

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

**Held on Thursday 2nd April 2026 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,
Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Hanaphy, Breda
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Walsh, John

Apologies: Councillor H. Redwood, Councillor E. Troy

The Area Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer, Community), Suzanne Matthews (Senior Staff Officer, Housing). Leah Walsh (Community Officer, Community), Fiona Glynn (Administrative Officer, Housing), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure & Transport), Paul Keane (Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport), Hans Visser (Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer, Infrastructure & Transport), Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Culture Development), David Storey (Director Of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, at the start of the meeting reminded members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

CMB/508/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Blanchardstown -
Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters)
Meeting held on Thursday the 5th of March 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 5th March 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**–

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 20 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/509/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Tolka Valley Regional Park Development Plan - AI107137

CMB/510/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Active Travel Project in this LEA - AI107296

CMB/511/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on the Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee - AI107481

CMB/512/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Seating Modifications in the Draíocht - AI107558

CMB/513/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI107700

CMB/514/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI107701

CMB/515/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Biodiversity Projects in this LEA - AI107702

CMB/516/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Four-Bedroom Houses in this LEA - AI107703

CMB/517/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Protection of Heritage Properties in this LEA - AI107704

CMB/518/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Grand Marshal for St Patrick's Day Parade - AI107699

CMB/519/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Homeless Accommodation Figures in Dublin 15 - AI107718

CMB/520/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Notice of Termination Figures in Dublin 15 - AI107719

CMB/521/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Social Houses Units and Sizes in Tyrrelstown - AI107720

CMB/522/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Walsh - Report on Blanchardstown to Castleknock Cycle Path - AI107722

CMB/523/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor J. Walsh - Works at Auburn Avenue Walking and Cycling Route - AI107723

CMB/524/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Walsh - Vacant Housing Numbers in Dublin 15 - AI107724

CMB/525/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Planning Enforcement at Elm Lodge, Castleknock - AI107725

CMB/526/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Walsh - Outline of Plans at Shackleton Mill - AI107726

CMB/527/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor J. Walsh - Provision of Defibrillators in this LEA - AI107727

CMB/528/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Leah Walsh, Community Department. During discussion, Councillor P. Quinlan stated his opposition to the funding proposed to be allocated for the Irish Red Cross. This opposition was noted by the Chair and noted that Councillor P. Quinlan was the sole dissenting voice in terms of the proposed allocation to the Irish Red Cross. The Chair also advised that the decision on the Funding Report is taken at the Full Council Meeting. Councillor P. Quinlan enquired if he could raise his opposition on this matter at the Full Council Meeting. The Chair advised that he could do so.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee, recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the attached report."

Housing Business

CMB/529/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal area

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/530/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a Letter from National Transport Authority dated 10th March 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Ghost Buses in Dublin 15**

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

- b Letter from National Transport Authority dated 10th March 2026 regarding Cllr Burtchaell Motion Inadequate Bus Services in Tyrrelstown and Hollystown**

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

- c Letter from DDLETB received 11th March 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Second Special School in this LEA**

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

- d Letter from National Transport Authority dated 16th March 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Five Year Traffic Study in this LEA**

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

MOTIONS

CMB/531/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Dedicated Deportation Centre in this LEA - AI106073

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan. No seconder was noted.

CMB/532/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Community Bus for Seniors in Dublin 15 - AI106619

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

CMB/533/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Request to Prioritise Anchor Tenancy for Tyrrelstown United FC - AI106795

The Motion in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and Seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

CMB/534/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor M. McCamley - Update on Rotunda Hospital - AI107320

This Motion, with the permission of the meeting, was **WITHDRAWN** by Councillor M. McCamley.

CMB/535/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor E. Troy - Pathways on the Royal Canal - AI107525

This item was **DEFERRED**.

CMB/536/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Active Travel Plans for the Clonsilla Framework Plan - AI107705

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

The meeting also agreed that this matter should return to a future meeting as a headed item.

CMB/537/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor J. Walsh - Meeting of the Joint Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee - AI107721

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

CMB/538/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Millennium Park Monument - AI106500

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and Seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

CMB/539/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Review of Public Transport Access in Tyrrelstown/Kilmartin/Hollystown - AI106804

The Motion in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

CMB/540/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. McCamley - Extra Tourism Capacity in this LEA - AI107378

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/541/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor T. Leddy - Mural between Fortlawn Crescent and Sheepmoor Green - AI107385

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

CMB/542/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor T. Leddy - Protecting Ashleigh Green Space - AI107141

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh and Councillor T. Leddy was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor T. Leddy.

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

CMB/543/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of Electric Charging Points in Dublin 15 Parks - AI107696

The Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

The Meeting concluded at 17:15.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 02

LIST OF COUNCIL LANDS AT ST. CATHERINE'S PARK - AI107735

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a definitive list of all lands acquired by Fingal County Council in St. Catherine's Park in recent years and to outline the Council's intended use or long-term plans for these lands?"

Reply:

The Council has acquired the lands outlined in the table below at St. Catherine's Park since 2023, adding to the Council existing lands at St. Catherine's Park:

Date of Acquisition	Size
May 2023	60 acres
June 2024	101 acres
December 2024	29 acres
	190 acres

The recently acquired lands beside St. Catherine's Park offer an opportunity to provide potential green infrastructure/active travel links through the extended park for cycling & walking between the Royal Canal and the Lucan/Leixlip. These links will increase the accessibility of amenities in St. Catherine's Park for residents in the Dublin 15 area. The Council intends to integrate the new lands fully into the Regional

Park to provide additional active and passive recreational facilities including the development of a major Recreational Hub.

The inclusion of additional significant woodland areas to augment the important ancient woodland in the park is also planned.

Work on the preparation of an updated Park Development Plan for St. Catherine's Park incorporating the newly acquired land has recently commenced.

Source of Reply:

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

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY - AI108317

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Royal Canal Greenway in terms of when the planning application will be made?”

Reply:

Having undergone internal and independent review, the EIAR documents are being forwarded to the Key Stakeholders such as the NTA and Waterways Ireland for their review and feedback. Upon receipt of this feedback the EIAR documents will undergo a legal review prior to being submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The documents are scheduled for lodgement with An Coimisiún Pleanála in September 2026.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES BOX IN MILLENIUM PARK - AI108046

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the damaged “activities box” in Millennium Park and confirm if it will be replaced?”

Reply:

We will liaise with the operations department to determine if the box can be repaired or will need to be replaced and take action based on their recommendation.

Source of Reply:

Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Active Travel Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

**UPDATE ON THE TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL -
AI108178**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process of Castlefield Hall and to outline if a date for the resurfacing works has been finalised?”

Reply:

The Developer is still engaging with his Contractor to complete the final road surfacing layer to the estate; they have not yet confirmed a date for mobilisation. The Taking in Charge process will commence after the surfacing works are completed. The current timeline aims to have the estate advertised for Taking in Charge in the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

UPDATE ON THE TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD - AI108180

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge process of Phibblestown Wood and to outline if the bondholder has engaged a contractor?”

Reply:

The bondholder has been issued a list of required works necessary to bring the estate up to the standard for taking in charge. The commencement and completion of these works will depend on the time required for the bondholder to engage and mobilise a contractor. The bondholder has not informed the Council on a start date or on an appointed contractor as yet. Once the works have been completed to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council, the estate can be taking in charge, pending a taking in charge request.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

INSTALLATION OF CCTV AT LITTLEPACE SHOPS - AI108182

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the recent serious dumping issues in Littlepace, to give consideration to installing CCTV at the bring banks at Littlepace shops?”

Reply:

The level of littering and illegal dumping taking place at the bottle and textile banks at the Little Pace Shopping Centre has recently been reviewed by staff in the Litter Management Section. The staff have now recommended introduction of CCTV at this location. A DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) is being prepared to present to the CCTV Oversight Board seeking approval to install CCTV at this location. The DPIA will be presented to the CCTV Oversight Board shortly

Source of Reply:

Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

REPORT ON PUBLIC BICYCLES IN DUBLIN 15 - AI108183

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the availability of bicycles (made available to the public), both manual and electric, (through companies like Tier etc) in the Dublin 15 area and future plans for their provision?”

Reply:

We currently have two bike share operators operating in the Dublin 15 Area. Bleeper Bike operate a fleet of Pedal Bikes and Moby operate a fleet of eBikes.

Both operators are licensed for a maximum 40 vehicles in the Dublin 15 area, the numbers fluctuate daily due to rentals and movement between zones, but we work with the operators to maximise fleets sizes.

Councillors will be aware that last year we saw a very large increase in vandalism of shared Bleeper bikes across the area and we scaled back the service to try and stem the issue. This worked and we gradually expanded out the service to the wider Dublin 15 area. Bleeper currently operate 10 parking locations across Dublin 15, primarily in the Blanchardstown and Castleknock areas. Pedal bikes appear more popular the closer people are to the City Centre.

The Moby eBikes were introduced to the area in July 2025 and thankfully have seen a very limited number of bikes damaged, while recording over 10,000 journeys. We recently increased the size of the operating area to include Ongar, Hansfield, Clonsilla, Hartstown and Huntstown. Usage from the outer areas of Dublin 15 is proving popular for eBikes.

Last November, we began the rollout of the SparkPark precision parking technology in 10 locations across Dublin 15. As of 25th April, this system is fully operational, there are small adjustments needed on some of the stations, which is scheduled for the 28th – 30th April. Both bike share operators will have parking available at the locations, outlined below.

Location	Map Link
Carpenterstown Road near Dublin Bus stop 4575	https://maps.app.goo.gl/EPh44EK9nakmcbii9
Intersection of Roselawn Road and Castleknock Road	https://maps.app.goo.gl/49kaTmiM1tsqKNQy7
Ongar Distributor Road	https://maps.app.goo.gl/fuPQ9Pr4d4oB2KR17
Huntstown Way	https://maps.app.goo.gl/oukZKHouyzGTN3ko6
Huntstown Way	https://maps.app.goo.gl/VhVwHqiDNvpfLs6w7
Sacred Heart Church	https://maps.app.goo.gl/k92H2UtEej7j7dBr6
St Philips the Apostle	https://maps.app.goo.gl/QBSPuRgq9KQpCVAV9
Castleknock Village	https://maps.app.goo.gl/DNWByZdJcfE1MQ2o9
Castleknock, Phoenix Park Gate	https://maps.app.goo.gl/XcEAU1xNYap7Sncg9
Laurel Lodge Bus Stop	https://maps.app.goo.gl/YjpdjCG2e1vtHwVA8

Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking & Cycling Officer, Active Travel Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON HOUSING FORUM MEETINGS IN THIS LEA – AI108185

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the re-establishment of Housing Forum meetings in this Local Electoral Area, following the passing of the following motion in March: ‘That the Chief Executive re-establishes housing forum/estate management meetings in this Local Electoral Area to include stakeholders, as before with the addition of Approved Housing Bodies?’”

Reply:

The Dublin 15 Housing Forum offers residents an opportunity to work with the Council, raise concerns and gather feedback regarding issues in their community. In particular, the forum provides the Council with a mechanism to gather information concerning anti-social behaviour and to investigate, as far as reasonably practicable in conjunction with colleagues from other areas within the Council and Statutory partners.

Following on from the Area Committee, March 5th 2026, the Housing Team is in contact with the Community Division to identify properly constituted representative groups within the Dublin 15 area with a view to recommencing the Dublin 15 Housing Forum as soon as possible.

Source of Reply:

Patricia O’Keeffe, Senior Staff Officer, Estate Management, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 10

NTQ'S AND HOMELESS ASSESSMENTS IN THIS LEA – AI108186

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the number of Notices to Quit (NTQs) and requests for Homeless Assessments received in this Local Electoral Area, year to date?"

Reply:

There has been a total of 50 Notice of Terminations for this Local Electoral Area YTD. A total of 151 Homeless Assessments has been completed for households from this Local Electoral Area YTD.

Significant work regarding the delivery of Housing supply in the Local area, to meet the need of eligible applicants, is ongoing, including infill housing proposals.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Homeless Services, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

ONGAR BARNHILL ROAD POST-OPENING REVIEW - AI108058

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conducting a three-month operational review of the Ongar Barnhill Road following its official opening in February 2026, specifically reviewing traffic volume trends on surrounding residential roads, and to confirm if any additional snagging or safety adjustments have been identified?”

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department will monitor the performance and safety of the new road and footpath/cycleway network over the coming weeks to determine if it is functioning as intended. The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging for the project.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

REPORT ON VACANT PROPERTIES IN PARNELL ESTATE - AI108312

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of vacant properties in Parnell Estate?”

Reply:

The Parnell Estate is undergoing a major refurbishment programme and as such the vacated units are not being relet at present. There are currently fifty-two vacant properties in the Parnell Estate and when each block is remediated, the properties will be made available for letting.

Source of Reply:

Marina Rennicks, Administrative Office, Housing Delivery, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 13

REPORT ON NTQS IN DUBLIN 15 – AI108313

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many households in Dublin 15 received Notices to Quit (NTQs) in March and April of 2026?”

Reply:

There has been a total of 25 households who have received a Notice of Termination from this Local Electoral area in March and April to date.

Significant work regarding the delivery of Housing supply in the Local area, to meet the need of eligible applicants, is ongoing, including infill housing proposals.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Homeless Services, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

REPORT ON HOMELESS FIGURES IN DUBLIN 15 – AI108314

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of families and individuals in Dublin 15 that have registered as homeless in March and April in 2026?”

Reply:

To date in March and April 2026, 40 families and 38 individuals and couples have had a homeless assessment in this Local Electoral Area.

Significant work regarding the delivery of Housing supply in the Local area, to meet the need of eligible applicants, is ongoing, including infill housing proposals.

Source of Reply:

Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Homeless Services, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

REPORT ON ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE IN TYRRELSTOWN, HOLLYSTOWN AND HOLLYWOODRATH - AI108315

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report listing the areas and estates which have been taken in charge in Tyrrelstown, Hollystown and Hollywoodrath?”

Reply:

Tyrrelstown - Curragh Hall, Cruise Park, Mount Eustace, Mount Garrett, Belgree, French Park, Gazelle, Ballentree & Bishop Orchard are all in charge.

Hollywoodrath - Hollywoodrath Phase 1, Bay Meadows and Bellignsmore are in charge.

Hollystown – No estates in Hollystown have been taking in charge.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF BRANDON SQUARE - AI108316

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Brandon Square?”

Reply:

The surface water drainage system serving Brandon Square flows through Erris Square before connecting to the main surface water sewer on Waterville Road. This sewer collects runoff from the road gullies and must be included in the taking-in-charge process along with the road itself.

However, when Fingal County Council sought a wayleave from the Erris Square Owner Management Company, it became apparent that the developer has not yet completed the transfer of the common areas to the management company. As a result, the Owner Management Company is currently unable to grant the necessary wayleave.

Once the land transfer is finalised, Fingal County Council will be in a position to request the wayleave from the Owner Management Company of Erris Square and progress the taking-in-charge of Brandon Square.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 17a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Huntstown Crafty Crafters GA-003904	€3,000	Room Rental Tutor Craft Supplier Additional Equipment Cutting Machine	Y	2025 - €3,000	€2,778.50

St Brigid's GAA Club Ga Ga Man Shed GA-003906	€2,859	Group Laptop Group Printer First Aid Kit Insurance Bus Hire	N	N/A	€2,718.15
Delwood Residents Association GA-003898	€2,000	Genie Macker's Entertainment Line Painting & Wristband Activities Gazebo Sound System Red Cross – event cover	N	N/A	€1,467.01
Littlepace Residents Association GA-003911	€1,160	Insurance Flowers Leaf Blower Tools Power Washing	Y	2025 - €1,745.75 2024 - €2,144.00	€1,160.00
Variety Show Group GA-003900	€3,900	Speaker, Backdrop Stage Set-up, Promotion, Music & Venue	N	N/A	€3,000.00
Briarswood Huntstown Lawn & Woodlands Residents Association GA-003895	€3,000	Insurance Printing Materials AED and Training Battery-Powered Strimmer	Y	2025 - €2,970.51	€3,000.00
181 st Dublin Castaheany/Ongar Scout Group GA-003914	€2,996	Tents Ground Sheets Rope Travel Stove & Pot Fishing Gear	Y	2025 - €2,986.00	€2,996.00

Castlefield Wood Residents Association GA-003869	€2,025	Insurance Santa, Popcorn Machine, Kids Entertainer Gazebo	Y	2025 - €800	€1,752.00
Lambourn Residents Association GA-003901	€2,977	Green keeping & Paint Equipment Games, Santa, Entertainment, First Aid Insurance BBQ, Library Box	Y	2025 - €2,808.30 2024 - €2,894.95	€2,910.00
St Brigids Community Centre GA-003881	€2,509	Folding Tables	Y	2024 - €2,918.57	€2,509.00
St Brigids Senior Choir GA-003880	€2,786	Room Rental Chairs X 20	N	N/A	€2,786.40
African Advocacy Ireland GA-003695	€5,460	Insurance Web-development	Y	2024 - €780	€1,000.00
Luttrellstown Residents Association GA-003891	€2,965	Insurance Games & Inflatables	Y	2025 - €2,785	€2,965.00

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Thursday 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 17b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Fingal Badminton	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase shuttlecocks and rackets.	Y	2025 - €1,500	I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to increase participation

					numbers and give more children the opportunity to try the sport
Blanchardstown Athletic Football Club	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, cones, training poles, bibs, goal nets, and a first-aid kit.	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to increase participation and grow.
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, training poles, first-aid supplies, and bulk sunscreen dispensers.	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to increase participation numbers in their summer camps and protect children from the sun.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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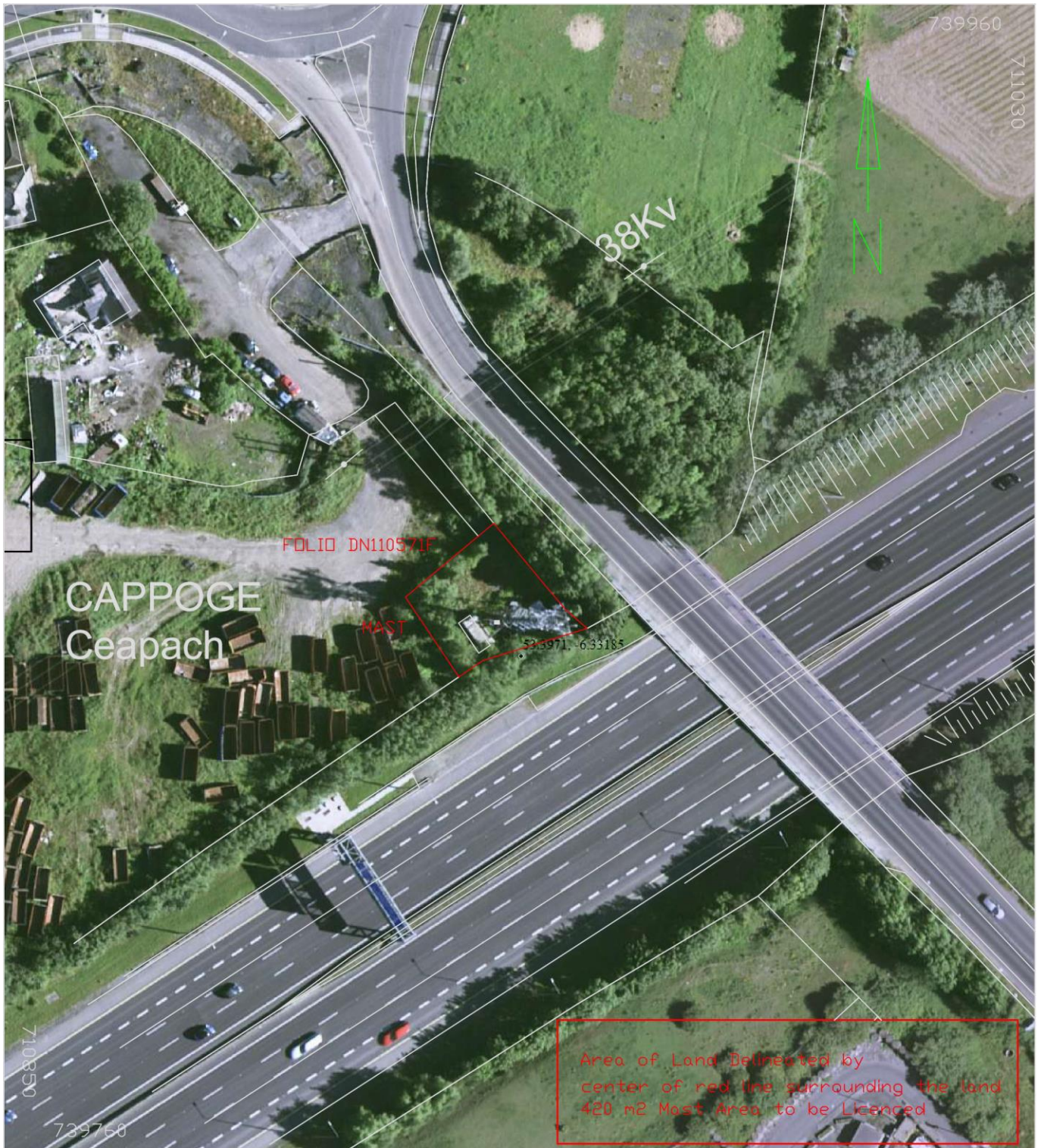
ITEM NO. 18a

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE OF LAND AT CAPPOGE,
FINGLAS, CO. DUBLIN TO VANTAGE TOWERS LIMITED**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a lease of land at Cappoge, Finglas, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-7097-25 to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 11th May 2026.

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 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-7097-25		D.S.Ref:	
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Project: Land at Cappoge		Scale: 1/1000		Checked:
Land to be licenced to:		Dev. File No:		Job No. SM/97/25
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		Road Area :		
		Nett Area :		

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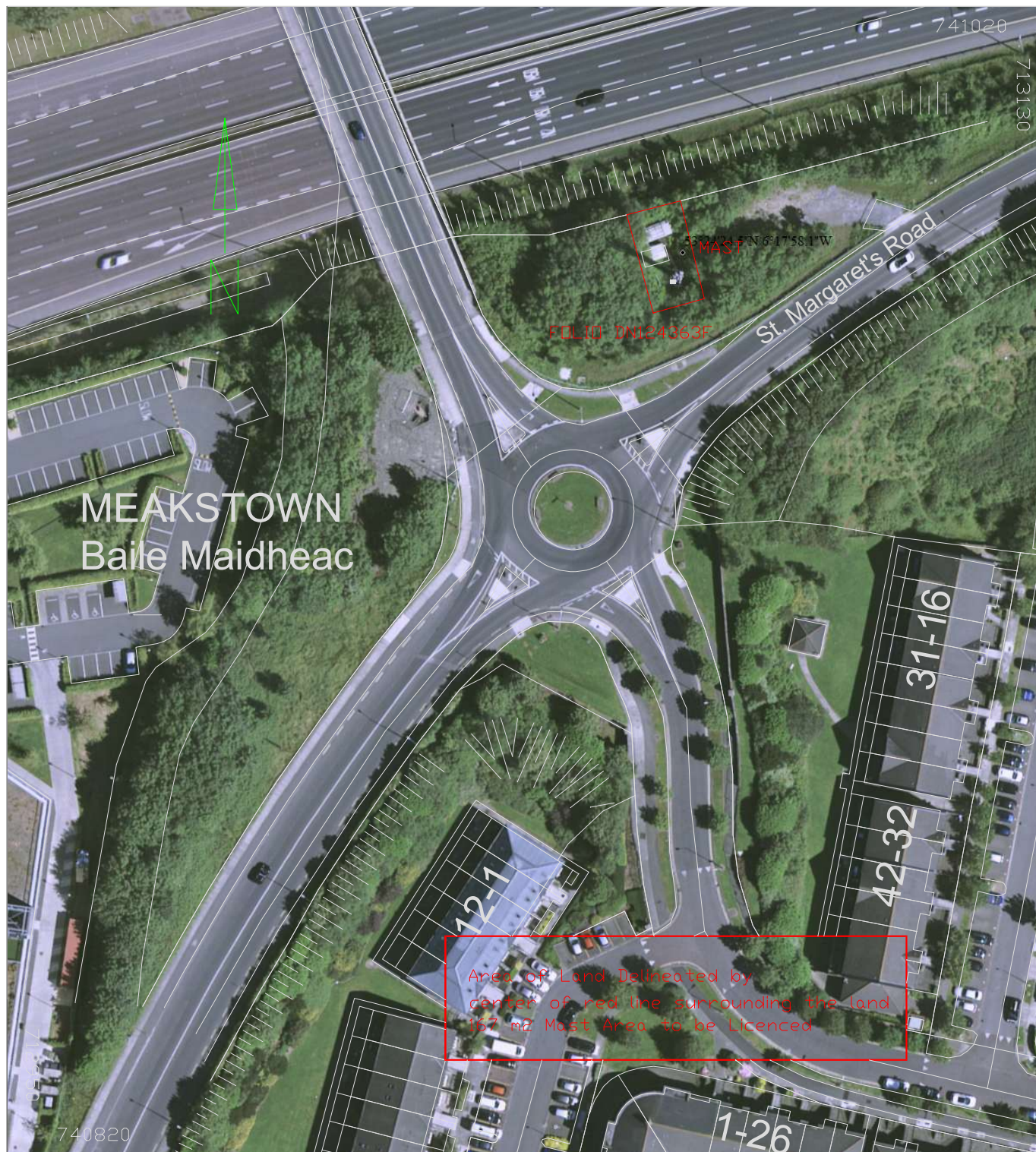
ITEM NO. 18b

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE OF LAND
AT MEAKSTOWN, FINGLAS, CO. DUBLIN TO VANTAGE TOWERS
LIMITED**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a lease of land at Meakstown, Finglas, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-7095-25 to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 11th May 2026.

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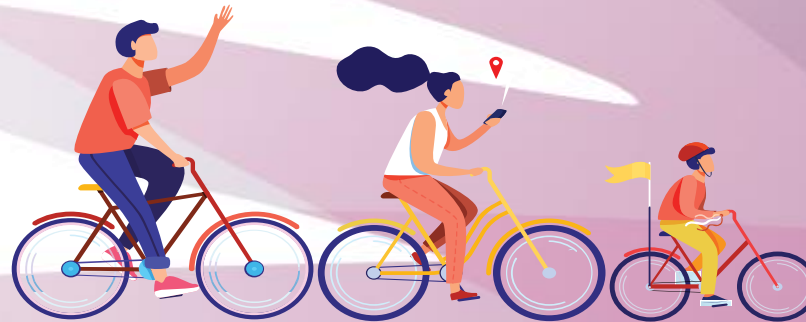
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Project: Land at Meakstown	Gross Area :			
Land to be licenced to:	Road Area :			
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Active Travel Project Update - BMCO ACM

Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Scheme



Kieran Maher

Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Unit

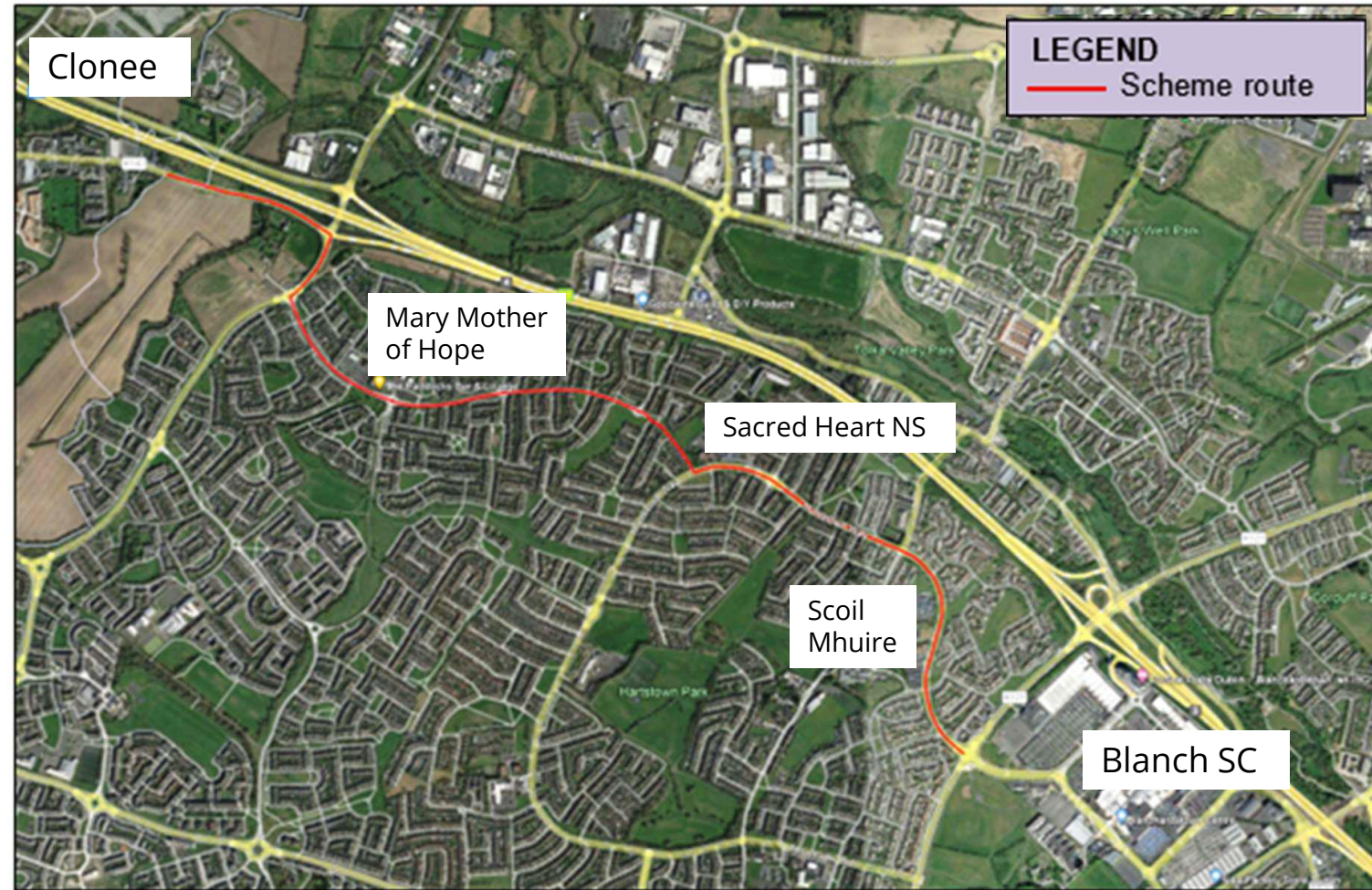
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Project Background



- Route covers approximately 4.0 km
- Some of the route has walking and cycling infrastructure in place.
- This project seeks to connect the existing network by bringing junctions and links in line with Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2019) and the Cycle Design Manual (CDM 2023).
- This will support sustainable modes of transport to and from Clonee and Blanchardstown and all key destinations along the route.

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Benefits Delivered by Project

- Improve connectivity, accessibility, and safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the area and promote a modal shift towards sustainable transport modes
- Improve safety at junctions and crossing facilities for vulnerable road users and the visually impaired
- Safe local transport alternative to using the private car
- Reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality in the local area
- Traffic calming measures and segregated cycle lanes will deliver a safer road experience for the pedestrian, cyclist and driver

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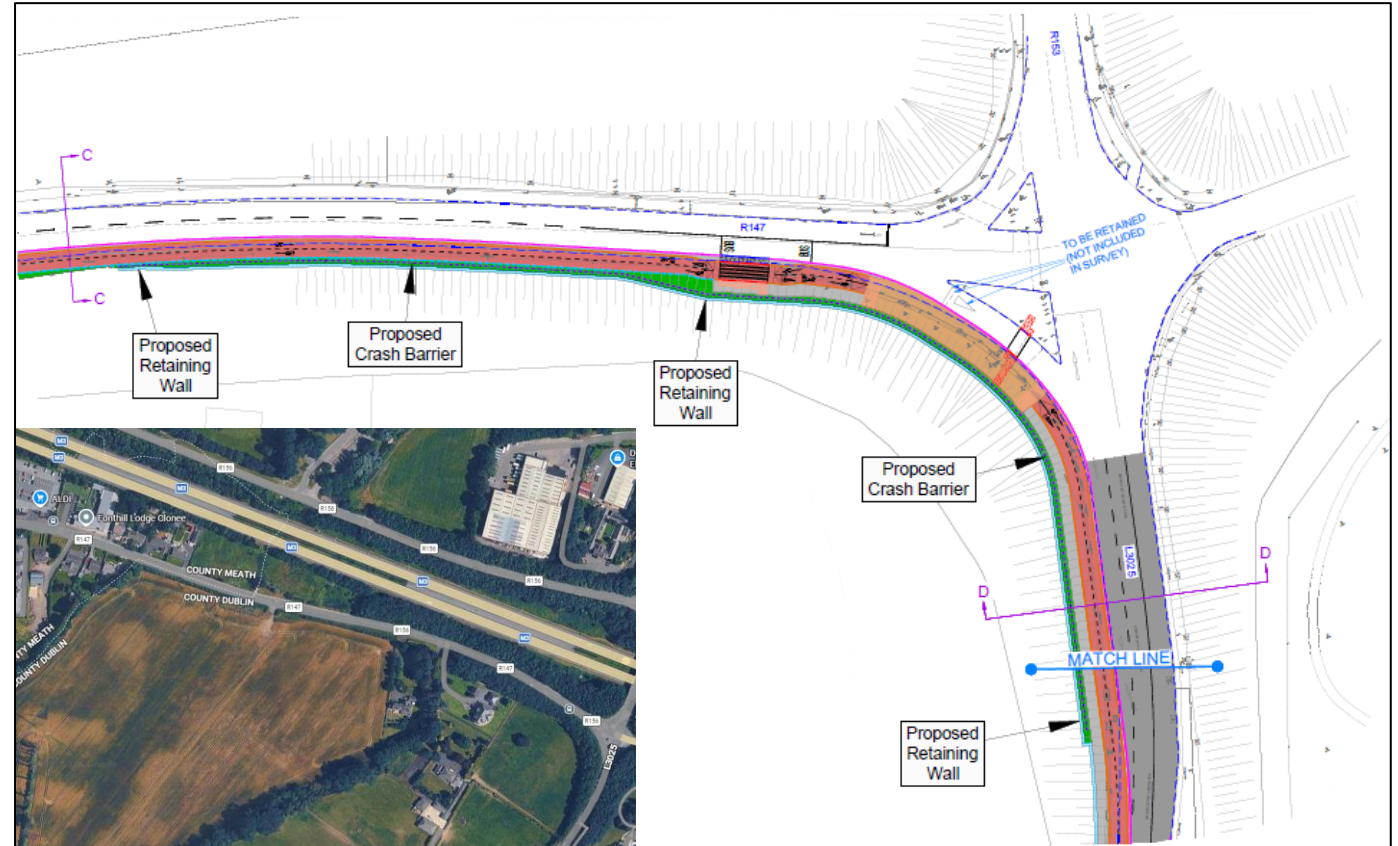


R147 – Fingal County administrative border

At the western edge of the scheme, Fingal plans to tie in with Meath County Council's proposed Dunboyne to Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle scheme.

A two-way cycle track on the southern side of the carriageway is proposed at this location.

For approximately 220m, a retaining wall is proposed for a section of the works approaching the Littlepace roundabout.



Design Proposal

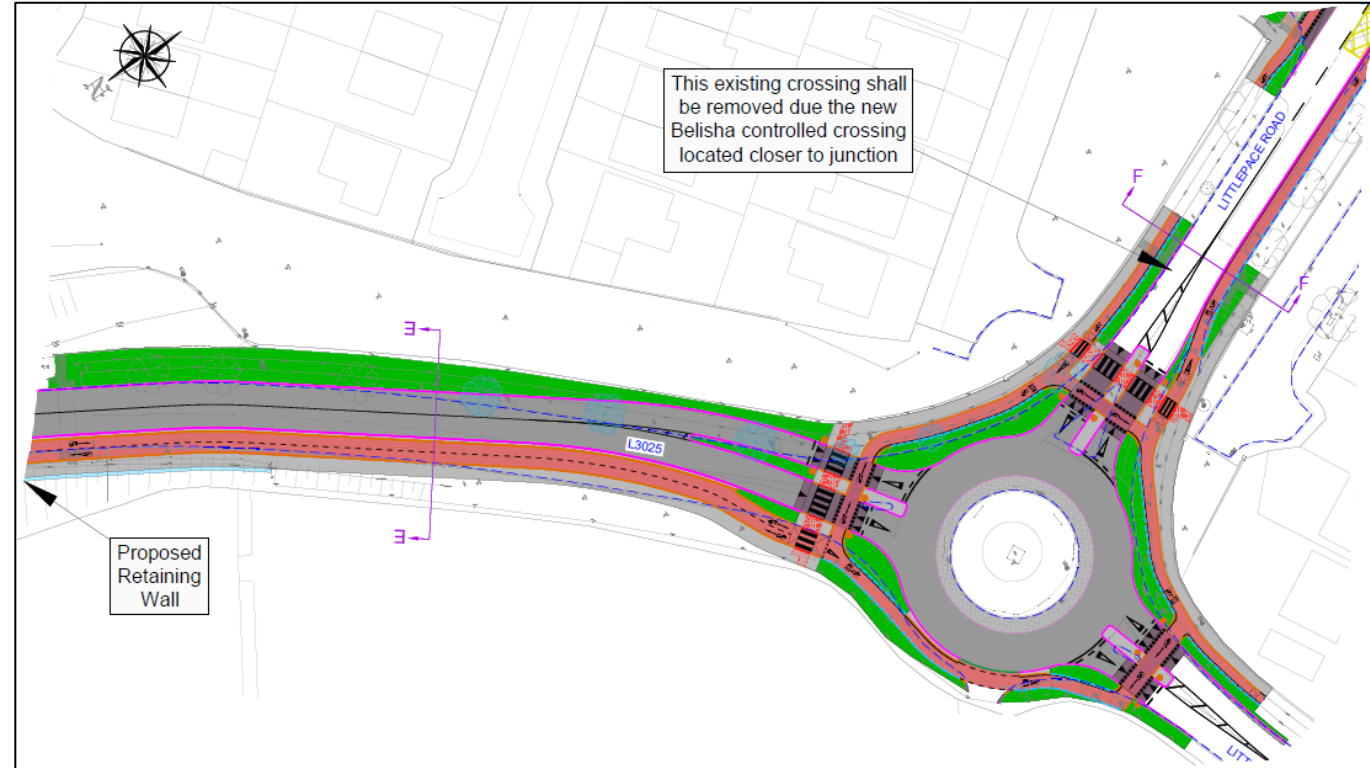
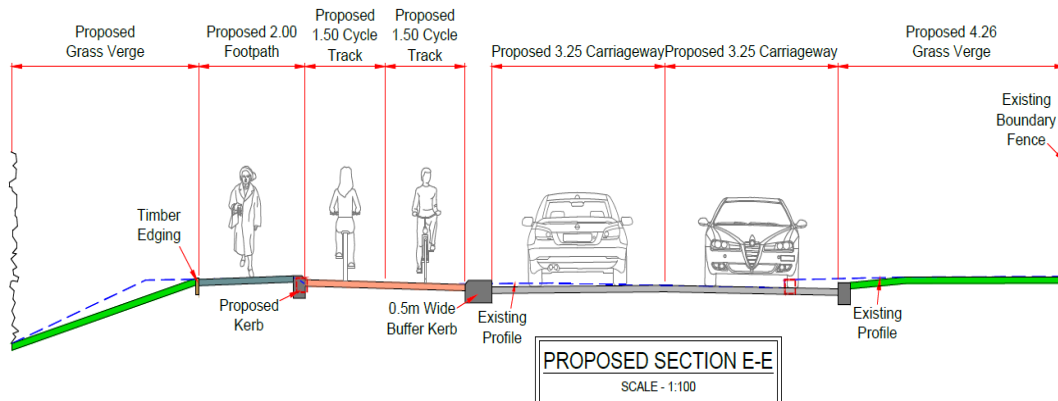


L3025/Littlepace Road Roundabout

It is proposed to add new crossings on all arms of Littlepace roundabout

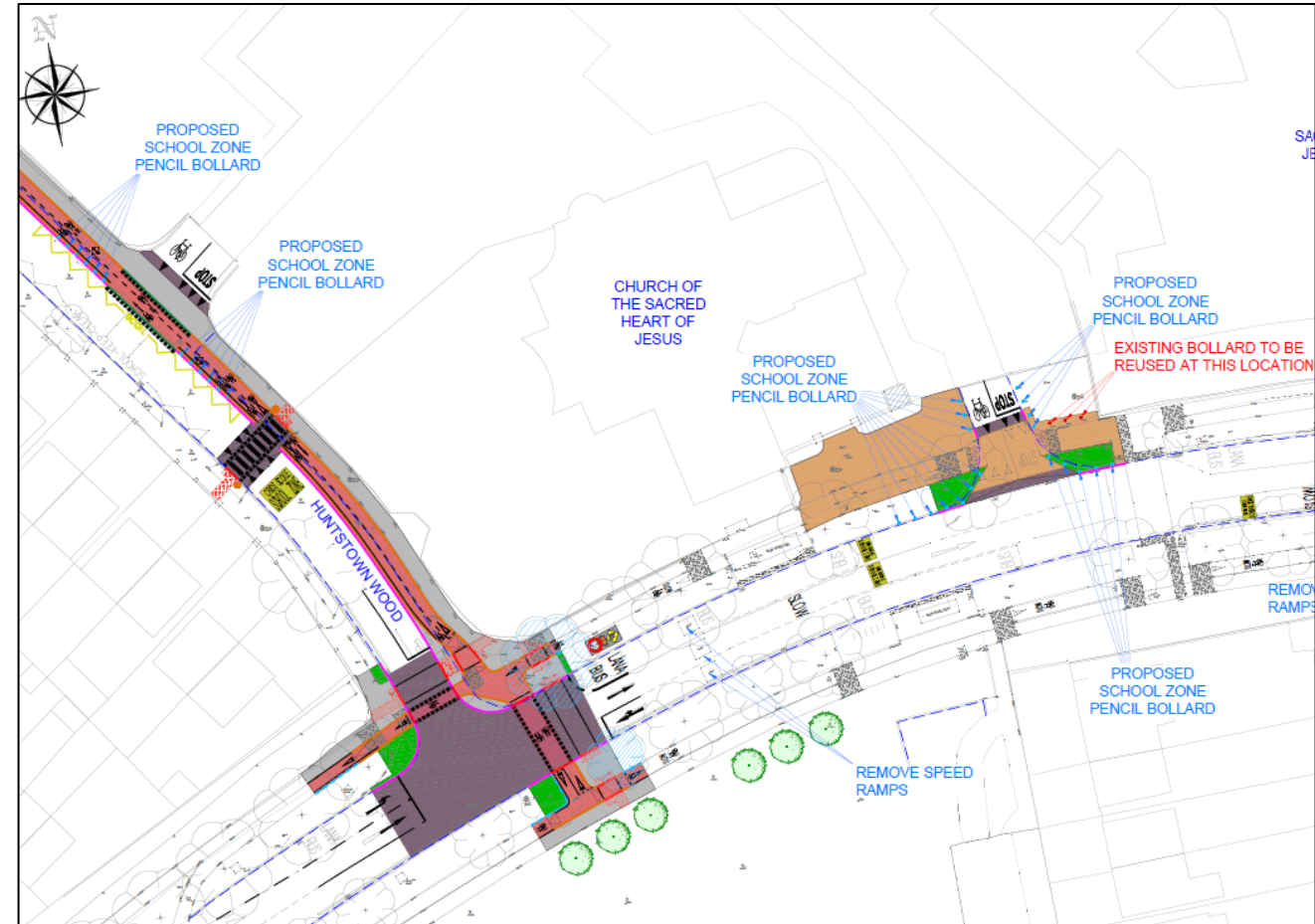
Tightening junction radii to improve safety for all road users

Maintaining the private entrance on the southern arm of the roundabout



Junction upgrades include a raised table and a signalised crossing with separate pedestrian and cyclist crossings

Other works at Sacred Heart of Jesus National School include tightening kerb lines at the entrance and new pencil bollards



Design Proposal



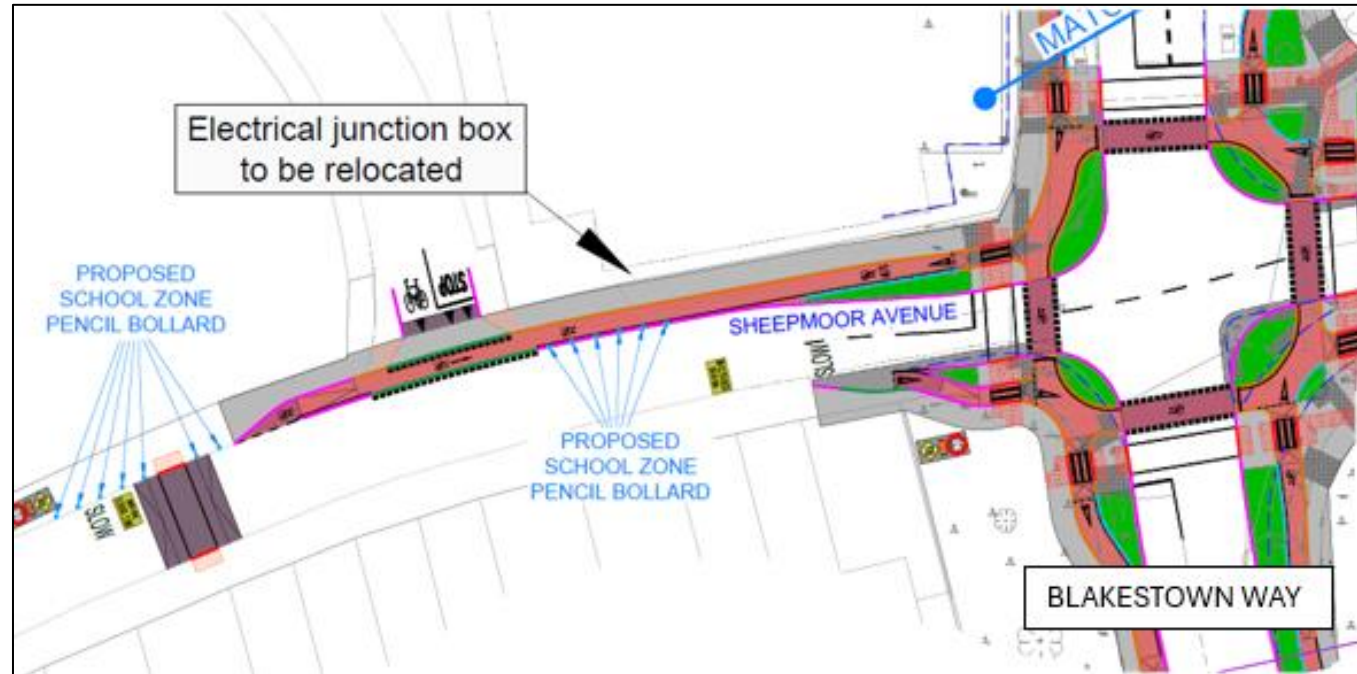
Junction of Sheepmoor Avenue and Blakestown Way

Providing new crossings on all arms which separate cyclists and pedestrians

Also proposed are some approach works to Blakestown Community School

Removing the left turn splitter island at Whitestown Park

Similar design solution proposed for the Huntstown Way/Blakestown Road junction



Artist's Impression



R147 Looking towards Clonee



Before



After

Artist's Impression

Littlepace Road, roundabout with The Drive



Before



After

Artist's Impression

Huntstown Way and Blakestown Road, looking east



Before



After

Next Steps



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- Preliminary Design presented to ACM in May 2026
- Non-statutory Public Consultation May 2026
- Liaise with Schools, Residents, Businesses and other stakeholders
- Report on Public Consultation Q3 2026
- Detailed Design & tender package preparation to follow





Thank You

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Any Questions?

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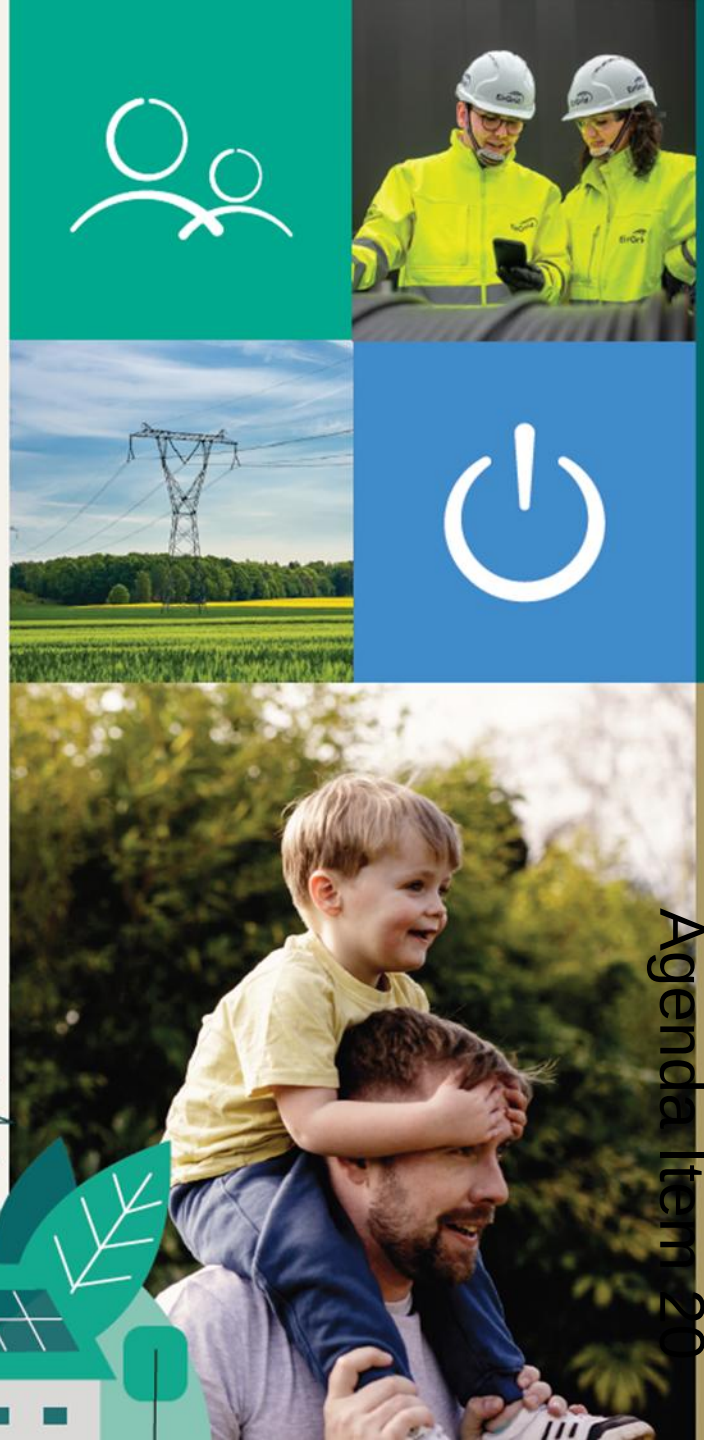


Fingal to East Meath Grid Reinforcement

The Ward 400 kV Substation

Project Update May 2026

EirGrid.ie



Who is EirGrid and what do we do?

EirGrid develops, manages, and operates Ireland's electricity grid.

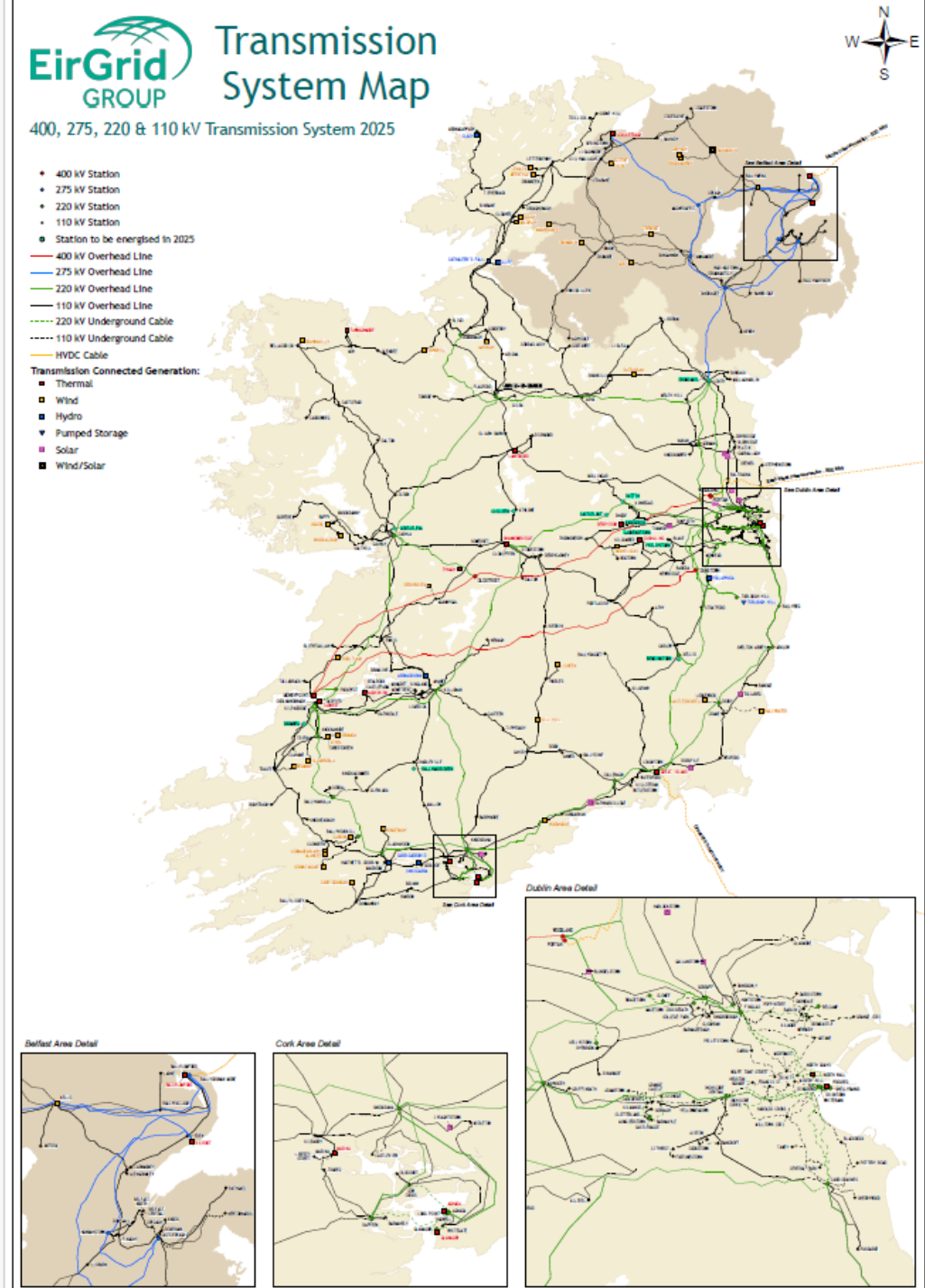
We are responsible for the safe, secure and reliable supply of Ireland's electricity.

We bring power from where it is generated to where it is needed throughout Ireland, onshore and offshore.



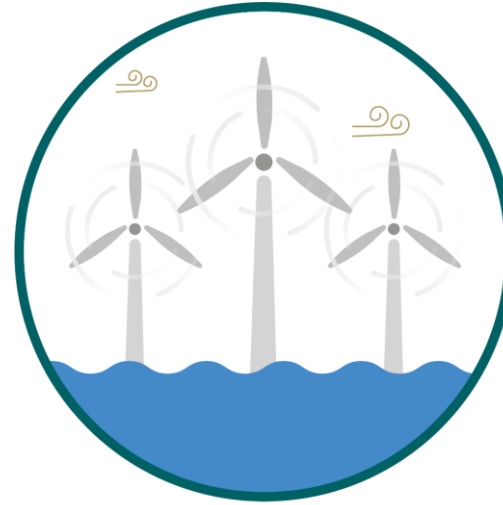
Ireland's electricity transmission grid

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The future of Ireland's electricity grid

- More electricity will be carried across this grid than ever before, and most of this power will come from renewable sources.
- The grid needs to carry up to 10 GW more renewable electricity by 2030 - double 2020 levels.
- Power output from renewable sources depends on the weather.
- Renewable electricity is typically generated far away from where most electricity is used.



Fingal to East Meath Grid Reinforcement Project

Fingal to East Meath Grid Reinforcement Project

This project will accommodate the continued growth in electricity demand in the region, which is being driven by several sectors:

- Residential housing;
- Commercial and industrial development;
- Electrification of heat (heat pumps) and transportation (electric vehicles and public transport); and
- The integration of offshore renewable energy connections.

East Meath and Fingal are among the fastest-growing regions in the country, and with this growth comes a greater requirement for electricity.

The existing transmission infrastructure in the region is nearing its capacity limit. To ensure a reliable and sustainable electricity supply for communities, residents, schools, and businesses, new infrastructure is urgently needed.

Project Benefits



Economic

The project will facilitate the integration of more renewable electricity onto the grid which will contribute to the regional economy and support increased investment in the area.



Local

Help to meet increasing residential, employment and housing requirements.



Sustainability

Help Ireland's transition to a low carbon energy future.



Community

Support communities that host project infrastructure by delivering meaningful local benefits.



Security of supply

Improve security of electricity supply across the island of Ireland.

The Ward 400 kV Substation

The Ward 400 kV Substation

The Ward 400 kV Substation will take higher voltage electricity (400 kV and 220 kV) and lower it to 110 kV. This electricity can then be safely distributed on the network to be used by homes, businesses and industry.

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The project will include:

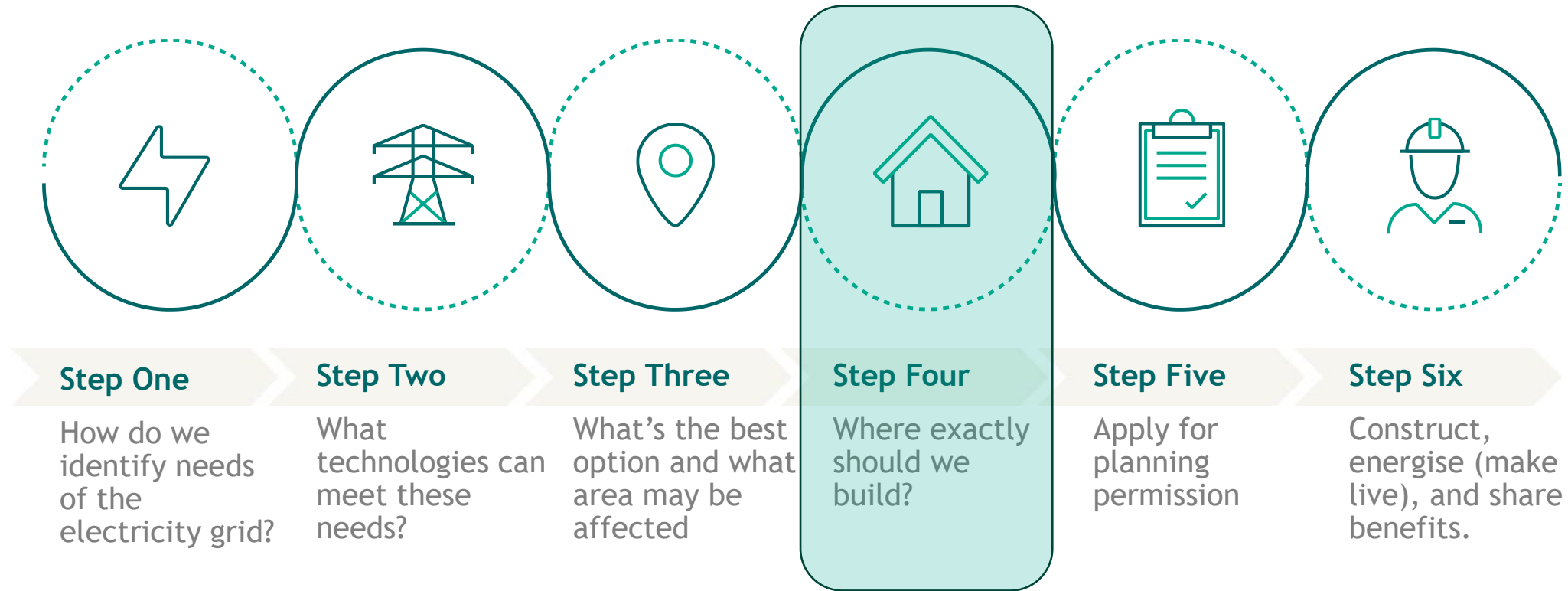
- A new 400/220/110 kV substation
- A connection (loop-in) to the permitted East Meath-North Dublin 400 kV underground cable between Woodland and Belcamp substations.



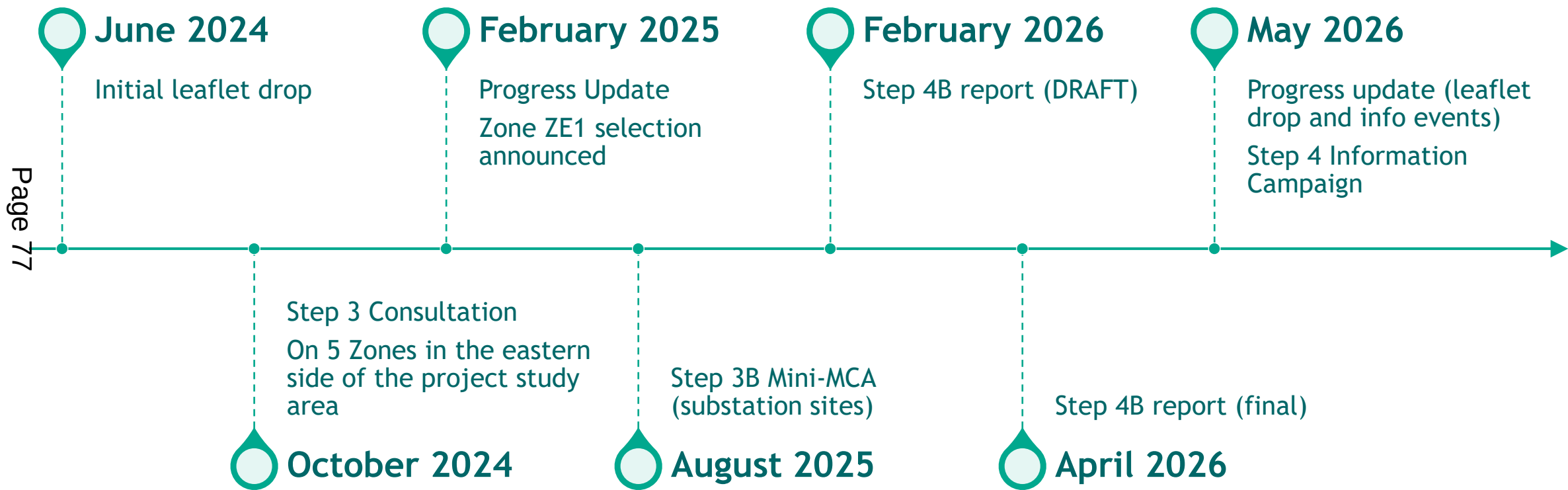
What is happening now?

The Ward 400 kV substation is being developed in line with EirGrid's 6-Step approach to Grid Development

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Project Progress, Consultation and engagement to date



Step 3 Consultation overview, October-November 2024

Public consultation campaign to help determine the location and technology of this substation.

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Best performing options identified as:

- Zone ZE1, and
- Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation technology



Gas-insulated (GIS) substations

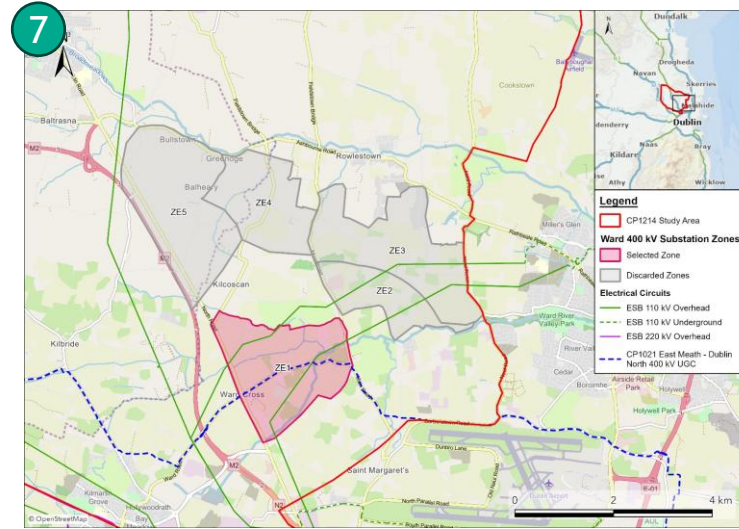
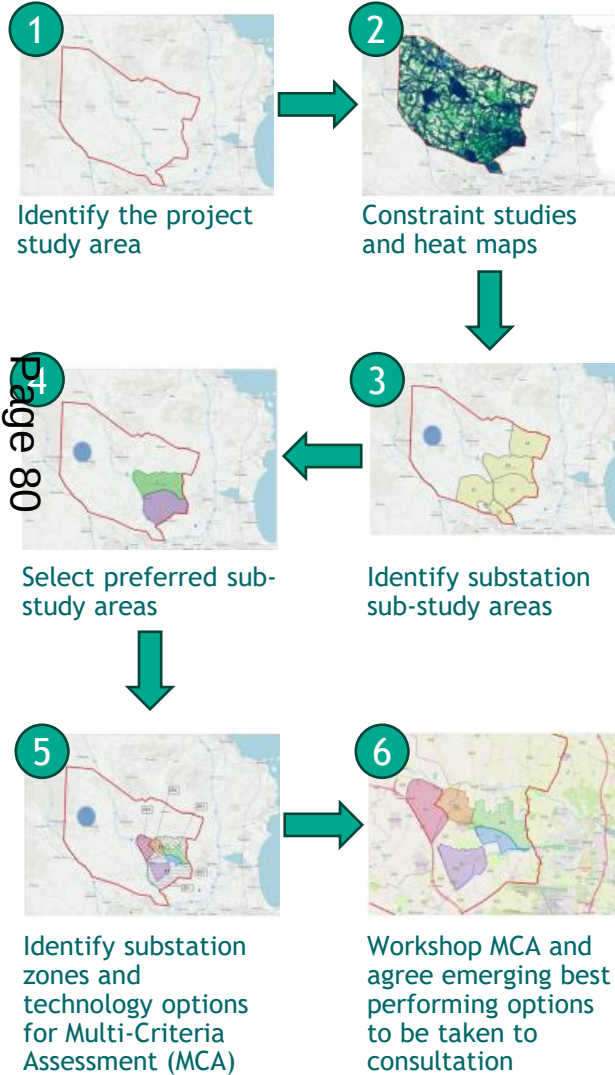
- Housed indoors in dedicated buildings
- More compact and less affected by environmental conditions

Whereas, air-insulated substations (AIS) rely on open air around their equipment, so they are larger and more exposed to weather.

Examples of GIS Substations



The Ward 400 kV Substation site selection refinement

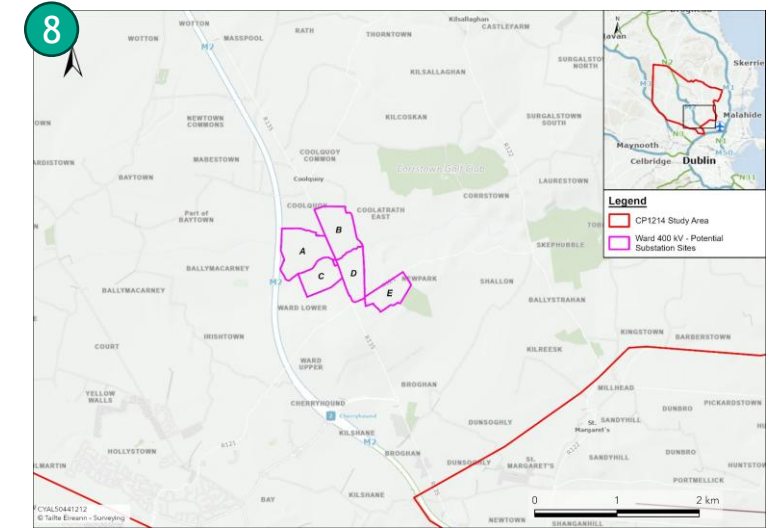


Step 3 Public Consultation

- Step 3 Public Consultation, October and November 2024
- Feedback on substation technology options and substation study areas, represented by zones.
- Step 3 Consultation Report published.

Step 3 Further Assessment

- ZE2 & ZE3 eliminated due to poor connectivity to existing grid and limited land availability
- Ongoing landowner engagement and focus on remaining zones: ZE1, ZE4, ZE5
- GIS chosen over AIS due to insufficient land for AIS footprint
- Best performing substation zone identified: ZE1
 - Suitable land availability
 - Aligns with EMND 400 kV UGC route
 - Proximity to existing infrastructure
 - Access to regional roads (R135, R121)



Step 4

5 potential sites identified for Ward 400 kV Substation.

The Ward 400 kV Site E

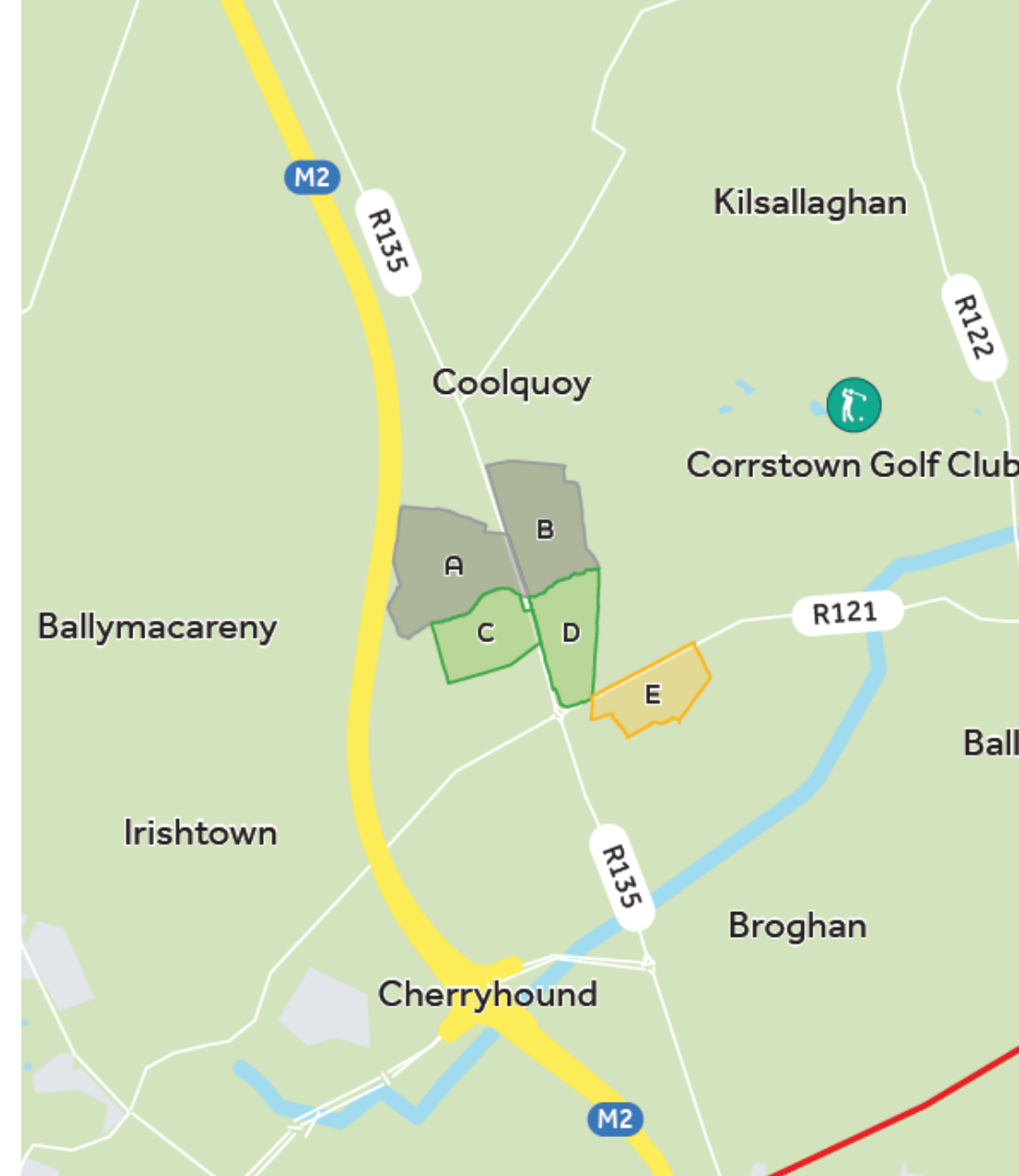
Best Performing Option

Five potential sites identified, shown as A-E.

Site A and Site B, ruled out as furthest away from the consented EMND cable and presence of significant flood risk.

Identification of Site E as the best performing option, for the following reasons:

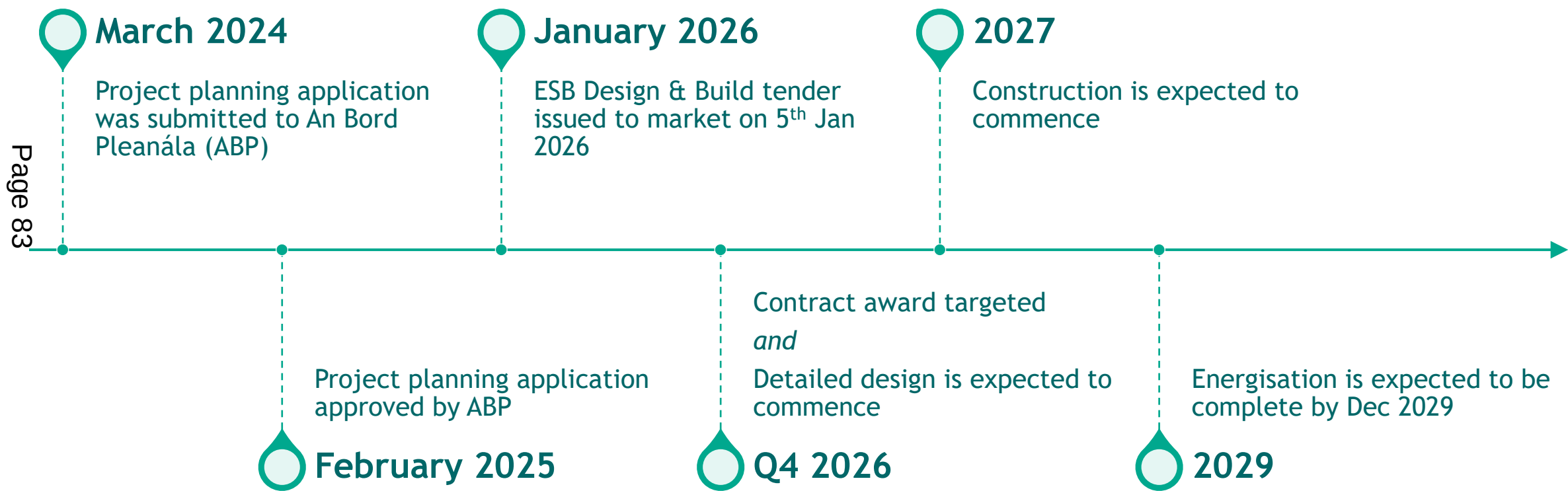
- Enough space for the substation and future expansion, with lower construction risk than other options.
- Located beside the R121, which shortens connection distances to the consented EMND 400 kV UGC.
- No known flood risk, unlike the other options.
- Only one existing 10 kV OHL that needs to be diverted, compared to larger and/or more complex lines at other sites.
- Space for landscaping, screening, biodiversity improvements.



East Meath-North Dublin 400 kV Underground Cable

East Meath-North Dublin (EMND) 400 kV Underground Cable

The project is currently in Step 6 and the Project Agreement was co-signed with ESN in Sep 2025.



EirGrid will consult with the community and stakeholders on any future proposed circuits and route corridors to the Ward 400kV substation.

Public Information

Visit one of our face-to-face or online public information events, to find out more and speak to experts within the team:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 12 th May	12-7pm	St. Kevin's Football Club, The Ward, Dublin, D11 TF72
Tuesday 19 th May	7-8pm	Find more information and register at EirGrid.ie/fingaleastmeath
Tuesday 26 th May	12-7pm	St. Kevin's Football Club, The Ward, Dublin, D11 TF72

What happens next?

- EirGrid has commenced engagement with key stakeholders (e.g., An Coimisiún Pleanála, Fingal County Council, etc.) and this process will continue over the next few months.
- Preliminary design for the Ward 400 kV Substation and associated 400 kV loop-in circuits has commenced together with site surveys and investigations, as part of the government's programme for accelerated delivery.
- Following the Step 4 public information campaign, the project will move into Step 5, which involves the development, compilation and submission of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

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From: Ministers Office <noreplymo-health@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 26 March 2026 09:54
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>; Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: Your Correspondence

26th March 2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

On behalf of the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, thank you for your correspondence in regard to Danu Community School.

In addition to the acknowledgements sent the 27th August 2025 and 23rd December 2025, this matter is more appropriate to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, please contact them at minister@dcde.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Joann Lynch

Private Secretary

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Ms. Ciara O hAodha

Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-04061-2025

26th March 2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

I refer to your further e-mail to the Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, in relation to support for Danu Community School.

A reply issued in response to this matter on the 28th of August 2025 and again on the 23rd of December 2025 and again on the 13th of January last, copies attached for your information.

You are advised to contact Minister Moynihan directly at the following e-mail address: Ministerforspecialied@education.gov.ie

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00386-2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien TD, thank you for your letter of 14th January, 2026 regarding cancelled buses.

I would like to explain that the Department of Transport is responsible for the development of public transport policy and its funding. However, the Department does not have a role in the provision of subsidised bus and rail services. That is the responsibility of the National Transport Authority (NTA) in conjunction with public transport operators such as Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann, Go-Ahead Ireland and Luas.

The NTA has entered into contracts with the individual operators. Those contracts set out the roles and responsibilities of both parties. Broadly speaking:

- the NTA is responsible for determining the organisation of bus and rail services e.g. the routes and timetables to be operated; the fares to be charged; shared systems such as Leap Card, real-time passenger information (RTPI) and the national journey planner (NJP);
- the individual operators are responsible for the management and operation of services on a day-to-day basis

As your correspondence appears to fall into both categories, you may wish to contact the NTA and the individual operator regarding these issues at the following link: [Send a message to our Customer Service Team - Transport for Ireland](#)

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available on www.lobbying.ie)

An Roinn Iompair

Department of Transport

Lána Liosain, Baile Átha Cliath, D02 TR60

Leeson Lane, Dublin, D02 TR60

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic and General Matters)

THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 22

Residents Car Park Allocation - Church Fields - AI106436

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“That the Chief Executive urgently consider the need to implement a fixed residence car park allocation at Church Fields in Dublin 15 to address the emerging conflict regarding the usage of available car park spaces by some car owners, to the detriment and displeasure of other car owners, who can’t find a car parking space when needed.”

Report:

Church Fields Phases 3A and 3B were designed and permitted on the basis of unassigned, on-street parking, in line with the density and layout requirements of both the Part VIII/Part X approvals and the applicable Development Plans at the time. Individual parking spaces cannot be assigned to specific properties, as the development will ultimately be taken in charge by the Council, and public on-street spaces cannot be reserved for individual households.

Phase 3A provides 493 residential spaces (1.64 spaces per unit) under the previous Development Plan, which allowed higher parking rates. Phase 3B, assessed under the current 2023–2029 Development Plan, provides 306 spaces (1.41 spaces per unit), reflecting the reduced parking standards now required.

The overall Church Fields strategy is based on a modal shift away from car dependency. The planned BusConnects routes (P63, L63 and B3), agreed in principle with the NTA, will significantly improve public transport access. The supporting Traffic and Transport Assessments note that reduced parking provision is appropriate for

this transitional location, where future bus services are intended to make sustainable travel a viable first choice for residents. Over-provision of car parking would undermine these objectives.

While it is recognised that parking issues have emerged as residents settle into the estate, the planning basis, taken-in-charge implications, and the regulations around public streets mean that fixed or individually allocated parking spaces cannot be implemented. Council staff will continue to monitor parking and traffic behaviour on the estate and will consider management measures that remain consistent with the approved planning framework and the long-term transport strategy for the area.

In parallel with the physical and transport planning for Church Fields, the Council's Community Development Department has been actively engaged in supporting community formation and social cohesion within the development. The team are assisting residents in establishing a formal residents' group, helping to build a sense of place and shared ownership as the community continues to evolve. To date, the Community Department have supported various stakeholders in organising youth engagement programmes and a range of positive community-building initiatives, including the Christmas Carols, family days, Festival in a Van aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour and encouraging positive participation. This work is not limited to Church Fields; the Community Development team continues to support and collaborate with residents in the surrounding established developments to ensure a coordinated and inclusive approach to community development across the wider area.

Source of Report:

Tricia Matthews, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 23

PATHWAYS ON THE ROYAL CANAL - AI107525

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

“That the Chief Executive write to Waterways Ireland requesting that the Royal Canal pathway be examined to ensure that it is made safe for walkers and cyclists to use without risk of injury, segregating the space and putting up signs requesting that cyclists ring their bells to alert other users.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to Waterways Ireland and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 24

PROTECTION OF GREEN SPACE IN DUNSINK AND SCRIBBLESTOWN - AI106498

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

“That this Committee agrees to reaffirm the Council’s commitment to the protection of wildlife and biodiversity by ensuring that hedgerows, trees, beneficial flora and fauna along with other wildlife habitats are protected from destruction in Dunsink and Scribblestown in any proposed development works in these townlands.”

Report:

The protection, maintenance and enhancement of the County’s Natural Heritage assets is a key strategic objective of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and is extensively addressed through a number of policies and objectives as set out in Chapter 9 (Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage). The Dunsink Urban Area Plan is currently under preparation. Green infrastructure and natural heritage will form a fundamental component of the spatial strategy for the forthcoming Plan. In devising the strategy, Fingal County Council will have regard to existing Development Plan policies in relation to the protection of wildlife and biodiversity.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 25

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF NITROUS OXIDE IN THIS LEA - AI107697

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief executive works with community partners to develop an awareness campaign to address the environmental impact that the proliferation of nitrous oxide cannisters is having in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

A national working group is currently being set-up to deal with the ongoing issues related to nitrous oxide cannisters. The working group will consist of representatives from the Regional Waste Management Planning Office, Local Authorities and possibly other relevant agencies.

We will seek further information as to the scope of what this working group intends to cover and will revert to Councillors in due course.

Source of Report:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 26

INCREASE HEIGHT OF BOUNDARY FENCING AT CHURCH FIELDS - AI108060

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive considers increasing the height of the boundary fencing along Damastown Avenue, at the new Church Fields development, to address safety concerns”

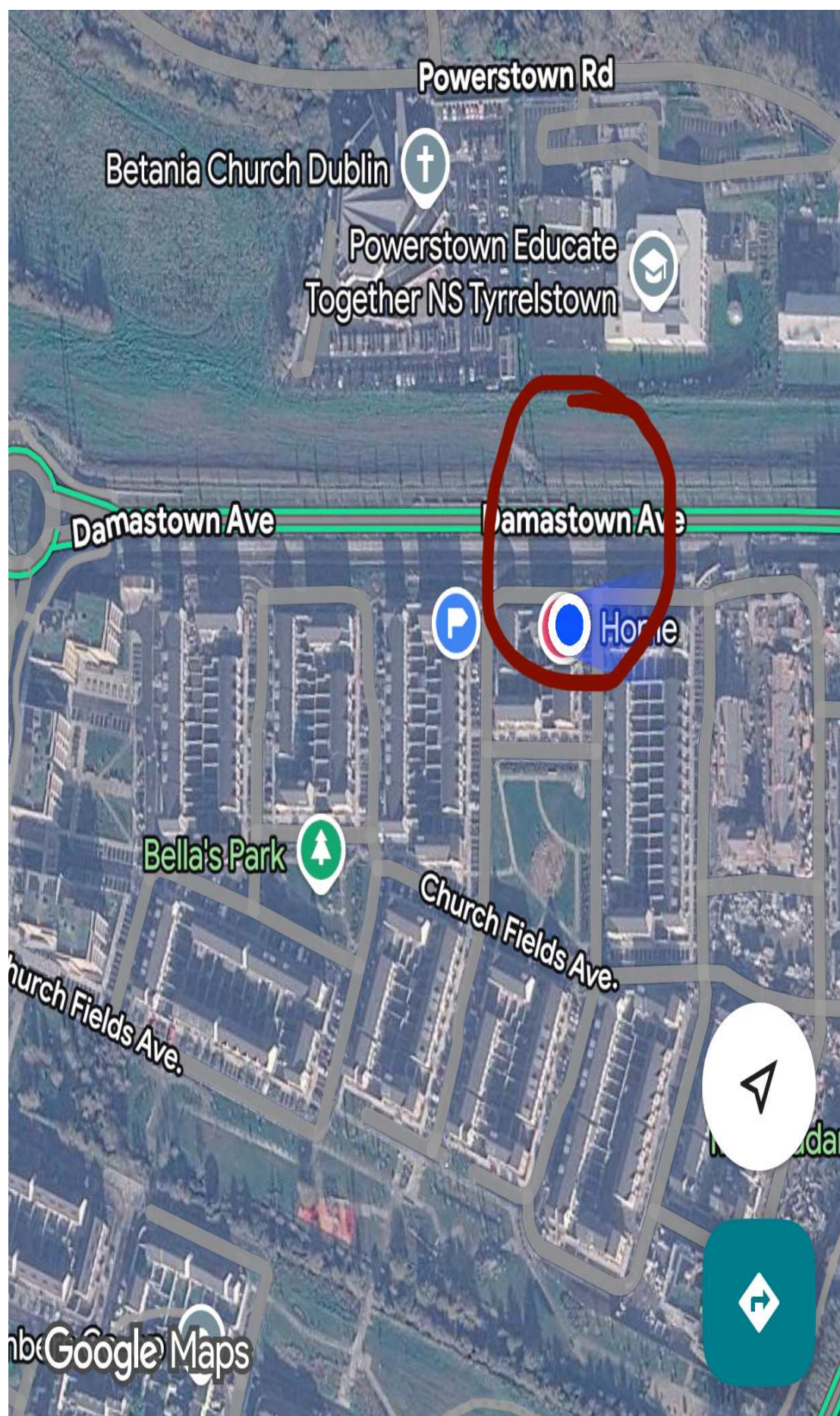
Report:

The boundary treatment along Damastown Avenue, as currently constructed and comprising a knee rail with native hedge planting, is in accordance with the approved Part 8 planning permission. A Design Risk Assessment was undertaken by appointed Landscape Design Consultants in respect of the Part 8 proposal. This assessment did not identify any hazards associated with the proposed knee rail boundary treatment with native hedging at planning stage. It is the intent that the native hedging will mature into a continuous hedge which will provide a natural, sustainable barrier.

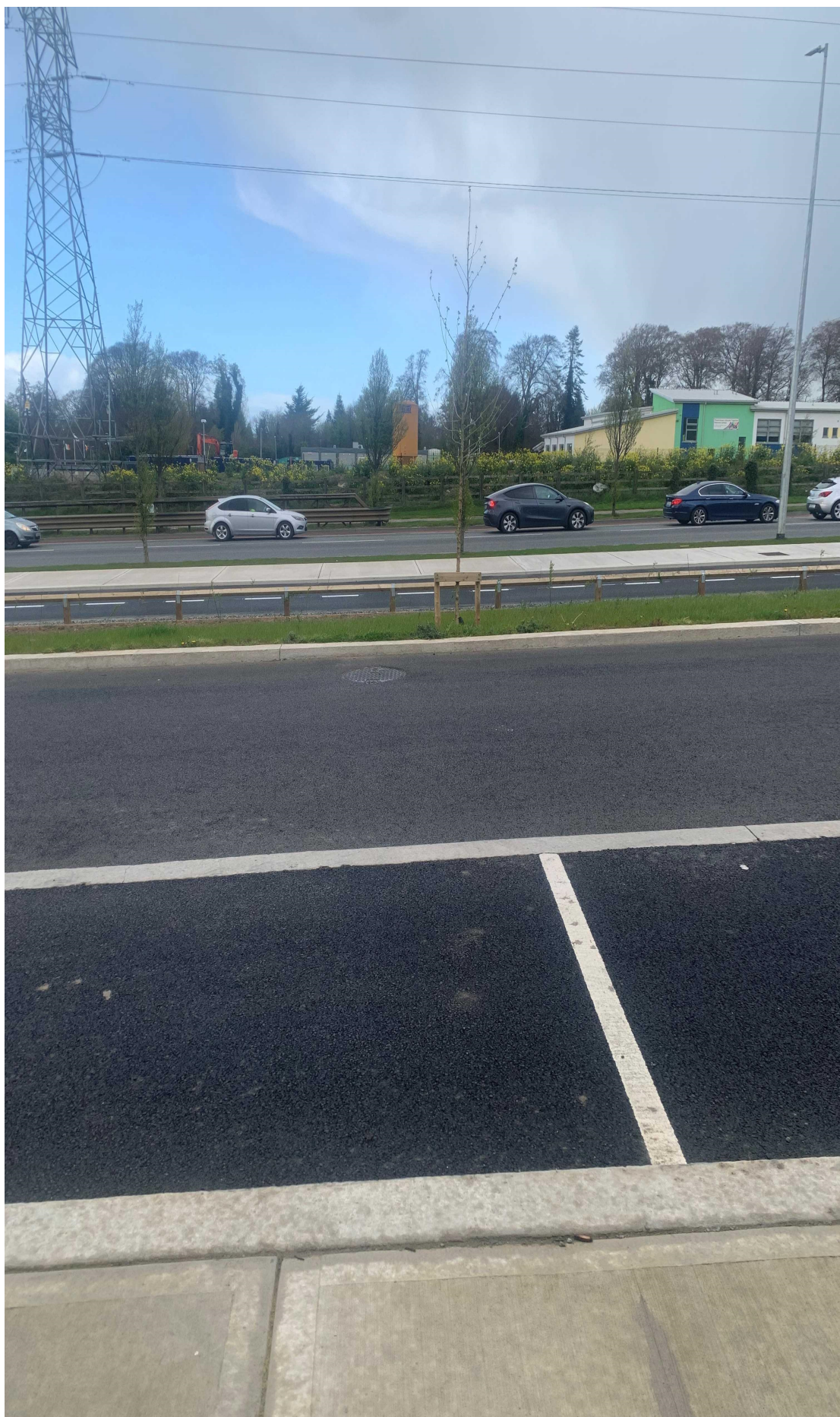
Source of Report:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 27

EXCLUSION OF DUBLIN 15 SCHOOLS FROM DEIS PLUS SCHEME - AI108164

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Education and Youth to reconsider the exclusion of the majority of schools in the Dublin 15 area from the Deis Plus scheme, in the context of several areas being classified as *'Very Disadvantaged'* in the Pobal HP Indices, and the need for mental health supports and more teaching resources for children in these communities."

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Education and Youth and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

NAMING OF NEW ACCESS LANE/ROAD AT ST. MOCHTA'S FOOTBALL CLUB - AI108172

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

“That the Chief Executive name the access road to the newly located St. Mochta's Football Club at St. Mochta's Lane with a name which is in keeping with the local area.”

Report:

The access road to the newly located St Mochta's football club is part of the larger Kellystown development. Naming of the estates and the streets is via planning compliance. It is the responsibility of the developer to submit appropriate naming proposals that adhere to the objectives of the development plan.

- **Objective HCAO63 - Naming of Residential Schemes**

Ensure that the naming of mixed residential and mixed-use schemes reflect local history, folklore and/or place names and are stated in the Irish language.

- **Objective HCAO64 - Townland Names**

Encourage the use and promotion of historical and current townland names in the urban and rural environment in both the Irish and English languages, with a view to supporting the provision of townlands' place names markers/signage.

- **Objective DMSO193 – Naming of Streets and Residential Estates and Language Heritage**

Naming of streets and residential estates shall reflect the local placenames and local people of note, heritage, language or topographical features as

appropriate and shall incorporate old placenames from the locality as much as possible and where appropriate shall be in Irish. The use of bi-lingual signage will be required.

The naming process is then as follows;

- Where planning permission is granted for a new residential development, a planning condition is included in respect of the naming of the development.
- When a compliance submission is received by the planning compliance section, a report is requested from the Heritage Officer.
- The Heritage Officer undertakes research on the proposed name, generally liaises with the relevant local historical society, the Irish Officer, evaluates the proposal and reports on its suitability. If a naming proposal is unacceptable a more suitable proposal is sought.
- The Heritage Officer returns report to planning compliance section; the planning compliance section evaluates other aspects e.g. the numbering scheme and when all issues have been dealt with satisfactorily, the relevant planning officer approves, and a letter issues to developer and to relevant public bodies.

Regarding the proposal of St Mochta's Lane. There is an existing scheme built around St Mochta-St Mochtas Lawn; St Mochtas Avenue; St Mochtas Green; St Mochtas Drive etc. at a distance to the north-east of the subject road. As per the guidelines for the naming of residential estates a name proposed must not duplicate or be easily confused with an existing name. This is in the interest of owners, occupiers, visitors, service and utility providers and for rapid emergency service provision. As such, St Mochtas Lane for this road would be considered a source of potential confusion and another proposal would be requested.

Source of Report:

Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 29

NATIONAL REGISTRATION OF SCRAMBLER BIKES - FINGAL WEST LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - AI108307

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Transport to support the recent request by the Fingal West Local Community Safety Partnership, for the introduction of a national registry for scrambler bikes, which would involve compulsory registration at a national level of all scrambler bikes, to assist effective enforcement of Grace's Law by the Gardaí.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 30

OPPOSITION TO CASINOS IN THIS LEA - AI106499

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to oppose any planning application for the development of gaming arcades, otherwise known as casinos, in this Local Electoral Area?"

Report:

In terms of land use, planning applications for casinos/gaming arcades are assessed in accordance with the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029.

The Development Plan outlines uses which are permitted/not permitted in the various land use zonings in place in the county. In addition, in order to protect and enhance the vitality and viability of the County's urban centres such as Blanchardstown, the Development Plan recognises the need to monitor the occurrence of non-retail uses (such as amusement centres).

Objective EEO105 of the Plan specifically relates to this and states

"Prevent an over-supply or dominance of fast food outlets, takeaways, off licences, adult shops, gaming arcades and betting offices in the main streets of towns and villages, shopping centres and local centres to ensure that injury is not caused to the amenities of these streets and centres through the loss of retail opportunities".

These provisions are implemented during the development management process when applications are being assessed.

Source of Report:

Sean Walsh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 31

**INVESTIGATE UNFINISHED DEVELOPMENT - HEATHFIELD ESTATE -
AI106877**

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

“That the Chief Executive carry out an investigation into the unfinished development at Heathfield Estate.”

Report:

Following the issuing of warning letters, a comprehensive Enforcement Notice was issued on 31st of May 2023 regarding identified non-compliance of various conditions of grant of permission(s) at Heathfield Estate. Investigations are currently active and ongoing by the Planning Enforcement section concerning engagement with all relevant parties to resolve all outstanding planning matters.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 32

REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TOLKA VALLEY PARK - AI108061

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on a strategic plan for the Tolka Valley Park.”

Report:

Work is progressing on scoping and surveys relating to the preparation of the Tolka Valley Regional Park Development Plan. This information will inform the brief for the Park Development Plan and ensure that the plan takes account of opportunities and constraints relating to the Regional Park. A further briefing on the Park Development Plan process will be presented later in the year.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 33

EXPANSION OF POWERSTOWN ALLOTMENTS - AI108085

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a consultation with the committee of Powerstown allotments with a view to taking the land, formerly used by (details supplied), into the catchment area of the allotments, thereby allowing the large number of residents waiting for an allotment to be accommodated."

Report:

The Council has secured the land referred to in the motion. Property Services is currently engaging with the Operations Department regarding the potential incorporation of the land into Powerstown Allotments.

Once internal discussions are complete, the Council will be in contact with the Committee of Powerstown Allotments to provide them with an update on this matter.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 34

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUNDING IN THIS LEA - AI108308

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive reviews the recent decision in relation to Community Activities funding to restrict payment to tutors to 50% of an overall grant allocation under Community Activities funding annually, as this is causing significant adverse implications for community groups in Dublin 15."

Report:

Following approval by Council in late 2025, the revised scheme has been in operation since January 2026. The Council recognises that community groups, including those in Dublin 15, require time to become familiar with the updated criteria and to adjust how activities are planned, costed, and delivered within the new parameters.

It is recognised also that any change of this nature can give rise to challenges for community groups, particularly where there is strong demand for programme-based activities that rely heavily on qualified tutors and facilitators.

As discussed with Members, demand for Community Activities remains exceptionally high across the county, with over 930 groups eligible to apply annually. In this context, it is necessary to apply consistent criteria countywide to ensure that limited funding resources can be distributed equitably and transparently, and that the greatest possible number of groups across Fingal can continue to be supported.

The cap on tutor payments was introduced to encourage a balanced use of funding, ensuring that grants also contribute towards essential non-pay costs such as equipment, materials, venue hire, insurance, accessibility supports and

participation expenses. This approach is intended to support the sustainability and inclusiveness of community activities, while reducing the risk that funding disproportionately benefits a smaller number of tutor intensive projects at the expense of broader community participation.

The Community Development office is engaging with local groups to provide practical guidance on budgeting, programme design, and alternative funding options, and will work with area-based staff to support groups in adapting to the revised scheme.

The impact of the changes to the operation of the CAF scheme will be examined later this year, and feedback from community groups and elected members will inform this process.

With the scheme having been recommended by the SPC and agreed by Full Council, any changes arising from this process will need to be channelled through the same fora for consideration.

Source of Report:

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