

Comhairle Contae Fingall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 14th May, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Mark

Butler, Darragh

Corkery, Luke

Dockrell, Eoghan

Johnston, Corina

Jack Kelly, Darren

Mulligan, Dean

Councillors:

Mulville, Paul

Murphy, Tony

Newman, Joe

Quinn, Malachy

Ryan, Brendan

Smyth, John

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Lilian Whelan (A/County Librarian), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer), Paul Barnes (Event Manager), Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer), Grainne Carrol (Administrative Officer), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Colin Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Roisin White (Senior Staff Officer), Stephen McGinn (Walking and Cycling Officer), Aaron O'Callaghan (Executive Engineer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Jamie Clowry (Graduates), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to alter the agenda to take the Motion "Swimming Platform - Balbriggan Beachfront - AI108370A" as the first item.

BSB/213/22 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor T. Murphy - Swimming Platform - Balbriggan Beachfront - AI108370A

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/214/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday 9th of April 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor M. Boland and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026 be **ADOPTED**

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor M. Boland and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 52 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/216/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Newman - Taking in Charge - R108 Naul Road - AI107709

BSB/217/22 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Newman - Additional Childcare Places - Swords - AI107711

BSB/218/22 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Newman - Report on Housing for over 70's in this LEA - AI107712

BSB/219/22 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Newman - School Wardens - Swords - AI108189

BSB/220/22 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor T. Murphy - EV Charging Points - Bath Road - Balbriggan - AI107963

BSB/221/22 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Smyth - Mobile Food Outlets in this LEA - AI107905

BSB/222/22 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Smyth - Air to Heat Pump Faults in this LEA - AI107907

BSB/223/22 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Smyth - Housing Sites in this LEA - AI107908

BSB/224/22 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Smyth - Rejected Social Housing Applications in this LEA - AI107909

BSB/225/22 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of Secondary School - Estuary West Lands, Swords - AI107910

BSB/226/22 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor J. Smyth - Timeframe for Re-Opening of Rivermeade Community Centre -
Swords - AI107911

BSB/227/22 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Smyth - Rivervalley Bottle Bank Relocation - Swords - AI107914

BSB/228/22 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Sports Audit - Rush/Lusk Electoral Area -
AI107923

BSB/229/22 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Progress of Entrance/Exit at Rush/Lusk Train
Station - AI107924

BSB/230/22 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road Project
- AI107925

BSB/231/22 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Coastal Cliff Walk - Tower Bay, Portrane and
Donabate Beach - AI107926

BSB/232/22 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Primary Care Centre - Donabate and Portrane -
AI107927

BSB/233/22 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Rush Sports Alliance - AI107951

BSB/234/22 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Status of Stephenstown Link Road, Balbriggan -
AI108274

BSB/235/22 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Quinn - Report on Slips, Trips and Falls - Main Streets - Balbriggan -
AI108276

BSB/236/22 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor G. Maguire - Safety Measures - Castlemill Link Road - Balbriggan -
AI107964

BSB/237/22 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Repairs to Balbriggan Library - AI108404

BSB/238/22 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Bremore Castle - AI108405

BSB/239/22 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor L. Corkery - Senior Citizens Day Centre Replacement Building - Swords - AI108004

BSB/240/22 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor L. Corkery - Pedestrian Bridge between Fingallians GAA Club and Balheary Park - Swords - AI108006

BSB/241/22 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor L. Corkery - Purchase of the Bostik Site - Swords - AI108007

BSB/242/22 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor L. Corkery - Development of Estuary Lands as Playing Pitches - Swords - AI108008

BSB/243/22 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor L. Corkery - Report on Holybanks Development, Swords - AI108009

BSB/244/22 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor L. Corkery - Provision of Inline Hockey Rink - Swords - AI108156

BSB/245/22 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor L. Corkery - Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor - Swords - AI108271

BSB/246/22 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108293

BSB/247/22 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Defective Block Scheme - Rush and Lusk - AI108295

BSB/248/22 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports Facility Audit - Rush and Lusk - AI108296

BSB/249/22 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor M. Boland - Accessibility Audit - Rush - AI108297

BSB/250/22 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Acquisition of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI108378

BSB/251/22 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor C. Johnston - Name Plaque for Naul Village Park - AI108379

BSB/252/22 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor C. Johnston - Commemorative Monument at The Hand - Donabate - AI108380

BSB/253/22 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI108396

- BSB/254/22** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor C. Johnston - Extension to Donabate/Portrane Community Centre - AI108397
- BSB/255/22** (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor C. Johnston - Proposals for Padel Courts in this LEA - AI108398
- BSB/256/22** (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor C. Johnston - Primary Care Centre - Donabate - AI108399
- BSB/257/22** (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor D. Butler - Replacement of Bottle Bank in Rivervalley - Swords - AI108381
- BSB/258/22** (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Running Track - Bremore, Balbriggan - AI108391
- BSB/259/22** (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of All-weather Pitch or MUGA - Mourne Estate, Skerries - AI108392
- BSB/260/22** (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor P. Mulville - Litter and Dog Warden Enforcement - Donabate/Portrane - AI108413
- BSB/261/22** (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Archaeological Findings - Swords Castle - AI108419
- BSB/262/22** (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Boarded-Up Houses - Dublin Road, Swords - AI108421
- BSB/263/22** (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor P. Mulville - Pollution Status on Rivers and Estuary in this LEA - AI108422
- BSB/264/22** (Agenda Item No 50)
Councillor P. Mulville - Four Bedroom Council Houses in this LEA - AI108423
- BSB/265/22** (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Playing Pitch for Fingallians GAA Club - AI108424
- BSB/266/22** (Agenda Item No 52)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Purchase of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI108425
- BSB/267/22** (Agenda Item No 53)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report.”

BSB/268/22 (Agenda Item No 53b)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report.”

BSB/269/22 (Agenda Item No 54)
Proposed Disposals

a Notice of proposed disposal of Murtagh's Public House, Residence and Car Park, at Ballough, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Thornberry Property Holdings Limited, Stephenstown Business Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

The Report was noted.

BSB/270/22 (Agenda Item No 55)
Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

Mr. Paul Barnes (Event Manager, ECCD Department) gave a presentation on the Flavours of Fingal event.

Following a discussion the presentation was noted.

BSB/271/22 (Agenda Item No 56)
PARTXI/001/26: Proposed Development of Road Infrastructure at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Ms. Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer, ECCD Department) and Mr. Marcus Clifford (Consultant from Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates) gave a presentation on PARTXI/001/26: Proposed Development of Road Infrastructure at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and following discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/272/22 (Agenda Item No 57)

EirGrid Project Update Briefing

Ms. Grainne Duffy and Mr. Dara McGowan (Consultants from EirGrid) gave a presentation on the EirGrid Project Update.

Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/273/22 (Agenda Item No 58)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 1st April 2026 from the HSE regarding Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell/Councillor C. Johnston Motion - Tenant Purchase Scheme - Portrane Avenue Tenants - AI106701**

The letter from the HSE was Noted.

- b** **E-mail dated 15th April 2026 from the Minister of Education and Youth regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - Soláthar Gaelcholáiste sa Toghlímistéar Áitiúil Seo - AI107168**

The letter from the Minister of Education and Youth was NOTED.

- c** **E- mail dated 15th April 2026 from the Minister of Education and Youth regarding Councillor J. Smyth Motion - Provision of a Gaelcholáiste for Swords - AI107112**

The letter from the Minister of Education and Youth was NOTED.

- d** **E-mail dated 25th April 2026 from the NTA regarding Councillor D. Mulligan Motion - Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown - AI107225**

The letter from the NTA was NOTED.

BSB/274/22 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor L. Corkery - Establishment of Tourism Board for Swords - AI108057

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

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

BSB/275/22 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Bath and Boathouse Rejuvenation - Balbriggan

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

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

BSB/276/22 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor C. Johnston - On-site Meeting with Balcarrick Golf Club - Donabate - AI107616

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell

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

BSB/277/22 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor J. Smyth - Business Litter Awareness Campaign - AI107904

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

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

BSB/278/22 (Agenda Item No 63)

Councillor L. Corkery - BusConnects Route for Holywell - Swords - AI108080

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

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

BSB/279/22 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor J. Newman - Road Safety Concerns - Forrest Road and Dublin Street Junction - Swords - AI108188

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy

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

BSB/280/22 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor M. Quinn - Illegal Dumping at Clonard Brook - Taylor's Hill, Balbriggan - AI108273

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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

BSB/281/22 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor B. Ryan/ Councillor M. Quinn - Rockabill Seabird Breeding Colony - AI108280

The Motion in the names of Councillors B. Ryan and M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

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

BSB/282/22 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor D. Kelly - Re-naming of Park - Rathbeale Road - Swords - AI108407

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

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

BSB/283/22 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor P. Mulville - Future Housing Schemes in this LEA - AI108429

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan

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

BSB/284/22 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Community Car Scheme - AI108157

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan

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

BSB/285/22 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor L. Corkery - On Site Meeting - Brackenstown Road Junction - Swords -
AI108235

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

The report by the Chief Executive was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/286/22 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor D. Kelly - Inquiry to Broadband Connection - Rivermeade - AI108420

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 17:51

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 02

Update on Footpath - Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI108426

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive if enforcement action is ongoing regarding the lack of footpath provision at Cobbe Court on Portrane Road in Donabate as per the planning permission and if Tuath Housing have acknowledged their responsibility in the matter?”

Reply:

There is an open Planning Enforcement investigation regarding the matters raised, file reference ENF24.044A. An Enforcement Notice has issued. There is active engagement with the relevant parties regarding the completion of works to comply with the steps specified in the Notice.

Source of Reply: Fearghal McSweeney. Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 03

Former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald - AI108428

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald is on the Council’s vacant sites register, and if not, the reason why?”

Reply:

The Vacant Site Register is available for public viewing on our website at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/vacant-sites-register> . The former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald is not currently on the Council's vacant sites register.

This site was not examined for the vacant sites register as it was being addressed under the derelict sites legislation, and it was not brought to the council's attention since then. There have been no new sites placed on the vacant site register since the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) legislation came into effect in 2022/2023. The subject site can be inspected to ascertain if it needs to be placed on the RZLT.

Source of Reply: Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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

THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 04

Maintenance - Donabate Main Street - AI108918

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on who is responsible for the maintenance of the road from Donabate Main Street into Ballisk Court/Super Valu and if a map can be provided showing the boundary of the Council’s area of maintenance?”

Reply:

The road from Main Street as far as the end of the Donabate Business Centre is unregistered land. The Council referencers are working to establish ownership, although this may take some time.

The road from the end of the Donabate Business centre back to the end of the road ending in a cul-de-sac at 71 and 82 Ballisk Court is owned by BALLISK COURT MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

Fingal County Council has not taken in charge any part of Ballisk Court.

Source of Reply: Martin Byrne, SEE, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 05

Planning Enforcement - The Burrow - Portrane - AI108920

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of planning enforcement cases currently being investigated in and around the Burrow in Portrane, the steps being taken to progress these enforcement cases and if greater targeted attention can be given to the area, as it is a sensitive coastal location with ongoing unauthorised developments taking place?”

Reply:

The Planning Enforcement section is actively pursuing enforcement matters in the Burrow, Portrane area.

There are currently 20 ongoing investigations in this area at various stages of the Planning Enforcement process. 20 warning letters and 8 Enforcement Notices have been issued. 5 files have been referred to the Law Department, with legal proceedings ongoing on one file and concluded in favour of the Council on 4 files with only the discharging of costs remaining outstanding.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE (Services B - Strategic and General Matters)

Thursday 11th June 2026

ITEM NO. 06

UPDATE ON NEWBRIDGE WALL RESTORATION - DONABATE - AI108921

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the important conservation and restoration project on the 18th-century estate walls surrounding Newbridge House and Demesne to restore the stonework and replace the traditional, breathable "harling" (lime-based render) that originally protected the masonry?"

Reply:

The Council have embarked on a programme of conservation works to the Newbridge Estate Wall to address the deterioration of the wall and to protect its integrity for future generations. The project represents a significant investment by the Council and its Operations Department on a highly visible estate wall comprising more than 3,344 metres of masonry. In line with good conservation practice, the works are being undertaken by skilled conservation accredited contractors using appropriate materials and informed by historic analysis, evidence and research.

Phase 1 was completed in 2021 on Hearse Road west and part of Cobbe's Lane and consolidated and conserved a continuous 450-metre-long section of the estate wall. The Phase 1 repair have been in place for over four years and is weathering successfully. The wall structure remains protected by the lime harling coat which is anticipated will naturally weather, changing colour and tone

over time, while providing protection to the masonry and ensuring long term protection of the wall.

Phase 2 Works - the current phase of works - utilise a similar specification, methodology and approach to the work. Phase 2 covers a further 284 metres in four separate locations on Turvey Avenue and Hearse Road. All Phase 2 stonework repairs, including 64 meters of re-construction of collapsed or near-collapsed sections, are complete, re-using existing masonry only. Lime harling has been re-applied to 167 metres on Hearse Road and FCC are hopeful of completing the remaining section on Turvey Avenue expeditiously to ensure appropriate protection of the stonework.

The works have been informed by a conservation led approach, involving research and evidence. Research into estate records discovered original receipts for quantities and notes of estate wall construction materials- masonry, lime, plaster - which dated the wall to the early 19th century; just as the estate boundary adjusted to its final and current shape. There was also extensive evidence, on all sections of the Newbridge perimeter of a traditional harling or plaster coating on the outer surface of the face and top coping of wall. The condition of the surviving plaster and an examination of the wall sections behind it, suggested that these were the oldest and original sections of the estate wall, and that the harling was contemporaneous with it. Again, historic photographic evidence from estate records shows harled walls adjacent to the Kilcrea gates, at Hearse Road. This forms the basis and some of the evidence for our specification of like-for-like historic plaster as an intrinsic part of the estate wall repair proposal.

As a traditional building skill and method of construction, harling has both function and aesthetic purpose. As a protective coating, the harling provides an effective, functional coping, or top cover, for the wall, which is the first point of failure - from the effects of vegetation and rainfall.

Phase 2 works also involved the conservation and reinstatement of the original decorative ironwork gates and granite piers at Hearse Road and this work is nearing completion on site.

Future phases of estate wall repairs - on Hearse Road, Cobbes Lane and Turvey Avenue - will present particular access and traffic challenges. Future phases will be subject to funding availability and will be informed by research and experience from works successfully completed to date.

FCC is confident that the conservation-led approach to masonry repairs being followed at Newbridge is correct and authentic to this location, informed by evidence, and will prolong the life of the historic demesne wall and the Council's investment.

Source of Reply: Pat Boyle Senior Architect, Architects Department.

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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

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ITEM NO. 07

Provision of a Walkway between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane in Rush - AI108519

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Active Travel Department to prioritising the building of a walkway between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane in Rush to improve connectivity between these two locations?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Team has an extensive and full programme of works to deliver under this years programme of works. The above link between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane and the upgrade of Ferran's Lane through to the main street in Rush has been identified and is currently on our permeability and connectivity tracker for assessment and progression.

Works relating to the developments in this area are still being addressed, and on completion of these works, we will be in a position to progress the required works in this area. It should be noted that some of these works are provided for in the plans for the Class 1 Open Space extension to Kenure Park which will be delivered through Development Management in the coming months.

Source of Reply: Breen Doris, A/Senior Engineer, Active Travel Unit

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ITEM NO. 08

Update on Broadmeadow Way Project - AI108894

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Broadmeadow Way project linking Donabate to Malahide?

Reply:

Progress on the detailed design phases of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works. Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework. It is intended that stage 2 tenders will issue in Q3 2026. Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2027.

Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.

Following a tender process for constructing the greenway on the causeway, it is expected that a contractor will be appointed for the causeway contract in Summer 2026. Construction of the greenway on the Causeway will be carried out during 2026 and 2027.

Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in early 2028.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport

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**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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ITEM NO. 09

Upgrade Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate - AI108895

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the project to upgrade the cliff walk from Tower Bay in Portrane to Donabate?

Reply:

The Council has appointed a design consultant to assist with the initial stages of development of this project, up to Option Selection stage.

We are currently assessing feasible options and preparing associated project timelines and cost estimates, with a view to securing the necessary funding to advance this project to planning application stage, and subsequently through to construction stage.

Source of Reply: Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Transport & Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 10

Rogerstown Park - Coastal Walkway -AI108896

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for a coastal walkway from the end of Channel Road in Rush to Rogerstown Park?”

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed coastal greenway linking Donabate with Balbriggan via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries. The scheme is being developed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and forms part of TII’s proposed National Cycle Network (NCN). The scheme is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council and is reflected in the current development plan, which outlines numerous policies and objectives to plan and develop a route that integrates a coastal pedestrian and cycle route with sensitive natural and built heritage sites whilst achieving a balance between conservation of such sites and public uses such as leisure, recreation and tourism. This scheme is also identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan and furthermore aligns with the objectives of the “Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways” published by the Department of Transport.

The emerging preferred route of the Fingal Coastal Way connects Rogerstown Park to Rush, via Channel Road.

Source of Reply: Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 11

Coastal Protection Works at Portrane Beach - AI108897

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline on the emergency coastal protection works being undertaken on Portrane beach, including committing to repositioning the seabees following the placement of rock armour, before the storm season recommences later this year?

Reply:

Works have commenced on emergency coastal protection works at the southern end of The Burrow Beach, Portrane. This involves placement of a rock armour revetment along approximately 300 linear metres of the most vulnerable section of coastline on the Portrane peninsula. It is expected that the works will take approximately 2 months to complete however this is highly dependent on weather conditions over the summer period. Separately, the SeaBee array along the beach is being assessed by the Council's engineering consultants to determine if the repositioning of some or all of the SeaBees is warranted to ensure that their effectiveness is optimised. If necessary, the relocation of the SeaBees will be undertaken following the completion of the emergency works.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

Development and Management Companies - AI108546

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of public affairs contacts within Property Development and Management Companies in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords area to improve communication in the case of estates and developments that are not taken in charge?”

Reply:

The Council have no statutory powers or regulatory function in private developments managed by Owner Management Companies (OMCs).

OMCs are regulated through the MUDs legislation and more recently by the Property Services Regulation Act 2011 which established the Property Services Regulatory Authority. Therefore, the Council does not formally have any contact details for any OMCs that can be shared nor is the Council allowed to hold such information.

Source of Reply: Martin Byrne, SEE, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 13

Review of Allocated Parking - Baile na Móna - Swords - AI108659

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the lack of allocated parking in the Baile na Móna housing development and to consider introducing designated or additional parking spaces to help prevent future disputes and support positive community relations?"

Reply:

Baile na Móna Phase 1 is designed and permitted on the basis of unassigned, on-street parking, in line with the density and layout requirements of the S179A Planning and the Fingal Development Plan (2023-2029). 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 1 provides 412 parking spaces (1.5 spaces per unit), reflecting the reduced parking standards now required under the 2023–2029 Development Plan and the Compact Settlement Guidelines. It is also proposed that 3 No. GoCar spaces shall be afforded throughout the development.

The overall Baile na Móna strategy is based on a modal shift away from car dependency. The site is located in an area accessible by existing active travel infrastructure and is served by public transport, with further improvements planned under the BusConnects programme.

The proposed development will provide high-quality sustainable travel infrastructure, including footpaths, cycle links, cycle facilities and bus facilities and will enable numerous connections to the surrounding areas, thereby encouraging active and sustainable travel. The planned BusConnects route 22 extension to the centre of the site, agreed in principle with the NTA, will significantly improve public transport accessibility.

The supporting Traffic and Transport Assessments conclude that, considering the existing and planned sustainable travel accessibility of the proposed development and the Residential Travel Plan, the proposed car parking provision is appropriate and balances the mobility needs of future residents. An overprovision of car parking would undermine these objectives.

The planning basis, taken-in-charge implication and the regulations around public streets mean that fixed or individually allocated parking spaces cannot be implemented. As residents settle into the estate, Council staff will monitor parking and traffic behaviour and will consider management measures that remain consistent with the approved planning framework and the long-term transport strategy for the area.

Source of Reply: Tricia Matthews, Administrative Officer, Housing Department (prepared by Architects Department)

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ITEM NO. 14

Water Quality Testing in Broadmeadow River - Swords AI108679

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to investigate water quality in the Broadmeadow River at Balheary Bridge and to confirm that there is no substance present that may harm the eco-system of the river which includes sea trout, salmon and a small stock of brown trout?”

Reply:

Water quality in the River Broadmeadow at Balheary Bridge has been monitored by the EPA since 1973 and monitored by Fingal County Council since at least 2008.

The EPA tests the river to determine the rivers’ ability to support the growth of macroinvertebrates in the bed of the river while Fingal County Council tests the water column to determine nutrient levels in the river. The combination of all these tests then forms what is called a biotic index which indicates the overall water quality of the river.

Since 1973 the biotic index of the river at Balheary Bridge continues to fluctuate between a state of been unpolluted, slightly and moderately polluted over the past 18 monitoring cycles with the biotic index reducing from a biotic index of Q4 “unpolluted” in 1973 to a biotic index of Q3 namely “moderately polluted” in 2024.

The EPA cited the main cause of this most recent deterioration been due to excessive siltation and nutrient enrichment.

Albeit the river at this location is classified as been moderately polluted the chemistry of the water column does not indicate that the river currently poses a significant risk to aquatic species within the river.

Fingal County Council will continue to monitor and evaluate the river at this location and other locations upstream Balheary Bridge to try and restore the biotic index of the river to at least a Q4, namely unpolluted.

Source of Reply: David T Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, ECAAT Department

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ITEM NO. 15

Improvements to Brackenstown Road Junction - Swords - AI108680

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

To ask the Chief Executive if the Infrastructure and Transport Department still intends to examine improvements to the junction of Church Road and Brackenstown Road in the medium-term, as agreed by this Area Committee on numerous occasions?

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department have no current plans to examine improvements to the to the junction of Church Road and Brackenstown Road in the medium-term. The project is not included in the current Capital Works Programme.

The priority currently for the Infrastructure and Transport Department is the Swords Main Street Transformation. It should be noted that a new entrance to the Ward River Regional Park is being planned on Church Road and this plan will include provision for improved active travel infrastructure adjoining the entrance.

Source of Reply: Linda lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 16

FLAVOURS OF FINGAL TRANSPORT – AI108681

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive, in the absence of the usual shuttle buses, if contact has been made with Iarnród Éireann and Dublin Bus regarding a request for additional services for the Flavours of Fingal County Show?”

Reply:

The Events Office has been in contact with Irish Rail requesting additional services for the event. Dublin Bus do not service Donabate and contact was made with Go-Ahead requesting additional services. Both transport providers are currently reviewing.

Source of Reply: Paul Barnes – Events Manager

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ITEM NO. 17

Miller's Square Taken In Charge - AI108807

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the taking-in-charge process for Miller's Square which is located in front of the retail units at the entrance to Miller's Glen, Swords?”

Reply:

We have not received a taking in charge request for this area.

Source of Reply: Martin Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 18

Report on the Three Vacant/Undeveloped Crèche Sites in Lusk - AI108781

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the three vacant/undeveloped crèche sites in Lusk, namely (i) Lusk Village Childcare Site – McGarrell Reilly Developer, (ii) Rahenny Park Childcare), and (iii) The Forge Childcare Site – Dwyer Nolan Developer, outlining the planning history for each site, any subsequent applications, extensions, amendments, refusals, or compliance actions and to confirm how long each site has remained vacant/undeveloped since the childcare requirement/permission was first established and whether any permissions have expired or remain live on each site?”

- 1) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mgpbuiLMVeXpKxkT9>
- 2) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fGLnFRKkAfUdW5zf7>
- 3) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m31zmZBuTHW8CVSk9>

Reply:

Site (i)

The application site is currently zoned RS: Residential. There is an extensive planning history within the wider area dating back to the early 2000's for residential development and subsequent amending permissions (this includes planning

reference numbers F00A/1391 F00A/1454 F01A/1059 F01A/1465 F02A/0570 F02A/0572 and F03A/0212). With regard to the application site specifically, a creche was unsuccessfully applied for in 2007 under planning reference number F07A/0451: 2 storey creche/childcare facility (area 567sq. m.) with enclosed play area to rear, new vehicular entrance, car parking and associated site work. Planning permission was refused for three reasons relating to traffic hazard, scale of development and lack of details regarding water and foul services.

A desktop study indicates there have been no subsequent applications at the site in the intervening period.

Site (ii)

The application site is currently zoned RA: Residential. There is an extensive history on the wider area. The most relevant planning applications are as follows:

F18A/0645 : The construction of 50 two storey houses comprising of 6 no. type A (5 bedroom houses); 16 no. type B (5 bedroom houses); 3 no. type C (4 bedroom houses); 25 no. type D (4 bedroom houses); together with a Crèche (172 GFA sqm) and ESB substation on lands accessed off the upgraded Raheny Lane, as approved by Reg. Ref. F15A/0480; to be further extended by a new 6m wide road with 2.5m combined footpath and cycle track. The development includes all associated site works and infrastructure which includes landscaped open spaces, internal roads, paths, public lighting, utilities, drainage and surface water attenuation. The open spaces include part of a new park and a new pedestrian access onto Rathmore Road. Permission granted subject to conditions.

Condition no. 3 of planning reference number F18A/0645 required site 23 to be reserved for provision of a childcare facility and subject to a future planning application for same. Under Planning reference number F23A/0183, permission was sought to develop Site No.23 as a residential dwelling. This application was refused on 24 May 2023.

Planning application reference number F23A/0183 sought permission to develop Site No.23 as a residential dwelling. This application was refused permission on 24th May 2023 for one reason, relating to childcare facility requirements. No subsequent applications have been received in respect of Site No.23 at Rahenny Park.

Site (iii)

The application site is currently zoned RS: Residential. There is an extensive planning history within the wider area with the initial residential scheme granted under planning reference number F06/0608 which included c200 residential units and a creche (subsequent permissions includes planning reference numbers F13A/0050 and F15A/0015).

Planning Application Reference number F26A/0263E sought permission to develop the reserved childcare site as 2no. residential dwellings. This application was refused on 25th May 2026.

Source of Reply: Colm McCoy, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Dept

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ITEM NO. 19

Policy Tools - Vacant Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI108782

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what policy tools the Council have available where crèche sites in Lusk remain vacant long-term, specifically in respect of (i) Lusk Village Childcare Site – McGarrell Reilly Developer, (ii) Rahenny Park Childcare Site, and (iii) The Forge Childcare Site, and what actions can be taken so that communities are not left with idle sites and no childcare/community infrastructure delivered?”

- 1) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mgpbuiLMVeXpKxkT9>
- 2) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fGLnFRKkAfUdW5zf7>
- 3) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m31zmZBuTHW8CVSk9>

Reply:

If a site is left derelict, it becomes a matter for the derelict sites team. The sites may be considered in the context of the residential zoned land tax legislation too. However, this legislation seeks to have the land developed and is not specific to provision of childcare/community facilities.

Where a breach of a condition of a grant of permission has occurred, Planning Enforcement can investigate and take appropriate enforcement action regarding non-compliance with same. There is an open planning enforcement file on this matter at the Forge Lusk, reference ENF25.136. Planning Enforcement will carry out

an investigation in relation to the other two sites referenced to determine if a breach of the Planning code is occurring, and take appropriate action thereafter.

Source of Reply: Fearghal McSweeney. Administrative Officer. Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 20

Requirement for Pedestrian Crossing - Regles Estate - Lusk - AI108869

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a traffic and pedestrian safety assessment at the entrance to the new Regles Estate on Minister’s Road in Lusk and advise if a formal/informal pedestrian crossing can be considered for inclusion in a future Programme of Works so that pedestrians from the estate can cross safely to Dun Emer and the walking and cycling paths currently in place?”

Reply:

- The Regles Development is currently under construction and not in the charge of Fingal County Council. The Developer is conditioned in relation to boundary treatment to the front of the development in relation to provision of walking and cycling infrastructure for vulnerable road users.
- The Active Travel Unit have engaged a consultant who is currently developing options in relation to the provision of safe walking and cycling infrastructure along Minister Road to the Public Transport links on the R132 to the west. This will include connectivity to Dun Emer to the south of Ministers Road and the Regles Estate.

Source of Reply: Breen Doris, A/Senior Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 21

Taking in Charge of The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108872

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current position regarding the taking in charge of The Forge Estate in Lusk and if any financial recourse is available to the Council in respect of the developer, as residents have been waiting for resolution on this taking in charge process for an extended period of time?”

Reply:

The developer and his consulting engineers are currently gathering the required documentation to upload to Fingal's internal sharepoint site. Once all documentation is uploaded and in order, the developer will then carry out any works necessary to bring the estate to the standard required to take it in charge.

The overall timeline for the completion of any required works and the progression of the taking in charge process is dependent on the developer's continued engagement.

Source of Reply: Martin Byrne, SEE, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 22

STATE-LED CHILDCARE ROLLOUT PROGRAMME FOR 2027 - AI108873

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Council has engaged with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the already-constructed crèche facility at the Regles Estate, Lusk (where no operator has yet been secured), with a view to proposing it for inclusion in the State-Led childcare rollout programme for 2027, which is seeking existing built childcare facilities that can be brought into service?”

Reply:

The Council is actively engaging with the Department regarding the provision of State-led not-for-profit early learning and childcare services in Fingal as part of the scheme announced in January 2026 with a view to building a pipeline of projects in Fingal over the time horizon of the programme.

The Council is also actively liaising with the Fingal County Childcare Committee to identify and put forward sites for consideration by the Department under the Scheme. The creche facility at Regles Estate in Lusk will be examined and considered.

Sites that meet the requirements/criteria of the Scheme are being put forward to the Department for consideration for potential acquisition and future operation of not-for-profit childcare services which will provide additional childcare places at those locations as part of the Department’s programme.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 23

Rogerstown Park Opening Hours - AI108875

Question: Councillor M. Boland

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Rogerstown Park opening hours and when the park will be open on a Sunday, including an update on the current engagement with the EPA, timeline for statutory planning and expected completion of the project?

Reply:

The Council is currently seeking a meeting with the EPA to discuss the Draft Masterplan for Rogerstown Park / Former Balleally Landfill in the context of the Council's responsibilities regarding the closure and aftercare of the landfill. When the EPA has provided the necessary feedback regarding the draft plan, a further briefing on this matter will be provided.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

PROPOSED PLANS/DESIGNS FOR THE FORGE GREEN SPACE - AI108879

Question: Councillor M. Boland

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the proposed plans/designs for The Forge Green space in Lusk, (Location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wCPbALho6Hujhksn6>) including what stage the project is at (concept/design/approval), and to confirm when Elected Members and the local community can expect to see the proposed plans?"

Report:

The designs for The Forge green space and the three additional parks within Lusk which were granted funding under the Town Centre First Suite of Supports in September of 2024 have been received from the appointed contractor.

The plans are being reviewed internally by relevant Departments within Fingal County Council. A Strategic Environmental Assessment is required to be completed once this review is complete. When this has been received a briefing session will be arranged for the local elected members and the plans will be presented to all local stakeholders.

Source of Reply: Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 25

Redundant Crèche sites in Miller's Glen - Swords - AI108817

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to explore the issue with regard to the four redundant crèche sites in Millers Glen, and provide an insight as to the vision for these sites?”

Reply:

The overall development at Millers Glen provides for 5 no. crèche units permitted across a number of separate planning permissions. No planning applications have been received to date seeking to amend or change the use of these units.

These permissions include;

Reg. Ref. F11A/0436 (Permission was granted in 2012 for the construction of 245 no. dwellings and a creche). This permission is generally complete.

Reg. Ref. F11A/0473 (Permission was granted in 2013 for the construction of 224 no. dwellings and a local centre, including a creche). This permission is generally complete.

Reg. Ref. F17A/0687 (Permission was granted in 2018 for 92 no. houses and a creche). This permission is also generally complete.

ABP Ref. 313362-22 (Strategic Housing Development Application granted for 650 no. residential units and a creche. This site is under development.

ABP Ref. 313302-22 (Strategic Housing Development Application granted for 377 no. residential units and a creche. This site is under development.

Source of Reply: Gerard Brennan, A/Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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Item No. 26

Acquire Site at the Junction of Watery Lane and the Rathbeale Road for Social Housing – Swords - A1108818

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to acquire the site at the junction of Rathbeale Road and Watery Lane for social housing as this site could possibly be acquired with the co-operation of the Land Development Agency?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council carried out an assessment, which determined that the site is not considered to support the delivery of a sustainable community as a wholly social housing scheme, given the already substantial concentration of social housing within the Swords area and we will proceed only with the acquisition of the Part V social housing. It is also noted that a separate party is currently engaged in commercially sensitive negotiations in relation to the site.

Source of Reply: Marina Rennicks, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 27

Design Brief for Swords Western Distributor Road - AI108819

Question: Councillor J. Newman

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the consultants design brief for the Swords Western Distributor Road with Swords Councillors in the coming weeks?

Reply:

A briefing on the Swords Western Distributor Road can be arranged for Councillors.

Source of Reply: Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 28

**PURCHASE OF SITE ADJACENT TO THE WARD RIVER - SUSTAINABLE
SWORDS PROJECT - AI108820**

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to purchase or land swap with the owners of the site beside the Old School House restaurant in Swords with a view to preventing encroachment onto the greenway/cycleway planned as part of the Sustainable Swords Project?”

Reply:

Property Services will review the potential acquisition of the site at the Old School House Restaurant in Swords with the Sustainable Swords Project Team to determine whether there is a requirement for an acquisition to support the project.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 29

Pathway blocked at Castle Shopping Centre - AI108821

Question: Councillor J. Newman

To ask the Chief Executive if it is intended to reverse the blocking of the pedestrian way at Bridge Street at the rear of the Castle Shopping Centre, as it is restricting the intention to improve cycling and pedestrianisation as provided for in the Sustainable Swords Project?

Reply:

In the context of the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan, the opening of this access route is being assessed. The relevant legal and land ownership issues are being investigated to determine the best approach to having the blockage removed as one of a range of access and active travel improvements included in the park development plan.

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

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ITEM NO. 30

Update on ORIS-Funded Feasibility Study - AI108831

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update report on the ORIS-funded feasibility study on a possible greenway between Balrothery and Ardgillan Demesne?

Reply:

The Council has sought a proposal from suitably qualified consultants to undertake a feasibility study for an active travel link between Balrothery village and Ardgillan Demesne. Funding for this study will take advantage of approved ORIS grant funding and the brief for study will take account of the recently completed mobility study for Balrothery.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

Fingal Coastal Way Residents Meeting - Balbriggan - AI108863

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for an early meeting with residents of Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove in Balbriggan to outline current options being considered in terms of possible changes to traffic flow to facilitate the Fingal Coastal Way?

Reply:

The Council has undertaken significant non-statutory public consultations on the Fingal Coastal Way including separate non-statutory consultations held in 2019, 2021 and 2022. On the basis of this extensive engagement, on-site surveys are underway and the planning application documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment report are currently being prepared.

As part of the planning process, a statutory consultation will be held inviting further input.

Source of Reply: Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 32

Review of Ballisk Park/Balmoston Entrance - Donabate - AI108845

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the main entrance to the Ballisk Park/Balmoston development entrance on the New Road in Donabate on safety grounds given the narrow width of this entrance which is a huge concern for residents who have recently moved into the estates?"

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department will liaise with the Architects Department and Glenveagh in relation to the newly constructed junction at New Road and Ballisk Park.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 33

Kilcrea/Hearse Road Junction Upgrade - Broadmeadow Way - AI108849

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Kilcrea/Hearse Road Junction upgrade works, which form part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway, will commence and be completed given the increase in commuters walking to the bus stop at this location from the Hampden Hill development?"

Reply:

The improvement works at the junction of Kilcrea/ Hearse Road will be carried out during 2027 as part of the landward works contract for Broadmeadow Way.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport

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ITEM NO. 34

Opening Hours - Rogerstown Park - AI108859

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the outstanding works have been completed at Rogerstown Park and when the opening hours will be extended given the park has been opened on Saturdays only since the park first opened in 2019?”

Reply:

The main Strategic Engineering Works required for the closure of Balleally Landfill have now been completed. The Council is currently seeking a meeting with the EPA to discuss the Draft Masterplan for Rogerstown Park / Former Balleally Landfill in the context of the Council’s responsibilities regarding the closure and aftercare of the landfill. When the EPA has provided the necessary feedback regarding the draft plan and the opening and operational arrangements for the public park, a further briefing on this matter will be forthcoming.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

Ballymastone Educational Campus Masterplan - Donabate - AI108888

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Ballymastone Educational Campus Masterplan which is an objective in the Donabate Local Area Plan (2016-2026) to be provided prior to the commencement of any residential units in Phase 3 of the plan?”

Reply:

The Donabate Local Area Plan 2016 expired in March 2026 and therefore the Plan and its objectives no longer have legal status. However, the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 contains objectives for 3 no. school sites (2 primary and 1 post primary) on these lands and the Council will continue to work with the Department of Education to ensure their needs are met for the area.

Source of Reply: Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 36

Ownership of Corballis Nature Park Land - AI108890

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the ownership of the Corballis Nature Park lands have been transferred to the Council’s ownership and when it is envisaged this park will be open to the public?”

Reply:

The Property Section is currently finalising the transfer of ownership of Corballis Nature Park with the developer’s solicitors. The opening of the park is dependent on the full establishment of grassland /meadows etc. in order to withstand public use. It is therefore envisaged that the park will be open to the public in late 2027, depending on weather and ground conditions and their impact on landscape establishment.

Source of Reply:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 37

Report on Developer Levies in this LEA - AI108907

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the development levies accrued in Donabate, Rush and Lusk on a yearly basis from 2021 to date?”

Reply:

S48 levies invoiced by year in the requested areas:

	Donabate	Lusk	Rush
2021	€112,308.00	€2,742,239.56	€1,346,626.51
2022	€2,735,912.97	€1,655,577.94	€1,326,551.82
2023	€6,825,244.59	€685,075.07	€2,225,173.95
2024	€18,896,155.36	€6,125,851.94	€4,678,563.41
2025	€5,722,738.92	€1,051,305.11	€580,988.87
Total	€34,292,359.84	€12,260,049.62	€10,157,904.56

Source of Reply: Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development

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THURSDAY 11th June 2026

ITEM NO. 38

Safe Routes to School - Donabate/Portrane Educate Together - AI108910

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Safe Routes to School Programme works will commence and be completed at Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School?”

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School Programme in Fingal is progressed on a phased basis with the schools in each round being chosen by An Taisce. Construction works on schools selected in round 2 is set to begin in July of this year.

Donabate/Portrane Educate Together National School is included in round 3 of the programme. This round is currently about to enter Concept Development & Option Selection. There are several other phases to work through after options selection, including Preliminary Design, Statutory Processes, Detailed Design and Procurement of a contractor.

The construction stage is expected in mid 2027, but this is subject to approvals at the various stages outlined.

In addition to the above the Active Travel Dept propose to make the road between the Donabate Community College and Gaelscoil na mara a one-way street giving over half of the existing road space to active travel users.

These works are currently at the preliminary design stage and will go to public consultation in July.

There are several other phases to work through including Detailed Design and Procurement of a contractor.

The construction stage is expected late 2026/early 2027, but this is subject to approvals at the various stages outlined.

Source of Reply: Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Department.

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

Thursday 11th June, 2026

Item No. 39

Growth of Invasive Ivy - Swords Castle - AI108848

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any plans to address the invasive ivy which is currently on the external walls of Swords Castle and could lead to structural damage?”

Reply:

The battlements on the Swords Castle Wall-Walk on all accessible sides of the enclosure have already been inspected by the Council's appointed consultant conservation Structural Engineers, and a Schedule of Works to address a number of identified masonry cracks of various types and causes will be included in the Phase 3B Conservation Works package for Swords Castle, currently at pre-tender stage.

The works will also address the treatment and removal of unwanted vegetation - ivy, valerian, buddleia - associated with or close to the fissures in the historic walls.

The Council's Architects and Operations Departments are liaising together to co-ordinate a bi-annual treatment of any unwanted re-growth of the destructive/deep-rooting species. Ongoing inspections will continue to assess any unwanted regrowth that may require attention.

Source of Reply:

Brian O'Connor - Executive Architect, Architects Department

Aileen O'Connor - Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 40

Ward River Regional Park - Knocksedan - AI108851

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current progress of the Ward River Valley Regional Park development and the issue in relation to the access to Knocksedan via Ushers Lake in light of the discussions with the land owner representatives?”

Reply:

Most of the elements of the Ward River Regional Park Development plan have been finalised and environmental assessments of these elements is ongoing in preparation for the submission of the plan to An Coimisiún Pleanála in the coming months. Discussions are continuing with the relevant landowner regarding access issues relating to a pathway linking Knocksedan estate to Ushers Lake with a view to ensuring the continued public use of this route in the context of the finalisation of the park development plan.

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

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Thursday 11th June, 2026

Item No. 41

Swords Castle Discovery - AI108852

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the recent discovery of additional historical buildings in the castle grounds during the excavation works for the Swords Cultural Quarter and advise how this affects the ongoing works and what measures will be taken to protect the historical relevance of same?"

Reply:

During archaeological trenching associated with the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm project, some previously unrecorded buried features have been identified, most notably a sunken stone-built structure, possibly related to a house basement level. This find was located southeast of the Chapel at Swords Castle, as well as a ditch of possible medieval date. The test trenching was completed under a Ministerial Consent from the National Monument Service who were informed and recently undertook a site inspection to appraise themselves of all ongoing enabling works adjacent to Swords Castle. In accordance with the requirements and guidance of the National Monuments Service the current works will continue under the supervision of the project archaeologist, which include accurate recording of finds and liaison with NMS. Further archaeological work is required particularly in relation to completion of original scope of testing, recording, analysis and interpretation.

The depth of recent finds should allow public realm works to progress retaining the archaeological features preserved in situ. Minor modifications including possible relocation of proposed underground services and adjustment of surface finishes to facilitate interpretation have been discussed with the National Monuments Service. The historical significance of the finds will be appropriately protected and, where feasible, reflected and interpreted within the development.

The project team will continue to ensure that the requirements of the Ministerial Consent are being met. It is intended that an update will be provided to the Members when proposed design responses have been developed aligning with any particular requirements of the National Monuments Service.

Source of Reply:

Pat Boyle Senior Architect, Architects Department

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 42

Road Infrastructure - Swords - AI108853

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any current or future plans regarding additional road infrastructure around Swords which is outlined in sheet 17 - Connectivity and Movement of the current development plan prior to the recent variation with a particular focus on the road which commences north of the M1 Junction 4 and transverses Balheary towards Rivermeade and the outskirts of the Airport?”

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport department have commenced work on the initial design phases of the Swords Western Distributor Road. The project is currently at phase 2 in accordance with the NTA project management guidelines. A non-statutory public consultation will be undertaken in Q2 2027 on an emerging preferred route option, with preliminary design working towards a planning application to follow thereafter.

Source of Reply: Linda lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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THURSDAY 11th June 2026

Item No. 43

Future Planned Works - Donabate Library - AI108854

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the future planned works for the Donabate library/surrounding public realm and what funding allocations have been assigned to the completion of these future plans so far?”

Reply:

The Phase Two extension of Donabate Library is being actively progressed by the Libraries and Architects Departments, with design team procurement, and project development underway. The project is being progressed in line with the timelines set out in the Capital Programme 2026-28, which envisages the major expenditure taking place during 2027 & 2028.

This will further expand on the benefits of the relocated standalone library building with the provision of a separate events and study space. In the meantime, the provision of My Open Library will become operational offering a substantial increase in opening hours for borrowers who opt to be members of the MOL.

As with all major library projects, this project will also require approval of each stage by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

As a major capital works scheme, the timelines for this project will be dictated by the processes which must be completed prior to construction commencing. These include a Part VIII planning process and approval, along with a detailed tender and procurement process under the Capital Works Management Framework, and other statutory approvals such as Fire Safety Certificates, and Disabled Access Certificates.

The project, along with the associated public realm, is being developed in line with the Donabate Urban Framework Plan.

Source of Reply:
Lilian Whelan
Acting County Librarian

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 44

Uisce Éireann Works Estuary Roundabout - AI108855

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight if the current Uisce Éireann works at the estuary roundabout site were required as part of the initial plans for the R132 connectivity project or why the need for such works was not known until recently?"

Reply:

In January 2025 Uisce Éireann informed Fingal County Council of the need to install a new foul sewer at Estuary Road roundabout to increase the capacity of the wastewater system and facilitate the increased development of housing in the north of Swords.

The project team for the R132 connectivity project coordinated with Uisce Éireann and it was agreed that, given the complexity of delivering a new foul sewer across an existing busy junction at a depth of over 5 meters, the works would be incorporated into the R132 project programme. This approach ensured that the sewer could be installed during one construction stage and prior to the installation of the new protected signalized crossing being installed, thereby removing the need to redo reinstatement and reconstruction works at a later stage. It also had the advantage of ensuring that the works are undertaken in the most efficient manner and with the least amount of impact to all Road users, the wider road network, and the community of Swords.

Source of Reply:

Emer F. Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport.

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 45

DERELICT HOUSES - MILTON TERRACE - SWORDS - AI108916

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans for the derelict houses at Milton Terrace in Swords?”

Reply:

A feasibility study is being carried out on No's 7 and 8 Milton Terrace, Swords to identify the potential of the site for the development of social homes. If suitable, a scheme will be designed to meet the needs of social housing applicants in the Fingal administrative area, in line with the County Development Plan and funding will be applied for under SHIP.

Source of Reply: Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

Item No. 46a

Applications for Community Funding

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Activity 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 & Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive & rationale for Approval
Aster Family Resource Centre GA-003945	€3000	Santa Van Room hire Face painters Kids Play Equipment Santa Crew Van Bean Bags, Sensory Toys Craft Supplies	N	N/A	€3000
Ballyboughal Tidy Towns GA-003972	€3000	50 bags of compost & 1 bag fertilizer Mural Battery Powered Trimmer	Y	2024 - €2942.96	€3000

		Bulbs for Native Plants			
Santry Forum GA-003933	€570	DJ Balloon Entertainer	N	N/A	€570
Fingal Liam Rogers GA-003955	€2091	DJ/Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Magician, Science Balloon Flights, Halloween DJ & Show Christmas Show	N	N/A	€3000
Swords Community First Responders GA-003929	€2813	Defibrillator & Pads Insurance Renewal	Y	2025-€373.50	€2813
Revival Social Active Retired Group GA-003991	€3000	Sewing Machine Mindfulness Course Insurance Renewal Bus Hire Tiered Transport Trolley	Y	2025-€1684	€3000
Turvey Allotments Association GA-003979	€2891	Solar Panel Battery	Y	2025-€2153	€2890.50
St Mary's Baton Twirlers GA-003971	€1756	Sound System Room Hire Dance Teacher Batton Workshop	N	N/A	€1756
		High Viz for Volunteers Officer Shredder, Planters Boxes,			

Balbriggan Meals on Wheels GA-003952	€1899	Flasks, Peat Moss, Planters, Rake, Cordless Window Vac, Hedge Trimmer	Y	2024-€1875	€1899
Lambay Cinema Club GA-003989	€2828	Active 2 Channel DI box Microphone Cable Laser Installation Projector Tripod Portable Projection Screen Adaptor Cable	N	N/A	€2927.59
St Catherine's Residents' Association GA-003976	€2912	Public Insurance Contribution Costs of DJ for by-centenary celebration Weights for gazebo Canopy for event Fooding table and table cover Plant pots for enhancement of estate Water tank for community garden	Y	2025- €2533.35 2024- €2894.72	€2796.29
Active Age for All GA-003998	€3000	Transport RE: meetings Transport to Lark Theatre Balbriggan Printing Costs,Blackout blinds for portacabin Public Liability Insurance	Y	2025 - €1000 2024- €1090	€3000

		Contribution Replacement Croquet Mallets			
Swords Neurodiversity Network GA-003969	€3000	Pull up banners & printing Office equipment & Supplies Recreational equipment Room Hire for events and workshops Guest Speakers Insurance Contribution towards Gazebo	N	N/A	€3000
Donabate Portrane Against Racism GA-003986	€3000	Venue Hire for belonging events Craft materials for belonging events Guest Speakers fees for belonging events Printing & Promotional Costs Public Liability Insurance Costs	N	N/A	€3000
Downside Residents Association GA-003939	€981.36	Musical PA/Speaker Knives, forks, cutlery, napkins Bunting Trestle table Marquee Kids games (giant jenga) Kids games (sacks)	N	N/A	€2,467.00

		Generator Insurance			
Lusk Cleaning Group GA-003752	€1,000.00	Plants	Y	2025 - €2,109.25 2024 - €2,000.00	€3,000.00
Castleland Community Centre GA-003958	€2,683.00	Comedy Show, Face Painting Football Nets Shuttlecocks Folding Tables and Trolley	Y	2025 - €1,169.00	€3,000.00
Flemington Community Centre GA-003957	€2,936.00	Magician, balloon show, face painter Pickleball Nets Pickleball Balls Pickleball Paddles	Y	2025 - €1,169.00	€3,000.00
34th Dublin Ballyboughal Scouts GA-003963	€3,000.00	BOG Icelandic II Tent, BOG Icelandic II Groundsheet BOG Dining shelter , RNR Phantom , tent MSR Pocket rocket 2 stove kits, MSR fuel canisters, Vango Banshee Tents, Scout Programme Materials	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00
Rush Senior Citizens	€2,999.00	Bingo Boards (reusable), Coffee	Y	2025 - €1,094.00	€2,309.00

GA-003981		Maker and filters (reusable), Laptop & mouse Office Home Software (2 copies), Tea Pots Coach Travel (outings)		2025 - €1,800.00 2024 - €2,438.00	
Mourne Estate Residents Association GA-003936	€3,000.00	Dewalt Grass Trimmer, Tonsac K3AR Tool, Sack of gold mix, 20mm Railway Sleeper, MERA Insurance, Mixed Coastal Plants	Y	2024 - €2,994.00	€3,000.00
Black Raven Pipe Band GA-003995	€3,000.00	Sony 65" TV Monitor + Stand Portable Audio System 2 X Pull up display stands Insurance Cover 2026/2027 Digital Chanter	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00
Dun Emer Residents Association GA-003992	€734.00	Public Liability & Event Insurance 8ft x 4ft Pro Football Club Goal Arena Sports Agility Training Set Size 4 Football Training Ball (x2) Outdoor Games	N	N/A	€734.00

		Galore Set Large PVC Banner (Outdoor) 200 x A5 Full Colour Flyers Folding Camping Coffee Tables x 2			
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REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING

An application for funding under the Council's **Remedial Works Grant Scheme (Non-Council Owned)** has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, 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? Yes/No	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year.	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Rush Dramatic Society GA-003961	€30,000	Refurbish the theatre toilets and reception area	Y	2025- €29,680	€30,000

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Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

11th June 2026

Item No. 46b

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: -

SPORTS ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Rush Cricket Club	€500	€500 towards Women in Sport Come & Try Day	Y	2021 - €2,000 2020 - €1,000	Rush Cricket Club are seeking €500 to help in running a Women in

					Sports Day to celebrate 50 years of women's cricket in Rush. The planned events are "Give it a Bash" for under 13's, Introduction to Cricket for Women, and a 'Past vs Present' players fun game. The event is free for all members of the public to enter a welcoming and inclusive environment and aims to increase participation in physical activity in the community, with a particular focus on Women in Sport. I recommend the awarding of €500.
Taekwon-Do WARRIORS INCLUSION	€500	€500 towards club open day	Y	2020 - €1,000 2022 - €845	Taekwon-Do WARRIORS INCLUSION, Swords is

					seeking an Activity Grant of €500 to support an Inclusive Open Day planned for late summer. The event will offer members of the public the opportunity to experience taekwondo free of charge in an inclusive and welcoming environment, encouraging participation in physical activity and promoting club membership. Funding will assist with the equipment and resources required to deliver the event. It is recommended that an Activity Grant of €500 be approved.
Malahide Swords Canoe Club	€500	€500 towards club water sports open day	Y	2025 - €4000	Malahide Swords Canoe Club is seeking an Activity Grant

					of €500 to support the delivery of a Water Sports Open Day planned for late summer. The event will provide members of the public with the opportunity to try a range of water-based activities free of charge, with the aim of encouraging greater participation in sport and physical activity and attracting new members to the club. Funding will assist with the provision of equipment and safety gear required to facilitate the event. It is recommended that an Activity Grant of €500 be approved.
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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
O'Dwyer's GAA Club	€1,497	Bean Bags 59.95 Tennis Balls 89.00 3 10 Pack Quick Touch Footballs 209.85 Saucer Cones (20 pack) 24.95 2 Parachutes 99.90 2 Crawl Tunnels 129.90 3 Junior Footballs (12 pack) 98.85 Mini Rubber Marker 53.00 Balance Set 295 Animal beanbags 119.95	Y	2025 - €4000	ÓgDwyers Nursery/Academy Programme introduces young participants to sport and skill development while supporting social interaction. The current nursery equipment is worn and damaged. The club has submitted a quotation of €1,497 for replacements, which will benefit the programme. I recommend awarding €1,497 under the Essential Grant
Rush Cricket Club	€4,395	Ground Cover Sheet - €2,600 Boundary Rope - €650	Y	2021 - €2,000	The club have applied to purchase a Cover Sheet, a Boundary Rope,

		Super Soaker - €1,145		2020 - €1,000	and a Super Soaker under the Large Sports Equipment Grant. The equipment will help to increase participation in the club and improve the club's environmentally friendly status. The entire project will cost €4395.00. I recommend the awarding of €4000.00.
Malahide Swords Canoe Club	€1,574	Spray decks €275.40 Paddles €441.00 VHFs, Foot pump, anchors, emergency ladder €857.26	Y	2025 - €4000	Malahide Swords Canoe Club wish to purchase essential equipment that will enhance member safety, participation, and club activities. The proposed purchases include spray decks & safety-related equipment comprising VHS foot pumps, anchors, and an emergency ladder, giving a total project cost of approximately

					€1,574. The equipment will support the club's ongoing paddle sport programmes and improve safety provisions for members on the water. It is recommended that a grant of €1,500 be awarded towards the project.
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BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2026

Item No. 46c

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANTI-LITTER & ANTI-GRAFFITI (ALAG) GRANT

Applications for funding under the Council's ALAG Grant 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: -

ALAG 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
Balbriggan and Skerries Fishing Club	€1,500	Paint for container, rollers and brushes	N	N/A	€600
Ballyboughal Boxing Club	€1,500	Mural	N	N/A	€1,050

Ballyboughal Community Council	€1,500	Village noticeboard to reduce leaflet drop and for awareness raising	Y	2025 €800; 2024 €1100	€1,050
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society	€1,500	5 day anti-litter forest school camp	Y	2024 €1500	€1,200
Ballyboughal Tidy Towns	€1,500	Bluebells and wildflower seeds	Y	2025 €1125; 2024 €1300; 2023 €1,500	€1,200
Ballygossan Residents Association	€1,000	Paint, brushes and plants	N	N/A	€800
Balscadden District Community Council	€1,170.22	Dog fouling bag dispensers and clothes rack for swap	Y	2025 €1037.81	€819.15
Balscadden Herrings Active Age Group	€1,475.50	Container mural	Y	2025 €812.70	€1,180.40
Cardy Rock, Balbriggan Residents Association	€1,500	Fruit tree planting, pollinator strip, painting and clean up	Y	2025 €1128.03	€1,245
Cronan's Well Residents Association	€1,490.10	Decorative planting, doggie dispensers and litter pickers	N	N/A	€1,192.08
Donabate/Portrane SEC	€1,500	Planting and painting	N	N/A	€1,050

Drynam Volunteer Group	€1,500	Planting, compost, top soil and bark chipings	Y	2025 €1125	€1,200
The Forge Lusk, Residents Association	€861.56	Primer, painting equipment and bin clips	N	N/A	€603.09
Garristown Community Council	€1,500	Planting fruit trees and pollinator plants	Y	2025 €1125; 2024 €1150; 2023 €1500	€1,200
Hasting's Residents Association Balbriggan	€1,500	Mural	N	N/A	€1,305
Lusk Community Council	€1,500	Graffiti art project	Y	2025 €1125; 2024 €1187.39; 2023 €1500; 2022 €1500	€1,425
Lusk Tidy Towns	€1,500	Mural	Y	2025 €1125; 2024 €1500	€1,200
MERA Mourne View Estate, Skerries	€1,498.12	Clean up, graffiti removal and awareness campaign	N	N/A	€1,423.21
Miller's Glen Residents Association	€1,500	Planting and anti-litter campaign	N	N/A	€1,200
Rush Cricket Club	€1,493	Plants, hedging and tarpaulin	Y	2025 €841.28	€1,045.10
Rush Tidy Towns	€1,416.58	Cigarette butt dispensers, dog fouling bag	Y	2025 €1103.22; 2024	€1,189.93

		dispensers and litter picking supplies		€1113.50; 2023 €750; 2022 €1500	
Santry Community Gardens	€1,500	Plants, information boards and public showcase event	Y	2024 €850	€1,230
Skerries Tidy Towns	€1,500	Litter awareness campaign with kids and t-shirts	Y	2025 €1125; 2024 €1500, 2023 €1500; 2021 €1500	€1,215
Swords Woodland Association	€1,500	Litter awareness involving Transition Year Students	N	N/A	€1,230
Taylor Hill Residents Association , Balbriggan	€1,500	Bulb planting	Y	2025 €1196.80	€1,230



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

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Proposed Play Space Development at Loughshinny, Co. Dublin.

11th June 2026

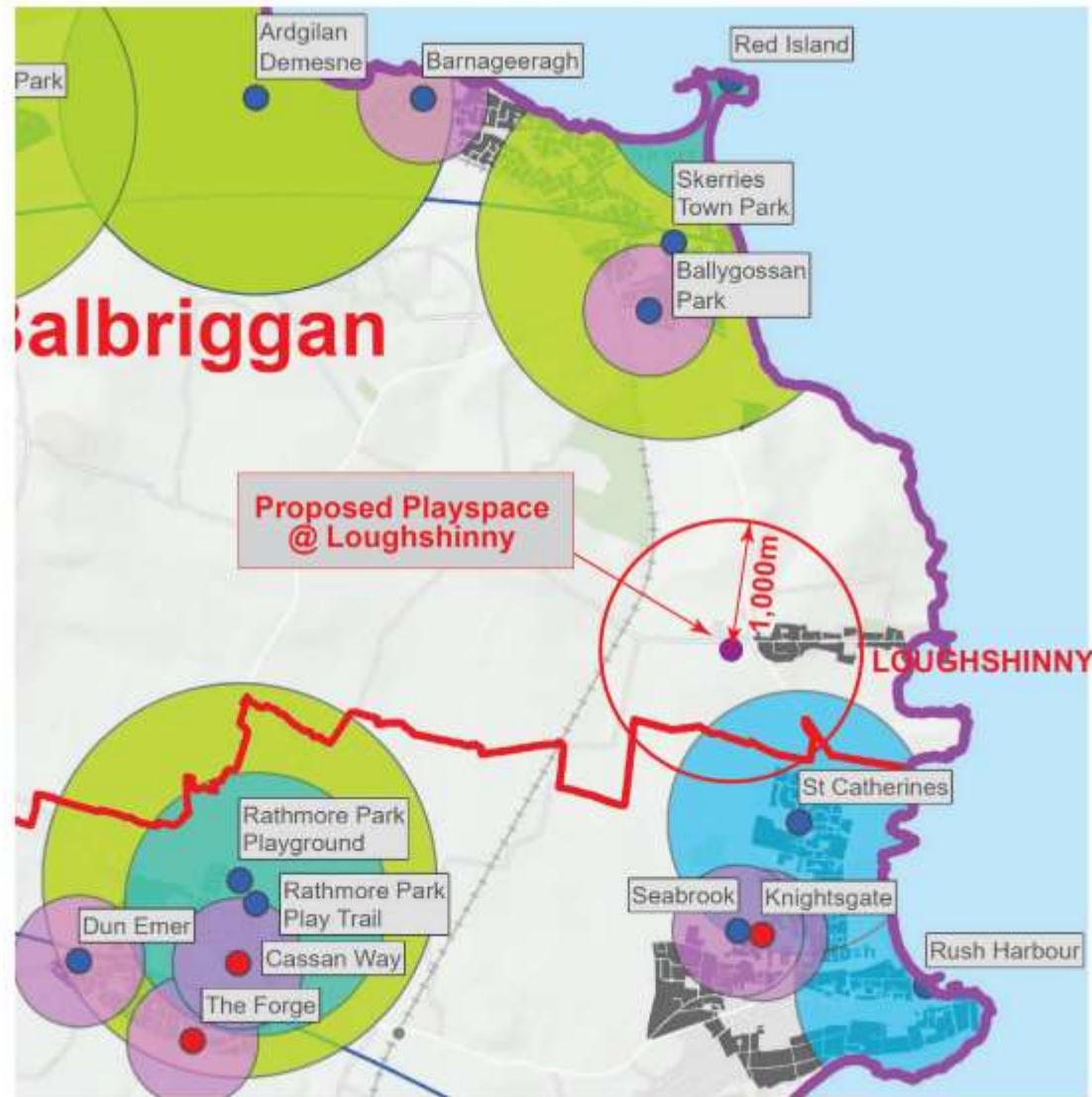
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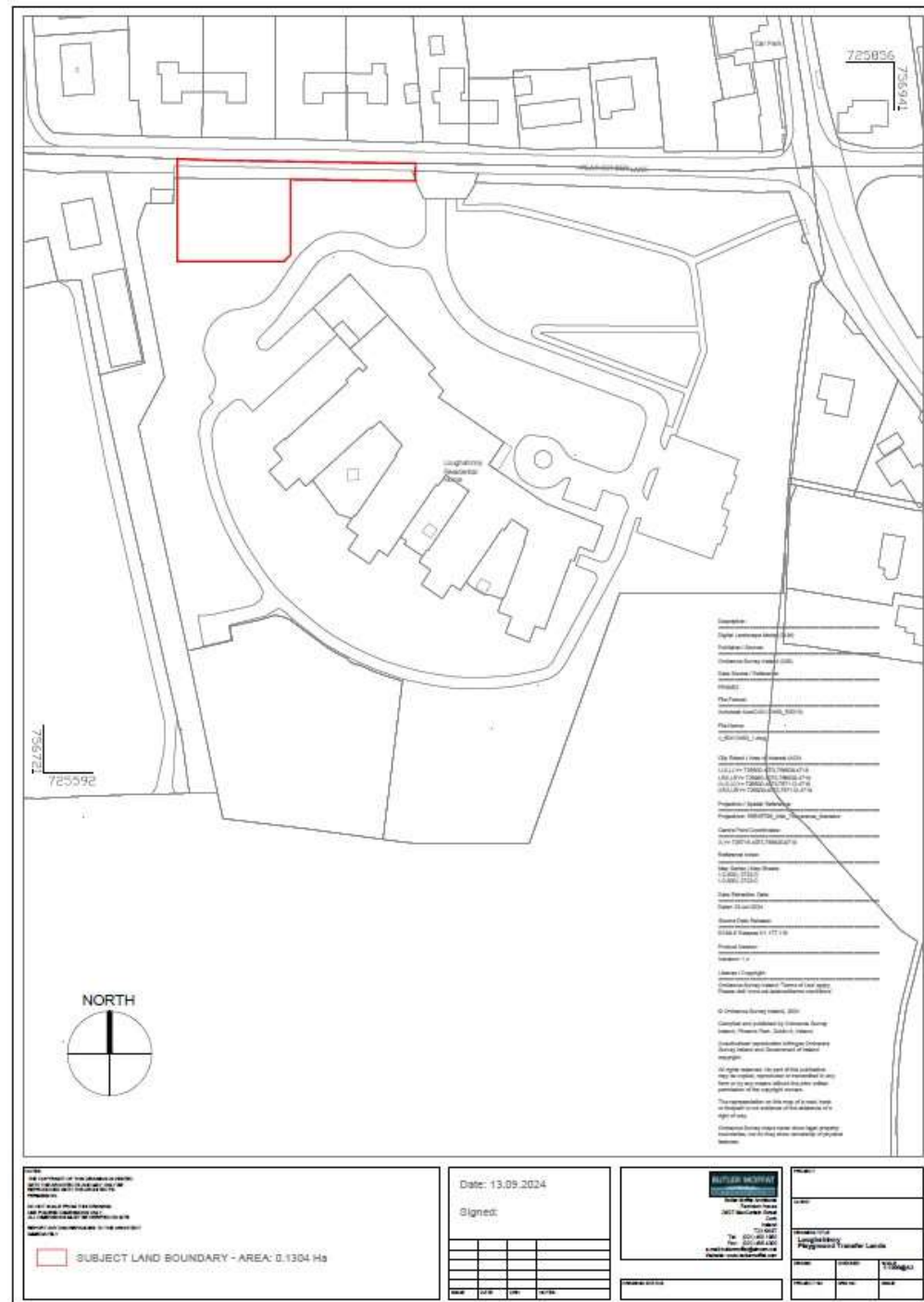
- Brief recap summary of proposal
- Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*
- Overview of the Statutory Public Consultation
- Summary of key themes from submissions received and response
- Recommendation

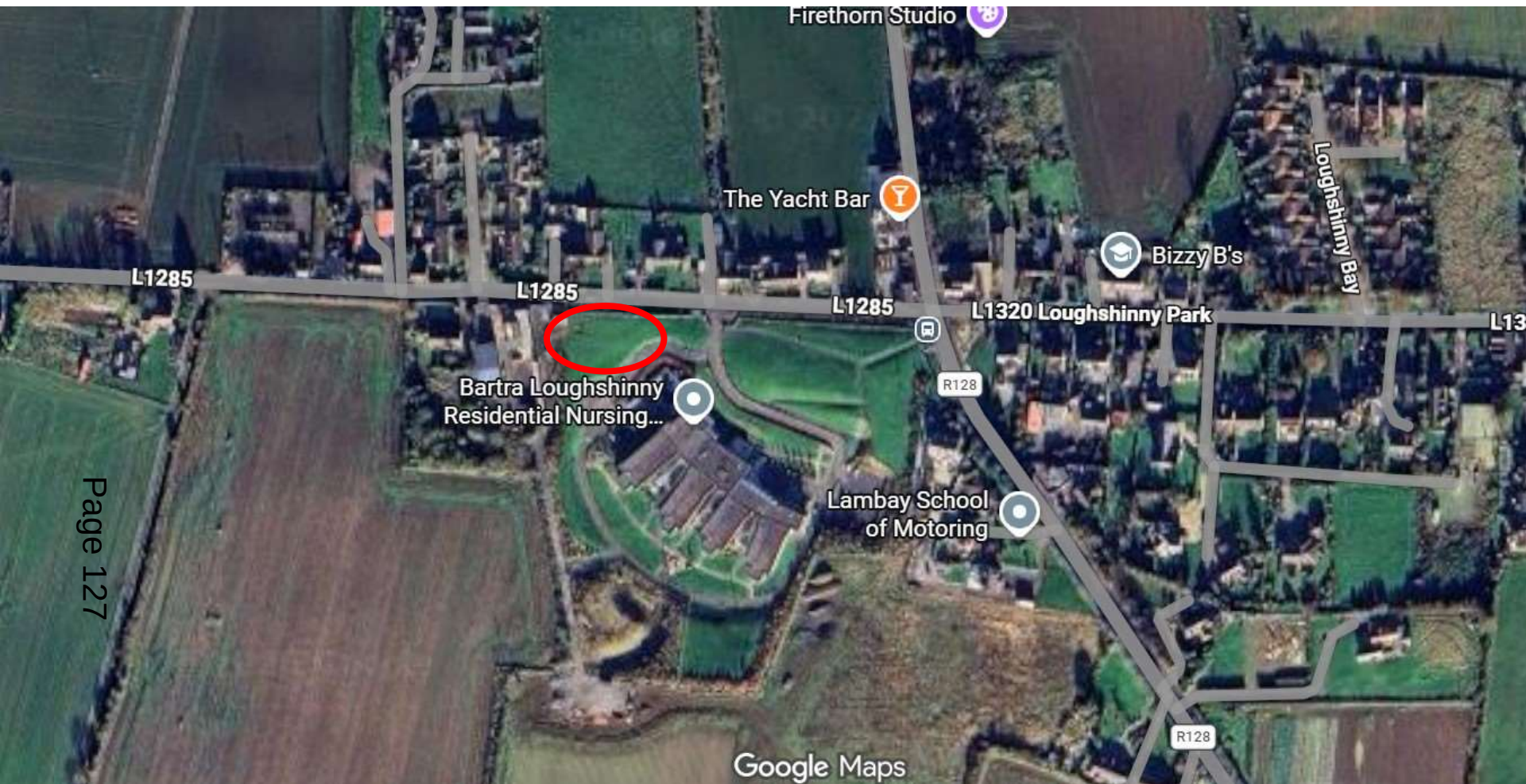
Site Selection – Loughshinny

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



Approx. 1,105 sq.m of
land acquired in 2025
from JKP Nursing Homes Ltd.





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

- Accessibility: 500m-1000m from child's home
- Locate near a well used pedestrian route
- Position on a well drained, reasonably flat site
- Min. 25m from nearest dwelling
- Passive observation opportunity

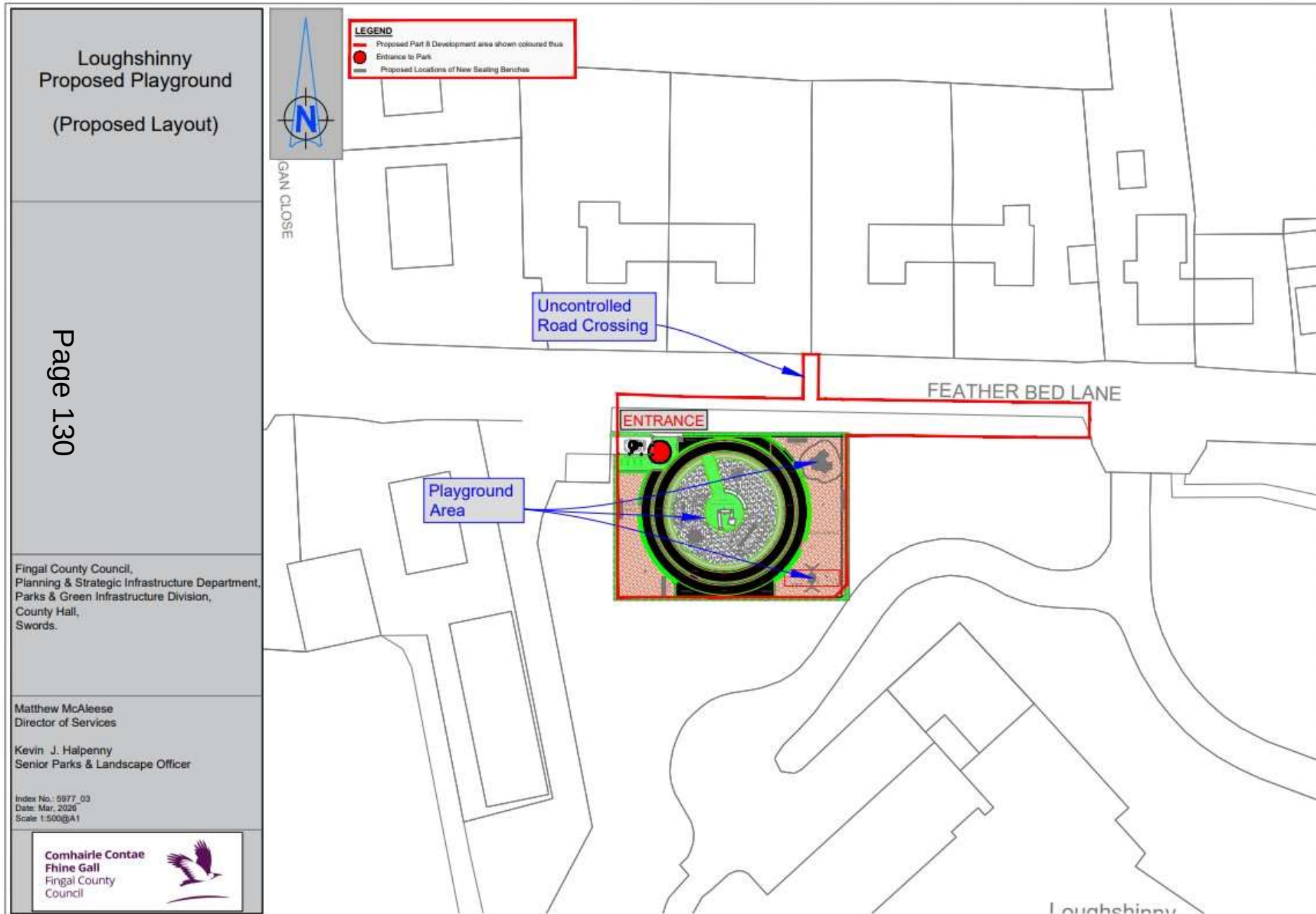


Description of Proposed Development

- *Approx. 1,000m² of an activity zone (Local Equipped Area for Play - LEAP)*
- *Approx. 15no. Pieces of play equipment aimed at children up to the age of 12 years.*
- *Natural and synthetic water permeable safety surfacing -*
 - *Play Sand*
 - *Engineered wood fibre*
 - *Gravel paths*
- *Street Furniture consisting of –*
 - *Bicycle parking (inc. cargo bikes), water drinking station, seating, litter bins*
- *Extensive hedge, tree planting and landscaping*
- *1 no. wheelchair accessible car parking space*
- *1 no. uncontrolled pedestrian crossing*
- *New section of footpath*



Proposed Site Layout



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Elevation looking north

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Elevation looking west



View from Featherbed Lane looking north



View from Featherbed Lane looking south

Findings of the Planning Report on *Evaluation whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area*

It is considered that the proposed Play Space Development at Boughshinny, Co. Dublin is in accordance with the “RU” land-use zoning objective and the applicable policies and objectives of the current Development Plan and relevant national and regional planning policy.

The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Public Consultation

- Placed on public display on 15th April 2026
- Advertised in press & social media
- Submissions encouraged prior to closing date of 27th May.
- 5 Submissions received



Summary of Observations



- A total of **5 submissions** were received

Observations were allocated to **3 themes**,:

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1. Road Safety and Accessibility
2. Location Suitability and Demand
3. Parking Provision

Theme 1: Road Safety and Accessibility



- **5 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

There were concerns raised that high volumes of traffic exists on adjoining road, including speeding and heavy goods vehicles. Requests were made that further investigations be carried out in context of road safety. Concerns were also raised around safe access to the site on foot. A submission stated there is a need for a controlled pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or similar traffic calming measures

Response:

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- The site was assessed by the relevant Traffic and Transportation Sections of the Council.
 - Proposed site is located within a 50km/h zone, alongside footpaths, lighting and adequate visibility for motorists and pedestrians.
 - The provision of an uncontrolled crossing point is deemed suitable and proportionate.
 - The location will be monitored going forward in the context of road safety.
 - Pedestrian crossing signs will be included as part of the works.

Theme 2 : Location Suitability and Demand



- **4 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

Comments stated that it's more appropriate to locate playground nearer to the village centre due to the limited number of children in the immediate area. Unsuitable location as proposed due to the location in relation to the road.

Response:

- The site was acquired in response to lack of suitable public open space available to provide play facilities for Loughshinny.
- In line with the play policy, the intention is to create localised play opportunities for Loughshinny, within 1000m walking distance to homes.
- St. Brendans National School is located approx. 500m away.
- The proposed playground is set back from the road, and a boundary hedge & fence will be in place.

Theme 3: Parking Provision



- **2 submissions** received relevant to this theme.

Concerns were raised that parking provision proposed is limited with a single accessible parking space identified, therefore making it difficult for safe access combined with pedestrian safety concerns.

Response:

- In line with the play policy, the intention is to create localised play opportunities for Loughshinny, within 1000m walking distance to homes.
- This negates the need to drive and promotes access to play via active travel means.
- The additional pathway and pedestrian crossing will make it safer and easier to walk to the playground.
- A bus stop is also located at nearby Loughshinny Cross.
- Space available does not allow for additional car parking spaces.
- The accessible parking space can double up as a drop off/pick up point when not in use.

Recommendation

The planning report found that the Proposed Play Space at Loughshinny, Co. Dublin is in accordance with the “RU” land-use zoning objective and the applicable policies and objectives of the current Development Plan and relevant national and regional planning policy. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

It is recommended that the Council approve the Proposed Play Space at Loughshinny, Co. Dublin as proposed.



Thank you



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SECTION 9 PROCESS

(Road Traffic Act 2004)

Reduction Of Speed Limit to 20km/h

Quay Street and Shared Surfaces at
Balbriggan Harbour

AGENDA

Introduction

Project Scope & Context

Why Reduce the Speed Limit?

The Section 9 Process

Q&A / Discussion

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INTRODUCTION

- Fingal County Council is seeking the reduction of an existing 50 km/h speed limit to a 20 km/h Special Speed Limit on Quay Street and Shared Surfaces at Balbriggan Harbour.
- The reduction of speed limit is to align infrastructure performance with the changing nature of the Harbour Area in Balbriggan following the completion of the Quay Street Scheme.
- DBFL has been commissioned by the Council to provide technical support and guidance through the Statutory Bye-Law process.

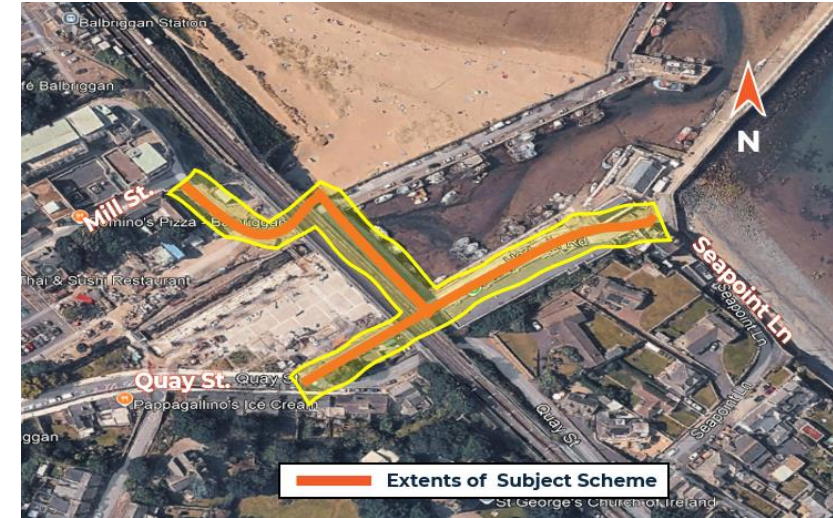


PROJECT SCOPE & CONTEXT

The proposed subject site is within the Balbriggan Harbour area. It extends from the Quay Street and runs along the Harbour Road to the Seapoint Lane in the east and to Mill Street to the north via the road parallel with the Balbriggan Viaduct.

The scope of the scheme include to implement 20 km/h Special Speed Limit on the Shared Surfaces by providing;

- 20km/h speed signs at the entry points
- Road markings
- Self- Regulating features





Balbriggan Train Station

Balbriggan Beach



NO ENTRY
(RUS 050)



STOP
(RUS 027)



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
(RUS 066)



STOP
(RUS 027)



NO ENTRY
(RUS 050)



STOP
(RUS 027)

Harbour Buildings & Public Realm Scheme

George's Hill

Mill St.

Quay St.

High St.

Seapoint Ln

Shared Street Extents

Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme Balbriggan.

Permanent modifications to existing traffic movements and traffic calming features at Quay Street Scheme have been recently implemented with further measures approved as part of a S38 Non- Stat Process (Nov 25 – Feb 26)

The overall aim was to improve traffic safety for all road users while preserving access to existing residents and businesses.

The Green shaded areas in the Figure is the shared surfaces which is now subject to reduction of speed limit from 50km/h to 20km/h.



WHY REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20 KM/H

A 20 km/h limit is specifically intended for areas where pedestrian priority is paramount.

The new Harbour buildings and public realm along with the Harbour being a site of attraction, results in increased presence of pedestrians (family and children) and cyclists along the subject roads, therefore, the 20kp/h speed limit will serve the following purposes.

A. Vulnerable Road User Safety

- The subject Quay Street features "shared facilities" where pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles use the same carriageway. In such environments, the 20 km/h limit effectively shifts the hierarchy to give pedestrians clear priority of movement.
- At 20 km/h, approximately 95% of pedestrians survive a collision; at higher speeds, the fatality risk increases significantly (Ref. Speed Limit Review 2023).
- The Subject site as shared space naturally demands a 20 km/h limit rather than the standard 30 km/h or 50 km/h limits.

WHY REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20 KM/H

B. Urban Vitality and Economic Benefits

- **"People-Friendly" Spaces:** Lower speeds transform car-dominated thoroughfares into "liveable streets". By reducing traffic dominance, you encourage more foot traffic, which is proven to support local businesses and the economic vibrancy of town centres.
- **Accessibility:** Slower speeds make streets more accessible and safer for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, fostering a more inclusive community environment.

C. Alignment with National Policies.

- The phase 2 of National Speed Limit review states that ***"A 30km/h limit should apply, for all urban centres, residential roads and locations where there is a significant presence of vulnerable/active road users."*** The Exception includes;
- **"Pedestrian zones and shared space/zones where a speed limit of 20 km/h would apply"**.
- The implementation of all urban speed limit changes by **31st March 2027**.

Section 9 Process (Road Traffic Act 2004)

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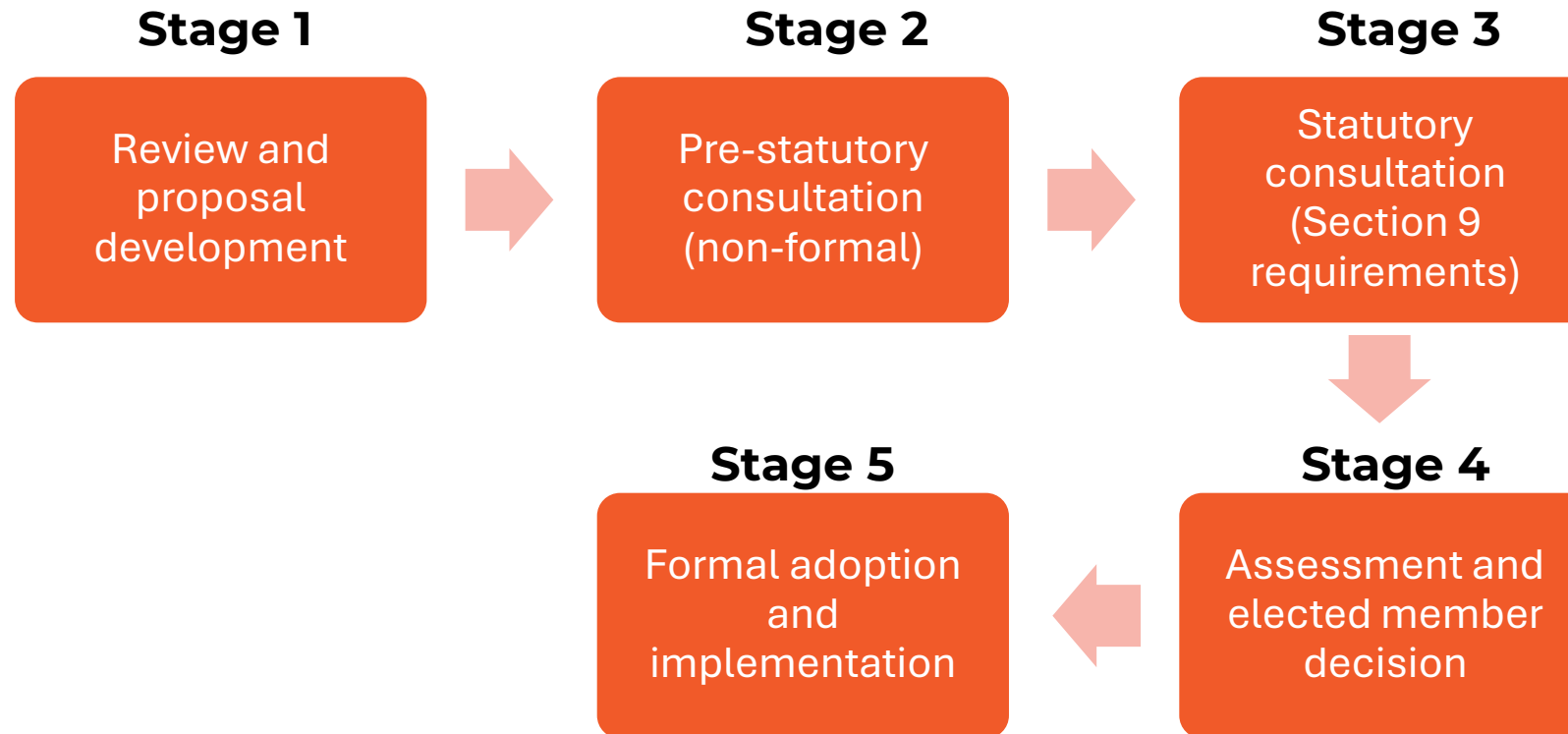
Section 9 allows local authorities to set or change speed limits through “Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws”.

This is a reserved function of elected members, meaning changes require Council to approve.

The overriding objective is road safety and appropriateness of the limit to the road environment.

SECTION 9 PROCESS (Road Traffic Act 2004)

The Section 9 process has five key stages:



SECTION 9 PROCESS (Road Traffic Act 2004)

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Stages	Responsibility	Output
1. Review	Local authority engineers	Draft proposals and mapping
2. Pre-consultation	LA + Gardaí/TII/others	Refined draft
3. Statutory consultation	LA (legal requirement)	Public submissions / objections
4. Member decision	Elected councillors	Approval of bye-laws
5. Implementation	LA roads section	Signing and enforcement

Q&A / Discussion

Thank You

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Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee

22nd October 2025

Overview



Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- SRTS is Administered by An Taisce
- SRTS is Grant funded by The National Transport Authority (NTA)
- SRTS is delivered by Fingal County Council.

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Round 1

Round 1 Tranche 1

1. Brackenstown Educate Together NS, Swords
2. Powerstown Educate Together NS, Dublin 15
3. Bayside Junior School, Sutton
4. Castaheany Educate Together NS Ongar Village
5. Rush & Lusk Educate Together NS

Round 1 Tranche 2

1. Pope John Paul, Malahide
2. Scoil Choilm CNS, Porterstown
3. Scoil Ghrainne CNS, Phibblestown
4. Ladyswell NS, Mulhuddart



Round 2



1. Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
2. Scoil Bhríde Cailíní - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
3. St Helens SNS Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
4. Holy Family JNS – Forest Fields, Swords
5. St Colmcille's Girls' National School - Chapel Lane, Swords



Round 2



1. Cllr Update 22nd Oct 2025
2. Public consultation 8th Nov to 29th Nov 2025
3. Procurement just completed
4. Works to be confirmed but expected late June/early July

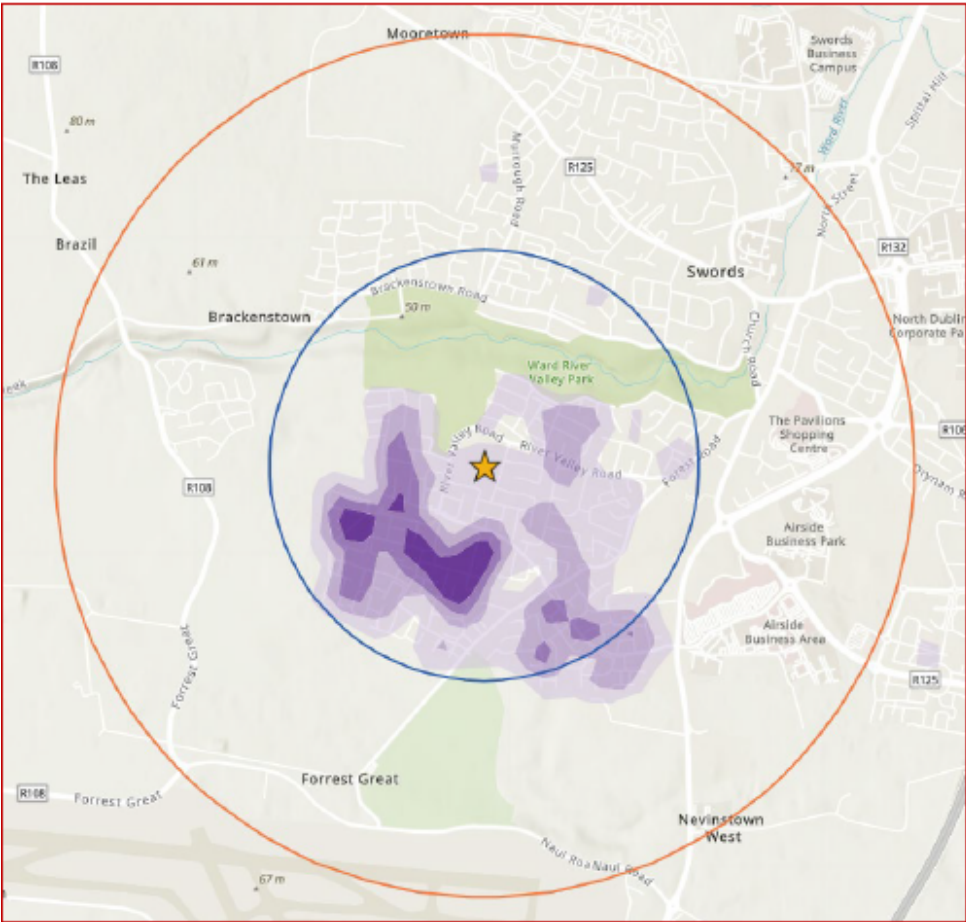
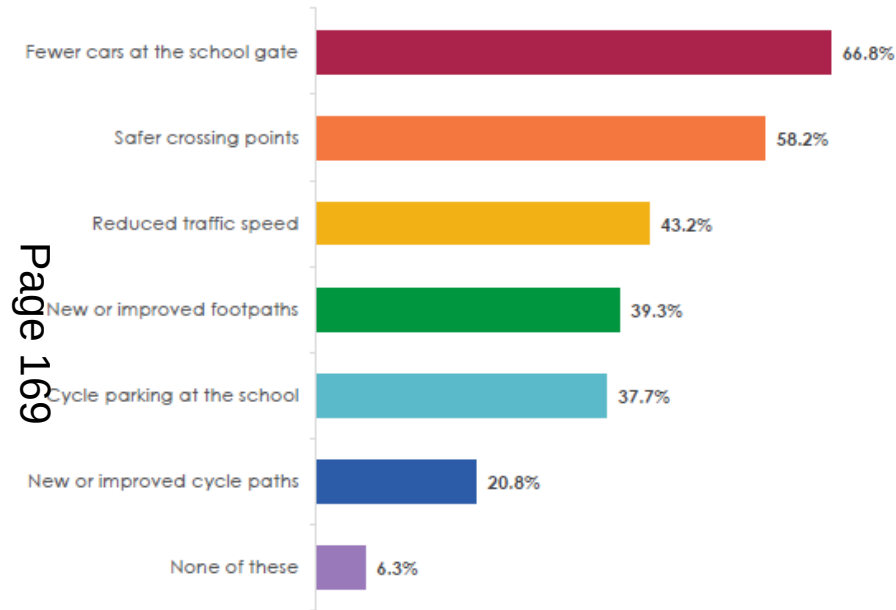
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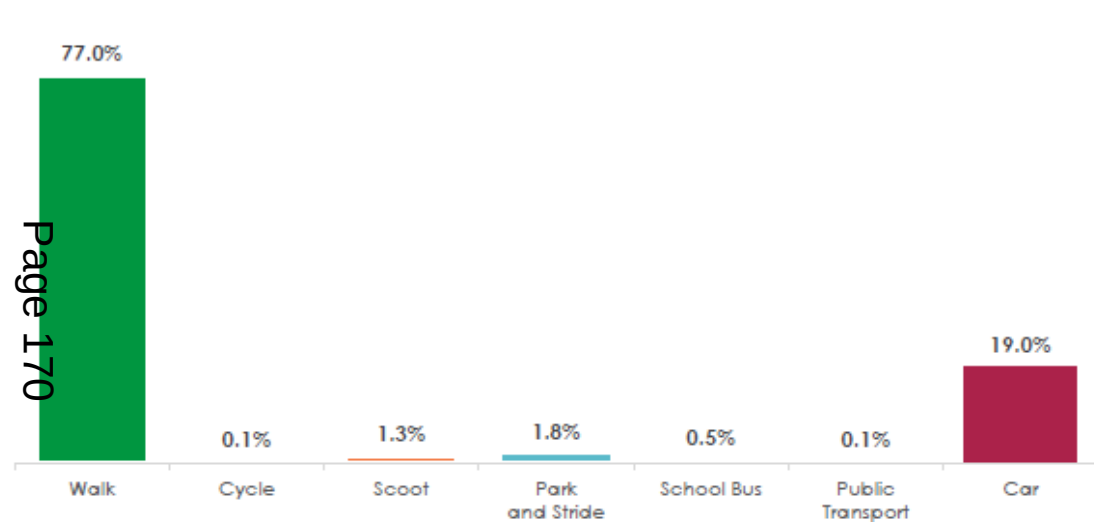
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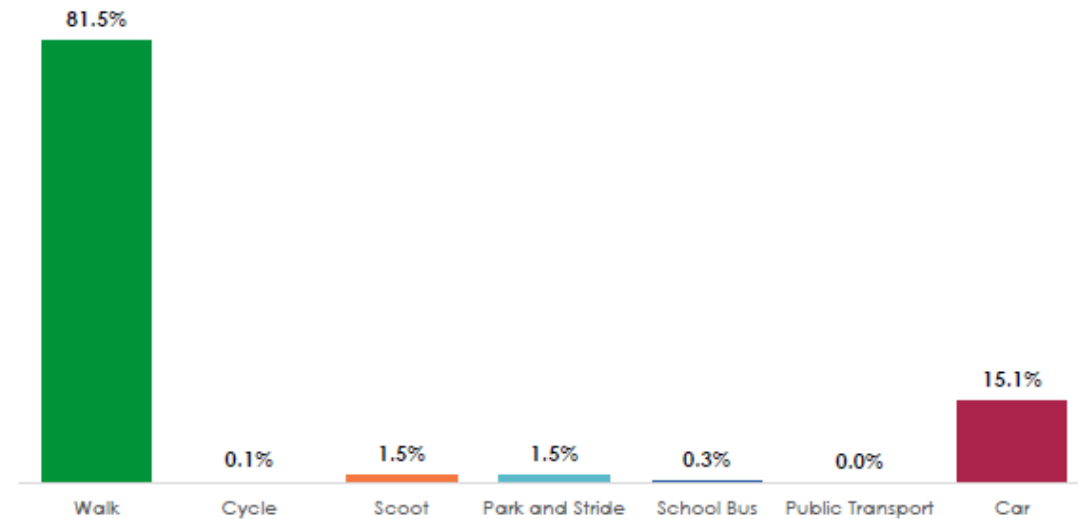
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How students surveyed (757) are travelling to school



How students within a 1km radius (671) are travelling to school



671 students start their journey within a 1km radius of the school, representing 89% of students surveyed.

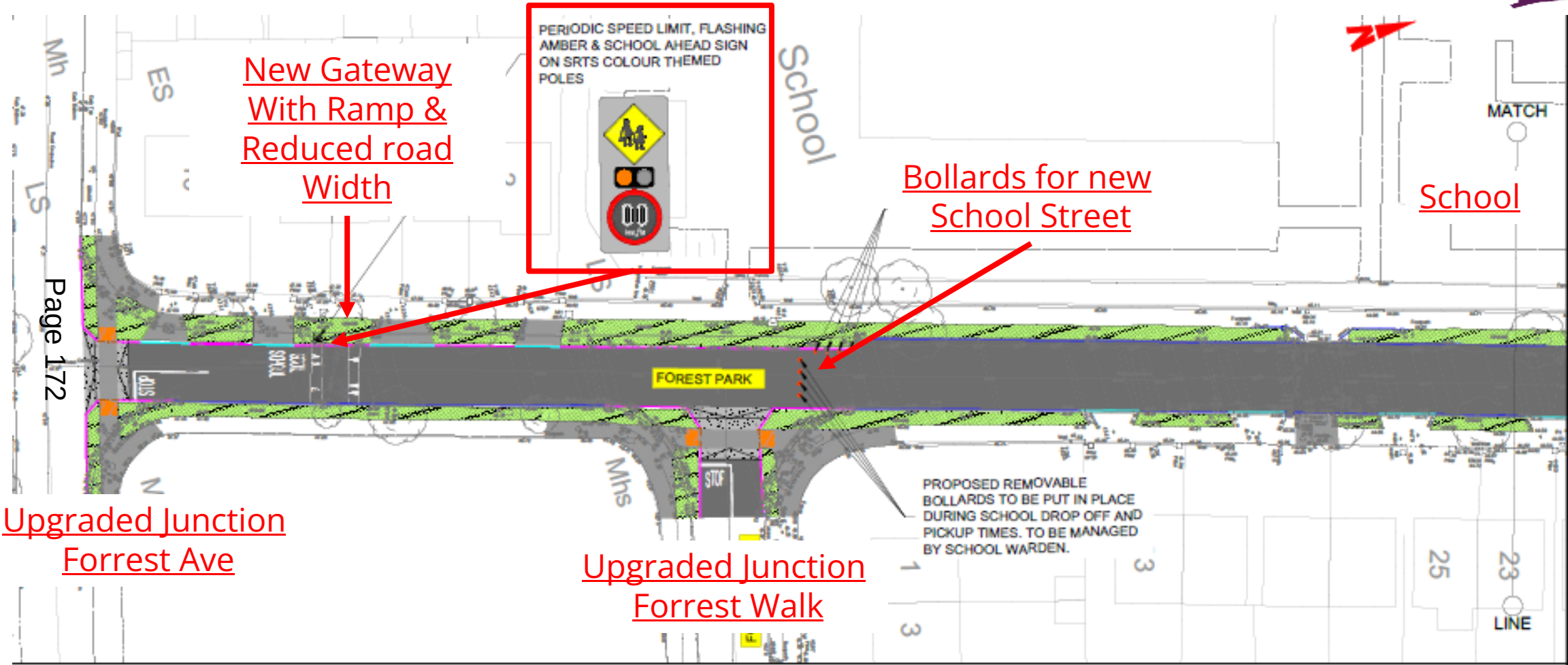
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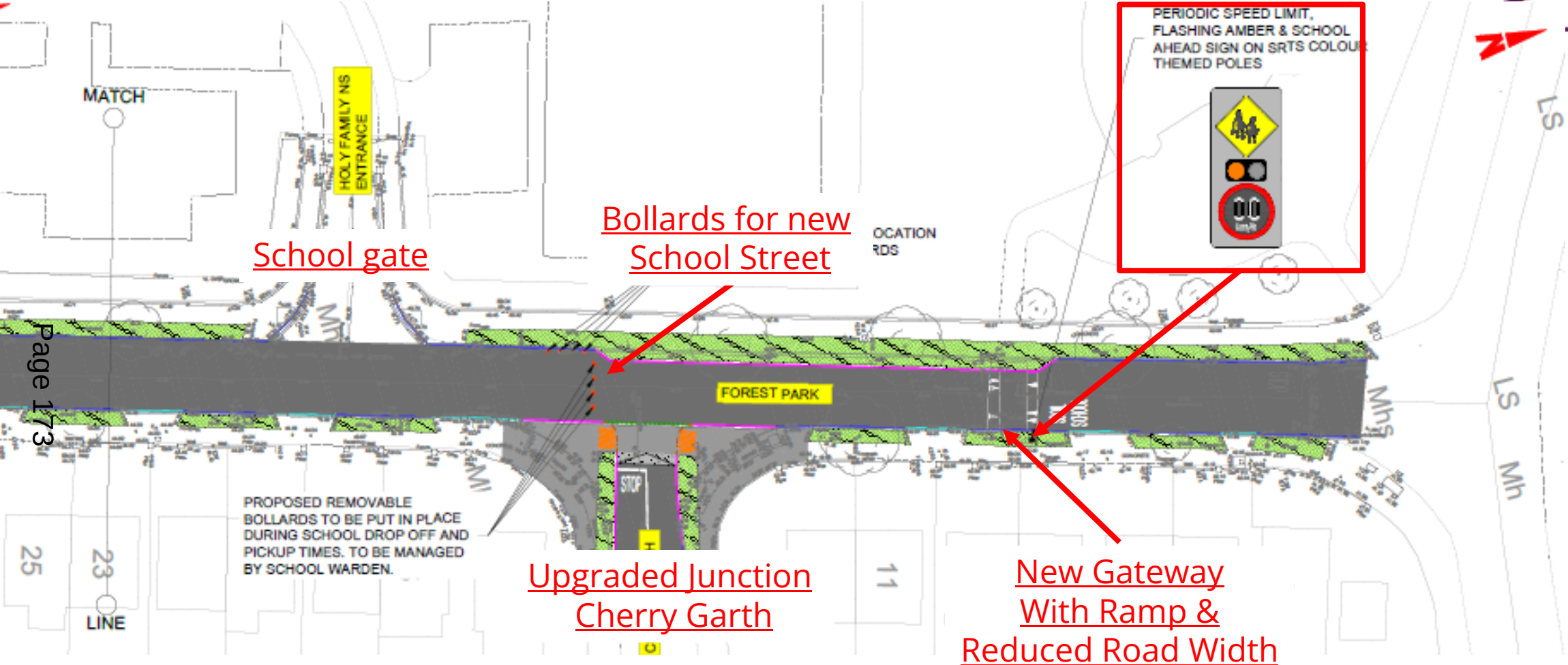
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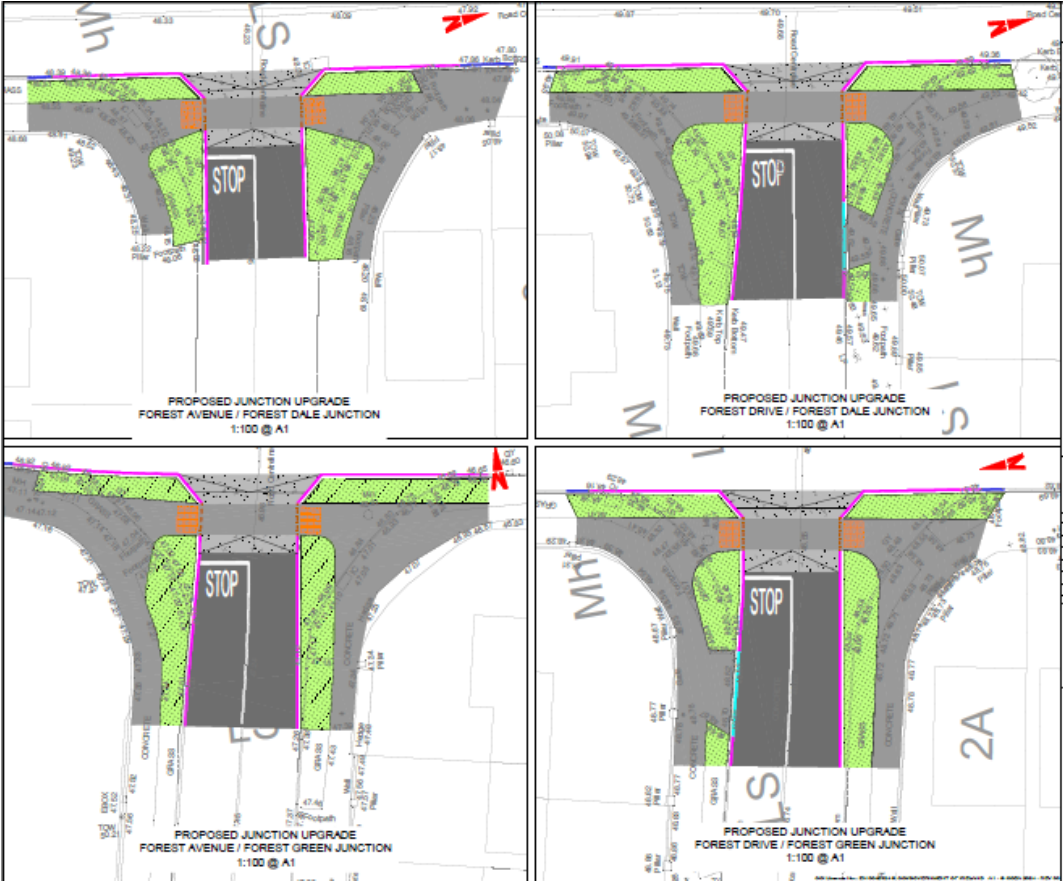
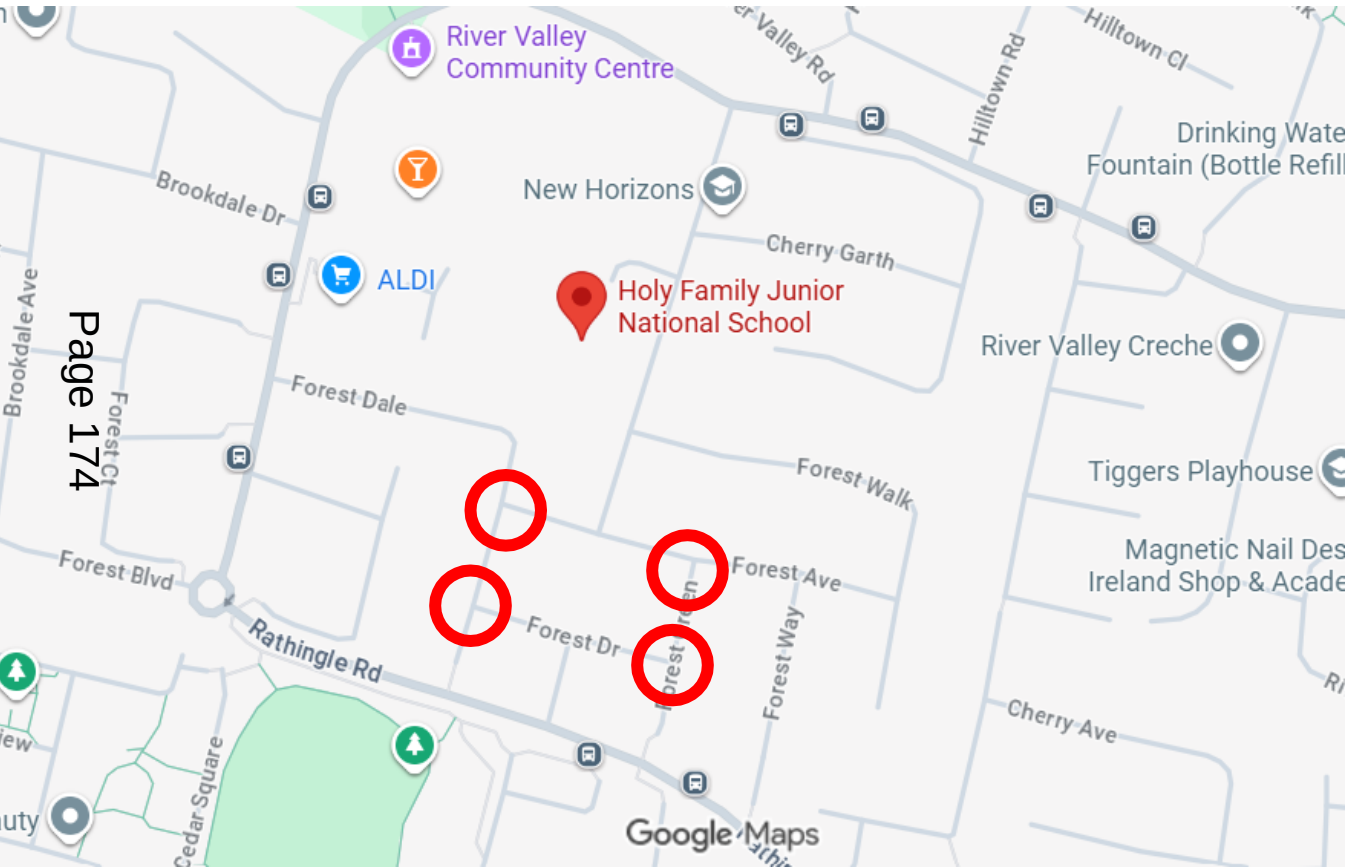


Round 2 Limetree Ave



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Round 2 Holy Family Junctions

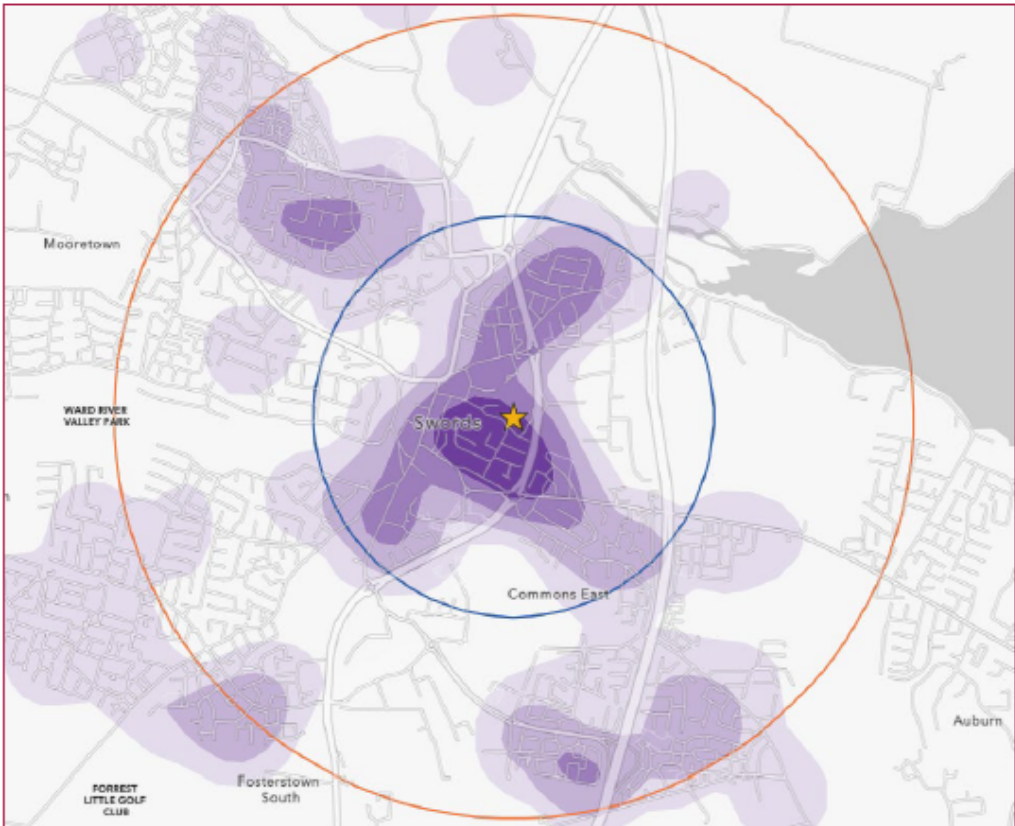
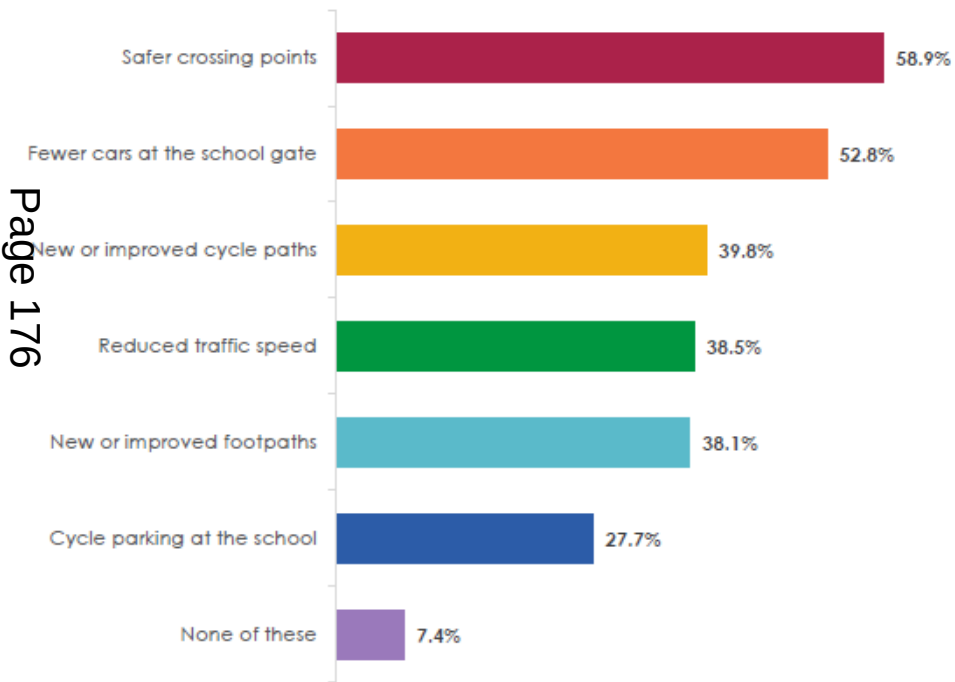




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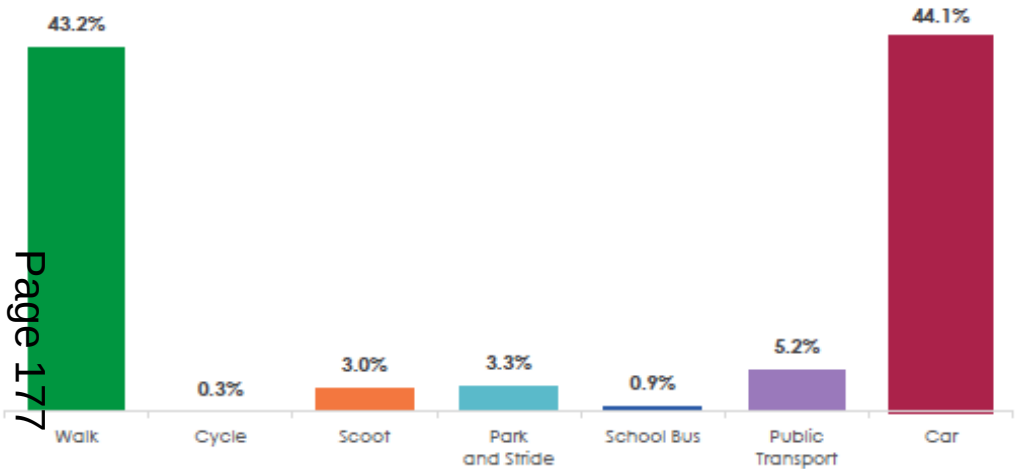
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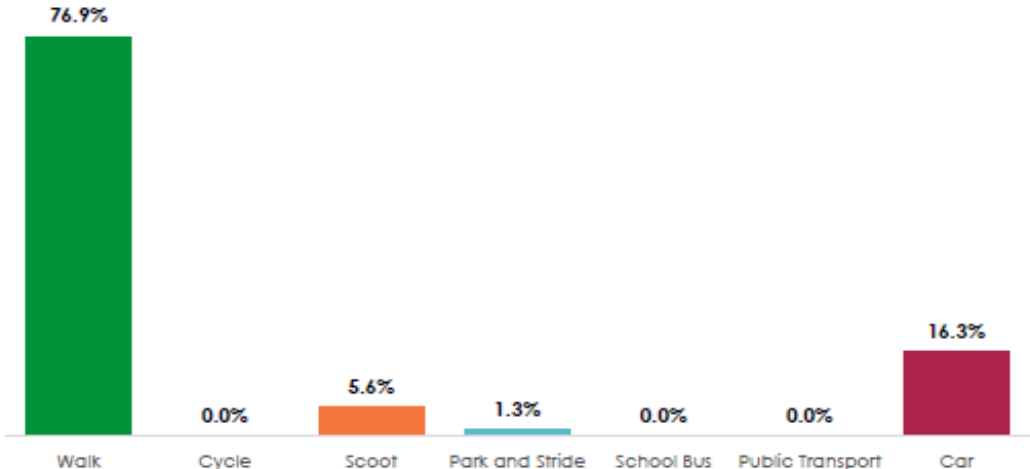
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How students surveyed (329) are travelling to school



How students within a 1km radius (160) are travelling to school



Round 2 St Colmcille's



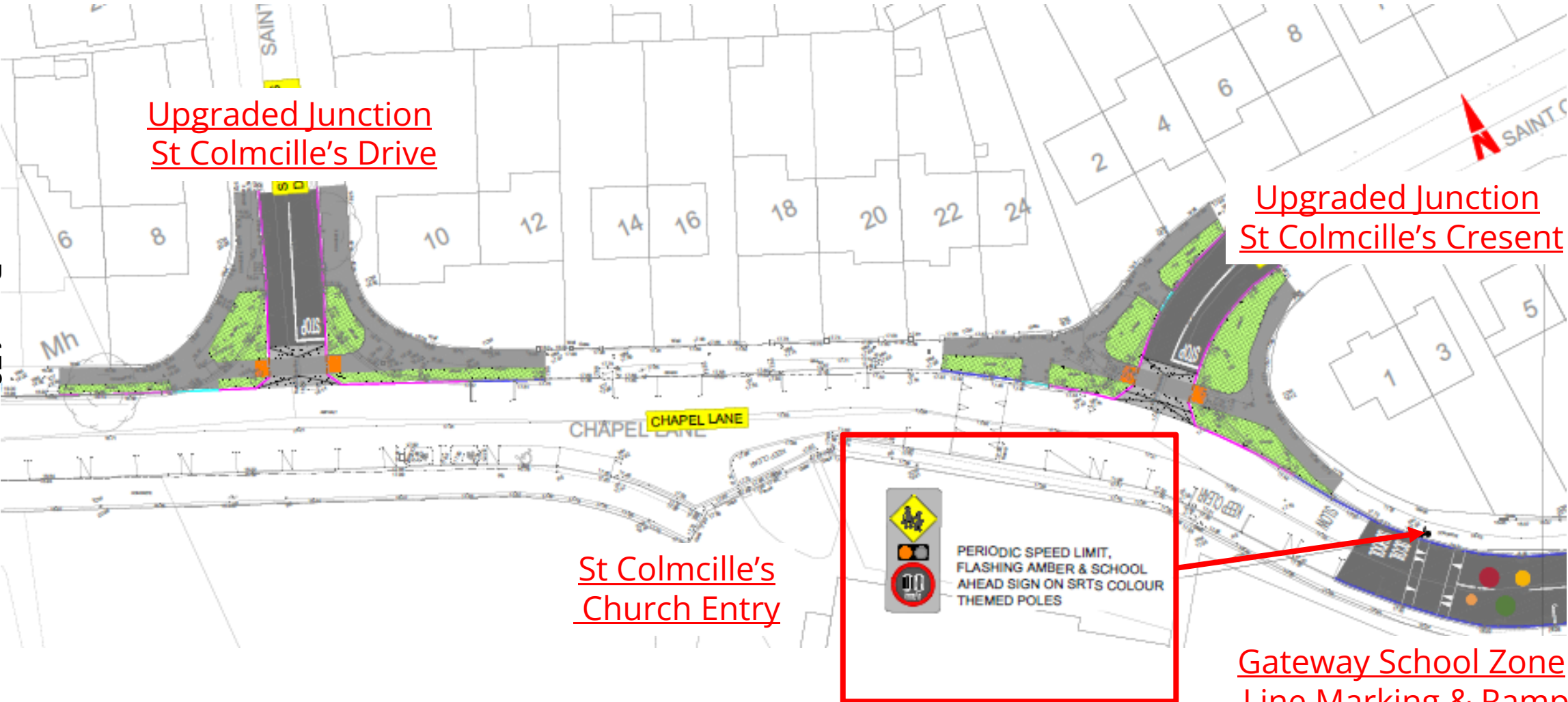
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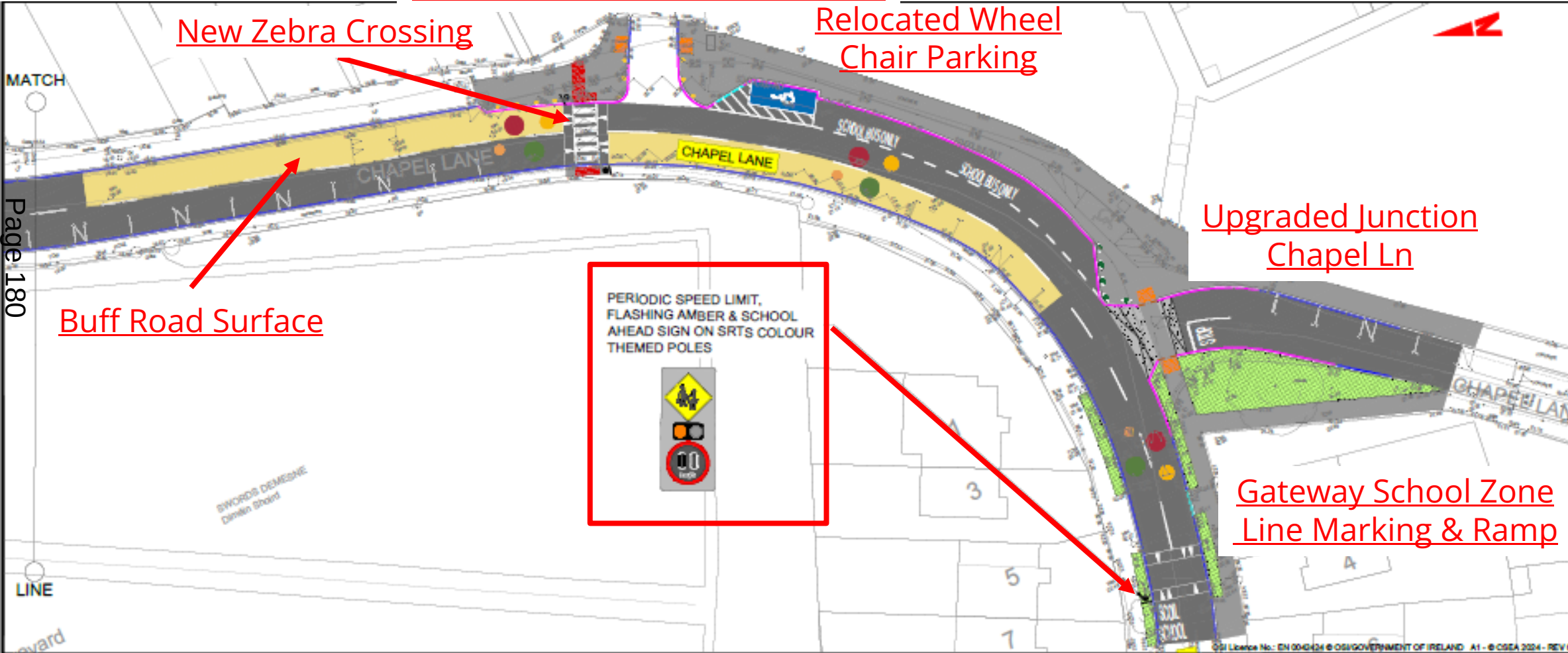
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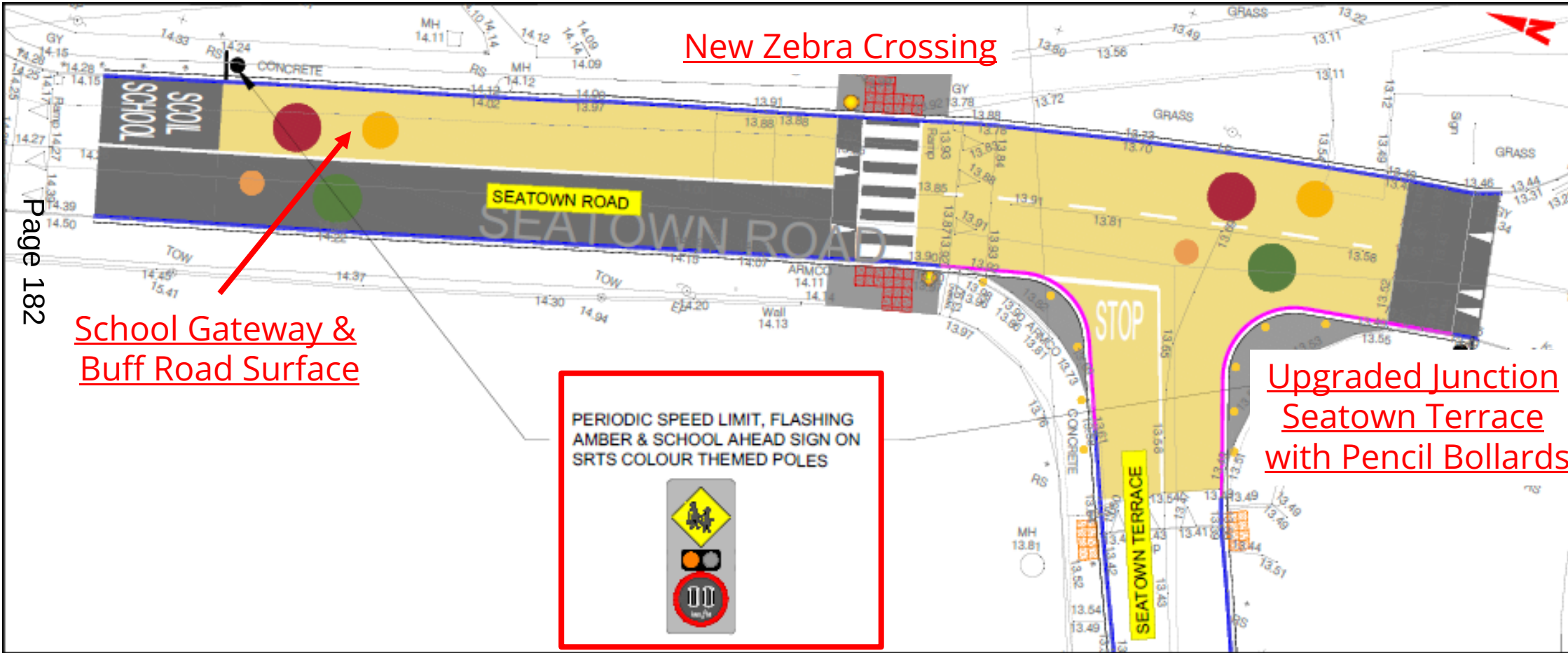
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Round 2 St Colmcille's – Church Lane



Round 2 St Colmcille's – Seatown Road



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SRTS Round 3



7 Schools

1. Broadmeadow CNS
2. Donabate Portrane ETNS
3. Holywell ETNS
4. Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS
5. St Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy
6. Scoil Mhuire Junior, Blakestown
7. Scoil Thomáis Castleknock

- An Taisce currently completing delivery plans.
- FCC Design stage late 2026
- Works 2027

SRTS Round 4



6 Schools

1. Coolmine Community School - Blanchardstown
2. Scoil Oilibhéir - Blanchardstown
3. St Joseph's Secondary School - Rush
4. Gaelscoil Ros Eo - Rush
5. Scoil Moibhi - Skerries
6. St Andrew's N.S. – Malahide

AngloTaisce are currently carrying out school surveys etc.

FCC Funded, Non SRTS Schools



12 Schools

1. Sword ET National School & Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe
2. St. Mary's National School Oldtown
3. Thornleigh Educate Together National School
4. DonabGaelscoil Na Mara & Donabate Community College - School
5. Hansfield Educate together National School
6. St. Mochta's National School
7. Howth Primary School Howth
8. St Fintan's National School Howth
9. Stapolin Educate Together
10. Lusk Senior National School, Lusk

Currently at Preliminary design stage, with consultations expected in July/August 2026

The construction stage is expected late 2026/early 2027



Questions?

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Subject: RE: Follow up - Correspondence - Item 36 - Balbriggan Town Bus

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Requests for changes to routes etc. need to be sent on to the NTA for their approval.

Regards,

Customer Care.

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: 15/05/2026 12:38

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Cc: ciara.ohaodha@fingal.ie; sarah.moonan@fingal.ie; mary.mcgee@fingal.ie; kaylin.walsh@fingal.ie

Subject: Follow up - Correspondence - Item 36 - Balbriggan Town Bus

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached signed letter regarding a motion which was passed at a Meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee on the 16th of January 2025 for your consideration and response.

Please note that the original correspondence was sent on 20th of January and subsequent reminders were sent on the 2nd of July 2025, 7th of October 2025, 23rd of December 2025 and 26th February 2026.

Please oblige with a detailed response in relation to this matter as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Corporate Services

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From: Callaghan, Paul <paul.callaghan@eir.ie>

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Hi Sarah

Our fibre team tells me survey of the area started has now started.

Some of these homes are serviced through slung leads along the front of properties so it is not a straightforward build - in some instances permissions will be required from householders to have cables run across the houses due to a lack of telecoms ducting.

It will take a few weeks for design to be submitted for approval and following on from that could take circa 6 -12 months for build depending on how things progress when they go on site.

Thanks
Paul

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Ms Liz Hartigan,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall,
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Co. Dublin
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3rd June 2026

Ref: ACM/BRLS/63/May2026

Dear Ms Hartigan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 20th of May regarding a motion that was discussed at the May meeting of Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords Area Committee.

New peak-time routes X77, X79 and X84 will replace current peak-time routes 41x and 142 in Holywell under the BusConnects Network Redesign for Dublin. There are no current plans for additional A-Spine services. However, the request is noted in case future opportunities arise.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Ryan,
Director of Public Transport Services

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Ms. Kaylin Walsh

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-07026-2025

Dear Ms. Walsh,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to respond to you on her behalf regarding the building project for Gaelscoil na Mara, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

The major building project will deliver a 16 classroom primary school with 4 classrooms for children with special education needs and an 8 classroom primary school with 2 classrooms for children with special educational needs at Corballis, Donabate.

This project is planned to be delivered as part of Phase 2 of the department's ADAPT 4 Programme - Programme Innovate.

As part of planning ahead, the department-led prioritisation process will continue over the course of 2026 and 2027 to assess and evaluate the progression of individual projects through the design pipeline having regards to the continued need to maximise existing capacity and determine the prioritised needs going forward.

As part of this forward planning, the projects to be included as part of Phase 2 ADAPT 4 Programme are currently being assessed by department officials. Upon completion of this process, procurement of the IPT's (Integrated Project Teams) may progress.

The ADAPT 4 Programme uses a professional external Programme Manager to co-ordinate and drive the Integrated Project Team to achieve the best possible

timeframe for the project through the stages of Architectural Planning, to Tender and Construction. Â

Integrated Project Teams (IPT's) consist of highly skilled and experienced design professionals, architects, engineers, project managers, quantity surveyors and various other consultants to deliver the projects.

Earlier this year the department published the â7.55 billion NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for the Education and Youth Sectors for the period 2026 to 2030. Â This NDP Sectoral Plan involves a very strong emphasis on maximising existing capacity and prioritisation of school building projects to meet the most urgent needs. In this regard there will be a strong special education dimension to project rollout. Â

The department will continue to build on the progress made over recent years with the continued rollout of projects on a prioritised basis to meet the most urgent needs in terms of provision of additional capacity and modernisation of existing facilities.Â Â

In this regard, the department has also published a list of the 105 school building projects in the first tranche to proceed to construction or tender over 2026 and 2027.Â Â Â

The first tranche of 105 school building projects includes 80 large scale and Additional School Accommodation scheme projects. Â These projects were prioritised with a strong focus on maximising existing capacity and prioritising project rollout to meet the most urgent needs particularly to support special education needs provision.Â Â

Firstly, to facilitate the 45 projects that are currently already at tender stage (Stage 3) so that they can progress to construction as smoothly as possible over the course of 2026 and 2027.Â Â Â

Secondly, to facilitate 35 projects that currently have planning permission and are at pre-tender stage (Stage 2b) and have been prioritised to meet urgent requirements from a special needs perspective or to provide additional capacity to cater for demographics or to address very significant condition issues at the schools.Â Â Â

The department recognises that there are schools with important building projects that are not included in the first tranche of prioritised projects.Â Â Â

As referred to above, as part of planning ahead for the next tranche of projects to progress to tender, the department-led prioritisation process will continue over the course of 2026 and 2027 to assess and evaluate the progression of individual projects through the design pipeline having regard to the continual need to maximise existing capacity and determine the prioritised needs going forward.Â Â

This process will involve engagement with key stakeholders and individual schools and will ultimately inform the next tranches of programme rollout to tender. Â The department-led Energy and Condition Survey of the school estate, which will be finalised later in 2026, will provide an additional evidence base for assessing priorities.Â Â

Based on this ongoing prioritisation process some projects may be added to the list over the course of 2026 and 2027 having regard to their prioritisation and urgency of need and taking

account also of the ongoing ability to progress them to tender and construction within the parameters of overall funding.Â Â Â

Where appropriate, the department will also assess opportunities to undertake advance enabling works for the most urgent and complex projects to facilitate a smooth progression to construction in 2028 and beyond.Â Â Â

Any interim accommodation requirements will continue to be assessed and considered by the department on a case-by-case basis to determine the prioritised needs and approach for addressing same.Â Â

The accommodation needs at Gaelscoil na Mara will be considered as part of the ongoing overall department-led prioritisation process, in consultation with the schoolâ€™s patron and school authorities.Â Â

The department will continue to keep the school and its patron body updated on progress and next steps. Â

Yours sincerely,



Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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Dear Mr. Murnane,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien T.D., I would like to thank you for your correspondence in relation to □ BusConnects Dublin Network Redesign Improvements for the Donabate/Portrane Area. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Under the Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008, the National Transport Authority (NTA) has statutory responsibility for the planning and development of public transport infrastructure and services in the Greater Dublin Area, including the BusConnects Dublin programme.

BusConnects is a transformative programme of investment in the bus system, providing better bus services across our cities. It is the largest investment in the bus system in the history of the State. Central to BusConnects are network redesign, the construction of Core Bus Corridors and cycle lanes, transition to a zero emissions electric bus fleet, implementing a state-of-the-art ticketing system, simpler fare structures, new bus stops and shelters, and new bus livery. □

Network redesign is a core part of the BusConnects programme. This is being completed in a phase-approach. Currently, seven of 11 phases have been rolled out. Future phases will be rolled out subject to operational readiness and funding availability. In the Donabate/Portrane area, there are planned enhancements to local bus services at Dublin Airport, including new A-Spine route A2 to and from the City Centre, new orbital route N8 providing links with □ Clongriffin Station and Blanchardstown, and new local routes L83/L85 to Swords every 15 minutes then continuing to Donabate (route L83) or Lusk, Rush, Skerries and Balbriggan (route L85). There are also enhanced links with the Northside of Dublin City, on route 19 to Ballymun and Glasnevin (already introduced) and route 24 to Charlestown and Finglas.

The Review of the National Development Plan has confirmed the Department of Transport's annual capital allocations from 2026 to 2030. The Department has reviewed key programmes and projects in the transport sector, including BusConnects, in the context of that capital funding envelope. The recently published sectoral plan for transport has made more than €1 billion euro available to the NTA for BusConnects Dublin over this period. □

Given its responsibility in the matter, and your specific query relating to proposed services to Donabate and Portrane, your query has been forwarded to the NTA for their consideration and direct reply.

With best wishes □

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

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THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 51

SWORDS PRIMARY CARE CENTRE - AI108813

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive write to the HSE to request a briefing for Elected Members in this Local Electoral Area on the progress of the Swords Primary Care Centre, including an update on the change of use planning application, site acquisition, staffing and provision of services.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the Health Services Executive ; when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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Item No. 52

Phase 2 - Donabate Library Extension - AI108400

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston/Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive prioritise the construction of Phase 2 of the extension to Donabate Library in Ballisk House as there is a reduction of library space available to the public in Phase 1, compared to the previous location in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre, and as there is a projected population of 20,000 people greatly increasing the need for library services."

Report:

The Phase Two extension of Donabate Library is being actively progressed by the Libraries and Architects Departments, with design team procurement, and project development underway. The project is being progressed in line with the timelines set out in the Capital Programme 2026-28, which envisages the major expenditure taking place during 2027 & 2028.

This will further expand on the benefits of the relocated standalone library building with the provision of a separate events and study space. In the meantime, the provision of My Open Library will become operational offering a substantial increase in opening hours for borrowers who opt to be members of the MOL.

As a major capital works scheme, the timelines for this project will be dictated by the processes which must be completed prior to construction commencing. These include a planning process and approval, along with a detailed tender and procurement process under the Capital Works Management Framework, and other statutory approvals such as Fire Safety Certificates, and Disabled Access Certificates.

As with all major library projects, this project will also require approval of each stage by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

The overall development, while being actively progressed, will take some time to get on site. The intention is to ensure a well-considered, and high quality sustainable modern Library is delivered to serve the growing needs of Donabate.

Source of Reply:
Lilian Whelan, Acting County Librarian

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ITEM NO. 53

Provision of a Space to assist Court Ordered access - AI108803

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

“That the Chief Executive supports the provision of space for Court arranged access for mothers /fathers who are in emergency housing accommodation in this Local Electoral Area”

Report:

There are currently no proposals in place to provide space for Court Arranged access for parents who are in emergency accommodation. Every effort is made to prioritise exits from Emergency Accommodation and to minimise the amount of time spent in such accommodation.

The matter will be brought up with the DRHE for review.

Source of Report: Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer Homeless Support Team.

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ITEM NO. 54

Removal of Unauthorised Roof Frame - Castle Shopping Centre - Swords - AI108822

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive arrange to engage with the owner of an unauthorised roof frame which is resting on a fence that the Council erected some time ago to hide the eyesore at the back of the Castle Shopping Centre.”

Report:

The Planning Enforcement section will carry out an investigation into this matter to determine if a breach of the Planning code has occurred and take appropriate action thereafter.

Source of Report: Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 55

Oris funding for feasibility Study for Greenway from Balrothery Village to Ardgillan Demesne - AI108860

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

“That the Chief Executive expedite the engagement of a suitable consultant to undertake the feasibility study, including the ecological survey, for the proposed greenway/link connecting Balrothery Village to Ardgillan Demesne Regional Park; and, in the event that no appointment has yet been made, outline the barriers preventing progression of the project, noting that ORIS funding was awarded on 15 August 2025 and the study must be completed within 18 months of the grant approval date”

Report:

The Council has sought a proposal from suitably qualified consultants to undertake a feasibility study for an active travel link between Balrothery village and Ardgillan Demesne. Funding for this study will take advantage of approved ORIS grant funding and the brief for study will take account of the recently completed mobility study for Balrothery.

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

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ITEM NO. 56

Facilitate a Briefing to Members on the Fingal Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit - AI108880

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive facilitate a briefing to Elected Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee on how the Fingal Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit will be used to inform future decisions, funding applications and project prioritisation and also confirm the process Fingal will use to verify and regularly update the Audit’s underlying data (including population growth and facility listings), as some Members may have concern elements which may already be out of date and could disadvantage rapidly growing towns in future investment decisions.”

Report:

Fingal County Council will facilitate a briefing for the Members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee to address how the Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit will act as a baseline for future infrastructure planning, project and capital programme prioritisation, and external funding applications.

The final audit has been updated to reflect the changes arising from the revised Core Strategy.

The update incorporates the following key amendments:

- Baseline population figures for settlements have been revised. Previously, baseline populations were based on modelled 2023 figures set out in the Core Strategy of the adopted County Development Plan 2023–2029, which were themselves derived from Census 2016. These have now been replaced with recorded Census 2022 population figures, as included in the revised Core Strategy published in the variation to the County Development Plan.
- Projected settlement populations for 2029 (the end of the plan period) have been updated to align with Fingal County Council's revised population projections published in the revised Core Strategy.

Source of Reply: Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sport

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ITEM NO. 57

Installation of Music Pillars - Main Street - Swords - AI108911

Motion: Councillor D. Kelly

“That the Chief Executive consider installing outdoor music pillars in conjunction with the Swords Cultural Quarter Main Street upgrade, to create a welcoming theme to Swords for weekends, cultural events, seasonal events and information updates.”

Report:

Plans for the SCQ public realm have made provision for the availability of the infrastructure needed for public outdoor events while the Culturehouse building itself will provide for indoor events and the display of public communications. The installation of permanent outdoor music pillars, such as those proposed, has not been provided for, and with works on site, cannot be considered at this point. The Swords Main Street Transformation, being led by the Infrastructure and Transport Department as part of the Sustainable Swords Initiative, is at the very early stages of conception, with a number of targeted workshops planned in the coming weeks. The installation of outdoor music pillars can be considered as part of this project at a more advanced stage of project delivery.

Source of Report: Niall Kelly: Senior Staff Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 58

Urgent Need for Additional Schools - Donabate - AI108401

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister and Department of Education and Youth to outline the urgent need for additional schools to be prioritised in Donabate with sites identified (3 primary and 1 secondary) in the County Development Plan 2023-2029 as many families are moving into the rapidly growing area and are unable to secure a school place for their children locally."

Report:

If the Motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister of Education, Department of Education and Youth, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 59

Blocked Access to Ward River Walkway - AI108823

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive provide a report as to what plans have been considered to open the blocked end of the riverwalk at Bridge Street Swords to agree with the Sustainable Swords Project.”

Report:

In the context of the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan, the opening of this access route is being assessed. The relevant legal and land ownership issues are being investigated to determine the best approach to having the blockage removed as one of a range of access and active travel improvements included in the park development plan.

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

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ITEM NO. 60

ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW - WHEELCHAIR USERS IN THIS LEA - AI108881

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive write to the National Transport Authority requesting an accessibility review for wheelchair users of key bus stops serving Rush, Lusk and Swords (including the condition of kerbs, landing areas, crossings, bus stop position near facilities & debris), and identify priority upgrades specifically for mobility aids and wheelchair users.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority; when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 61

Rural Recreational Sports Hub in this LEA - AI108898

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive give consideration to supporting a proposal for a Rural Recreational Sports Hub for the rural villages and surrounding hinterlands of North County Dublin.”

Report:

The Council is available to meet with representatives of sports clubs located in rural areas in Fingal to better understand their requirements for shared sporting facilities and how these might be addressed through the Fingal Recreational Hub model.

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

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