

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services A - Operational Matters)**

Wednesday, 6th May, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors

Hopkins, Joan
O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Brian McDonagh.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Ben O'Regan (Executive Engineer), Kevin Boderick (Executive Engineer).

HMA/90/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chair, Councillor C. Haughey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMA/91/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area
Committee (Services A- Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday
1st April 2026**

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 1st April 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 1st April 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMA/92/26 (Agenda Item No)

MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED**:

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

HMA/93/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J - Hopkins - Installation of Path through Green at Carrick Court, Portmarnock - AI107687

HMA/94/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Drain Issue outside Carrick Court - AI107688

HMA/95/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Widen Footpath between Carrick Hill and Kingsford Medical - AI107689

HMA/96/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Speeding Signs in Ard Na Mara- AI107691

HMA/97/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Maintenance of Grange Road Perimeter of Baldoyle Industrial Estate - AI108251

HMA/98/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Road Sweeper Required for Baldoyle - AI108257

HMA/99/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Accessible Parking Sign outside Malahide Train Station - AI107716

HMA/100/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Footpath on Streamstown Lane - AI108100

HMA/101/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Beann Eadair GAA Road Signs - AI108101

HMA/102/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Parking Permits for Harbour Road, Howth - AI108104

HMA/103/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor A. Tormey - Update on Improvements at Seagrang Park - AI108209

HMA/104/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Draft Speed Limit Bye-law Maps in this LEA - AI108258

HMA/105/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Speed Surveys in this LEA - AI108259

HMA/106/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor D. Healy - Urban Speed Limits in this LEA - AI108260

HMA/107/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Burrow Beach Management Analysis - AI108266

OPERATIONAL NEW WORKS, ETC

HMA/108/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Traffic Calming Schemes for the Howth/Malahide Operations Area

A presentation was given by Ben O'Regan, Executive Engineer.

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

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/109/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Handrail at Bus stop 3589 - across from Biscayne Estate - AI107736

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was read into the record by Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer and Kevin Boderick, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, James Culhane advised the Operations Department would assess the viability of a handrail being installed and if it is viable try and identify funding from the current works programme. James Culhane also advised that a ramp to replace the steps will be listed for consideration in the 2027 Programme of Works if the installation of one is visible.

The report was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS

HMA/110/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor C. Haughey - Opening Hours of Pedestrian and Vehicular Entrances to Cemeteries - AI107740

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was read into the record by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer.

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

HMA/111/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor A. Tormey - Installation of Path at Seagrange Park Tennis Courts - AI108210

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was read into the record by Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/112/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Malahide Demesne Closing Times - AI108238

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was read into the record by Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

Following discussion, this Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/113/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Make Way Day in this LEA - AI108248

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, this Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/114/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Footpath Widening - Harbour Road, Howth - AI108263

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/115/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor C. Haughey - On-site Meeting with O'Hanlon's Lane Residents Association - AI108103

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Therese Casey would get an update from the Community Department on the status of the grant.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/116/26 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** by the Area Chairperson and Members to extend the meeting to finalise business.

HMA/117/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor D. Healy - Tuckett's Lane - AI108264

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report was taken as read.

Following discussion, James Culhane advised any repair works required to the existing footpaths would be looked at. He also advised he would refer the new cycle and walking infrastructure piece back to Active Travel.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 18.15 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 02

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - FELTRIM ROAD - AI108540

Question: Councillor A. Tormey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to conduct a survey on the section of Feltrim Road outside the Russell Court apartment complex with a view to installing speed ramps or other traffic calming measures at this location?"

Reply:

The Fingal Active Travel team is progressing a project which includes this section of the Feltrim Road by the Russell Court apartment complex. The plans include carriageway narrowing for traffic calming purposes with enhanced cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. New pedestrian crossings are also envisaged.

The project is at pre-planning stage with design works continuing. Further information is available from the Active Travel team.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

TRAFFIC CALMING FOR KINSEALY LANE - AI108662

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council are considering traffic calming measures on Kinsealy Lane?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will include traffic calming on Kinsealy Lane for consideration as part of the 2027 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

BENCHES FOR STRAND ROAD, BALDOYLE - AI108663

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a bench/benches on the seaside footpath on Strand Road, Baldoyle, near the Sutton end?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will include the provision of benches on Strand Road for consideration as part of the 2027 Programme of Works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

TREE SURVEY FOR SEAPARK - AI108664

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out a tree survey in Seapark, as many footpaths are being raised/cracked from tree roots?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for an independent assessment of the trees in Seapark to be carried out this year.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

REPAIR FOOTPATH IN CHALFONT - AI108666

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the footpath outside (details supplied) Chalfont, which was dug up and a tree removed several months ago?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out necessary repair works to this footpath in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

HERITAGE SIGN BOARD AT PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI108674

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the heritage sign board near the portable toilet at Portmarnock Beach can be moved to the other side of the step, as requested by Portmarnock Tidy Towns?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for the relocation of the sign in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

**INSTALLATION OF BIN FOR CARRICKHILL ROAD LOWER -
AI108707**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to installing a bin at Carrickhill Road Lower, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will assess the location in further detail to determine if a bin can be installed at Carrickhill Road Lower, Portmarnock.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

WATER FOUNTAINS BALDOYLE VILLAGE AND RACECOURSE PARK - AI108693

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive, with the saving of 1 million plastic bottles, to advise when it is expected to see the promised water stations at Baldoyle Community Hall and Baldoyle Racecourse Park?"

Reply:

The water station in Baldoyle will be installed in the next few weeks. Racecourse Park and the plans for infrastructure including water fountains are currently within the remit of the Racecourse Park project.

It should also be noted that a water station with associated bottle saver counter is located within the new Racecourse Park Community Centre, Baldoyle which supports Fingal Keen to be Green Community Facilities initiative.

In addition, the Community Department will look at the feasibility of installing a water station into Baldoyle Forum as part of the redevelopment of the facility.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Gene Griffin, Administrative Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 10

**INSTALLATION OF POLE FOR CYCLE LANE - STATION ROAD,
PORTMARNOCK - AI108696**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a pole on the end of the bike lane at Station Road/The Ave junction as cars are driving down it?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for the installation of flexible bollards at the junction in question on Station Road, Portmarnock.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

FOOTPATH REPAIRS - INBHIR IDE, MALAHIDE - AI108697

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out an assessment of the footpaths in Inbhir Ide, Malahide, for necessary repairs and inclusion in the Programme of Works?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will list the location in question for consideration on a future Programme of Work.

Source of Reply:

Patrick, Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

HEDGE MAINTENANCE - THE MALL, BALDOYLE - AI108699

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to trim the hedging at The Mall, Baldoyle, beside the library as the bike racks and street sign are completely obscured?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for the hedge to be cut back in September when the Bird Nesting Season is over.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

MAINTENANCE OF THE ENTRANCE TO BALDOYLE VIA DONAGHMEDE - AI108700

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out maintenance to the entrance to Baldoyle from Donaghmede by power hosing and/or painting the bridge railings at Baldoyle Bridge and removing brambles, the-half knocked wall at Grange Builders' Yard and all weeds from the corners at Myrtle entrance, as this is the entrance to Fingal from Dublin City Council and it is currently unkempt?"

Reply:

The wall will be removed in the coming weeks. The Operations Department recently met with the resident's association in Myrtle and have plans to enhance the entrance to the estate.

In relation to the bridge railings, the Operations Department will assess the requirement for maintenance of the railings and carry out any necessary works in due course.

Source of Reply:

Paddy Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department
Therese Casey Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

INSPECTION OF BALDOYLE BRIDGE LITTER ISSUE - AI108701

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect Baldoyle Bridge with a view to making some alterations that would prevent litter accumulating at Stapolin Educate Together children's playground?"

Reply:

The Howth Malahide Cleansing team will survey the area in question and arrange for any required works to be actioned following this assessment.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

MAINTENANCE OF GRANGE ROAD BALDOYLE - AI108702

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to carry out maintenance to the area around Grange Road, Baldoyle by removing the brambles from behind the perimeter fence at Baldoyle Industrial Estate, power hosing the wall beneath and painting the railings, removing the weeds at the junction of Grange Road/Grange Park and outside the entrance to Racecourse Park and junction of Willie Nolan Road/Grange Road/Brookstone?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will arrange for any brambles which encroach onto the public road or footpaths to be cut back following Bird Nesting Season.

The wall will be powered washed by the cleansing crew as resources allow. The weeds will be removed in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

**PROGRESS REPORT ON COASTAL CYCLEWAY STEPPED ACCESS -
AI108728**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any progress in relation to the re-design of the stepped access from Bayside Boulevard junction onto the existing coastal cycleway?"

Reply:

The brief for the feasibility and options report is currently being finalised after additional consultation with internal stakeholders. Once the brief has been updated it will move towards the procurement phase.

Subject to the appointment of a suitably qualified consultant, it is currently estimated that the consultant will be appointed during Q4/2026 to start work on the design in 2027.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON KILBARRACK ROAD COASTAL CYCLEWAY JUNCTION - AI108729

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what updates there have been from Dublin City Council in relation to the redesign of the Kilbarrack Road access to the coastal cycleway since it was raised at this committee in September 2025?"

Reply:

At present Dublin City Council (DCC) have prepared a preliminary design report in relation to Kilbarrack Road to Oscar Traynor Road (Bayside to Donaghmede) scheme. This has been approved by the National Transport Authority allowing DCC to progress with the scheme.

The scheme will be delivered in three phases as outlined below.

1. Oscar Traynor Road from Barryscourt Road to Santry River
2. Tonlegee Road
3. Kilbarrack Road

Detailed design of phase 1 is to commence and DCC are planning to carry out public consultation regarding the scheme on the 30/06/2026. This relates to phase 1 only. Once works are completed on detailed design construction is estimated to commence in Q1/2027 for phase 1.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

REPORT ON CAR, BUS AND COACH PARKING HOWTH - AI108735

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the following information in tabular format as regards the built-up area of Howth, insofar as it is known:

- the number of on-streetcar parking spaces on public streets and roads,
- the number of car parking spaces in car parks controlled by Fingal County Council,
- the number of car parking spaces in car parks controlled by Howth Harbour/Department of the Marine,
- the number of bus or coach parking spaces on public streets or roads,
- the number of bus or coach parking spaces in car parks controlled by Fingal County Council,
- the number of bus or coach parking spaces in car parks controlled by Howth Harbour/Department of the Marine,
- the number of loading bays on public streets or roads,
- the number of car parking spaces in car parks open to patrons or customers of businesses, attendees of church services, or other restricted groups,
- the number of off-streetcar parking spaces associated with houses or apartments?"

Reply:

The number of on-streetcar parking spaces, loading bays and bus/coach parking spaces on public streets and roads within the built-up area of Howth are as follows:

Street	Parking Bay	Accessibility Bay	Loading Bay	Bus/Coach
Harbour Road	150	8	5	0

Main Street	43	2	3	0
Church Road	7	1	0	0
Total	200	11	8	0

There are no car parking spaces within car parks controlled by Fingal County Council within the built-up area of Howth.

Prior to the recent resurfacing works carried out by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) the number of car parking spaces in car parks controlled by the DAFM are as follows:

Parking Bay	Accessibility Bay	Loading Bay	Bus/Coach
153	0	0	0

8.	No. of car parking spaces in car parks open to patrons or customers of businesses, attendees of church services, or other restricted groups	Private data -Not available to Fingal County Council
9.	No. of off-streetcar parking spaces associated with houses or apartments	Private data - Not available to Fingal County Council

The number of car parking spaces in car parks open to patrons or customers of businesses, attendees of church services, or other restricted groups, is private data and not available to Fingal County Council.

The number of off-streetcar parking spaces associated with houses or apartments is private data and not available to Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 19

HOWTH PARKING CONTROL PROPOSALS 2005 - AI108737

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to obtain from the archives and post online, the information gathered by consultants employed by the Council in relation to a Howth Traffic Management and Parking Scheme in 2005, as well as the information shared with the public and gathered from the public by means of a public consultation in Autumn 2005?"

Reply:

There was no final report completed in respect of the proposed Howth Traffic Management and Parking Scheme in 2005. While preliminary parking surveys and early-stage engagement with relevant stakeholders were undertaken at that time, the project did not advance to the statutory public consultation phase or to formal adoption. As a result, no comprehensive consultation report or finalised scheme documentation exists on file.

The documentation that does exist relates to draft proposals prepared over twenty years ago in a significantly different operational context, therefore it is not considered appropriate or beneficial to publish incomplete draft material that does not reflect current transport, parking, harbour management or planning considerations within Howth.

It should also be noted that the 2005 proposals extended beyond the scope of the current parking proposals for Howth Harbour, as they included consideration of vehicular parking arrangements within Harbour lands. Matters relating to Harbour operations and parking fall under the remit of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and associated harbour authorities, and therefore cannot be incorporated into the present scheme proposals being progressed by the Council.

The Council has engaged on a number of occasions throughout 2025 with representatives of the Department and other relevant stakeholders in relation to

parking in the harbour area. However, any proposals concerning parking within the harbour area itself remain outside the scope and jurisdiction of the current Council proposals.

Accordingly, there are no completed reports or statutory public consultation records from 2005 available for publication.

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

LITTER BAGS COLLECTION IN THIS LEA - AI108676

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive add an additional location in this Local Electoral Area to the existing list of 10 county-wide locations where litter bags can be collected by the public, such as Malahide Library, while noting that Baldoyle Community Hall is already one such location.”

Report:

The current arrangement is that the Operations Department coordinates the provision and distribution of litter bags through designated community facilities on a countywide basis, in support of local Tidy Towns groups and community clean-up initiatives.

Community centres are used as the preferred distribution points as they are generally better suited to accommodate the storage, handling and regular collection of supplies. These facilities also provide greater flexibility in terms of access, staffing arrangements and coordination with local community groups.

Public libraries are not currently used for this purpose due to operational and resource constraints, including limited storage capacity, staffing considerations and the need to ensure that core library services and public spaces are not adversely impacted.

The Operations Department recognises the importance of ensuring that litter bags are accessible to residents and volunteer groups across the Local Electoral Area, and will engage with the Fingal Community Section to facilitate the provision of litter bags for collection at the new Community Centre in Racecourse Park, subject to the necessary operational arrangements being put in place.

Source of Report:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 22

**TRAFFIC CALMING/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON ESTUARY ROAD -
AI108683**

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive install traffic calming measures or other pedestrian safety measures at the bend on Estuary Road, beside Swords Sailing Club.”

Report:

Traffic calming works have already been installed either side of this bend earlier this year. New ‘bend ahead’ signs have been installed supplemented with ‘SLOW’ Markings on the road to warn and inform vehicle drivers on approach.

Further consideration will be given to the corner on Estuary Road for the 2027 Programme of Works following engagement with Swords Sailing and Boating Club administration earlier in the year.

Source of Report:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

REPORT ON DAMAGED CYCLE LANE SEPARATION BOLLARDS - AI108686

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive report on any progress made in replacing missing or damaged cycle lane separation bollards in Baldoyle, Sutton and Howth.”

Report:

Works are 60% complete in replacing the antiskid resin on Howth Road. A tender has been completed to replace a section of the Howth Road bollards. The Operations Department has been working on a solution to remove the broken bollards, which is a very labour-intensive process. It takes 20 minutes to remove a broken bollard and a further 30 minutes to replace a bollard due to the time it takes to clean the hole and wait for the resin to set to install a new bollard. The section of the Howth Road will be replaced in the coming weeks once the antiskid resin works are completed.

The Operations Department will continue to repair the damaged / vandalised Sutton and Baldoyle bollards as resources and budget allows.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 24

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT LONGFIELD ROAD AND MYRTLE DRIVE - AI108688

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive review the safety for vulnerable road users, specifically children leaving the park to cross at the junction at Longfield Road and Myrtle Drive, the requirement for speed reduction measures, a raised junction, zebra crossings and removal of hedges to create a path and sight lines at park exit.”

Report:

The Operations Department recommend the appropriate increase of sightlines by removal of trees and hedges within the green space boundary. The Parks and Traffic section will liaise with each other for these improvement works.

There are no further works being considered as the surrounding footpaths have yet to be taken in charge.

A solar powered driver feedback sign is included on the 2026 Programme of Works for Longfield Road.

Source of Report:

Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 25

30KM/H SPEED LIMITS IN THIS LEA - AI108687

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive takes the necessary steps to conclude the adoption process of special speed limit bye-law process for the built-up and urban area speed limit changes for the Howth/Malahide Area, no later than 30th October 2026, and set out the timeline for this Committee's consideration."

Report:

Work is progressing on the national speed limit review with regards to Phase 2 Urban Areas/Built-Up Areas, by all local authorities following direction from the Department of Transport, late last year. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027, country wide.

The Operations Department Traffic Section is currently progressing with the Phase 2 technical work in order to produce draft bye-law maps for all urban/built up areas in Fingal County Council's administrative area. The estimated number of signs/ poles etc. required to implement the Phase 2 speed limit changes in Fingal County Council has already been submitted to the Department of Transport (DoT). This will facilitate the nationwide tender for the same to progress. At present, speed surveys are being progressed on a county-wide basis to gather data on speed and vehicular movements. This data will inform the preparation of the draft bye-law maps.

When the draft bye-law maps are finalised, the Traffic Section will conduct informal workshops with the members of each Area Committee prior to commencing the statutory public consultation phase. These workshops are

intended to be held during the latter stages of Q2/2026. Following this informal consultation, the draft bye-law maps will be updated and finalised (Q3/2026).

In Q3/Q4 2026, the speed limit bye-law maps will be formally presented to each Area Committee Meeting (September or October ACM's). After these ACM presentations, the Council will then commence the statutory public consultation process.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services A – Operational Matters)

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 26

BURROW BEACH LIFEGUARD AND SUMMER PLAN - AI108689

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the safety of the location of the lifeguard at Burrow beach, the safety for swimming with regards to the exposed pipe and the general plan for safety, parking, a one-way system and cleaning for the summer months."

Report:

The positioning of seasonal lifeguard stations is determined following assessment of a number of operational and safety-related factors, and the primary consideration being the safety of beach users. The current location of the station ensures that the designated bathing area corresponds with the area most frequently used by swimmers and beach visitors. The designated bathing area is intended to clearly indicate the safest area for swimming, and to maximise visibility and response times for lifeguards.

A water safety risk assessment of Burrow beach was completed in 2022 by an ILSE-accredited Risk Assessor on behalf of Water Safety Ireland. As part of that assessment, the assessor recommended the provision of the raised viewing deck to improve lifeguard visibility and supervision during low tide conditions and busy bathing periods. The assessment did not specifically recommend the positioning of the lifeguard hut itself. Water Safety Ireland will conduct a new risk assessment in the coming weeks.

Regarding the submerged outfall pipe and tidal movements, the outfall pipe has existed within the operational patrol zone of the lifeguards for a number of years, including the current location. The lifeguard station had previously been repositioned from the far side of the entrance area due to repeated flooding issues which resulted in damage to equipment and operational difficulties.

Additional warning signage has been installed in the area to advise beach users of the presence of the structure and associated hazards. In addition, sand bars and changing tidal conditions also form part of the routine hazards monitored by lifeguards during operational patrols.

With regard to safety and access for emergency services, the Operations Department installed double yellow lines and yellow boxes have been installed at restriction points identified on Burrow Road, Lauders Lane and Station Road. Flexi bollards have been installed on Burrow Road and at the main beach entrance to prevent illegal parking, following engagement with An Garda Siochana in 2025. Emergency access arrangements continue to form part of the Council's operational beach management procedures and will continue to be monitored throughout the bathing season.

The Operations Department also engaged the services of a traffic management consultant to design an appropriate temporary one-way system for deployment by an Garda Siochana on busy summer days. Installation of additional 'No parking signs' where double yellow lines already exist, and Yield sign at junction of Burrow Road/road leading to golf club. Fingal Parking Wardens will be patrolling Burrow Road on busy summer days.

There will be total of 28 bins, including 12 additional large temporary bins, deployed by the Council on Burrow Beach, in advance of the busy summer season.

Fingal cleansing staff commence duty early every morning to remove litter and collect bins on beach and surrounds. Additional cleansing crews can be made available on busy weekends to start in the afternoon to deal with the additional litter expected in coastal towns and villages in the LEA.

The Council promotes the 'Leave No Trace' message across Fingal social media channels and encouraging visitors to our beaches to bring home their own litter, particularly in instances where the bins provided may be at capacity.

Source of Report:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department
Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department
James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department