan during 2026.

The Lusk Town team recently received funding of €195,075, awarded by the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht for key projects identified from their TCF Lusk for Life plan. Existing projects funded by the DRCDG are now coming towards completion following public consultation.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

The Balrothery Town Team were awarded funding of €49,500 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht to complete a feasibility study for one of the key projects contained within their Plan - the creation of a modern, vibrant outdoor area to host local events. The Balrothery Town Team is due to hold its first meeting of 2026 in early February.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

The Town Team have been approved for funding of €218,700 from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht for the delivery of key public realm enhancement projects for the village.



Town Centre First – Donabate

The Donabate Town Team held its first meeting of 2026 on the 21st of January. This meeting focused on prioritising projects for the year ahead which are contained within the Donabate Town Centre First Health Check.



Town Centre First – Rush

A new Town Team for Rush was established in late 2025 following a capacity building process involving local residents and business owners. The first meeting of 2026 took place on the 7th of January,

Simultaneously, during 2025, a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush was devised and this plan will be officially launched in the coming months.

The Rush Town Team have also recently received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development to complete a feasibility study for the revitalisation of Key areas within Rush Town Centre.



Town Team Chairperson's Forum

Due to the expansion of Fingal's network of Town Teams in recent months, a Town Team Chairperson's forum was recently established. This forum provides an opportunity for Chairs to share information, learn from each other's experiences, and to receive guidance from the Town Regeneration Office. The Town Team Chairperson's forum meeting for quarter one, 2026, took place on the 13th of January.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023 -Floraville Park, Skerries Enhancement

Work is ongoing on the Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries, which received €55,800 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht as part of the Town and Village Renewal scheme in 2023. This project is due to be completed by the end of March 2026. The work being undertaken in this phase includes the installation of precast concrete sculptures, the installation of a steel display element, as well as host of other measures which will invaluably enhance Floraville Park as a public amenity for all residents and visitors to Skerries.



Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2023- Rush Community Centre Enhancement

Upgrade works to Rush Community Centre, for which funding was provided by the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in 2023 to the value of €64,350, have recently been completed. These works included painting, complete refurbishment of the existing bathroom facilities and the construction of a Pergola. The enhancement of the community centre represents important public investment in local facilities for the people of Rush.



Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

The Town Regeneration Office is delighted to support Fingals Towns and Villages having secured €1,035,450 in funding for all five applications submitted to the TVRS scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development & The Gaeltacht which was announced in December 2025

The successful applications include:

St. Margaret's - Community Hall Enhancement

Funding of €500,000 has been approved to complete the repair, refurbishment and extension of the existing Community Hall in St Margaret's to include mechanical and electrical upgrades, fire safety and site clearing.

Ballyboughal - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €218,700 has been approved.

Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €195,075 has been approved.

Rush – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €50,000 has been approved.

Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

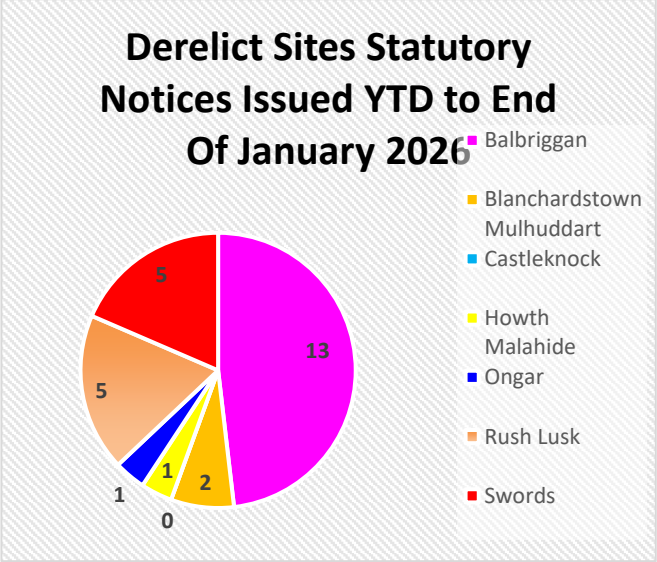
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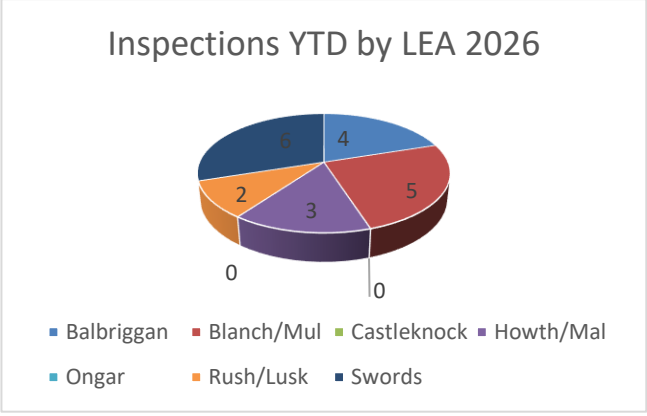
Derelict Sites

27 no. Statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict sites for the month of January 2026. This included notices issued demanding payment of levies on Derelict sites located within Fingal to a total of €620,697 for the year 2026.

2 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of the year following compliance with Section 11 Notices. This brings the current number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register to 27.



There have been a total of 20 inspections carried out year to date in 2026 on existing files and new referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



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Local Enterprise Week 2026

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Fingal Business Supports Briefing

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Food Sectoral Supports

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Evaluations and Approvals Committee

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Management Development

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Training and Events

LEO Fingal has kicked off a jam-packed training schedule for 2026 which includes all aspects of running a business. All training and events are available to book online.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new *Market Explorer Grant* is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €10,000. LEO Fingal approved seven applications in 2025 in the amount of €49,010.

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The next information webinar about Digitalisation supports takes place on 5th February 2026.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports

Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness.

Nineteen clients undertook this Programme in 2025 and to date in 2026 two clients have been approved.

Showcase Ireland 2026

Showcase Ireland 2026 took place on January 18-20, 2026 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. LEO Fingal was allocated seven stands for this event, each allocated to a craft producer who exhibited to buyers from around the world.

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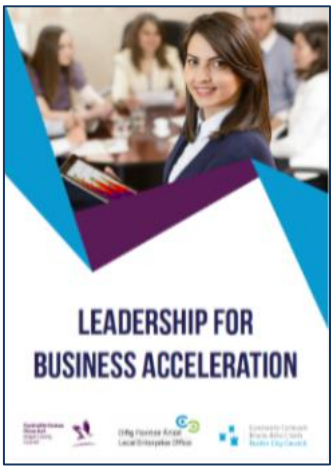
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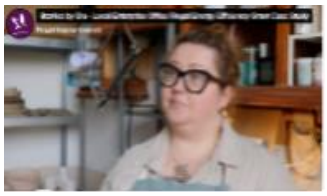
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Showcase Ireland 2026



Showcase Ireland 2026 took place on January 18-20, 2026 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. LEO Fingal was allocated seven stands for this event, each allocated to a craft producer who exhibited to buyers from around the world.

Community Development

Community Development involves local people working together to address shared social, economic, environmental and cultural challenges through collective, grassroots action. It can range from small, locally led initiatives to wider programmes involving the broader community.

Building community capacity and participation, and enabling people to influence decisions affecting their lives, is a complex process that requires sustained collaboration between local communities and the agencies that serve them.

This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including:

Balbriggan Youth Forum Stakeholders Meeting



The Our Balbriggan Community Pillar Group is establishing a youth forum, informed by 2024 research. Led by Foróige, young people will shape the forum, which will feature at the BELIEVE Expo in Flemington CC this April.

Supporting cross departmental collaborative effort to develop new Corduff Walking Routes



The Community Development & Inclusion Division is leading a new initiative to co-create safe, accessible and community-led walking routes in Corduff and surrounding areas. Building on the Corduff Place Standards Tool, the project aims to promote wellbeing, active lifestyles and stronger community connections.

A multi-agency steering committee met in January to progress the project, with partners including FCC teams, HSE, Age Friendly Fingal, Active Cities, Foróige, local councillors and community groups.

A community walking survey and a series of general and youth-focused workshops will gather local insights to identify preferred routes, inform walking maps and shape a shared vision for a safer, more walkable Corduff.

Information Webinar on Community Activity Funding Applications and Criteria for Funding.



An online information webinar was held on 27 January to support Fingal community groups with funding applications and outline recent guideline changes. Over 150 participants registered to attend.

Community Development capacity training in Lusk



A bespoke community development and capacity-building course is being led by the Community Development & Inclusion Division in Lusk, supporting the establishment of the Lusk Community Forum under the Lusk Town Team Plan. The training will be tailored to over 22 local volunteer groups.

Rivermeade Estate



The re-launch of the reconfigured Rivermeade Residents Association was held on the 12th January in the Mary Queen of Ireland Primary School. 30 residents participated, with conversations centred on local action including the coordination of a Place Standards process that will take place during Q2 of this year.

Support for International Women's Day calendar of events

The International Women's Day Bursary 2026 has launched to support Fingal County Council's International Women's Day celebrations on 8 March. This year's theme, "Give to Gain," highlights the positive impact of empowering women.

The Community Development & Inclusion Office is offering up to €300 for small, community-led events that celebrate women, promote skills, social engagement, community development and women's empowerment. Applicants must show how they encourage women's participation and support local women. Applications close on 30 January.



Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also manages the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Official opening of Racecourse Community Centre, Baldoyle



The Racecourse Community Centre in Baldoyle was officially opened on 17 January by the Fingal Mayor and Chief Executive. The €10 million, state-of-the-art facility, funded by Fingal County Council, has been designed with sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity at its core. The centre has been warmly welcomed by the community and is expected to support increased participation and the development of new local groups.

Racecourse Community Centre LOGO project



First year students from Pobal Scoil Neasáin Baldoyle, and artist Jennifer Harrington worked together to design and create a Logo for the new Racecourse Community Centre. Exploring themes such as community and place they incorporated both the park and coastal elements into the final creation which will be used on all print and social media going forward.

Community Centre Support – Blakestown CC





With Fingal County Council support, Blakestown Community Resource Centre completed a full car park resurfacing and re-marking. Funding was provided by the Community Division and Economic Development Office, with technical oversight from the Council's Architects Department.

Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seeks to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg
Young Voices. Local Issues.

FCNN is the recognised youth voice for Fingal and continues to work on their project which addresses antisocial behaviour and safety in communities. Foroige Youth Service has been successful in their tender for the contract to oversee the development and operation of FCNN.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the communities of Fingal.



Fingal PPN attended the National PPN Staff in-person meeting in Laois in December with colleagues from all 31 PPNs. Membership now stands at 930 groups, with the first Linkage meeting scheduled for February. The Secretariat met on 22 January to set the 2025–2026 workplan.

RESPOND Family Homeless Services



The Community Development Team recently supported RESPOND in delivering its Family Homeless Services Christmas Wonderland event in Northwood, Santry. The event was very well attended by families availing of homeless services, and it proved to be an enjoyable day for all involved.

Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Launch of Fingal's Age-Friendly Strategy



Fingal's third Age Friendly Strategy 2026–2030 was launched on 16 January by Mayor Cllr. Tom O'Leary. Developed by the Age Friendly Alliance, the Strategy is informed by extensive engagement with older people and partners and sets out a multi-agency action plan to support an inclusive, age-friendly Fingal. Age Friendly Ambassador Terry Prone welcomed the Strategy at the launch.

Korale Interreg Europe – Tackling loneliness

Fingal County Council has joined a consortium of six European countries in the Interreg Europe–funded KORALE project, which focuses on preventing and addressing loneliness through improved public policy and shared best practice. The launch of Fingal's third Age Friendly Strategy is a key milestone of the project.

Funding

Community Activities funding supports community and voluntary initiatives. In January 2026, five Activity Grants totaling €14,482 were recommended for approval at Area Committee Meetings.

BRLS		2 x Grants	€5,482
BMCO		2 x Grants	€6,000
HOWTH/MAL		1 x Grant	€3,000

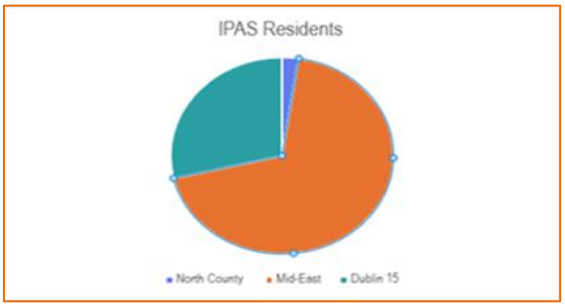
Integration Office

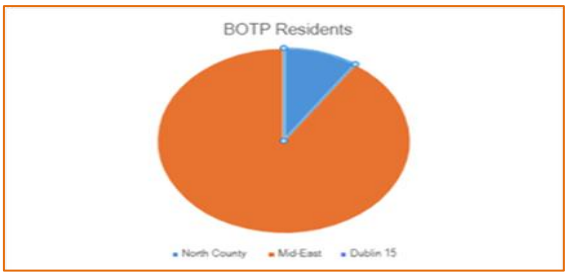
The Fingal Integration Office promotes social inclusion by supporting those facing barriers, fostering intercultural understanding, and strengthening community connections through key integration strategies and supports.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) provides clinic support to International Protection applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection to help them live independently. Integration clinics continue to be delivered across North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15, with accommodation data provided by the LGMA and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	48	56
Mid-East	317	1510
Dublin 15	0	522
Total	**365**	**2088**





Integration

Schools of Sanctuary Ireland

The Integration Office collaborated with Schools of Sanctuary Ireland on a visit to Bremore Educate Together Secondary School to engage with staff and students, observe inclusion practices, and support the school's assessment as a Champion School of Sanctuary.

IPAS Christmas Event

In December 2025, the Integration Office supported Crosscare in co-hosting a Christmas family event for children and their families at a large-scale IPAS Family Accommodation centre in the mid-east area. This event was filled with family fun events including games and a special visit from Santa.



Launch of the Intercultural Calendar 2026

In December 2025, the Chief Executive launched the first Fingal Intercultural Calendar for 2026, developed by the Integration Office. The calendar highlights key cultural and religious observances and is available in libraries, civic spaces, and on the Fingal County Council website.



CIF (Community Integration Forum)

The Community Integration Forum (CIF) is a multi-agency forum coordinating statutory and voluntary supports for diverse communities in Fingal. Originally focused on Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, its remit has expanded to include International Protection applicants, refugees, programme refugees and those with permission to remain.

The CIF will hold its first meeting of 2026 on 10 February, introducing partner agency presentations as a new element of its structure.

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Area Business Totals for DECEMBER 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	429	81	46	15	0
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart	236	89	15	6	2
Howth/Malahide	125	29	11	6	0
Total	**790**	**199**	**72**	**27**	**2**

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

At the BRLS Area Committee Meeting held on the 15th of January 2026 the Programme of Works 2026 was approved by Councillors. This Programme of Works outlines the works to be completed in the areas across Roads, Traffic, Parks, and Public Lighting sections.

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**

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Christmas Tree Recycling

4898 Christmas trees were chipped as part of the recycling service provided by Fingal County Council after the festive period. This was across 10 collection points in the Balbriggan, Rush Lusk and Swords areas.



Swords

A new inclusive roundabout was installed at Rathingle Park playground to replace the older roundabout unit. New soft surfacing was also installed around the new unit.



A New pedestrian corral was installed at the Swords Manor section of the Ward River Valley Park.



This is part of boundary improvement works which aims to remove entry points which can allow ease of access for unauthorised vehicles in the park, while still maintaining accessibility for all park users.



Briar clearance at Castleview Heath, Swords:





Laneway tidy up in Ormon Estate, Swords:



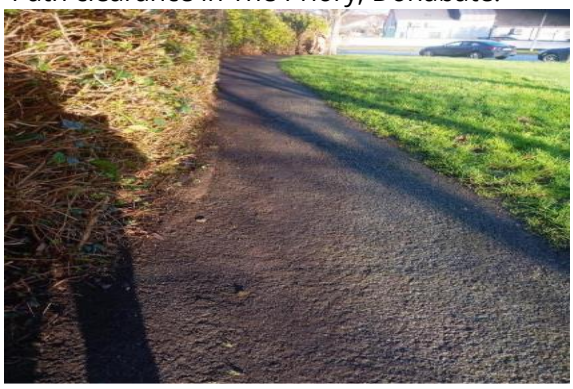


Donabate

Two existing planters were fully replanted on Donabate Main Street in collaboration with Donabate tidy towns.



Path clearance in The Priory, Donabate:





Before and after of tidy up in Beverton, Donabate:









Before and after of tidy up in The Links, Donabate:









Balbriggan

Footpath repair works carried out by the direct labour crews at Bath Road, Balbriggan.







Howth/ Malahide Area



Dismantling Christmas tree display at Sutton cross.



Planting up beds at Sutton Cross post-Christmas display.

Christmas tree - wood chipping

Post Christmas service of recycling domestic Christmas trees by wood chipping them was busy through the 7 collection points in the Howth/Malahide area. A total of 2,851 trees were chipped.



Sutton strand chipping.





Ros beg Landscaping & Ironworks





Landscaping works were carried out here clearing of overgrown shrubs and brambles to alleviate antisocial gatherings and litter. Iron railings and gate installed also. The area is now more manageable for the residents to maintain themselves.

Howth Harbour Front

Olympic gardens – Tidy up and landscaping work carried out. The large beds here had become overgrown and too tall – obstructing the views of Howth harbour and Irelands eye.





Clear views of Irelands eye.



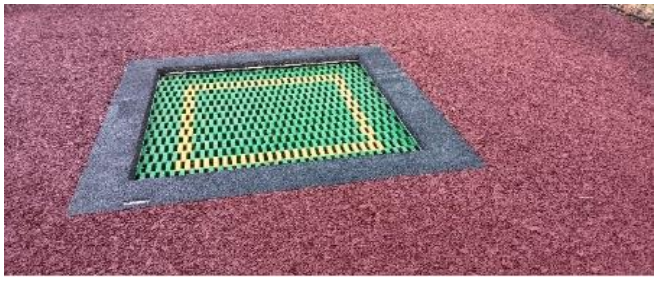
Howth Looped Pathway

The cutting of the vegetation either side of the path is ongoing as the busy walking season begins soon. We have a short window between growth and bird nesting season to cut along the paths.



Playgrounds – Upgrades, Repair & Maintenance

Myrtle playground, Baldoyle



More inclusive/sensory play units included.





Myrtle playground revamp has been completed including new entrance/exit gates either side of the playground.

Sutton Strand – Fitness units



The fitness units along Sutton strand had worn and rusted over time, each unit needed to be replaced. We have included wheelchair accessible units in the mix.

Malahide Demesne, Walled Garden.

Final stages of the Glass house upgrade works.

Dutch house





Peach house.



Alpine house.







Baldoyle



New Band Stand in Baldoyle village, Roof put in place to complete the installation.



New signage installed beside wooden art carving, Baldoyle village green.
New Benches







Additional benches and picnic tables installed throughout the area, including 'Binse comhrá' bench along the seafront. A 'Binse Comhrá' sign welcomes and promote Irish conversation while sitting here.
Sutton, Portmarnock, Seabury received new benches.







New picnic bench and plinth, The estuary, Seabury, Malahide.

Malahide Village Green

A number of trees needed to be removed from the village green, they were leaning and prone to breaking.









A selection of new trees has been planted to replace the damaged ones.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide

Program of Works

Seapark

Works on drainage and road resurfacing as part of the works programme.



The Moorings

Road resurfacing and finishing of iron works.





Baldoyle, Meadowbrook Park

Road resurfacing.





Carrickhill Court

New drainage and road resurfacing.





Harbour Road

Resurfacing of the road, along with re-marking, as part of the programme of works.



Árd Na Mara

New concrete footpaths.



Chapel Road, Kinsealy

New cycle lane and footpath which will connect to the existing infrastructure. Contractor is working on new walls and has completed new kerbs.



Dunbo Hill

The Howth Malahide Crew are currently working on a new drainage system.



Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Deep cleaning of Malahide village toilets commenced.



Balscadden eco toilets treatment for rodents complete.



New flooring Robs Wall toilets.



New plots development Balgriffin burial grounds.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area



River Road re instatement.



Works were carried out on River Road on areas where tree roots were lifting and cracking tar on road.

Millennium Playground Redevelopment Progress.







Millennium Playground re-development is continuing. Due to be completed end of January.

Park View Re-Instatement

Reinstatement of footpath apron on Park View D15





Blanchardstown Village



Installation- manhole cover in Blanchardstown Village

Allendale Glen





Installation of new footpath at Allendale Glen.

Newtown Cottage





Clean-up of footpath at Newtown cottage.

New borders - Cherry Lawn and Fortlawn





New borders planted in Cherry lawn, and Fortlawn D15.
80 perennials and one tonne of bark
in Cherry Lawn.
40 perennials and one tonne of bark in Fortlawn.

Christmas Tree wood chipping Millennium Park, Hartstown Park and St Catherine's Park.



Millennium Park - 3,265
Hartstown Park- 110
St Catherine's Park- 179
To date, 3,554 trees have been wood chipped.

Warren Estate Carpenterstown



Pruning works has been carried out in Warren Estate in Carpenterstown as part of the Coolmine Operations Winter Works Program 2025/2026
There are 70+ lime trees being pruned in this estate, consisting of Crown raisin, trimming back lateral branches, formative pruning.

Castlecurragh

Hedge cutting, weed strimming and a general cleanup along footpaths in Castlecurragh took place on 17th January 2026. Approximately 900M was cut back along the railings.



St Catherine's Park footpath

Footpath repairs were carried out in St Catherine's Park at Pavilion one carpark, comprising 100 square meters of footpath.



Ongar Dog Run

Whips planting was installed along Dog run at Ongar.
Approx. 2000 whips were planted along 250M of Fencing around the area.



Whip planting Ongar Dog Run.

Car Parking Services

December 2025

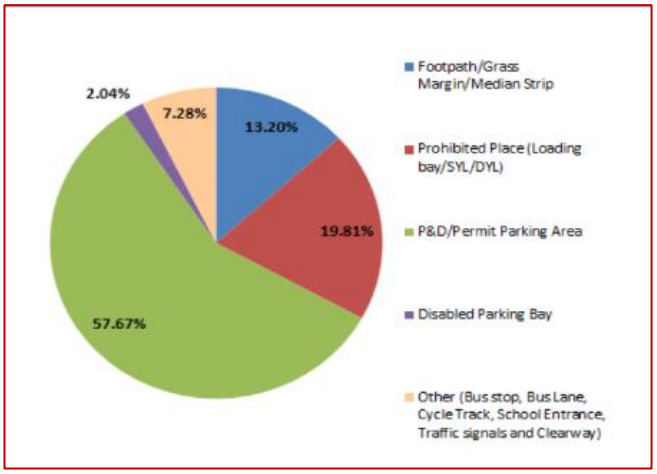
There were a total of 1030 parking tickets issued during December 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations December 2025
North Street - Swords	117
Main Street - Swords	78
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	64
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	34
South Strand Skerries	31
Strand Street - Skerries	30
Old Street - Malahide	29
Chapel Street Balbriggan	28
New Street - Malahide	27
Church Road - Malahide	26

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

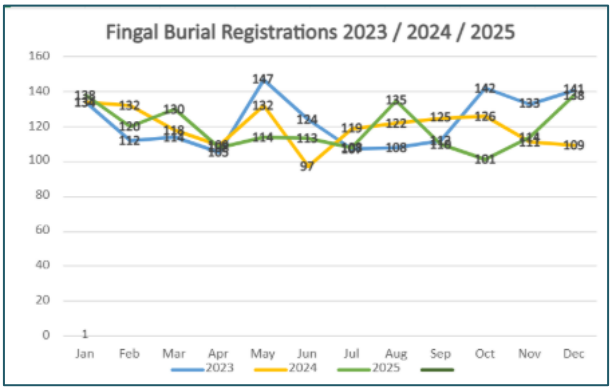
A report on the public consultation regarding the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws was presented to the Corporate Policy Group on 7 January 2026. The Corporate Policy Group recommended that the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws be submitted to the Full Council for adoption.

The Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws were subsequently presented to the Full Council on 12 January 2026, at which meeting the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 were adopted.

The Bye-Laws will come into effect on 16th February 2026. Works are now commencing to update parking meters and back-office software, and to prepare car parks for the introduction of pay parking. These works will include new lining, signage, and meter installation where required.

Burial Ground Services

There were 138 Interments in December 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area





R108 Ballyboughal - Traffic calming ramp replacement, new "SLOW" road markings and W 130 Road Hump warning sign.



Skerries - Installation of new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing to improve pedestrian walkability to Realt na Mara National School, Skerries.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart

Road Lining



Double yellow lines installed at the entrance of Burnell Park.



Yellow Box repainted at the junction of Carpenterstown and Collegewood.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)



VAS installed on the R149 after St Catherines Park.



VAS installed travelling northbound on the R149

Howth Malahide Works



Double Yellow Lines for Burrow Court - Portmarnock

New Traffic signals now Operating at the Back Road/Malahide road Junction – Developer lead with input from Transport Planning and Operations



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

97 Plant Hires were put in place from 20/11/2025 to 17/12/2025 engaging 24 suppliers.

Public Lighting

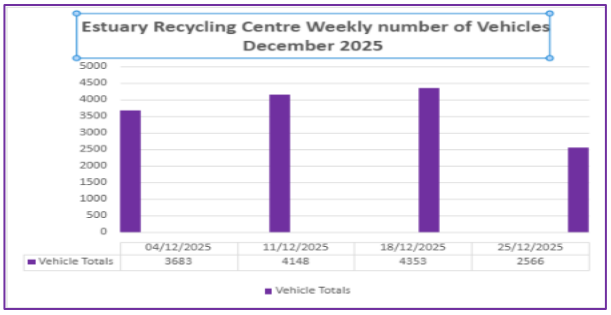
2026 POW Works

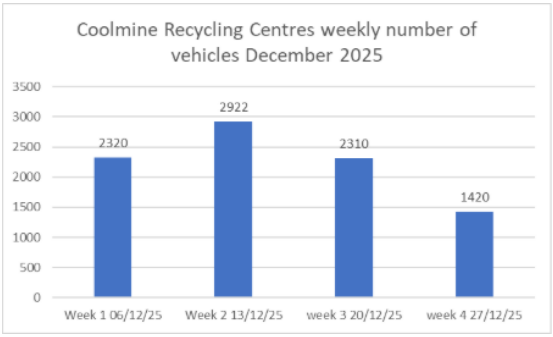
Orders are being placed for all public lighting materials required for the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works.

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing.

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:
Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla

Recycling Centres Update

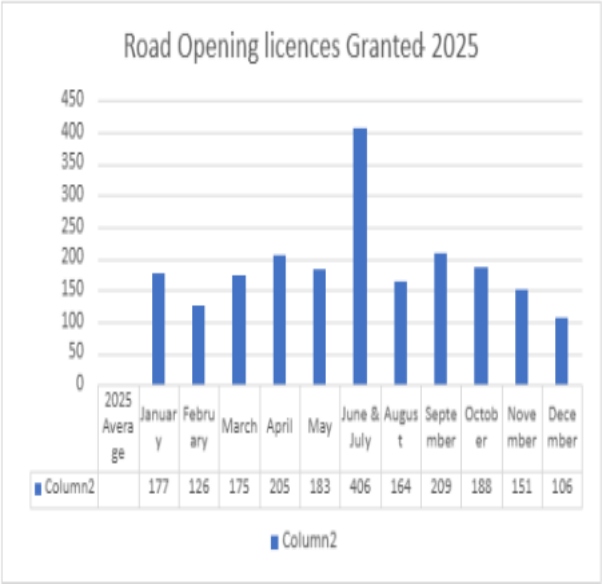


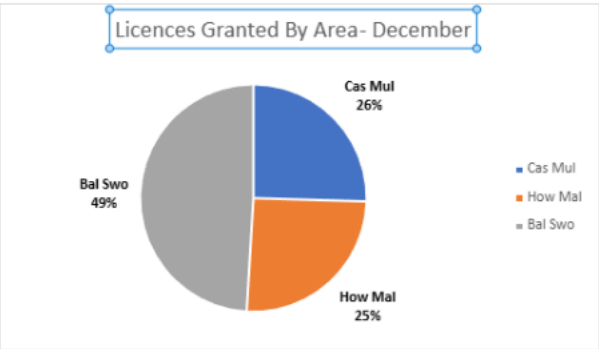


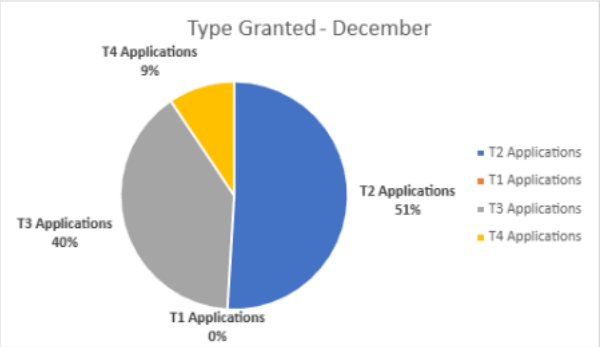
Licenses

Road Opening Licenses

The Licensing Unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain.
106 Licences were granted in the month of December, 49% of which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Bus Enhancement Scheme

The Council received a grant of €500,000 for 2026 from the NTA. A list of proposed works at 20 locations were sent to the NTA as pre-approval was required prior to works commencing. In September 2025 the Council received approval totalling €300,000 to proceed with 13 bus stop works. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas of Howth/Malahide, Dublin 15, Swords and Balbriggan and works are underway.

- **Howth Malahide Area**

There are four existing bus stops approved for bus enhancements. These are in Malahide at James's Terrace and Church Road. The other location is in Howth on Thormanby Road adjacent to the Howth Summit.
The locations have been approved by the NTA. There was a successful tender ran which was evaluated and the successful Contractor is currently being appointed. Works are to start very shortly on site.

- **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area**

There are two bus stops approved for enhancements on the R127 Skerries Road in Balbriggan. The upgrade includes the installation of new seating, and these works will be undertaken by direct labour. Works were scheduled to commence in December; however, due to delays in the delivery of seats, the start date has been deferred to January, with completion now anticipated in early February.

- **Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

Five bus stop enhancement projects received grant approval by the NTA in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area. Tenders were issued, received and reviewed and a tender report was issued to the NTA for approval. Three of these projects received approval to be uploaded onto the NTA PRS System for formal approval. These are located on the Ratoath Road (L3080) and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Balseskin, Dubber.
These have been uploaded to the NTA PRS System. Formal approval was received from the NTA on 7th January 2026.
Works will commence in January/February 2026.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. In total the Council has received a total of 74 applications throughout the administrative area. All 74 clubs have paid in full.
We are currently running on close to full capacity for grass pitches throughout the county.
Applications and pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / grass pitch Applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 44 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/2026 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, icecream and flowers. All 44 traders are fully licenced for the 2025/26 trading season. We are currently processing 2 additional applications.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance and assist in delivery of quality service. Once the 2 additional applications are processed, we will have a total of 46 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal administrative area, the highest number to date. The process for issuing license's for the 2026/27 season will commence in the coming weeks.



Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council has extended the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme to operate from the 1st of October 2025 to the 31st of March 2026 under the off-peak seasonal license.

We now have a total of 3 mobile sauna trading units operating at different locations throughout the county.

Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 13 valid Street Furniture Licences have been issued for 2026 to date.
We are currently processing an additional 12 applications, once we receive the required documentation from the relevant businesses their licences will then be issued. Inspections have commenced for 2026 also.

Harbours

The Operations Department continue to engage with Ayesa Consultants regarding the ongoing required capital works and maintenance dredging at Fingal's harbours in Balbriggan, Rush, Skerries and Loughshinny.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2026-2028

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2026-2028 Stormwater Capital Programme.
The3year programme includes 15 projects estimate d at €2.4 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert:

Design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth Main Street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane, Howth (Work Package B). Works on the new surface water line on Tucketts Lane commenced on January 19th, 2026, by FCC Direct Labour (DL) crews under a 6-week road closure.
The preliminary design for Work Package A is complete, with the preferred option to lay a new 1200mm SW pipe on Main Street and Harbour Road to replace the existing defective sections of culvert. Further GPR surveys and site investigations Works will be progressed shortly in order to inform the detailed design.



Tuckett's Lane

Lusk Network Remedial Works:

A works schedule has been developed to carry out additional pipeline repairs between Post Office Road and Chapel Road to complete Phase 3 of the above project. The site works are scheduled to start in March 2026.

Howth Stormwater Network Repairs

Network improvements were identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Works commenced on site in November under a road closure, and completed before Christmas

A Request for tender was published for full road resinstatement and works will commence soon.

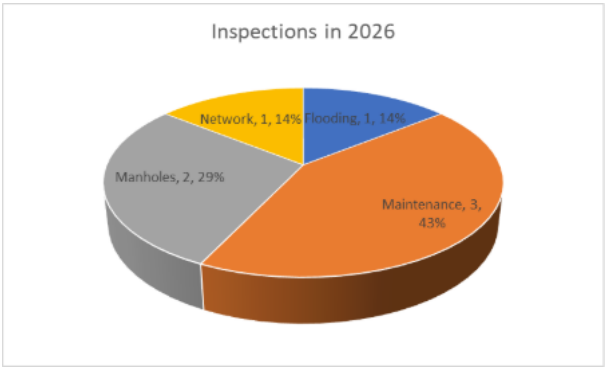




Church Street.

Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

1 Stormwater Connection Application has been processed in 2026.

Networks

Swords

Survey works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates were completed in July.

The completed reports were broken down into a number of work packages. A contractor will be appointed to start works in February 2026. Minor advanced interventions by a Direct labour crew are ongoing.





Rivervalley.

Santry

Northwood Avenue

Several defects were identified from a survey on the Stormwater line that runs along the R132.

This survey report has been separated out into works packages. A tender process is underway to procure specialised Contractors to carry out repair works.

Dublin 15

Surveys were carried out in Mount Symon, D15. A possible Foul to Storm misconnection has been identified with large volumes of Stone, Silt and roots identified in the lines. Remedial works will require additional dye testing, surveys and the installation of a UV CIPP liner to repair defects if required. A PO has been issued to a specialised contractor and a start date is to be agreed



Mount Symon.

CCTV surveys were carried out in the Grove Road area of Blanchardstown during August. A number of issues were identified within these lines. Remedial work will require the raising of buried manholes, additional jetting, root cutting and the installation of liner repairs on 100m of pipeline from January 2026. Non-specialised works by DL will follow in Q1/2026



Grove Road.

Howth

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace identified capacity issues with the lines. Repairs on approx. 30m of this network are now complete.





Seaview Terrace, Howth.

Surface Water Pollution Dublin 15

Investigations are ongoing in conjunction with the FCC pollution section to determine the source of a pollutant intermittently making its way into the Tolka River via a Stormwater Outfall. CCTV survey and extensive dye testing of the surrounding network has taken place and investigations are ongoing.



Coolmine Industrial Estate.





Survey in Coolmine.

Airside Motor Park

Following reports of flooding at Airside Motor Park, investigations determined that a flow control device had become blocked by the presence of general waste and oil in the line. A clean-up and containment programme was conducted to stop this material from polluting downstream watercourses. In total, around 120m3 of oil and waste material was removed from the network. Investigations are ongoing by the FCC Environment Department to locate the source with assistance from the Stormwater Unit.





Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in the D15 area.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Pre-emptive Maintenance Jetting programme

Work has recently begun on a countywide preventative maintenance programme.
A specialist Contractor has been procured to carry out maintenance and preemptive jetting on several networks. These networks have been identified as suffering from slow flows and tend to fill with silt and debris.
Jetting works were carried out along Yellow Walls Road and in the Mourne View estate in Skerries.

Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance

Following reports of damage to a stormwater screen along Dublin Road in Baldoyle, a Contractor has been appointed to remove the existing end of life screen and replace it with a new unit. Works are now complete, and the screen has been replaced.



Outfall Cleaning & Maintenance

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues on the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton. Inland Outfall cleaning was also carried out in December ahead of Storm Bram.







Ward Rivervalley park Repairs



Fingal Beaches

The Operations Department have submitted applications to An Taisce for the Blue Flag Award 2026 for Velvet Strand (Portmarnock), Balcarrick Beach (Donabate) and North Beach (Rush). Successful applicants will be notified in May 2026.



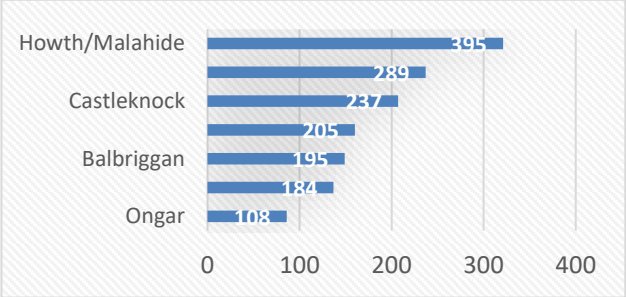
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 31st December 2025, a total of 1,641 planning applications were received, including 1,266 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 365 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 1,276 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, 18 Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with 13 granted decisions issued on LRD applications.

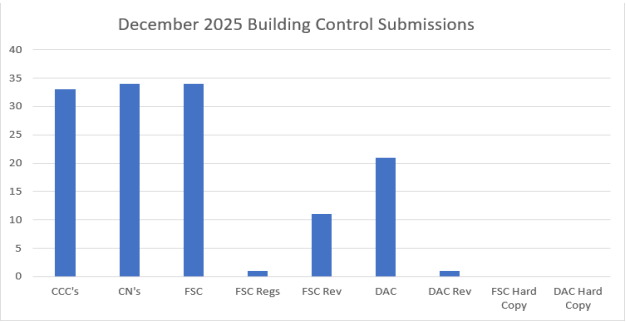
Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

Between 1st December and 31st December 2025, a total of 1,491 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 1,087 decisions to grant permission and 291 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In December 2025, there were 136 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 34 Commencement notices, 33 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 46 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 Disability Access related Certificates.
Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS, and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.
The Building Control Admin team processed 156 decisions in December 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 79 decisions to grant, 76 extensions of time and 1 refusal.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The Old Schoolhouse Masterplan was agreed in in November 2025 and is currently being finalised for publication. Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to several other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. Consultation on the final RZLT map for 2026 will run from 31st January to 1st April while consultation for the draft map for 2027 will run from 1st February to 1st April.

Section 28 Guidelines – NPF Guidelines: Housing Growth Requirements

A report on housing growth requirements was presented to the Members at the December council meeting. Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes to vary the Development Plan to give effect to the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2025), introduced in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This is on public display from 23rd December 2025 to 29th January 2026 (inclusive). Following the public display period, the Chief Executive shall prepare a report on any submissions or observations received which will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration.

Variation No. 2 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Variation No. 2 to the Development Plan proposes to vary the Plan by way of adopting a formal land use zoning objective for the subject lands known as Áras Mhuire Field, Barberstown Lane South, Barnhill, County Dublin, on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South from Unzoned lands to 'OS' Open Space. This is on public display from 23rd December 2025 to 29th January 2026 (inclusive). Following the public display period, the Chief Executive will prepare a report on any submissions or observations received which will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 15 building control inspections were carried out in January 2026 so far, covering 20 Buildings.
- There was 0 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of January 2026.

Taking in Charge

3 estates were taken in charge in December 2025 meeting

- Foothpath outside the Clonross development in Dublin 15.
- St. Marnock Bay Portmarnock.
- Kinsealy woods Kinsealy.

Two roads were brought into maintenance in December

- Castlemills link Road in Balbriggan.
- Donabate Distributor Road phase 1 in Donabate.

It had been proposed take the road adjoining Dublin Airport "Forrest Little and Barberstown Road" in charge in January 2026 but this has been delayed until March 2026 at the request of the DAA.

There are 48 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our system.

O'Connor Sutton Cronin have been appointed as Consultants for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract is for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. The consultants are almost complete snagging, and works will be tendered shortly.

Dangerous Structures

- There were no dangerous structures reported in December 2025.
- A total of 107 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures



Checking blockwork at foundation level on a site in Rush



Witnessing a drainage airtightness test in Rush.

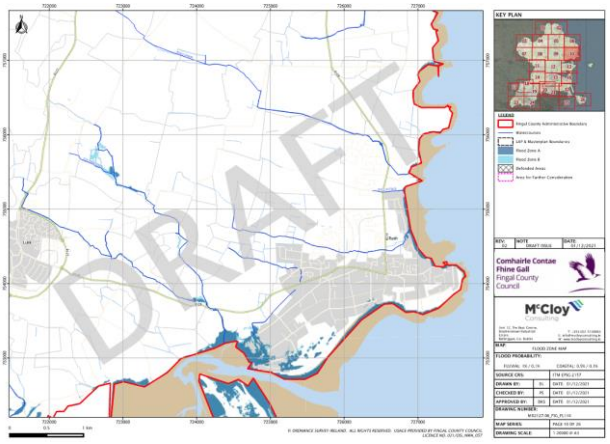
Development Management

- WSFP continue to work on new LRD applications, planning files, additional information files, clarification of additional information files and compliances.

- WSFP continue to support pre-planning consultations with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

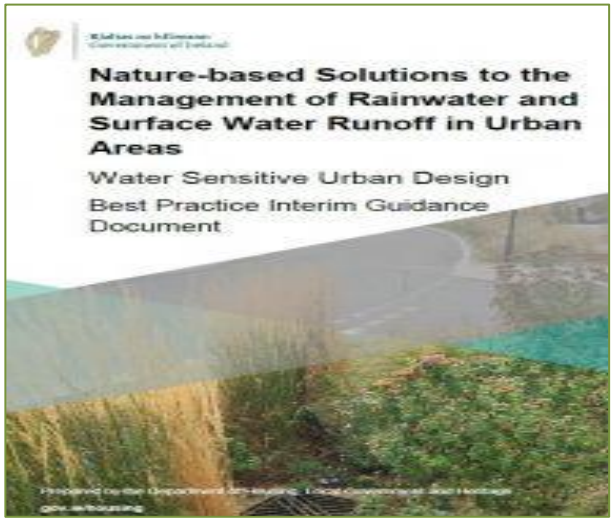
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.
- WSFP are currently working on Variations 1 and 2 to the SFRA for the County Development Plan.

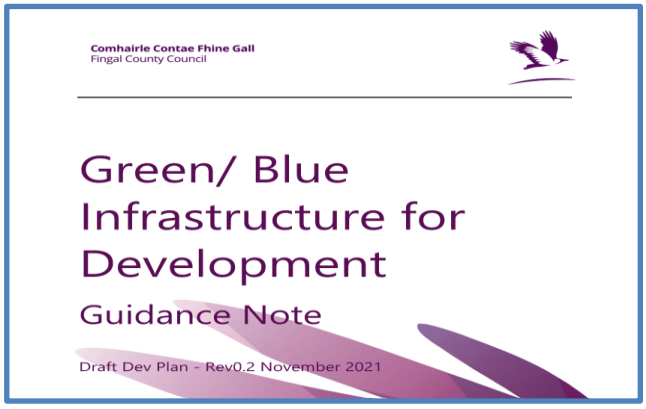


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarack and Baldoyle.* Completed SWMP`s for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers prepared a SFRA and SDS for Dubber with a submission received in October 2025 and final documents received in December 2025.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for an area in Barnhill with completion due in December 2025. A purchase order has been raised, and a project kick off meeting took place. Completion is on track for December 2025.

McCloys Consultant Engineers have been appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for several areas in Fingal with completion due in December 2025. A purchase order has been raised, and a project kick off meeting took place. Completion is forecast for December 2025.

Domestic SuDS Guide

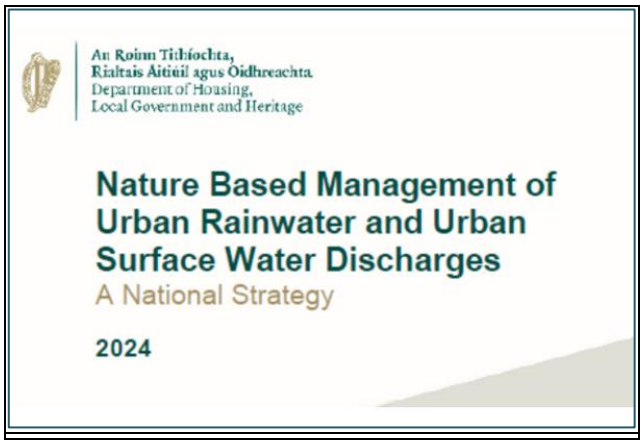
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and was completed in Q3 2025.A short promotional video is expected in Q4 2025.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Irish Water

Staff ceased completing Irish Water templates for planning files in October 2024.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed most of the new road and active travel facilities between Ongar and the R149. The road surfacing, road marking and footpaths are being completed at the new junction on the R149 along with the boundary works on Barberstown Lane South. Some of the connections for new water infrastructure have been made by Uisce Eireann near the R149 and other connection works will continue over the coming weeks. ESB Networks have completed most of its new infrastructure which has provided power for public lighting and traffic signals. New traffic signals are now in operation at the new junction on the R149. The overall scheme is expected to be substantially completed in Q1 2026. The opening of Ongar Barnhill Road is expected to be in Mid-February 2026. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The tender submissions have been evaluated, and the outcome letters are currently being drafted. The outcome letters will then be issued as part of Stage 2 of the tender process for the Phase 5 construction stage of the R132 Connectivity Project.

Meetings and Workshops

Ongoing meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on it projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on these projects to assist in managing the mitigation measures is ongoing.
In addition, communication meetings with First responders, private bus and public bus transport operators are also being held regularly and will continue in 2026.
Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Coordination/Progress discussions with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly and is continuing through 2026.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. Snagging is almost complete.



Comparison Photos of before and after Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road

The first contract as part of a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area, is to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological inspection in the Castleknock area was carried out last year to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information.

Regular meetings continue to be held with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team and Waterways Ireland to discuss the projects and ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated.
A non-statutory public consultation meeting took place in October 2025. Prior to this, a briefing meeting was held with the Councillors of the Dublin 15 area to present the project and facilitate an open discussion.

The design team prepared a non-statutory public consultation report in December 2025, which was reviewed by the team.

The non-statutory public consultation report will be presented to the BMCO Councillors at a briefing which is organised for the 29th of January 2026.

Project Programme

The Project Design Team initiated the project programme with Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection, which has now been completed.

Next phase will be moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project. Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives.

This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and will tie in south of the railway on Castleknock Road.



Granard Bridge Site location



Granard Bridge Street View

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.
Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is continuing to finalise the preliminary design in consultation with all the key stakeholders, the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

In November 2024 Fingal County Council requested consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail to make a planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Waterways Ireland informed Fingal County Council in September 2025 that they will issue a letter of support for Fingal County Council to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the project on their lands.

Alterations to the preliminary design from Hansfields to KCC Boundary on widths was agreed following further discussion with Waterways Ireland in September.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and following further discussion with Waterways Ireland throughout 2025 which took place with the project team reaching agreement with Waterways Ireland on the design for the Greenway widths and level in the area between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge in September 2025.

This now requires a body of work to be undertaken to update the EIAR, RSA & EAA, Prelim Business Case, photomontages and do more up to date habitat and ecology surveys which is now been undertaken.

Current Landowner checks and land referencing are being maintained and kept up to date for the project. Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared prior to making the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been reviewed by internal departments, feedback is currently being incorporated into the final report prior to undergoing a legal review in advance of a formal application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance. The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock.

The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

The preliminary design has been received and reviewed. A presentation for a Non-Statutory Public Consultation is being prepared and dates for the consultation are being organised.

The consultation will be held in Malahide Public Library. The Council continues to liaise with the Key Stakeholders. Discussions are progressing well.





S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have largely been completed. The Phase 3, Preliminary Design Phase, gateway documents have been completed and have been submitted to the NTA for review and approval.

Detailed preliminary design drawings for pavements, utilities, drainage, traffic junction layouts, Landscape Plans, Public Lighting pole locations and lining drawings have been received are under review. The project will liaise with utility providers to discuss any required diversion works.

The latest revision of the Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards.

Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Promenade, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation. Initial draft chapters for the EIAR and NIS have been received and are under review. CPO documentation is currently being prepared.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team has begun to contact affected landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. A number of meetings with individual landowners have taken place and further meetings will be scheduled as requested. Remaining affected landowners will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Updated drawings will be supplied to landowners during these discussions, which outline the land requirements and show the scheme design at their property.

Meetings have been held with Uisce Éireann to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets.

A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition for CPO.



Above- Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses. The tender pack and contract documents for the public realm works are being developed alongside the detailed design.

Enabling Works to facilitate site clearance and archaeological investigations will be progressed in advance of the Main Works Contract. An application for ministerial consent for the works has been approved to National Monuments Service. A method statement for the archaeological investigations has been agreed, and the enabling works contract has been signed and is due to begin on site.

Procurement for the main works contract will follow.

In advance of works, consultation has begun with councillors, Fingal Chamber of commerce, the NTA and bus providers to agree and communicate traffic restrictions, access and bus diversions for North Street during the Main Works Contract.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



Above- Artist impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in Sustainable Swords Report 2022 which shows Main Street central public realm, pedestrian amenity zones, raingardens and new street trees

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report.

The tree survey, traffic surveys, parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all been completed. The transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation has been developed. Traffic data captured in recent surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled. A parking a parking report has been drafted by the design team which analysis the findings from recently completed parking surveys. Preliminary options for the proposed layout for Main Street are being progressed, and the options selection report is being drafted.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

Following a non-statutory public consultation in January 2025, the options report and the preferred route drawings were published on the Fingal website in September 2025. The Kinsealy to Portmarnock part of the project is now in Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening) with a view to preparing a planning application.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward later.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions. The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (Metro North) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue.

Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by Q2 of 2027.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way

The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed coastal greenway linking Donabate with Balbriggan via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries. The scheme is being developed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and forms part of TII's proposed National Cycle Network (NCN). The scheme is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council and is reflected in the current development plan, which outlines numerous policies and objectives to plan and develop a route that integrates a coastal pedestrian and cycle route with sensitive natural and built heritage sites whilst achieving a balance between conservation of such sites and public uses such as leisure, recreation and tourism.

This scheme is also identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan and furthermore aligns with the objectives of the "Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways" published by the Department of Transport.

Upon completion of the Emerging Preferred Route, non-statutory public consultations and further consultations with landowners and other stakeholders, the proposed overall strategy for the scheme has been updated along with a revised Emerging Preferred Route. These revisions reflect the need to balance landowner and stakeholder concerns with the overall progression of the scheme and to take account of interactions with various other proposed projects being developed by Fingal County Council. In summary the proposed changes include the Fingal Coastal Way to pe progressed in multiple stages with multiple planning applications:

- The routes through the towns of Donabate, Rush and Skerries will be delivered as part of overall town wide active travel network plans separately.
- The Fingal Coastal Way routes between these towns will be delivered by the Planning and Infrastructure department in three separate planning applications:

- Section 1: Skerries to Balbriggan
- Section 2: Donabate to Rush
- Section 3: Rush to Skerries

PSI-007 Rush to Lusk Walking & Cycling Route

The aim of this scheme is to deliver a high quality, safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network of approximately 3km between the towns of Rush and Lusk and to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station and to several schools and tourist attractions in the area. The anticipated primary user groups for the network will be local commuters and school children walking and cycling between Lusk and Rush and the train station.

RPS Consulting Engineers has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works.

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

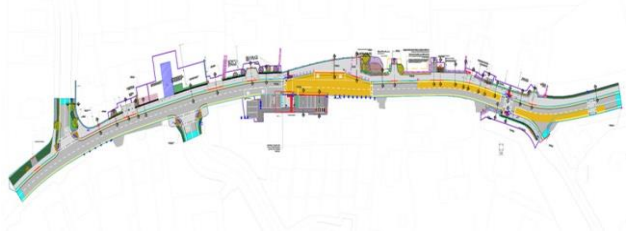
- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2026 and 2027.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate

PSI-026 Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities.



The Council is currently in the process of tendering for a works contractor for the project. Tenders are due to be submitted by the end of January with tender review, assessment and appointment to follow in February. The successful tenderer is likely to mobilise to site in March with construction works expected to start in April 2026.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

The Donabate Pedestrian Bridge was officially opened to the public on 10th October 2025. Final account has been settled with the contractor.

PSI-042 Donabate Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise several projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, and;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

A few potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade.

The emerging preferred route option for the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road went on public display at the Donabate-Portrane Community Centre and was available to view online on the Fingal County Council consultation portal. A public information evening was held in the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 to allow members of the public to meet with the project team and ask any questions. This round of public consultation concluded on Friday 7th November 2025. The project team are currently assessing the feedback received from the public during the consultation period. Preliminary design for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road is expected to commence in Q1 2026.

The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in Q1 2026.
Tender submissions have been evaluated for the appointment of a consultant to progress the next phases of the project. Work relating to environmental assessment, planning consent and detailed design is expected to be carried out throughout 2026, and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-071 Golf Links Road Upgrade

Fingal County Council has appointed Egis Engineering Ireland Ltd., to assist the Council in developing proposals for upgrading Golf Links Road in Portmarnock. Proposals will include facilities for people walking and cycling along Golf Links Road and will also include measures to improve the junction with Strand Road at one end of the road as well as the beach car park at the other end of the road. Topographical surveys and Wintering Birds surveys will be completed over the first three months of 2026.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed, a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2026.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Overbridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Previously fenced off and unused, the railway overbridge located between Drumnigh Manor and Sky Lark Development in Portmarnock has been transformed into a high-quality, two-way footpath and cycleway. The completed link facilitates a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay / Sky Lark Development.

The improvement works involved vegetation stripping, bridge parapet works, fencing works, bollard and kerb installation, surfacing to the bridge deck and footpath works.

An additional lighting column was also installed on the eastern side. Construction commenced on the 17th November 2025 and works were completed in four weeks. An official opening was held on 9th January 2026 and was marked with a ribbon cutting by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien TD, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly and Director of Infrastructure and Transport at Fingal County Council, Matthew McAleese. The project was funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and complements initiatives such as the cycling bus to St. Marnock's NS, making school journeys safer and greener.

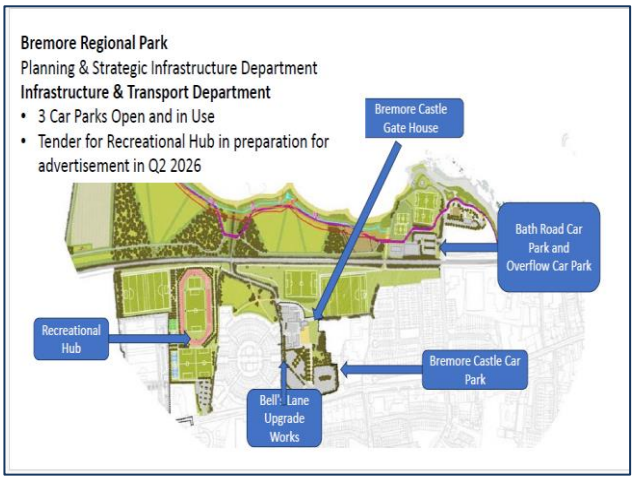


Parks and GI Division

Ballysmastone Recreational Hub



Bremore Regional Park



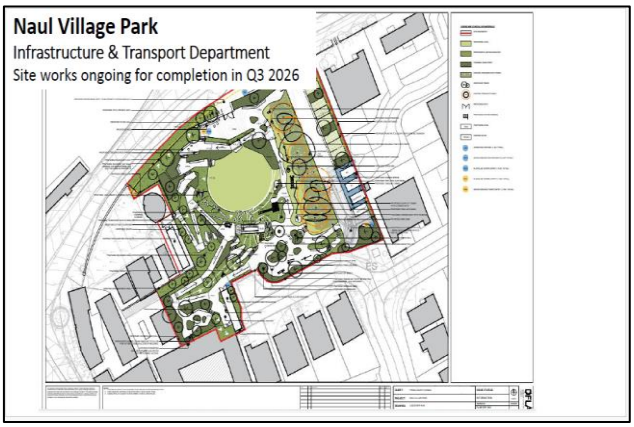
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Skerries Town Park



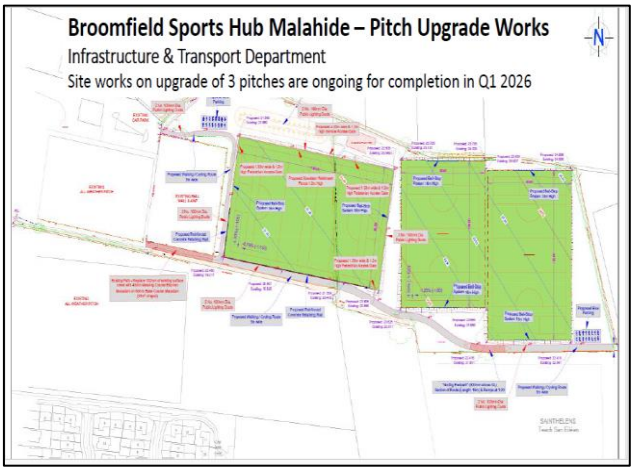
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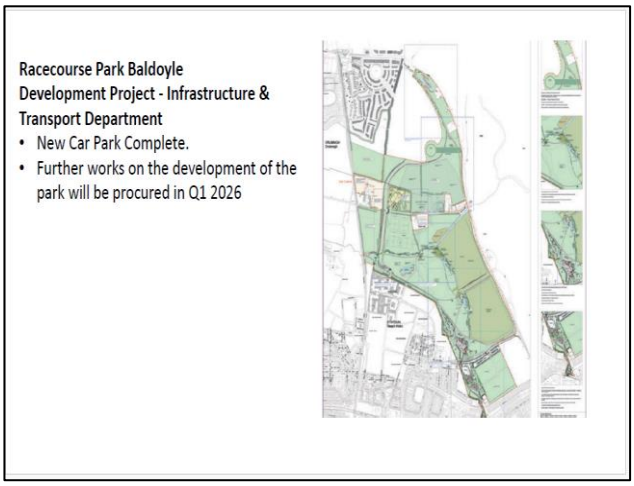
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Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



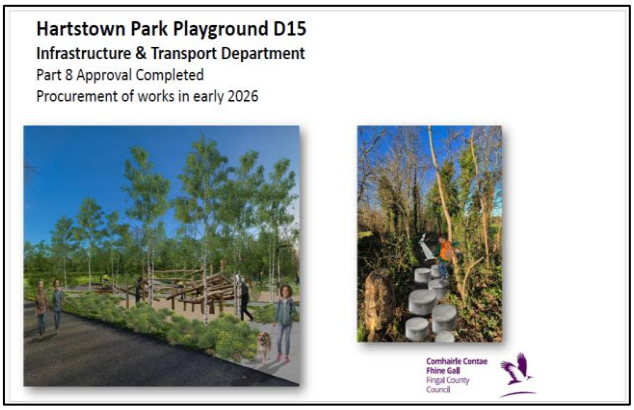
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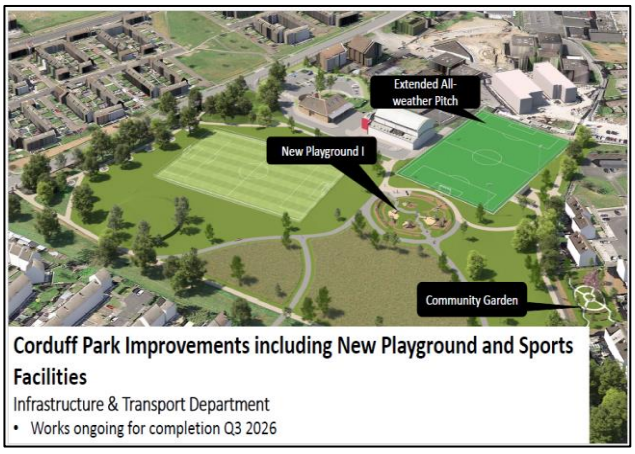
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Hartstown Park Playground D15



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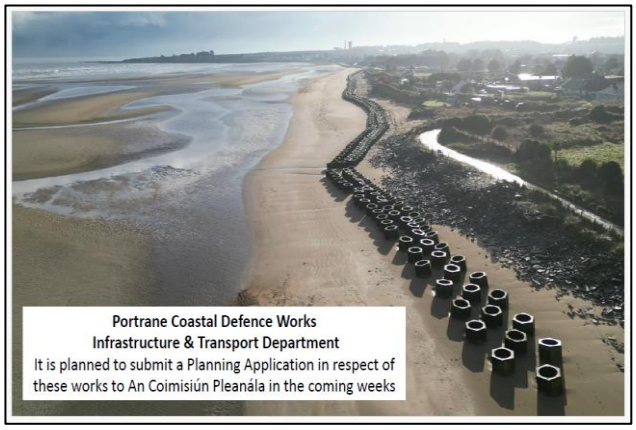
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Portrane Play Space



Portrane Coastal Defence Works



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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

A link to the Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Affordable & Cost Rental Developments in progress.

Affordable Development	Status	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	77/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	64/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental apartments	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	22/80 apartments occupied
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	21/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Application Portal to open 11th February	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown-Skerries	Application Portal Launch 25th February 2026	36 Homes

Church Fields Cost Rental update



The occupation of the Cost Rental apartments is continuing at pace with 60% of the apartments occupied to date.

Application screening for the remaining available apartments is ongoing. Applicants will be contacted directly by Occu Living if successful in the lottery process.

Folkstown Park, Balbriggan



The Affordable Housing team, in partnership with Glenveagh Homes, are delighted to bring 19 new build Affordable 2 & 3 bedroom homes to Fingal's housing market. The Application Portal will go live on **11th February 2026 at 12 p.m.** All information, including minimum prices, house specifications, site and location maps are now available to view on https://www.fingal.ie/folkstown-park-balbriggan

Priory Fields, Hacketstown.



The Affordable Housing team, in partnership with the Land Development Agency (LDA) are excited to bring 36 new Affordable Homes to the market in Skerries. ***Priory fields, Hacketstown*** is the first Affordable Development in Skerries and full details, including application portal opening date prices, house types and specs, site maps will be available very soon on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing. In the meantime log on to view eligibility criteria, and required documentation to get yourself purchase ready

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

The delivery of new homes has started steadily, supported by a range of delivery mechanisms. Many of these homes are expected to be delivered throughout the year, helping to meet local housing needs.

3 Part V homes delivered in Clonrath Hill, Lusk, Co. Dublin



20 homes delivered in partnership with Oaklee Housing at Birchwood, Santry.

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	532
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,021
TOTAL	1,842

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Completed Construction Schemes

Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Work on Phase 3A at Churchfields has been completed, this phase saw the delivery of 40 new social homes as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes comprising of 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes. Construction was carried out by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.



Construction Schemes on Site

Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which is being constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council. This phase will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first **44** new social homes have been delivered.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh are constructing 175 new homes comprising of 123 houses and 52 apartments at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes. The first **11** new social homes have been delivered.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on Phase 3B of Church Fields, a mixed tenure scheme which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. Construction is being carried out by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.
The first **3** new social homes have been delivered.



Seatown Way, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 new, 2 bedroomed social homes at Seatown Road, Swords continue on site and are progressing well. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for the Swords Cultural Quarter.



Baile na Móna Phase 1, Mooretown, Swords

Construction work is progressing well on the delivery of 274 new homes on Phase 1 of Baile na Móna, Mooretown, Swords. Glenveagh are constructing the new homes on behalf of Fingal County Council. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing well on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development of 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



North Court, Swords

Construction work has commenced on the delivery of 13 new social homes comprising of 1 and 2 bedroomed apartments at North Court, North Street, Swords which is being constructed by Broomfield Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.



Balmoston Phase 2, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work has commenced on Phase 2 Balmoston, Donabate. This is a mixed tenure development. Phase 2, Balmoston will deliver 72 new social and 75 affordable homes over several hand-over phases through 2026 and 2027.



Asset Management

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

Pre works feasibility checks for 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme are underway.

Fingal County Council are awaiting our confirmed allocation form the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

However national funding for EERP has been increased by the Dept and we hope to exceed our completions for 2025 bringing properties to a B2 BER rating. Properties are currently being identified and checked for eligibility.

Planned Maintenance Programme 2026

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades are being planned for 2026.

Voids

Casual Voids 26th January 2026	
In lettings	**30**
Re-let works	**52**
Unavailable	**2**
Total	**84**

New to Stock 26th January 2026	
New to stock	**125**

Vacant Homes

The vacant homes officer and team continue engagement with property owners to return vacant homes to use. This team also works in conjunction with the derelict sites section.

Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):
The Vacant Homes Section is actively identifying and investigating vacant properties within the Fingal area and is committed to pursuing CPOs where applicable. Potential Vacant Homes can be reported at Vacanthomes.ie

Private Dwelling Grants

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

Grants are available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. We have received **260** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	**3**
Approved	**12**
Paid	**9**

- Properties can now be rented privately under the expanded scheme.
- A further expansion of this scheme in 2026 will support include a Vacant Above the Shop Grant and an Expert Advice Grant.
- More information sessions will be provided to the public in 2026 advertising the scheme.

Recently refurbished home VPRG





Housing Adaptions Grants for People with a Disability

These grants for private homes include mobility aid grants and older persons grants. These grants support people with disabilities and older people to stay in their homes more independently and comfortably.

Adaptation grants update January 2026	
Received to date	**46**
Paid to date	**25**
Open applications	**423**

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up **27 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4529 HAP tenancies established since HAP commenced in 2017.

The HAP team is on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie. The HAP Amendments Portal is also available as a secure platform for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies

Rents

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears reduced by €1.7m from** 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The rents collection rate at 31/12/2025 shows an increase of €3m on the same period in 2024.

The Rents team continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent. The team issued **156** Tenancy Warnings and **109** Demand letters during 2025.

Private Rented Inspections

The inspections team were tasked with inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies 21,000 which is approximately 5,250 tenancies.

The 2025 Annual return has been submitted to the DHLGH with 6,448 Inspections carried out. This is subject to final signoff by the Department.

The 2026 target will be sent by the DHLGH in the first quarter of 2026 and will inform the Inspections program for the year.

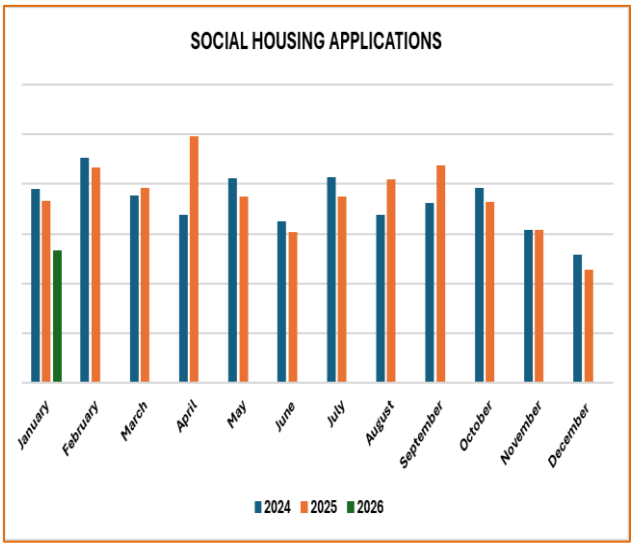
Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

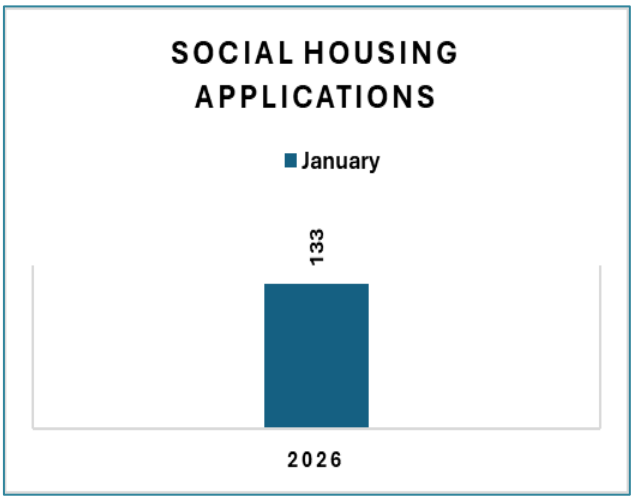
In accordance with Circular 24/2025 as released on 31st July 2025, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 1st December 2025. The 2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month



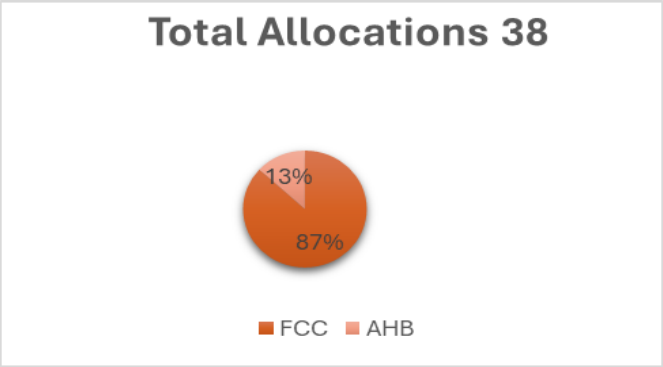
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

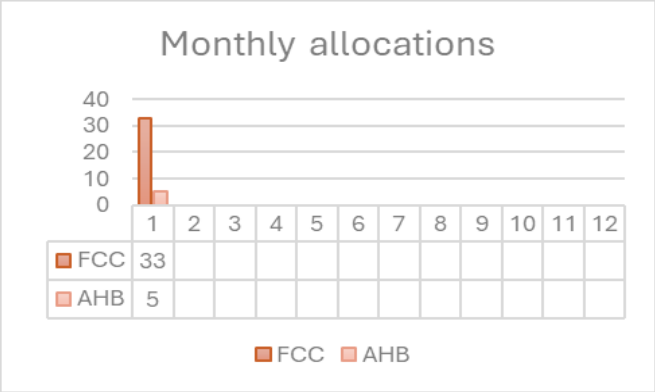
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

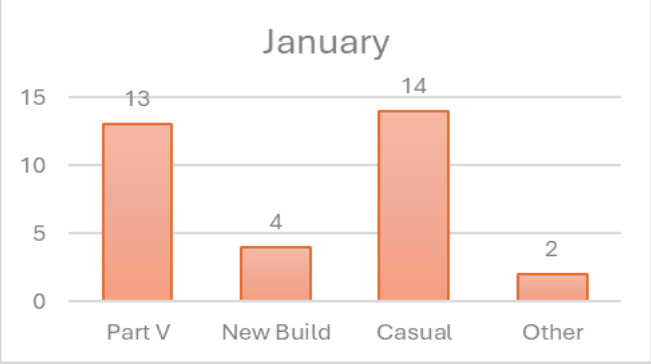
Lettings



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





5 of the **38 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies.** The other **33** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

Respond have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of January.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

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Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties January.



Internal image of advertised property in Cardy Rock Avenue, Balbriggan

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
14th Jan-20th Jan	Cardy Rock Avenue, Balbriggan	2	Apt	1443	253
14th Jan- 20th Jan	Avondale Park,Mulhuddart	2	House	1661	353
			Total	**3104**	**606**

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2026

During January 2026, 33 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	To HUBS	Total
EA	4	7	1	12
Homeless Prevention	10	11	0	21
Total	14	18	1	33

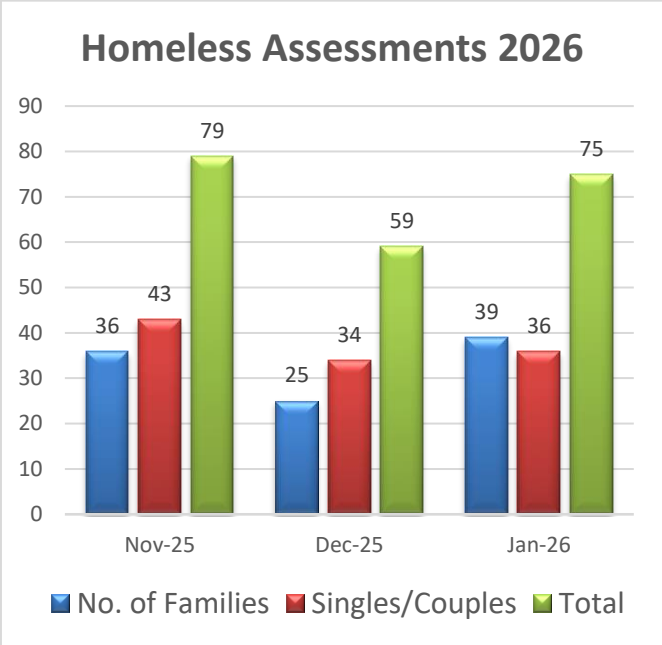
There was a total of 21 homeless prevention cases and 12 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

11 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 7 exited emergency accommodation.

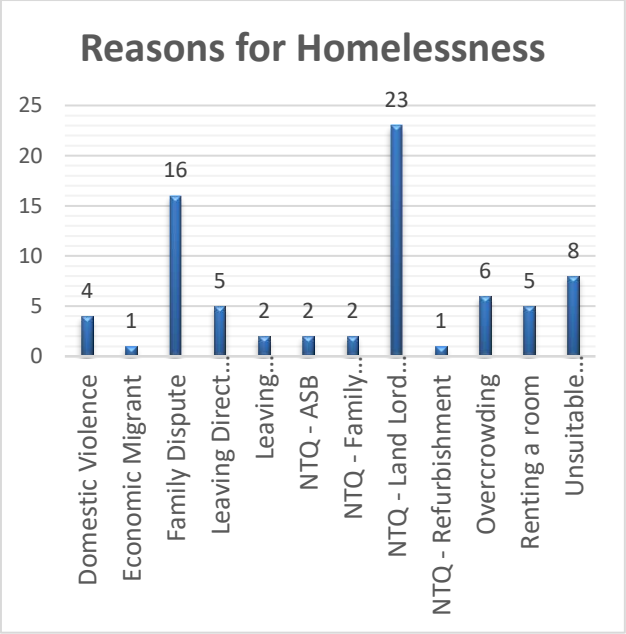
14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 10 homeless preventions, 3 who exited emergency accommodation and one exit from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out. In January 2026, there were an approx. 75 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 39 families and 36 singles/couples.



During January 2026, of the 75 Homeless Assessments carried out, 37% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 21% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 8% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (7%) and were from leaving direct provision (7%). The remaining 20% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted. The Council will carry out homeless assessments, and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public. There have been 17 reported rough sleeping cases in January 2026. 40 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 7 others to provide a suitable solution.

There are 11 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 females, and 9 males) in the Fingal Area, only one of whom is a Fingal client. We will continue to work with them to provide suitable supports. Members of the homeless team recently worked in collaboration with the operations team to resolve an issue with a rough sleeper site in North Dublin.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers.

Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 was adopted at the Council Meeting in July. It has also been adopted by DCC and SDCC and it will go before the next Council meeting in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do. Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighboring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 by providing sustainable, culturally appropriate Traveller-specific accommodation and supports.

Council officials continue to actively engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller advocacy groups, and relevant support services, including welfare, child protection, and mental health services, as well as other agencies, to address and resolve issues wherever possible.

The Housing Department and the Architects Department are working in close collaboration on upcoming projects as outlined in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

LTACC

The first meeting of 2026 of the LTACC is scheduled for Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Blanchardstown Offices.

To date in 2025, meetings have been well attended and considered highly productive. Estate Management remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to support the delivery and ongoing maintenance of Traveller-specific accommodation throughout the county.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council continues to implement the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans and Mobiles at various sites



Annual Traveller Census

The Annual Traveller Census has been successfully completed, encompassing all Group Housing and Halting Sites. The data collected will enable effective planning and development, to ensure the needs of Traveller Families in the Fingal area are thoroughly represented and considered in all accommodation strategies.

Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council.

Letters continue to be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Dumping at St Philomena's Park



Dumping at St Mary's



Dumping at Morgan Place

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The annual service and maintenance of portable fire equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

The Estate Management section in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade organized a successful Fire Safety Training Day which took place on 2nd December in Dublin 15. A further session for the D15 area is scheduled for Tuesday 17th February 2026, with the Estate Management section committed to promoting and supporting the training.



Poster advertising Fire Safety Training

In addition, new notices have been placed on all powerhouse doors to advise that there is no entry permitted to the powerhouse by unauthorised persons. Unfortunately, we have had an incident in one of our Dublin 15 Halting Sites where residents broke into the powerhouse, causing significant damage to the door and lock.



Damage to Powerhouse door – Dublin 15

Electricity Supply

It has been reported that at a number of sites, electricity supplies have altered or tampered with causing interruption to power supply and other service issues. All residents are routinely advised of the dangers of interference with electricity and are advised to make contact with the Estate Management Maintenance team to report power issues in the first instance to allow for inspection and repair by registered contractors.

Wastewater Treatment System – new contract

Overseeing and managing the Waste Water Treatment Systems of Council stock remains a priority of the Estate Management, Maintenance Section, with a new Wastewater Contract finalised in July.

Housing Response Maintenance

2026	
Maintenance Requests Received	**1,323**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**3**
Interviews Held	**6**
Unauthorised Works Recorded	**1**
Permission For Work Requests	**10**



Extensive deep clean at Fingal property

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Clonsilla, Tyrellstown, Blanchardstown Village, Santry, Baldoyle, Howth, Swords, Rush, Balbriggan, Garristown, and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council conducts impartial and thorough investigations on all reports of anti-social behaviour and implements appropriate preventative measures when necessary. All complaints are treated in strict confidence by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, which works in close partnership with An Garda Síochána to address and manage such issues effectively.

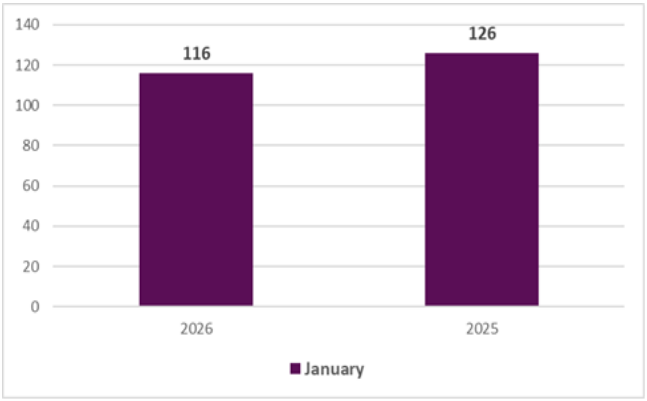
The ASB Unit is currently preparing an updated Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Jan 2020	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	**20**	**14**	**4**	**2**
Rush / Lusk	**21**	**3**	**15**	**3**
Swords	**14**	**7**	**4**	**3**
Howth/ Malahide	**18**	**3**	**10**	**5**
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	**32**	**10**	**9**	**13**
Ongar	**5**	**2**	**0**	**3**
Castleknock	**6**	**5**	**0**	**1**
Total	**116**	**44**	**42**	**30**

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	**13**
Interviews Held 2025	91
Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date	**5**
Tenancy Alerts 2025	32
Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date	**0**
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10



The above graph reflects a comparison of complaints received in January 2026 compared to January 2025.

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds

January (5), One abandonment notice was also served and two tenancies were terminated.

Inspectorate 2026

Housing Inspectors Report	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**1682**
Housing Inspections 2025	**10447**
2026	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections to date	**156**
Housing Inspections	
January	682
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July /Aug	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Inspections	

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Active Travel

BLRS Area:

Seatown Road Swords:

John Cradock Ltd. have been appointed as the works contractor for these works. Works are anticipated to commence on site in late January 2026 and are expected to take close to 12 months to complete. Updates will be provided weekly through Councillor updates.

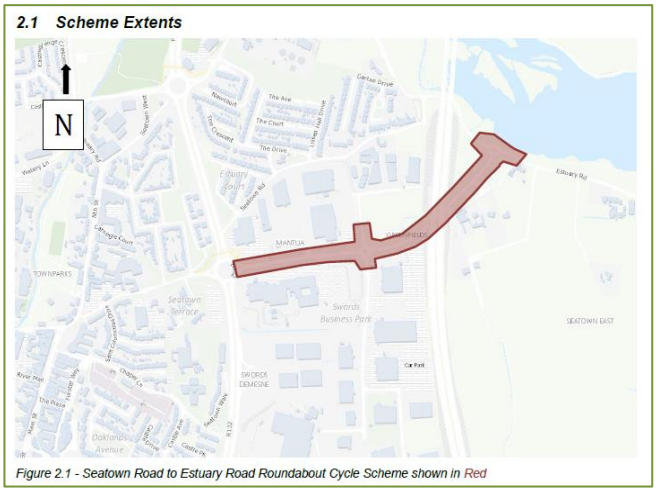


Figure 2.1 - Seatown Road to Estuary Road Roundabout Cycle Scheme shown in Red

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

An additional survey has been completed to inform and finalise the options report. Once completed and gateway approvals are received from the NTA, the project will proceed to the preliminary design phase. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

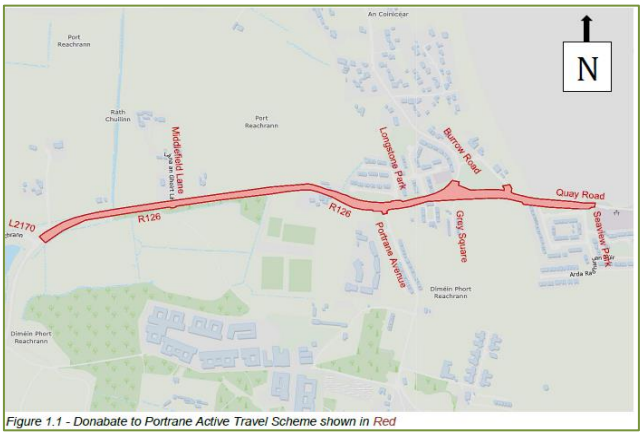


Figure 1.1 - Donabate to Portrane Active Travel Scheme shown in Red

Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

Works are ongoing on this project, with the heavy civils and groundworks close to completion. The contractor is scheduled to commence works associated with signalising the junction in late January 2026. On completion of these works, the resurfacing work on the junction will commence.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle Circle Active Travel Project

The scheme is being considered in the context of recent funding allocations from the NTA. Following these considerations, a design team may be appointed with a view to setting up public consultation at the earliest stage to inform the Concept Development and Option Selection.

Feltrim Active Travel Project

The Active Travel Unit has begun liaising with the FCC Property Services Unit regarding land acquisition along the route. Preliminary design phase deliverables are being prepared by the design team this coming month, including road safety audits, road user audits, and environmental screening reports.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Preliminary design is ongoing. An NTA workshop was held in December 2025. Following this it was agreed that construction will take place over 3 phases at particular links and junctions.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Preliminary design is ongoing. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared which will take place in Q2 2026.

Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme

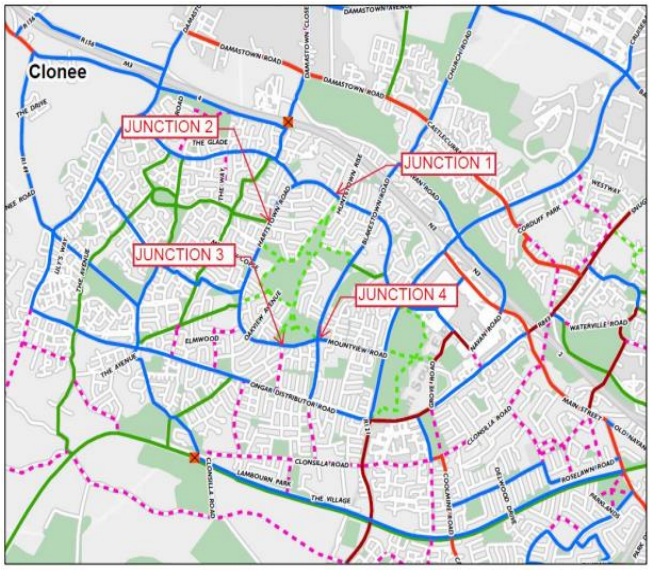
A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced in August 2025. Tenders are being evaluated by the Project Team.

It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q1 2026.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. Detailed design has now commenced.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for several of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street, Malahide

Stage 1 of the Construction Tender, the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire is currently published, with a closing date of February 9, 2026. Following this, contractors will be shortlisted for progression to Stage 2 of the tender. Preparation is also underway to secure a design team for the Construction and Handover Stages of the project. We have also liaised with stakeholders on the street this month regarding the upcoming construction.

The detailed design is currently in the process of being finalised along with the Stage 2 construction tender documents.

Balrothery Active Travel Project

The Plan will be published on the Fingal website in the coming month.

Meanwhile, work is continuing to progress on the first Active Travel Project arising from the plan, which is in the Options Development and Options Selection Phase.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The non-statutory public consultation period closed on the 19th January. Final compilation and moderation of all submissions is underway. The final number of submissions is expected to be around 600.

All feedback received from the consultation will be analysed and considered in the final plan, which will be complete in a number of weeks.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

Detail Design ongoing. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases in 2026.

Tenders are being prepared for ground investigation works in Red Island Parkland and carparks, planned for February.

Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for permeability and connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being evaluated through a multi-criteria analysis with a view to prepare a package of minor works for construction.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Snag items along the route have been reviewed and are scheduled to be addressed by the appropriate contractor in Q1 2026. An official opening is planned for early March.



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1

Works have been substantially completed in 2025, with some minor snagging works outstanding. These will be completed early in 2026.

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

The final element of the detailed design is being completed, and construction tender documents are being prepared in the coming month.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor is scheduled to install bicycle parking at a number of locations across the Dublin 15 area in Q1 2026.

Data Collection:

The Active Travel unit carries out data collection on all our infrastructure and initiatives to inform and evaluate our team's programme.

Nomad sensors are collecting data at a number of locations which provide usage, split for transport mode. Details on same are being evaluated and will be presented to members in the context of future works.

Road Safety:

Safe Routes to School Round 2

We are currently reviewing the section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation Reports. Once the Section 38 reports are finalised, the detailed design phase will commence immediately.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

Almost all delivery plans have been received from An Taisce and the tender for a design consultant should be live in February.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together group

The Fingal Road Safety Working Together group is now well established and meets on a quarterly basis. The meetings aim to give an opportunity for all stakeholders to coordinate on road safety within Fingal.

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027 has now been fully drafted and reviewed and was brought to SPC in December and the Area Committee meetings in January. Next us the full council early in February for noting ahead of publication.

Mobility & Behavioural Change

Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability is back for 2026, with a full list of courses for 2026 available on our website

Learn2Cycle ages 6-12

Learn2Cycle ages 6-12 is back for 2026, with current courses available on our website

Balance Bike Buddies

Our Balance Bike Courses start back again in February. We have courses taking place in Millennium Park and Holywell Park on the Learn 2 Cycle Tracks. Details for booking can be found on https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle



Kinto Join – Sustainable Transport App

There are currently 25 members across both communities. There is a staff Webinar at 12pm on Monday 10th February to help staff navigate the app and answer any questions they may have

As the communities build, we will be able to see our monthly C02, N02 and KM travelled savings across the two buildings.

Healthy Steps Walking Groups

Working in partnership with our colleagues in Healthy Fingal, the Healthy Steps Walking Groups have recommenced for 2026,

Current walks:

- Millennium Park Thursdays at 12pm
- Balbriggan Fridays at 11am
- Donabate Fridays at 10.30am

The Castleknock Ramblers Walking Group

The Castleknock Ramblers Group meet every Tuesday morning at the Castleknock Gate in the Phoenix Park. They walk for approx. 45min – 60mins per week.

February Walk Dates

- **Tues 3rd, 10th and 17th February**



Fingal Second Spin Pilot

The pilot project aims to replace teenagers stolen bikes with upcycled ones. This will give Teenagers an opportunity to continue cycling.

Applying for the scheme is easy, if you are the victim of bike theft, simply fill out the application form below and we will be in touch.

https://forms.office.com/e/iX3z0TgTB0

Cycling Without Age

We are going to relaunch the Baldoyle Trishaw in February 2026 and we will hold volunteer training courses on Saturday 31st January. The Training will focus on preparing volunteers to take passengers out on the Trishaw

Date: 31st January

Time: 9:45am – 11:15am

Location: Baldoyle Community Centre, Racecourse Park

Register: Cycling Without Age - Baldoyle Volunteer Pilot Expression of Interest

Skerries Community Car

In January the Community Car completed 169 trips (including some round trips).

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie

Month	Trip Numbers
January	169



EVPZ

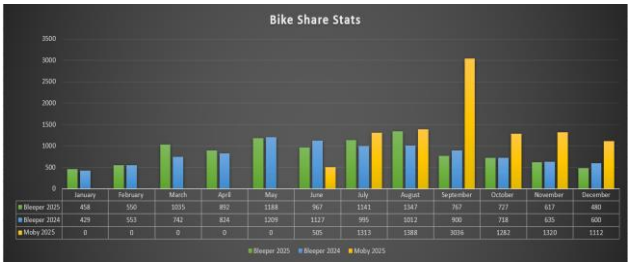
The EVPZ vehicles completed 44 journeys in January 2026, covering over 3,000km. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs



Month	Trips	KM Travelled
January	44	3,168km

Bike Share Schemes

We completed over 20,000 bike share journeys in Fingal in 2025.



Bike Share Monthly Stats

Month	Moby	Bleeper
Dec 25	1112	480

Our new Explore Fingal advertising campaign was launched in early December 2025 and we are continuing the theme in 2026 with popular tourist attractions. This will complement the Fingal Pass which gives residents their first 30mins of use for each trip free

CLIMATE ACTION

4th Year TUD Geospatial Science SDG Project

The Climate Action Team received a presentation from 4th year TUD Geospatial Science students. Students were tasked with reviewing data available on the Fingal Climate Action Story Map and developing a new way to display the Councils work on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone

Planning work is progressing the development of the methodology and scope of works for the preparation of the Balbriggan DZ Implementation Plan. Work will commence in early 2026.

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E2-CUTIES

E2CUTIES

Work is progressing on the project deliverables for this project: Local Pilot Plan template and the development of the step-based roadmap with integrated toolboxes for empowering LECs

Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

Fingal County Council's Climate Action Team meet with the county mentors for the SEC monthly.

LASNTG Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has promoted and attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar series provided by LASNTG.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

On 3rd Dec the Climate Team presented to the Our Balbriggan Leadership and Pillar Members Plenary Session on the development of the Decarbonisation Zone Plan for Balbriggan. The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

CARO

The Climate Team continue to liaise with Dublin Metropolitan CARO and four Dublin Local Authorities to implement and monitor the actions contained in the Climate Action Plans.

Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

76 applications totalling over €3.4million were received from community groups, clubs and organisations within Fingal for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme. Fingal have been allocated €1.127m for climate projects under Phase 2. We are in the process of evaluating all applications to ensure eligibility and suitability. A portfolio of successful applicants will be prepared and returned to the Department mid-February for final approval.

Project applications are wide-ranging, such as upgrading building insulation, doors and windows, heating, fitting solar panels/ heat pumps, composting food waste, new recycling bins, planting trees and increasing biodiversity. Groups are seeking to reduce carbon emissions within their communities across the county.

Applicants from Round 1 grant continue to deliver climate measures in the community setting. These include new drinking water stations at Rush Sailing Club and Rush Athletic Club and new windows for Blakestown-Mountview Youth Initiative which will lead to significant energy savings, a warmer building, and lower emissions.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club at Fingal Libraries



Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary officially launched the Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club at the newly opened Donabate Library, marking a major step in promoting sustainability and global citizenship among young learners. Students from Gael Scoil Na Mara were invited to celebrate the launch of this exciting initiative. The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club is a growing collection of children's books designed to help students explore global citizenship, sustainability, and the world around them through story. Each title is linked to one of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and supported by child-friendly worksheets and activities that build empathy, critical thinking, and real-world understanding.

Launched across Fingal's ten libraries, the initiative led the Environmental Awareness Officer and supported by the Libraries Department means schools throughout the county can borrow the full book club collection directly from their local library. Each book includes a QR code linking to the Green-Schools website, where teachers and students will find carefully created resources and activities aligned with the Global Goals.

Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

A January edition of the newsletter was circulated to schools, community groups and elected representatives. This issue showcased recent highlights from the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action team and encouraged readers to adopt climate-focused New Year's resolutions, including getting involved in local community clean-up groups.



Green-Schools Visits

While full assessment season for Green-Schools Flag renewals begins in February, an early visit took place to the HSE Eve Estuary Centre Hub as part of their application for the Energy Flag. The dedication and enthusiasm of the Centre's Green Committee were particularly noteworthy and we wish them all the best with their ongoing efforts.

Replay Instruments Project

The Replay Instruments Project successfully rehomed a mandolin and a banjo this month. The initiative continues to promote the circular economy by giving pre-loved musical instruments a new life within the community.

Social Media Campaign

January's social media campaign focused on promoting the free workplace waste toolkit and resources available through My Waste supporting businesses in improving waste management.





Litter Management

In January, the Litter Wardens investigated large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county following on from the Christmas period. The bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily. Any evidence that is found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act.





• The litter wardens link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.

• The litter management section reports any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



• Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.

• The litter wardens continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.

• They Investigate and report abandoned cars

• They engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – January 2026

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	20	8

There were 13 cases before the district court in January 2026.



Litter Management Cases for January 2026

Cases for January 2026	Number
Dog Fouling signage request	1
Black spot inspection	704
Bring Bank inspections	455
General Litter issue	1
Muck on road	3
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	19
Report of litter issue	21
Total cases	**1204**

•The Litter Management Section have commenced preparation for an ongoing Litter Awareness Campaign to continue over the 3-year period of the Litter Management Plan and will look at addressing ongoing issues such as illegal dumping/fly-tipping, dog fouling, unauthorised signage, cigarette butts/disposable vapes, muck on the road etc. The Campaign will focus on increasing litter awareness through the various platforms to include the Councils Social Media Platforms, Bus Shelters, Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources.



Abandoned Vehicles

In 2025, a total of 425 reports of alleged abandoned vehicles were received by the Environment Department.

From 1st January to 22nd January 2026 there have been 37 reports/complaints received for investigation. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

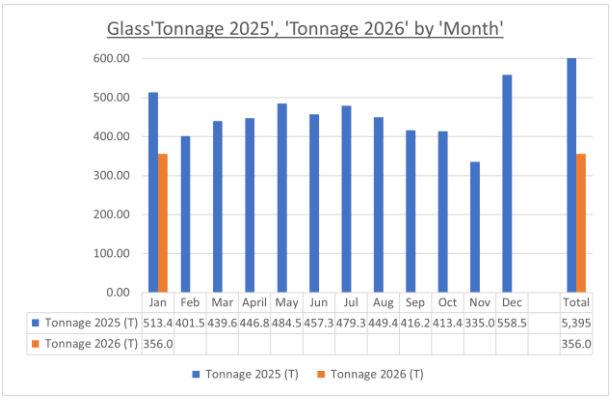
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

Further information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

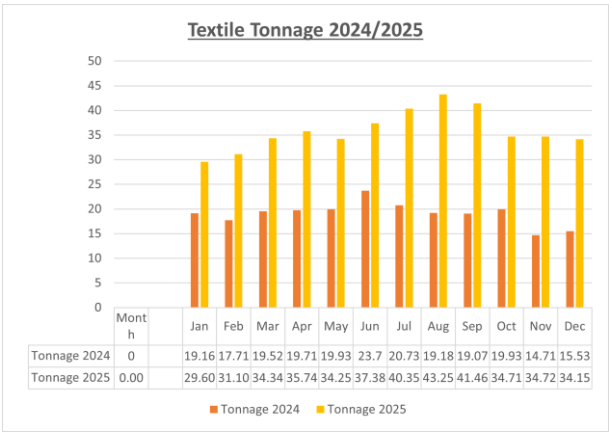
	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	0	0	0	0
February		0		1
March		2		2
April		3		0
May		2		0
June		0		1
July		0		0
August		0		0
September		3		0
October		5		0
November		2		0
December		6		
		23		4

Bring Banks & Bottle Banks



Glass volumes collected to date in January 2026 are **355 (T).** This compares with a collection figure of 513 (T) for all of January 2025.

Textiles Banks



Textiles collected in **December 2025** were **34 (T**). This compares with a collection figure of 16 (T) in December 2024.

Animal Welfare

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice.

Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 50 x 10 Day Notices and 8 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the up to the 21st of January 2026.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	50	10	8	3	€1,750	€550
February		82		5		€2,244
March		87		15		€1,121
April		85		11		€1,770
May		99		15		€4,443
June		81		12		€1700
July		82		12		€1221.50
August		224		29		€2200
September		104		25		€3750
October		192		38		€3700
November		141		20		€4610
December		81		72		€2,640
TOTAL	50	1268	8	257	€1,750	€29,949.50

The Control of Dogs Section received 23 complaints relating to dog incidents from 1st of January to 21st of January 2026.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of Jan 2026 to the 21st of Jan 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	
Env - Dog on Person Attack	3
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	
Issue with Dog	3
Dog Warden Incident	
Env- Stray Dog	8
Grand Total	**23**

Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from 1st January 2026 to 25th of January 2026 in comparison with the same months in 2025. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	676	952	42	66	€19,400	€28,280
February		846		56		€24,760
March		855		61		€25,640
April		839		46		€23,220
May		937		64		€27,700
June		795		47		€22,480
July		807		52		€23,420
August		898		71		€27,900
September		762		46		€21,680
October		722		51		€21,580
November		831		57		€24,600
December		358		29		€11,220
Total for year	676	9,602	42	646	€19,400	€282,480

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



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Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of January there were 14 dogs in the shelter. Up to 22nd of January, 9 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders. Of these 14 dogs 4 were reclaimed, 3 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were rehomed to members of the public.

As of 22nd of January there were 14 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter and Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of Jan 2025	**17**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of Jan 2026**	**14**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	9
Surrendered by owners	0	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	4
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	1	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of January 2025	**15**	**Dogs in shelter at 22nd of Jan 2026**	**14**





Contact the Shelter on **0873914008**, **WhatsApp or Facebook** for further information or to book a viewing.

Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections and monthly vet inspections continue at Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Hay feeders are filled weekly to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.



Waste Enforcement & Regulations

Environmental Inspection Plan 2026

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) 2026 is currently being finalised and will be submitted to the EPA in February. The overall objective of the plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities under key areas such as Litter Management, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement & Regulation and Air & Noise Pollution to ensure that Fingal County Council complies with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the Inspection Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of pollution from a variety of different activities. The Inspection Plan takes account of a range of National Enforcement Priorities as well as several Local Environmental Priorities for 2026. The Department of Environment, Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) have confirmed the following high-level enforcement priorities for 2026:

Waste Priorities 2026

- **Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activity**
- **Construction and Demolition Materials**
- **Household Waste**
- **Commercial Waste**
- **Plastics and Producer Responsibility Initiatives.**

Water Priorities 2026

- **Pressures from Agriculture (slurry soiled water collection and storage)**
- **Pressures from Agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)**
- **Local Water Quality – pressures including Septic Tanks and private water supplies**
- **Discharge Licences and Misconnections**

Air & Noise Priorities 2026

- **Solid Fuel**
- **Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use**
- **Environmental Noise Directive**
- **Local Air & Noise Investigations**

Governance Processes 2026

- **Planning for Environmental Inspections and Compliance**
- **Recording & Reporting of Environmental Inspections, Compliance and Enforcement Data.**

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2026, under the objective "to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy". The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative or policy changes that arise.

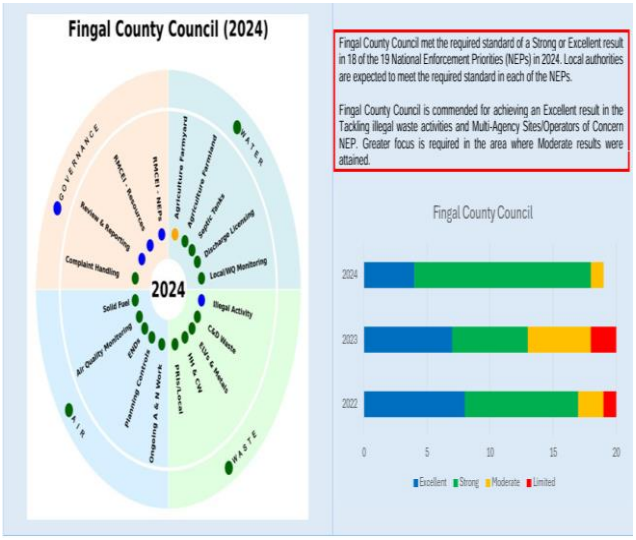
During 2025 a total of **1,735 waste related inspections** were undertaken across 83 different work areas. A total of **1,682 work days** were allocated involving 9 waste enforcement officers to ensure that each waste priority was addressed and all targets achieved as set out within the Environmental Inspection Plan 2025.



RMCEI Data Return/End of Year Progress Report

A detailed summary of all inspections completed in 2026 (RMCEI Data Return) will also be submitted to the EPA in February in conjunction with a National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Report to tell the story behind the inspection statistics and to demonstrate the proactive and collaborative approach taken by Fingal County Council to address the national priorities.

The Environmental Inspection Plan 2026, the NEP Report 2025 and the EPA Data Return 2025 will then be assessed by the EPA to provide a performance score in each of the key areas of Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution, Air & Noise Pollution and Governance. Fingal County Council performed well in 2024 scoring **"Strong" to "Excellent"** across all 4 National Priorities, a result which was commended by the EPA to continue to tackle illegal activities and to protect the environment.



Waste Complaints

In January, 20 complaints were recorded, 11 were investigated and 20 fully closed including cases from previous months. These related to Fly tipping, unauthorised C&D sites, household waste storage/burning, and waste bye-laws . The table below shows the breakdown of the types of complaints investigated.

Types of Complaints	Jan-26
Fly/ Tipping/Illegal Dumping	5
Unauthorised C&D sites	2
Unauthorised ELV sites	0
Unauthorised Tyre Dumps	0
Unauthorised Waste Collectors	0
Unauthorised Waste Activities	0
WFP Sites (Permit Expired)	0
Extractive industries	0
HH Waste - Backyard Storage/Burning	3
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	1
Article 27	0
Non-routine inspections	0
Total	**11**

To report a waste related complaint; please contact the Environment Section at Email: environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 8905000.





Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project

To date, 3,661 households have been assessed as part of the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws project involving letter correspondence and door to door inspections. The results are as follows:

	Review of 4,035 Households Assessed under Waste Bye Laws	%
1	**Waste Collection Service in Place (Authorised Collector)**	**30**
2	**Communal Waste Collection Service (Management Company)**	**14**
3	**Bin Sharing**	**11**
4	**Using Recycling Centre(s)**	**7.5**
5	**Vacant/Derelict**	**13**
6	**No Response to Letters/Door to Door Inspections**	**15.5**
7	**Remaining Door to Door Inspections (Feb 2026)**	**9**

A number of categories have now been created for follow up investigation due to a range of non-compliant and insufficient responses:

- **136 households** provided an account number with an authorised waste collector however no active account at that address.
- **93 households** stated they were using recycling centres in Fingal for all household waste streams, however these facilities do not accept mixed non-recyclables (black bin) or food waste (brown bin).
- **89 households** declared they have a bin sharing agreement in place however no proof was provided (signed bin sharing agreement).
- **616 households** did not respond to the first 2 letters or the door-to-door inspections.

The planned actions are to write to the first 3 categories and request further information, where this is not provided a land registry search will be carried out and Fixed Payment Notice (FPN) issued. For the last category, land registry searches will be undertaken to determine the owners, and FPNs will be issued for non-compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws.



Once the initial 4,035 households have been closed out, it is intended to tackle the remaining 7,000 households currently on the Reverse Register (households who potentially don't have a waste collection service in place). This work will involve letter correspondence and door to door inspections and will be undertaken during 2026.

During 2025 approx. 400 days were spent by waste enforcement officers working on the Waste Bye-Laws Project. For 2026, it is anticipated that approx. 550 days will be required to deal with the remaining 7,000 households to ensure waste is being properly segregated and disposed of correctly in accordance with the Waste Bye-Laws.



A similar project will be required in terms of commercial waste and compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws (3 bin system in place, segregation of waste, presentation and management of bins) however for 2026 the key focus will be on household waste compliance.

Water Quality

A total of **9 water pollution** complaints were received and investigated in January resulting in the serving of 9 S12 water pollution notices where works are required to resolve the water pollution issue.

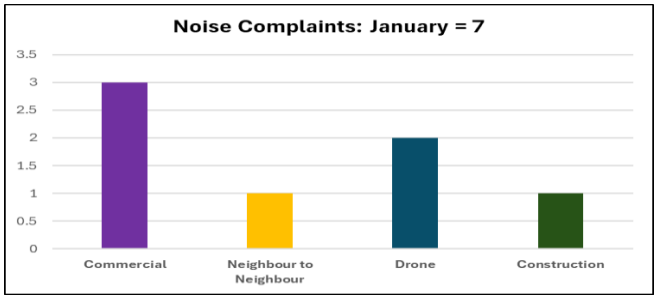
There was also **1 Section 4** licence audit carried out on a Section 4 licensee.

There was also **1 Advisory notice** served on a homeowner who failed the National Inspection Plan inspection and will be required to carry out necessary upgrade works on the septic tank system.

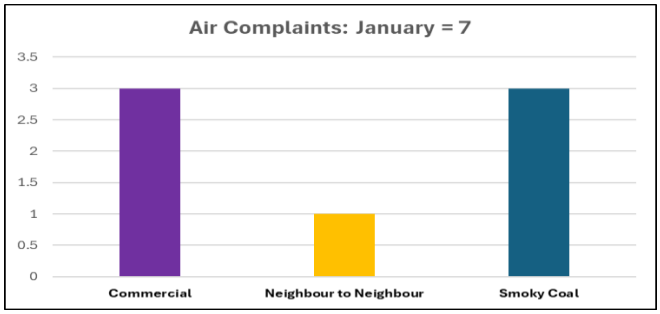
In terms of the National Agriculture Inspection Plan the target of **74 farm inspections** for 2025 has been achieved. **5** of the 74 farms inspected in 2025 were cross reported to the Department due to serious non-compliances. For 2026 the EPA has assigned Fingal with a target inspection number of **74 farms** and inspections of the 2026 targeted farms has already commenced.

Air & Noise Complaints

A total of **7 noise complaints** were received and investigated during January. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction site noise, drone noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **7 air complaints** were received and investigated during January and these included complaints regarding construction dust, neighbour-to-neighbour air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units.



The majority of these complaints have been resolved, with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining open complaints.

2025 Air and Noise Complaints Review

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section received a total of 374 complaints (122 air complaints and 252 noise complaints).

This was almost double the number of complaints for 2024, when a total of 191 complaints were received (53 air complaints and 138 noise complaints).

The overall rate of increase in air and noise complaints received for 2025 was 95% when compared to 2024 figures.

Air & Noise - Complaints Received 2024 & 2025		
Complaint Type	**2024**	**2025**
Air	53	122
Noise	138	252
Total	**191**	**374**

2025 Air and Noise Planning Review

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 180 Planning Applications referred by the Planning Department. This was a significant increase from 2024, when 103 Planning Applications were reviewed.

In 2025, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 101 Planning Compliance Submissions referred by the Planning Department. This was an increase on 2024, when 75 Planning Compliance Submissions were reviewed.

Overall, there was an increase of over 50% in Planning Application and Compliance referrals to the Air and Noise Section for 2025 when compared to 2024 figures.

Air & Noise - Planning Referrals 2024 & 2025		
Referral Type	**2024**	**2025**
Planning Applications	103	180
Planning Compliance	75	101
Total	**178**	**281**

Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections



The team intends on continuing solid fuels work into Q1 2026. Three inspections were completed in January 2026, with follow-up letters issued to retailers outlining the non-compliances identified. Information sheets were included to remind retailers of their responsibilities under the Solid Fuel Regulations. In 2026, we plan to engage with major solid fuel producers to communicate the non-compliances observed during our inspections, particularly regarding product registration and labelling to support and enable improved compliance going forward. Additionally, we have engaged with another local authority to inform them of an unregistered producer operating in their functional area that was found to be supplying a commercial solid fuel operation in Fingal.

Solvent Regulations (Dry Cleaner) Inspections

There are currently **6 dry cleaners** registered in Fingal under the solvent regulations. Ongoing work around updating the register and monitoring for new businesses potentially carrying out dry cleaning will be carried out in 2026.

Deco Paints Regulations (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

As of January 2026, there are **19 premises** registered under the Deco Paint Regulations. Following our Q4 2025 inspections, we are continuing to work closely with vehicle refinishers as they progress through the registration process and move toward full compliance. We will also continue to monitor for any new refinishing businesses that may emerge, and we will review our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises in 2026.

SPORTS OFFICE

Couch to Parkrun starts in Fingal

More than 116 enthusiastic aspiring Parkrunners have kicked off the new year by taking part in a six-week "Coach to Parkrun" walk and run fitness programme delivered by the Fingal Sports Office.

The initiative started on January 10th across five Fingal regional parks: Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge House, Broadmeadows Park, Malahide Park, and Hartstown Park. The programme offers participants instructor-led training designed to improve fitness and build confidence. The programme was open to people of all fitness abilities, and the goal is to help them prepare for their local weekly Parkrun which takes place in the host regional parks. Through their six-week guided sessions participants will gradually progress toward completing a 5km Parkrun by the end of the course.





School Swimming

90 students have started the Fingal School Swimming programme in January. This is the start of a new initiative designed to provide swimming opportunities for primary school students in Fingal. Students will attend swimming lessons every week with the goal of improving their confidence and competency in swimming.



Fingal Sports Awards

The Fingal Sports Awards 2026, hosted by the Fingal County Council Sports Office, took place on Monday, 26th January 2026. The ceremony was held at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport, to honour the outstanding contributions of local sports clubs and volunteers.

The 2026 awards featured three primary club categories and a dedicated volunteer recognition program with over 80 club recipients across all sports in Fingal.

Sutton Lawn Tennis scooped the Club of the Year Award, Balrothery Tennis Club picked up best Green Club of the Year for their efforts in environmental sustainability and climate-conscious actions with Howth Yacht Club winning the most Inclusive Club of the Year.





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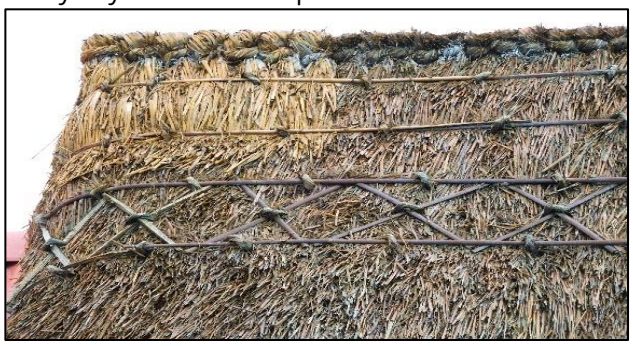
The Conservation Office operated three grant schemes to assist owners with the cost of works to repair and conserve their protected structures/ buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) in Fingal**.** A total of €290,566 was awarded for 55 projects.

1. **Stitch in Time Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund)**
2. **Built Heritage Investment Scheme**
3. **Historic Structures Fund**

'Stitch in Time' Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund) 2025

The council awarded grants totalling €47,721 to 38 applicants. Grants ranged from €500-€2,500. This grant scheme is a valuable fund, as many of the small works would not qualify for funding through the BHIS or HSF scheme.

This scheme supports a 'Stitch in Time' ethos, where the early repair and maintenance of historic buildings will prevent more substantial works being required in the future. The scheme also allows for restoration of features if enough evidence exists of the original detail and design. Applicants may also be awarded grant funding for condition reports and surveys by conservation professionals.



SIT Project – Repair to the twisted bobbin ridge and spraying bluestone treatment on a thatched house roof, Fingal 2025

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025

This scheme is funded by the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.* It is operated by the Conservation Office, Fingal County Council. Owners of protected structures and structures within Architectural Conservation areas are obliged to care for their historic properties. The grants are a valuable help to them in this regard.

The BHIS grant scheme underwent notable changes in 2025. There was a much earlier funding announcement and application deadline for the year's scheme. There was also an increase in the maximum level of funding that may be awarded, up from 50% of the total cost of works to 80%. The amount of funding available to individual projects rose from a maximum of €15,000 to €50,000.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme for 2025 was launched on the 26th July 2024. The launch date was three months earlier than previous years to afford applicants more time to prepare and plan for works in the coming year. The deadline for applications was 27th September 2024.

A national fund of €8.1million was divided among the various city and county councils, and included €1.25million ring-fenced funding for the conservation and repair of historic thatched buildings (HTB).

In November 2025, Fingal County Council was allocated an original €142,069 to operate the scheme. Additional funding of €29,544 was offered to Fingal County Council in January 2025, bringing the total BHIS funding to **€171,613** with an additional **€11,217** towards ring-fenced thatch projects.

The BHIS scheme was advertised on the Council's website and successful applications were prioritised based on:

1. Significance of the structure,
2. Effectiveness of works,
3. Employment benefits presented by the projects.

The Conservation Office awarded funding to 13 BHIS projects. In addition, 3 historic thatched buildings were also awarded funding.
A wide range of building types throughout Fingal benefited, including churches, farm outbuildings, large cast-iron gates, a Martello Tower, and private homes and large country houses. The BHIS grant is a welcome source of help and support to building owners.



BHIS – Repair of decorative cast-iron gates, Donabate



BHIS – Essential repair of masonry on Martello Tower, Portmarnock



BHIS – Conservation and protection works to the Harry Clarke window at St. MacCullin's church, Lusk

Historic Structures Fund (HSF)

Like the BHIS, this scheme is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, but operated by Fingal County Council.
The structure of this scheme was also amended in 2025. The HSF was reduced to one stream instead of two, with grants ranging from €50,000-€200,000. Each local authority was limited to proposing a maximum of 3 privately owned properties and 3 publicly owned properties for consideration. The Department HLGH made the final decision on project funding from the total number received nationally. In 2025 Fingal County Council submitted 3 privately and 3 publicly owned projects. One of the six was successful and was awarded funding of €66,020.



HSF - Repaired Window Tracery – St Columbas Church, Swords

Architectural Conservation Funding 2026

The three conservation grant schemes are operating again in 2026. Information and application forms for each of the grant schemes are available on the Council's website as is the norm.

BHIS Scheme - The closing date for the BHIS grant scheme for 2026 was 26th September 2025. The applications have been assessed and sent to the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* for consideration. It is expected that official approval of the grant allocations will be received in late January 2026.

HSF Scheme - The closing date for the HSF grant scheme for 2026 was 16th January 2026. The applications were assessed by each local authority and a maximum 3 privately and 3 publicly owned projects sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage by 06 February 2026 for consideration. A decision on successful projects should issue in Q1 2026.

Stitch in Time Grant Scheme (SIT) - We are currently accepting applications to the Stitch in Time grant scheme. There is no closing date for applications to this scheme. We continue to accept applications throughout the year until the annual funding is spent.

Some changes are being made to the Stitch in Time Scheme in 2026. The budget has been significantly increased from €50,000 in 2025 to €90,000 in the current year. With this increased budget, we will make changes to help with the efficiency of the scheme and align it with the council's climate action goals. The Conservation Office will 'go paperless' with the SIT grant scheme. This will result in cost savings, increased efficiency, enhanced security, space saving, and most importantly, environmental benefits.

To foster closer collaboration with Fingal's Climate Action Office, the Conservation Office is including 'Climate Resilience of Historic Buildings' as a criterion in assessing and awarding SIT grants.

Such works will help protect historic structures from extreme weather, climate change and improve their environmental performance. We expect these changes will improve Fingal County Council's Stitch in Time grant scheme and continue to positively support residents and communities in Fingal.
The success and potential of the Stitch in Time scheme have been recognised not only in Fingal but by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and, by other local authorities. Several authorities have established their own Stitch in Time Schemes based on the Fingal model.

Conservation Clinics & Information Events 2025

In 2025, the Conservation Office organised and participated in several events to reach out to owners of Protected Structures or historic buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) to provide advice and guidance on repairing their homes.

Conservation Clincs

A Conservation Clinic was held in Balbriggan during June to provide fee conservation advice to building owners. They were offered a free 45min consultation with a conservation architect or historic building surveyor. The clinics targeted owners of buildings in Balbriggan Architectural Conservation Area or protected structures in the vicinity. The initiative was funded by the National Built Heritage Service. In December 2025 a second Conservation Clinic was organised in Swords using the Conservation Office's own budget and was open to owners of historic property across the whole county. Owners of 15 historic properties availed of the free conservation advice over the two clinics. Several owners have gone on to apply for conservation grants in 2026 to carry out repairs to their buildings.



Conservation Professionals who participated in the Conservation Clinic, along with Fingal's Architectural Conservation Officer

Funding Information Sessions During 2025

Fingal's Vacant Homes Team and Conservation Office collaborated on two Information Evenings in 2025. The sessions aimed to provide members of the public with information on grants available through the Council for the repair and refurbishment of older or historic properties. In April 2025 a session was held in Balbriggan, and another was organised in Malahide in September 2025. Both were well attended and again lead to direct engagement between the Conservation Office and owners of historic buildings.



Conservation Office Presentation at Funding Information Session

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Rates

2026 Bills issued to ratepayers in the week ending 30th of January.

Preliminary Commercial Rates collection to the end of January 2026 is 2.74%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	*€4.84m*
Rates collected %	2.74%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of November is €86.3m.

Development Levy Income YTD Nov 2025	
Levies Receipted	€86.3 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	121%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of December was €87.68m which is c. **101.7%** of outturn.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€87.68m
Percentage of Outturn.	101.7%

Financial Reports

As the year end process for completion of the AFS is underway the monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts will be included as normal, from the period ending February 28.

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of January

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	5	
Value €m	1.73m	
Procurements ongoing at end of January		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	39.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	35	(ii)
Value €m	60.5m	
No. of procurements at approved	15	(iii)
Value €m	10m	

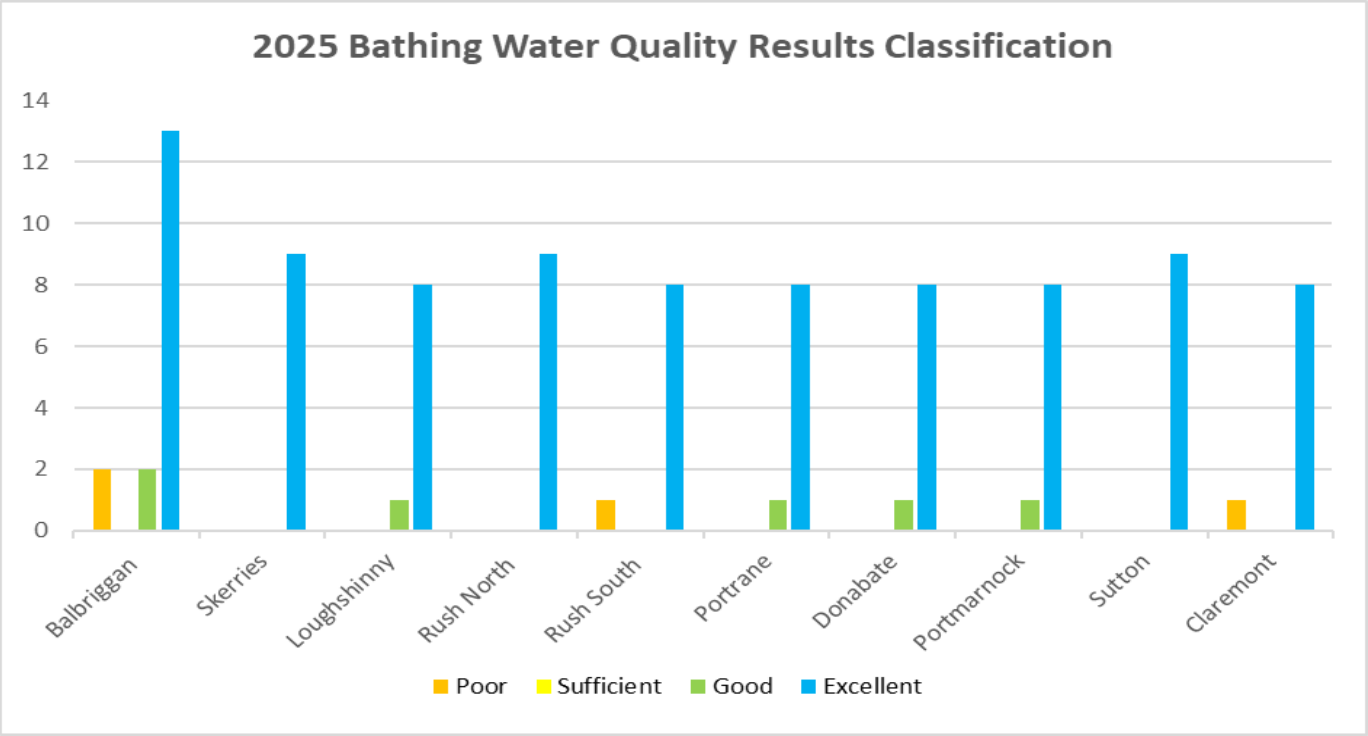
Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of January.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the January.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of January.

Appendix 1
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of January 2026

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Manager/Site Operator for daily operations and the facilitation of planned events at Swords Castle and The Carnagie Building	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Co Cork	€170,000	30/01/2026	30/07/2026	6	26/01/2026
Amenity woodland planting on public lands at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Forestry Services Ltd	Unit 3 Cillin Hill Agri Business Park, Dublin Road , Kilkenny	€52,988	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	12	27/01/2026
Maintenance and Development of the Logix Business Intelligence Platform	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€55,800	22/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Enabling works related to public realm works at Swords Cultural Quarter	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€572,150	19/02/2026	07/05/2027	15	13/01/2026
Property Manager Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 (FCC/434/24.F refers)	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor Embassy House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€880,000	12/01/2026	31/12/2030	48	12/01/2026

Appendix 2

2025 Bathing Water Quality Results in Status Form



Appendix 2

2025 Bathing Water Quality Results

Date:	Balbriggan	Skerries	Rush South	Rush North	Donabate	Portrane	Portmarnock	Loughshinny	Burrow	Claremont
09/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
08/09/2025	Excellent									
02/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
25/08/2025	Excellent									
18/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
11/08/2025	Excellent									
05/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
28/07/2025	Excellent									
**28/07/2025	Excellent		Excellent							Excellent
21/07/2025	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor
14/07/2025	Excellent									
07/07/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
30/06/2025	Excellent									
23/06/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16/06/2025	Excellent									
09/06/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
03/06/2025	Poor									
26&27/05/2025*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2026 Allocations		
Fingal County Council		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2026 Allocation**
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 12,200,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 100,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 100,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 120,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 63,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 20,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 40,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 50,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 10,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 2,900,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 3,000,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 1,000,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 20,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,200,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 20,000

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FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€	20,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€	10,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€	10,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€	17,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€	20,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€	20,000
FCC/25/0002	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachailli	€	200,000
FCC/25/0003	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€	200,000
FCC/25/0004	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€	400,000
FCC/25/0006	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€	400,000
FCC/25/0007	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€	400,000
FCC/25/0008	SRTS (R2) - St Nicola's of Myra National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0009	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0010	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€	30,000
FCC/25/0011	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0012	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0013	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0014	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€	30,000
FCC/25/0015	Newtown Bridge Balheary Road Swords	€	30,000
FCC/25/0019	Fingal Community Bike Library	€	50,000
FCC/25/0026	Pedestrian and Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road	€	20,000

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Fingal County Council		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2026 Allocation**
FCC/25/0027	Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme	€ 20,000
FCC/26/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 20,000
FCC/26/XXXX	Rush to Lusk Pedestrian and Cycle route	€ 20,000
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - Coolmine Community School	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - Gaelscoil Ros Eo, Rush	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - Scoil Oilibhéir, Blanchardstown	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - St. Andrew's NS, Malahide	€ 1,500
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4) - St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush	€ 2,000
FCC/26/XXXX	SRTS (R4 HSRR) - Scoil Moibhi	€ 2,000
	Total:	**€ 23,500,000**
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
FCC/25/0024	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 8,118,000
FCC/26/XXXX	Bus Priority/Traffic Management Improvements	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		**€9,618,000**

Appendix 4

Summary of Environmental Complaints and Inspections

		2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267	327	347	268	1,209
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21	18	18	13	70
	Air & Odour	37	54	23	18	51	30	122
	Noise	99	146	47	102	67	36	252
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**2,562**	**358**	**465**	**483**	**347**	**1,653**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27	131	2783	1100	4,041
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134	213	295	297	939
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124	3088	2870	3908	11,990
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358	320	384	349	1,411
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25	13	12	22	72
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8	10	6	63	87
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70	123	119	66	378
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241	203	188	105	737
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**9,451**	**2,987**	**4,101**	**6657**	**5,910**	**19,655**

Appendix 5
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 1, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Way, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Eldery	North Court, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	On-Site.	Q2 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	72 Social 75 Affordable	On-Site.	Q3 2025	Phased delivery.

Appendix 5 - continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q3 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tucketts Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 5 - continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Part 8 process commenced.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q4 2025
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47 47	Q3 2025 Delivered Q1 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Birch Wood, Santry, D9	20	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q2 2025 - Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	2026
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Luttrellstown Gate, Clonsilla, D15	151	2027

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

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Affordable & Cost Rental Delivery

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	All Sale Agreed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	All Sale Agreed	177 Homes Sold
Ballisk Park, Donabate	111 Sale Agreed	111/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	68/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	43/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Clonrath Hill	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	5/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessments of application are Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Application Portal Closed - Wednesday 26th of November 2025	20/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch January 2026	36 Homes

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS –
COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

No Business

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CONFERENCES

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AILG
Association of Irish Local Government
Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

AILG Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme – Q1 2026

In-Person Module No.	Date	Region Applicable	Topic	Location	Venue
Module 1	Thursday 19th February	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*"From Policy to Practice; What Local Authorities in Ireland Can Offer to Support Disabled People and an Ageing Population"*	Dundalk	**Fairways Hotel**
	Saturday 21st February	Southern Region	*"From Policy to Practice; What Local Authorities in Ireland Can Offer to Support Disabled People and an Ageing Population"*	Kilkenny	Hotel TBC
Module 2	Thursday 19th March	Southern Region	*Briefing on New Housing Plan "*Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030*"*	Limerick	**The Radisson Blu Hotel**
	Saturday 21st March	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*Briefing on New Housing Plan "*Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030*"*	Sligo	**Radisson Blu Sligo**
AILG Annual Conference	Weds 15th / Thurs 16th April		**Hotel Minella, Clonmel Tipperary**		

Online Training Webinar Programme – Q1

Webinar No.	Date	Time	Topic
Webinar 1	30th January	10am – 11.30am	OPR Planning Training **"Electricity Transmission & Distribution – The Challenges & Opportunities"**
Webinar 2	27th March	10am – 11.30am	OPR Planning Training **"PDA Planning Training"**

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ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE 2026

22nd & 23rd April 2026

Hotel Minella

Coleville Rd, Raheen, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
E91 FY97

Register via Eventbrite or email at info@ailg.ie



Conference fee €190

Conference will commence with registration at 5.00pm & official opening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.
Conference Dinner will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd April 2026.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Hotel Minella, Clonmel	**E:** frontdesk@hotelminella.com	**T:** (052) 6122388
€140 B&B Single Occupancy / €180 Per Room (Double/Twin) *Free onsite parking is available to all guests of Hotel Minella.*		
Talbot Hotel Clonmel *€129 B&B Single Occupancy*	info@talbothotelclonmel.ie	(052) 6188700
Raheen House Hotel *€170 B&B Single Occupancy*	info@raheenhouse.ie	(052) 6122140

Please note: The above corporate rates are subject to availability and early booking is advised - mention AILG conference to avail of preferred rates

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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Our Ref: 01/2026-4.11

15th January, 2026

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 12th January, 2026, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That Sligo County Council notes with deep concern the Government's decision to ratify CETA and, in particular, the Investor Court System (ICS).

This Council believes that ICS gives foreign corporations powers that undermine local democracy, threaten environmental and planning decisions, and risk exposing the State to costly investor lawsuits. Sligo County Council therefore calls on the Government to suspend Ireland's participation in the ICS element of CETA pending a full, independent assessment of its impacts on local authorities, public services, and environmental protections.

This motion to be circulated to all local authorities, all Sligo-Leitrim TDs and Senators, and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment."

Yours sincerely

Sinéad Branley
Meetings Administrator

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22nd January 2026

To All Local Authorities

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the January meeting of Offaly County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"This Council calls on Government to instruct party MEPs oppose adoption of the Mercosur Trade agreement when the agreement is presented at European Parliament"

I would be obliged if you would give consideration to the members request.

Yours faithfully

Evan Fennell

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Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Offaly County Council

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Sent: Wednesday 10 September 2025 12:27
To: Corporate.Services@fingal.ie
CC:
Subject: PER-MCO-00122-2025
Attachments:

Our ref: PER-MCO-00122-2025

Ms Ciara O hAodha

Senior Executive Officer

Corporate Services

Fingal County Council

Dear Ms O Aodha

The Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Mr Jack Chambers TD, has asked me to refer to your letter of 2 July 2025. I apologise for delay in replying to you.

In July 2020 the European Council, made up of the Heads of State and Government of each of the EU Member States, adopted a historic €750 billion recovery package for Europe. This package, NextGenerationEU, is Europe's shared response to the public health and economic and social crisis caused by COVID-19. NextGenerationEU is an ambitious and common recovery package that will complement and support each Member State's own national response to the crisis.

As stipulated in the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Regulation, each Member State must prepare a National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) in order to avail of funding from the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

Ireland's Plan was developed in 2020 and early 2021, informed by a public consultation process, and was positively assessed by the European Commission in the Summer of 2021.

Irelands NRRP is worth €1.15 billion. The National Recovery and Resilience Plan cover 11 reforms and 19 investments with 118 associated milestones and targets over the following priority areas: The Green Transition, the Digital Transformation, Social and Economic Recovery; and the RePowerEU energy related investments.

RRF projects are pre-funded through the Estimates processes and the National Development Plan, with the RRF allocated funding being recouped from the EU after the milestones and targets have been achieved.

An overview of the Irish NRRP can be found on the EU Commission webpage: Ireland's recovery and resilience plan - European Commission (https://commission.europa.eu/index_en)

The Irish plan is divided into five instalments, for each of which Ireland submits a formal payment request. Ireland has submitted three payment requests.

Between the first two approved payment requests Ireland has received 38% of our overall allocated funding under the NRRP and has successfully achieved of 48% of the milestones and targets within our plan.

Ireland's third payment has just been submitted to the Commission and is to the value of €240 million. Once this is approved, Ireland will have successfully achieved 60% of both the milestones and targets within the Plan and of our €1.15 billion total allocation.

The fourth and fifth payment request will be submitted prior to programme conclusion in Q3 2026.

We trust that this clarifies the matter, but should you have further questions, do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Kavanagh

Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure,

Public Service Reform and Digitalisation

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ITEM NO. 34

INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS

Motion: Councillor D.J. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive arrange to have CCTV cameras installed in areas known for anti-social behaviour in the Fingal area, as a deterrent, due to the rise in anti-social behaviour."

Report:

The Council has installed CCTV in justifiable locations where there have been repeated serious incidents of destruction to Council owned public property.

The installation of CCTV by Fingal County Council on or in any of its properties, e.g. Depots, Libraries, Public Buildings or Public Parks, is with the clear purpose of protecting staff and property on the premises or its environs. The Council does not have a remit in terms of law enforcement.

A Local Authority can only install CCTV in a location and context where it has a sound legal basis to do so. The installation of CCTV must be "necessary and proportionate" and requires the carrying out of a full Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to justify the presence of the CCTV cameras.

Provision has been made in the Capital Programme 2026 – 2028 for CCTV on Council owned property and the Council will continue to work with An Garda Síochána, the community and all other stakeholders to prevent anti-social behaviour in the public realm.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 35

FINGAL SWIMMING POOL STRATEGY

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That Fingal County Council notes the findings of Swim Ireland's December 2025 Swimming Facilities Gap Analysis Report, which highlight a serious deficit in publicly accessible swimming pool provision in Fingal, calls on the Chief Executive to prepare and bring to the Elected Members, within 6 months, a "Fingal Swimming Pool Strategy" with the clear purpose of identifying deliverable public pool projects for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme, the strategy should include but not be limited to 1. Baseline and gaps by Local Electoral Area (LEA); 2. Delivery options; 3. Costings and timelines; 4. Capital Programme proposals."

Report:

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

The settlements and towns in Fingal have been classified into three target categories for improving swimming pool access and provision:

Primary (*i.e., in need of a new swimming pool on the basis of high existing demand and poor access):*

Secondary (i.e., in need of improved access which could be met through the provision of e.g., seasonal pools, training pools or 'Swim Box' options)

Tertiary (*i.e., pool demand substantially met through access to existing facilities, including those within Dublin City)*:

The Castlelands Swimming Pool in Balbriggan has been identified as a primary location and pending final planning, will go to tender in Q2 of 2026 with construction to begin in Q4 of 2026.

At present there are no further plans to provide additional swimming pools or to prepare a "Fingal Swimming Pool Strategy" due to lack of national funding available from central government.

The Sports Department in conjunction with Swim Ireland are launching a Primary School Swimming Lessons Programme in 2026. €50,000 has been allocated in the budget towards this.

Based on information provided by Swim Ireland, of the approximate 96 primary schools in Fingal, there are currently 44 primary schools taking part in swimming lessons through their schools. This new programme will target the schools who are currently not swimming, with Deis schools being prioritised. The aim is to engage 10 schools in 2026.

Two schools are lined up to begin in January 2026, with another two starting February and a further two starting in March. The remaining four schools will start in September 2026. It is anticipated that roughly 1,500 children from 3rd to 5th class will benefit from this programme

Source of Report:
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 40

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Council discontinues with the use of X/Twitter and avails of other platforms for social media communication."

Report:

All Fingal County Council accounts on the social media platform X, which was formerly known as Twitter, have now become passive accounts with only emergency public information notices being posted. This applies to all Fingal County Council X accounts and staff in charge of these accounts have been informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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