Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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

Held on Thursday 7th May 2026 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Burtchaell, John	Leddy, Ted
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear	McCamley, Mary
Kieran Dennison	Onwumereh, JK
Donnelly, Angela	Quinlan, Patrick
Doyle, Tania	Sheehan, Gerard
Hanaphy, Breda	Shovlin, Siobhan
Kitt, Tom	Troy, Ellen
	Walsh, John

Apologies: Councillor H. Redwood

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

Sara McAvoy (Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department), Orlagh Sweetman (Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department), Pauline Poole (Community Officer, Community), Noel Mc Manus (Sports Development Officer, Community), Michael Campbell (Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development), Kieran Maher (Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports), Oliver Hoey (Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure & Transport), Tricia Matthews, (Administrative Officer, Housing Department), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department), Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer, Community), Gráinne Carroll, (Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports), Aoife Lawler, (Senior Executive Officer Housing Department), Christine Baker (Heritage Officer, Planning & Development Department), Sean Walsh (Senior

Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

VISITORS TO THE CHAMBER

Mr. Dara McGowan & Ms. Gráinne Duffy, EirGrid.

CMB/544/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General) Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd April, 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**-

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 16 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

CMB/545/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - List of Council Lands at St. Catherine's Park - AI107735

CMB/546/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Royal Canal Greenway - AI108317

CMB/547/26 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Activities Box in Millennium Park - AI108046

CMB/548/26 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on the Taking in Charge of Castlefield Hall - AI108178

CMB/549/26 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on the Taking in Charge of Phibblestown Wood - AI108180

CMB/550/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of CCTV at Littlepace Shops - AI108182

CMB/551/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Public Bicycles in Dublin 15 - AI108183

CMB/552/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Housing Forum Meetings in this LEA - AI108185

CMB/553/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Donnelly - NTQs and Homeless Assessments in this LEA - AI108186

CMB/554/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Ongar Barnhill Road Post-Opening Review - AI108058

CMB/555/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Vacant Properties in Parnell Estate - AI108312

CMB/556/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on NTQs in Dublin 15 - AI108313

CMB/557/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Homeless Figures in Dublin 15 - AI108314

CMB/558/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Estates Taken in Charge in Tyrrelstown, Hollystown and Hollywoodrath - AI108315

CMB/559/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Taking in Charge of Brandon Square - AI108316

CMB/560/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Applications for Funding.

a **Applications for Community Funding**

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

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

b **Applications for Sports Funding**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan and **AGREED**:

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

CMB/561/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposals

a **Notice of proposed renewal of lease of land at Cappoge, Finglas, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited**

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area Committee on the proposed renewal of lease of land at Cappoge, Finglas, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

b **Notice of proposed renewal of lease of land at Meakstown, Finglas, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited**

Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Staff Officer of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Culture & Development Department gave a report for noting by the Area

Committee on proposed renewal of lease of land at Meakstown, Finglas, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited.

Following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

CMB/562/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Scheme

Mr. Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department, provided a presentation on Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Scheme. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Mr. Maher.

Following discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

CMB/563/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Update on the Fingal East Meath Grid Reinforcement Project and the East Meath North Dublin Grid Upgrade Project

Mr. Dara McGowan, Project Manager, EirGrid & Ms. Gráinne Duffy, Community Liaison Officer, EirGrid provided a presentation on an update on the Fingal East Meath Grid Reinforcement Project and the East Meath North Dublin Grid Upgrade Project. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Mr. McGowan and Ms. Duffy.

Following discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

CMB/564/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Correspondence.

Ms. Sara Mc Avoy, Senior Executive Officer, Meeting Administrator advised members follow up emails have been sent by Corporate Services in relation to Items 21a, 21b and 21c, to the relevant departments as outlined in the reply. Members will receive a further update on each item when a reply is received by Corporate Services.

a **Email from Private Secretary of Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD dated 26th March 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Danu Community School**

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

b **Email from Private Secretary of Hildegarde Naughton TD dated 26th March 2026 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion Danu Community School**

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

c **Email from Private Secretary of Minister O'Brien TD dated 17th April 2026 regarding Cllr Donnelly Motion Cancelled Buses in this LEA**

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

CMB/565/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Residents Car Park Allocation - Church Fields - AI106436

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

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

CMB/566/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

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

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and Seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

CMB/567/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Protection of Green Space in Dunsink and Scribblestown - AI106498

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

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

CMB/568/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Environmental Impact of Nitrous Oxide in this LEA - AI107697

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

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

CMB/569/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Increase Height of Boundary Fencing at Church Fields - AI108060

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

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

CMB/570/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Exclusion of Dublin 15 Schools from Deis Plus Scheme - AI108164

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell as proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/571/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Naming of New Access Lane/Road at St. Mochta's Football Club - AI108172

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

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

CMB/572/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Walsh - National Registration of Scrambler Bikes - Fingal West Local Community Safety Partnership - AI108307

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

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

CMB/573/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Opposition to Casinos in this LEA - AI106499

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

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

CMB/574/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Investigate Unfinished Development - Heathfield Estate - AI106877

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

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

CMB/575/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Report on Strategic Plan for Tolka Valley Park - AI108061

The Motion in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by B. Hanaphy and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

CMB/576/26 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Expansion of Powerstown Allotments - AI108085

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **ACCEPTED** without discussion.

CMB/577/26 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Walsh - Community Activities Funding in this LEA - AI108308

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 18:10

AREA CHAIRPERSON **DATED**

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ITEM NO. 02

REPORT ON BIODIVERSITY PROJECT - PARK DRIVE ADJACENT TO M50 - AI108082

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining when the Council will undertake a biodiversity project for the area of Park Drive, as the area adjacent to the M50 was due to be drained in 2024 and a biodiversity project was due to take place in 2025, but neither occurred?"

Reply:

The Biodiversity Unit is currently rolling out biodiversity projects on a phased basis. The Park Drive biodiversity project is part of Phase 3 of this programme. The Phase 2 list of projects are nearing completion. Once the design of final two projects of Phase 2 are complete, the Biodiversity Unit will move onto the Park Drive biodiversity project. This project is expected to commence this Autumn.

Source of Reply:
Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Parks and Green, Infrastructure Division, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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Item No. 03

ELECTION POSTERS FINES IN THIS LEA – AI108515

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on how many election posters were left up in this Local Electoral Area after the two week limit for the most recent Local and General Elections, and how many fines were issued to and subsequently paid by offenders?"

Reply:

June 2024 Local elections- 12 fines were issued by the litter warden for election posters left up in the LEA after the two-week limit, 8 of those fines were paid and 4 were prosecuted in court.

November 2024 General elections- 14 fines were issued by the litter warden for election posters left up in the LEA after the two-week limit, 11 of those were paid and 3 fines were cancelled.

Source of Reply:
Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 04

UPDATE ON THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY - AI108338

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for the Royal Canal Greenway, including the anticipated timeline for submission of a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála?"

Reply:

Preparation of the planning application documents is progressing. The Environment Impact Assessment Report, which forms part of the planning application submission, has been complied and will be issued to the NTA and Waterways Ireland for their review and feedback. Following a final legal review of all documents, the Planning Application is scheduled for lodgement to An Coimisiún Pleanála in September 2026.

Source of Reply:
Emer F. Tierney, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF WORKS AT LAUREL LODGE PLAYGROUND - AI108340

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the completion of works for the playground at Laurel Lodge and the reinstatement of the green space, where necessary?"

Reply:

The works at Laurel Lodge are completed with the reinstatement of the grass area surrounding the playground and the removal of temporary fencing enclosing the newly established grass.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hoey, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 06

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF WINDMILL ESTATE, CLONSILLA - AI108339

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Windmill Estate in Clonsilla, outlining the areas already taken in charge and the areas to be taken in charge?"

Reply:

There has been no request submitted to take Windmill Estate in charge, and as a result, Fingal currently has no plans to do so. No areas in this Development have been taken in charge to date.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 07

REPORT ON BRIDGE AT BRAMBLEFIELD - AI108621

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report indicating the cost of the proposed active travel bridge from Damastown to Bramblefield, as part of the N3/M50 bus priority and active travel scheme?"

Reply:

In the non-statutory consultation for the N3/M50 bus priority and active travel scheme an active travel crossing was shown at junction 3a. The estimated cost of this structure is €5.5million.

Source of Reply:
Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF PHIBBLESTOWN WOOD - AI108770

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Phibblestown Wood, detailing if the bondholder has engaged and mobilised a contractor to address the list of required works necessary to bring the estate up to a taking in charge standard?"

Reply:

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

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON HAZELBURY PARK PLAY AREA - AI108771

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the progress of the community consultation process regarding the development of a play area in Hazelbury Park?"

Reply:

Following a non-statutory consultation with residents and having considered the concerns raised, the Transport and Infrastructure Department will meet with residents again in coming weeks to present amended proposals addressing those concerns raised.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hoey, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO.10

REPORT ON CHOICE BASED LETTING DATA IN THIS LEA - AI108772

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular format, listing the Choice Based Letting (CBL) properties advertised in this Local Electoral Area, year to date, detailing the number of applications received for each property, the tenure of the property (e.g. Council, Approved Housing Body, Lease) and the length of time from advertisement to tenants getting their keys?"

Reply:

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is a process for letting homes which allows existing Tenants and Applicants to bid for the available designated properties they are interested in.

Where there are multiple bids for the same property, the applicants with the highest priority or longest Date in Need in accordance with the Allocations Scheme will be assessed for an offer of the property.

The assessment is to determine that the household is eligible for an offer of social housing support and can include assessments with regard to income, household composition, and current status, for existing tenants, a clear rent account will be necessary. All allocations are considered in line with good estate management, and the relevant bodies will be contacted for information in this regard.

This process can take a varying amount of time depending on the necessary aspects of the assessment and required related documentation.

An applicant having refused an offer under CBL will not be eligible for CBL for a period of 12 months.

2026 List positions are now available on the CBL portal and all applicants are encouraged to engage with the CBL portal.

Address	Council/AHB	Dates advertised	Expressions of interest
Avondale Park	Co-operative Housing	14/01/2026 – 20/01/2026	353
Fortlawn Park	Council	11/02/2026 – 17/02/2026	184
Piper's Court, Hansfield	Tuath Housing	04/03/2026 – 10/03/2026	213
Churchfields 1 bed	Council	04/03/2026 – 10/03/2026	334
Churchfields 2 bed	Council	04/03/2026 – 10/03/2026	375
Canal View Terrace	Tuath	25/03/2026 – 31/03/2026	214
Wellview	Council	22/04/2026 – 28/04/2026	339
Willian's Way, Ongar	LTL	22/04/2026 – 28/04/2026	339

Source of Reply:

Linda McDonald, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

HORSE SCULPTURE FOR THE ONGAR ROUNDABOUT - AI108766

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly –

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to add the following item from the 4th December 2025, Services B meeting to the arts projects, following recent clarification that such requests should come via Councillors: *'That the Chief Executive commissions a Horse Sculpture for the Ongar Roundabout to commemorate the taking in charge of Ongar Village, in recognition of its former function as a stud farm'*."

Reply:

The Fingal Public Art Strategy has been developed by the Arts Office to deliver public art projects, sites and themes.

Under the Financial Management & Governance Pillar a Steering Group will be formed this year to guide delivery of the strategy. The group's remit, in partnership with the Arts Office, will include the establishment of a Public Art Register of proposed projects for consideration. The proposal to 'commission a Horse Sculpture for the Ongar Roundabout to commemorate the taking in charge of Ongar Village, in recognition of its former function as a stud farm' will be added to this register.

Source of Reply:
Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 12

UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF TWO COTTAGES - WEAVERS ROW, CLONSILLA - AI108767

Question : Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion, from 6th March 2025, from Councillors A. Donnelly and Councillor S. Shovlin: *'That the Chief Executive purchase two cottages on Weavers Row, Clonsilla that are currently up for sale to help preserve the streetscape of Clonsilla Village'*."

Reply:

As reported at the time, consideration was given to the potential acquisition of these cottages, and the acquisitions were not considered to align with the direct delivery of the Council's programmes. As a result, no funding stream was available to pursue their acquisition. This was reported to Members at the time.

It is acknowledged that, following discussion of the report on the motion, the Motion was passed. However, the Motion passed did not address or identify a programme, future use or funding stream under which the acquisition and any future use could be progressed. The acquisiton has not therefore been progressed.

It is important to note that the Council has a range of mechanisms through the County Development Plan that ensure the protection of architectural heritage, and that it is not necessary for the Council to acquire such sites.

The Council also provides support and advice to property owners in preserving streetscapes through the Conservation Office and the planning process.

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

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ITEM NO.13

REPORT ON RENT INCREASES INFORMATION IN THIS LEA – AI108768

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly
"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report confirming when Council tenants in this Local Electoral Area received letters informing them of rent increases, and when the rent increases came into effect?"

Reply:
Fingal County Council issued an initial letter of notice to tenants on 11th March 2026 which outlined changes to the Differential Rent Scheme.

A second letter of notice issued to tenants on 11th May 2026 which specified individual new rent charges.

The new differential rent scheme came into effect on 25th April 2026, and changes to the scheme were also communicated via social media and website updates.

Source of Reply:
Sara McAvoy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.
Mark McGinty, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF CASTLEFIELD HALL - AI108769

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the taking in charge of Castlefield Hall, and to report if the developer has engaged with their contractor to complete the final road surfacing layer to the estate?"

Reply:

The developer has confirmed that road resurfacing works are scheduled to start during the week of Monday, 1st June. Once completed, a road safety audit will take place as part of the final process to have the estate officially taken in charge.

Source of Reply:
Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON KILMARTIN ENTRANCE PATHWAY INTO TYRRELSTOWN PARK - AI108775

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the entrance pathway from Kilmartin into Tyrrelstown Park will be reopened?"

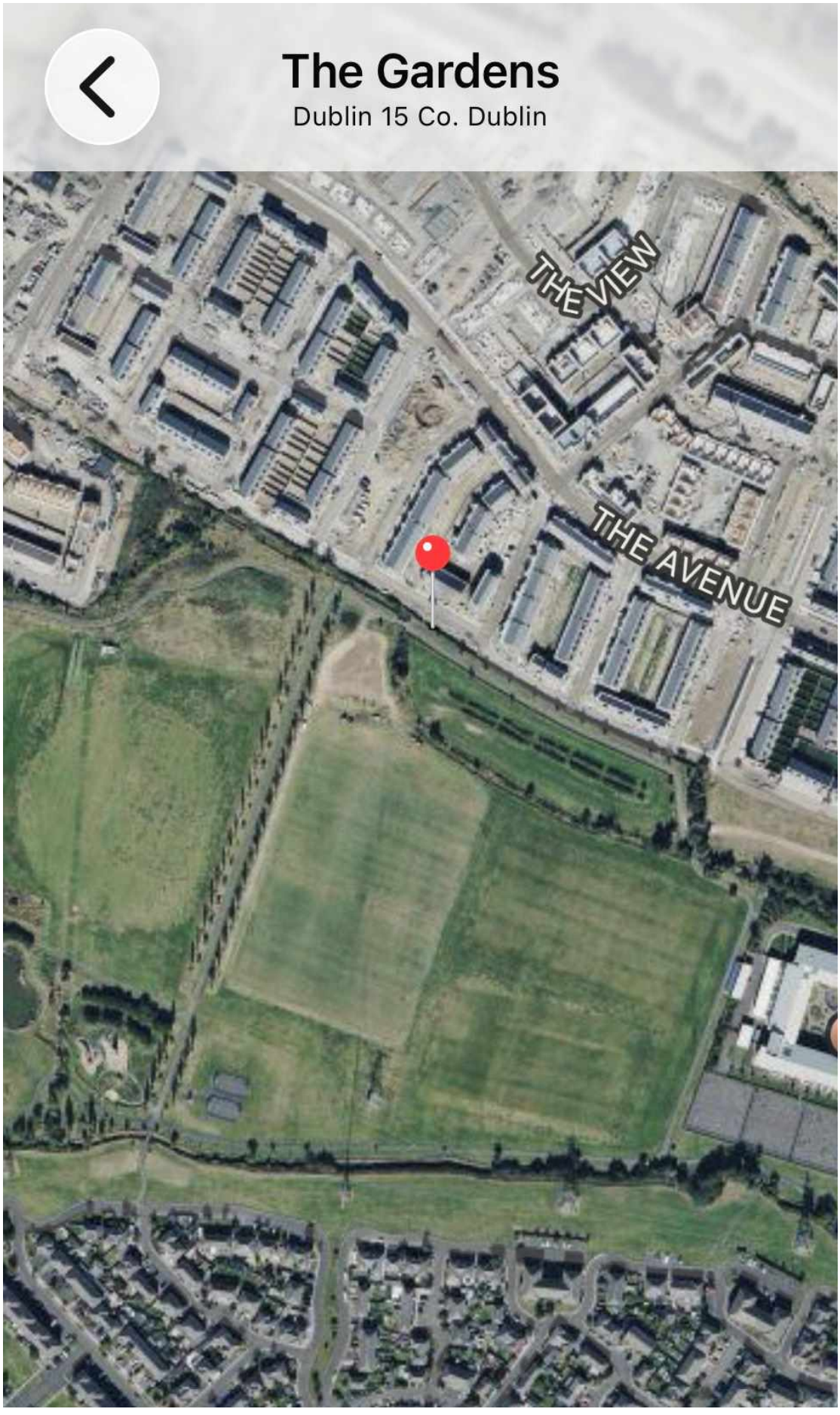
Reply:

The landscape works in the Kilmartin residential development are not yet complete. The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division shall contact the developer for an update on their progress on these works including the provision of access paths into Tyrrelstown Park.

Source of Reply:
Gemma Carr, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and strategic Infrastructure Department.

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

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 16

NOISE SURVEY ON DAMASTOWN AVENUE - AI108776

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a traffic noise survey, to measure and evaluate the sound levels produced by vehicular traffic, on Damastown Avenue, at the new Church Fields Development?"

Reply:

The Strategic Noise Maps for the Dublin agglomeration are currently being updated by the four Dublin Local Authorities. Fingal County Council will be undertaking survey work in Q3 2026 to gather information in the Fingal area for these updates, and Damastown Avenue will be included in traffic noise evaluations.

Source of Reply:
Rebecca Walsh, Executive Scientist, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and sports Department.

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO.17

TENNIS COURTS AT THE NEW KILMARTIN PARK DEVELOPMENT - AI108778

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install tennis courts at the new Kilmartin Park development?"

Reply:

The Council is available to meet with local groups interested in using all-weather tennis facilities at Kilmartin Park. If the group/s make contact with the Infrastructure & Transport Department, a meeting can be arranged to discuss how best the Council can address their needs in relation to the provision of these facilities.

Source of Reply:
Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE
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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 18

REPORT ON DERELICT AND VACANT RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN THIS LEA - AI108779

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the number of registered derelict and vacant residential units within this Local Electoral Area, to include a breakdown of how long each
property has remained on the Derelict Sites Register and an update on the collection of the Derelict Sites Levy in the district?"

Reply:

5 no. sites within the Local Electoral Areas of Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar are currently registered on the Derelict Sites Register, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended. These are set out in the table below.

	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Ongar	Castleknock
No. of Sites on Derelict Sites Register	4	1	0

The Derelict Sites Register for Fingal County Council is updated regularly, is published online and is available to view at the following web address https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2026-04/derelict-sites-register-14th-april-2026.pdf

In line with the Act, a levy shall be charged when a property stands entered on the register on the first day of January of any local financial year. All sites eligible to be levied in accordance with the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act have been raised and charged. The Derelict Sites Section are precluded from discussing any actions in detail being taken on individual files other than with those who are legally responsible for the site.

The following table details the period in which each property was entered onto the Derelict Sites Register.

LEA	Date Entered onto the DSR
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	14/04/2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	20/02/2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	09/05/2025
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	21/06/2021
Ongar	26/06/2025

There are currently 40 identified privately owned vacant homes in the Dublin 15 area. The Council is investigating these properties to confirm if these properties remain vacant, to identify the reasons for vacancy and to establish if plans are underway to bring the properties back into use. The Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant may be considered by the property owners to bring properties back into residential use.

In addition to these 40 properties, the Council is currently engaging with six applicants under the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme with respect to six long term vacant properties in varying states of condition located in the Dublin 15 Area. The vacant homes team is working with these owners to bring the applications to decision stage. To date, 24 applicants have drawn down funds under the Vacant Refurbishment Grant Scheme in the Dublin 15 area.

Source of Reply:
Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development.
Ashley McGovern, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 19A

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Meakstown Community Centre Board GA-003949	€2,369	Kids Entertainment – Open Day Sound System for Centre Use	N	N/A	€2,300.40
Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society GA-003965	€1,874	Insurance First Aid Kit Three Separate Heritage Speakers Extension Lead Camcorder Microphone	Y	2025 - €1,414.04	€1,756.98

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Children 4WorldChildren GA-003954	€3,000	PA System Banner Lighting for events Camera Defibrillator Insurance Venue Cost	Y	2025 - €2,735.47	€3,000.00
Ongar Community Centre GA-003967	€2,999	Facepainters Puppet Master Balloon Molder Costume Magician	Y	2025 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00
Aldemere and Windemere Residents Association GA-003924	€2,673	Paint, Brushes & Rollers Plants Weed, Feed, Moss Peat & Bark Lawn Edger and Charger Insurance Fences, Sleepers & Flower Beds Family Day Bouncy Castle & Games	Y	2025 - €2,530.00 2024 - €2,497.00	€2,673.50
Hartstown Community Centre GA-003978	€2,916	Entertainer Tables & Chairs Pavement Board Childrens Equipment	Y	2025 - €1,308.45	€2,916.00
Dublin 15 Woodturners GA-003927		Printing Leaflets Indoor Signage – 2 Pull Up Displays Jaw Mounting & Outdoor Banner Gripper Jaws Hallowing Jaws	N	N/A	

	€2,820	Axminster Chuck Package Lathe			€2,820.00
Heart and Soul Friendship Group GA-003899	€3000	Wellness/Movement Tai Chi Ballroom Social Trips Insurance Laptop	Y	2024- €2999.26	€3000
Thrive Arch Club Dublin 15 GA-003975	€1000	Playball Yoga Sensory Equipment	N	N/A	€1260
Luttrellstown Community Centre GA-003984	€1955	Open Day-entertainer and band Facilitator: Art & Zumba	Y	2024-€2806	€2910.50
Hamilton Park Residents Association GA-003964	€3000	Insurance Inflatables	Y	2025 - €152.25	€3000
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA-003962	€2553	Drill, microwave, cafe equipment Mindfullness workshops & kids entertainer PC	Y	2025 - €1794.50 2024- €2745	€3000
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre Ltd GA-003970	€2776	Facilitator Fee & Equipment Kids Entertainer PA System & Stand	Y	2024- €2852.70	€2968
Castaheany Community Centre Ltd GA-003985	€1955	Open Day-Kids Entertainer and Band Facilitator: Art & Zumba	N	N/A	€2910.50
Mountview Family Resource Centre GA-003956	€2440	Zumba Bus Trip Brass Band Music Bingo	Y	2024-€3000	€2400

Blakestown Community & Resource Centre GA-003977	€3130	Kitchen Pilates Family Day Parent & Toddler Group Equipment	Y	2024-€3000	€3000
Corduff Resource Centre GA-003990	€2758	Entertainment Equipment Newsletter	Y	2024-€2814	€2758.40
Mulhuddart Mens Shed GA-003987	€1065	Insurance – Capped	Y	2025- €2789.75	€500
Meakstown Community Garden GA-003966	€2,750	Gardening, safety & First Aid Equipment Planting & Bedding Materials Insurance	N	N/A	€2,801
Mountview Fortlawn Youth & Sports Hub GA-003988	€2,997	Open Family Day Equipment Plants and Paint	Y	2025 - €2,550.12 2024 - €2,907.38	€2,536.78
Tyrrelstown Community Centre GA-003968	€2,999	Event Company	Y	2025 - €3,000	€3,000
D15 Stay & Play Toy library GA-003980	€2,988	Insurance Facilitators Equipment Hire Equipment Venue	N	N/A	€2,759.90

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026
ITEM NO. 19b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Westmanstown Bowling Club	€3,602	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a wooden gazebo.	Y	2025 - €1,342.00	I recommend that the club are allocated €3,602. The grant will allow club members to change their shoes under

					a shelter and also be used as a viewing area in wet weather.
McKelvey Celtic Football Club	€4,000	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase two dugouts for their astro pitch.	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €4,000. The grant will ensure players and coaches can be seated safely off the sideline during games.
Tyrrelstown Cricket Club	€4,000	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a container.	Y	2022 - €950	I recommend that the club are allocated €4,000. The grant will allow the club to expand storage, increasing membership capacity.
Viking Sub Aqua Club	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a full-face diving mask.	Y	2025 - €3,405	I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to improve diver safety during training and support beginner divers

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4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 19c

APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING FOR ANTI-LITTER, ANTI-GRAFFITI GRANTS

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

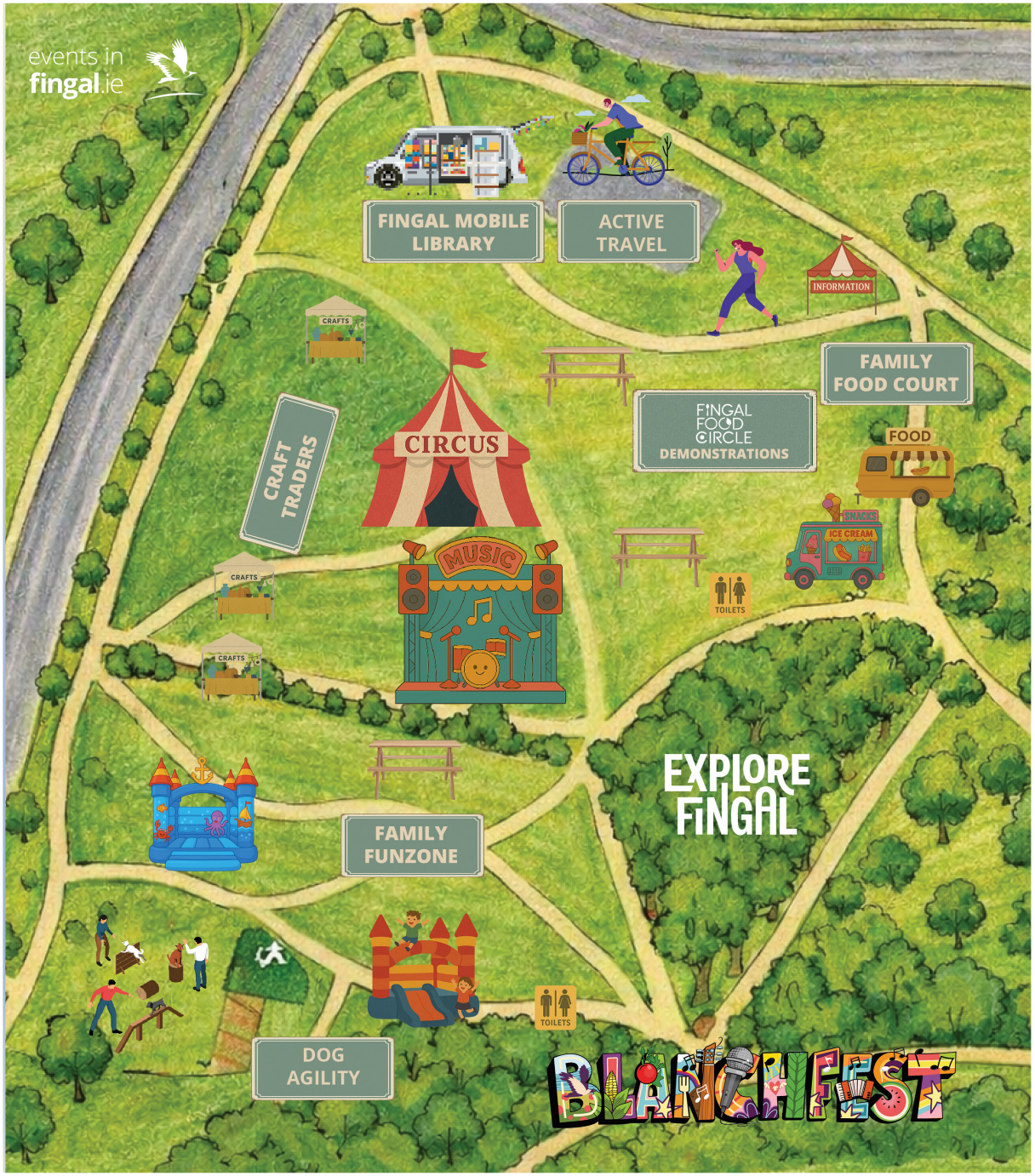
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Blakestown Drive Community Group	€1,000	Project Monet; Anti-Graffiti service box art work	Y	2025 €1200	€850

Blanchardstown Village Tidy Towns	€1,500	Historical photos theme on solar bins	Y	2025 €562.50; 2024 €1150; 2023 €1310; 2022 €1500	€1,282.50
Clonsilla Tidy Towns	€1,500	painting utility boxes, cig butt bins	Y	2025 €1085.01; 2024 €1300;	€1,200
Foróige BEAT Huntstown	€1,500	Tidy up, clean up graffiti, dog fouling info	N	N/A	€1,200
Foróige Corduff Blackcourt	€1,308.90	Grafitti art project	N	N/A	€1,060.21
Foróige Tyrellstown	€1,500	Graffiti art project (container)	N	N/A	€1,230
Hamilton Park RA Diswellstown	€1,038.80	Kids high vis, kids litter pickers (street art no permission)	N	N/A	€914.14
Meakstown Tidy Towns / Community Garden Group	€1,500	equipment, plants bulbs signage	Y	2025 €800	€1,305
Ongar Tidy Towns	€1,500	High vis, hoops, stickers, dust cart	Y	2025 €1180.80; 2024 €1500	€1,275
Riverwood Biodiversity Group, Castleknock	€1,499.80	plants, bird bat boxes	Y	2025 €635	€1,199.84
Strawberry Beds Resident's Association, Castleknock	€1,500	wildflower, clean up signage	N	N/A	€1,200

Viking Sub Aqua Club, Clonsilla	€1,500	canal clean up	N	N/A	€1,275

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PRESS RELEASE

New Flagship Event for Blanchardstown Set to Celebrate the Best of the West

A brand-new community festival is coming to Blanchardstown this summer, as BlanchFest brings Millennium Park to life with a vibrant and inclusive weekend of free family entertainment, live music, delicious food, and unique craft traders on 22 & 23 August from 12-6pm

BlanchFest will celebrates the strong community spirit, creativity and diversity of Blanchardstown, offering something for visitors of all ages. Families can look forward to a welcoming and lively atmosphere filled with engaging activities, performances and entertainment throughout the weekend.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr said: "BlanchFest will be a fantastic new addition to Fingal's event calendar and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate everything that makes Blanchardstown such a vibrant and welcoming community. I encourage everyone to come along and experience the very best of the west this August."

The festival will provide opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with local talent, community groups and businesses. With a wide range of craft stalls, featuring handmade goods, creative designs and unique gifts. Giving local makers to showcase their work and talent and giving visitors a chance to support small businesses.

Food lovers will also be treated to live cooking demonstrations led by members of the Fingal Food Circle, who will share practical cooking tips, culinary inspiration, and delicious cooking ideas using quality local produce.

A packed programme of live music and entertainment will ensure a lively atmosphere throughout the day for the whole family to enjoy.

Visitors are encouraged to plan their travel in advance and try to leave their car at home. Fingal is keen to also encourage visitors to walk, cycle or take public transport wherever practical.

BlanchFest is more than just a festival it's an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate local talent, and enjoy a relaxed and fun day out in the heart of Blanchardstown.

For more information please visit: www.eventsinfingal.ie/events/blanch-fest

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Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

4th June 2026

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.



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

* St. Philip the Apostle, Hartstown



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

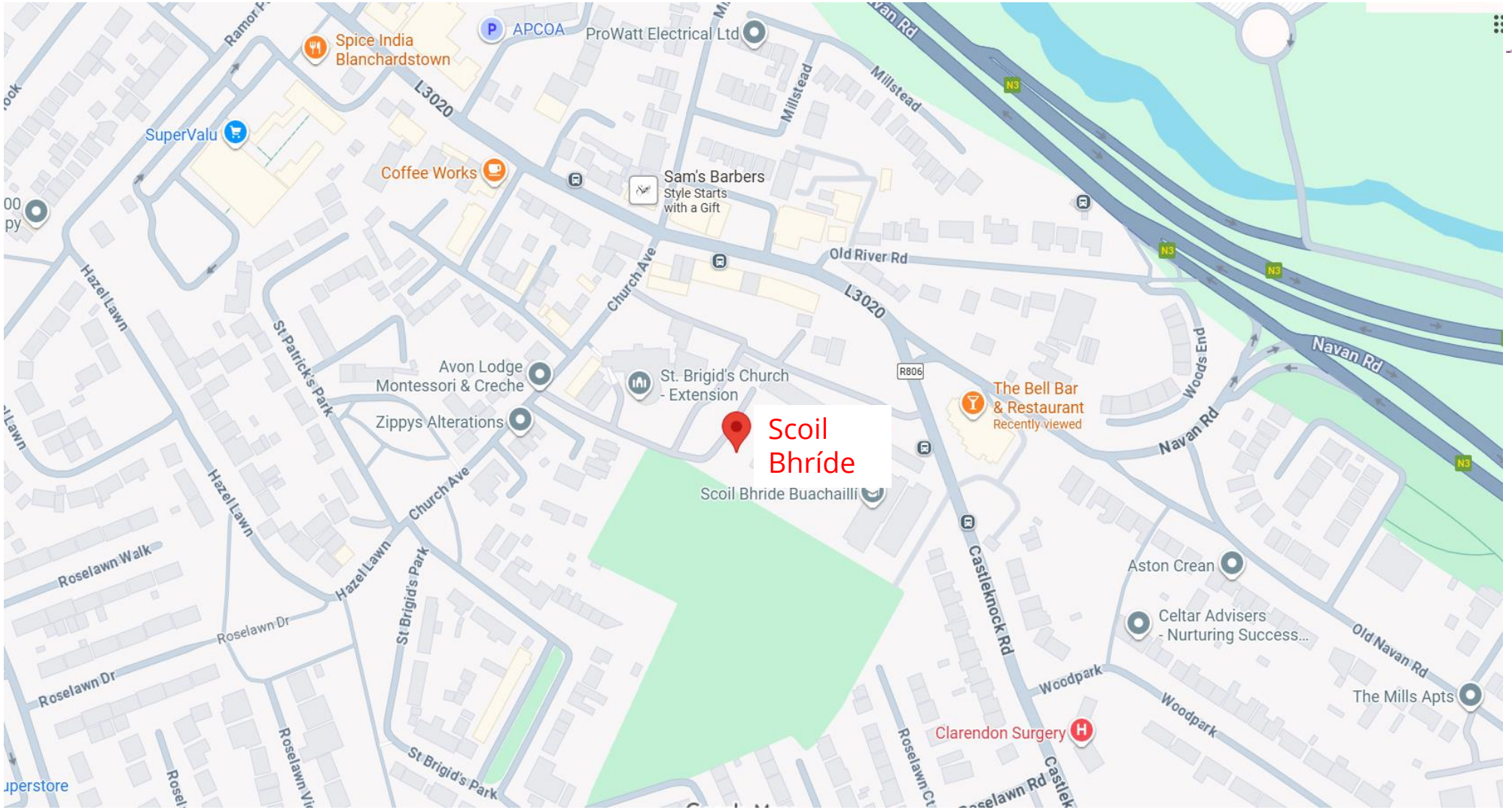
1. Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
2. Scoil Bhríde Cailíní - Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
3. St Helens SNS Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
4. Holy Family JNS – Forest Fields, Swords
5. St Colmcille's Girls' National School - Chapel Lane, Swords



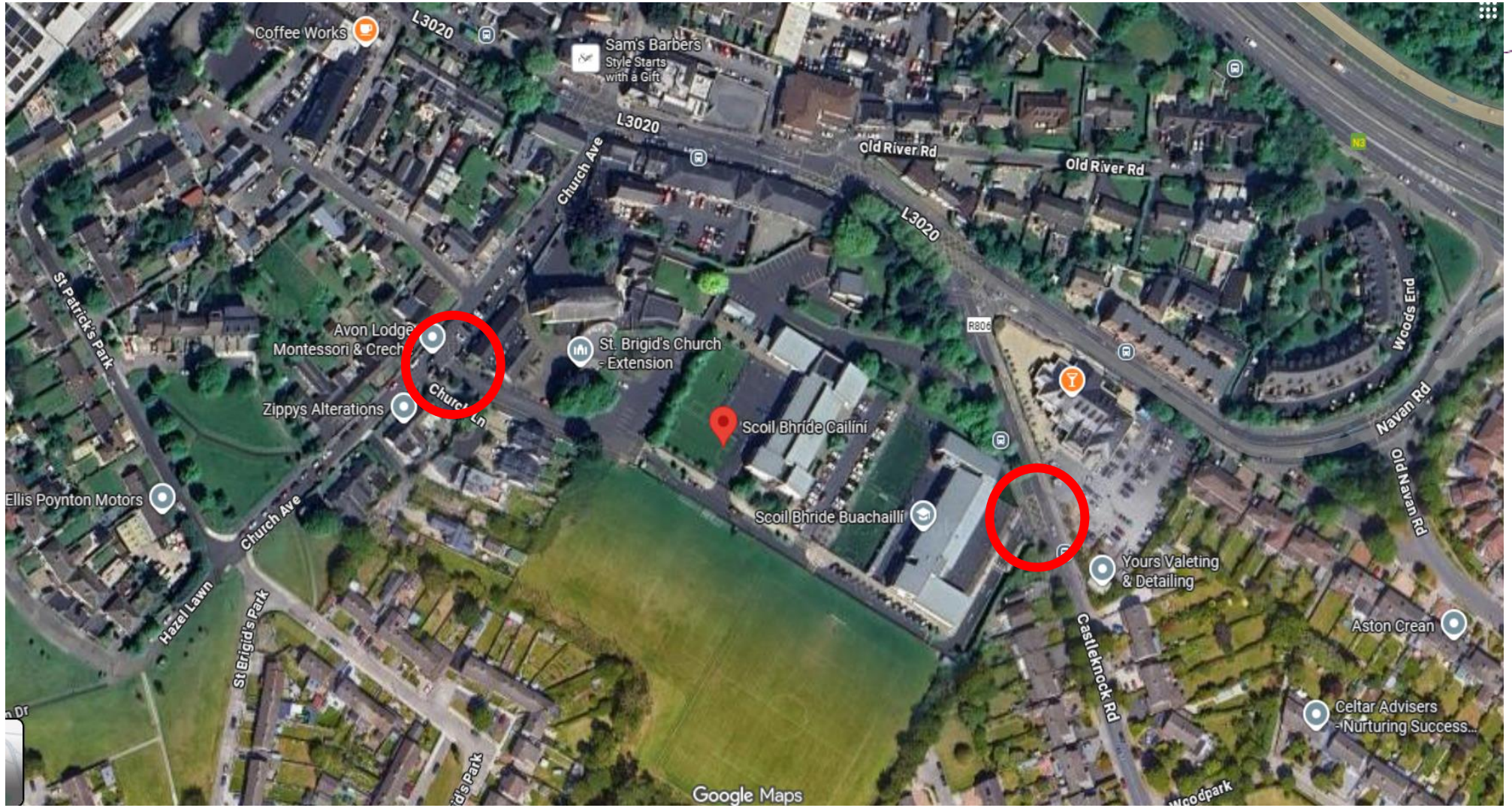
Round 2

1. Cllr Update 14th 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

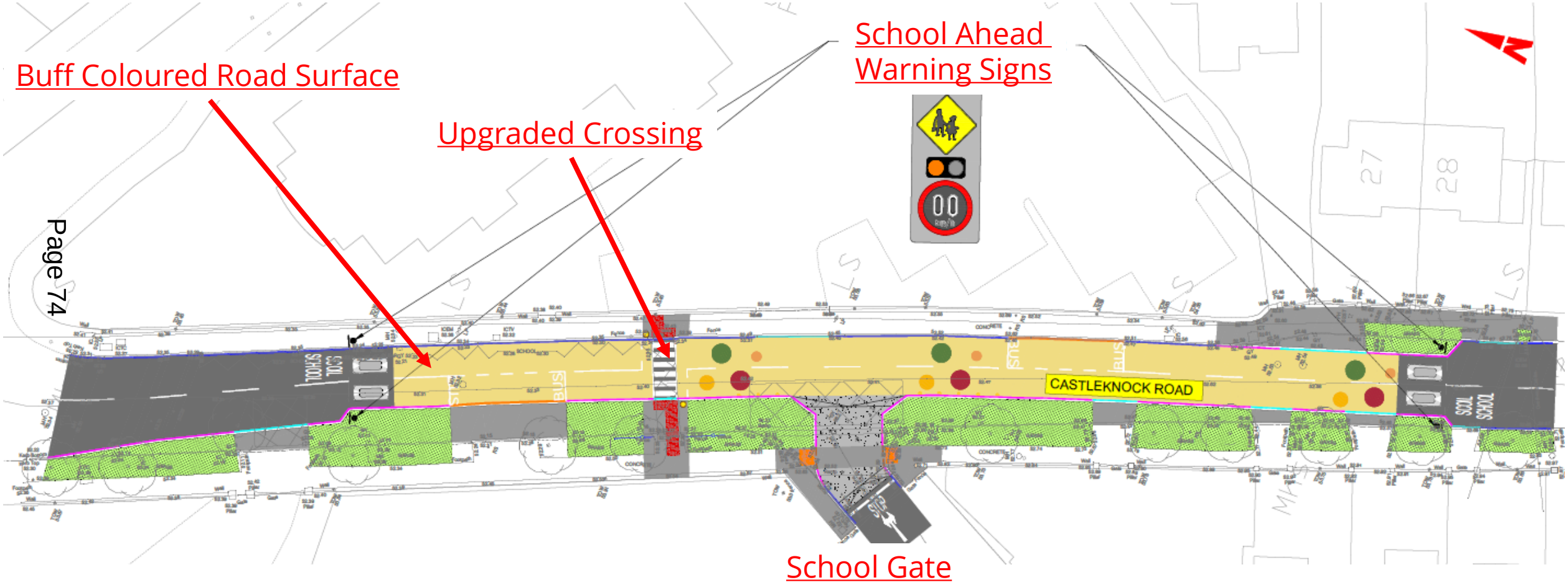
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Round 2 Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar



Round 2 Castleknock Road



Round 2 Castleknock Road

Gateway with reduced road width & Ramps

Pencil Bollards



School gate upgraded

Round 2 Church Avenue

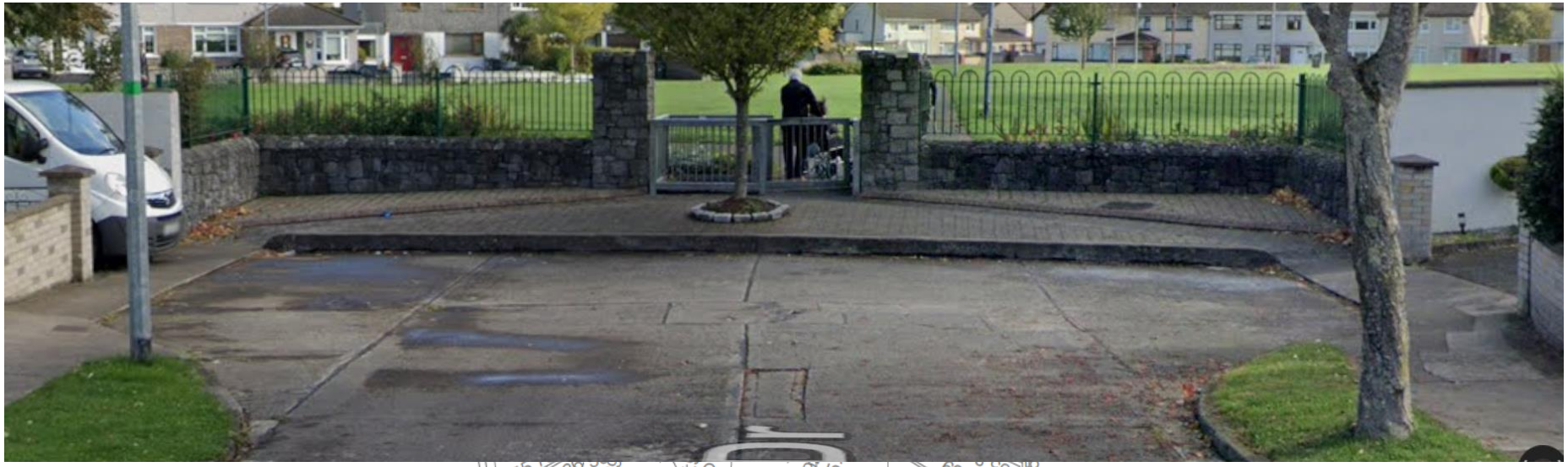
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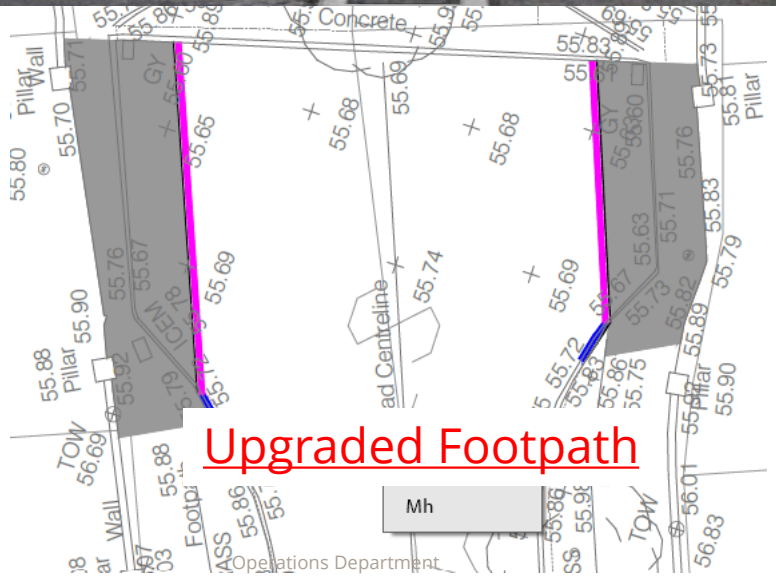


St Patricks Park Upgraded

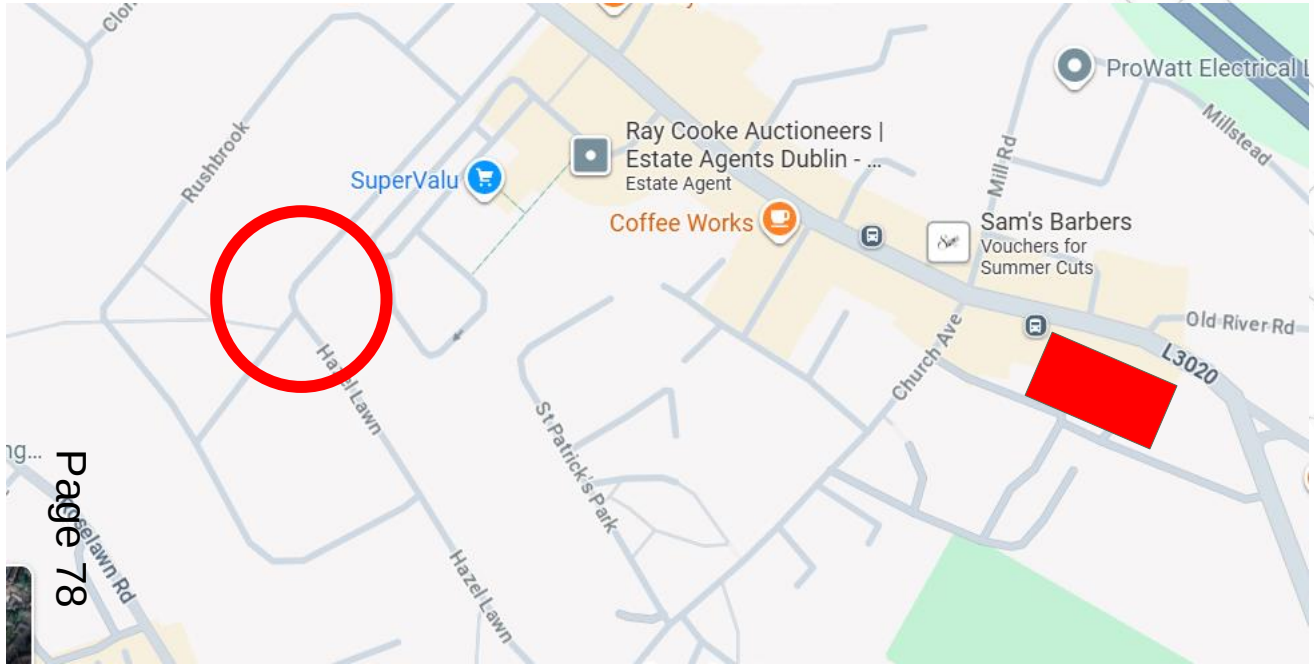
School gate upgraded

Round 2 Roselawn Drive





Round 2 Hazel Lawn / Ramor Park







New Tactiles to be installed.

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 etc 2026
- Works 2027

Questions?

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25th February 2026

Your Ref: ACM/BMCO/32/February 2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

Thank you for your letter of 11th February regarding Clonsilla Station.

The shuttle service between M3 Parkway and Clonsilla operates from approx. 10:40 to 15:20 and 20:15 - 23:55 Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. During the rush hour periods the service runs from M3 Parkway to Docklands.

The shuttle service operating between Clonsilla and M3 parkway is scheduled to provide connecting services, and this pattern dictates the dwell time of the train at Clonsilla.

A notice has been reissued to all Drivers to remind them to shut down their engines, however the generators are still required to run to provide light and heat on the train.

There will be a lesser residual noise level remaining, which is associated with the required running of the generator on the engine, and this could be the noise referred to.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Considine
Chief Executive

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1st May 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/26/December2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16th of April 2026 regarding a motion that was considered at the December 2025 meeting of Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee.

Details of planned changes to bus services in the Blanchardstown area are available on the Bus Connects website. The new network consists of "spine", radial, orbital, local and express services. The Blanchardstown area is to be served by "B-spine" routes B1, B2, B3 and B4, orbital routes N4, N8 and W4, plus a number of radial, local and express services. The "Big Picture Map" shows all the new routes across the Dublin area. A3-Big-Picture-Map-24.10.25.pdf. Planned frequencies for each route in the network are in this table: A3-Frequency-Table-21.11.25.pdf. (Please note that detailed timetables will be set nearer the time of implementation, to take account of the most recent data on demand).

Background information on how the new network was developed, including three rounds of public consultation, is available at Background Information | Busconnects.

Some of the new services are already in place, for example route N4 to North Dublin City / Docklands, and route W4 to Liffey Valley / Tallaght.

The date for the main set of changes is subject to the outcome of discussions between the NTA and the Department of Transport regarding funding for new services.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Deputy Chief Executive

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6th May 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/36/February2026

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Please note that we do not intend to extend route W4 to Dublin Airport as an interim measure. New route N8 will link Blanchardstown and Clongriffin via Dublin Airport. The Department of Transport and the National Transport Authority (NTA) are currently in discussions in relation to funding of the PSO (Public Service Obligation) programme generally. Work is progressing on the implementation of this route. The commencement date of the route N8 is subject to confirmation of funding so a precise date cannot be provided at this time.

I trust that the above is of assistance and clarifies the current status of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

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Ref: ACM/BMCO/39/January2026

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16th April 2026 regarding a motion that was considered at the March meeting of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee.

As you may be aware, the National Transport Authority (NTA) have developed a Business Intelligence tool which utilises available ticketing and Leap card data to identify and prioritise bus routes which are operating above normal capacity. Using that tool, we monitor a prioritised listing of bus routes with over-capacity issues, which we are seeking to address, in so far as is possible, within the driver, vehicle and funding constraints that we operate.

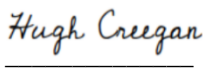
In recent months we have added capacity to the three routes with the greatest capacity issues identified through the tool, namely the 39A, 15 and E1. In relation to Route 40e, analysis of data provided from the tool indicates some capacity issues, accounting for approximately 10% of trips inbound AM and 10% of trips outbound PM. However, our analysis indicates that there are a number of other routes with a greater need for capacity interventions across the network including the 151, 33, C4, 33d, 38b, 65b, and 15b which have been selected for additional weekday peak time trips as part of the next round of service enhancements, currently planned for 8th of February. None the less, we will flag the capacity concerns raised with the Operator at Broombridge, for their review and consideration.

Additionally, the NTA and Dublin Bus implemented an extension of route 40d to Hollywoodrath on 22nd of March 2026. As part of this plan the schedule on the 40e had also been adjusted to provide an additional peak service and increased run times to improve reliability.

The NTA and Go-Ahead Ireland meet regularly to monitor performance in this area and identify routes requiring improvements in the punctuality and reliability of planned journeys. If routes have been identified where such an alteration is required, the NTA and the Operator will be planning for their implementation, subject to operational readiness and availability of resources, including additional buses and drivers, where these are required.

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18th May 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/27/December 2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence dated 16th of April 2026 regarding a motion that was considered at the December 2025 meeting of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has gained approval in principle for a new pair of stops at this location from Fingal County Council. Once designs for these stops are finalised we will work toward construction of same later this year.

I trust that the above is of assistance and clarifies the current status of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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18th May 2026

Ref: ACM/BMCO/40/January 2026

Dear Ms Hartigan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 22nd of April 2026 regarding a motion that was considered at the January 2026 meeting of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar Area Committee.

As you may know, Dublin Bus is currently experiencing a shortfall in driver availability. In addition to local recruitment, Dublin Bus has also undertaken a recruitment campaign in South Africa, with a view to recruiting a significant number of drivers. Unfortunately, Dublin Bus expect it will take a number of months before sufficient additional driver staff are in place to match the numbers required to operate a fully reliable service.

Currently, Go-Ahead Ireland (GAI) is experiencing high levels of lost kilometres due to ongoing mechanical issues. GAI have recruited 10 new mechanics who started earlier in the year and we have seen improvement to these services in recent weeks.

In addition to staff availability issues, incidents occur while a vehicle is in service, such as traffic accidents, congestion, health emergencies or bus breakdown, which can cause disruption and unforeseen delays to the published timetable.

Where service cancellations and curtailments are occurring frequently, the NTA engages directly with the operators to understand the underlying issues, and where these are due to persistent congestion issues, we agree dates with operators for revised timetables that better reflect prevailing traffic conditions on the route in question.

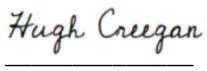
This process is intended to ensure that published timetables are realistic and that passengers can have confidence that services will operate as advertised.

The NTA is currently meeting Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland on a weekly basis at senior management level to monitor performance across the bus network in Dublin and identify routes requiring punctuality and reliability improvements.

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Yours sincerely,



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An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Ms. Liz Hartigan

Sent via email: Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

Ref: TTAS-MO-02589-2026

25th May 2026

Dear Ms. Hartigan,

I refer to your correspondence regarding a national registry for scrambler bikes.

The Road Traffic (Control of Certain Vehicles) Regulations 2026, known as Grace's Law in memory of Grace Lynch, were signed into law on 1 April. The regulations implement an explicit ban on scrambler use in any public place and strengthen existing provisions and powers of enforcement by An Garda Síochána. There are presently no plans to create a national registry for scrambler bikes.

Since July 2023, off-road scrambler bikes have been illegal for use on public roads and it has also been illegal to drive them dangerously anywhere, even on private land. An Garda Síochána has full powers to seize a scrambler being driven dangerously in any location, even where they have the reasonable belief that the vehicle will be driven dangerously, and they can enter the curtilage of a dwelling to retrieve a scrambler after the fact. It has also been an offence to sell or otherwise supply a mechanically propelled vehicle, such as a scrambler, to a minor since 2004.

The new regulations complete the introduction of provisions in the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 to tackle the dangerous use of scramblers and bring additional legal clarity by consolidating the disparate existing provisions into a single legislative instrument in respect of scramblers. The regulations prohibit the use of an off-road motorcycle, such as a scrambler or a quadbike, in any place, except on private land

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with the written consent of the landowner or use by the landowner. They impose a requirement of consent where restricted vehicles are used on private land and will make enforcement easier. The mere use of scramblers will now explicitly be an offence, assisting An Garda Síochána operationally by ensuring that members will no longer have to form a reasonable belief about dangerous use.

The regulations will not apply to registered, on-road motorcycles that are safe and legal for road use. It is important to note however that dangerous driving offences and all relevant road traffic laws continue to apply to the use of these vehicles. They will also allow for the continued appropriate off-road use of scramblers or quadbikes, such as for agricultural purposes and for controlled licenced sports events.

The Department, in consultation with the Department of Justice, is preparing further regulations to substantially increase the cost of releasing a scrambler following seizure, to reduce the number of seized vehicles that return to the road.

Yours sincerely,



Darragh O'Brien TD
Minister for Transport

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 23

N3 M50 TO CLONEE BUS PRIORITY AND ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME - AI108653

Motion: Councillors E. Carbone-Mangan and T. Kitt

"That the Chief Executive pauses any further progression on the current design of the N3/M50 to Clonee Bus Priority and Active Travel Scheme and enter into meaningful, structured engagement with local residents' associations, community groups, and all relevant stakeholders, as the overwhelming feedback from the public submissions demonstrates the localised impacts of the current preferred option present unacceptable trade-offs for established residential neighbourhoods in the absence of specific mitigations."

Report:

A non-statutory consultation (https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse) was carried out by Fingal County Council between 20 April 2026 and 18 May 2026 for the emerging preferred option for the N3/M50 Bus Priority and Active Travel scheme. This allowed the public to give comment on the proposed scheme over a 4-week period. An in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Option was held in the Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026. A second in person event was held in Meath County Council Offices Dunshaughlin, Drumree Rd, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. between 4pm – 7:30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

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the TII. It is anticipated that the Preferred Option will then be confirmed in Q4 2026.

Source of Report:
Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 24

REVIEW OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THIS LEA – AI106796

Motion: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive urgently review the current sports development policy and its implementation in this Local Electoral Area and determine the need to facilitate club development through funding assistance, compassionate rent administration, training support and land allocation for club grounds."

Report:

The Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 adopt a whole council approach to facilitating and promoting an increase in physical activity across the county. In this plan there are 6 overarching commitments which are brought to life by 56 strategic actions.

Local sports club development is a strong feature in 3 of the 6 objectives of the plan and make up 10 of the 56 strategic actions.

Provision for Club development is supported by the sports office under the Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 through the following funding schemes:

- Essential Sports Equipment Grant – To help clubs purchase essential sports equipment needed for daily training and activities. The maximum funding available is €1,500.
- Large Sports Equipment Grant – To assist clubs in acquiring larger equipment or embarking on projects that demand and significant investment. The maximum funding available is €4,000.
- Sports Activity Funding Grant – To assist clubs in delivering an event/activity to increase participation. The maximum funding available is €500
- Sports Capital Grants – Support clubs who operate on Fingal County Council owned land in the application process and coordinate the draw down of funding from the Department of Sport to the club.

By providing funding for equipment and activities this allows clubs to allocate club funds to rent, insurance and other foreseen or unforeseen costs.
The following training supports are provided regularly to all sports clubs and volunteers in Fingal:

- Safeguarding training, Levels 1, 2 ,3
- First Aid Training – basic and advanced
- Disability In Sport Training
- Autism in Sport Training with Committee skills training provided when requested.

In addition, Fingal's Operations Department manage and maintain our public sports pitches with the tally for the 2026 Annual Report of 169 pitches including

- D15 Area : 64
- Howth/Malahide Area: 34
- Swords Area: 35
- Balbriggan & North County: 36

Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches, Playgrounds, All-Weather Pitches and Recreational Facilities is also a remit of this Dept and the Council continues to manage and maintain over 5700 acres (2300 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks as well as 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, the Council provides;

- • 89 playgrounds
- • 3 mini play areas
- • 169 grass playing pitches
- • 11 all-weather playing facilities
- • 7 cricket pitches
- • 35 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's)
- • 4 skateparks
- • 1 BMX track
- • 10 public tennis courts
- • 7 boules locations with 12 boules courts
- • 46 Outdoor fitness equipment locations and 21 locations with
- Calisthenics/ combined exercise equipment areas
- • 2 parkour areas
- • 14 agility trail areas

Fingal County Council supports local sports club development through a whole-council approach. The Sports Office provides club assistance through financial grants and volunteer training; the Operations Department maintains 169 pitches and extensive open spaces and the Properties Dept is ready to meet with

clubs to identify their specific land allocation requirements or potential opportunities in the County. This integrated strategy serves clubs well and is integral to Fingal's Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

Source of Report:
Owen McGrath, A/Senior Sports Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active travel and sports Department.

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THURSDAY 8th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 25

NO THROUGH-ROAD AT SCRIBBLESTOWN/DUNSINEA LANE - AI108344

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That Chief Executive ensures all access to the recently zoned lands at Dunsink is provided via Dunsink Lane (Castleknock side) in order to protect the character, safety and residential amenity of Dunsinea Lane and Scribblestown Lane; and that no through-route is permitted which would allow construction traffic from any new development to use Scribblestown Lane or Dunsinea Lane to access the Ratoath Road in Finglas (report attached).

Report:

Consideration will be given to access and traffic management in the preparation of the Urban Area Plan for Dunsink. Furthermore, the acceptability of specific construction traffic management proposals will also be a matter for consideration in the assessment of any future planning applications in this area.

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

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 26

GARDA STATION FOR TYRRELSTOWN/HOLLYSTOWN AREA - AI108385

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Justice requesting that plans be put in place for a Garda Station for the Tyrrelstown/Hollystown area."

Report:

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

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 27

RESIDENTS CONSULTATION - AUBURN GREEN, AUBURN ESTATE, PHOENIX ESTATE AND PECK'S LANE - AI108513

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

"That the Chief Executive consult immediately with the residents of Auburn Green, Auburn Estate, Phoenix Estate and Peck's Lane as they have just been informed by Donnelly Engineering that their green will be turned into a building compound for 12 months to facilitate the installation of the Auburn Avenue to 12 Lock walking and cycling route. It is grossly unfair that the compound displayed in the public consultation showed a much smaller compound than what is now going to be installed."

Report:

A site meeting took place with residents and local councillors on the 15th May.
Following this and further briefings the Active Travel Unit have engaged with the contractor for the Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme.
It is now proposed to reduce the size of the compound on Auburn Green leaving over 50% of the open space available for local residents.
We acknowledge the inconvenience associated with the site compound being located at this position and appreciate the concerns raised. The compound is required to facilitate the safe and efficient delivery of the project. Access to and from the site compound will be via Castleknock Manor only, and the compound will be securely fenced throughout the duration of the works.

Source of Report:
Kieran Maher, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 28

WATER REFILL STATIONS IN PHOENIX PARK - AI108541

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive write to the Office of Public Works about the possibility of installing water refill stations in the Phoenix Park, similar to what has been done successfully in Fingal parks."

Report:

If this motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the Office of Public Works; when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 29

ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR COMPOUND ON AUBURN GREEN - AI108612

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Leddy and Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive identifies an alternative location for the proposed building compound on Auburn Green, Castleknock, to allow the walking and cycling route to proceed without taking over the green space for up to a year."

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ITEM NO. 30

ACTIVE TRAVEL BRIDGE AT BRAMBLEFIELD - AI108685

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy and Councillor J. Walsh

"That this Committee agrees to reject the proposed active travel bridge at Bramblefield, as the negative impacts it will bring to the surrounding community far outweigh any benefits this bridge will bring to the wider area, and urges that the proposal be removed from the desirable N3/M50 bus priority and active travel project."

Report:

A non-statutory consultation (https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse) was carried out by Fingal County Council between 20 April 2026 and 18 May 2026 for the emerging preferred option for the N3/M50 Bus Priority and Active Travel scheme. This allowed the public to give comment on the proposed scheme over a 4-week period. An in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Option was held in the Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026. A second in person event was held in Meath County Council Offices Dunshaughlin, Drumree Rd, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. between 4pm – 7:30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

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Source of Report:
Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 31

NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN THIS LEA - AI108514

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

"That the Chief Executive provides further information on the Council's understanding of the National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (20th August 2025) as it was indicated at the September meeting of this Committee that the policy framework does not appear to provide for a change in the law to permit local authorities to regulate drones with regard to noise, what steps can or have been taken by the Council, in this Local Electoral Area, with respect to: the level of noise, number of drones, number of operators, and number of locations/hubs?"

Report:

The National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) was issued in August 2025.

There has been no further update from the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) regarding the setting up of a Working Group to establish UAS Geographical Zones (portions of airspace where UAS operations are facilitated, restricted or excluded), in which the IAA will act as lead in collaboration with the Dept. of Transport.

A National U-Space Steering Group is also due to be set up by the Dept. of Transport in close collaboration with the IAA to develop a traffic management system for drones. To date, the U-Space Steering Group hasn't been set up and we await further updates in relation to this from the Dept. of Transport.

In terms of planning applications or retention applications for UAS/UAS Hubs, these will be dealt with through the normal planning process.

Source of Report:
Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 32

DRONE BASE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT IN COOLMINE - AI108544

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on what enforcement measures have been taken in respect of the drone base which continues to operate from the Coolmine depot (this is despite a notice to cease operations served on the 11th September 2025) and, in view of this, for the Chief Executive to report on timelines and progress made concerning the setup of inter-group discussions between the Council, IAA, Department of Transport, etc. regarding the development of local enforcement powers and public input as per the National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems."

Report:

Following the issuing of a Warning Letter on 11th July 2025, an Enforcement Notice was issued on 7th October 2025 in respect of Unauthorised Development on lands to the rear of 14 Porters Avenue, Coolmine Industrial Estate, Coolmine, Dublin 15, (reference ENF25/149).

A retention application, Planning Register Reference FW25A/0428E, was lodged on 30th September 2025 and a decision to Refuse Permission for Retention was issued by the Planning Authority on 19th May 2026 and is currently in the appeal period. Investigations by the Planning Enforcement section remain open and ongoing at present.

There has been no further update from the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) regarding the setting up of a National Working Group on UAS Geographical Zones, the purpose of which will be to help develop transparent processes and procedures for the designation of geographical zones.

Source of Report:
Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.
Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and sports Department.

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ITEM NO. 33

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUBLIN 15 - AI108613

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That this Committee urges the Government to provide the necessary resources to deliver in full, and as a matter of urgency, all the recommendations of the report of the Task Force on Special Education in Dublin 15 and resolve the crisis facing children with additional needs in Dublin 15."

Report:

If this motion is passed; the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister of State with responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion, and when a reply is received; the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

REPORT ON FORLAWN RISK ASSESSMENT - AI108764

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on measures taken to implement the following motion, that was passed at the meeting on the 5th March 2026:*'That the Chief Executive carries out a risk assessment on the impact the opening six cul-de-sacs will have on the community of Fortlawn, as three through roads will exacerbate the problems residents are experiencing with anti-social behaviour and commits that no further action to open these cul-de-sacs should be taken without data and evidence to show this course of action will not make anti-social behaviour worse'*."

Report:

New connections proposed between Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue are being designed in line with relevant guidance documents for the design of public roads and traffic calming features. They will have a reduced width to promote lower speeds, and landscaping, raised tables and ramps to discourage excessive speeds. Footpaths and pedestrian crossings will be provided between Fortlawn Park and Fortlawn Avenue.

In addition, as part of the pre planning process, a Road Safety Audit was carried out to identify any features of the design that could be removed or modified to improve the safety of the scheme. The issues identified and suggestions for improvement were implemented in the design which became part of the public display package. The Part 8 was approved by the elected Councillors of Fingal County Council and the

design is being progressed on this basis, which is in line with the Council's statutory obligations.

The relevant guidance document is the Department of Transport's Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets, which has been prepared on the basis of extensive data and evidence drawn from multi-disciplinary professional expertise and international best practice. It is the mandatory design guidance for urban road design in Ireland.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

REVIEW OF PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT - CHURCH FIELDS AREA - AI108777

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"That the Chief Executive write to the National Transport Authority requesting a review of the provision of public transport to the Church Fields area."

Report:

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

Source of Report:
Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Deprtment.

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