

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council
BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)
Thursday 28th May 2026**

A meeting of the Members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A-Operational Matters) was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, at 3.30pm on Thursday 28th May 2026.

PRESENT

Councillors

John Burtchaell
Kieran Dennison
Eimear Carbone-Mangan
Breda Hanaphy
Angela Donnelly
Tom Kitt
Ted Leddy
Mary McCamley

Councillors

JK. Onwumereh
Patrick Quinlan
Tania Doyle
Siobhan Shovlin
Ellen Troy
John Walsh
Gerard Sheehan

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, presided.

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor H. Redwood.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer); Hugh James (Senior Executive Engineer); Quintin Grealley (Executive Engineer); Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer); Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer); Stephen Johnson (Executive Parks & Landscape Officer); Anne Raj (Senior Staff Officer); Elaine Tobin (Assistant Staff Officer)

The following agenda items were considered during the meeting:

CMA/113/26 (Agenda Item No 1)**Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 23rd of April 2026**

Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 23rd April 2026 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters) Hybrid Meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

CMA/114/26 (Agenda Item No)**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 02 to 22 inclusive be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.”

CMA/115/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Reinstatement of Yellow Box Outside Ashleigh Estate, Castleknock - AI108083

CMA/116/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Alternative Public Lighting at Bramley Walk - AI108130

CMA/117/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Improvement Works at Castleknock Green - AI108277

CMA/118/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Kellystown Cemetery - AI108311

CMA/119/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update on Drainage Issues in Hamilton Park - AI108341

CMA/120/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Walsh - Water Refill Stations in Dublin 15 - AI108614

CMA/121/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J Walsh - Update on Play Area at Peck's Lane/Phoenix Avenue -
AI108615

CMA/122/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Walsh - Implementation of National Speed Limit Review in Dublin 15
- AI108620

CMA/123/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan - Traffic Survey for the R149 - St. Catherine's Park
and Lucan - AI108438

CMA/124/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan - Installation of Safety Barriers at Tower Road -
AI108439

CMA/125/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor E. Troy - Road Resurfacing of Park Avenue, Castleknock - AI108517

CMA/126/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Review of Parking Bye-laws - AI108583

CMA/127/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Uisce Éireann Communication with the Council in this
LEA - AI108593

CMA/128/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Litter Bins in Tír na nÓg Park - AI108594

CMA/129/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Cycle Lane Pole Replacement at Hartstown/Huntstown -
AI108595

CMA/130/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Nitrous Oxide Cannisters in this LEA - AI108596

CMA/131/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Rodent Reporting in this LEA - AI108597

CMA/132/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Ongar Dog Run - AI108610

CMA/133/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Installation of Litter Bins on Damastown Avenue -
AI108617

CMA/134/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Update on Roadworks at Mulhuddart Village - AI108618

CMA/135/26 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Footpath Repairs at Mulhuddart Village - AI108619

MOTIONS

CMA/136/26 (Agenda Item No 23)
**Councillor T. Leddy - Safety and Integrity Report at Liffey Valley Lands -
AI107386**

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

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/137/26 (Agenda Item No 24)
**Councillor E. Troy - Cleaning of Graffiti on the New Tolka Valley Waterway -
AI108320**

The motion in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/138/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Installation of Litter Bins at Ongar Park - AI108592

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.

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

CMA/139/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - On-Street Parking Revenue at Clonsilla - AI108611

The motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/140/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Safe Crossing Mechanism Request from Hartstown Shops to Willow Wood Rise - AI108582

The motion in the name of 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.

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

CMA/141/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor T. Leddy - Stakeholders Meeting regarding Castleknock Village Improvements - AI108062

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

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

CMA/142/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor J. Walsh - Damaged Car Park in Castleknock Village - AI108622

The motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was considered.

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

The Meeting concluded at 16.17hrs

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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ITEM NO. 02

SIGNAGE FOR 3.5 TONNE VEHICLES AT PORTERSTOWN ROAD - AI108927

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to relocate the signage, indicating no vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, to a clear location on the Porterstown Road prior to vehicles turning onto Rugged Lane?"

Reply:

There is signage on the Peterstown Road in advance of Rugged Lane in each direction showing that there is a 3.5 tonne weight restriction on Rugged Lane. The signage is located approximately 60 metres in advance of the Porterstown Road/Rugged Lane junction.

Furthermore, there is weight restriction signage at the start of Rugged Lane at each entry point showing that there is a 3.5 tonne weight restriction applicable on Rugged Lane.

The Operations Department are satisfied that sufficient weight restriction signage on Rugged Lane and the surrounding roads is in place to advise motorists of the weight restrictions on Rugged Lane.

If motorists are not adhering to the weight restriction signs then this is an enforcement matter, which should be referred to An Garda Síochána for enforcing.

Source of Reply:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section

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ITEM NO. 03

**UPDATE ON COMPLETION WORKS AND RE-OPENING OF
PORTERSTOWN PARK - AI109023**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for completion of works on the overflow car park at Porterstown Park and the proposed re-opening date of the car park?”

Reply:

Works to the overflow car park at Porterstown are estimated to be completed by the end of August 2026.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

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ITEM NO. 04

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BLANCHARDSTOWN ROAD SOUTH - AI109122

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the installation of traffic calming measures on the Blanchardstown Road South, adjacent to the pedestrian crossing from Whitestown to the Blanchardstown Centre, due to the history of dangerous driving and a tragic accident on this road?”

Reply:

This section of road was inspected by the Traffic Section on the 17th of April. Sightlines to the crossing from each direction are excellent. There are double-head traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing, which significantly improve visibility for approaching motorists.

60kph signage is located on the road advising motorists of the road's speed. There is traffic light warning signage installed on each approach to the traffic lights. All road markings at this location are visible and adequate.

There is good public lighting at the pedestrian crossing. There is good public lighting along the road approaching the traffic light in both directions.

The Traffic Section is satisfied that all measures are in place to make the pedestrian crossing safe and visible to approaching motorists.

This is a design currently in place and forms part of Bus Connects. Bus Connects proposes to reconfigure this location into a signalised junction with upgraded toucan crossings.

Source of Reply:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section

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ITEM NO. 05

**UPDATE ON TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR OLD NAVAN ROAD/CASTLEKNOCK
MANOR - AI109213**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plan and timeline for the traffic survey on Old Navan Road/Castleknock Manor, between Auburn Avenue and Peck's Lane, and to indicate whether this is impacted by the works on the walking and cycle route for Auburn Avenue?”

Reply:

As committed to by the Traffic Section, the speed survey will be carried out in Q4 of 2026 on the section of Castleknock Manor from Auburn Avenue to Pecks Lane.

The current Active Travel scheme and works will not impact the survey being carried out.

The Traffic Section would not carry out the speed surveys any earlier, as any potential works at this location, if warranted, would be included and funded through the 2027 POW.

Source of Reply:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section.

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ITEM NO. 06

**SITE MEETING FOR PLANTING AND IMPROVEMENTS BY COOLMINE
WOODS ESTATE - AI109124**

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a site meeting to discuss new planting and improvements to the strip of land between the Clonsilla Road and Coolmine Woods Estate?”

Reply:

Arrangements will be made to remove the remaining debris & tree stumps at this location, whereby new soil will be introduced. These works are due to take place in Q3 of this year.

Regarding a site meeting to discuss works for the area, this will be arranged by the senior executive engineer for the area, as agreed previously with the Councillor.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Inspector General, Operations.

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ITEM NO. 07

**UPDATE ON PLANTING SCHEME AT ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD -
AI109099**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion that was passed on 18th December 2025? That the Chief Executive undertakes to examine a review of the Ongar Distributor Road with a view to a planting scheme for the replacement of ash trees that were removed so that this road becomes welcoming and appealing for pedestrians and cyclists, this scheme can be done in phases as funding becomes available."

Reply:

The Operations Parks team has commenced identifying sites and suitable species which can be planted along sections of the Ongar Road where trees were removed that suffered from Ash Dieback.

Tree planting of the sites which have been assessed will be considered for the 2026/2027 planting season. To aid the repair of the natural corridor along this road, 'bare areas' between suitable sites will also be planted.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations department

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON SPRING BULBS IN THIS LEA - AI109101

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the cut-off date for groups in this Local Electoral Area to order spring bulbs?”

Reply:

The cut-off date for local community groups to request bulbs is September 1st 2026.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

PLANTING SCHEME AT ENTRANCE TO HARTSTOWN PARK - AI109102

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a planting scheme at the entrance to Hartstown Park at Mountview, similar to the planting on the roundabout at Ladyswell Road?”

Reply:

A planting scheme at the entrance to Hartstown Park will be included for consideration as part of the Programme of Works 2027.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooly, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

MAINTENANCE WORKS AT GREEN AREAS OF HANSFIELD WOOD - AI109103

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include the green areas at the entrance to Hansfield Wood (Hansfield Lawn, Avenue and Green) on the list of maintenance works going forward?"

Reply:

Only the roads and services have been taken into charge at this location.

The green open space areas are in the process of being transferred over to the Council by way of Deed of Transfer from the Developer. As soon as the Developer has this completed, our PSI Parks Section will arrange to carry out the relevant maintenance works as required.

This matter should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HARTSTOWN PARK - AI109104

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any evidence of anti-social behaviour in Hartstown Park since our last meeting, including litter, nitrous oxide cannisters, or other damage caused?”

Reply:

There have been no reports of antisocial behaviour recently in Hartstown Park.

Litter levels have reduced here lately, whereby the area is inspected and picked daily by the Park Ranger

Approx. 10no. nitrous oxide cans have been found in Hartstown Park over the course of the last few weeks.

Ogre sculpture damaged by graffiti on June 17th
Ogre sculpture destroyed by fire on June 18th/19th

Minimal other damage or graffiti reported in the Park other than above.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooly, Area Inspector, Operations Department

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN HAZELBURY PARK - AI109105

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any evidence of anti-social behaviour in Hazelbury Park since our last meeting, including litter, nitrous oxide cannisters, or other damage caused?”

Reply:

There has been no report of antisocial behaviour in Hazelbury Park recently.

Litter levels are down over the past number of weeks, usual litter close to bins reported by Park Rangers. Litter is picked here on a regular basis.

There have been no nitrous oxide cans reported being found in Hazelbury Park over the past number of weeks.

Some minor damage to exercise equipment, which includes bearing damage on the walker has occurred, but unlikely to have been caused by vandalism.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooly, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ONGAR PARK - AI109106

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any evidence of anti-social behaviour in Ongar Park since our last meeting, including litter, nitrous oxide cannisters, or other damage caused?”

Reply:

One reported instance of anti-social behaviour recently, involving an unauthorised gathering in Latchford Park. Following this a substantial litter pick was required, picking 8 bags of litter and approx. 30 nitrous oxide cans the following day. Littering, and in particular, dumping has reduced in the Ongar area in the past number of weeks, with the most frequent being in and around the benches in the park.

Minor damage to one of the pieces of playground equipment (removal of hammer from chimes) and the fencing around the MUGA (one panel was loose). No other damage reported in Ongar recently, area is inspected daily and litter picked daily.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

**UPDATE ON OPENING OF CAR PARK AT TYRELLSTOWN PARK -
AI109114**

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for when the car park for Tyrrelstown Park, located at Le Chéile Secondary School, The Crescent, Kilmartin, will open?”

Reply:

The Operations department are working with our Parks colleagues in Infrastructure and transport to deliver a temporary parking facility to the northeast of Tyrellstown Park. A site meeting took place on June 16th to discuss the parameters of installing such a facility and the necessary access permissions needed.

If a temporary solution is agreed, funding will be sought and if agreed this facility could be delivered during Q3/Q4 2026.

Going forward, a more permanent solution will be considered by the Parks planning team.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

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ITEM NO. 15

**MAINTENANCE OF GRASS VERGES ON THE CHURCHFIELDS LINK
ROAD - A109115**

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to liaise with the developer regarding the grass verges on Churchfields Link Road, which is in urgent need of cutting as the overgrown grass is blocking views of oncoming traffic, creating a potential safety hazard?”

Reply:

A meeting with the developer regarding landscaping works at this location is due to take place.

In the meantime, however, due to the current condition of the grass verges on the road, the Operations department have no option but to carry out works in the next week.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Area Inspector, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 16

ADDITIONAL ROAD SWEEPING ON THE R135 - AI109117

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide additional road sweeping on both sides of the road along the R135, from the Brock Inn to the Circle K garage?”

Reply:

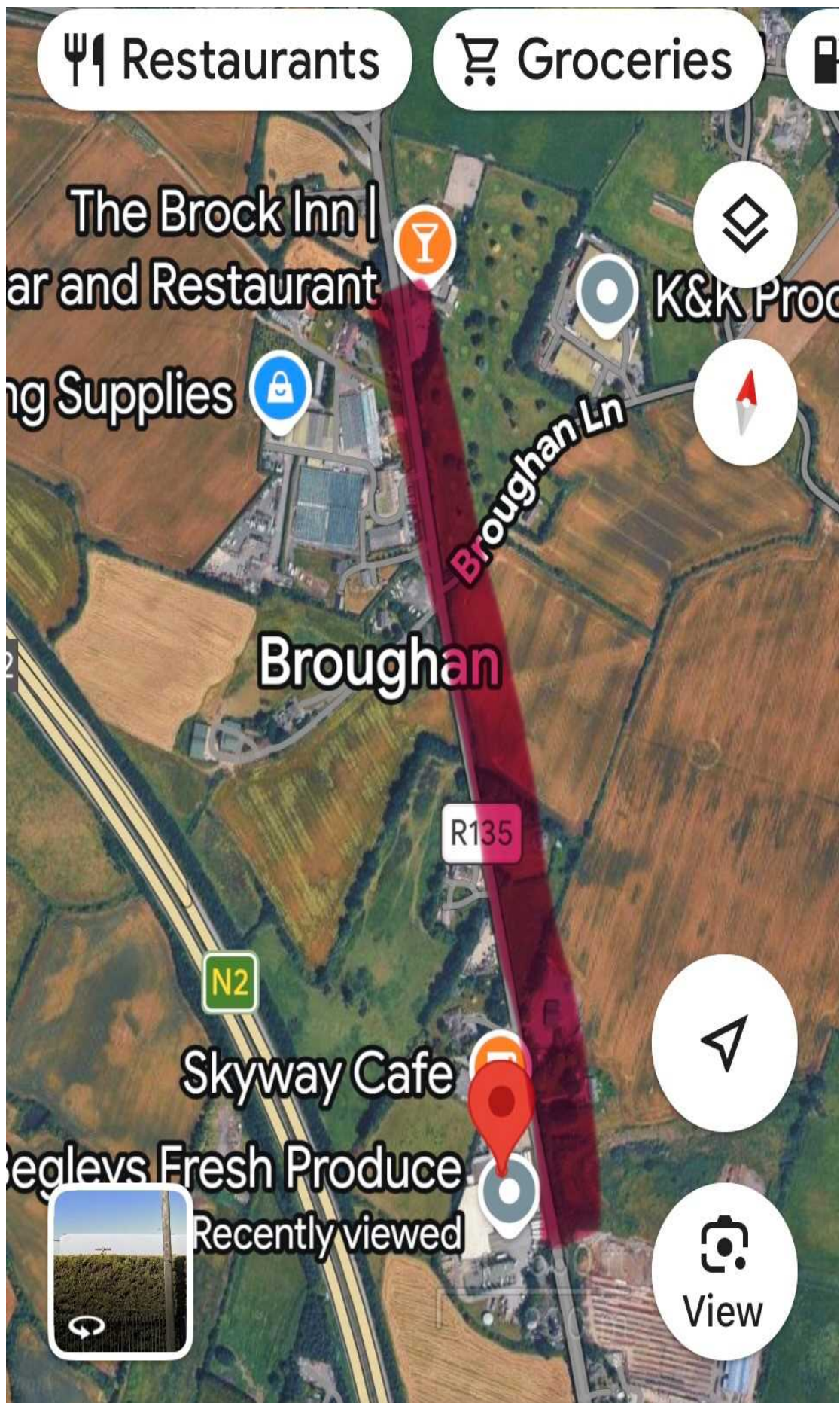
This area is swept on an eight-week roster. There is, however, significant construction work taking place at this location.

We will continue to monitor the situation and ensure that building sites in the area also have their sweepers operating on the roads.

Source of Reply:

Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

REPORT ON BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS IN THIS LEA - AI109121

Question: Councillor E. Troy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of how much it is currently costing the Council to collect illegally dumped rubbish in this Local Electoral Area, and would a bulky waste collection service be more cost effective?”

Reply:

The Operations department engages a contractor once/twice a year to clear an area, which is prone to significant dumping within the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operational area at costs of up to €50,000.

Our own depot-based crews are also engaged in daily fly-tipping collection, which could cost up to €60,000 per year.

It is important to note that the total cost of collecting illegally dumped rubbish is difficult to define precisely, as fly-tipping volumes vary significantly throughout the year depending on frequency, location, and scale of incidents.

Source of Reply:

Michael Tynan, Area Inspector, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

REVIEW OF CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS 2021

Presentation will be given on the day of the meeting.

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ITEM NO. 19

UPDATE ON SCRAMBLER ACTIVITIES IN HARTSTOWN PARK

At a meeting of this area committee in April 2026, it was agreed to provide a progress report on tackling the issue of unauthorised vehicles (Scramblers, trail bikes, e-scooters) within Hartstown Park in conjunction with the Gardai.

Prior to that meeting, the Parks team met with Gardai on April 20th at 12pm to discuss the ongoing issue and ways Fingal could assist the Gardai in their operational duties.

On April 22nd and April 23rd (Day of ACM) Gardai from Blanchardstown Garda station conducted an operation in Hartstown Park utilising different teams within the force. The operation was successful with 3 unauthorised vehicles (1 Surron C 2 e-scooters) being seized.

A further operation took place in May utilising community Garda members from Blanchardstown, Finglas C Cabra. This operation was also successful with the seizure of another unauthorised vehicle (1 Surron bike) and a visible uniformed garda presence within the park.

From April 23rd to date a minimum of 10 vehicles have been seized in Hartstown Park and surrounding areas. Gardai continue to carry out active patrols within the park as resources allow.

From 26th February to 22nd April Fingal received 5 representations and 2 reports from the public relating to Scrambler use within Hartstown Park.

From April 23rd to date Fingal have received no representations or reports from the public relating to scrambler use within Hartstown Park.

Litter levels have reduced with only a small number of nitrous oxide containers collected. There has been 1 incident of fire damage in that time. There are less reports of anti-social behaviour lately within the park.

In summary, Fingal County Council would like to thank the Gardai for their assistance in mitigating this issue within the park which had become problematic over the first 4 months of 2026. The operations carried out by the Gardai have proved effective. While the Council are

aware the issue may arise again and there may be still lower levels of scrambler use within the park to date that is unreported, we are committed to continuing this work with the Gardai and helping them in any way possible to further their efforts.

Fingal would urge park users to report any activity from unauthorised vehicles to 999 to allow the report to be logged and allow Gardai to better focus their resources.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

**EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY IN FAVOUR OF FINGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL, ON LANDS IN THE OWNERSHIP OF ST.
LAURENCE O'TOOLE DIOCESAN AT CORDUFF**

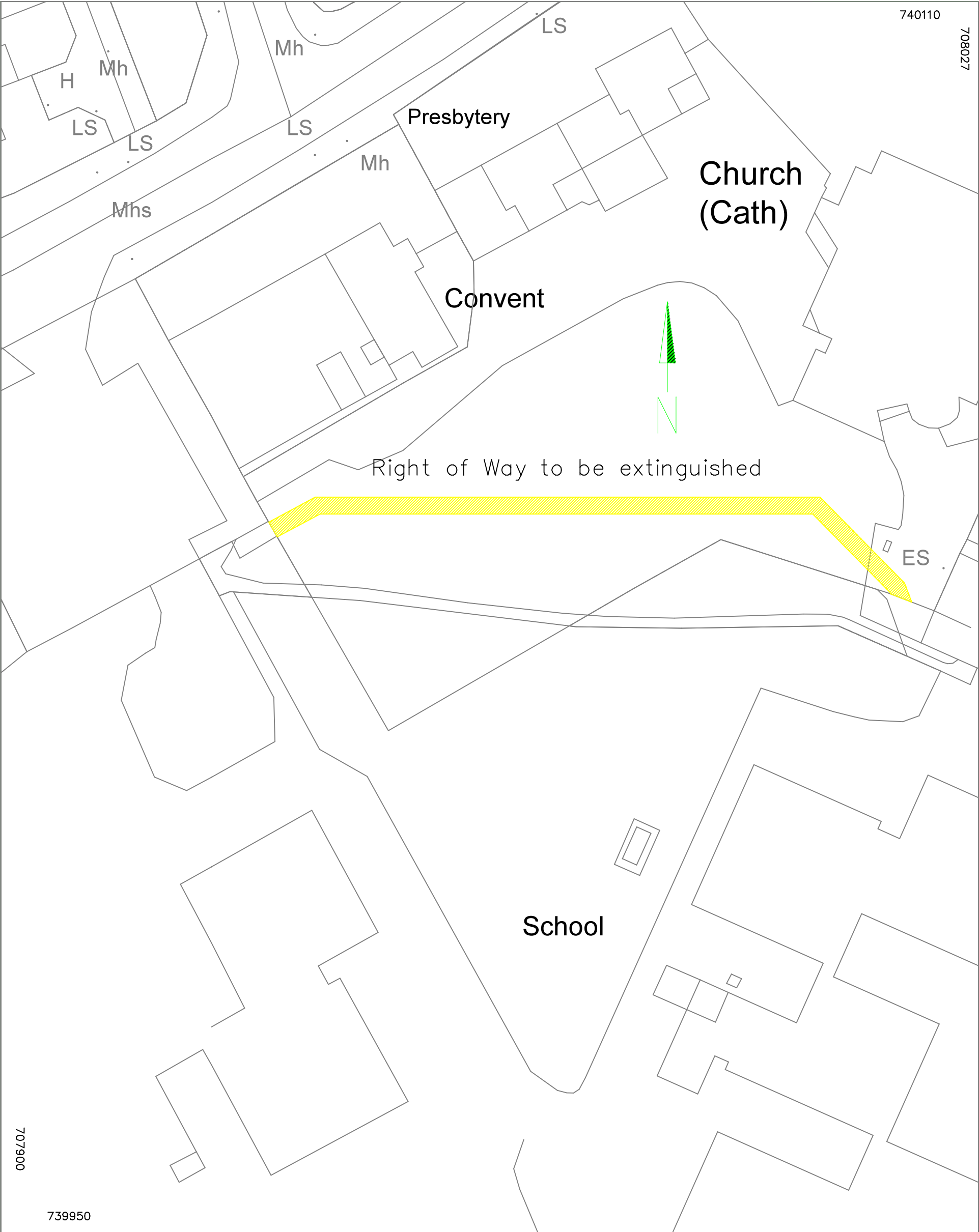
Report:

The walk-way, as referenced in drawing no. LA-4049-26 has been closed off for the last number of years, to facilitate the development of St. Patrick's National school in Corduff. Prior to its closure, the walk-way, in this area, has been the cause of ongoing anti-social and criminal behaviour.

Following representations by local residents, the local community guard, the local parish and elected members, it is, therefore, proposed to initiate the statutory procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

As the extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of the Council, it is subject to the approval of this Committee, following which the statutory public consultation process will be initiated.

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Area of Land hatched and delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land 193 m2 on Folio DN27006F 90m long x 2.2m wide is Right of Way to be extinguished.

 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-4049-26		O.S.Ref:	
	Date: 18 JUNE 2026		Drawn By: LJM	
	Scale: 1/500		Checked:	
	Dev. File No:		Job No. SM/049/26	
	Project: Land at Corduff Blanchardstown, County Dublin		Gross Area :	
Extinguish Right of Way		Road Area :		
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**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 21

**INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN PHOENIX PARK
ENTRANCE (CASTLEKNOCK GATE) AND AUBURN AVENUE JUNCTION
- AI108789**

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

“That the Chief Executive considers the installation of a pedestrian crossing between the Castleknock Gate into Phoenix Park and Auburn Avenue Junction, as part of the 2027 Programme of Works, to facilitate the many users of this stretch of footpath.”

Report:

The road from Castleknock Gate to Auburn Avenue was inspected on the 15th of June. An area has been identified to be suitable for a signalised pedestrian crossing approximately midway between Castleknock Gate and Auburn Avenue. Consideration will be given to a pedestrian crossing at the requested location when the 2027 Programme of works is being prepared.

Please note that if a crossing is included in the 2027 POW and approved by the members, in order to install the crossing, a number of trees will need to be removed to permit adequate sightlines to the pedestrian crossing.

Source of Report:

Quintin Greally, Executive Engineer, Traffic Section

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THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 22

REINSTATEMENT OF ROAD IN COLLEGE GROVE - AI109022

Motion: Councillor J.Walsh

“That the Chief Executive seeks the urgent reinstatement of the road in College Grove, which has been left with a temporary strip of tarmac for almost a year since works were undertaken on behalf of Zayo Group, and liaise with the contractor to ensure that these works are completed as soon as possible.”

Report:

The works in College Grove were carried out by Circet on behalf of Zayo Group in October 2025. Fingal County Council has liaised with Circet and can confirm that the reinstatement works on College Grove will commence early next month.

Source of Report:

Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 23

All Weather Pitch at Hartstown Park - AI109100

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive works with Hartstown/Huntstown Football Club to ensure that the all-weather pitch in Hartstown Park meets the standard required to allow matches to continue to be played from September, as this is a vital piece of community infrastructure for the area.”

Report:

Hartstown/Huntstown FC and Hartstown Community College have been managing the all-weather pitch in Hartstown Park for over 10 years, on behalf of the Council, by way of a management licence agreement.

As part of the agreement, the licensees are responsible for the following:-

- Payment of all operational expenditure, including ESB, water charges, security and insurance costs
- Ongoing maintenance of the facility including keeping the licensed area clean and tidy, free from rubbish. Repair and maintenance of the area (including fencing)
- Operation and management of the day-to-day to include allocation of playing slots
- Management of a sinking fund to manage capital expenditure

Audits were undertaken in December 2025 of all Fingal all-weather pitches, currently held under management licence agreements. The audit on the all-weather pitch at this location highlighted the following:

- While the pitch currently remains serviceable, it is coming to the end of its operational life within 2-3 years
- An increase in routine maintenance is required to meet the requirements for a 3G rubber-filled surface
- Enhanced security measures should be explored to reduce unauthorised access
- Pitch furniture, including goalposts need to be maintained and secured

The Council have met with the anchor tenants of this facility and now needs to plan for a future full carpet and infill replacement, which could cost in the region of between €360,000- €610,000. As well as from its own resources, additional funding streams will need to be examined, including grants, to fund this expenditure.

Source of Report:

Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

EXTENSION OF FENCING AT MOUNT GARRETT GROVE AND TYRRELLSTOWN PARK - AI109119

Motion: Councillor B. Hanaphy

“That the Chief Executive considers extending the fencing at Mount Garrett Grove/Tyrrellstown Park.”

Report:

Over 200m of Knee rail was installed at the Mount Garrett side of Tyrrellstown Park in April of 2026. This was installed based on requests from residents who noted vehicles parking on the grass verge, and it became damaged during unsuitable ground conditions.

The installation of knee rail produces additional maintenance for the crews managing the open space here at Mount Garrett. While the Council could extend the knee rail further, it is not being considered at this time. In conjunction with our colleagues in Parks planning, it is proposed to install a temporary car parking arrangement in the northeast of the park which should alleviate the illegal parking issue at Mount Garrett further.

Details of a temporary parking facility are still being finalised and will be subject to the appropriate budget being sought and approved.

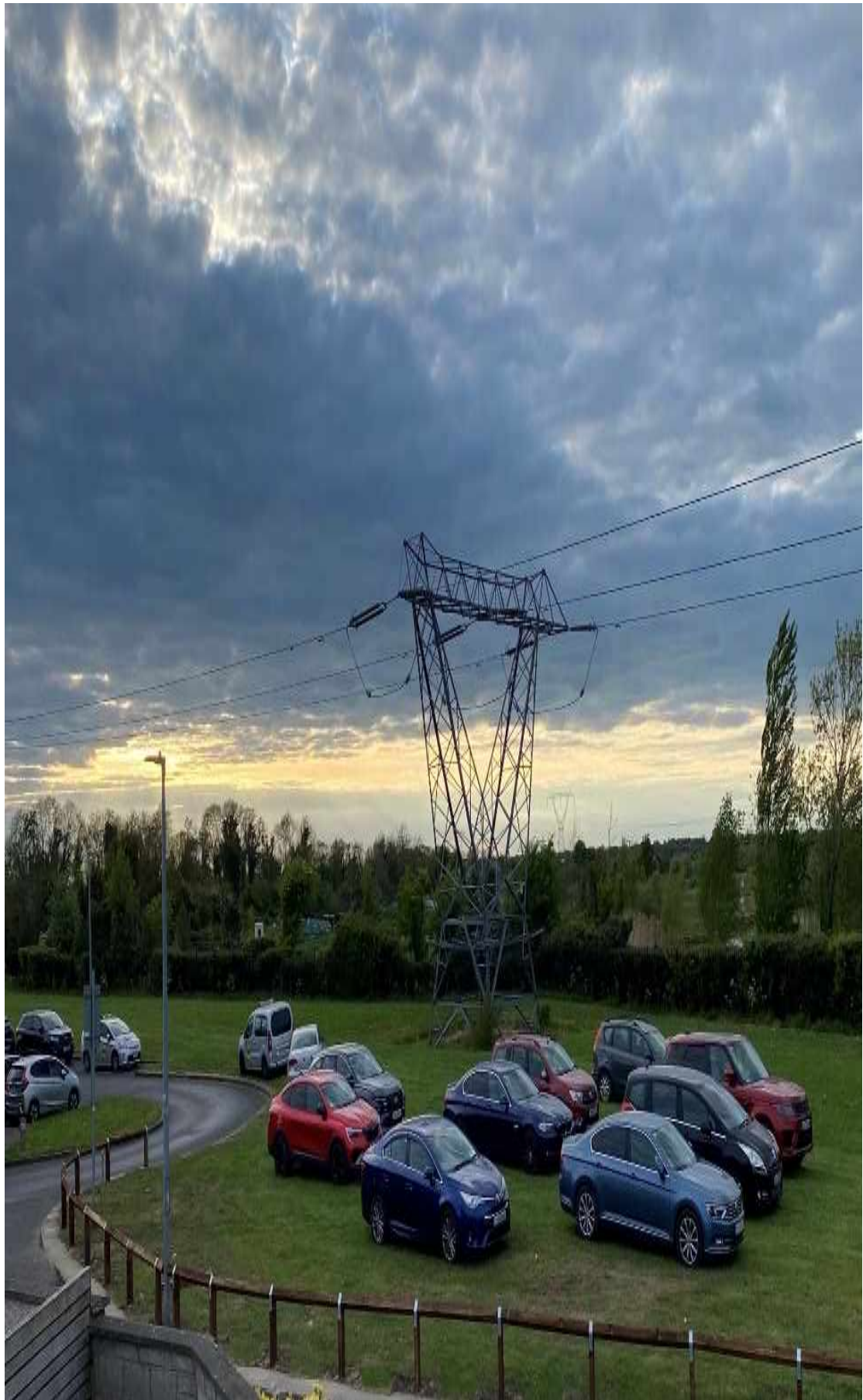
Source of Report:

Stephen Johnson, A/Executive Parks & Landscape Officer

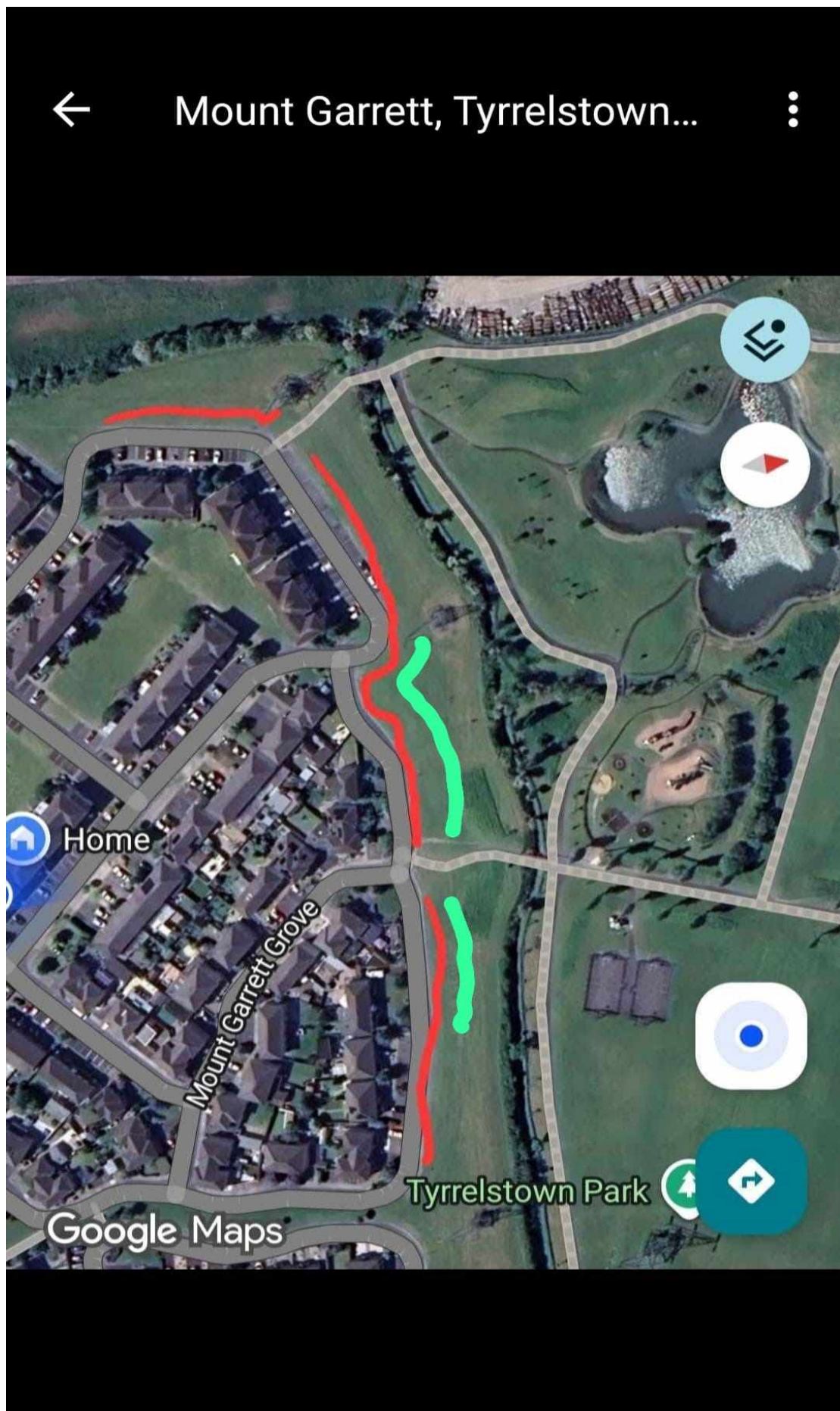
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ITEM NO. 25

REPAIRS TO SWING GATE AT BRAMLEY WALK - AI109051

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

“That the Chief Executive arranges for repairs to be carried out to the swing gate at Bramley Walk leading to Carpenterstown Park East.”

Report:

This location was inspected and it was found that the kissing gate had dropped. Repairs have since been carried out, and the kissing gate is now in full working order.

Source of Report:

Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 26

REPORT ON BUS SHELTERS IN THIS LEA - AI109113

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

“That the Chief Executive provides a report on the work undertaken so far regarding the delivery of bus shelters in this Local Electoral Area.”

Report:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is the body responsible for the licensing, installation and maintenance of bus stops and shelters nationwide, including the funding, planning and execution of bus stop projects and ensuring proper operation and maintenance of overall bus stop infrastructure nationwide.

The Bus Stop Enhancement Programme was established by the NTA for Local Authorities which provides an allocation of €500,000 per year to each Local Authority to facilitate the enhancement / upgrade of existing bus stops on the NTA's behalf. Access to funding is managed directly by the NTA through a multi-stage review and approval process applied to each individual bus stop.

The programme funding covers all works relating to bus stop enhancements, such as new footpaths, new bus stop poles, construction of concrete platforms for bus shelters and the provision of power supply ducting to bus shelters (if feasible).

All requests for bus stop enhancements, including new bus shelters, go directly to the NTA planning Section. The NTA then generates a shortlist of bus stop enhancements which it

issues to Fingal County Council. Fingal County Council works off this list for all bus stop enhancement projects they undertake in the County.

The planning, supply and installation of bus shelters is carried out by a third-party contractor, working for the NTA. The NTA had no bus shelter supplier appointed until late 2025. The NTA has advised that the newly appointed supplier is currently in the mobilisation phase and that the shelters are sourced internationally. The NTA has placed an order for shelters. Hence to date no shelters have been installed in this Local Electoral Area. All projects to date have been focused on the upgrade of existing bus stop footpaths.

These have included:

- Rathoath Road outside Hollywoodrath.
- R122 northbound carriageway, close to the National Reception Centre, Baleskin, Dubber.
- R122 southbound carriageway, close to the National Reception Centre, Baleskin, Dubber.

Two more projects have been tendered and recently approved to proceed by the NTA. Contracts are to be awarded imminently. These are:

- Eastbound carriageway of the Westmanstown Road, close to Marymount Care Centre.
- Westbound carriageway of the Westmanstown Road, close to Marymount Care Centre.

Fingal County Council intends to include bus shelter concrete platform construction in future work programmes.

Source of Report:

Hugh James, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department