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Friday, 30 January 2026

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

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)** will be held Hybrid in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday, 12th February, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 15th January 2026. (Pages 1 - 6)

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Installation of Road Markings (Unsignalized Crossing) - The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate, Lusk - AI106013 (Pages 7 - 8)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of road markings (unsignalized crossing) on the Dublin Road at the entrance to The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate in Lusk?"

3 Councillor M. Boland - Maintenance of Pathway - Dublin Road/R127, Lusk - AI106666 (Pages 9 - 10)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for urgent maintenance of the pathway on the Dublin Road/R127 Lusk, approaching Lusk Village (alongside Taylor's Farm) and bring it up to standard as cracks and holes have appeared, causing trip hazards?"

4 Councillor M. Boland - Drainage Inspections Prior to Road Re-surfacing Works - Church Road, Lusk - AI106667 (Pages 11 - 12)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned drainage inspections prior to road re-surfacing works in 2026 on Church Road, Lusk, where residents continue to report surface water pooling during periods of heavy rain?"

5 Councillor M. Boland - Resurfacing of Road - R129 Road from Lusk Train Station towards Rush - AI106668 (Pages 13 - 14)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the resurfacing of the section of the R129 Road from Lusk train station towards Rush as the road has seen significant deterioration over the last few years?"

6 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of New Flower Bed and Bench - The Forge Green Space, Lusk - AI106669 (Pages 15 - 16)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a new flower bed and bench in the Forge green space off Rathmore Road, Lusk, along the southern boundary, off the field

where mounts already exist?"

7 Councillor M. Boland - Installation of Drinking Water Fountain - Orlynn Park Green, Lusk - AI106670 (Pages 17 - 18)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a drinking water fountain at Orlynn Park green in Lusk to facilitate local youth sports that take place on the green weekly?"

8 Councillor M. Boland - Updating Position of Rock Armour - Rush South Beach - AI106671 (Pages 19 - 20)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to updating/repairing the position of the rock armour at Rush South Beach car park to prevent any damage to the vital car parking facilities after recent storms have moved it?"

9 Councillor M. Boland - Speed Limit Review - Airport View Hotel/R129, Lusk - AI106672 (Pages 21 - 22)

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if a speed limit review can be considered on the road outside the Airport View Hotel in Lusk and whether a reduced speed limit could allow additional pedestrian safety measures to accommodate the residents of the hotel who use the road?"

10 Councillor M. Boland - Road Markings - Rush and Lusk - AI106673 (Pages 23 - 24)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when road markings and edge lining will be refreshed on local roads in Rush and Lusk, particularly on routes with increased pedestrian usage through the villages and approach roads?"

11 Councillor J. Newman - Upgrading of Rathingle and Ridgewood Playgrounds, Swords - AI106069 (Pages 25 - 28)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Rathingle and Ridgewood playgrounds to be upgraded to modern standards as these playgrounds are old and continually in need of repair?"

12 Councillor L. Corkery - Junction Improvement at Jugback Lane, Swords - AI106180 (Pages 29 - 30)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a detailed design is available for the junction improvement at Jugback Lane, which forms part of the 2026 Programme of Works?"

13 Councillor L. Corkery - Installation of Footpath - Rathbeale Road/New Dairy Lane, Swords - AI106360 (Pages 31 - 32)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a footpath on the Rathbeale Road to improve safety for the houses and users of bus stops between the Twelve Apostles and New Dairy Lane?"

14 Councillor L. Corkery - Soundproofing - South Bank, Glen Ellan Road, Swords - AI106386 (Pages 33 - 34)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replacing the trees that were planted as soundproofing at South Bank Estate on Glen Ellan Road, as many have been damaged?"

15 Councillor L. Corkery - Pedestrian Safety Crossing the R125 at Holywell, Swords - AI106388 (Pages 35 - 36)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what measures have been considered to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the R125 between each side of Holywell, particularly during busy school and commuting times?"

16 Councillor L. Corkery - Tender for Corballis Golf Course - AI106459 (Pages 37 - 38)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the current tender process for Corballis Golf Course and when the next tender process will be undertaken?"

17 Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Park Opening - North-West Balbriggan - AI106528 (Pages 39 - 40)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the opening of the park in North-West Balbriggan, at the new development behind the Hastings Estate at the end of Hamlet Lane in the Flemington area?"

18 Councillor G. Maguire - Installation of 'Keep Clear' Sign - Convent Lane, Balbriggan - AI106529 (Pages 41 - 42)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a 'Keep Clear' road lining sign outside the garage that

operates on Convent Lane, Balbriggan to ensure access at all times?"

19 Councillor G. Maguire - Examination of Road Markings and Signage - Hastings Estate, Balbriggan - AI106531 (Pages 43 - 44)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine all road markings and signage and to repaint/install where necessary as a matter of urgency and in the interest of safety in Hastings Estate, Balbriggan?"

20 Councillor G. Maguire - Repainting of Balbriggan Lighthouse - AI106614 (Pages 45 - 46)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have Balbriggan Lighthouse and its surrounds repainted?"

21 Councillor G. Maguire - Resurfacing of Railway Street, Balbriggan - AI106631 (Pages 47 - 48)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine Railway Street in Balbriggan, with a view to repairing/resurfacing as necessary?"

22 Councillor J. Smyth - Additional Pedestrian Crossing - L2300 Boroimhe Road, Swords - AI106540 (Pages 49 - 50)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an additional pedestrian crossing on Boroimhe Road (L2300) in light of the difficulties being experienced by residents when trying to transverse the road to avail of public transport?"

23 Councillor J. Smyth - Report on Changes to Pedestrian Crossings - Holywell Distributor Road, Swords - AI106543 (Pages 51 - 52)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on potential changes or additional pedestrian crossings planned on the Holywell Distributor Road adjacent to the new development of 57 social homes?"

24 Councillor J. Smyth - Planned Upgrade Works - Swords Castle Playground, Swords - AI106546 (Pages 53 - 54)

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail if any upgrade works are planned for the playground at Swords Castle?"

25 Councillor J. Smyth - Assessment of Cycle Lanes - Blake's Cross to Ballough, Lusk - AI106547 (Pages 55 - 56)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the most recent assessment of the active travel cycle lanes from Blake's Cross to Ballough and the outcome of this assessment, in light of reports that there are sections scattered with gravel and other debris for several months?"

26 Councillor J. Smyth - Applications for Salt/Grit Bins in this LEA - AI106548 (Pages 57 - 58)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the procedures for housing estates/residents associations to apply for salt/grit bins from the Council in this Local Electoral Area?"

27 Councillor J. Smyth - Removal of Shrubbery - Knocksedan, Swords - AI106549 (Pages 59 - 60)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of the remaining overgrown shrubbery along the boundary fence of Knocksedan Estate that borders the Ward River Regional Park as some shrubbery remains which is preventing the wall being maintained by the resident's management company?"

28 Councillor J. Smyth - Improvements to Footpath - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106608 (Pages 61 - 62)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for improvement to the path in Ward River Valley Park at coordinates 53°27'18.7"N 6°14'37.1"W, as this is a route used for the park run and requires improved drainage?"

29 Councillor M. Quinn - Remarking of Cycle Paths - Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan - AI106533 (Pages 63 - 64)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the remarking of cycle lanes at Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan?"

30 Councillor M. Quinn - Installation of Parking Measures - Dún Saithne Road from Flemington Lane, Balbriggan - AI106534 (Pages 65 - 66)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of further restrictive parking measures at the entrance to Dún Saithne Road, including the placing of poles similar to those used

in the vicinity of schools, as parking on the footpaths is restricting the line of sight for both pedestrians and motorists at this location?"

31 Councillor M. Quinn - Bus Shelter at Bus Stop 100411 (101) at the R132, Balbriggan - AI106535 (Pages 67 - 68)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to supporting the residents of Flemington Lane for the installation of a bus shelter at Bus Stop 100411 on the 101 bus route on the R132?"

32 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update/Upgrade of Playground - Newbridge, Donabate - AI106557 (Pages 69 - 70)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a review of Newbridge playground with a view to updating/upgrading some of the play equipment in this playground?"

33 Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Modern Outdoor Gym Equipment - AI106558 (Pages 71 - 72)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the purchasing of modern outdoor gym equipment that has the technology by which usage can be tracked and if consideration can be given for the installation of these in open spaces, parks, beaches and sports hubs in Donabate, Lusk or Rush?"

34 Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Rush Harbour Works - AI106600 (Pages 73 - 74)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the works that are planned for the Rush Harbour area in 2026, including improvements to public lighting and installation of handrails?"

35 Councillor E. Dockrell - Repair of Potholes - Clifflands Rise, Rush - AI106601 (Pages 75 - 76)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a review of Clifflands Rise in Rush to repair the potholes in this estate?"

36 Councillor E. Dockrell - Number and Frequency of Potholes - R128, Lusk/Rush - AI106603 (Pages 77 - 78)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number and

frequency of pothole repairs on the R128 between Lusk and Rush between the 1st January 2026 and 30th January 2026, including the product used (i.e. cold applied asphalt or hot Cl946 with tac coat) and if the same pothole was filled more than once over the period?"

37 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Grallagh/R130 - AI106617 (Pages 79 - 80)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the Grallagh/R130 road, which is the main route connecting Garristown with Oldtown and Ballyboughal, the road surface continues to deteriorate and is already in very poor condition, its current state is concerning and is likely to cause damage to vehicles if left unattended?"

38 Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Car Park - Newbridge Park, Donabate - AI106618 (Pages 81 - 82)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reviewing the car park in Newbridge at the entrance via Cobbe's Lane as sections of the surface of this car park need repair work and if a site visit could be arranged with the Operations Department on this matter?"

39 Councillor T. Murphy - Installation of Signage Prohibiting E-Bikes and E-Scooters - Balbriggan Beach (Pages 83 - 84)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the signage prohibiting e-bikes and e-scooters from using the pathway across Balbriggan Front Beach will be erected?"

40 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Completion of Path/Inclusion of Litter Bins - St. Catherine's Rush - AI106633 (Pages 85 - 86)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the path around the astro pitch in St. Catherine's, Rush will be completed and if this will include additional litter bins?"

41 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Assessment of Footpaths and Road Surface - Ballygarra, Garristown - AI106634 (Pages 87 - 88)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the footpaths and road surface in Ballygarra Estate, Garristown, given that sections of the road and path are in poor condition?"

42 Councillor C. Johnston - Public Toilets Refurbishment - Portrane and Donabate - AI106635 (Pages 89 - 90)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the refurbishing of the public toilets at Portrane and Donabate and to include a timeline for the completion of the refurbishment works?"

43 Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Naul Cemetery Extension - AI106641 (Pages 91 - 92)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the estimated timeline for the extension to the Naul Cemetery and to include details on the public consultation process, given the need for urgent cemetery spaces in Naul Village?"

44 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Drainage Improvements - Reynoldstown Bridge, Naul - AI106642 (Pages 93 - 94)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving the road drainage on Reynoldstown Bridge in order to address water pooling on the south-west interior of the bridge which is located in a blind dip in the road?"

45 Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Clearing of Ditches - Portrane Road - AI106691 (Pages 95 - 96)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the ditches along the Portrane Road from just before the entrance to Middlefield Lane and the entrance to Portrane Athletic FC grounds given that overflow from the ditches is impacting adjacent properties?"

46 Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Signage and Road Markings - Portrane Road, Donabate - AI106692 (Pages 97 - 98)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of signage and road markings (similar to the uncontrolled crossing at Ballisk Common adjacent to the schools) at the uncontrolled crossing on the Portrane Road at the Glaslinn Estate given the increasing number of families crossing this road to access the library and schools?"

47 Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Maintenance Works - St. Colmcille's Well, Swords - AI106650 (Pages 99 - 100)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance

works on St. Colmcille's Well in Swords?"

48 Councillor D. Butler - Removal of Graffiti - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106655 (Pages 101 - 102)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the removal of the graffiti at the containers beside the all-weather pitch at the Ward Valley Park?"

49 Councillor D. Butler - Provision of Kilometre Markers - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106656 (Pages 103 - 104)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in regard to the provision of kilometre markers and direction signs for the River Valley parkrun and River Valley junior parkrun?"

50 Councillor B. Ryan - Trip Hazards - Church Roundabout, Balbriggan - AI106662 (Pages 105 - 106)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the trip hazards along the footpath between the church roundabout and the inner relief road roundabout in Balbriggan, alongside the former Jack Murphy site?"

51 Councillor B. Ryan - Examination of Drainage System - Harbour Road/Red Island, Skerries - AI106664 (Pages 107 - 108)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a comprehensive examination of the drainage system of the first car park after the turn off from Harbour Road, Skerries to Red Island, which regularly floods, particularly at the corner adjacent to the playground and to put in place a regular preventative maintenance schedule?"

52 Councillor B. Ryan - Cutting Back of Vegetation - Old Balrothery Graveyard, Balrothery - AI106694 (Pages 109 - 110)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for all the remaining overgrown vegetation in the old Balrothery graveyard to be cut back following the initial works in December?"

53 Councillor B. Ryan - Installation of Signage - Balrothery/Man O' War - AI106695 (Pages 111 - 112)

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

installation of signage, in relation to speeding and children crossing, to be erected on the approach road to Balrothery from Man O' War, before the left-hand entrance to Balruddery Fields, to assist in the reduction of speed in this area?"

54 Councillor B. Ryan - Erection of Signage - Lambeecher/Bath Road, Balbriggan - AI106696 (Pages 113 - 114)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the erection of suitable signage after the turn into Lambeecher/Bath Road to guide visiting sports teams away from residential areas and towards the official car parks?"

55 Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Litter - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI106707 (Pages 115 - 116)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the litter on Turvey Avenue near the new Aldi Store to be removed and for the location attended to by the cleansing team on an ongoing basis?"

56 Councillor P. Mulville - Water Pooling - Donabate Main Street - AI106708 (Pages 117 - 118)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the water pooling along Donabate Main Street, alongside the footpath, beside the old graveyard?"

57 Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Potholes - Donabate Main Street - AI106709 (Pages 119 - 120)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the sunken potholes on Donabate Main Street on the roadway between Murray's Hair Studio and Donabate Travel?"

58 Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Kissing Gates in this LEA - AI106710 (Pages 121 - 122)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the number and location of "kissing gates" remaining across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area and when it is intended to remove them, on accessibility grounds?"

59 Councillor P. Mulville - Repair of Pothole - Station Road, Lusk - AI106711 (Pages 123 - 124)

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the re-occurring pothole on Station Road, Lusk, near the first bus stop on the left-hand side after the Remount Roundabout towards the train station, on a more permanent basis?"

60 Councillor P. Mulville - Widening of Footpath - Station Road, Lusk - AI106712 (Pages 125 - 126)

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the footpath between Lusk and the train station and the same on the Rush side, can be widened in the short to medium term without the need for land acquisition?"

61 Councillor D. Mulligan - Remediation Works - Malahide Road (Pages 127 - 128)

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned remediation works for the Malahide Road due to burst water mains, drainage issues and road deterioration?"

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC.

62 Change to 2026 Programme of Works - Montgorry Way Road Resurfacing (Pages 129 - 146)

63 Presentation of Public Consultation Balbriggan Beach 2025 (Pages 147 - 158)

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64 Councillor L. Corkery - Resurfacing of Rathbeale Road, Swords - AI106356 (Pages 159 - 160)

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the resurfacing of the section of footpath on Rathbeale Road that runs adjacent to Mooretown Estate, as this particular section has become cracked and raised over time."

MOTIONS

65 Councillor C. Boland - Removal of Diseased Trees/Ash Dieback in this LEA - AI098707 (Pages 161 - 164)

"That the Chief Executive advise if she is aware of the scale of ash dieback and the negative impact which the removal of these diseased trees is having on the verges on roads in this Local Electoral Area and that the Council makes a statement on how it can assist in the regeneration by way of the appropriate support of landowners who

have suffered such loss."

66 Councillor J. Newman - Nitrous Oxide Disposal in this LEA - AI105937 (Pages 165 - 166)

"That the Chief Executive indicate the cost and procedure for disposing of nitrous oxide cannisters that are regularly discarded on our streets and in our parks in this Local Electoral Area."

67 Councillor L. Corkery - Resurfacing of Rolestown Drive, Rolestown - AI106357 (Pages 167 - 168)

"That the Chief Executive consider resurfacing Rolestown Drive and the R125 in the vicinity of Rolestown in the next Capital Programme."

68 Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Car Park - Rush - AI106553 (Pages 169 - 170)

"That the Chief Executive consider engaging with the relevant stakeholders to resurface the car park in Rush in front of the library building and beside the Millbank Theatre, School and Multi-Purpose Youth Centre as members of these groups and many others in Rush use this car park and would benefit from this project being undertaken."

69 Councillor G. Maguire - Illegal Parking - Green Space/Market Green, Balbriggan - AI106632 (Pages 171 - 172)

"That the Chief Executive engage with all stakeholders to examine and resolve the issue of illegal parking on the green space adjacent to the Scout Hall on Market Green in Balbriggan."

70 Councillor C. Johnston - Traffic and Road Assessment - Main Street, Rush - AI106643 (Pages 173 - 174)

"That the Chief Executive carry out a traffic and road assessment of the Main Street in Rush, given the ongoing issues, with vehicles parked on the Main Street at Walshe's Public House and opposite The Strand bar impacting traffic trying to travel through the town."

71 Councillor D. Kelly - Reopening of Public Toilets - Santry Demesne - AI106645 (Pages 175 - 176)

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the reopening of the toilets at Santry Demesne."

72 Councillor D. Butler - Solutions to Deal with Flooding - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106654 (Pages 177 - 178)

"That the Chief Executive consider solutions to deal with the regular bad flooding on the pathway between the two all-weather pitches at the Ward Valley Park which causes issues for park users, parkrun and junior parkrun."

73 Councillor B. Ryan - Engagement with Uisce Éireann regarding Overflowing Sewage - Wildcat Lane, Skerries - AI106663 (Pages 179 - 180)

"That the Chief Executive arranges for engagement with Uisce Éireann to agree responsibility for the regular and long-running overflow of sewage from the manhole of the public sewer on public land adjacent to Wildcat Lane, close to the Mourne View Estate in Skerries, as neither party is accepting responsibility."

74 Councillor D. Mulligan - Installation of Footpath - R108/Brackenstown Road, Knocksedan (Pages 181 - 182)

"That the Chief Executive carry out an inspection and/or audit to assess the viability of connecting the Knocksedan Estate via the R108 with footpath access to the Brackenstown Road."

75 Councillor L. Corkery - Review and Amendment of Road/Cycle Lane Sweeping - River Valley, Swords - AI106358 (Pages 183 - 184)

"That the Chief Executive review and amend, if necessary, the scheduling of road sweeping and similar maintenance activities to ensure that the protected cycle lanes in communities, notably River Valley, are not obstructed during school commuting periods."

76 Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - The Hand Junction, Donabate - AI106554 (Pages 185 - 186)

"That this Council conducts a road safety review of The Hand Junction in Donabate (the junction at the top of Ballisk/Beaverstown Road and the main Portrane Road intersection) as there have been concerns raised regarding this junction for many years with several accidents occurring at this location and for this project to be included in the Capital Programme."

77 Councillor D. Kelly - Safety Report of Old Bridges in Swords - AI106646 (Pages 187 - 188)

"That the Chief Executive provide a safety report on all bridges over 80 years old in Swords?

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

Thursday, 15th January, 2026

PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Humphreys, James and Kelly, Darren Jack

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

BSA/1/26 (Agenda Item No 1)
Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting (Services A - Operational Matters) held on Thursday the 11th December 2025

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on the 15th January 2026, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor Corkery and seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) Meeting held on 15th January 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED".**

BSA/2/26 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor M. Boland - Review of Lighting - Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - AI105525

BSA/3/26 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor M. Boland - Report on Road Opening Licences in Rush and Lusk - AI105530

BSA/4/26 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor M. Boland - Safe Pedestrian Crossing Point on the R132 at R129 Junction, Lusk - AI106007

BSA/5/26 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor M. Boland - Inspection and Repair/Resurfacing of Footpaths - Lusk Village - AI106008

BSA/6/26 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor M. Boland - Resurfacing of Old Road, Rush - AI106009

BSA/7/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor M. Boland - Installation of a Mini Orchard in Lusk - AI106010

BSA/8/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor M. Boland - Inspection and Repair/Resurfacing of Footpath - Treen Hill/Chapel Green, Lusk - AI106011

BSA/9/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor M. Quinn - Footpath Works at Bus Stop (100711) Drogheda Street, Balbriggan - AI105656

BSA/10/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor M. Quinn - South Shore Rush, Traffic Survey - November 2025 - AI105921

BSA/11/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor M. Quinn - Review of Preventative Flood Measures - Brook Lane, Rush - AI105922

BSA/12/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor M. Quinn - Weeding and General Maintenance Works - Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan - AI105987

BSA/13/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Dredging - Balbriggan Harbour - AI105802

BSA/14/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of a Yellow Box - Seatown Roundabout, Swords - AI105952

BSA/15/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Smyth - Changing Layout of Private Roads - Northwood, Santry - AI105954

BSA/16/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Identification of Bathing Waters 2026 - AI105980

BSA/17/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Smyth - Resurfacing of Footpaths - Brackenstown Avenue, Swords - AI105981

BSA/18/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - Lighting in Public Parks - Holywell Park, Swords - AI105983

BSA/19/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Repair of Metal Fence - Bride's Glen, Swords - AI105986

BSA/20/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor L. Corkery - Cycle Lanes - R132 From Blake's Cross to Ballough - AI105960

BSA/21/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor L. Corkery - Division of Water Services between Fingal County Council and Uisce Éireann in this LEA - AI105963

BSA/22/26 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor C. Johnston - Request for Flood Prevention Measures - Damastown, Naul - AI106002

BSA/23/26 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Traffic Calming Measures - Orchard Estate, Oldtown - AI106003

BSA/24/26 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Footpath - Orchard Estate, Oldtown - AI106004

BSA/25/26 (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor C. Johnston - Re-marking Schedule in this LEA - AI106005

BSA/26/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Crossing - Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI106019

BSA/27/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor C. Johnston - Removal of Broken Lights - Kenure Park, Rush - AI106024

BSA/28/26 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Installation of Bus Shelter - Holywell, Swords - AI106029

BSA/29/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Traffic Light Outages - Rathbeale Road Junction, Swords - AI106030

BSA/30/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree Planting - Glen Ellan Road, Swords - AI106031

BSA/31/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Programme of Works 2026

The attached Programme of Works 2026 was **CONSIDERED.**

Ms. Donlon Kavanagh gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

Following discussion, the report was proposed by Councillor Corkery, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and **AGREED** by the Committee

BSA/32/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Newman - Request for Extra Bus Stops - Forest Road, Swords - AI105676

The motion in the name of Councillor Newman was proposed by Councillor Newman and seconded by Councillor Mulligan.

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

BSA/33/26 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor P. Mulville - Surface Water Flooding - Beach Lane, The Burrow, Portrane - AI105886

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

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

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

BSA/34/26 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Smyth - Installation of Benches - Airside, Swords - AI105953

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

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

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

BSA/35/26 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor M. Quinn - Public Walkway through Moylaragh Open Space, Balbriggan - AI105988

The attached Motion in the name of Councillor Quinn was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Smyth.

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

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

BSA/36/26 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor M. Boland - Facilitate an On-Site Meeting at Rush-Lusk Train Station - AI106015

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

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

BSA/37/26 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor J. Newman - Dumping of Shopping Trolleys - Swords - AI105936

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

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

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

BSA/38/26 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor J. Smyth - Review of Traffic Measures - Bride's Glen, Swords - AI105985

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

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

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

BSA/39/26 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor M. Boland - On-Site Meeting at Minister's Road, Lusk - AI106016

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

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

The Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

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ITEM NO. 02

UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF ROAD MARKINGS (UNSIGNALIZED CROSSING) - THE FORGE ESTATE AND CHAPEL FARM ESTATE, LUSK - AI106013

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of road markings (unsignalized crossing) on the Dublin Road at the entrance to The Forge Estate and Chapel Farm Estate in Lusk?"

Reply:

The location is included as part of Programme of Works 2026 -Traffic Schemes. The existing uncontrolled crossing with refuge island is listed to be upgraded to a raised Zebra Crossing with belisha beacons. The Traffic Scheme is scheduled for Public Consultation and Display in Q2 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

MAINTENANCE OF PATHWAY - DUBLIN ROAD/R127, LUSK - AI106666

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to urgent maintenance of the pathway on the Dublin Road/R127 Lusk, approaching Lusk Village (alongside Taylor's Farm) and bring it up to standard as cracks and holes have appeared, causing trip hazards?"

Reply:

The footpath is to be cleared of any overgrown grass or vegetation in the first instance to allow for inspection and any defects found will be listed for inclusion in the Area Inspector's General Maintenance Programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

DRAINAGE INSPECTIONS PRIOR TO ROAD RE-SURFACING WORKS - CHURCH ROAD, LUSK - AI106667

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any drainage inspections prior to road re-surfacing works in 2026 on Church Road, Lusk, where residents continue to report surface water pooling during periods of heavy rain?"

Reply:

Any drainage works required will be identified and undertaken prior to commencement of any road resurfacing works.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

RESURFACING OF ROAD - R129 ROAD FROM LUSK TRAIN STATION TOWARDS RUSH - AI106668

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the resurfacing of the section of the R129 Road from Lusk Train Station towards Rush as the road has seen significant deterioration over the last few years?"

Reply:

This road is classified as the R128. The section in question has been assessed, and consideration will be given for inclusion in a future Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

INSTALLATION OF NEW FLOWER BED AND BENCH - THE FORGE GREEN SPACE, LUSK - AI106669

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a new flower bed and bench in the Forge Green space off Rathmore Road, Lusk, along the southern boundary, off the field where mounts already exist?"

Reply:

The Forge green space is included in plans for the Lusk Town Centre First project and draft landscape plans are currently being drawn up for this area. These plans will include proposals for planting and seating along with other elements based on recent public consultations.

It would be premature to carry out any landscaping at this stage of the process in this area, however, Operations will carry out an inspection with a view to installing some seating.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

INSTALLATION OF WATER DRINKING FOUNTAIN - ORLYNN PARK GREEN, LUSK - AI106670

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of a water drinking tap fountain at Orlynn Park green in Lusk to facilitate local youth sports that take place on the green weekly?"

Reply:
The provision of a water fountain can be considered for a future works programme subject to the availability of a water supply in the area.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

Updating Position of Rock Armour - Rush South Beach - AI106671

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to updating/repairing the position on the rock armour at Rush South Beach car park to prevent any damage to the vital car parking facilities after recent storms that have moved it?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will initiate a review to determine what repair works may be required to the rock armour at Rush South Beach which acts as a coastal erosion defence for the carpark. The review will have regard to the sensitivity of the environment in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary and the ongoing monitoring of the coastline by the OPW.

In advance of any determined works, the review will also determine if Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment are required. The Operations Department will consult with the Councils Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Source of Reply: Ms Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - AIRPORT VIEW HOTEL/R129, LUSK - AI106672

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether a speed limit review can be considered on the road outside the Airport View Hotel R129, Lusk and whether a reduced speed limit could allow additional pedestrian safety measures to accommodate the residents of the hotel who use the road?"

Reply:

The R129 is a regional road and has a current speed limit of 80 km/h. The Traffic Operations team will add the location to be reviewed as part of the Countywide Speed Limit Review. Reducing the speed limit does not automatically allow a footpath to be installed given the existing constraints. There are constraints in relation to land and public lighting infrastructure which is detailed below.

The provision of a footpath would require the appropriate planning consultation, detailed design, acquisition of private lands, culminating in a significant level of capital investment, for which there is no provision in the Capital Programme 2026-2028.

With regards to public lighting, there is existing public lighting on the R129 between the Airport View Hotel on the R129 and the R132 junction. There are four (4) no. lights along here, as shown in Figure 1 below.

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

The existing lighting at this location is mounted on all available ESB Networks LV poles and is to an acceptable standard for a road of this type.

There are no plans to make any changes to the existing lighting here.



Figure 1 Location of all public lighting between the Airport View Hotel on the R129 and the junction with the R132

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

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ITEM NO. 10

ROAD MARKINGS - RUSH AND LUSK - AI106673

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of when and if road markings and edge lining will be refreshed on local roads in Rush and Lusk, particularly on routes with increased pedestrian use through the villages and approach roads?"

Reply:

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

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

The areas in which the councillor is specifically referring to, will be assessed and if road markings are deemed in need of refreshing, they will be added to the Road Maintenance Programme, subject to provision in the budget.

Source of Reply: Mr. C Sheehan, A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

UPGRADING OF RATHINGLE AND RIDGEWOOD PLAYGROUNDS, SWORDS - AI106069

Question: Councillor J. Newman

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Rathingle and Ridgewood playgrounds to be upgraded to modern standards as these playgrounds are old and continually in need of repair?"

Reply:

The Rathingle and Ridgewood Cedar Park playgrounds are surveyed quarterly by an independent surveyor appointed by the Operations Department. A daily visual inspection and a weekly recorded inspection is also undertaken by FCC staff who log any issues they identify, which are subsequently repaired accordingly by the playground repairs contractor.

The Independent Playground Inspections carried out at Cedar Park playground on 10th of October 2025 did not record any urgent repairs. The Flat Swing unit was noted for monitoring within the survey and will continue to be monitored. One cradle swing seat has also been replaced recently. The collective quality score for the existing play items scores highly and there are no current items which require replacing. The cradle swing unit will continue to be monitored, and repairs carried out where required.

A meeting has taken place with the playground repair contractor onsite in December 2025 to discuss expanding the play equipment into a larger space outside of the current playground footprint. There is currently no available space within the existing area for additional items and the potential to increase the footprint of the playground and to expand its area, is limited due to the surrounding landscape. On three sides of the playground, there are slopes, existing trees and footpaths which would potentially limit available space for expansion. The kick about space to the west would also be affected by any expansion in that direction.

Discussions on other possible design options did take place during this meeting, and further discussions are planned. If feasible options are identified, then this playground can be listed for consideration as part of a future Programme of Works to possibly replace some of the existing equipment within the same footprint space. The existing gradients would also affect the inclusive play options available to incorporate if expanded in those directions.

However, the addition of inclusive play panels can be considered in the immediate future as these panels can be fitted to the existing boundary railing. It will also be arranged to remove graffiti and refurbish/replace the existing seating. The Operations department will notify relevant councillors of the outcome of future planned discussions.

The Rathingle Playground was fully refurbished in 2017, and due to the busy location receives high usage and is very popular within the local residential area. While the equipment is not considered old, it is very well used due to the high volume of use. It will be arranged to explore the options of replacement of some play pieces within the existing playground footprint. This site is also squeezed on two sides by car park and playing pitches, so expanding outside of the existing footprint is challenging. The Council has made enquiries with suppliers to see if some stand-alone natural play pieces could be added to the wider open space.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT AT JUGBACK LANE, SWORDS - AI106180

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a detailed design is available at this stage for the junction improvement at Jugback Lane, which forms part of the Programme of Works 2026?"

Reply:

The Operations Department confirms that the project is currently in the detailed design phase.
As this is part of the Programme of Works 2026 and is being executed under section 38 of the Road Traffic Act (1994), consultation for the specified scheme will be carried out.
We expect the drawings to be presented to the Area Committee in either March or April 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATH - RATHBEALE ROAD/NEW DAIRY LANE, SWORDS - AI106360

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a footpath on the Rathbeale Road to improve safety for the houses and users of bus stops between the Twelve Apostles and New Dairy Lane?"

Reply:

Currently, the footpath terminates at the town limit (50 km/h speed limit area). The request to construct a new footpath in excess of 300m long into a less densely populated and more rural setting along the R125 would be a considerable undertaking, involving significant cost, site investigations and possible relocation of, or the installation of, new services, in particular, an active drainage system. Overall, it would be of benefit to a relatively small number of households. Accordingly, such a project is not on any current programme of works, but it can be considered in the future on a cost-benefit basis in the context of competing demands

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

Mr. B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

SOUNDPROOFING - SOUTH BANK, GLEN ELLAN ROAD, SWORDS - AI106386

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to replacing the trees that were planted as soundproofing at South Bank Estate on Glen Ellan Road, as many have been damaged?"

Reply:

Trees were planted in the open space of South Banks, parallel to Glen Ellan Road in 2025 as part of the tree planting program. Staff in the Operations department noted trees which were damaged or had failed during the year and have listed these on this season's tree planting program. These trees are planned for replacement over the coming weeks by the Operations crews.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CROSSING THE R125 AT HOLYWELL, SWORDS - AI106388

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what measures have been considered to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the R125 between each side of Holywell, particularly during busy school times and commuting times?"

Reply:

A site visit was carried out at the specified location. The current design incorporates the following measures to facilitate pedestrian access across the R125. These are as follows.

Signage: SLOW line markings, Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and warning signs.

Infrastructure: Signalised pedestrian crossing which includes pedestrian protection rails, traffic lights and anti-skid surfacing at the controlled crossing.

Currently, the Operations Department do not intend to install additional measures at this location presently. The location will be kept under review.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

TENDER FOR CORBALLIS GOLF COURSE - AI106459

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the current tender process for Corballis Golf Course and when the next tender process will be undertaken?"

Reply:

There is a current concession agreement between Fingal County Council and Euro Golf Services Ltd T/A Carr Golf dated 1st April 2024 in respect of golf courses at Elm Green and Corballis.

The concession agreement is for three years with options to extend for a further two 12-month periods.

Source of Reply: Aine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON PARK OPENING - NORTH-WEST BALBRIGGAN - AI106528

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the opening of the park in North West Balbriggan, at the new development behind the Hastings Estate at the end of Hamlet Lane in the Flemington area?"

Reply:

This park is open full time with pedestrian access only. The Council is currently assessing an opening and closing system that will allow for vehicular access. This may involve works to modify the entrance to facilitate an automated gate that will work on a timer. The formal allocation of the sports pitch is currently underway, and as this park is quite remote without any passive surveillance, allowing vehicular access at this stage will require further consideration.

Source of Reply: Sara Brady, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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ITEM NO. 18

INSTALLATION OF 'KEEP CLEAR' SIGN - CONVENT LANE, BALBRIGGAN - AI106529

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of a 'Keep Clear' road lining sign outside the garage that operates on Convent Lane, Balbriggan to ensure access at all times?"

Reply:

Double Yellow Lines (RRM 008) are present at the requested location. No further road markings are deemed warranted at this time.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

EXAMINATION OF ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE - HASTINGS ESTATE, BALBRIGGAN - AI106531

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine all road marking and signage and to repaint/install where necessary as a matter of urgency in the interest of safety in Hastings Estate, Balbriggan?"

Reply:

The line marking programme in the Swords/Balbriggan area is extensive and operates within the constraints of a limited budget and engineering staff resources. While we are unable to provide a specific completion date at this time, please be assured that every effort will be made to address your request at the earliest opportunity. All requests are scheduled in the order in which they are received, and works are carried out as resources become available.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

REPAINTING OF BALBRIGGAN LIGHTHOUSE - AI106614

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have Balbriggan Lighthouse and its surrounds repainted?"

Reply:

The Operations Department intends to proceed with assessing the cost of repainting of the Balbriggan Harbour Lighthouse and its surrounding structures. However, a programme of repainting needs to take into account weather conditions and the need to undertake such works during suitable dry periods. It is envisaged that these works will be carried out by the start of Q3 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 21

RESURFACING OF RAILWAY STREET, BALBRIGGAN - AI106631

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine Railway Street, Balbriggan, with a view to repairing/resurfacing as necessary?"

Reply:

The section of road in question has been assessed, and consideration will be given to including it in the preparation of a future Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 22

ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - L2300 BOROIMHE ROAD, SWORDS - AI106540

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for an additional pedestrian crossing on Boroimhe Road (L2300) in light of the difficulties being experienced by residents when trying to transverse the road to avail of public transport?"

Reply:

The current road layout on the L2300 at this location is considered adequate and does not require the installation of additional controlled pedestrian crossings. The road design is consistent with the existing engineering and safety standards for this type of road.

Currently, the traffic flow is managed by three sets of traffic lights with integrated pedestrian facilities. The controlled pedestrian crossings are located at both ends of the L2300 and the third one at approximative median point on the road, maintaining distances of roughly 60m and 170m from the existing bus stop infrastructure.

The Operations Department does not intend to alter the current layout presently.

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

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ITEM NO. 23

REPORT ON CHANGES TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS - HOLYWELL DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, SWORDS - AI106543

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on potential changes or additional pedestrian crossings planned on the Holywell Distributor Road adjacent to the new development of 57 social homes?"

Reply:

Based on the site layout plan, under planning reference LADP/008/2023, there are no plans to change, add or alter any pedestrian infrastructure on the Holywell Distributor Road.

For further information on this scheme please contact the Architect's Department who are overseeing the development at this location.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

PLANNED UPGRADE WORKS - SWORDS CASTLE PLAYGROUND, SWORDS AI106546

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail if any upgrade works are planned for the playground at Swords Castle?"

Reply:

The Operations department will review the latest playground inspection report and identify any equipment where replacement is required, based on the quality scores given and priority status. Consideration has been given to potential upgrades in the playground previously and numerous discussions have taken place. Capital funding for the park was requested and has been approved for 2026 which will potentially allow for upgrades to the existing playground. Further meetings will be scheduled for Q1 with our specialist playground repair contractor regarding the above and potential improvements. We will notify Councillors of any subsequent upgrade plans developed.

Source of Reply: Mr. S Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

ASSESSMENT OF CYCLE LANES - BLAKE'S CROSS TO BALLOUGH, LUSK - AI106547

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the most recent assessment of the Active Travel cycle lanes from Blake's Cross to Ballough and the outcome of this, in light of reports that there are sections scattered with gravel and other debris for several months?"

Reply:

With regard to the maintenance of the cycle lanes this is managed through the Operations Department and whilst the cycle lane is serviced regularly by the mini sweeper, the Inspector has been monitoring the effectiveness of same and has determined that modifications are required to the sweeper which will improve the efficiency of the clean which is challenging due to the high levels of agricultural activity in the area.

A replacement machine has been ordered and is due to arrive in the coming weeks. Until the replacement arrives the sweeper in the Operations Department will continue to sweep the cycle lanes to try to minimise debris on the cycle lane.

The Inspector will continue to monitor the area once the new machine is in situ to ensure that the lane is clear of any debris.

Source of Reply: Mr. O Byrne, Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

APPLICATIONS FOR SALT/GRIT BINS IN THIS LEA - AI106548

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the procedures for housing estates/residents associations to apply for salt/grit bins from the Council in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council offers a 'Salt Bin' Scheme which allows local community groups, tidy town groups, resident associations to prepare for the winter period.

The salt bin must be placed on a public road or footpath only. There will be 2 types of bins available for purchase:

- 200 Kg Bin €170.00 incl. VAT
- 500 Kg Bin €250.00 incl. VAT

Both options above **include delivery and one fill of salt**. It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange for the refilling of the bin once supply has been exhausted. Ongoing salt supplies will not be arranged by the Council. Applicants can purchase salt/grit from local suppliers, hardware stores, etc.

All other information and a link to the application form can be found the Fingal website.

LINK: Salt Bin Scheme | Fingal County Council

Source of Reply: Mr. C Sheehan, A/Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 27

REMOVAL OF SHRUBBERY - KNOCKSEDAN, SWORDS - AI106549

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the removal of the remaining overgrown shrubbery along the boundary fence of Knocksedan Estate that borders the Ward River Regional Park as some areas remain which is preventing the wall being maintained by the resident's management company?"

Reply:

The area Operations maintenance crew sensitively removed a margin of vegetation along the full park side length of this boundary during November 2025. The before and after photos show adequate maintenance space for wall access. The ecologist working on behalf of the Council for the Ward River Valley 'Park Development Plan' does not recommend any additional removal of vegetation from this location this area of the park contains large continuous sections of scrub/woodland edge which offers very valuable bird nesting habitat and cover.

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

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ITEM NO. 29

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATH - WARD RIVER VALLEY PARK, SWORDS - AI106608

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the improvement to the path in Ward River Valley Park at coordinates 53°27'18.7"N 6°14'37.1"W, this is a route used by the park run and requires improved drainage?"

Reply:

The Council intend to carry out drainage and path improvement works at this location during Q1 2026, weather dependent.

Source of Reply: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Operations

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ITEM NO. 29

RE-MARKING OF CYCLE PATHS - HAMLET LANE, BALBRIGGAN - AI106533

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the remarking of cycle lanes at Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan?"

Reply:

This section of cycle path has been assessed for re-lining and will be considered for inclusion in the preparation of any future lining works package in the area subject to the availability of resources and funding and in context of order of priority.

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

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ITEM NO. 30

INSTALLATION OF PARKING MEASURES - DÚN SAITHNE ROAD FROM FLEMINGTON LANE, BALBRIGGAN - AI106534

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the installation of further restrictive parking measures at the entrance to Dún Saithne Road, including the placing of poles similar to those used in the vicinity of schools, as the parking on the footpaths is restricting the line of sight for both pedestrians and motorists at this location?"

Reply:

Road safety measures have been installed by Fingal County Council in the form of Double Yellow Line (RRM 008).

The rules of the road applies and it is incumbent on all to park appropriately giving due care to the prevailing road conditions.

Issues of careless and dangerous parking are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

BUS SHELTER AT BUS STOP 100411 (101) AT THE R132, BALBRIGGAN - AI106535

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to supporting the residents of Flemington Lane for the installation of a bus shelter at Bus Stop 100411 on the 101 bus route on the R132?"

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated funding to Fingal County Council to undertake upgrade works to existing bus stops under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP). This programme includes, where appropriate, the installation of bus shelters. Access to funding is managed directly by the NTA through a multi-stage review and approval process applied to each individual bus stop.

Bus Stop 100411 will be included for consideration in the next phases of the programme, subject to NTA approval.

The NTA has advised that its appointed bus shelter supplier is currently in the mobilisation phase and that shelters are sourced internationally. The initial batch of shelters is expected for delivery by the end of Q1 2026. It should be noted that

previously approved commitments and larger strategic projects, such as BusConnects, will take priority over new requests.

The Operations Department will continue to liaise with the NTA regarding delivery timelines and the coordination of shelter installations.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

UPDATE/UPGRADE OF PLAYGROUND - NEWBRIDGE, DONABATE - AI106557

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carrying out a review of Newbridge playground with a view to updating/upgrading some of the play equipment in this playground?"

Reply:

The Executive Parks & Landscape officer will review the most recent playground inspection report to determine the lifespan of the existing playground equipment. Discussions have commenced regarding potential upgrades and additions to the playground to enhance the experience for all users.

Further meetings will be scheduled for Q1 with our specialist playground repair contractor regarding the above and potential improvements. Additional Capital funding will likely be required for any large upgrades works in this playground.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 33

INSTALLATION OF MODERN OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT - AI106558

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchasing modern outdoor gym equipment for Donabate, Lusk or Rush similar to that which has proven very successful in other Local Authorities and can be installed in open spaces, parks, beaches and sports hubs specifically modern machines that have the technology by which usage can be tracked and statistics provided by the Sports Department have demonstrated how popular these machines are for all ages?"

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 readvertised 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: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

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ITEM NO. 34

RUSH HARBOUR WORKS - AI106600

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the works that are planned for the Rush Harbour area in 2026 (including improvements to public lighting and installation of handrails)?"

Reply:

As part of the 2026 Programme of Works, the Operations Department have made provision for handrails from Harbour Park to the beach.

With regards to the Harbour Pier and its associated ancillary structures, the Operations Department intends to undertake a programme of maintenance and improvement works. These works will include the repointing and resetting of stone along the pier's structural fabric to preserve its condition and ensure its continued safe operation. Improvements to berthing and mooring facilities will be delivered through the installation of new mooring bollards and access ladders.

The provision of public lighting along the Harbour Pier has been included in the 2026 Programme of Works subject to the outcome of AA Screening.

Sources of Reply: Ms S Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Mr. P Magalhaes, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

Ms. K Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public LIghting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 35

REPAIR OF POTHOLES - CLIFFLANDS RISE, RUSH - AI106601

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be to carrying out a review of Clifflands Rise in Rush to fill in potholes in this estate?"

Reply:

The section of road in question has been assessed and any minor maintenance works required will be undertaken as part of the Area Inspector's general maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr O. Byrne, General Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 36

NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF POTHOLES - R128, LUSK/RUSH - AI106603

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number and frequency of pothole repairs on the R128 between Lusk and Rush between the 1st January 2026 and 30th January 2026, including the product used (i.e. cold applied asphalt or hot Cl946 with tac coat) and if the same pothole was filled more than once over the period?"

Reply:

By its very nature, the repair of potholes is ad-hoc and is carried out as and when they arise. Records are not kept as regards to individual potholes with respect to number and frequency filled as it would not be practical to do so. Some potholes along this section of road have been only filled with temporary delay set cold tar since the 1st of January. Works are scheduled to carry out more permanent repairs once drainage works are complete at Beau Hill and weather permitting.

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

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ITEM NO. 37

RESURFACING OF ROAD - GRALLAGH/R130 - AI106617

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to resurfacing the Grallagh/R130 road, which is the main route connecting Garristown with Oldtown and Ballyboughal, the road surface continues to deteriorate and is already in very poor condition, as a main road into the village, its current state is concerning and is likely to cause damage to vehicles if left unattended?"

Reply:

The section of road in question has been assessed, and consideration will be given to including it in the preparation of a future Programme of Works.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

REVIEW OF CARPARK - NEWBRIDGE PARK, DONABATE - AI106618

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to reviewing the car park in Newbridge at the entrance via Cobbe's Lane as sections of the surface of this car park need repair work undertaken and if a site visit could be arranged with Operations on this matter?"

Reply:

The Construction of a fully designed permanent overflow car park at Newbridge Demesne was intended to be included within the larger 'Turvey Greenway Project' by Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department which was intended to link Newbridge Demesne with Turvey Nature Park and Beresford housing estate. This project was recently put on hold, so the Council is now considering best options for the delivery of this project. Due to the environmental sensitivities related to drainage and water run-off on this site, any project of this scale will require full environmental screening as part of the larger full planning permission process.

Until the Council agrees a plan forward, the Operations Department will continue to manage the temporary car park surface at this location.

Source of Reply: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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ITEM NO. 39

INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE PROHIBITING E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS - BALBRIGGAN BEACH

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the signage prohibiting e-bikes and e-scooters from using the pathway across Balbriggan Front Beach will be erected?"

Reply:

Road traffic signs have been warranted for installation at the referred locations.

The use of E-scooters and E -bikes are prohibited on pedestrian walkways. As this is a very busy pedestrian walkway, the Council is currently arranging to install standardised signage to remind users to 'Dismount' at the entrance and exit locations.

Source of Reply: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Deptartment.
& Ms. L Moore, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 40

UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF PATH/INCLUSION OF LITTER BINS - ST CATHERINE'S RUSH. AI106633

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the path around the astro in St Catherine's, Rush will be completed and if this will include additional litter bins?"

Reply:

There is an orbital route within the park and each area of activity i.e. the playground, the new callesthenics area and the newly upgraded MUGA have access paths to them. The MUGA has a half a metre wide outer surface allowing for access to the central area and allowing for spectators.

There is currently a bin outside the playground and a further bin on the roadside on the perimeter of the park. This is deemed adequate provision of bins for this location, at this time.

Source of Reply: Sara Brady Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Operations

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ITEM NO. 41

REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF FOOTPATHS AND ROAD SURFACE - BALLYGARRA, GARRISTOWN - AI106634

Question: Councillor C. Johnston
"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to assessing the footpaths and road surface in Ballygarra Estate, Garristown, given sections of the road and path are in poor condition?"

Reply:

The footpaths and road surface in question has been assessed and any minor defects/maintenance works required will be undertaken as part of the Area Inspector's general day-to-day maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr O. Byrne, General Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 42

PUBLIC TOILETS REFURBISHMENT - PORTRANE AND DONABATE - AI106635

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the refurbishing of the public toilets at Portrane and Donabate and to include a timeline for the completion of the refurbishment works?"

Reply:

A contractor is pending appointed for the design and installation of a number of Eco-toilets at both Donabate and Portrane. It is envisioned that these toilets will be in situ towards the end of Q1.

Units to be installed:

- No. (3) Three Eco toilets in Portrane (1 X Accessible and 2 X Unisex) Marine Grade
- No. (3) Three Eco toilets in Donabate (1 X Accessible and 2 X Unisex) Marine Grade

Once the Eco-toilets in Portrane are in situ the temporary toilets at this location will be removed.

Source of Reply: Ms. Áine Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 43

UPDATE ON NAUL CEMETERY EXTENSION - AI106641

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the estimated timeline for the extension to the Naul Cemetery and to include details on the public consultation process, given the need for urgent cemetery spaces in Naul Village?"

Reply:

The initial phase of works of the extension to the Naul Graveyard has now been procured and the contractor is ready to commence weather permitting. The initial works will provide for 14 new cemetery spaces and allow time for more detailed plans to be developed.

The pending works will include clearing the site, pruning of the hedgerows and reestablishment of the boundaries, removing the railing currently in place to allow for the installation of an additional footpath and two additional rows for cemetery spaces. It is planned that the works will also include the installation of a new waste bunker on the site and some remedial work on the laneway to the side of the cemetery.

Upon completion of the initial phase of works a more detailed plan will be prepared outlining the extension of the rest of the site, and public consultation can be included in this process.

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

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ITEM NO. 44

REQUEST FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - REYNOLDSTOWN BRIDGE, NAUL - AI106642

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to improving the road drainage on Reynoldstown Bridge so as to address water pooling on the south-west interior of the bridge which is located in a blind dip in the road?"

Reply:

The location has been inspected, and the road edge will be cleaned of debris and the existing drainage openings cleared. Following this, consideration will be given to providing additional drainage.

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

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ITEM NO. 45

REQUEST FOR CLEARING OF DITCHES - PORTRANE ROAD - AI106691

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to clearing the ditches along the Portrane Road from just before the entrance to Middlesfield Lane to the entrance to Portrane Athletic FC grounds given that overflow from the ditches is impacting adjacent properties?"

Reply:

An initial survey has been carried out; ditch cleaning works for the area have been included in the Area Engineers general works programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 46

PROVISION OF SIGNAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS - PORTRANE ROAD, DONABATE - AI106692

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the provision of signage and road markings (similar to the uncontrolled crossing at Ballisk Common adjacent to the schools) at the uncontrolled crossing on the Portrane Road at the Glaslinn Estate given the increasing number of families crossing this road to access the library and schools?"

Reply:

Following the request, a site visit was recently conducted by the Operations Department to assess the specified uncontrolled pedestrian crossing.

The Operations Department will include additional warning signage in the Programme of works 2026 to enhance road safety in the area.

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

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ITEM NO. 47

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE WORKS - ST. COLMCILLE'S WELL, SWORDS - AI106650

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance works on St. Colmcille's Well in Swords?"

Reply:

The planting and landscape maintenance around St. Colmcille's Well in Swords has always exclusively been carried out by Swords Tidy Towns with the support of plants, compost etc from the Council. It will be arranged to discuss this matter with Swords Tidy Towns to establish if they wish to have a different approach going forward.

Source of Reply: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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ITEM NO. 48

REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI - WARD RIVER VALLEY PARK, SWORDS - AI106655

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to cover over the graffiti at the containers beside the all-weather pitch at the Ward Valley Park."

Reply:

A crew will be tasked to remove the graffiti within the coming week.

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

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ITEM NO. 49

PROVISION OF KILOMETRE MARKERS - WARD RIVER VALLEY PARK, SWORDS - AI106656

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in regard to the provision of kilometre markers and direction signs for the Rivervalley parkrun and Rivervalley junior parkrun?"

Reply:

The Operations Department received delivery of 'Park Run' markers (5K and 3K) and the directional signs in late November. The installation is listed on the works schedule for Operations depot staff and are planning to install imminently. Prior to install, The Executive Parks and Landscape Officer will contact the Swords Park Run representatives to arrange for the KM points to be marked on the ground to allow staff to install at correct positions.

Staff will then notify the relevant stakeholders when the install is planned over the coming weeks. We thank the park run group for their participation in developing this project and for their patience in its progression.

Directional signs and KM markers have also been acquired for Broadmeadow linear park and will be installed as part of these projects.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 50

TRIP HAZARDS - CHURCH ROUNDABOUT, BALBRIGGAN - AI106662

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to address the trip hazards along the footpath between the Church Roundabout and the inner relief road roundabout in Balbriggan, alongside the former Jack Murphy site?"

Reply:

These works have been identified and will be listed for inclusion as part of the Area Engineers general maintenance programme pending the availability of funding and resources, and in the context of order of priority.

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

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EXAMINATION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM - HARBOUR ROAD/RED ISLAND, SKERRIES - AI106664

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for a comprehensive examination of the drainage system of the first car park after the turn off from Harbour Road, Skerries, to Red Island, which regularly floods, particularly at the corner adjacent to to the playground and to put in place a regular preventative maintenance schedule?"

Reply:

The Council will arrange to carry out a full examination of the surface water drainage gully's in the car parks at Red Island Skerries. The recent hide tides have resulted in additional water within all outfalls. The clearance of all gully's should resolve the issue. This will be monitored on an ongoing schedule.

Source of Reply: Mr. M Hackett, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 52

CUTTING BACK OF VEGETATION - OLD BALROTHERY GRAVEYARD, BALROTHERY - AI106694

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for all the remaining overgrown vegetation in the old Balrothery graveyard being cut back following the initial works in December?"

Reply:

Initial works at this location were carried out on foot of a public representation received. These works will be completed in the coming weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 53

INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE - BALROTHERY/MAN O WAR - AI106695

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of signage, in relation to speeding and children crossing, to be erected on the approach road to Balrothery from Man O War, before the left-hand entrance to Balruddery Fields, as this can be a very fast track?"

Reply:

Road safety measures have been put in place by the Operations Department along Knightswood Road. These measures include the implementation of traffic calming ramps on the main road off the Balruddery Fields housing estate. No further traffic calming measures have been warranted for the location at this time.

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

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ITEM NO. 54

ERECTION OF SIGNAGE - LAMBEECHER/BATH ROAD, BALBRIGGAN - AI106696

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for the erection of suitable signage after the turn into Lambeecher/Bath Road to guide visiting sports teams away from residential areas and towards the official car parks?"

Reply:

It will be arranged to contact the sports clubs that are allocated sports pitches in Bremore Regional Park to remind their own teams plus visiting teams to use the designated car parks that access these sports pitch locations. The Council may also include additional signage throughout the residential area directing visitors to the three official car parks in the area.

Source of Reply: Sara Brady, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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ITEM NO. 55

REMOVAL OF LITTER - TURVEY AVENUE, DONABATE - AI106707

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the litter on Turvey Avenue near the new Aldi Store being removed and the location attended to by the Cleansing Team on an ongoing basis?"

Reply:

Crews were sent to this location to investigate the issue of littering. Upon inspection no litter was found on this particular day. The area will continue to be monitored by cleansing crews and if there are any cases of littering noticed at a specific location they can be reported by contacting Balswooparea@fingal.ie with the details.

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

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ITEM NO. 56

WATER POOLING - DONABATE MAIN STREET - AI106708

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the water pooling along Donabate Main Street, alongside the footpath, beside the old graveyard, being addressed?"

Reply:

Initial assessment has been carried out, and this area is listed for inclusion in the Area Engineer's general maintenance works programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 57

REPAIR OF POTHOLES - DONABATE MAIN STREET - AI106709

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the sunken potholes on Donabate Main Street on the roadway between Murray's Hair Studio and Donabate Travel being repaired?"

Reply:

This area has been checked and there were no visible potholes on the Main Street at time of inspection. Note that the roadway between Murray's Hair Studio and Donabate Travel (Ballisk Court) is privately owned and managed and therefore does not fall under the Council's remit.

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

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ITEM NO. 58

REMOVAL OF KISSING GATES IN THIS LEA - AI106710

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the number and location of "kissing gates" remaining across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area and when it is intended to remove them, on accessibility grounds?"

Reply:

The Council does not have any records relating to the quantity of 'Kissing Gates' countywide as they have been installed incrementally by several Council Departments over the lifespan of the Council. The Council has however, committed to remove/replace 'Kissing Gates' as part of a variety of works programmes while they are implementing general refurbishment works.

The biggest challenge to replacing the traditional 'Kissing Gate' is the ongoing challenge to prevent scramblers and motorbikes from accessing open space lands. The Council has trialled a new Corral design entrance gate, which is proving somewhat successful in some locations. If there are specific locations that 'Kissing Gates' are causing accessibility issues, the Council would be happy to look at and prioritise specific locations subject to the provision of a budget and available resources.

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

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ITEM NO. 59

REPAIR OF POTHOLE - STATION ROAD, LUSK -AI106711

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the re-occurring pothole on Station Road, Lusk, near the first bus stop on the left-hand side after the Remount Roundabout going towards the train station, on a more permanent basis?"

Reply:

The section of road in question has been assessed and any minor maintenance works required will be undertaken as part of the Area Inspectors general maintenance programme.

Source of Reply: Mr O. Byrne, General Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 60

WIDENING OF FOOTPATH - STATION ROAD, LUSK - AI106712

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if the footpath between Lusk and the train station and the same on the Rush side, can be widened in the short to medium term without the need for land acquisition?"

Reply:

The proposed improvements to the existing infrastructure can only be provided in the context of a full upgrade of the roadway which would involve land acquisition, planning approval and engineering design to realign the road. It may also require the involvement of Iarnród Eireann's infrastructure such as the bridge and the junction to the station. The works in question are not included in any current programme of works or capital programme under the remit of Operations.

Source of Reply: ACM 08/02/24 - Motion No. 81, - Item AI094354

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ITEM NO. 61

REMEDIATION WORKS - MALAHIDE ROAD

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any planned remediation works for the Malahide Road due to burst water mains, drainage issues and road deterioration?"

Reply:

Contact has been made with utility providers to address their reinstatement deteriorations along the R106, Malahide Rd, between the Mountgorryway and the R132 roundabout road. Some of these reinstatement issues have since been resolved and others are actively being followed up. Road drainage will also be checked and cleared as part of the assessment of the area.

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

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ITEM NO. 62

CHANGE TO 2026 PROGRAMME OF WORKS - MONTGORRY WAY ROAD RESURFACING

A presentation will be given to the committee.

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Progamme of Works 2026 (Revision)

Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk /Swords

Minor change required:

- 1 item under heading Restoration Maintenance

~~*15th January 2026*~~ 12th February 2026

Restoration Maintenance

ITEM	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Swords / Donabate / Portrane / Santry			
1	~~*Mountgorryway, Swords*~~ L2035 Airside, Swords	Resurfacing Works	~~*€159,600*~~ €161,280
2	Turvey Avenue, Donabate - Phase 2	Resurfacing Works	€175,610
3	Turvey Cottages, Donabate	Resurfacing Works	€120,960
4	Donabate Square, Donabate	Resurfacing Works	€19,600
5	Brackenstown Avenue, Swords	Resurfacing Works	€124,000
6	Kilreesk Road, Kilbrook	Resurfacing Works	€29,400
7	Beach Lane, Portrane	Resurfacing Works	€117,600
		Subtotal	~~***€746,770***~~ **€748,450**

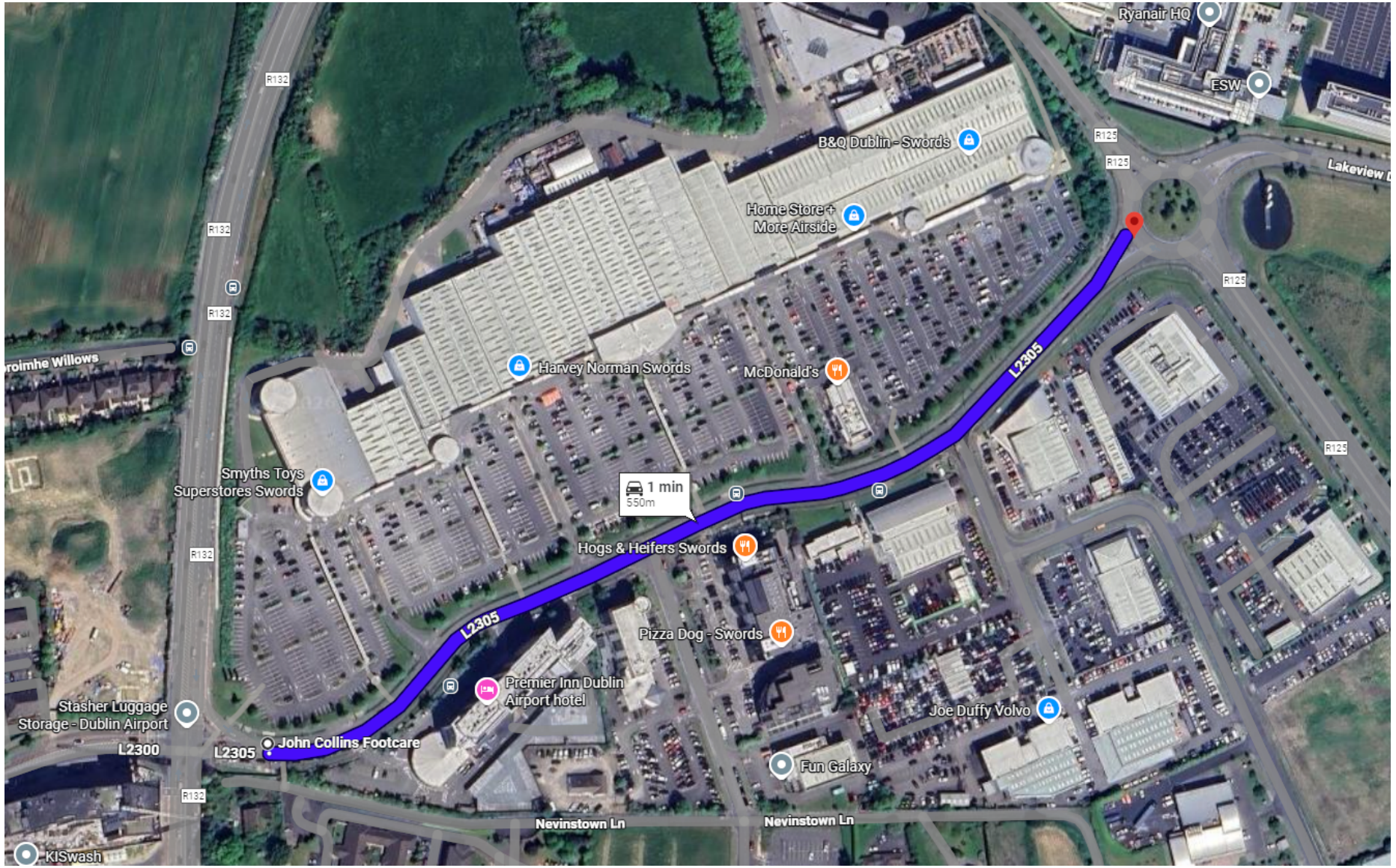
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Feltrim Road Active Travel Project, which includes Montogorry Way, has recently reached an advanced stage, and will include resurfacing of the road.

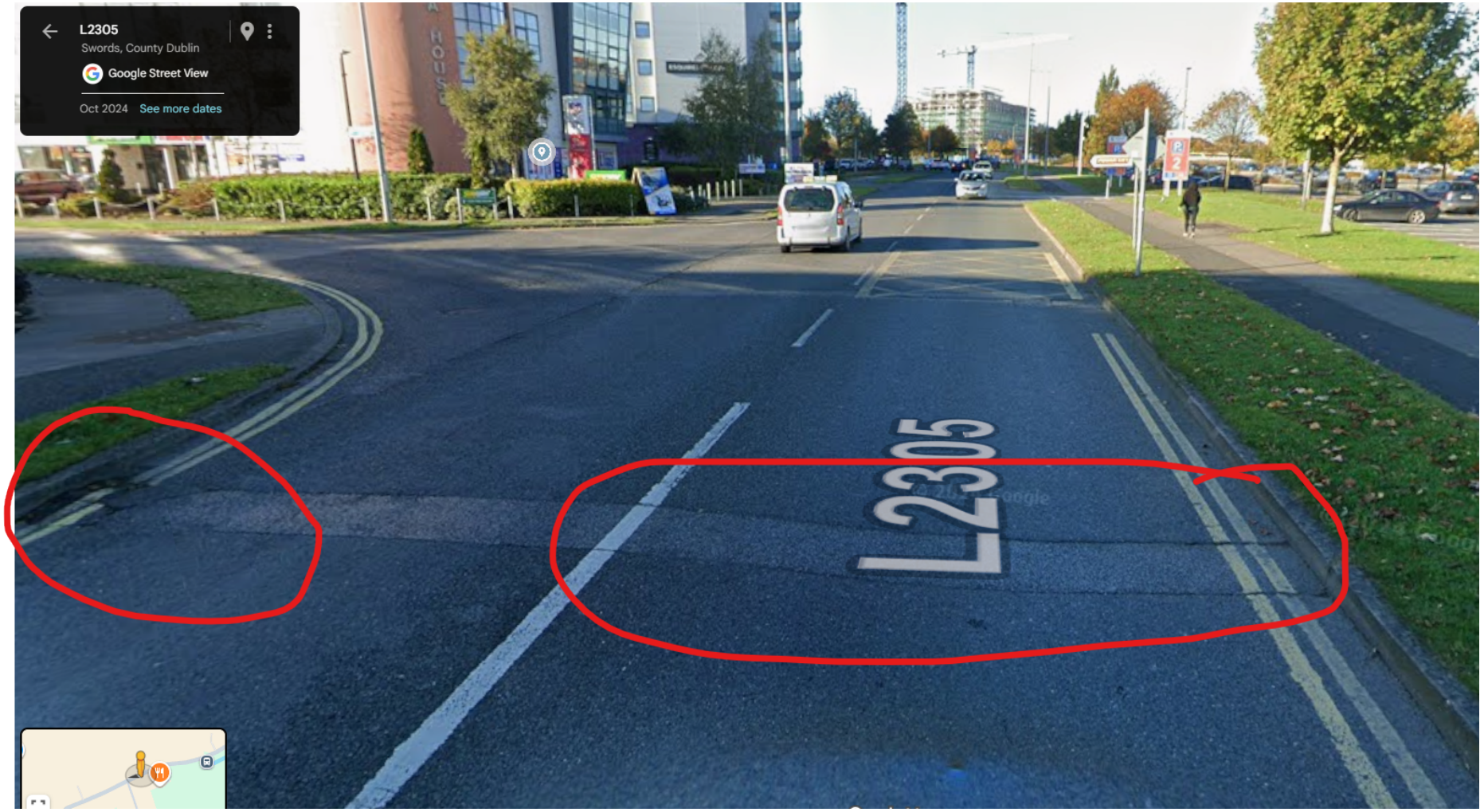
Any resurfacing by Operations in 2026 prior to the Active Travel Project would be unnecessary and abortive

L2035 Airside

- Approx. 550m long
- 9.6m wide
- Links two Regional Roads
    - R132 at Boroimhe to R125 near Ryanair HQ


Ryanair HQ
ESW
B&Q Dublin - Swords
Home Store + More Airside
Harvey Norman Swords
McDonald's
Smyths Toys Superstores Swords
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Pizza Dog - Swords
Premier Inn Dublin Airport hotel
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Seeking agreement of ACM to make this change to the PoW

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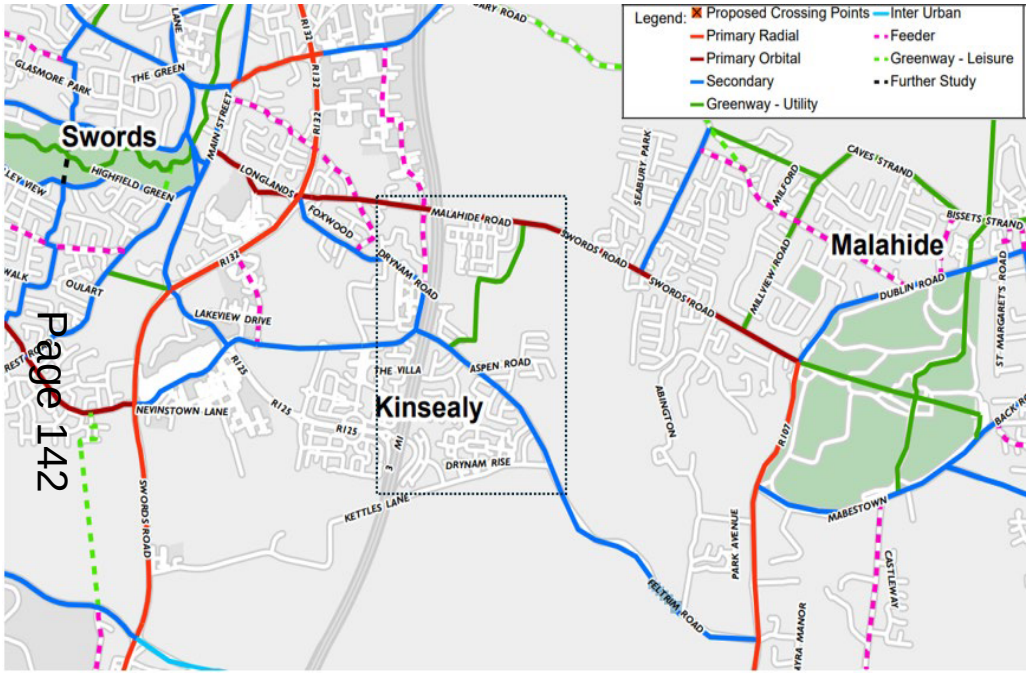
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Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

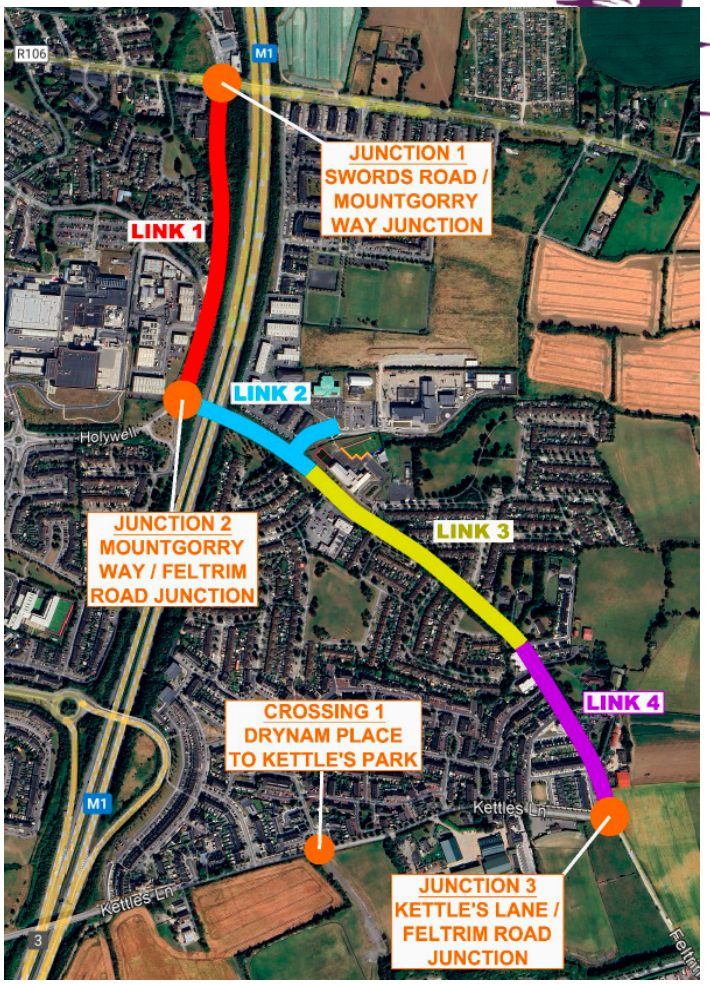
Active Travel Upgrades to Mountgorry Way

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The Scheme



GDA Cycle Network Plan



Project Extents

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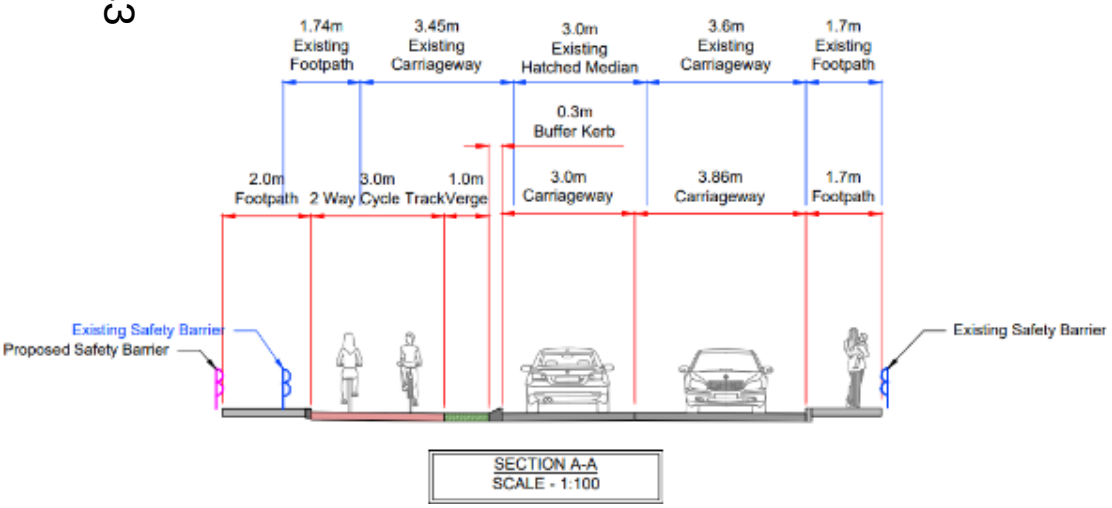
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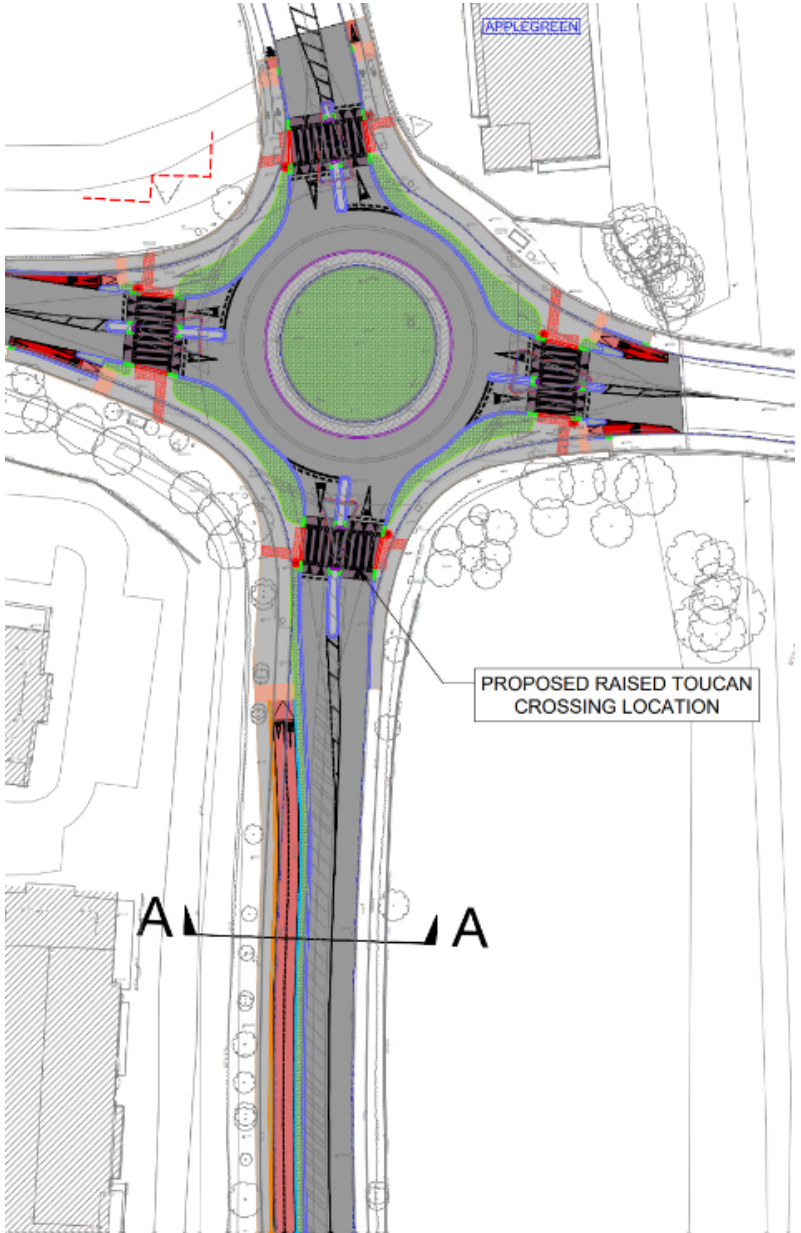
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Mountgorry Way – Emerging Preferred Option







Progress to Date…

- Integrated Design Team Appointed September 2024
- Initial Non-Statutory Consultation – Riasc Centre 28 November 2024
- Public Survey Completed – Winter 2024/2025. Consultation Report Published.
- Baseline Data Collection Completed.
- Phase 2 – Concept Development & Options Selection Phase Completed
- Key stakeholder engagement with schools & NTA Bus Connects were carried out.
- Currently in Preliminary Design Phase.



What's next....

- Complete Preliminary Design, Statutory Process and Detailed Design and procurement during 2026 and Q1 2027.
- It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q3, 2027, with **Mountgorry Way prioritised in the Construction Programme**

Thank you

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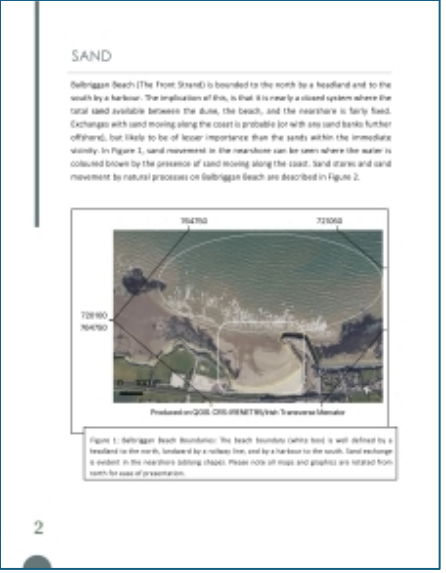
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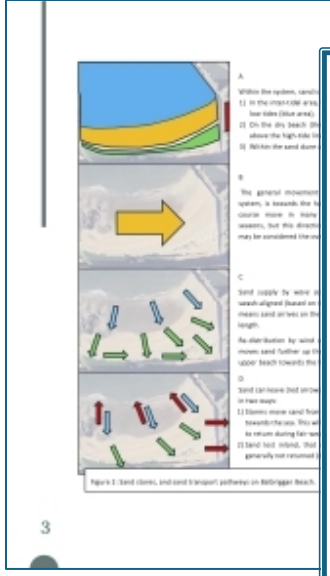
ITEM NO. 63

Presentation of Public Consultation Balbriggan Beach 2025

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Balbriggan Beach

A Futures Assessment

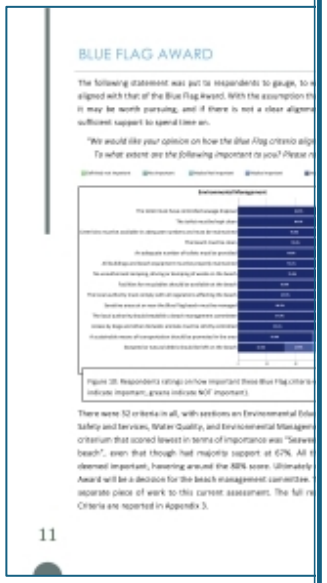


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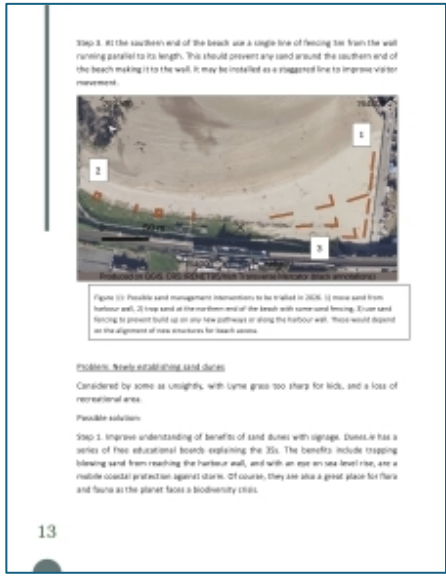
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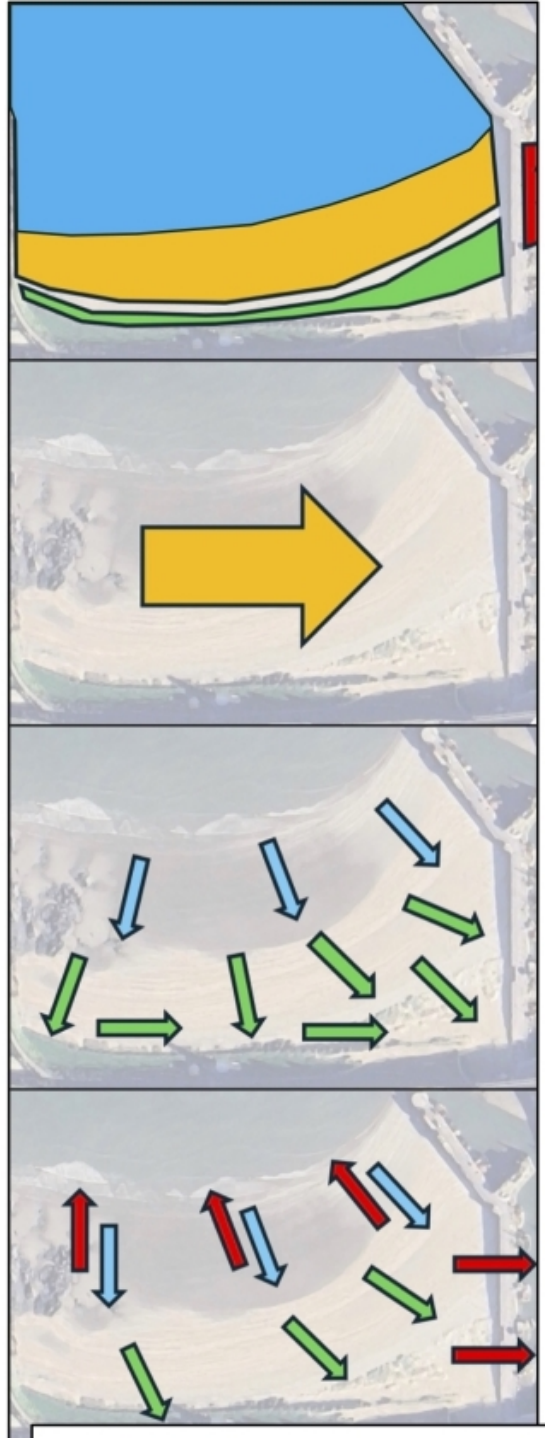


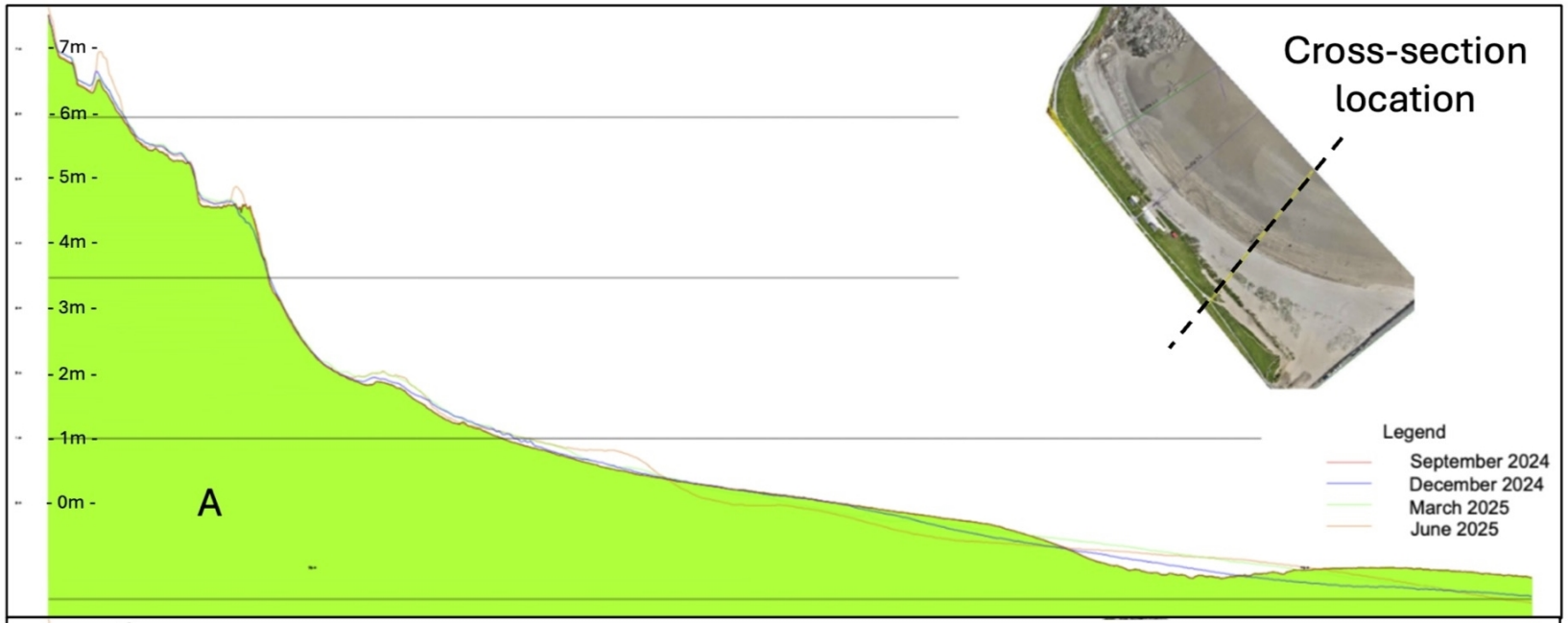


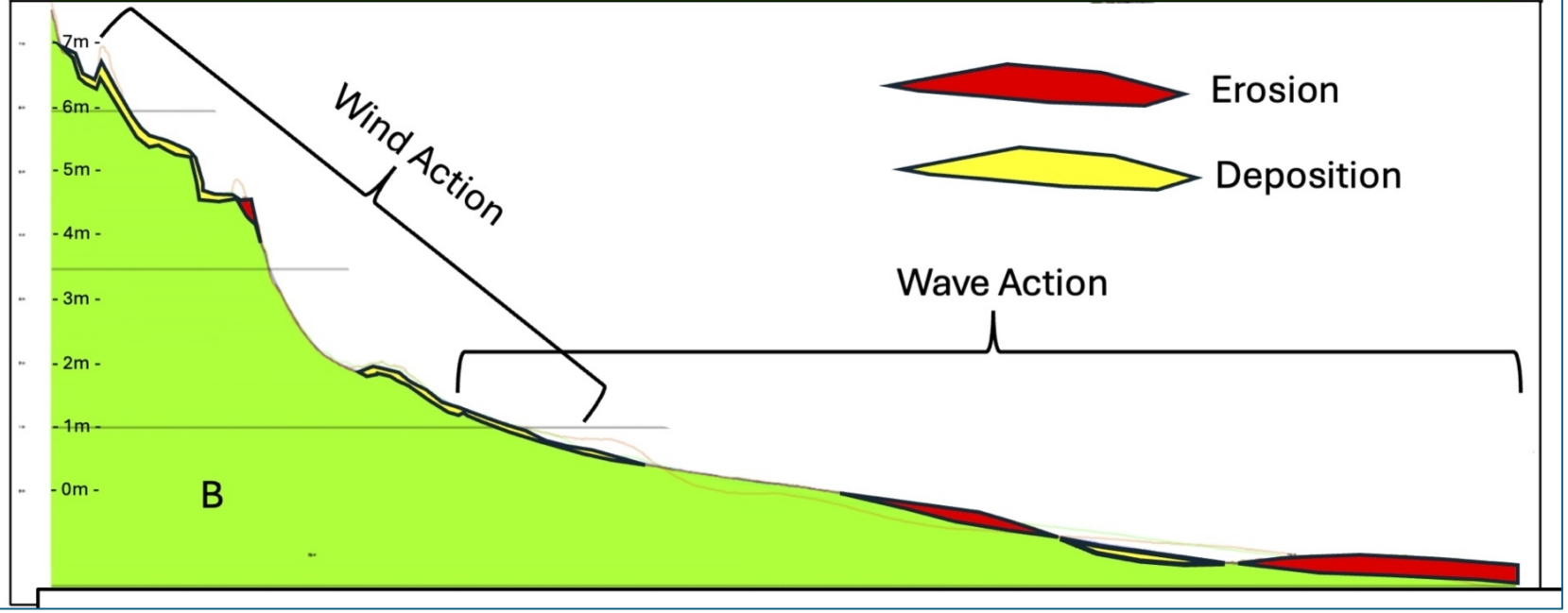
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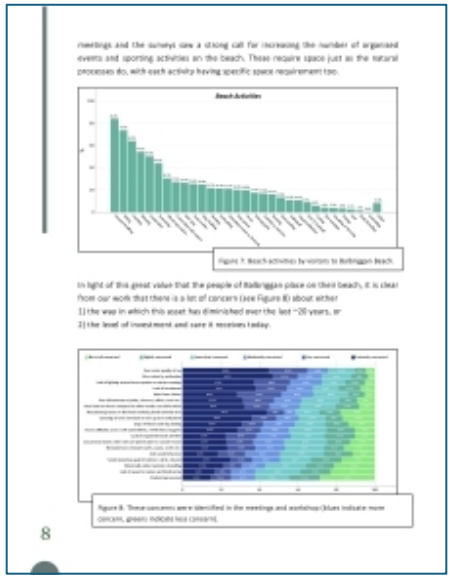






Space







- Individual meetings
- Questionnaire survey
- Public workshop

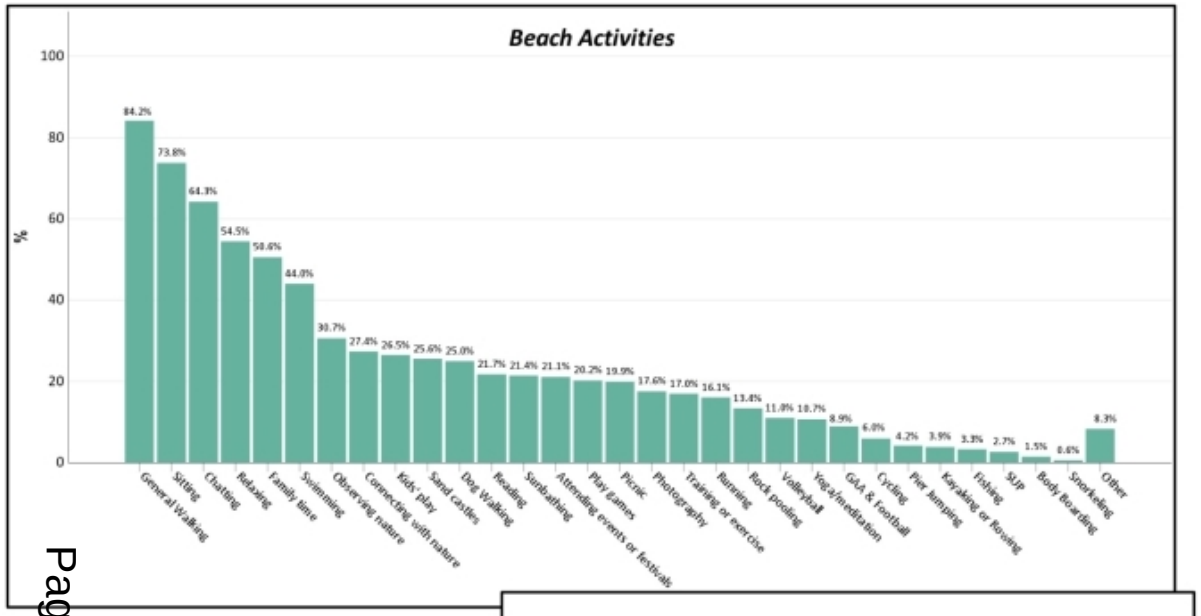


Figure 7: Beach activities by visitors to Balbriggan Beach.

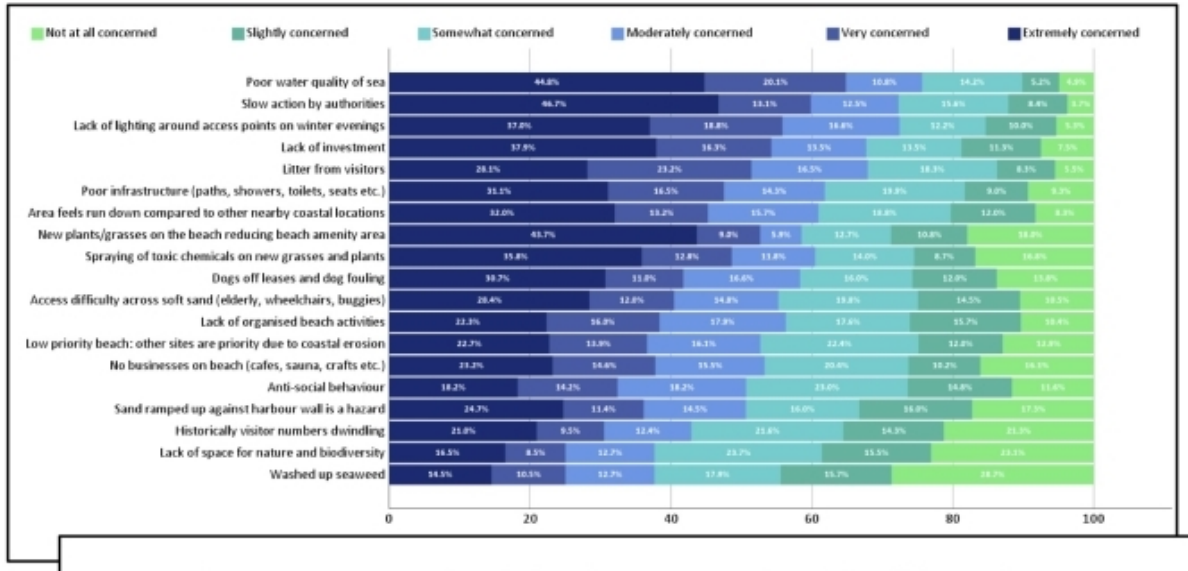


Figure 8: These concerns were identified in the meetings and workshop (blues indicate more concern, greens indicate less concern).

BLUE FLAG AWARD

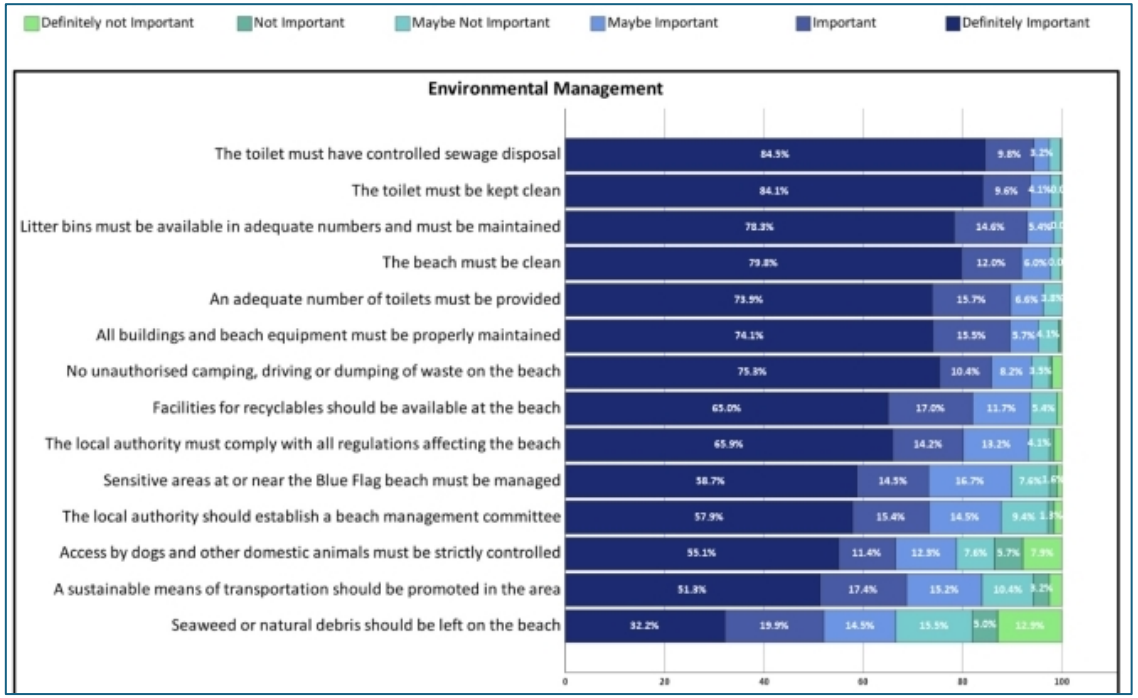




Figure 11: Possible sand management interventions to be trialled in 2026. 1) move sand from harbour wall, 2) trap sand at the northern end of the beach with some sand fencing, 3) use sand fencing to prevent build up on any new pathways or along the harbour wall. These would depend on the alignment of new structures for beach access.

Future Directions

1) Flexible adaptive approach
2) Long term vision
3) Beach Management Committee

1) Places where people and nature interact are complex places to understand and manage. Best practice advises that a "process" is more important than quick fixes. We should firstly look at the science, then, rather than doing nothing because we cannot predict the future, use a *trial and error* approach. To achieve this, solutions need to be flexible, so we can respond to yearly reviews of how they are working.

2) It is useful to develop a long-term end point (a Vision) that is agreeable to the stakeholders. The Vision needs to be developed within legal and policy constraints, and be realistic when it comes to expectations - everyone won't be happy all of the time. Working towards an end point 5 or 10 years in the future, tends to help people get past short-term frustrations if they can see the overall trend is positive for the future. Trialling things and adopting things that work, adjusting or discarding things that don't work. It will ultimately be the new Beach Management Committee that will plan out and trial different options for the Front Strand in Balbriggan.

3) Care should be taken in establishing a new Beach Management Committee.
   a. Role: From our work, there seems to be a strong desire within Balbriggan to strive for a Blue Flag Award. The new committee should develop a plan of short, medium and long term actions, with timelines, to achieve this end. In doing so the value of the beach as a resource to the town can only increase.
   b. Representativeness: The criteria for the Blue Flag; existing issues our work has identified for the beach; existing legislation, policies and plans; will all need to inform what representation is required on the committee. To be effective in decision-making it would need about 10 to 15 members.
   c. Authority: As Fingal County Council is the responsible authority for the beach, integrating the committee into the existing decision-making fabric of the Council is a key consideration. A model for the committee might be the existing Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) committee structure. There are a number of these SAAO committees already in use. In this way, a new beach committee's decisions and actions can be resourced - where possible - in a structured and efficient way.

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MOTION NO. 64

RESURFACING OF RATHBEALE ROAD, SWORDS - AI106356

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive resurface the section of footpath on Rathbeale Road that runs adjacent to Mooretown Estate, as this particular section has become cracked and raised over time."

Report:

An assessment has been carried out of the footpaths in this area.

The footpath to the west of Mooretown along the Rathbeale road is a concrete type of footpath and is not showing any signs of cracking or raised sections.

The footpath to the east of Mooretown along the Rathbeale Road is a macadam type of footpath meandering through open space with trees adjacent to it. This footpath has cracked and has raised sections at various locations throughout owing to the actions of tree roots.

A professional assessment of the viability of the trees and whether roots can be removed will first be required in order to determine whether or not footpath works can be carried out and if so, to what extent. Once this assessment has been carried out, appropriate works can then be planned subject to funding and resources being available.

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

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MOTION NO. 65

REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES/ASH DIEBACK IN THIS LEA - AI098707

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive advise if they are aware of the scale of ash dieback and the negative impact which the removal of these diseased trees is having on the verges of roads in this Local Electoral Area and that the Council makes a statement on how it can assist in the regeneration by way of the appropriate support of landowners who have suffered such loss."

Report:

Ash dieback (ADB) is a serious disease of ash trees caused by an invasive fungal pathogen. The disease is now widely present throughout the island of Ireland and is predicted to cause the severe decline in most of the ash trees over the next two decades. Fingal is fully aware of the impact that ADB is having on our public and private landscapes both locally and nationally.

To this end, and to manage this disease and its effects as reasonably and proactively as possible, Fingal have already produced and are currently working to the guidance document '*Managing Ash Die Back in Fingal*'. This guidance is based on current best practice and arboricultural knowledge and compliments the current 'Forest of Fingal' Tree Strategy and the operational 'Arbortrack' Tree Management system.

Fingal is only responsible for the management of trees on publicly owned lands. Privately owned trees are the responsibility of the appropriate private landowner. In terms of assistance available, the Fingal document offers guidance on managing privately owned trees as well as publicly owned trees.

Fingal is in the initial stage of managing ADB disease on ash trees on public land. This initial stage is the most important as it deals with the safety threat that ADB poses to the public realm. It needs to be understood that due to the nature of ADB, this stage will remain active throughout the cycle of management.

Fingal's standard approach relating to tree removal/tree loss, as set out in the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy is always to replant in equal quantities what is removed. In many cases the replanting quantities are higher than the removal numbers. Sites affected by ADB will be assessed and tree stumps will be retained or removed as required. The assessment of each site will help inform whether replanting is appropriate and the size and species of tree that can be used. These trees will then be scheduled for planting into the Programme of Works dependant on resources available.

The most appropriate replanting locations on Fingal lands will be on suitable adjacent open spaces; however, the greatest long-term loss will be more evident within hedgerows, which will make the most negative impact in Fingal's extensive rural landscape.

While the Council cannot compensate private landowners for the removal and replacement of lost trees, they would encourage a that national approach to this issue would be best way to deal with the devastating long-term effects of this disease.

Other assistance available is:
'A Guide for Landowners to Managing Roadside Trees' published by DAFM & Tree Council 2021, https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8fb45-a-guidefor-landowners-to-managing-roadside-trees/

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

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MOTION NO. 66

NITROUS OXIDE DISPOSAL IN THIS LEA - AI105937

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive indicate the cost and procedure for disposing of nitrous oxide cannisters that are regularly left on our streets and in our parks in this Local Electoral Area."

Report:

Nitrous oxide is not currently a controlled substance under Ireland's Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 and are legally sold for catering and industrial purposes. The Criminal Justice (Psychoactive Substances) Act 2010 prohibits the sale, importation, or exportation of psychoactive substances and under this legislation it is illegal to sell nitrous oxide for its psychoactive properties.

Operations have recently noticed an increase in these cannisters in parks and open spaces in a number of areas throughout the county. Any nitrous oxide cannisters that are collected by the litter collection crews in this LEA are segregated and brought to the Estuary Recycling Centre where they are stored in a secure unit, pending collection by an authorised waste collector.

The cost of disposal of the cannisters in the Swords/Balbriggan area in 2025 was €12,485 for disposal of approximately 1000 cannisters.

The Council is currently seeking advice and guidance with regard to the disposal and treatment of these cannisters from Veolia who have started the first process lines for the safe treatment of nitrous oxide canisters to prevent the discharge of greenhouse gas, by safely treating the gas and breaking it down into its atmospheric elements, to limit any environmental impact and where return metals can be recycled.

As always the Council will be guided by National Policy in this regard.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 67

RESURFACING OF ROLESTOWN DRIVE, ROLESTOWN - AI106357

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive consider resurfacing Rolestown Drive and the R125 in the vicinity of Rolestown in the next Capital Roads Programme."

Report:

Various sections of the R125 Swords-Ashbourne Regional Road have been resurfaced in recent years under the Regional Roads Capital Programme. There are remaining sections of the R125 in the vicinity of Rolestown and Fieldstown which were not resurfaced and which are currently being assessed and measured up for possible inclusion in a future Regional Roads Capital Programme.

Rolestown Drive is not a Regional Road and is not being considered under the Regional Roads Capital Programme.

Separately however, funding is to be made available to resurface the non-regional road main street through Rolestown (ie that which runs in front of the church and the newly developed housing estates) and will be carried out by a developer under an arrangement with the Council's Building Control Section.

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

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MOTION NO. 68

RESURFACING OF CAR PARK - RUSH - AI106553

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive consider engaging with the relevant stakeholders to resurface the car park in Rush in front of the library building and beside the Millbank Theatre, School and Multi-Purpose Youth Centre as members of these groups and many others in Rush use this car park and would benefit from this project being undertaken."

Report:

The referenced car park in Rush is in private ownership and not in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

However, The Operations Department have asked the Council's Property Department to initiate contact with the registered owner of the car park to determine if the owner is open to giving the Council a licence to manage the car park or transfer the ownership of the car park to Fingal County Council so that further consideration can be given by the Council to resurfacing the car park subject to the availability of resources and funding.

Source of Report: Ms. Á Donlon Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 69

ILLEGAL PARKING - GREEN SPACE/MARKET GREEN, BALBRIGGAN - AI106632

Motion: Councillor G. Maguire

That the Chief Executive engage with all stakeholders so to examine and resolve the issue of illegal parking on the green space adjacent to the Scout Hall on Market Green.

Report:

The Council will erect 'no parking' signage in this area and will inspect the area with a view to installing some bollards at various intervals along the open space.

In addition, the nearby clubs have received correspondence requesting that their members and visiting teams refrain from parking on the green space.

The Council will continue to monitor the area over the coming months.

Source of Report: Sara Brady, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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MOTION NO. 70

TRAFFIC AND ROAD ASSESSMENT - RUSH MAIN STREET - AI106643

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

"That the Chief Executive carry out a traffic and road assessment along Rush Main Street, given ongoing issues with traffic, with vehicles parked on Main Street at Walshe's and opposite The Strand impacting traffic trying to travel through the town."

Report:

A site investigation has been carried out by the Traffic Operations section along Rush Main Street to assess the issues raised. The locations will continue to be monitored to determine the extent and frequency of traffic impacts associated with parking. Should the investigation indicate that intervention is warranted, the location will be included for consideration in the list of works subject to availability of resources.

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

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MOTION NO. 71

REOPENING OF PUBLIC TOILETS - SANTRY DEMESNE - AI106645

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive arrange for the reopening of the toilets at Santry Demesne."

Report:

The toilets at Santry Demesne were extensively damaged internally by fire during 2025 and the repairs have taken longer than desired. The fire damage has caused electrical damage that has been complicated to rectify, and the Council is currently waiting on a specialist contractor to carry out certain repairs and wall replacement prior to the remaining works being completed.

Source of Report: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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MOTION NO. 72

SOLUTIONS TO DEAL WITH FLOODING - WARD RIVER VALLEY PARK, SWORDS - AI106654

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

"That the Chief Executive consider solutions to deal with the regular bad flooding on the pathway between the two All-Weather pitches at the Ward Valley Park, which causes issues for park users, parkrun and junior parkrun."

Report:

It will be arranged to carry out drainage and path improvement works at this location during Q1 2026.

Source of Report: Aileen O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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MOTION NO. 73

ENGAGEMENT WITH UISCE ÉIREANN REGARDING OVERFLOWING SEWAGE - WILDCAT LANE, SKERRIES - AI106663

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

"That the Chief Executive arranges for engagement with Uisce Éireann to agree responsibility for the regular and long-running overflow of sewage from the manhole of the public sewer on public land adjacent to Wildcat Lane, close to the Mourne View estate in Skerries, as both parties are pointing at each other."

Report:

The overflowing manhole in question lies on a private foul drain. The line was jetted and cleared in recent times by Uisce Éireann but may have surcharged again in response to recent heavy and persistent rainfall.

The Operations Department have engaged with the Environment Department with regard to the sporadic sewage overflow pollution incident for their advice.

In the interim, arrangements will be made for any incidents of sewage overflow onto the grassed public area to be cleaned by the Operations Department.

The Operations Department will continue to engage with Uisce Éireann regarding the matter.

Wastewater Network issues and complaints should generally be reported to and resolved by Uisce Eireann. Uisce Eireann have full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Wastewater Infrastructure as assigned under the Water Services Act 2013 subsequently amended in 2017 & 2022".

Source of Report: Mr J Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department – Stormwater.

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MOTION NO. 74

INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATH - R108/BRACKENSTOWN ROAD, KNOCKSEDAN

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive carry out the most relevant inspection and/or audit to assess the viability of connecting the Knocksedan Estate via R108 with footpath access to the Brackenstown Road."

Report:

The Operations Department has no plans in relation to the construction of a footpath from Knocksedan linking back into Swords along the R108. This request was discussed at previous meetings. As reported previously, it is not feasible to construct a footpath along the R108 nor along Brackenstown Road. These roads are legacy roads meaning that they evolved over time are not designed to modern-day standards. The provision of footpaths would require land acquisition, the removal of many mature trees and the replacement of the road bridge over the Ward River. Furthermore, there are significant level differences (ie drops) meaning that either large volume earthworks construction would be required or an elevated pedestrian walkway/bridge. Overall, it could only be considered in the context of a complete upgrade of the roads in the area and a Local Area Plan.

However, it has also previously been reported that as part of the current Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project, the 'Ward River Valley Park Development Plan'

that pedestrian linkages from the Knocksedan Estate to and through the Ward River Valley Park and onwards to Swords are to be included for consideration in any proposals brought forward. The Park Development Plan is being managed by the Planning & Infrastructure Department and is to be the subject of an extensive Public Consultation process.

Source of Report: Mr. P Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Deptartment.
& Ms. A O'Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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MOTION NO. 75

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF ROAD/CYCLE LANE SWEEPING - RIVER VALLEY, SWORDS - AI106358

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive review and amend the scheduling of road sweeping and similar maintenance activities to ensure that the protected cycle lanes in communities, notably River Valley, are not obstructed during school commuting periods."

Report:

The Councillor is thanked for highlighting this issue. As suggested, the maintenance schedule has accordingly been amended; cleansing drivers have now been advised not to carry out scheduled works before 09.30 or between 13.30 and 15.00, during school terms.

Source of Report: Mr B Rochford, Executive Engineer, Operations Dept

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MOTION NO. 76

ROAD SAFETY REVIEW - THE HAND JUNCTION, DONABATE - AI106554

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That this Council carry out a road safety review of The Hand Junction in Donabate (the junction at the top of Ballisk/Beaverstown Road and the Main Road (Portrane Road) intersection as there have been concerns raised regarding this junction for many years with several accidents occurring at this location, this project to be included in the capital Programme of Works."

Report:

The Operations Department has conducted a site visit of the junction in question.

This junction comprises of legacy roads, including residential entrances and a pedestrian crossing point. A school warden operates at this crossing to assist in the movement of children to the nearby primary school.

In 2020, a traffic calming scheme was implemented under the Operations Programme of Works. This included a raised table junction with appropriate signage and markings, designed in accordance with DMURS (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets) and the Traffic Signs Manual.

Future Developments

Speed Limit Review: As part of the ongoing Urban Speed Limit Review, the Traffic Operations team is analysing this location. If deemed appropriate, the current 50 km/h limit on the R126 and Beaverstown Road may be lowered to 30 km/h.

Fingal Coastal Way: This junction is situated on the preferred route for the Fingal Coastal Way Cycle Scheme, which will facilitate improved active travel connectivity toward the Beverton estate.

The Operations Department will continue to monitor this junction.

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

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ITEM NO. 77

SAFETY REPORT OF OLD BRIDGES IN SWORDS – AI106646

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive provide a safety report on all bridges over 80 years old in Swords?

Report:

All bridges on local and regional roads are inspected at regular intervals in accordance with the guidelines set out by the then Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

From time to time and as required the Operations Department will consult with the Conservation Office if the bridge is a historic masonry bridge.

The Operations Department has no plans to prepare separate safety reports for each individual bridge over 80 years old in the Swords area.

Source of Report: Mr S Coyle, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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