Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th July, 2026 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	**Councillors:**
Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Boland, Mark	McCamley, Mary
Burtchaell, John	McDonagh, Brian
Butler, Darragh	Mulligan, Dean
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear	Mulville, Paul
Corkery, Luke	Murphy, Tony
Dennison, Kieran	Newman, Joe
Dockrell, Eoghan	O'Brien, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela	O'Leary, Tom
Doyle, Tania	Onwumereh, JK
Guerin, Jimmy	Quinlan, Patrick
Hanaphy, Breda	Quinn, Malachy
Haughey, Cathal	Ryan, Brendan
Healy, David	Shovlin, Siobhan
Humphreys, James	Smyth, John
Johnston, Corina	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Kelly, Darren Jack	Troy, Ellen
Kitt, Tom	Walsh, John
Leddy, Ted	

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Helen Redwood and Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor, Councillor Tony Murphy presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Oliver Hunt (Director of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Infrastructure and Transport); Roisin Burke (Director of Services/Planning and Development); Paul Carroll (Director of Services/Housing Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Sinéad Murphy (Director of Services/Operations), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer); Michael Staunton (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Joan Kernan (Administrative Officer).

F/307/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. Murphy, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor informed the Members an emergency motion was received and has been ruled out of order.

The Mayor, Councillor T. Murphy, on behalf of the Members expressed deepest condolences to the family and friends of John O'Donovan who tragically passed at the Skerries 100 Road Race.

F/308/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

a **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 be **ADOPTED."**

b **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026 be **ADOPTED."**

F/309/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 12 be **ADOPTED**."

F/310/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Quinn - Requirements under Planning Laws for Mobile and Permanent Structures Food Outlets

F/311/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Sunscreen Dispensers

F/312/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Boland - Processing Time for Medical Priority Applications

F/313/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Newman - Gas Boiler Upgrades in Council Homes

F/314/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Newman - Accessibility to Social Housing

F/315/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Walsh - Monitoring of Reinstatement Works by Utility Companies and Contractors

F/316/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Tormey - Update Regarding Graffiti that is Visible from Rail Lines on Buildings

F/317/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor B. Ryan - Response to Comments on Council's Performance to Tackle Dereliction

F/318/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor C. Johnston - Rightsizing Policy

F/319/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Public Electric Vehicle Charging Points

F/320/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor D. Healy - Special Development Contributions

F/321/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Report of Committees

a **Reports of Environmental Funding for the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants - Three Area Committees Services B Meetings**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the reports of Environmental Funding for the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants - three Area Committees Services B Meetings, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Quarterly Chairpersons' Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings**

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

c **Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Newman, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Boland, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/322/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

a **Borrowing Approval for Balbriggan Swimming Pool**

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

During the course of discussion, the Mayor informed the members a motion was received and it was ruled out of order.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary, and **RESOLVED** that –

"It is hereby resolved that a loan in the sum of up to €12m be raised for the purpose of funding the delivery of a swimming pool in Balbriggan pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001."

F/323/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Proposed Disposal of land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin to Mr. Richard Rodgers, Grange, Oldtown, Co. Dublin and Mr. George Rodgers, Amberley House, Murragh, Oldtown, Co. Dublin**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED**:

"That land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 26th June 2026, be disposed to Mr. Richard Rodgers, Grange, Oldtown, Co. Dublin and Mr. George Rodgers, Amberley House, Murragh, Oldtown, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/324/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/325/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Play Space Development at Loughshinny, Co. Dublin

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Michael Staunton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer and Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, and **AGREED.**

F/326/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly, and **RESOLVED** –

"Fingal County Council adopts the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy & Policy."

F/327/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Transient Visitor Levy

Mr John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development, presented a verbal update to the members.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys, and **AGREED** that Fingal County Council's two nominees would participate on the Transient Visitor Levy Working Group.

F/328/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.**

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

F/329/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. Murphy

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/330/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a **MacGill Summer School 2026, 23rd - 25th July 2026 - Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal**

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

b **IrDEA Annual Conference 2026, 30th September 2026 - Radison Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8**

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

F/331/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 11th June 2026 from Wexford County Council Re-Abolition of the USC in Budget 2027**

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

F/332/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/333/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor L. Corkery - Electric Vehicle Home-Charging Strategy

The motion, in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

F/334/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor D. Healy - Scope of Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken on this motion and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 16 SIXTEEN
AGAINST: 1 ONE
ABSTAIN: 8 EIGHT

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian

McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Patrick Quinlan, Ellen Troy.

The Mayor then declared the motion **PASSED**.

F/335/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Capital Investment Breakdown

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/336/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Walsh - 'Use it or Lose it' Clause on Inactive Sites

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken on this motion and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 10 TEN
AGAINST: 9 NINE
ABSTAIN: 6 SIX

FOR: Councillors Luke Corkery, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Eoghan Dockrell, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, JK Onwumereh, Aoibhinn Tormey.

ABSTAIN: Councillors David Healy, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Tom O'Leary, Patrick Quinlan, Ellen Troy.

The Mayor then declared the motion **PASSED**.

F/337/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Planning Applications on Zoned Sites

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/338/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor M. McCamley - Bus Shelters

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.05.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HELEN REDWOOD

In accordance with Section 19 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood with effect from the 26th August 2026 a causal vacancy now exists in Fingal County Council.

Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority to fill the vacancy whereby a Member resigns, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the casual vacancy.

Section 19(4) provides that the co-option shall be made, after due notice (email sent to the Members on 13th August 2026), at the next meeting of the Local Authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

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ITEM NO. 03

APPROVED HOUSING BODIES OCCUPANCY

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what oversight Fingal County Council has to ensure that Approved Housing Bodies managing social housing achieve full occupancy and that no housing unit is left vacant?"

Reply:

Monitoring and verification of occupancy remains an ongoing process and is supported through continuous engagement with approved housing bodies and tenants. In addition to routine liaison throughout the year, annual occupancy surveys are undertaken to confirm that properties continue to be occupied in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes and agreements.

To provide an additional level of assurance, a programme of spot checks is also conducted. These checks help validate the information provided, identify any anomalies, and ensure that properties remain occupied by eligible households.

The Housing Department of Fingal County Council is also progressing the development of a dedicated digital system to support the management and monitoring of Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) properties. This system will streamline the collection and review of occupancy data, improve record management, enhance reporting capabilities, and strengthen the overall oversight framework. In the context of significant and ongoing year-on-year increases in the provision of new social housing by our AHB partners, this move to a digital platform will support a more efficient, transparent, and risk-based approach to occupancy verification while reducing administrative burdens and improving data quality.

Together, these measures demonstrate a commitment to maintaining robust oversight arrangements, ensuring continued compliance with occupancy requirements, and supporting the effective management of housing stock.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 04

HIGH SECURITY LOCK SCHEME

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to offering a High Security Lock Scheme similar to the one that is offered by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council does not currently operate a High Security Lock installation scheme as part of its Age Friendly Programme. However, the Council actively supports older persons in relation to home security and personal safety through a range of information and awareness initiatives.

The Age Friendly Team works with An Garda Síochána and other relevant agencies to ensure older persons have access to reliable advice and guidance on home security, crime prevention and independent living. As part of this work, An Garda Síochána regularly provides information and practical security advice at Age Friendly Information events held throughout the county.

The Council recognises the importance of initiatives that assist older persons to remain safe and secure in their homes. Accordingly, engagement will take place with the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Age Friendly Team to establish the details of its High Security Lock Scheme and to consider whether there are elements of the scheme that may be appropriate for consideration in Fingal, having regard to operational, funding and resource requirements.

In the meantime, the Council will continue to support older persons by facilitating access to trusted home security information and services through its Age Friendly Programme and its ongoing collaboration with An Garda Síochána and other relevant stakeholders.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON FINGAL'S MIGRANT INTEGRATION AND COHESION STRATEGY 2019-2024

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Fingal's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy which ran its course at end of 2024 and to confirm if an appropriate team has been empanelled to review the defunct strategy and to produce a new one?"

Reply:

The Community Development and Inclusion Division recognises the need to review the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy (2019-2024) and to develop a successor strategy.

While the previous strategy formally concluded at the end of 2024, Fingal County Council's work in the areas of migrant integration and social cohesion has continued to be guided by the principles and objectives of the 2019-2024 Strategy, while also taking account of emerging needs, lessons learned through implementation, and evolving national policy developments.

The Council's Strategy is set within the strategic context of the National Migrant Integration Strategy which is currently under review. In July 2026, the Community Development and Inclusion Division, in partnership with the Department of Justice Community Engagement Team hosted a consultation event which brought together 47 voluntary groups, community organisations and statutory agencies from across Fingal. The purpose of this engagement was to assist the Department in the development of the forthcoming National

Migrant Integration Strategy. The insights and feedback generated through this process will help inform both national policy and the future strategic direction of Fingal County Council in this area.

The publication of the new National Migrant Strategy will inform, and shape Fingal's strategy. Once published, it will provide an important policy framework to guide preparation of a successor strategy and ensure alignment with national objectives and actions.

A review of the Fingal Strategy to 2024 is underway with view to developing a successor Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy for the county. In the interim, the Council continues to deliver and support a wide range of initiatives that promote integration, participation, inclusion and community cohesion across Fingal.

The Community Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee will be kept informed of progress, and a new strategy will be presented to the SPC and Full Council in due course.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 06

LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME'S URBAN NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FUND

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive whether this Council has yet made any application under the Local Authority Waters Programme's Urban Nature-Based Solutions Fund, which supports projects to help manage surface water, increase biodiversity and reduce flooding in urban areas?"

Reply:

We are considering an application to the Local Government Personnel Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for resources or funding and are in consultation with other Fingal Departments in this regard.

The Council has not applied for grant funding under the Urban Nature-based Solutions Fund to date as there were no projects ready to go at the time of the application deadline. The Council will explore project opportunities in the Fingal Climate Action Plan and the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan to inform potential future funding applications under the Urban Nature-based Solutions Fund.

Source of Joint Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, Director of Operations
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 07

UPDATE ON SUNSCREEN DISPENSERS FOR FINGAL PARKS

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of sunscreen dispensers for Fingal Parks, similar to Dublin City Council's rollout of the same in collaboration with the Irish Cancer Society in July 2026?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is aware that there are at least two other local authorities currently trialling the use of free sunscreen dispensers within some public realm areas. Fingal County Council has committed to examine the results of this trial initiative following the end of this year's summer season. As the summer season has just ended, the assessment has not taken place yet but will over the coming months.

The Council has, however, recent experience of trialing hand sanitizers in public parks during the Covid epidemic and found the units extremely prone to vandalism and difficult to maintain in an open public realm environment. All the units were broken within a short period, and a decision was made that it was not a practical or viable initiative.

The Council's experience with hand sanitizers in public parks and the results of the other Local Authority's trials will form part of the assessment into the viability for inclusion of sunscreen dispensers in Fingal Parks as part of a future budget provision for this Council.

Source of Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 08

COST OF REPLACING SAFETY POLES ON CYCLING LANES

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight the cost of replacing safety poles on Cycle/Active Travel lanes for the past 3 years within Fingal and note if a more viable or sustainable alternative is available?"

Reply:

Over the last three years the Council has replaced approximately 915 safety poles for Cycle/Active Travel lanes within the Fingal area at an approximate cost of €66,775.

The Council continuously engages with the market to ascertain the most suitable and sustainable products, including bollards for Council schemes.

The Council continues to ensure that, when selecting products for specific schemes, sustainable products and value for money are achieved.

Source of Reply:
Sinead Murphy, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 09

BMX TYPE-TRACK STUDY PLAN

Question: Councillor J. Newman

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council would deliver a detailed feasibility study for a BMX type track, that could provide guidance on the usage of space in urban and rural areas, including the option to utilise some woodland and other suitable areas to create measures for small, safe, localised projects?"

Reply:

There are currently no plans for a feasibility study for BMX tracks in the county and no provision has been made in the Budget or Works Programme to undertake such a study. Relevant staff from the Council are available to meet with groups interested in using/managing a BMX track in addition to the BMX track facilities already developed by Fingal County Council at St. Catherine's Park in Dublin 15.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 10

HOUSING RE-LETTING

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of Housing Re-Letting in tabular form under the following headings 1) Voids per year, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 year to date; 2) Average turnaround time, shortest turnaround time, longest turnaround time; 3) If the homes were brought back up to standard by Fingal County Council employees or contractors?"

Reply:

Re-let works on void properties are undertaken by a multidisciplinary team spanning Fingal County Council's (FCC) departments and our supply chain partners. Works are generally carried out by approved contractors with planning, design, project management and coordination undertaken collaboratively by FCC County Architect's technical team; our appointed technical consultants; and FCC Housing team.

Void turnaround times are collated at year end and published by the National Oversight and Audit Committee and are presented below. Times can vary for a number of reasons pertaining to the various stages of re-let and allocations process including but not limited to: surrender of property, securing of property, removal of belongings, inspection and survey of property, specialised cleaning, design and procurement of works, works period, energy retrofitting, fire damage, remediation, reconnection to utilities, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) checks/Garda vetting, changes in applicant circumstances, tenant viewing, refusals.

The Council's Housing Department actively works to minimise vacancy periods wherever possible, with many elements of the process essential to ensuring each home is safe, compliant, and suitable for the next household and other elements falling outside of Fingal County Council's direct control. Refusals by tenants, which are outside of Fingal County Council's control, also saw a peak of 125 refusals in 2025, impacting significantly on turnaround periods across all areas. Despite this, 2025 also saw a record number of allocations to Fingal County Council social housing stock, a trend that is set to continue through 2026.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 voids current
Average Turnaround (Wks)	32.87	29.14	33.76	37.75	n/a
Shortest Turnaround	4	8	7	4	n/a
Longest Turnaround	83	151	104	122	n/a
Number of Voids 31st December	99	116	230	202	n/a

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 11

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all projects recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme by either an Area Committee or a Strategic Policy Committee since May 2019?"

Reply:

The Capital Programme 2026-2028 outlines an ambitious programme of capital investment that will support the continued growth and development of Fingal over the period 2026-2028. The programme contains 309 individual projects across all Council service areas, with a projected total expenditure of €1.434 billion over the three-year period. Overall, the Capital Programme represents one of the most substantial investment plans undertaken by Fingal County Council, with projects aimed at delivering housing, transport connectivity, environmental sustainability, economic development, community facilities and improved public services across the county.

The Council's existing Management and Financial systems were not designed to maintain a single consolidated register of all projects recommended for inclusion within the Capital Programme. As a result, the systems do not capture project information in a manner that would enable the automatic production of a comprehensive list as requested by the Councillor. However, a new IT system has been developed which will track and record all commitments given at Council and Area Committee meetings and could provide data in the future regarding commitments given on projects for inclusion within the Capital Programme. It is intended that this new IT system will be in place shortly.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 12

PUBLIC SERVICE APPRENTICESHIP PLAN

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any craftspeople currently on the staff and, if so, are there any apprentices serving their time to them?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council employs a small number of craftspeople across several disciplines, including craft gardeners, carpenters, bricklayers and electricians.

The Council participates in the national Local Authority Apprenticeships Programme which provides training paths across craft, technical and professional fields as part of the Public Service Apprenticeship Plan 2023. Currently there are apprentices employed by the Council across a number of disciplines, with plans in train to add to the cohort in the coming months.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 13

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME 2026

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the introduction of the Differential Rent Scheme 2026, to report on the impact of rent reassessments on Council tenancies in comparison to the previous rent, including data, breaking down the weekly rent increases for tenancies?"

Reply:

Rent Decreased or No Change	50
Rent Increased €0.01 to €10.00	1,441
Rent Increased €10.01 to €20.00	2,748
Rent Increased €20.01 to €30.00	1,215
Rent Increased €30.01 to €40.00	749
Rent Increased over €40.00	822
Accounts Assessed	7,025
Accounts with Subsidiary Earners	4,003

Figures relating to additional annual rental income are still in preparation for the budget and information will be provided to the members at the Annual Budget meeting later in the year.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 14

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the introduction of the Differential Rent Scheme 2026, to report on the Housing Maintenance Budget for 2026 and 2027 in comparison to the 2025 budget, including details of additional maintenance works being funded as a result of additional funding allocated to Housing Maintenance from increased rental income?"

Reply:

The Housing Department is currently finalising the Revised Revenue Budget for 2026 and preparing the Annual Budget for 2027, both of which will be presented to the Elected Members for consideration at the Council's Annual Budget Meeting later this year. As the budget process is ongoing, final figures regarding additional rental income expected from the Differential Rent Scheme 2026 are in the process of being determined.

The adopted Housing Maintenance Revenue Budget was €15,535,800 in 2025 and €17,269,300 in 2026. The revenue expenditure incurred to date in 2026 is €11,444,889, compared to €10,313,733 at the same stage last year, an increase of some €1.3m, or 11% year on year.

The increase in rental income has enabled the Council to continue funding the delivery of its response and general maintenance programmes across its housing stock of more than 6,500 homes, including the annual servicing of heating systems throughout the county. It also supports the delivery of response maintenance works to the Council's traveller accommodation.

The Council manages more than 15,000 housing maintenance requests annually. To date in 2026, a total of 8,691 requests has been received, of which 13.7% remain outstanding. All outstanding requests have been assigned to the appropriate contractor for action. Requests are prioritised based on their level of urgency, with a continued focus on addressing urgent & critical repairs in a timely manner.

The cost of carrying out capital improvement and maintenance works to the Council's housing stock has increased significantly in recent years in line with well documented increases in construction inflation. The Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) estimates construction inflation at between 35% to 40% between 2020 and 2026, leading to significant challenges in maintenance cost management. As a result, these projects now cost substantially more to deliver than previous years, for example compared to 2013 when the Differential Rent Scheme was last revised. This has increased the level of funding required from the Council's own resources and reinforces the importance of rental income in supporting the delivery of planned maintenance and capital improvement projects under the Housing Capital Programme, particularly where schemes are not eligible for Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) grant funding or where grant funding only partially covers project costs.

Examples of Capital Projects include:

- Pre-let repairs
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme
- Windows and Doors Replacement Programme
- Upgrade and refurbishment work to Traveller sites
- Pre-let repairs to Traveller Specific Accommodation
- Adaptation works for tenants with disabilities
- Contract Painting programmes
- Central heating upgrade works

As the Council's housing stock continues to grow, demand for maintenance services will increase accordingly. Furthermore, the ageing profile of portions of the housing stock gives rise to more larger and more complex maintenance requirements, requiring ongoing investment to ensure homes are maintained to an appropriate standard.

Finally, the continued growth of Fingal County Council's housing stock has led to increased operational costs to ensure a high level of service to our tenants and safeguard our housing assets, with rental income going to support increased staff costs needed to operate and manage the properties covering the variety of Housing Department functions such as collect rents, manage tenancies, deal with anti-social behaviour and undertake the allocations process.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 15

VACANT AND DERELICIT HOMES

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what percentage of requests to register vacant or derelict homes actually appear on the register and how long, on average, does it take from first query to actual appearance on the register?"

Reply:

Since 2024, the Town Regeneration Office has assessed 295 sites, of which 217 sites were found to be derelict. 73 (34%) of these sites have been resolved through compliance with Notices served on owners. There are currently 144 unresolved sites.

40 (18%) sites have been added to the register at different stages since 2024, with 14 of these having been resolved, leaving 26 sites currently on the Register.

Of the 118 remaining sites –

- 51 are new sites that are undergoing the inspection and assessment process.
- 46 are subject to Notices under S11 requiring specific works to be completed to remove dereliction at present. Any sites where notices are not complied with will be progressed to inclusion on the Register.
- 21 have not complied with notices and are being processed for entry onto the Register.

Levies have been demanded from the owners of 28 sites to a combined total value of €1,042,765.37, with €118,619.79 received to date. Legal cases have been initiated to collect the outstanding balance of €924,145.61.

The number of sites entered on the Register has steadily increased since 2024 with 40 sites having been entered on the Register in that time, and the number on the Register likely to grow to approximately 40 in the coming weeks, and significantly more as 97 open sites are assessed.

As the revised processes and focused attention applied since 2024 have evolved, the time from original complaint to entry on the Register has fallen from c41 months to c11 months. It is expected that this timeline will be reduced further in the coming months as the 118 open sites detailed above are assessed.

The derelict sites section actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites by members of the public and their representatives. Referrals may be submitted by completing the Derelict Sites Report Form available on the Fingal County Council website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 16

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the Economic Community & Culture Development Department's Heritage Properties capital projects as listed in the Council's Capital Programme 2026 – 2028?"

Reply:

A progress report is provided below on the on the Economic Community & Culture Development Department's Heritage Properties capital projects as listed in the Council's Capital Programme 2026 – 2028. This programme estimated value of €10.5 million relies on funding categorised as "Under Assessment" requirement of €7million and is subject to the identification of funding sources to meet that requirement.

Project	2026–2028 Programme	Progress Report Sep '26
Malahide Castle	The significant item in the costs for the Capital Programme relates to structural works to the roof, and conservation works to the windows.	The Castle at Malahide needs to have a major roof overhaul after the discovery of wet and dry rot in some of the structural beams. The operator, under the supervision of Council Architects performed several investigative openings of the walls and ceiling plaster to trace the extent of the damage and identify appropriate forensic repairs. An updated cost estimate

		has been provided by Architects in August 2026.
Bremore Castle	The development of Bremore Castle grounds and carpark is nearing completion. For the next phase, an Integrated Design Team is about to be appointed to assess future uses and related internal and accessibility works required, in particular compliance with Part M Building Regulations. On completion of these studies, it is anticipated that works to a value of €2.5m would allow the upper floors of the castle to be opened up.	An integrated design team have been appointed to assess the various works required and are scheduled to report initial findings in Q4 2026.
Ardgillan Castle	A sum of €518k has been included for continuing conservation works at the castle including, in sequence, publication of the conservation plan, works on internal rooms and outbuildings.	It is intended to publish the conservation plan for Ardgillan Castle in early 2027. An integrated design team will then likely be required to be appointed to assess the various works required.
Skerries Mills & Red Barn	With enabling works started at the end of 2023, the redevelopment of the Red Barn will be completed in 2026, subject to funding availability, enhancing the offering at Skerries Mills and providing a revenue-generating opportunity. An integrated design team is about to be appointed to work on a condition survey of the main building in year 1 of the programme.	An integrated design team have been appointed to assess the various works required at the Mill and are scheduled to report initial findings in Q4 2026. The original proposal for the Red Barn involved the demolition and replacement of the existing red agricultural barn and provision for a new building within the main arrivals area for visitors in proximity to the existing Mill buildings. Following consultation with stakeholders this element of the project is under review and will now consider the remediation of the demolition site with landscaping.

Skerries Martello Tower	Following the 2025 feasibility study, €1.2m has been included to provide for proposed conservation works and potential enabling works required to deliver a usable space.	The capital programme 2023-2025 initially made provision for the refurbishment of the tower subject to funding and sufficient to handover as a turnkey heritage building or tourism amenity. In line with this and the commitment given in the CE report of May 2024 a consulting engineer was appointed to investigate the stability of the structure overall, including the external render and windows, internal fabric, flagstones, foundations and viability of an annexe to the tower, and possibility of a viewing gallery at the top. The resulting report noted that the structural condition of the building was such that significant additional intervention would be required beyond that originally anticipated and an updated estimate of costs was prepared on this basis. The costs associated with the structural element of the intervention increased significantly and while such works would stabilise and secure the structure it would not provide for the addition on an annexe or recondition the internal use such that it would be a ready-made heritage building or tourism amenity. The project remains under assessment subject to identification of a viable heritage

		building or tourism amenity use and the availability of funding.
Swords Castle	In 2026 the mechanical and electrical upgrade is expected to start, leading on to the final phase of the conservation plan works bringing some accessibility to the Knights and Squires Quarters, for which €434k has been allowed for in the Capital Programme. The project to date has been part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Urban Centre Development Scheme.	A tender pack is being prepared to proceed with the final phase of the conservation plan works.
Shackleton Mills	A sum of €270k has been included for conservation and stabilization of the main building, including repairs and renovations to roof and windows.	The Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage have declined a grant application made in connection with the Mill under the Heritage Stewardship Fund process. A tender pack is being prepared for works to make Building A weather-proof, namely roof and window works and other works related to safety. It is intended to publish the conservation plan for the Mills Castle in early 2027. An integrated design team will then likely be required to be appointed to assess the various works required.
Howth Martello Tower	An estimated cost of €70k has been included over the life of the programme to cover costs associated with essential repairs to the Martello Tower.	Works on the grounds have been completed and further works to investigate and rectify tower water ingress are currently being considered.
Malahide Demesne Properties	A sum of €575k has been included for gradually restoring and upgrading the various properties, with a priority for uses that will	Enabling works completed and cost estimates being prepared East and South Gate lodges.

	support the tourism and amenity use of the Demesne.	
Newbridge House & Farm	The redevelopment of Newbridge House & Farm will continue, and attention will turn to upgrading of mechanical and electrical services to the house and development of the courtyard buildings.	A contract has been awarded for the design phase of an upgrade of mechanical and electrical services including rewiring and upgraded fire safety measures which will include temporarily moving and storing the collection off-site to facilitate the works.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 17

FISH KILLS IN RIVERS, STREAMS, AND CANALS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive when there are fish kills in Fingal how are they investigated, are the public made aware of the causes, is there a current clear public warning protocol in place to ensure the affected areas are indicated to the public to protect the welfare of people and animals?"

Reply:

Fish kills in Fingal are investigated and responded to in accordance with the "*National Contingency Plan (NCP) in case of Massive Pollution Events, Department of Transport 2019*".

The Plan includes a national protocol for coordinating a response to a significant fish mortality event in freshwater, and when activated sets out immediate investigative responsibilities for all relevant state agencies and supporting states agencies.

Section 17 of the national protocol specifically address external communications and making the public aware of any issues associated with the fish kill and has the assigned Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) as the lead agency to manage such communications.

In terms the protection of public health the protocol enables the Lead Agency to call upon the Health Service Executive in its capacity as a supporting agency to advise on all matters in relation to public health and can also call upon the

National Parks & Wildlife Service in terms of seeking advice in relation to the protection of habitats and animals.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 18

DELIVERY OF NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what commitments have been made, if any, by national government or statutory agencies to the delivery of new public transport routes, including train, bus and Luas where appropriate, to serve the new or projected housing in areas which were subject to the recent Variation approved by Fingal Council?"

Reply:

The Council engaged regularly with the NTA in the preparation of the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan. In general, the additional bus services proposed as part of the Plan to be delivered on a phased basis are supported by the NTA. The NTA have welcomed the inclusion of an alignment for the future delivery of Luas, in accordance with the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2020-2042

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 19

DELIVERY OF HOUSING UNITS IN FINGAL FOR 2026

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update with regard to the delivery of new housing units in Fingal for 2026?"

Reply:

As the end of Q2 2026, permission has been granted for 2,016 residential units, comprising 1,257 houses and 759 apartments across Fingal.

In addition, 32 planning applications are currently under consideration. If approved, these applications could deliver a further 6,475 residential units, including 2,707 houses and 3,768 apartments.

Continued progress has been made in delivering new homes, with 1,452 homes completed so far this year.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning & Development

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ITEM NO. 20

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 20a

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE
SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date & Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive & rationale for Approval
28th Dublin 7th Port Howth	€2400	REC Level 3 Full Course REC Level 3 Revalidation	N	N/A	€2400

Scout Group GA-004019					
Waterside Malahide Residents Association GA-004007	€2972	Insurance Megaphone Storage Box Outdoor Lights Sports Equipment Printer Pollinator Planting Project	N	N/A	€2815.45
Howth Sutton Autism-friendly Community GA- 004031	€3000	Insurance H&S Equipment Yoga Classes	Y	2025 - €645 2025 - €780	€1508
Kettles Heritage Society GA -004038	€3241	Marquee and event equipment Portable toilets Event Insurance Display Pullups Units	N	N/A	€1538
Malahide Tidy Towns GA -004074	€ 892	Hire of display tables incl. delivery, Hall hire, Advertising, Refreshments supplies (tea, coffee), Cleaning supplies, Signage	N	N/A	€892

Verbay Ladies Club GA-004008	€ 3065	O'Grady Coach Hire, Shackleton Experience Museum	N	N/A	€1611
TOTAL					€ 10,764.45

It was **proposed** by Councillor A. Tormey **seconded** by Councillor C. Haughey that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

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**
Malahide Lawn Tennis Club	€4,000	A smart outdoor Water Station for all members, guests and members of the community to use in Malahide.	Y	2021 - €425 2020 - €1,000	I recommend that Malahide Lawn Tennis Club receive the maximum grant amount of

					€4000 for the fit-out of a Smart Outdoor water station. This will reduce plastic waste within the club and encourages reusable bottles, cutting down on single-use plastics and local litter. It will also maximize hygiene and improves player health	
Grove Lawn Tennis Club	€1,500	24 x Tubes Dunlop's Match Balls €875.70 60 x Stage 2 Tennis Balls €199.98 60 x TMP-20 €250 40 x TMP-40 €216	Y	2025 - €1,500 2021 - €25	I recommend that Grove Lawn Tennis Club receives the maximum grant amount of €1500 for the purchase of tennis balls that will enhance the participation of both juvenile and adult club members.	

					This will help the club especially in terms of participation and performance within the youth section of the club.	

It was **proposed by** Councillor A. Tormey **seconded** by Councillor E. O'Brien that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20b

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

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
St. Margaret's Amenities CLG GA-004048	€1,000	Projector & Screen	NO	N/A	€1,000
Slí Dhála Comhaltas Branch Dublin 15 GA-004068	€3,000	Insurance Tutors Music Books Tuners	YES	2025 - €3,000	€1,400

Castaheany Residents Association GA-003919	€2,296	Insurance Lawnmower Strimmer Leaf Blower Lawn Edger Hedge trimmers	NO	N/A	€2,275.58
Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living GA-004058	€1,500	Community open day with activities Art & Crafts supplies Pottery Supplies 5-a-side football	YES	2024 - €3,000	€1,340
Parslickstown House GA-004076	€1,813	Pottery Course Gardening Course	YES	2024 - €1,007.85 2025 - €1,039.94	€1,132.46
Laurel Lodge Environmental Group GA-004022	€710	Insurance Fruit Hill Farm Organic Bulbs Compost	YES	2025 - €2,900.00 2024 - €1,357.69	€667.80
Kurdish Cultural Centre Ireland GA-004012	€3,000.00	Insurance Project Room Rental	YES	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€2,037
Blakestown Drive	€3,000.00	Insurance Little Prince Sculpture	YES	2025 - €2,925.00	€3,000

Community Group GA-004035					
Hayworth Ongar Residents Association GA-004024	€996	Planning & Environmental Enhancement Tools & Equipment Community Improvement & Safety Materials	NO	N/A	€641.31
St. Mochta's Residents Association GA-004049	€1,060	Insurance Petrol Strimmer Border wood and Planter Compost and Perennials Hoe and paint brushes Wood paint	YES	2025 - €1,639	€980
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOMMENDED					€14,474.15

It was **proposed by** Councillor A. Donnelly **seconded** by Councillor B. Hanaphy that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

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
Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club	€1,500	Purchase footballs, bibs, cones, water bottles, first-aid kits, training ladders, hurdles, and poles.	Y	2024 - €3,000 2022 - €2959.90	Mountview Boys and Girls Football Club seeks to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, bibs, cones, water bottles, first-aid kits, training ladders, hurdles, and poles. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,500.

St. Mochta's Football Club	€1,491	Essential training equipment - footballs, tactics boards, marker discs, tactic pads	Y	2022 - €2825.31 2020 - €1,000	St. Mochta's Football Club seeks to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, marker discs, coaches' tactic folders & tactics boards. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,491.

It was **proposed by** Councillor T. Kitt seconded by Councillor E. Troy that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the **Sports** Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026

2027 Budget and Capital Plan

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance, gave an update to the CPG in relation to the budget for 2027 and the Capital Plan, outlining the process and relevant dates.

Following discussion, the CPG **NOTED** the update, and it was **AGREED** that an additional meeting of the CPG will be held when the draft Capital Plan is prepared.

Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan

Ms. Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, gave a presentation to the CPG on the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan.

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

Request from Dublin City Council for Joint Committee between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council in relation to the proposed Dunsink Urban Area Plan.

Ms. Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, People Corporate & Digital Services gave a presentation to the CPG on the request and process for the establishment of a Joint Committee in relation to the Draft Dunsink Urban Area Plan.

Following discussion, the CPG **AGREED** that, as the plan has yet to be adopted, it would be premature to establish a Joint Committee at this time. It was also **AGREED** that this matter could be considered again in the future.

Draft Access Strategy

Mr. Cathal Kearney, Access Officer, gave a presentation to the CPG on the Fingal County Council Access Strategy 2026-2030.

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

Signed: Tony Murphy
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 20d

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications for 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 & Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive & rationale for Approval
Oldtown Community Council GA-003994	€3000	Folding Tables Dual Brew Coffee Machine Bay Bin Store Mugs, Coffee urns, Milk Jugs, Sign Safety Equipment for	Y	2024 - €2771.01	€3000

		Community Event			
SWARA GA-004014	€2690	Printer Wreath Workshop Coach Hire Laptop Microphone, Speaker & Projector Ceramic Workshops Memory Games	N	N/A	€2960
Age Friendly Skerries GA-004023	€757	Printed Information Contact Sheets, Insurance	N	N/A	€757
Balbriggan Integration Forum GA-004034	€614	Plants Insurance	N	N/A	€614
Balbriggan Senior Citizens Welfare Club GA-004037	€3000	Contribution towards bus hire for trip. Exercise Classes Facilitator Costs	Y	2025 €3000 2024 €3000	€1,500
Rush Astronomy Group GA-004044	€955	Public Liability Insurance, Purchase of Telescope	N	N/A	€955
The Forgotten Laneway CLG GA-004028	€3000	Insurance, Materials for Renewal of Site	N	N/A	€1500
Donabate Portrane SEC GA-004072	€3532	Public Liability Insurance Costs, Contribution to	N	NA	€1500

		website design costs			
Crossroads Donabate Portrane GA-004078	€1805	Public Liability Insurance, Venue Hire/Sound Equipment Hire	N	NA	€1000
Foróige Coastal North Dublin GA-004071	€2900	Arts & Crafts Materials, Cricut Heat Press Sewing Machines, Sports Equipment Basket	N	N/A	€1500
Hampton Gardens Estate GA-004043	€3000	Public Liability Insurance Plan/Materials for environmental works	N	N/A	€1500
Currachaí na Sceirí GA-004047	€2930	Power Tools, Supplies etc., Public Liability Insurance	Y	2025 - €2993	€1000
Glasmore Park and Windmill Lands Residents Association GA-004081	€3000	Planting Power Washer	Y	2024 - €1824.97	€1450
Swords Woodland Association GA-004039	€960	Water system Screwfix Printing & Display Banner, Stationary	Y	2024 - €2,631.10	€603

Skerries Ukulele Strummers GA-004040	€1299	Capital Equipment	N	NA	€1299
Balbriggan Tourism Group GA-004067	€3000	Public Liability Insurance, Contribution to promotion costs,	N	NA	€1000
89th Dublin Bremore Scout Group GA-004046	€3000	5 x Scout Ireland Training, Hammock, Tent Poles Compass, Other Equipment	Y	2025 - €2890.94	€1500
Fingal Africa Association GA-004015	€2168	Dance Instructor and Hall Rental, Pull-Up banner tables and speaker	Y	2025 - €1132	€1500
Balscadden Herrings Active Age Group GA-004036	€2972	Bus Hire – contribution towards trip costs, tables, seasonal workshops	N	N/A	€1500
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival GA-004057	€2220	Purchase PA System, Public Liability Insurance, Contribution to Spoken Word Event Costs	N	N/A	€1500
Applewood Community Centre GA-004025	€3074	Desktop PC Notice Boards for centre, Samba Fold-A-Goal Football Goal 12ftx6.,	Y	N/A	€3000

		Displays for notice boards, Pickleball Set, Desk Chairs			
Holywell Community Centre GA-004026	€3074	Desktop PC Notice Boards for Centre, Samba Fold-A-Goal Football Goal 12ftx6 Displays for notice boards Pickleball Set Desk Chairs	N	N/A	€2300
Skerries Friends Of Breastfeeding Mum2Mum Group GA-004061	€1701	Sound Bath Room Rental Breast Pump Parts/Equipment	Y	2025 - €1455	€1000
Fancourt Residents Association GA-004064	€2515	Lawnmower, Leaf Blower, Insurance, Flyers Halloween Event and Hall Rental Compost, misc., items	N	N/A	€2000
Balbriggan Cancer Support Group GA-003960	€1500	Yoga Classes x12	Y	2024 - €3000	€900
Rush Tourism Arts & Heritage GA-004069	€2423	Photo Scanning, Leaflet Printing, Story Boards Contribution	N	N/A	€1000

Sustainable Skerries GA-004045	€2783	Insurance, Printing of Materials Speakers and Hall Rental	Y	2024 – € 3000 2025 - €1226	€2000
Balscadden District Community Council GA-004065	€2750	Insurance Renewal Environmental Enhancements	Y	2025 - €2999 2024 - €2969	€1500
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society GA-003944	€150	Insurance, Promotional Material for Workshop	Y	2025 - €3000 2024 - €3000	€750
Lusk Senior Citizens GA-003828	€3000	Insurance Chair Pilates Bus Hire	Y	2024 - €3000	€2000
Balbriggan and District Historical Society GA-004066	€2626	Laminator Laptop Printer Contribution towards Room Hire	N	N/A	€1200
Garristown Community Council Ltd GA-004042	€2955	Contribution Chairs, Printer and Hoover Public Liability Insurance Renewal	Y	2025 - €2958.68 2024 - €2999.94	€1500
Fingal North Dublin Beekeepers Association GA-004016	€1444	Beekeeping equipment, Insurance	N	N/A	€807.50
34th/161st Dublin Scout	€3000	Camping/	N	N/A	€1140

Group Balbriggan GA-004073		Scouting Activity Equipment			
Rush Dramatic Society GA-004054	€3000	Flagpoles for Theatre Centenary events	N	N/A	€3000
Rolestown Community Council GA-003997	€1135	AED and AED Storage Contribution towards insurance costs	N	N/A	€1635
Balbriggan and District Horticultural Society GA-004030	€3464	Insurance Hall Rental, Talks Speaker Fees, Projector	N	N/A	€1500
Wednesday Club GA-004050	€2468	Insurance, Dye Cutting Card Machine, Ukeleles, Craft Supplies	N	NA	€1500
Lusk Bridge Club GA-004059	€1709	Bridge tables x10 E101 Bridge Equipment	N	N/A	€1500
ICA Lusk GA-004060	€1766	Bus Hire Room Hire, Band Decorations Contribution towards decorative pins	N	N/A	€1,500.00
Rush Tidy Towns GA-004063	€3000	Banners Workshop Costs, Litter pickers, Contribution to	Y	2025 - €2926.52 2024 - €3000	€1500

		cost of plants, Face painters for Halloween Event			
The Strand Residents Association GA-004079	€2228	Public Liability Insurance, Hire of Gazebo, Hire of Face Painters, Cups, plates, cutlery for family day, Bench hire for family day, Contribution to cost of speaker hire	N	N/A	€1500
Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility Ltd GA-003999	€1290	PACE picnic benches, Pop-Up Gazebo, Volleyball Set Equipment Giant Jenga/Other Games	Y	2025 - €1420	€1000
Racecourse Commons Residents Association GA-004075	€2750	Hire of Gazebo for Santa Event Visit Insurance for Renewal	N	N/A	€1500

It was **proposed** by Councillor T. O'Leary **seconded** by Councillor T. Murphy that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Fingal Rowing Club	€4,000	Purchase and install a steel storage shed to provide secure, weather-resistant storage for rowing equipment and materials.	Y	2021 - €1939.64 2020 - €2,000	The installation of a steel storage shed will provide a durable, weather resistant facility that ensures equipment is safely housed and easily accessible in the rowing's club's compound. I recommend the maximum amount of €4,000

Taekwon-Do ITF WARRIORS	€4,000	Training mats for classes to enhance safety	Y	2022 - €845.73 2020 - €1,000	The club is looking for training mats for classes. The overall cost of new mats is €11,100. I recommend we support the project with €4,000 toward the overall cost.
Portrane Athletic Football Club	€4,000	New set of full-size goals	Y	2021 - €2,000 2020 - €1,000	This equipment will benefit youth, teenage, and adult members of the club. The equipment will help to increase participation among all age groups. The entire project will cost €4375. I recommend allocating the full amount of €4000.
Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club	€500	Open day where people of all ages, genders, nationality and abilities can come and try fly and spinning fishing for an afternoon	Y	2026 - €1,500 2025 - €1,950 2024 - €3,000	Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club is planning to host an Open Day in October to provide members of the public

					with the opportunity to try fishing and gain an insight into club membership. The event will be free of charge and open to participants of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. I recommend the club be awarded the amount of €500 under the Activity Grant fund
St. Mary's Baton Twirlers	€1,500	34 x Super Star thicker batons – 12 x freestyle baton grips (3 rolls) - (black)	N	N/A	The club wish to purchase new batons for new and existing members. The proposed purchase will improve training quality and help accommodate new members. I therefore recommend the awarding of €1500 the maximum allowed for the purchase of this

					essential equipment.
Rush Athletic Football Club	€1,500	Purchase of new footballs for training and matches	Y	2022 - €3,000 2021 - €1,968	The club applied for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs for club use. The equipment will increase participation among all age groups and improve the standard of training for all club members. The entire project will cost €1,934. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,500.
Swords Celtic Football Club	€1,500	Purchase of essential coaching/ training equipment - bibs, cones, footballs	Y	2022 - €3,000 2021 - €2,000	The club is purchasing small sports equipment for training their juvenile teams over the winter. I recommend that the full €1500 be awarded to support them.
Fingal Ravens G.F.C.	€4,000	New portable juvenile goals	Y	2020 - €1,000	The club are upgrading the old, now-

					unsafe goals with new ones; the total is €4650. I recommend that we fund €4000 of this with the large equipment grant.

It was **proposed** by Councillor T. O'Leary **seconded** by Councillor J. Newman that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 21

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 22

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1297

1st September 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley, Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin.**

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) to the Council Members of the intention to dispose of Council owned land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin comprising 103 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4012-26 dated 20th February 2026 to June and Christopher Foley, Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of providing additional garden space.
2. That the subject land is shown delineated by the centre of the red line on Drawing No. LA-4012-26 dated 20th February 2026, comprising a total area of 103 square metres approximately.
3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €3,000 (three thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
4. That the land shall be disposed for gardening use only and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature. The purpose of the disposal is to allow for the provision of additional garden space at Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin and the purchasers and their

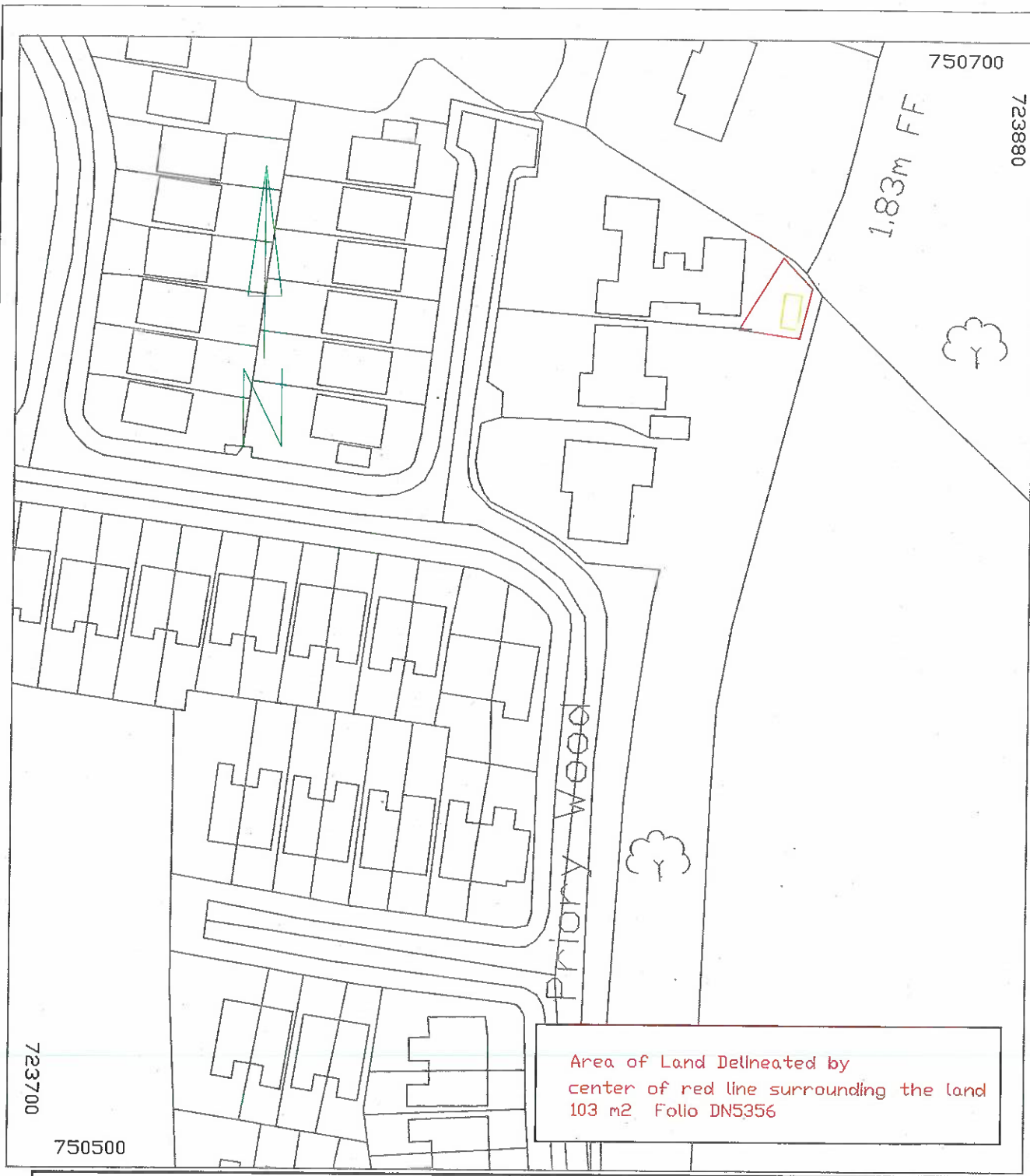
successors in title shall not use the subject property for any other purpose. The Deed of Transfer to the purchaser shall contain a covenant to this effect

5. That the purchaser shall maintain the boundary feature between the subject plot and the adjoining property to the satisfaction of the Council.
6. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.
7. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.
8. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from the Eastern Health Board in 1974 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 10th September 2026 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th September 2026

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development.



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-4012-26	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 20 Feb 2026	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No: LD1297	Job No. SM/12/26
Project: Land at House C - Priory Wood		Gross Area :	
Land to be transferred to : with respect to LD1297		Road Area :	
		Nett Area :	

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Dept,
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1464

1st September 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East Voluntary Housing Association, First Floor, Cobalt House One, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, D15 EDT4**

It is proposed to dispose of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin comprising an area of 1,501 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-223-22 dated 14th May 2025 to North and East Voluntary Housing Association, First Floor, Cobalt House One, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, D15 EDT4 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of providing Social Housing at Garristown, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown delineated by centre of the red line in red on Drawing No. LA-223-22 dated 14th May 2025, comprising an area of 1,501 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration in the total amount of €1.00 (one Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

4. The land will be used solely for the provision of Social Housing, subject to the statutory planning process.

5. The Council will have the right to nominate 100% of all tenancies in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme.

6. The dwellings, buildings, car park spaces and curtilages developed on the land shall be properly managed, maintained and insured by North and East Voluntary Housing Association.

7. Should any Social Housing units built on the lands cease to be used for Social Housing, the units and site will revert to the Council.

8. Each party will be responsible for their own legal costs

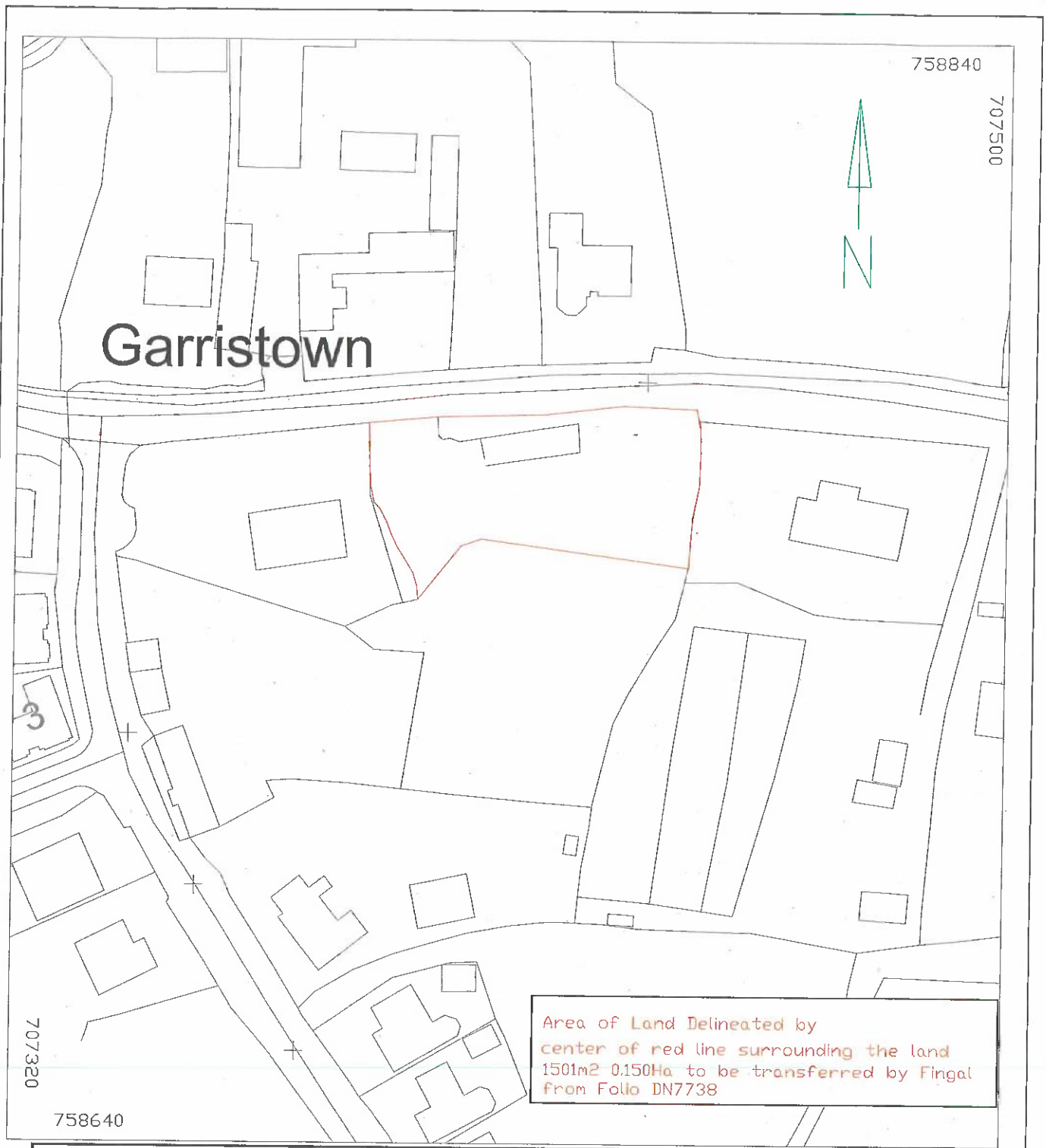
9. North and East Voluntary Housing Association will be responsible for all boundary treatments.

10. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired by Fingal County Council from William Tierney in 1971 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 10th September 2026 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th September 2026.

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



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-223-22	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 14 May-2025	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No: LD 1464	Job No. SM/123/22
Project: Lands at Garristown		Gross Area :	
Land to be transferred by: Fingal Co Co		Road Area :	
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services,
Economic, Community
& Cultural Development Department
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD 1703

2nd September 2026

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of proposed lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15.

It is proposed to grant a lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15 as shown outlined in red on map no. 6205, dated 14th November 2025 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the lease is for the use of new clubhouse and playing pitches.

2. That the property is shown outlined in red on map no. 6205 dated 14th November 2025 comprising an area of 8.836 acres approximately.

3. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to St. Mochta's Football Club for a term of 35 years, to commence on a date to be agreed.

4. That the said rent shall be €100.00 (one hundred euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable, provided the site is used for Sporting, Community and Recreational uses only, and for no other purpose.

5. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year and shall be fixed by reference to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

6. That the rent is to be paid annually in advance.

7. That the lessee shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

8. That the lessee must sign a Deed of Renunciation prior to the signing of the lease.

9. That the lessee shall keep the property in good condition.

10. That the lessee shall obtain Public Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand euro) and Employers Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million euro) against any and all claims arising from its use of the property and surrounding area/curtilage and shall provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council.

11. That the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings – rates (if applicable), insurance (to pay the annual premium directly to the insurance company and provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council), and any other outgoings, statutory or otherwise, for the duration of the term of the lease from the date of commencement.

12. That the lessee shall ensure that the appropriate Health and Safety legislation is adhered to.

13. That the lessee must seek consent of the Council before undertaking any works, alterations or development, including the erecting of any structure, making any excavation or submitting an application for planning permission. All works will be at the expense of the lessee.

14. That the lessee shall not sell, assign, grant any sub interests, (with the exception of licence agreements) sub-divide, alienate or part with the possession of the property, without the prior written consent of the Council.

15. That in the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the terms, conditions, warranties, covenants or the obligations and stipulations herein contained or becoming dissolved or going into liquidation, the Council may revoke this Agreement by giving the lessee notice in writing to that effect or unless otherwise stated in such Notice, this agreement shall cease immediately upon such Notice having been given.

16. That on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease, the lessee shall at their own expense remove all materials not belonging to Fingal County Council (if the Council so require it) and shall leave the property clean and cleared to the satisfaction of the Council.

17. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional fees in this matter.

18. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in Fingal County Council leases of this nature and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Law Agent.

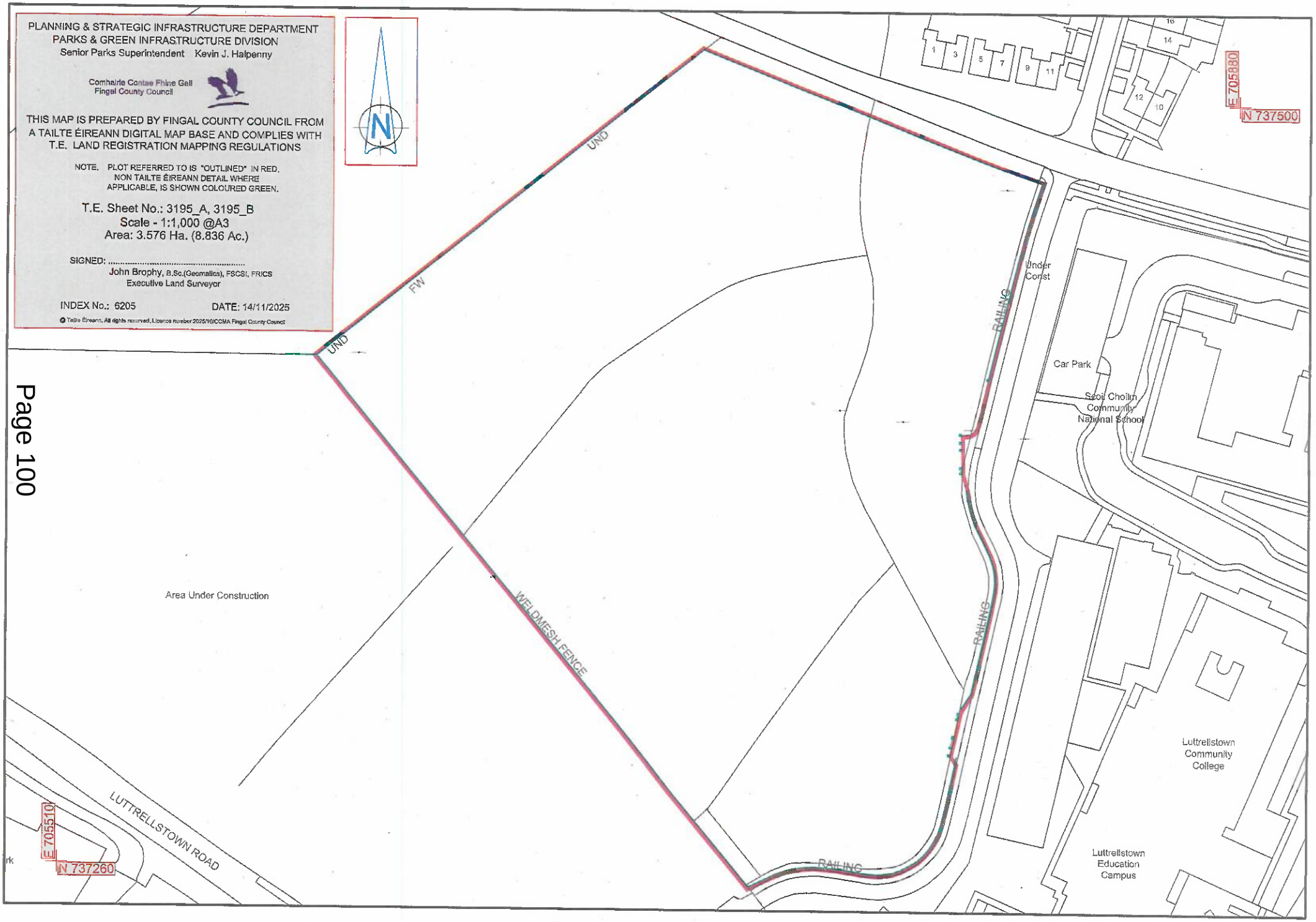
19. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained.

20. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal agreement.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited in 2025 for recreational purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed lease will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 3rd September 2026 and the proposed lease will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th September 2026

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Community
& Cultural Development Department


PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT
PARKS & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION
Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin J. Halpenny
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
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Executive Land Surveyor
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 22d

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF
FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
16 Westway Grove, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Christopher & Mary Delaney	Daniel Wynne & Chloe Reilly	150 years from 03/11/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 28 = €1.68	€1.68 +€130.00 = €131.80
16 Baldoyle Road, Sutton, Co. Dublin	Helena Fort	John Font	150 years from 21/02/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 28 = €1.68	€1.68 + €130.00 = €131.68
5 Coolmine Mews, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Philip Sheedy	Linda McAllorum & Liam Nolan	150 years from 01/09/1972	£1.00 = €1.26 x 28 = €35.28	€35.28 + €130.00 = €165.28
8 St Judes, 8 Strand Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	Rita Conman	Rhona McCracken as LPR of Ellen Patricia Kearns	150 years from 25/03/1948	£20.00 / €25.39 x 29 = €736.31	€736.31 +€130.00 = €866.31

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 23

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 23a

TAYLORS HILL, PHASE 2, BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received, and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1821
Taking In Charge – Taylor Hill Phase 2, Balbriggan
DED: Balbriggan Rural, TL: Clonard

Road Name	Length	Description
The Park	120m	The road begins at the junction of The Grange in front of house No. 6 on The Grange, heads Northeast, turning Southeast and then heading Northeast ends at the junction of in front of House No.6 The Park.
The Drive	60m	The road begins in front of House No. 10 on The Drive, heads northwest, and ends at the junction of The Grange.

The Grange	78m	The road begins at the junction of Boulevard Road, travels northwest, ends at the junction of The Park.
	Total Length: 258m	

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Taylor Hill Phase 2

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Manhole Schedule: Foul					Manhole Schedule: Storm				
ID	C.L	B.D	I.L	Pipe Diameter	ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
FS10	39.692	38.142	37.137		SW12	39.742	37.842		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 300mm
FS11	38.576		36.901		SW13	38.512	36.83		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 300mm
FS12	37.085		35.485		SW14	37.072	35.417		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 300mm
FS13	36.721		35.123		SW15	36.689	35.004		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 300mm
FS10.2	42.312		40.574		SW12.2	42.379	40.589		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
FS10.1	40.095	38.465	37.54		SW12.1	40.148	38.45		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
FS10	39.692		37.137		SW12	39.742	37.842		
FS7.2.1	44.008		41.99		SW12.1.1	39.605	38.53		
				Ø 150mm					Ø 225mm
FS7.2	43.665		41.6		SW12.1	40.148	38.45		
FS16.2.2	39.572		37.637						
				Ø 225mm					

Site location
QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE:	May 2026	SURVEYED BY:	D.Curtis/Y.Cao
CHECKED BY:	A.O'Callaghan	DRAWN BY:	AP/Y.Cao
APPROVED BY:	M.Byrne	BC .	BC 1821
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV:	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1
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ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
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LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
WATER MAINS 100mm DIA UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Taylor Hill Phase 2
Clonard Balbriggan Rural

- Areas proposed to be taken in charge
- Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
- Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
- Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.
- Hydrant
- Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 23b

COMYN MANOR, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received, and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule
BC Number – 1819
Taking In Charge – Comyn Manor
DED: Swords Village, TL: Swords Demesne

Road Name	Length	Description
Comyn Manor	329m	From the junction of Seatown Village, heading North-East for 78m, to the junction in front of house No. 4, heading West then turning North for 215m, heading East in front of house No. 24, ending at the cul de sac in front of house No. 28. A branch road in front of house No. 10, heading East for 36m, ending at the cul de sac in front of house No. 14.
	Total Length: 329m	

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	Total Length: 329m	

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Comyn Manor

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:100

Manhole Schedule

Manhole No.	Invert Depth(m)	Cover Level(m)	Pipe Diameter (mm)
F1	10.602	11.760	225
F2	9.910	11.551	225
F3	9.205	107.7	225
F4	8.602	10.398	225
F5	8.249	9.958	225
F6	8.065	9.956	225
F7	7.985	9.540	225
Existing Foul	7.702	9.430	225
S1	10.670	11.853	225
S2	9.948	11.451	225
S3	9.430	10.545	225
S4	9.102	10.375	300
S5	8.702	8.702	300
S6	8.430	10.133	300
Hydrobrake MH	8.43	10.17	N/A
Petrol Inteceptor	7.653	10.134	N/A
Existing Storm	7.542	10.234	225

Estuary Court
Cúirt an Inbhir

Site location
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 23c

ORMOND COURT, RUSH, CO. DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1822
Taking In Charge – Ormond Court
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Road Name	Length	Description
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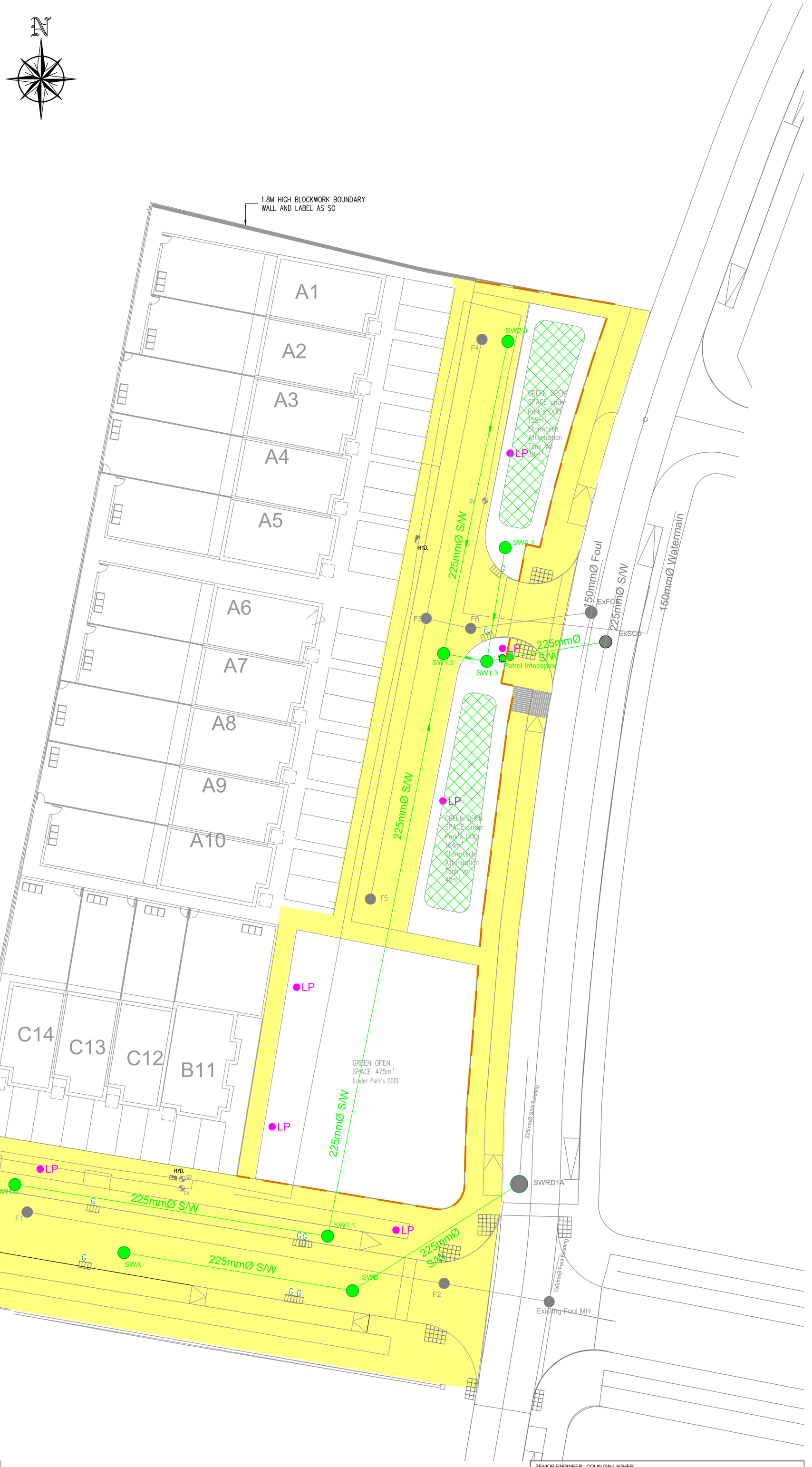
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FW Manhole Schedule		
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F03	17.300	15.971
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SWMHA	17.448	15.878
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Ormond Court

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ITEM NO. 23d

KNIGHTSGATE AVENUE, RUSH, CO. DUBLIN

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BC Number – 1731
Taking In Charge – Knightsgate Avenue, Rush
DED: Rush-Lusk, TL: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	610m	Road beginning from the south, from the Park Road crossing the 4-way junction moving north entering The Avenue Road, this path also includes tarmac cycle lane and footpath. Moving further north crossing Brook Lane Junction and passing along the side of The Green, The Crescent, and The Walk. Moving north past the house No. 40, end of the road. (538m). Road moving towards the north, from The Avenue, moving to the east side from house No. 33 connecting to The Walk Road. (72m)
Park Road	68m	On the south, Park Road moving from east to west across the junction. (68m)

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The Walk	154m	Road beginning from the north side, beginning from a point close to house No. 15, passing down the road, moving southeast, including the car park opposite to house No. 5 and 4. Moving further down till the end of road, where there is a footbridge connecting to The Green. (154m)
The Crescent	323m	Road beginning from the point between House No.10 and 11 on the west, moving along east side passing through The Crescent Junction, moving further along east joining The Avenue Road. (100m) Road beginning from the north, between House No. 5 and 4 on the east, moving down the road south to a point where the road ends at House No. 29, including car park places that is opposite to House No. 26 and 27. (Including footpath) (138m). On the east side, road beginning from the point where house No. 36 begins, moving further east including the car parks opposite to House No. 34 and 33, passing along east side joining the Crescent Road (T-junction). (85m)
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S1-3-1	CL:16.2 IL:14.71	300mm Concrete Pipe
S1-3-2	CL:16.608 IL:15.1	225mm Concrete Pipe
S1-4	CL:17.17 IL:15.46	300mm Concrete Pipe
S1-5	CL:17.93 IL:15.88	225mm Concrete Pipe
S1-5-1	CL:17.969 IL:16.035	225mm Concrete Pipe
S1-6	CL:18.206 IL:16.1	225mm Concrete Pipe
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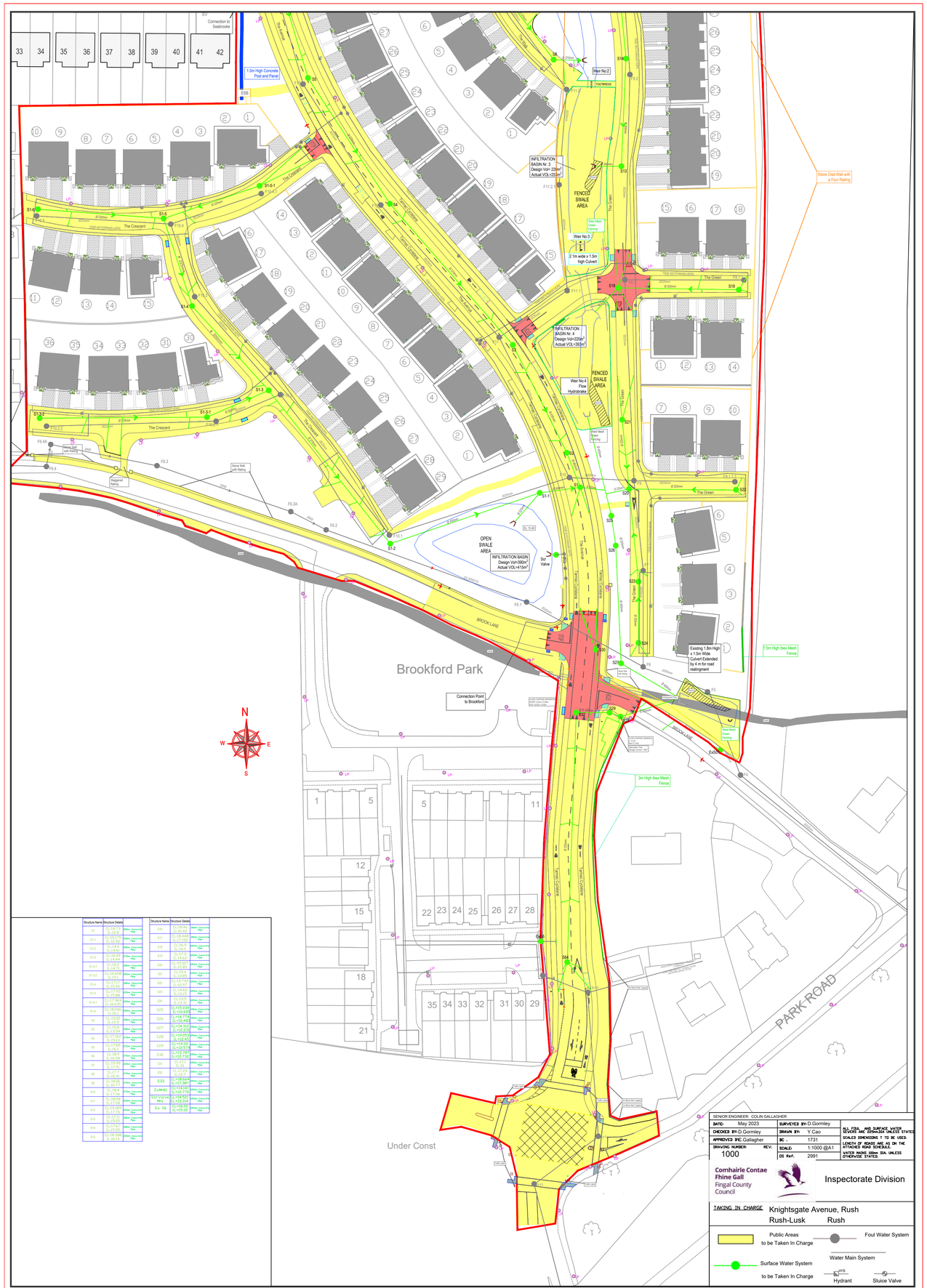
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Knightsgate Avenue, Rush
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Proposed Road Infrastructure at Stephenstown, Balbriggin, Co. Dublin

10th September 2026

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1. Introduction

1.1 Chief Executive's Report on Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown Introduction

This Chief Executive's Report has been prepared by the Chief Executive, in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

This statutory report will provide a summary of the submissions received in relation to the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown and list the persons or bodies who have made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with regulations made under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act (as amended).

The report will respond to the observations raised in the submissions, and to make recommendations on the policies and objectives to be included within the finalised scheme, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended which states that a report shall include:

i. "Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area."

ii. "Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

iii. "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2"

iv. "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

v. "Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

1.2 Structure of this Chief Executive's Report

This Chief Executive's Report is structured as follows:

- **Section 1:** Introduction (this section);
- **Section 2:** Description of the Proposed Development
- **Section 3:** Evaluation of the Proposed Development: A summary list of amendments in response to the queries raised in the Fingal County Council Planning and Strategic Infrastructure (P&SI) Department preliminary planning report (Register reference: Part XI/001/26)
- **Section 4:** Screening Determinations: A summary of the various screening determinations
- **Section 5:** Public Consultation: A list of the individuals and organisations who made submissions on the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown within the public consultation period.
- **Section 6:** Summary of issues raised in Submissions / Observations: Summary of the submissions received, the issues raised, the Chief Executive's response, and, where required, proposed recommendations to the elected members for amendments to the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown.
- **Section 7:** Recommendation: A recommendation as to whether the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be

2. Description of the Proposed Infrastructure Scheme

The proposed scheme is located ca. 1.3km west of Balbriggan town centre and extends to approximately 6.2ha of mainly undeveloped greenfield lands which comprises immature scrub planting (east of White Hart Road) and agricultural management to the west.

The application site is bound by the Outer Relief Road (L1390) to the west and south, Stephenstown Link Road to the east and White Hart Road / Clonard Street to the north. A primary school (Scoil Chormaic CNS) and secondary school (Bremore Educate Together Secondary School) are located immediately north of the proposed scheme with the Millfield Shopping Centre located a further 500m to the north. The existing Stephenstown Industrial Park is located to the south of the proposed scheme.

The site is designated for the 'GE' – 'General Employment' land-use zoning objective under the current Development Plan. 'GE' zoned lands have an objective to: '*Provide opportunities for general enterprise and employment*.' These lands form part of the Stephenstown Framework Plan (FP 4.A) area.

The proposed development of these lands include:

- Construction of 250m of access road with 2 lane 7.5m wide roadway with 4m verge, 2m wide footway and 2m wide cycleway to each side of the road.
- Construction of a signalised junction on the Stephenstown Link Road with south bound right turning lane, north bound left turning lane, and signalised crossing provision for non-motorised users.
- Construction of 500m of access road with 2 lane,7.5m wide roadway with 4m grass verge, 2m wide footway and 2m wide cycleway to each side of the road.
- Construction of a two-lane cycle friendly roundabout on the L1390 at the junction with Flemington Lane, incorporating 210m of two-lane entry and exits with signalised pedestrian and cycle crossings on each arm.
- Construction of 60m of dual carriageway with cycleway and footways to each side of the road.
- Construction of mini roundabout turning areas at the end of access roads.
- Active travel Shared surface link between the two new access roads.
- Upgraded shared surface link along White Hart Road for 225m from its junction with the L1390.
- Construction of section of shared surface with no vehicular access from the junction of Clonard Hill and White Hart Road for 120m.
- Repurposing of 250m of Clonard Street and 100m of White Hart Lane to shared street catering for all motorised and non-motorised transport.
- Construction of four bus stops with Bus Shelters, two located on Stephenstown Link Road and two located on the L1390.
- Surface water drainage infrastructure including three detention basins/swales and edge of roadway swales to proposed access roads.
- Construction of public lighting on new access roads and upgrade/alterations as required at new junctions.
- Landscaping to all the above proposed infrastructure, inclusive of localised screen mounding.
- Utility diversions, installations, signage, street furniture, boundary treatment and site works.

Figure 1: Site Location Map

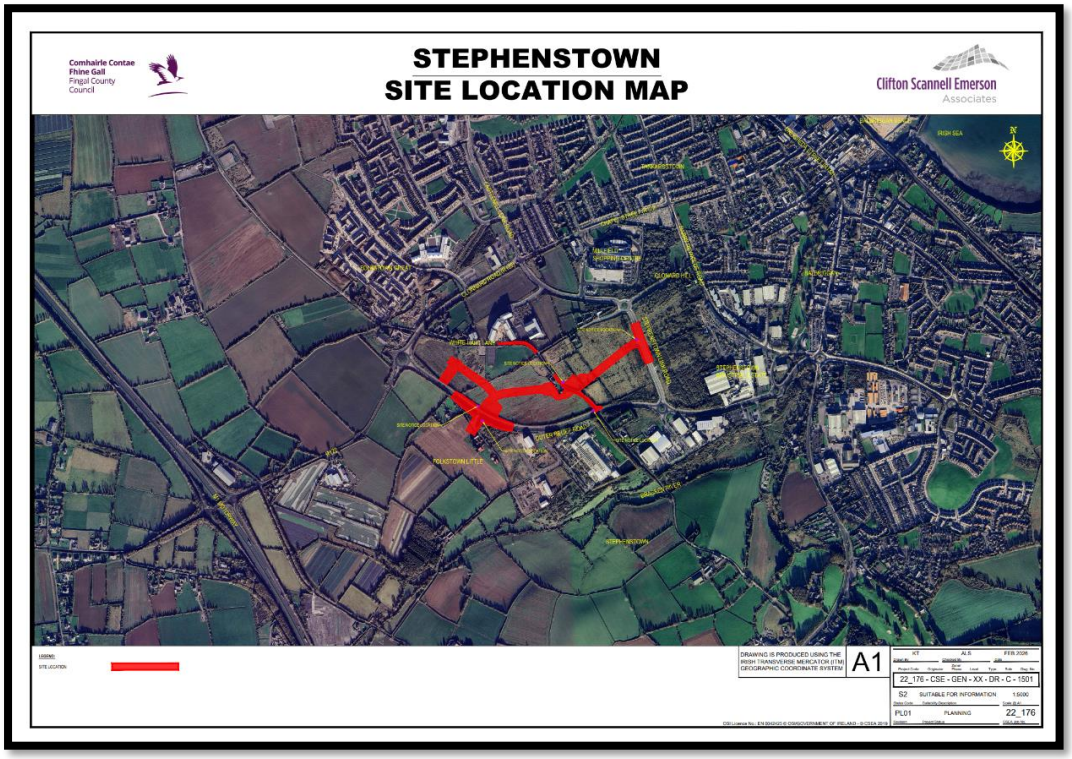


Figure 2: Proposed Site Layout Map

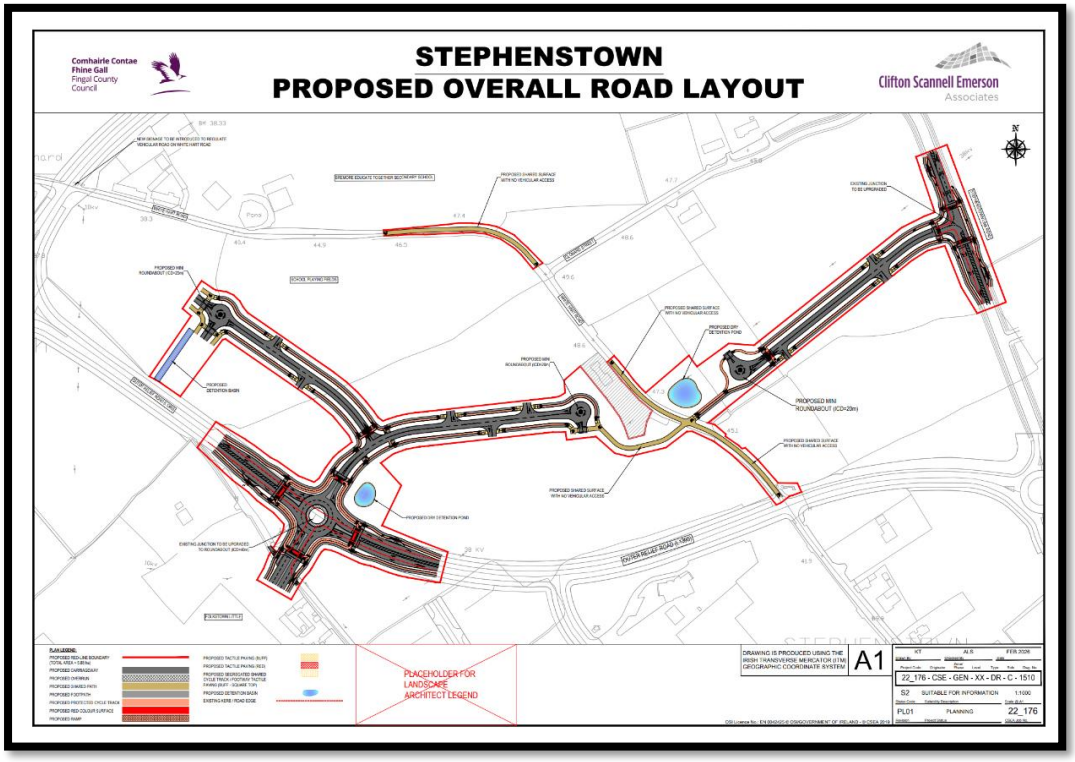
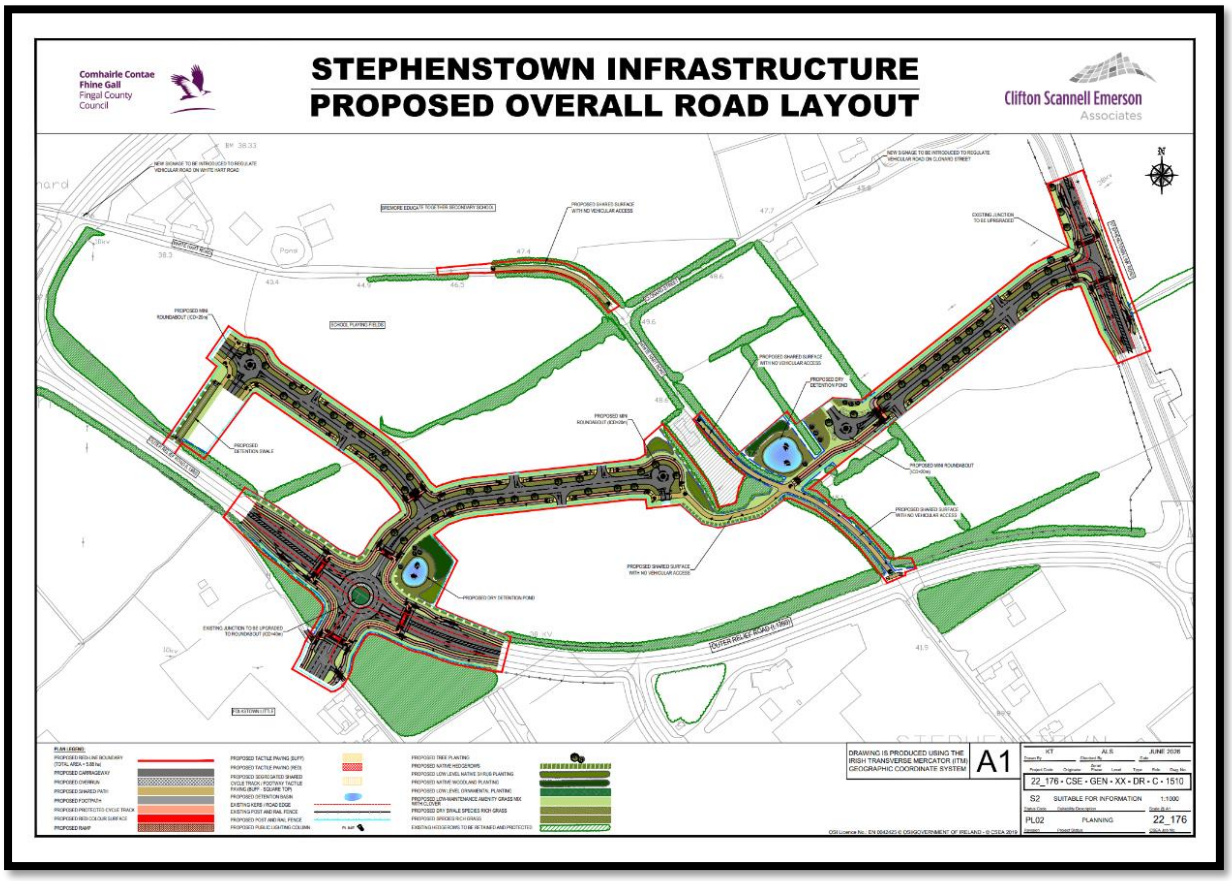


Figure 3: Proposed Site Layout Landscape Map



3. Evaluation of the Proposed Development and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

3.1 Policy Context

3.1.1 Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

The site is designated for the 'GE' – 'General Employment' and 'HT' – 'High Technology' land-use zoning objective under the current Development Plan. 'GE' zoned lands have an objective to: 'Provide opportunities for general enterprise and employment.' 'HT' zoned lands have an objective to: 'Provide opportunities for high-technology and science-based industry, offices and light manufacturing in a campus-like environment.

Stephenstown Framework Plan (November 2025)

In summary this plan seeks to ensure a long term, sustainable and connected employment area to the town by the delivery of appropriate land uses adjacent to Balbriggan town centre; protect and enhance important natural landscape features and biodiversity and deliver a quality environment for employment activities.

Other policy considerations that have been considered includes but is not limited to

- Economic policies and objectives including the promotion of Enterprise and Employment in Self-Sustaining Towns and Maximising Fingal's Economic Potential to complement 'Our Balbriggan'
- Healthy Placemaking policies and objectives including Quality Placemaking; and Balanced Sustainable Communities;
- Transport Policies and Objective, permeability and road safety measures
- Green Infrastructure including landscaping and sensitivities and visual Impact
- Protection of Architectural Heritage and Built Heritage Assets
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Waste Management Planning

3.2 Summary of issues raised in Planning & Strategic Infrastructure preliminary planning report

Internal Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).

The P&SI Department prepared a report which took account of:

- Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan policies & objectives,
- Impact on amenity of property and amenity of adjoining area,
- Conservation issues,
- Transportation issues,
- Water & Drainage issues,
- Impact on Natura 2000 Sites/EIA Screening.

The report notes that:

Heritage Officer:	No objection, points to note
Ecologist Officer:	No objection, points to note
Conservation Officer:	No objection, points to note
Transportation Planning:	No objection, points to note
Parks and Green Infrastructure Section:	No objection, points to note
Water Services Engineering Section:	No objection
Environment (Waste):	No objection
Environmental Health (Air & Noise):	No objection

The proposed development has been informed and evaluated, and it is considered that the proposed infrastructure is actively required by the relevant framework plan and would support a number of economic development policies and objectives of the development plan. Moreover, it supports additional policies and objectives of the Development Plan collectively which seek to maximise Fingal's economic potential, in part by providing the requisite conditions for the optimal use of 'GE' and 'HT' zoned lands. The application proposals seek to activate such 'GE' and 'HT' zoned lands in order to bring about economic benefit as intended by the suite of relevant economic-based development plan policies and objectives.

The report concludes that:
The proposed development is considered in accordance with the 'GE' and 'HT' land-use zoning objective and the applicable policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2024 – 2029 and relevant national and regional planning policy. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department consider the following points should be considered by the design team prior to advancing the proposal for consideration of the Members and public display. The text marked in red are the responses to the items raised.

3.3 Heritage Officer

The following recommendations of the Heritage Officer should be further considered and/or adhered to:

a) *The applicant shall engage the services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licence eligible archaeologist to carry out archaeological test-excavation at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.*

- Additional archaeological test excavation is underway on site by a suitably qualified archaeologist

b) *The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations.*

- The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has been notified prior to the commencement of archaeological testing and the appropriate test excavation licences have been granted.

c) *Trench layout should be informed by the results of the geophysical survey and layout of the proposed development.*

- The test trench layout was informed by the previously completed geophysical survey, and this layout was issued to, and approved by, the licencing section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

d) *On completion of the test-excavation, the archaeologist shall submit a written report including archaeological impact statement, to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.*

- Noted, an archaeological impact statement report shall be submitted on the completion of testing

e) *Impact on the historic townland boundaries should be avoided. However, if impact cannot be avoided, a Townland Boundary Survey should be undertaken.*

- Localised impact on a short section of Townland Boundary is unavoidable to facilitate Active Travel sustainable transport links between lands within the Townland of Stephenstown and that in the Townland of Folkstown Little. Accordingly, a Townland Boundary Survey is being undertaken to document the affected section.

3.4 Conservation Officer

The following recommendations of the Conservation Officer should be further considered and/or adhered to:

a) *The realignment of the section of the dual carriageway that forms the SW spur off the proposed roundabout should be realigned further North/NW, away from the Harvest Lodge Vernacular complex. Sufficient separation between the land take for the road and the historic vernacular buildings protect the traditional mud-wall construction from the movement of and vibrations from construction machinery in its vicinity.*

- The alignment of this section of road corresponds with the alignment of the previously approved Distillery planning application (Ref: F22A/0033). The vernacular buildings are approximately 15m away from the proposed road construction.

b) *The current landscape plan includes no planted buffer between the new road and the Harvest Lodge Vernacular Complex. A planted buffer with trees should be provided so that there is adequate screening between the new road and the windows to the rear of the vernacular house.*

- Any planted buffer to the rear side of the vernacular buildings would be outside the red-line boundary of the proposed planning application. Any development to take place to these lands will be subject to providing screening to these vernacular buildings as per the previously approved Distillery planning application (Ref: F22A/0033).

3.5 Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

The following recommendations of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division should be further considered and/or adhered to:

a) *Full details are required on the proposed management and maintenance of these hedgerows (e.g. pruning, coppicing, laying / infill planting etc.)*

- Details have now been included in the Landscape Design Report (22_176-BSM-XX-XX-RP-L-0002) under Section 6.5 – Aftercare, Performance Standards, Subsection 6.5.8 Existing Hedgerow Management and Maintenance.

b) *Boundary treatment details are required in particular between the proposed development and the adjoining land outside the red line site boundary. Where existing boundaries are proposed to be retained, a description and a photograph are required.*

- A proposed Post and Rail timber fence complying with the standard details provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), specifically reference

- Drawing CC-SCD-00301, shall be provided between the proposed roads and the adjoining lands. This fence detail aligns with the existing Post and Rail fence along the Outer Relief Road and Stephenstown Link Road. The Engineering Planning Report includes details on the existing and proposed boundary treatment

c) *The landscape and drainage details indicated in the proposed cross sections need further consideration in particular Section C-C. The proposal to locate a street tree 500mm from the cycleway would not be advisable – as the tree both above (trunk and canopy) and below ground (root plate etc.) would negatively impact on the hard infrastructure; even with use of a root barrier – the tree would be unstable in nature posing a hazard in the future.*

- The proposed road cross section has been amended to relocate the treeline closer to the carriageway and relocate the drainage pipe closer to the cycleway whilst retaining it in the 4m raingarden / verge.

d) *Consideration should be given to the following: the (i) relocation of the drainage pipe, (ii) moving the tree further from the cycle-path to allow for future growth of tree trunk and canopy and (iii) provision of integrated constructed tree pits under the cycle path itself.*

- Please see the above response to 2.3(d) confirming that this has been considered and the suggestions adopted.

e) *In relation to SuDS features in general, 1:5 slopes would generally be required. Details are required to demonstrate how headwalls are proposed to be integrated into the landscape (e.g. use of rocks and/or planting).*

- 1:4 side slopes were adopted in line with guidance set down in the Local Authority Waters Programme publication, "Implementation of Urban Nature-based Solutions" (January 2025). 1:5 slopes cannot be achieved within the roadside swales as this would reduce the capacity which could result in flooding.

- The proposed bio detention basins have been updated to have 1:5 slopes. In addition, further detail has been provided to demonstrate how the proposed headwalls will be integrated into the landscape through screening with stone boulders. A reference image has also been provided illustrating how the headwalls will be integrated into the landscape using native wildflower and grass planting in combination with natural stone boulder placement.

3.6 Transport Planning Section

The following recommendations of the Transportation Planning Section should be further considered and/or adhered to:

a) *The proposed cycle infrastructure should be in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual.*

- The proposed cycle infrastructure has been designed in accordance with the Cycle Design Manual.

b) *All proposed roads should be in accordance with DMURS.*

- The proposed roads have been designed in accordance with DMURS.

c) *Road Safety Audits should be carried out as part of the proposed development at all of the relevant stages as outlined in current edition of Transportation Infrastructure Ireland guidelines GE-STY-1027. The proposal should be amended accordingly*.

- A Road Safety Audit has been undertaken by an independent third-party engineer. All issues raised have been addressed and where required amendments have been incorporated into the design.

3.7 Ecologist

The following recommendations of the Council's Ecologist should be further considered and/or adhered to:

a) *A full bat activity survey should be undertaken of the full scheme to avoid and mitigate any negative impacts to bats and other nocturnal species. Such potential impacts need to be fully assessed, and mitigation designed into the scheme (including proposed lighting), at the correct location to avoid or minimise such impacts.*

- A full bat survey is underway and ongoing. The final assessment of the potential impacts to bats will be informed by the results of the bat survey which will continue until September 2026. Appropriate Mitigation Measures will then be identified and incorporated into the scheme in consultation with Fingal County Council's ecologist.

b) *A proposed lighting scheme should be presented for the development including its potential long-term impacts on biodiversity including protected species such as bats. The design must be provided and fully assessed by the ecologist. The design should be based on baseline information including the use of green/ecological corridors by protected species including bats.*

- The Public Lighting Scheme is under development for the scheme. The Public Lighting design shall not be finalised until the Bat survey and associated ecological assessments have been completed and assessed. The final public lighting design will take cognisance of the ecological requirements and appropriate mitigation measures to avoid or minimise potential impact on protected species.

c) *The methodology of the EcIA must follow accepted best practice standards including those set out by NRA (2009) which is currently being updated with a draft published for consultation in 2025, and CIEEM (2024). Proposed updates include but are not limited to the following:*

- Amendments made to methodology. Note that the EcIA does not refer to the 2025 TII draft guidelines – these are at consultation stage and have yet to be finalised. Will refer to guidelines in the event that these are finalised during update of the EcIA in September

i. *Project description includes a section on best practice construction methods. This should be included within the mitigation section.*

- Best practice measures have been moved to mitigation measures section as per this request

ii. *Include a Statement of Authority.*

- Inserted

iii. *A full methodology of desk and field studies should be included.*

- Methodology updated with respect to the current surveys that are ongoing

iv. *A full description of habitats should be included e.g. scrub habitat is not described or assessed in terms of impacts. Additionally based on desktop data this habitat, a section of which be lost directly to the project, appears to be woodland habitat, either (Mixed) broadleaved woodland WD1 or Mixed broadleaved / conifer woodland WD2. Quantification of the loss of each habitat type is also required.*

- The scrub habitat as mapped on the habitat map has been retained. This is immature woodland (scrub) that has generated within the last 10 years to the east and west of the scheme. A sub-section description of scrub habitat has been inserted. The impact to scrub habitat has

- been set out which notes that the footprint of the scrub habitat to the east and west of the public roads either end of the proposed development are outside the development footprint.

v. *Survey limitations should be accounted for e.g. field surveys undertaken outside of the botanical growing season therefore invasives and protected floral species are likely to be missed as they would not have been present in November, February or even March.*

- Survey limitations section has been inserted.

d) *No breeding bird survey was undertaken and no assessment undertaken as to the impact on this protected group of fauna. The report notes that mitigation has been prescribed so this would imply it is a feature of high local value and therefore must be fully assessed.*

- Breeding season bird survey is underway – results of May survey set out in updated EcIA breeding bird survey was undertaken which informs the mitigation measures outlined in the report

e) *Clarification should be submitted as the report states that the project will "not result in the loss of hedgerow habitat" but then continues to note it will result in the loss of c. 200m of hedgerow. The loss of c. 200m hedgerow is considered significant.*

- Typo updated by removing word 'No' in section 5.1.2

f) *Clarity should be provided where the report notes "No aquatic habitats occur at or in the vicinity of the project and as such the project will not have the potential to result in negative impacts to fisheries and aquatic fauna." However the report then refers to realigned Coldblow/Lucan River. There appears to be discrepancies throughout the report on a number of topics. All such discrepancies should be addressed.*

- Incorrect references have been removed.

g) *Clarity is required on whether the prescribed mitigation is suitable for the site, especially regarding the culvert or if additional design considerations are required. Are hydrocarbon interceptors or other measures required to protect watercourses?*

- Petrol / Hydrocarbon interceptors have been proposed as part of the surface water design downstream of the proposed on-site attenuation features before discharging to the public sewer. This has been inserted into mitigation measures. The mitigation section of the report can only be finalised once all baseline surveys and subsequent impact assessment are complete

h) *The report notes "A terrestrial mammal resting places have been identified at or adjacent to the project." Clarity is required as to whether resting places where identified.*

- Typo - inserted the word 'No' in section 4.2.10

i) *All mitigation must be specific and designed from a site led approach by identifying the constraints, risk, pathways and sensitive receptors. Generic mitigation causes confusion and is often not implemented as envisaged, reducing effectiveness. A review of the mitigation should be undertaken to ensure there is sufficient detail. Rather than refer to specific documents the specific mitigation required should be included.*

- The implementation of mitigation measures is the responsibility of the developer – in this case Fingal County Council. The EcIA sets out draft mitigation requirement which are to be finalised

j) *It must be ensured the recommendations within the ecology report are fully incorporated into the landscape designs. Additionally, cognisance must be given to the following:*

i. *It must be ensured any non-native tree species are included for their biodiversity value such as those recommended by pollinator plan. Otherwise only native species are to be used.*

- The revised tree planting schedule comprises native Irish species appropriate to the proposed dry swale and cycle path environment. The selected species are considered suitable for SuDS planting, offering tolerance to periodic wet and dry conditions while providing significant biodiversity and pollinator value.

All proposed species are native to Ireland:

- Alnus glutinosa
- Betula pendula
- Betula pubescens
- Sorbus aucuparia
- Pinus sylvestris
- Quercus robur

ii. *All vegetation species must be of Irish provenance only.*

- The proposed planting schedule includes a note specifying Irish provenance for all native species included within the scheme.

An additional note has been included in the Landscape Design Report (22_176-BSM-XX-XX-RP-L-0001) under Section 6.3 – Planting, Species subsection, stating:

All plants supplied shall be true to name, and all proposed native species shall be of Irish provenance.

iii. *Use of pesticides and herbicides prior to, during or after planting (maintenance phase) should be avoided.*

- In the Landscape Design Report (22_176-BSM-XX-XX-RP-L-0001), under Section 6.3 – Planting, Herbicides subsection, the following note has been expanded to highlight the importance of avoiding pesticide use in accordance with current standards:

Herbicide and pesticide use shall be avoided wherever possible and minimised throughout the establishment and maintenance period. Such products shall only be used where essential and in accordance with the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive (2009/128/EC), the European Communities (Sustainable Use of Pesticides) Regulations, and the Irish National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (DAFM, 2019).

iv. *Clarity should be provided regarding where hedgerows are to be transplanted to. This measure must be clearly described, assessed and included on drawings.*

- Hedgerow/tree transplantation is not proposed within the current development. The design has, however, sought to minimise the removal of existing vegetation wherever possible and to retain existing hedgerows and trees where compatible with the proposed development layout. Where removal of existing vegetation is required to facilitate the development, replacement hedgerow planting, new native shrub planting and woodland planting will be provided within the project boundary. These measures are indicated on the landscape proposals and are intended to compensate for vegetation loss and enhance the overall biodiversity value of the site.

v. *Shrub, hedgerows, at least 1-1.5m in height, 1m in width should be included between roadways and footpaths/cycle paths, at the base of the proposed trees to increase biodiversity value.*

- Hedgerows have been proposed between the proposed boundary fence and the edge of the adjoining land, which will be implemented by the respective developers when the adjoining lands become developed. This is in line with the requirements of the Stephenstown (FP 4A) and Folkstown Little (FP 4B) framework plan.

k) *The remit and scope of the Ecological Clerk of Works must be fully described.*

- Updated text provided in mitigation section. May require further updating depending on final baseline survey results and subsequent impact assessment.

l) *No quantification of Biodiversity Net Gain has been included within the reports. Cognisance must be given to the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan. Reference can be made however to the Principals of Biodiversity Net Gain set out by CIRIA, IEMA and the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) with multiple Irish, UK and international guidance that can be referred to.*

- This is noted and has as yet to be added to the EcIA. It will be added once the final baseline results are to hand and the subsequent impact assessment is completed.

m) *The biodiversity section of the OCEMP does not include the mitigation from the EcIA. Additionally, it does not provide details on hedgerow translocation works. This needs to be updated to include the mitigation from the EcIA (as updated), and landscaping works.*

- Mitigation measures outlined in the EcIA have been included in the OCEMP

n) *Clarity should be provided regarding conflicting statements in the Engineering Report stating "The reports…. conclude that neither Environmental Impact Assessment, Ecology Assessment or Appropriate Assessment is required for the proposed scheme". This conflicts with the paragraph above which states "The proposed enhancements and development to the public road and active travel infrastructure have undergone Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screenings as well as Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) and Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA)."*

- The engineering report has been updated by removing the conflicting statements

o) *Also, it is noted that Section 4.6 entitled Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) is blank. Please review and update as necessary.*

- The engineering report has been updated to include a summary of the EcIA

4. Screening Determinations

4.1 Appropriate Assessment

A screening report in support of an Appropriate Assessment was undertaken by Doherty Environmental Consultants on behalf of Fingal County Council for the proposed project under Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive and to comply with the requirements of Article 6(3) of that Directive.

During the examination of the Project, it was found that 12 no. European Sites occur in the wider area surrounding the Project area. The nearest European Site to the Project area (i.e. the North-West Irish Sea cSPA) is located approximately 1.25km to the east. Of the 12 no. European Sites occurring within the wider area, the only European Sites identified as occurring within the zone of influence of the Project was the North-West Irish Sea candidate Special Protection Area (cSPA) and the Lambay Island Special Area of Conservation (SAC), with respect to the seal populations supported by the SAC.

The Screening Report noted that all other European Sites are located at more remote distances from the Project and there are no pathways connecting the Project to these European Sites. The pathways that were identified as requiring consideration for connectivity between the Project and the North-West Irish Sea SPA were hydrological pathway and an air emission pathway, whilst the pathway that was examined for the seal populations of the Lambay Island SAC was a hydrological pathway. With respect to the hydrological pathway this screening has examined the potential for the Bracken River, flowing to the Irish Sea to the south of the Project site, to function as a hydrological impact pathway. The potential for these pathways to convey potentially polluting emissions from the Project area (i.e. to function as impact pathways) to the North-West Irish Sea cSPA and the potential foraging waters of the Lambay Island SAC seal population has been assessed in this screening report.

This examination has found that the Bracken River will not have the potential to function as a hydrological pathway between the Project and the Irish Sea and no hydrological impact pathway connects the Project to the North-West Irish Sea SPA and the sections of the Irish Sea that could be used by the seal populations of the Lambay Island SPA. The assessment has found that owing to the distance of 1.25km between the Project and the Irish Sea and the zone of impact of air emissions which is restricted to a 50m zone from the source of the air emission as per IAQM (2024 guidelines), no air emissions will not have the potential to function as impact pathways.

The absence of a functional hydrological and air impact pathway between the Project lands and the North-West Irish Sea cSPA and the potential foraging waters of the Lambay Island SAC seal populations will ensure that the Project will not have the potential to result

in likely significant effects on the future conservation status of special conservation interests for which this SPA is designated or the seal populations for which this SAC is designated, and will not undermine the achievement of the SPA's and SAC's site-specific conservation objectives. In addition, given the absence of a functional hydrological pathway connecting the Project to the North-West Irish Sea cSPA and Lambay Island SAC, it was found that the Project will not have the potential to combine with other projects to result in cumulative negative effects to the North-West Irish Sea cSPA.

The Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment states that it can be concluded by Fingal County Council that the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives and on the basis of best scientific evidence and there is no reasonable scientific doubt as to that conclusion.

Accordingly, Fingal County have determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required for the Project.

4.2 Environmental Impact Assessment Screening

A screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken by Doherty Environmental Consultants on behalf of Fingal County Council in accordance with the requirements of Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. The project does not trigger the threshold for mandatory EIA/EIAR as set out in the 2001 Regulations (as Amended) or the Roads Act 1993 (as Amended) and/or in the Road Regulations of 1994 and has been assessed as a sub-threshold EIA development. The Screening Assessment has determined that the projects potential to result in significant environmental effects will not arise due to the scale and nature of the proposed works and the characteristics and sensitivities of the receiving environment.

The screening assessment advises that given the scale and nature of the project and taking account of all available information, the overall probability of impacts on the receiving environment arising from the project *(during the construction or operational phases)* is considered to be low.

The Screening Report advises that no significant environmental impacts will occur, and that the implementation of best practice measures outlined in the EIA Screening Report will further reduce the potential for such impacts to arise.

The Screening Report accordingly concludes that the report can be used by the competent authority, Fingal County Council, to conclude and determine that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the project as there will be no significant environmental effects.

Accordingly, Fingal County Council determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required for the Project.

4.3 Archaeological Impact Assessment

An Archaeological Impact Assessment was undertaken on lands at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co Dublin (Centre of site ITM 551968, 560447) on behalf of Fingal County Council by Archer Heritage and Planning. The assessment was undertaken in January 2024 and identifies and describes known and potential archaeological and cultural heritage constraints within the site and offer recommendations for the mitigation of such impacts. The following factors were identified:

- The c.6.2 Ha site currently comprises a very large area encompassing 7 fields and parts of existing roads located within 2 townlands; Clonard or Folkstown Great and Stephenstown.
- There are 9 sites listed on the Record of Monuments and Places (RMPs) located within the area of interest, many of which were discovered as a result of geophysical survey and excavation in advance of the construction of the Balbriggan Outer Relief Road (L1390) and associated industrial estates.
- The Zone of Notification surrounding these RMPs comprises most of the western part of the subject area, particularly around DU005-101 Enclosure and DU005-102 Field System immediately to the north of the L1390 and west of the Old Naul Rd (White Hart Road).
- No new archaeological features or increased archaeological potential were noted within the subject area from the study of Historical Mapping.
- No new archaeological features or increased archaeological potential were noted within the subject area from the study of aerial photography.
- There were 11 licenced excavations which took place near to the subject area. For the most part these were related to the Balbriggan Outer Relief Road construction and that of the associated business park to the south.
- The topographical files were searched for the relevant townlands; there were no chance or stray finds recorded for any of these townlands.
- There is one townland boundary within the site (Folkstown Great/Stephenstown) within the subject area.
- There are no RPS located within the subject and there are no structures listed on the NIAH within the subject area.
- The subject area is not within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA).
- Geophysical survey (07R0032) and test trenching (09E303 and 17E0646) of the eastern part of the site revealed little archaeological potential. Geophysical survey (only) of the eastern part of the site confirmed the location and extent of DU004-101 Enclosure and DU005-102 Field System.
- The site visit revealed no new features of archaeological potential

The Archaeological Impact Assessment recommended that further archaeological assessment takes place prior to any development in the form of:

- A townland boundary survey of the Folkstown Great/Stephenstown boundary which cross the site.
- Archaeological Test Excavation of all lands not previously tested, to be informed by the Geophysical Survey, under licence to the NMS (lands to west of Old Naul Rd).

Archaeological Testing of the lands are complete and proposals for preserving monuments by record are being prepared for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

4.4 Ecological Impact Assessment

An Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) was undertaken on behalf of Fingal County Council by Doherty Environmental Consultants. Several potential impacts were evaluated, and mitigation measures were prescribed in the EcIA.

The mitigation measures outlined in the EcIA for the construction and operation phase of the project are taken from established best practice guidelines that have been successfully implemented for a wide range of project-level infrastructural developments.

The best practice guidance that has informed the mitigation measures proposed in the assessment and that will be adhered to throughout the construction and operation of the proposed development include:

- The Good Practice Guidance notes proposed by EA/SEPA/EHS:
- PPG1: General Guide to the Prevention of Water Pollution
- PPG4: The disposal of sewage where no Main Drainage is Available
- PPG5: Works In, Near or Liable to Affect Watercourses
- PPG10: Working at Construction and Demolition Sites.
- PPG21: Pollution Incident Response Planning
- PPG26: Dealing with Spillages on Highways
- CIRIA Environmental Good Practice on Site.
- CIRIA Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites. Technical Guidance C648.
- CIRIA SuDS Manual Technical Guidance C697.
- Development on Unstable Land. Department of Environment (DOE), UK.
- Bat Conservation Ireland: Bats and Lighting: Guidance Notes for Planners, Engineers, Architects and Developers

- Bat Conservation Trust: Bats and Lighting in the UK – Bats and the Built Environment

There will be no residual loss of habitat of conservation value as a result of the project. The implementation of mitigation and compensation measures will ensure that the construction phase will result in imperceptible residual effects to fauna supported by the project site.

5. Proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown - Public Consultation

5.1 Public Consultation

Public Notice:
In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in the Dublin Gazette on 18th June 2026. 9 copies of the Site Notice were erected on site on the same date.

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:
Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from 18th June 2026 to 16th July 2026 and submissions were accepted from 18th June 2026 to 30th July 2026.

The proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown went on public display from Thursday 18th June 2026 to Thursday 16th July 2026 (inclusive of both dates) at the Fingal County Council Offices at County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin, Council Offices, Grove Road Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 and at Balbriggan Carnegie Library, St. George's Square, Balbriggan, County Dublin, and on the County Council's online portal: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse. Submissions or observations were accepted from 18th June up to and including Thursday 30th July 2026.

A total of 5 no. submissions were received in relation to proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown during the public display period, including submissions from:

- The Health and Safety Authority (HSA),
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII),
- Irish Cycling Campaign,
- The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH), and
- Submissions from members of the public and private entities.

5.2 List of Submissions Received

The table below lists the 5 no. submissions received in relation to the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown. The table provides the unique reference number assigned to the submission by the Council's online portal and the name of the person or organisation making the submission. Each submission may be viewed online at: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/42070/submissions

Submission Reference	Name	Body / Organisation represented
FIN-C962-1	Geoff Hynes	Health and Safety Authority (HSA)
FIN-C962-2		Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
FIN-C962-3	David & Patricia Odell	Private Residents
FIN-C962-4	Colm Ryder	Irish Cycling Campaign
FIN-C962-5	Brian Bone	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)

6. Summary of Issues raised in Submissions / Observations

6.1 Introduction

A total of **5** no. submissions were received during the public display of the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown.

All submissions have been given careful and serious consideration and Fingal County Council wishes to thank all those who engaged in the public consultation process. A list of all parties who made a submission is included in Part 5 of this report.

This section of the report will provide a summary of the issues raised by the submissions received on the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown during the consultation period.

6.2 Issues raised by State Bodies

Of the five submissions received, four were received from public bodies, namely

- Health and Safety Authority (HSA)
- Transport infrastructure Ireland (TII)
- Irish Cycling Campaign
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

6.2.1 Health and Safety Authority (HSA)

Submission FIN-C962-1 received from the HSA, notes that the application appears to be outside the scope of the Regulations, therefore the Authority has no observation to forward.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes and notes the submission made by the HSA

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

6.2.2 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Submission FIN-C962-2 received from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) notes that this proposal relates to lands within the Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan referenced as Stephenstown FP 4.A. In relation to this specific proposal TII has no observations to make.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes and notes the submission made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

6.2.3 Irish Cycling Campaign

Submission FIN-C962-4 received from the Irish Cycling Campaign broadly welcomes these proposed plans for a section of 'employment' development lands on the southwest edge of Balbriggan town. In particular we welcome the access to all sections of the proposed development via segregated active travel facilities. We note also the proposed improvement in the shared surface laneway along White Hart Road (Lane), which will provide improved access routes to the Bremore Educate Together school free of vehicular traffic.

We note the proposed level of landscaping and the detailed plans set out, which we welcome. Making an employment area both easily accessible and attractive can be critically important to entice future development, and the proposed addition of 4 new bus stops/shelters will support this accessibility. However, we note that no proposed provision is suggested for new bus services to support the growth in employment despite the ambitious public transport mode share target of 25% outlined in Section 6.2 of the Traffic & Transport Assessment Plan? This should be addressed. We also note that the proposed bus stops at the L1390 Folkstown Little junction are not properly identified on the accompanying road infrastructure maps?

We welcome the proposed infrastructure standards for the overall scheme, generally in line with the NTA's Cycle Design Manual. However, we would ask that the proposed roundabout design for the L1390 Junction link to the Folkstown Little lands be reviewed. It is not clear from the posted material how a roundabout design was deemed appropriate for this junction above a signalised junction, and no roundabout size is specified? Also, the setbacks of the pedestrian/cycle crossing from the proposed roundabout on all 4 legs of the junction appears excessive though not fully clarified.

In conclusion the Irish Cycling Campaign broadly welcomes these proposed developments of employment land, but would urge that the following be reviewed:

- Public transport routes and frequency to support the 25% modal target share
- The appropriate design for the L1390 Folkstown Little link junction

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission made by the Irish Cycling Campaign and notes the following in response to the issues raised:

- A preliminary assessment of potential Bus Route extension to service the subject and associated zoned lands has been undertaken and provided to the National Transport Authority as part of the development of the Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan. Fingal County Council intend to engage with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Bus Service providers further with regards to extending existing services and providing new services to serve the proposed development lands as the lands are developed and demand for bus / public transport services increase.

- As noted in the Engineering Report and the Traffic and Transport Assessment, a roundabout design was deemed necessary for this junction to facilitate the development of the proposed lands and the future development of the zoned lands to the west. These lands are included in the Stephenstown (FP 4.A) and Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan. It has been assessed that the volume of expected traffic as these lands develop necessitates the implementation of a roundabout design with two lane entry for this junction to maintain an acceptable level of service.
- The setback of the pedestrian/cycle crossings (ca. 20m) from the proposed roundabout on all four legs of the junction have been designed such that an Articulated Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) is able to stack at the roundabout without impacting the pedestrian/cycle crossing. This is in line with the recommendations of the Cycle Design Manual and as advised by the Road Safety Auditors.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

6.2.4 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)

Submission FIN-C962-5 received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) notes that the following condition pertaining to further Archaeological Assessment, test excavation and monitoring be including in any approval of the planning permission that may issue:

Further Archaeological Assessment and Testing shall consist of the following:

1. Fingal County Council will employ a suitably qualified archaeologist to co-ordinate the proposed archaeological mitigation measures (Archaeological Impact Assessment, 13 February 2026, Section 6) to further assess the Folkstown Great/Stephenstown townland boundary and previously untested locations

where ground disturbance is to take place. The Archaeological Impact Assessment, to be carried out in advance of any construction works, will include the results of archaeological geophysical survey and test excavations.

2. Should archaeological material be found during the course of testing, Fingal County Council shall be prepared to be advised by the Department with regard to any necessary mitigating action (e.g. preservation in situ, or excavation) and should facilitate the archaeologist in recording any material found.
3. The Planning Authority and the Department shall be furnished with a report describing the results of the further archaeological impact assessment to include a description of the impact of the final layout and foundation design proposals.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either in situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission made by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in relation to the archaeological assessment and testing and notes that all points raised will be adhered to and that communication shall be maintained in this matter with the Heritage Officer and the Department.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No change.

6.3 Issues raised by members of the public

Of the five submissions received, one was from a member of the public.

6.3.1 David & Patricia O'Dell

Submission FIN-C962-3 received from David & Patricia O'Dell and notes the following:

As part of our submission on the proposed scheme, we would highlight that we are the most impacted property and we request a meeting with the council's representatives/ designers, as soon as possible, to discuss the scheme, in relation to our property.

We would like to discuss the connection of our property to the new water and drainage network, as we are currently not connected to the public system.

Comments on Engineering Planning Report

- How will you ensure that the current water supply (well) for REDACTED won't be damaged during these works?
- Eliminate the mini roundabout at the top of the road between sites D and E and terminate the road at the last site access, into site D.
- There is a need for a turnaround facility at the junction of Clonard Hill and White Hart Road for bin lorries and other large vehicles servicing REDACTED.
- Provide public lighting on Clonard Hill and White Hart Road to facilitate active travel.
- Put the 10kv power lines underground as well as the 38 kv line.
- Why is detention basin A at the top of the hill?
- Please provide details of the shared surface planned for White Hart Road.
- Please provide details and proposals with regards CCTV provision to prevent unauthorised dumping, which is currently an issue in the area.
- Please provide details on how the new industrial area will be made secure, prior to occupation/ use to prevent unauthorised access/ encampments, etc.

Comments on Road Safety Audit

- Item 3.15 - Motorbikes currently use the shared path on White Hart Road. Please install measures to prevent this.
- Item 3.3 - Eliminate the mini-roundabout at the top of the road between sites D and E and terminate the road at the last site access, into site D.
- Item 3.4 – There is a need for a turnaround facility at the junction of Clonard Hill and White Hart Road for bin lorries and other large vehicles servicing REDACTED.

Comments on Landscape Plan (Sheet 02 of 04)

- Make the temporary tree and hedge protection around REDACTED a permanent fence.
- Join the two mounds with shrubs at the top of the road between sites D and E to form one continuous mound.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission made by David & Patricia O'Dell, the residents of Clonard Cottage. The Chief Executive notes the following in response to the issues raised:

- A new potable water and foul sewerage connection to the public system for this property can be facilitated through connection to the proposed water mains and foul sewers. These connections are subject to connection agreement between the O'Dell's and Uisce Éireann.
- The location of the well has been identified within the O'Dell's property and all care will be taken during construction activities and specific attention will be drawn to the protection of the current water supply well as part of the Occupational Construction Environmental Management Plan and will be monitored during construction.
- The mini roundabout between sites D & E is required to provide a turnaround facility for service vehicles (waste collection) and those who may have incorrectly entered the area. Accordingly, it is not proposed to remove this roundabout. The specific issues of concern relating to the siting of the roundabout were discussed with the O'Dell's and these relate to concern about noise and light nuisance. It is proposed to amend the scheme to include a noise barrier along thing boundary to (i) improve screening during winter months and (ii) mitigate noise which may result from activity at this location.
- It is proposed to set back the start of the shared pathway to create a turning area and enable service vehicles make a turning movement at the junction thus facilitating service to be provided to the residents of Clonard Cottage.
- Public lighting has been proposed for the sections of active travel route that pertain to this scheme. Any additional public lighting required on Clonard Hill and White Hart Road outside of this scheme is not within the current scope of this scheme.
- The appropriate route for the undergrounding of the existing medium and low voltage cables cannot be established currently within the development boundary as it will be required to respond to the development within the lands. It is intended that all overhead cables will be diverted underground as the lands develop.

- The Detention Basin A whilst located at an elevated location is not located at the top of the hill. It has been situated in the optimal location to cater for the surface water runoff generated by the proposed roads infrastructure within this scheme. The detention basin cannot be located further south (closer to the Outer Relief Road L1390) as these lands are under the ownership of a private entity. The detention basin has been designed to cater for all storm events up to and including a 1 in 100-year flood. Flood routing in the event of overflow has been assessed and determined that it will route to the Bracken (Matt) River in more extreme rainfall events via the public road.
- The shared surface for White Hart Road is proposed as an asphalt surfaced 4m wide shared pathway.
- Any provision for CCTV is currently outside the scope of this scheme; however, any illegal dumping will be highlighted to the relevant department within Fingal County Council who will facilitate the measures required to prevent the illegal dumping. It should be noted that increased activity in this area associated with the development of these lands is anticipated to discourage illegal dumping.
- As noted on the drawings and plans, a boundary fence with suitably placed security gates, will be provided across the proposed accesses to each site until such time as that site is developed. On disposal each developer will assume responsibility for the security of their lands.
- A suitable gate/barrier will be provided at each entrance to the shared path on White Hart Road to deter motorcycles and unauthorised vehicles from entering the shared path.
- This fence is proposed as a temporary measure to provide protection to the existing hedgerows and trees during construction and is not adequate or intended as a permanent fence. A permanent fence in this location would detract from the visual amenity of the scheme. It is proposed to reinforce the hedgerow on the perimeter of the property with dense evergreen planting to enhance security and visual screening.
- There is not sufficient space between the proposed roads and the existing dwelling to provide a continuous mound at this location. The proposed mounds are intended to compliment and tie into the existing hedgerow surrounding the existing dwelling. It is proposed to amend the scheme to include a section of noise barrier along this boundary and to reinforce the hedgerow on the perimeter of the property with dense evergreen planting to enhance security and visual screening.

Chief Executives Recommendation

The following amendments are recommended based on the above items raised

- Amend the engineering report and associated drawings to include for a potential potable water and foul sewerage connection to the public system from the affected dwelling.
- Amend the layout plans to include a suitable barrier or gate detail at the ends of the shared path on White Hart Road.
- Amend the layout plans to introduce a section of Noise barrier to the western boundary of Clonard Cottage.
- Amend the layout plans to set back the shared pathway on White Hart Road sufficiently to facilitate turning movements by service vehicles.

6.4 Informal Submission by Statutory Consultees

6.4.1 Inland Fisheries Ireland

Inland Fisheries Ireland made comment directly by Email as follows,

"Inland Fisheries Ireland has no objection to the above once there is no adverse interference with the River Bracken and any instream works are carried out as per our Guidelines (attached). All surface water discharges to surface waters should have suitable interceptors or equivalent."

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission made by Inland Fisheries Ireland and notes that the proposed drainage network for the project is comprised of Sustainable Urban Drainage features including Swales and Detention Basins and all outflow from the proposed project will discharge to the existing drainage network via Oil Interceptors.

There are no instream works envisaged as part of the proposed scheme as all drainage is served by existing outfalls to the Bracken (Matt) River.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No change.

7. Recommendation

7.1 Conclusion:

The proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown comprises roads, active travel facilities, and utility services designed to facilitate the development of the employment-zoned (General Industry) lands and strengthen their integration with Balbriggan and the wider North Fingal area.

The scheme will deliver enhanced connectivity through the provision of high-quality active travel and public transport infrastructure, improving accessibility for employees, businesses, and the local community. In addition, the installation of essential utility services, including gas, electricity, telecommunications, and other piped infrastructure, will provide the critical enabling infrastructure required to unlock the development potential of the strategically zoned lands to the west of Balbriggan.

7.2 Recommendation:

It is considered that the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown is consistent with the land use zoning objectives as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The proposals are also considered to comply with other relevant policies and objectives; and the proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Subject to recommendations outlined in this report, it is recommended that the Council members approve the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme, Stephenstown and proceeds with the development as amended (as noted above) and generally as made available for inspection.

Chief Executive's Report

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Section 1 Background

1.1 Introduction

Kilshane Energy Ltd have submitted a planning application in respect of a proposal within the townland of Kilshane, located to the west of the N2 at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11.

The proposed development is described as follows:

The site is located to the south of Kilshane Road and the site of a permitted peaking power generation station permitted under FCC Reg. Ref.: FW22A/0204 and ABP Ref.: 317480-23 as amended by FCC Reg. Ref.: FW25A/0523E, and adjacent to the site of a permitted 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation permitted under ACP Ref.: 314894-22. The site is to the west of the M2 motorway, to the north of Roadstone Huntstown Quarry, and to the east of agricultural lands and Northwest Logistics Park.

The Proposed Development is a Power Generation Station development and comprises 2 no. Open Cycle Gas Turbines, with an output of up to 340 Megawatts (MW) each, equating to a total output of up to 680MW, along associated ancillary structures, and services, including an Air Insulated Substation (AIS) adjacent to each of the turbines. The Proposed Development also includes the construction of a 400kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation. The proposed GIS substation will be connected to the national grid by way of a 400kV transmission line connection, which will be subject to a separate application.

The proposals will comprise the following:

- *Construction of 2 no. Gas Turbines, with an output of up to 340 Megawatts (MW) each, along with ancillary structures and auxiliary equipment associated with each of the two turbines (including gas turbine oil tank, rotor displacement system, natural gas system, hydraulic oil equipment, pneumatic system for blow-off valves, lube oil cooler, and fuel oil skid). Each of the turbines will have an exhaust stack with a height of c. 28m, with a height to the top of the evaporative cooler of c. 25.5m.*

- *Adjacent to each of the turbines, the development will also comprise a single storey Packaged Electrical and Electronic Control Centre (PEECC) with a height of c. 6m and a gross floor area (GFA) of c. 321 sq.m.; fan cooler systems with a height of c. 4m; a single storey Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) Shelter with a height of c. 2.9m and GFA of c. 9 sq.m.; single storey gas heater structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 43 sq.m.; backup generator structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 30 sq.m.; compressor cleaning structure with a height of c. 3.7m and GFA of c. 11 sq.m.; transformer structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 9 sq.m.; and*

associated plant and equipment including a demineralised water tank with a height of c. 5.2m, C02 bottles, and an air dryer with a height of c. 1.9m.

- *Adjacent to each of the gas turbines, the development includes an Air Insulated Substations (AIS) to house transformers and electrical equipment within fenced compounds.*

- *The proposed development will be bound to its northern and part of its eastern boundary by acoustic fencing (c. 12m in height).*

- *Construction of a 400kV GIS building (two storeys, with an overall height of c. 17m and a gross floor area of c. 907 sq.m.) and associated electrical equipment located to the northwest of the site, within a fenced compound.*

- *Provision of hard and soft landscaping works, tree planting and boundary treatments. Attenuation storage will be located to the southeast of the site, alongside the existing permitted attenuation storage.*

- *The proposals will be provided on two areas of stone surfacing. Access and services to connect to the adjacent permitted development. Additional planting is proposed across the site and all associated works. The development includes underground services, lighting, and associated site development and ancillary works, above and below ground, necessary to facilitate the development.*

An EPA-Industrial Emissions Directive (IE) licence will be applied for to facilitate the operation of the proposed development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report ('EIAR') have been prepared with respect of the proposed development.

Fingal County Council hereby sets out the submission of the Planning Authority on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development.

An Coimisiún Pleanála, as the competent authority will decide to grant or refuse this Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

1.2 Procedural Background

The application has been lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This states:

(1) An application for permission for development in respect of which a notice has been served under section 37B(4)(a) shall be made to the Board and shall be accompanied

by an environmental impact assessment report in respect of the proposed development.

(2) The Board may refuse to deal with any application made to it under this section where it considers that the application for permission or the environmental impact assessment report is inadequate or incomplete, having regard in particular to the permission regulations and any regulations made under section 177 or to any consultations held under section 37B.

The proposed development comprises 2 no. Gas Turbine Power Generation Stations, with an output of up to 340 Megawatts (MW) each, equating to a total output of up to 680MW, along associated ancillary structures, and services, including an Air Insulated Substation (AIS) adjacent to each of the turbines. The Proposed Development also includes the construction of a 400kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation to serve the two Generation Stations. The proposed GIS substation will be connected to the national grid by way of a 400kV transmission line connection, which will be subject to a separate application.

The Planning Report submitted with the application sets out an overview of the proposal noting that the proposed development comprises a Gas Turbine Power Generation Station, described as a Flexible Peaking Plant that can quickly dispatch power to balance fluctuating electricity demand in the grid due to intermittent renewable supplies.

It is stated that the proposed development is also used to provide a reliable source of backup generation for operating in times of high electricity demand and low renewable electricity supply noting that these peaking plants are crucial to avoid power outages and to ensure the security of electricity supply in a grid with increased renewable sources of energy.

Section 1.2 of the Planning Report submitted sets out the SID Pre-application Determination. In this regard it is noted that the applicant engaged in consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála who considered that the proposed development constitutes development that fell within the relevant definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), thereby satisfying the requirements set out in section 37A(1) of the Act.

An Coimisiún Pleanála was of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of section 37A of the Act and an application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

An Coimisiún Pleanála also confirmed that the proposed development falls within two of the three paragraphs under section 37A(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and given that the application significantly exceeds one of the thresholds under the Seventh Schedule, it is considered that the proposed development constitutes a SID.

In correspondence received from An Coimisiún Pleanála, Fingal County Council is required under Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to submit to the Commission a report setting out the views of the authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the authority within a period of 10 weeks from the making of the application to the Commission.

In addition to the information required to be submitted with this report by the provisions of section 37E(47), Fingal Council is requested to address, where relevant, all of the issues identified at section 7 of the "Guidelines for Planning Authorities" in respect of section 37A of the Act such as:

- Main relevant Development Plan provisions relating to the subject site and surrounding area including the relevant Core Strategy provisions. A clear indication of the current status of the relevant Development Plan and any Draft Plans should be given, together with any relevant issues arising.
- Details of other relevant Plan provisions (e.g. Local Area Plans) and statement regarding status of these Plans (adopted or in draft form).
- Relevant planning history relating to the subject site and the surrounding area.
- Relevant enforcement information relating to the subject site.
- Relevant national, regional and local policies.
- Any SAAO which may be affected by the proposed development.
- European designations, Natural Heritage Areas, which may be affected by the proposed development (whether in or proximate to same).
- Protected Structures, ACA's etc.
- Waste policy, which may be relevant to the proposed development. This will arise particularly in the case of applications for waste facilities where policies, objectives and other provisions of Regional Waste Management Plans should be referred to in addition to the Development Plan.
- Adequacy of the public water supply. (Note Irish Water may also comment as a prescribed body)
- Public sewerage facilities and capacity to facilitate the proposed development. (Note Irish Water may also comment as a prescribed body)
- Availability and capacity of public surface water drainage facilities.
- Flood risk assessment in accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (November 2009).

- Assessment under the Water Framework Directive and associated regulations.
- Hydrological and hydrogeological assessments as relevant to the case.
- Appropriate assessment under the Habitats Directive.
- Comments on the adequacy, methodology adopted, conclusions etc. of the EIAR submitted with the application.
- Assessment of landscape status and visual impact, as appropriate.
- Carrying capacity and safety of road network serving the proposed development.
- Environmental carrying capacity of the subject site and surrounding area, and the likely significant impact arising from the proposed development, if carried out.
- Description of any public use of adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands in the applicant's ownership, and the planning authority's view on any condition which may be appropriate for the purpose of conserving a public amenity on those lands.
- Planning authority view in relation to the decision to be made by the Board.
- Planning authority view on conditions which should be attached in the event of the Board deciding to grant permission. (Where an IPPC or Waste licence is required, the Board cannot impose conditions relating to the control of emissions from the activity for which a license is required).
- Planning authority view on community gain conditions which may be appropriate.
- Details of relevant section 48/49 development contribution scheme conditions which should be attached in the event of a grant.
- Details of any special contribution conditions which should be attached in the event of a grant along with detailed calculations and justification for the conditions.
- Any other matters relating to the effects on the environment, the proper planning and sustainable development of the area or the effects on European site(s) that the planning authority may consider to be relevant to the case.

1.3 Proposed Development

The proposal comprises the following main components:

(a) The construction of 2 no. Gas Turbines (each with an output of 340MW) together with ancillary structures and auxiliary equipment associated with each of the two turbines.
(b) An acoustic fence (c. 12m in height) along the northern and part of the eastern boundary.
(c) The construction of 400kV GIS building (two storeys, with an overall height of c. 17m and a gross floor area of c. 907 sq.m.) and associated electrical equipment located to the northwest of the site, within a fenced compound.
(d) Provision of hard and soft landscaping works, tree planting and boundary treatments. Attenuation storage will be located to the southeast of the site, alongside the existing permitted attenuation storage.
(e) The proposals will be provided on two areas of stone surfacing. Access and services to connect to the adjacent permitted development. Additional planting

is proposed across the site and all associated works. The development includes underground services, lighting, and associated site development and ancillary works, above and below ground, necessary to facilitate the development.

1.4 Site Description and Surrounding Area

The subject site is located within the townland of Kilshane, located to the south and west of the N2 at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11.

The site is located to the south of Kilshane Road and the site of a permitted peaking power generation station permitted under Reg. Ref. FW22A/0204 / ABP Ref.: 317480-23 as amended by Reg. Ref. FW25A/0523E, and adjacent to the site of a permitted 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation permitted under ACP Ref.: 314894-22. The site is to the west of the M2 motorway, to the north of Roadstone Huntstown Quarry, and to the east of agricultural lands and Northwest Logistics Park

The site currently comprises greenfield lands which are bound by existing hedgerows. The wider area surrounding the site comprises lands which are characterised by greenfield lands and existing industrial / logistics / warehouse development.

The closest area of residential development known as Hollywoodrath is located c. 2km west of the subject site, Blanchardstown Town Centre is located c. 4.6km northeast of the site and Charlestown (retail) is located c. 2.5km from the site.

1.5 Relevant Planning History

Subject site

FW25A/0523E - GRANT PERMISSION

Kilshane Energy Ltd. applied for planning permission for revisions to previously approved Gas Turbine Power Generation Station (Reg. Ref: FW22A/0204) at a site located at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11, comprising the following amendments:

1. Revisions to previously approved administrative/warehouse building consisting of the following: (a) Revised internal layout consisting of addition of new stair core and lift at ground floor level connecting to new storage area at first floor level (428 m2 GFA), increasing the total GFA of the administrative/warehouse building from 855 m2 to 1283 m2. (b) Revised façade design to elevations including revised fenestration to south elevation, revised fenestration and door design to west elevation, revised fenestration to east elevation and provision of new external fire staircase and first floor level access door to east elevation. (c) Increase in height of administrative/warehouse building by 1 m to 7.38 m. (d) Revised colour of material finish from green to dark grey.

2. Revisions to previously approved gas turbine including revised shape of evaporative cooler, addition of servicing gantries and the slight moving of the gas turbine c. 5.57 m to the north as demonstrated on the enclosed architectural plans (Drg No. Drawing No. 25043-PL-04.1) Internal gas turbine machinery and installation as part of revised gas turbine model to be provided to later specialist design as previously approved under Reg. Ref. FW22A/0204.
3. Revised size and location of fin fan coolers within power island compound as demonstrated on enclosed architectural plans.
4. Revisions to layout of diesel storage compound to now provide 1 no. larger fuel storage tank with an increase in maximum height from 16.2 m to 20 m and an increase in diameter from 24.4 m to 49 m.
5. Revised design and location of the Packaged Electronic/Electrical Control Compartment (PEECC) within the power island compound to now comprise a single storey stilted building raised 2.6 m above ground level, accessed via 2 no. external stairs and a new servicing gantry at finished floor level, with a floor-to-ceiling height of 3.25 m and an overall height of 6 m, and an increase in GFA from 72 m² to 148.51 m² together with façade changes.
6. Revised design and location of BOP Power Distribution Centre within power island compound as demonstrated on enclosed architectural drawings including increase in GFA from 129 m2 to 160.6 m2 together with façade changes including revised fenestration to west and east elevations.
7. The addition of new Aux Equipment Block (connected to the Gas Turbine) with a GFA of 361.20 m2 and height ranging from 7.65m to 9.59m and new servicing gantries for the purposes of sheltering specialist equipment and machinery as identified on the enclosed architectural drawings.
8. The addition of a HVAC Structure within power island compound with a maximum height of 8.84 m which supports two HVAC units on the top and the Starter Transformer and Excitation Transformer below.
9. Revision to previously approved Acoustic Wall within power island compound consisting of a slight decrease in length from 107.0m to 101.6m.
10. Removal of previously approved 16.2m high x 18.3m dia Demin Water Tank and replaced with Separate Demin Water Tank to be added as a non-permanent structure rather a small cube refill tank.
11. Removal and replacement of select number of smaller equipment items as identified on the equipment identification drawings prepared by CWPA Planning & Architecture (Drawing No. 25043-PL-14).
12. Minor revision to internal road network as demonstrated on enclosed architectural drawings to accommodate proposed amendments.

FW22A/0204 / ABB- 317480-23 - GRANT PERMISSION

The proposed development comprised the following:

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1. The construction of a new Gas Turbine Power Generation Station with an output of up to 293 Megawatts. The proposed station will consist of 1 no. Gas Turbine and 1 no. 28 m high Exhaust Stack partially enclosed by a 12 m high acoustic wall. 1 no. single storey Admin Building and Warehouse (c. 926 m2), 1 no. single storey Packaged Electronic/Electrical Control Compartment (PEECC) (c. 72 m2), 1 no. single storey Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) Shelter (c. 14.8 m2), 1 no. 16.2m high x 024.4m Fuel Oil Tank, 1 no. 15.3m high x 09.2m Raw/Fire Water Tank, 1 no. 16.2m high x 018.3m Demin Water Tank, and miscellaneous plant equipment.
2. The demolition of a detached residential dwelling (c. 142 m2 GFA) and associated farm buildings (c. 427 m2 GFA) located in the northwest corner of the subject site to facilitate the proposed development.
3. Road improvement works to 493.34 m Kilshane Road (L3120), including the realignment of a portion of the road (293.86 m) within the subject site boundary and the provision of new footpaths, off-road cycle ways, together with the construction of a new roundabout linking the proposed realignment of Kilshane Road back to the existing road network to the northeast of the subject site and to the proposed internal road network to serve the proposed development.
4. The construction of entrance gates, low wall and railings fronting the realigned Kilshane Road and a private internal road network providing for vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access to serve the development. Construction of 3 m high security fencing within development.
5. Total provision of 26 no. car parking spaces including 1 no. disabled persons parking space and 2 no. EV electrical charging points.
6. Provision of security lighting columns to serve the development and the installation of Closed-Circuit Television System (CCTV) for surveillance and security purposes.
7. Provision of 20 no. sheltered bicycle parking spaces.
8. Provision of hard and soft landscaping works, tree planting and boundary treatments including 3 m high security fence along Kilshane Road and the perimeter of the subject site boundary.
9. Provision of new on-site foul sewer pumping station to serve the development.
10. Provision of underground surface water attenuation areas to serve the development.

All associated site development and excavation work, above and below ground, necessary to facilitate the development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report was prepared in respect of the proposed development. This application relates to a development that will require an Industrial Emissions Directive licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. A subsequent application will be submitted for an Above Ground Installation (AGI) compound,

underground gas supply installation and a subsequent Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Application will also be submitted for a Gas-Insulated Switchgear Substation (GIS), Air Insulated Switchgear Substation (AIS) and grid connection to serve the development.

FW21A/0250 - **REFUSE PERMISSION**

Planning permission was sought for a development that will consist of the following;

1. The construction of a Gas Turbine Power Generation Station with an output of up to 293 Megawatts. The proposed station will consist of 1 no. Gas Turbine, 1 no. 28m high Exhaust Stack, 1 no. 2 story Admin Building (c. 680 m2), 1 no. single storey Workshop (c. 661 m2), 1 no. single storey Plant Room Building (c. 608 m2), 1 no. single storey Dew Point Heater Boiler Building (c. 52 m2), 1 no. single storey Electrical Module for Fuel Gas Area Building (c. 45 m2), 1 no. single storey Packaged Electronic Electrical Control Compartment building (PEECC) (c. 150 m2), 1 no. single storey E0Room Building (c. 227 m2), 1 no. single storey Fuel Gas Block Building (152 m2), 1 no. single storey Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) Building (c. 9 m2), 1 no. single storey Fuel Oil Treatment & Forwarding Building (c.59 m2), an Above Ground Installation (AG() area consisting of 1 no. single storey Instrument Building (c. 28.5 m2), 1 no. single storey Regulator Building (47 m2), 1 no. single store Boiler Building (c. 28 m2), and 1 no. single storey Analyser Kiosk (6 m2), 2 no . 20 m high diesel storage tanks and recessed bund area, 1 no. 17 m high Raw and Fire Fighting Water Tank, miscellaneous plant and equipment.
2) The realignment of a portion (263 m) of the Kilshane Road within the subject site boundary, including the provision of new footpaths and off0road cycle ways, together with the construction of a new roundabout linking the proposed realignment of Kilshane Road back to the existing road network to the north west of the subject site and to the proposed internal road network to serve the proposed development.
3) The construction of Entrance Gates, 1 no. single storey security office (40 m2 GFA) and a private internal road network providing for vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access to serve the development.
4) Total provision of 20 no. Car Parking Spaces including 2 no. disabled parking spaces and 4 no. Electrical Charging Points.
5) Provision of lighting columns to serve the development and the installation of Closed-Circuit Television System (CCTV) for surveillance and security purposes.
6) Provision of 20 no. Sheltered Bicycle Parking Spaces.
7) Provision of hard and soft landscaping works, tree planting and boundary treatments.
8) Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant and Percolation Area together with a Surface Water Attenuation Area to serve the development.
9) All associated site works necessary to facilitate the development.

Refusal Reasons

1. *Insufficient information has been submitted to enable the Planning Authority to complete an Appropriate Assessment. The Planning Authority is not satisfied that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site and special conservative interests. The proposed development is therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*
2. *Insufficient information has been submitted to enable the Planning Authority to ascertain if the proposed development would require Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with 172(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended or is likely to have a significant effect on the environment within the context of Section 172(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The proposed development is therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*
3. *Based on the information submitted, the Planning Authority is not satisfied that the proposed development would not endanger or interfere with the safety of aircraft or the safe and efficient navigation thereof. The proposed development materially contravene objective DA10 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*
4. *In the absence of clear information regarding the impacts of the proposed development and mitigation measures to address these, the proposed development could adversely affect the amenities of adjoining properties and depreciate the value of same. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*
5. *Having regard to the limited nature of information submitted with the planning application, the Planning Authority is not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to adverse impacts on the green infrastructure, biodiversity, ecology, archaeology, landscape character and the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would materially contravene Objectives NH27, GI22, NH20, CH05 and CH06 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, would set a poor precedent for other similar development and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*
6. *Having regard to the limited nature of information submitted with the planning application, the Planning Authority is not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to adverse impacts on the green infrastructure, biodiversity, ecology, archaeology, landscape character and the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would materially contravene Objectives NH27, GI22, NH20, CH05 and CH06 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, would set a poor precedent for other similar development and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.*

Development in the surrounding area

FW23A/0232 – Application withdrawn before a decision was made

The development will consist of the following works:

- The construction of new Gas Fired open cycle Turbine Power Generation Station with an output of up to 291 Megawatts. The proposed station will consist of 8 no. Gas Turbines and 8 no. 18 m high exhaust stacks, 1 no. AIS Substation and associated lighting column, 1 no. single storey Packaged Electronic /Electrical Control Compartment, 1 no. single storey continuous Emission Monitoring System Shelter, Associated Fin Fan Collars, 1 no. Storage and Warehouse building, 1 no. fuel oil storage tank, 1 no. demineralised water storage tank, 1 no. raw/fire water storage tank, 1 no. fire pump house, 2 no. demineralised water treatment trailers.
- The construction of an internal road network providing for access to serve the development.
- Provision of hard and soft landscaping works, tree planting and boundary treatments including parking perimeter fencing.

ABP – 314894 - 22 (SID/01/20) – Approve with conditions

Proposed development of a 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation on lands at Kilshane Road, and an underground 220kV transmission line connection to the existing Cruiserath 220kV substation.

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Section 2 Policy Context

2.1 Introduction

This section outlines the planning policy context for the proposed development including reference to relevant policy at national, regional and local level.

2.2 National Planning Framework First Revision (NPF) First Revision – April 2025

The following national policy objectives (NPO) are of relevance to the proposed development:

NPO 61

In co-operation with relevant Departments in Northern Ireland, strengthen all-island energy infrastructure and interconnection capacity, including distribution and transmission networks to enhance security of electricity supply, and explore the potential for strategic cooperation on offshore wind energy development.

NPO 69

Reduce our carbon footprint by integrating climate action into the planning system in support of national targets for climate policy mitigation and adaptation objectives, as well as targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions as expressed in the most recently adopted carbon budgets.

NPO 70

Promote renewable energy use and generation at appropriate locations within the built and natural environment to meet national objectives towards achieving a climate neutral economy by 2050.

NPO 71

Support the development and upgrading of the national electricity grid infrastructure, including supporting the delivery of renewable electricity generating development.

2.3 Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031

The following regional policy objectives (RPO) are of relevance to the proposed development:

RPO 10.20:

Support and facilitate the development of enhanced electricity and gas supplies, and associated networks, to serve the existing and future needs of the Region and facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects that might be brought forward in the lifetime of this Strategy. This Includes the delivery of the necessary integration of transmission network requirements to facilitate linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity and gas transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner subject to appropriate environmental assessment and the planning process.

2.4 Climate Action Plan 2025

Climate Action Plan 2025 (CAP25) is the third statutory annual update to Ireland's Climate Action Plan under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. The Plan lays out a roadmap of actions to meet national climate objective of pursuing and achieving, by no later than the end of the year 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy. It aligns with the legally binding economy-wide carbon budgets and sectoral emissions ceilings that were agreed by Government in July 2022.

The following key targets are of relevance to the proposed development:

Key Targets

- New Flexible Gas Plant – at least 2 GW by 2030

2.5 Energy Security in Ireland 2030

This report sets out government policy and the importance of providing dependable and flexible electricity supply. The report notes inter alia in relation to Irelands energy security plans of the electricity system to be focused on '*the addition of renewable generation, demand-side flexibility, new gas-fired generation as flexible back-up, interconnection and storage, are the right ones to secure our electricity supplies.*'

2.6 Circular PL 12/2021 – Government Statement on Security of Electricity Supply

The Circular provided advice to Planning Authorities that where planning applications are submitted for electricity infrastructure or infrastructure that may impact on electricity supply – including for existing conventional electricity generation – that they should, until further notice, be considered having regard to the Policy Statement on Security of Electricity Supply.

2.7 Policy Statement on Security of Electricity Supply

Published in November 2021, this policy statement includes explicit Government approval that:

- the development of new conventional generation (including gas-fired and gasoil/distillate-fired generation) is a national priority and should be permitted and supported in order to ensure security of electricity supply and support the growth of renewable electricity generation
- it is appropriate that existing conventional electricity generation capacity should be retained until the new conventional electricity generation capacity is developed in order to ensure security of electricity supply
- the connection of large energy users to the electricity grid should take into account the potential impact on security of electricity supply and on the need to decarbonise the electricity grid
- it is appropriate for additional electricity transmission and distribution grid infrastructure, electricity interconnection and electricity storage to be permitted and developed in order to support the growth of renewable energy and to support security of electricity supply

- it is appropriate for additional natural gas transmission and distribution grid infrastructure to be permitted and developed in order to support security of electricity supply

2.8 Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Zoning Objective:

The subject site is zoned as "HI" Heavy Industry within the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which has the objective to *"provide for heavy industry*" with the vision to *"facilitate opportunities for industrial uses, activities and processes which may give rise to land use conflict if located within other zonings. Such uses, activities and processes would be likely to produce adverse impacts, for example by way of noise, dust or visual impacts. HI areas provide suitable and accessible locations specifically for heavy industry and shall be reserved solely for such uses*".

- Landscape Character Types: River Valleys/ Canal
- Specific Objective Development Boundary: Blanchardstown
- Specific Objective Framework Plan: Dublin Enterprise Zone
- Dublin Airport Zone: Zone A & B
- Dublin Airport: Outer Public Safety Zone

The following policy is relevant to development of this type:

- Policy EEP3 Maximising Fingal's Economic Potential
- Policy EEP4 Employment Intensive Land Uses
- Policy EEP5 Land Extensive Uses
- Objective EEO4 Space Extensive Uses
- Policy EEP8 Promoting Major Urban Centres
- Policy EEP9 Fingal as An Engine for Economic Growth
- Objective EEO8 Dublin Enterprise Zone
- Objective EEO11Economic Growth of Metropolitan Area
- Objective EEO12 Supporting Existing Clusters
- Objective EEO35 Range of Industrial/Manufacturing Units
- Objective EEO36 Needs of Enterprises and Bespoke Building Facilities
- Objective EEO37 Development Standards for Industrial/Manufacturing Buildings
- Objective EEO20 Regeneration of Business Parks and Industrial Estates
- Objective DMSO5 Design Statement
- Policy EEP20 Manufacturing
- Section 14.15 Enterprise & Employment
- Section 14.15.1 Business Parks and Industrial Areas
- Objective DMSO89 Design and Siting of Business Parks and Industrial Areas
- Table 14.15: Design Guidelines for Business Parks, Industrial Areas (Enterprise and Employment lands)
- Section 14.20.20 Control of Major Accident Hazards Directive (Seveso Directive)
- Section 14.20.21 Major Accidents – Seveso Sites
- Table 14.27: List of Seveso / COMAH Sites
- Section 11.6.1 Control of Major Accident Hazards Directive (Seveso Directive)

- Policy IUP26 COMAH Establishments/ SEVESO
- Objective IUO37 Restrictions on Development in proximity of a Seveso Site
- Objective IUO39 Extensions to Seveso Sites
- Objective IUO40 Adjacent Uses – Seveso Sites
- Objective IUO41 Storage of Seveso Substances
- Objective IUO42 HAS Consultation Distances for new Seveso Sites
- Objective IUO44 Energy Utilities
- Table 14.17: Bicycle Parking Standards
- Table 14.18: Car Parking Zones
- Table 14.19: Car Parking Standards
- Objective ZO4 Ancillary Uses
- Section 14.16.1 Airport Noise
- Table 14.16: Aircraft Noise Zones
- Objective DMSO105 Development within Airport Noise Zones
- Objective DAO18 Safety
- Policy GINHP25 Preservation of Landscape Types
- Objective DMSO203 FCC SuDS Guidance Document
- Objective GINHO15 SuDS
- Objective IUO9 Surface Water Drainage Systems
- Objective IUO11 SuDS in New Developments

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Section 3 Introduction

3. Planning Issues

This section outlines the comments of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed development. These are provided in terms of the policy context and principle of development and subsequently in terms of specific issues associated with the proposal.

3.1 Internal Reports

A number of internal departments within Fingal County Council were consulted on this proposal and their comments have informed this report. Comments were received from the following departments:

Water Services:	Conditions recommended.
Transportation Planning Section:	Conditions recommended.
Parks and Green Infrastructure Division:	Conditions recommended.
Public Lighting:	Conditions recommended.
Heritage Officer:	Conditions recommended.
Environment (Waste):	Condition recommended.
Air and Noise Unit:	Clarity required.

3.2 Report of Council Meeting

Information to be inserted following the council meeting

3.3 Principle of Development

The proposed development comprises 2 no. Gas Turbines with an output of 340MW together with ancillary structures and auxiliary equipment associated with each of the two turbines together with all associated development.

At national level, the NPF supports the transition to a carbon neutral and climate resilient society and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 51% and increase the share of electricity generated from renewable sources to 80% over the decade (2021 – 2030).

However, Government Policy as set out in the Policy Statement on Security of Electricity Supply states that *'the development of new conventional generation (including gas-fired and gasoil/distillate-fired generation) is a national priority and should be permitted and supported in order to ensure security of electricity supply and support the growth of renewable electricity generation'.*

At regional level, the RSES as set out RPO 10.20 *'Support and facilitate the development of enhanced electricity and gas supplies, and associated networks, to serve the existing and future needs of the Region and facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects that might be brought forward in the lifetime of this Strategy. This Includes the delivery of the necessary integration of transmission network requirements to facilitate linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity and gas transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner subject to appropriate environmental assessment and the planning process'.*

Noting recent government policy on electricity supply it is considered that the principle of the proposed development is supported and will align with a key target of the Climate Action Plan 2025 for the provision of at least 2 GW of new flexible gas plants by 2030.

At local level, the subject lands are zoned "HI" Heavy Industry with the objective to *"provide for heavy industry".* The proposed development is considered as a *'*Utility installations' as defined in Appendix 7 – Technical Guidance of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 as a '*structure composed of one or more pieces of equipment connected to or part of a structure and/ or a facility designed to provide a public utility service such as the provision of heat, electricity, telecommunications, water or sewage disposal and/or treatment'.* Therefore, the principle of the proposed development would be acceptable in terms of the zoning objective.

3.4 Design and Visual Impact

The proposed development comprises of a number of structures located in the northern section of the site. The main structure will comprise the following:

(a) 2 no. Gas Turbines with a maximum height of c.28m
(b) Ancillary Structures for each turbine:
    I. Packaged Electrical and Electronic Control Centre (PEECC) with a height of c. 6m and a gross floor area (GFA) of c. 321 sqm
    II. Fan cooler systems with a height of c. 4m
    III. Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) Shelter a height of c. 2.9m and GFA of c. 9 sqm
    IV. Single storey gas heater structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 43 sqm with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 30 sqm
    V. Backup generator structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 30 sqm
    VI. Compressor cleaning structure with a height of c. 3.7m and GFA of c. 11 sqm
    VII. Transformer structure with a height of c. 3.2m and GFA of c. 9 sqm
    VIII. Associated plant and equipment including a demineralised water tank with a height of c. 5.2m, C02 bottles, and an air dryer with a height of c. 1.9m
    IX. Air Insulated Substations (AIS)
(c) 400kV GIS building with height of c. 17m and a gross floor area of c. 907 sqm

In addition to the above each turbine zone will be bound to its northern and part of its eastern boundary by acoustic fencing with a stated height of c. 12m. Landscaping and attenuation storage is indicated in the southern section of the subject site. Existing boundary hedgerows will be retained and extensive planning is proposed along the northeast and southeast of the site. Entrance to the subject site will via a new roundabout to the north which is indicated to connect to the internal road network permitted under Phase 1.

The applicant has submitted a CGI Booklet prepared by McAtavey Architects and a LVIA Photomontages. The Planning Authority also note that Chapter 11 of the EIAR submitted sets out an assessment of the Landscape and Visual Impact of the proposals.

Given the site context and previously permitted development in proximity to the subject site, the Planning Authority consider that the proposals will achieve visual continuity and will appropriately integrate into the receiving environment and therefore will not adversely impact the visual amenity of the surrounding area. If permission is forthcoming on the subject site the Planning Authority recommends that a condition be attached in relation external finishes.

3.5 Impact on the Amenity of the Area

The site currently comprises greenfield lands which are bound by existing hedgerows. The wider area surrounding the site comprises lands which are characterised by greenfield lands, existing industrial / logistics / warehouse development together with a scattering of residential dwellings.

Given the proximity to existing residential dwellings, overlooking, overdominance, overshadowing, and overbearing matters are not considered issues with respect to all aspects of the built form of the proposed development.

During construction there is potential for nuisance from traffic, dust, noise and construction waste and during operational use there is potential for operational noise and air emissions. The Planning Authority notes that Chapters 3 – 16 of the EIAR submitted describes and assessment the impact of the proposal in the receiving environment.

A report received from the Air and Noise Unit (full report in appendices) states that clarity is required with respect a number of items relating the assessment contained in the EIAR and that the applicant is requested to address the following:

- The applicant should clearly indicate which plant items will be installed within the sound insulated building. Further details on the building together with acoustic specifications of the sound insulation to be used in the building should also be provided.
- The applicant should clarify the locations where existing background night-time noise levels were measured in the range of 35 to 50 dB LA90,15min, and where low levels of plant noise from the proposed development may be audible during lulls in other sources. The applicant should also clarify if these locations are residential or not.

- The applicant should clarify the operating scenarios and time periods for all noise impact predictions presented in the report, including noise impact predictions presented in Tables 10-16, 10-17 and 10-18.
- The applicant should clarify the length of the acoustic wall to be installed at each turbine location.
- All of the above is required to be completed by an appropriately qualified acoustician with the necessary acoustic training and experience, and the applicant is advised to seek specialist advice.

Noting the above the Planning Authority considers that given this application is strategic in nature, An Coimisiún Pleanála being the competent authority, need to satisfy themselves that the proposal will not negatively impact on the amenity of the area.

However, should planning permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommends that a condition be attached requiring the submission of a final Construction and Environmental Management Plan prior to commencement.

3.6 Landscape

The applicant has submitted inter alia a Landscape Rationale Report, a Landscape Masterplan together with a series of drawings pre-pared by RMDA Landscape Architects and Consultants. The Planning Authority also notes that Chapter 11 of the EIAR submitted sets out on assessment of Landscape and Visual Assessment.

A report received from the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division (full report in appendices) notes that the last Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) submitted for the site was prepared by Dr Philip Blackstock in 2022 and therefore it is recommended that the applicant be requested to submit a revised AMS & Tree protection Plan, as no hedgerow protection details have been provided with the current application. In addition, the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division state that given the importance of the existing hedgerows to the site, details of their long-term management and maintenance should be submitted for assessment.

Noting the above the Planning Authority considers that given this application is strategic in nature, An Coimisiún Pleanála being the competent authority, need to satisfy themselves that the proposal will not negatively impact on the trees, hedgerows and the landscape of the area.

However, should planning permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommends that a condition be attached in relation to existing trees, hedgerows and landscaping.

3.7 Built Heritage

Chapter 12 of the EIAR submitted sets out on assessment of Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage.

A report received from the Heritage Officer (full report in appendices) notes that immediately to the north of the proposed development that the sub-surface remains of a large early medieval enclosure with external gullies and pits was excavated. The Heritage Officer notes that the site of the proposed development has been subjected to geophysical survey (NMS Licence Ref. 22R0092) and archaeological testing (NMS Licence Ref. 22E0348) and while no archaeological remains were identified within the subject site, it is located within an archaeological landscape. Given the scale of the site and the relatively high potential for further identification of archaeological material in the areas beyond those subject to test excavation that a programme of archaeological monitoring is also required.

Noting the above the Planning Authority considers that given this application is strategic in nature, An Coimisiún Pleanála being the competent authority, need to satisfy themselves that the proposal will not negatively impact on built heritage.

Should planning permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommends that a condition be attached requiring a full programme of archaeological monitoring is carried out.

3.8 Access and Transportation

The applicant has submitted inter alia an Engineering Assessment Report, a Traffic Transport Assessment prepared by Waterman Moylan together with a series of drawings. The Planning Authority also notes that Chapter 13 of the EIAR submitted sets out on assessment of Traffic and Transportation.

A report received from the Transportation Planning Section (full report in appendices) sets out an assessment of the proposed development which is summarised below:

- *Access*

The proposed development is located in a 60km/hr speed limit and will be accessed from an internal road network associated with an approved road re-alignment under Reg. Ref. FW22A/0204 / ABB- 317480-23 which is currently under construction.

- *Cycle Parking and Car Parking*

The proposed development includes proposal for 26 no. car parking spaces including 1 no. accessible parking space and 2 no. EV spaces. This is considered acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section given the levels of staff required for both phase 1(2 staff on average up to a max of 25) and phase 2 (2 staff on average up to a max of 5).

- *Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA)*

A Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA) submitted includes inter alia a traffic survey and an assessment of the worst case scenario when the development is operational.

The impact of the development on 2 specific junctions that being Junction 1 permitted roundabout currently under construction: (L3120) Kilshane Road / Proposed Site Access and Junction 2 (Kilshane Cross) (signalised crossroads) is also included. The signalised junction of Kilshane Cross is considered to be a sensitive junction and experiences queuing and delays on Kilshane Road. However, the Transportation Planning Section acknowledges that this constraint is outside the control of the applicant and the management of traffic during the construction stage will be paramount.

The Transportation Planning Section noted that there is a slight difference in relation to the amount of construction traffic generated in the peak hours given in the CMP and the TA and that the applicant should fully demonstrate the impact that the traffic generated by the excavation phase and that of construction materials import have been correctly factored into the construction phase traffic and the impact assessment.

- *Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)*

The Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan prepared by Waterman Moylan Consulting is acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section but lacks sufficient detail in particular in relation to the measures to be put in place for limiting the impact of construction traffic at both the N2 off ramp at Coldwinters and Kilshane Cross during the excavation phase of the development and during the peak hours. Should planning permission be forthcoming the Transportation Planning Section recommend conditions in relation to the submission of a Final Construction Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan.

- *A Construction Mobility Management Plan (CMMP)/Travel Plan*

The Transportation Planning Section recommends that a revised Travel Plan should be submitted should planning permission be forthcoming.

Noting the above the Planning Authority considers that given this application is strategic in nature, An Coimisiún Pleanála being the competent authority, need to satisfy themselves that the proposal will not negatively impact on the traffic and transportation matters.

However, should planning permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommend that a conditions be attached as recommended by the Transportation Planning Section.

3.9 Services and Drainage

The applicant has submitted inter alia an Engineering Assessment Report, a Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Waterman Moylan together with a series of drawings. The

Planning Authority also notes that Chapter 2 of the EIAR submitted sets out civil requirement the proposed development as follow:

- *Water Supply*

As part of the proposed development, it is proposed to connect to the permitted Phase 1 watermain network under ABP-317480-23 (Reg. Ref. FW22A/0204) via a 250mm ⌀ watermain which will loop around the subject site.

- *Foul Sewer and Process Wastewater Infrastructure*

The proposed development will be reliant on the permitted Phase 1 foul water network and pumping station (Confirmation of Feasibility: CDS22004080), which consists of a gravity network which is then pumped south in an 80mm rising main for 1,823m along Kilshane Road to connect to the foul gravity network on Mitchelstown Road.

- *Surface Water Disposal*

The surface water drainage strategy established for the adjacent permitted development will be maintained for the proposed development subject of this application, with the surface water runoff catered by ditches, swales for excess flows and upsizing the underground attenuation.

A report received from the Water Services Department (full report in appendices) states the surface water strategy is deemed acceptable in principle. The Planning Authority considers that should be permission be forthcoming a number of conditions in is relation to surface water be attached.

On review of the Flood Risk Assessment submitted, Water Services set out that FRA outlines the potential flood risks and mitigation measures associated with the proposed development and in summary, the level of flood risk is deemed to be low/very low, subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined within the FRA submission. This is considered to be acceptable in principle by the Water Services Department.

In terms of water supply and foul sewer and process wastewater infrastructure, the Planning Authority notes Appendix A of the Engineering Assessment Report submitted includes a copy of the Uisce Eireann Confirmation of Feasibility which confirms the following:

Water Connection	*Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Uisce Éireann*
Wastewater Connection	*Feasible without infrastructure upgrade by Uisce Éireann*

Noting the above the Planning Authority considers that given this application is strategic in nature, An Coimisiún Pleanála being the competent authority, need to satisfy

themselves that water & wastewater connections is feasible and that the proposal is acceptable in terms of surface water.

Should planning permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommend that a condition be attached in relation to connections to Uisce Eireann infrastructure.

3.10 Dublin Airport

The subject site is within Dublin Airport Noise Zone A &B, per Table 14.16 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. However, given the nature of the proposed development it is not considered a noise sensitive development. The development is acceptable in this regard.

The subject site is within the Dublin Airport Outer Public Safety Zone, per the Environmental Resources Management [ERM] Report 2005. In this regard, Objective DAO18 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 is considered relevant. In the Outer Public Safety Zone, as per Table 6.1 of the ERM report (2005), the proposed development falls under the "working premises" criteria which is limited to not more than 110 persons per half hectare. Once operational, it is stated that the proposed development will require an additional 10 workers.

Should permission be forthcoming, the Planning Authority recommend that a condition be attached that staffing levels shall be less than 110 people per half hectare, in accordance with the standards set out in Table 6.1 of the ERM report (2005). The development is acceptable in this regard.

3.11 Waste

A preliminary Construction Environmental Management Plan prepared by Waterman Moylan has been submitted. Section 6 of the plan addresses Construction Waste Management. The Planning Authority also notes that Chapter 2 of the EIAR submitted sets out civil requirements for the proposed development in relation to waste disposal and that once operational, the proposed development will adhere to the waste protocols for the Kilshane site and will be subject to the conditions of an Industrial Emissions Licence which will also regulate waste management onsite.

A report received from the Environment Department (full report in appendices) has no objection to the proposal subject to condition. The Planning Authority therefore recommends that should planning permission be forthcoming, a condition be attached whereby a Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021) be submitted and agreed prior to commencement.

3.12 Public Lighting

The applicant has submitted a Site Lighting Report together with a series of drawings prepared by ORS. A report received from the Public Lighting Section (full report in appendices) states whilst some information remains outstanding this can be dealt by condition. The Planning Authority therefore recommends that should planning permission be forthcoming, a condition be attached in relation the final design of public lighting be agreed prior to commencement to commencement.

3.13 Environmental Impact Assessment & Appropriate Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by AWN Consulting together with an Appropriate Assessment Screening prepared by Altemar Marine & Environmental Consultancy has been submitted. An Coimisiún Pleanála as the competent authority are the responsible authority for the consideration of the EIAR and Screening Report prepared by the applicant

3.14 Section 48/49 Development Contribution Schemes

Fingal County Council operates a development contribution payment scheme under the current 'Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030'. A financial contribution would be due having regard to the details of the proposed development and the nature of the proposed development. There are no Section 49 supplementary contributions schemes either adopted or proposed that would affect this development.

3.15 Special Contribution Conditions

There are no special contributions required.

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Section 4 Conclusion and Recommendations

4.1 Chief Executive Recommendation

On the basis of the foregoing assessment the Planning Authority considers that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below the proposed development would accord with national, regional and local planning and related policy. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

4.2 Recommended Conditions

The Planning Authority recommends that certain conditions be attached should An Coimisiún Pleanála be mindful to grant permission for this development. These conditions are set out below and are not intended as an exhaustive list.

1. The development shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto.
   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the permission, and that effective control be maintained.

2. This permission relates solely to that detailed in the statutory public notices and does not refer to any other aspects of the development that may be shown in the lodged plans.
   REASON: In the interest of the clarity.

3. All of the avoidance, remedial, mitigation and monitoring measures set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and other particulars accompanying the application shall be implemented by the Developer in conjunction with the timelines set out therein, except as may be otherwise required in order to comply with the conditions of this order.
   REASON: In the interest of clarity and the protection of the environment during the construction and operational phases of development.

4. The number of employees and visitors in the development hereby permitted shall comply with the restrictions for the Dublin Airport Outer Public Safety Zone stipulated in the Public Safety Zones Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Report 2005 or such other document as may be approved in lieu of same.
   REASON: In the interests of public safety.

5. A strategy in relation to the use of cranes during construction shall be agreed in writing with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Air Nav Ireland and the Dublin Airport Authority (daa) prior to the commencement of any development on site.
   REASON: In the interest of aviation safety.

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6. Prior to the commencement of construction, details of the materials, colours and textures of all external finishes shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.
   REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

7. No surface water / rainwater shall discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances. The surface water drainage shall be in compliance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.
   REASON: In the interest of public health.

8. Where the Developer proposes to connect to a public water/wastewater network operated by Uisce Éireann, the Developer shall sign a connection agreement with Uisce Éireann prior to the commencement of the development.
   REASON: To ensure adequate provision of water and wastewater facilities.

9. The following requirements shall be complied with in full:
   a. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall fully demonstrate the impact that the traffic generated by the excavation phase and that of construction materials import have been correctly factored into the construction phase traffic and the impact assessment.
   b. The excavation phase of the approved Phase 1 development shall be completed prior to the commencement of the excavation phase of the proposed development.
   c. The Final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority once the main Contractor has been awarded the contract and prior to any works being carried out.
   d. The Construction Management Plan shall detail the specific measures to be put in place for limiting the impact of construction traffic on the N2 off ramp at Cold Winters and Kilshane Cross during the excavation phase of the development and during the peak hour traffic.
   e. Bay Lane shall not be utilised as a haul route.
   f. A revised Travel Plan shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority that outlines the strategies that will be implemented during construction to minimise private car use, ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety, and manage site logistics during construction and promote the use of carsharing and sustainable transport.
   g. Any works to the public footpath, verge and road carriageway to facilitate the development and any repairs to the public footpath, verge and road carriageway necessary as a result of the development shall be at the expense of the developer and completed to the Councils' standards for taking-in-charge and to the satisfaction of the Council.

h. The development shall not become operational until the road infrastructure permitted under ABP–317480-23 / Reg. Ref. FW22A/0204 has been constructed and opened to public traffic.

REASON: In the interest of traffic safety.

10. The following requirements in relation to existing trees and hedgerow shall be complied with in full:
    a. The developer shall engage the services of a suitably qualified Hedgerow Expert to prepare a Hedgerow Management Plan for all existing hedgerows on the site. The Adams Scale/Hedgerow Management Cycle, developed by Nigel Adams and illustrated by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), may be used to assess hedgerow condition and inform the preparation of the management plan. The plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
    b. An up-to-date Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for written approval. All recommendations and mitigation measures outlined within the approved document shall be fully implemented.
    c. Prior to the commencement of construction works, all protective fencing shall be erected in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan. A site meeting shall be held with the Parks & Landscape Officer, the project Arborist, and the site contractor to inspect and discuss all tree protection measures and future hedgerow management requirements. The protective fencing shall remain in place for the duration of the construction period.
    d. A tree bond in the sum of €100,000 shall be lodged with the Council prior to the commencement of development to ensure that all trees and hedgerows identified for retention and protection within the approved Tree Protection Plan are adequately protected and maintained in good condition throughout the course of the development.
    e. Prior to the release of the tree bond, a progress report on the implementation of the approved Hedgerow Management Plan and a post-construction assessment of the condition of all retained trees and hedgerows shall be undertaken by the project Arborist. All recommendations arising from these reports shall be implemented in full. Upon completion, the project Arborist shall submit the written reports together with a Certificate of Effective Completion to the Planning Authority.

    REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

11. The following requirements in relation to landscaping shall be complied with in full:
    a. The submitted Overall Landscape Masterplan and all associated drawings prepared by RMDA shall be implemented in full. All hard and soft landscaping

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works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved landscape plans and specifications.

b. All planting associated with the development shall be carried out during the first planting season following completion of the development. Any trees, shrubs, hedgerows, or plants which, within a period of two years from the completion of the development, die, are removed, become seriously damaged, or become diseased shall be replaced with specimens of similar species and size, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. Replacement planting shall continue until such time as the landscape scheme is satisfactorily established.

c. The project Landscape Architect shall be retained by the developer for the duration of the project to supervise the implementation of the approved landscape plans from commencement through to completion. Upon completion of all landscaping works, the Landscape Architect shall submit a Certificate of Effective Completion to the Planning Authority confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

REASON: In the interest of visual amenity.

12. The following requirements shall be complied with in full:

a. A suitably qualified archaeological consultant should be appointed to oversee the project from design through to planning and construction phase.

b. The developer shall engage the services of a suitably qualified, experienced and licenced eligible archaeologist to carry out archaeological monitoring of all groundworks at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.

c. The archaeologist shall notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations.

d. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, or preservation by record (excavation) may be required. Works may be halted pending receipt of advice from the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage who will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.

e. On completion of monitoring of groundworks and prior to occupation of the development, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for their written agreement.

REASON: To ensure the continued preservation (either in situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

13. Prior to the commencement of development, the public lighting design shall be submitted and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority to include the following:
    a. The lighting design shall comply with FCC Public Lighting Specification and agreed in writing with the public lighting section.
    b. TIC drawing.
    c. Scaled drawing showing the locations of all public lighting columns and section pillars.
        - Proposed lighting class and lighting levels to be stated on the drawing.
        - Column and luminaire details to be included on the drawing.
        - Any existing public lighting locations at the site entrances and along the site boundary must also be included on the drawing.
    d. Lighting calculation report preferably in Lighting Reality format, with separate calculation grids for different parts of the site (e.g. overall, car parks, site entrances, along the main road.)
        - Luminaire maintenance factor, colour temperature, mounting height, angle of tilt, out-reach, and proposed luminaires to be included in the calculation report.
        - The lighting standard and lighting class the proposed scheme is designed to, must also be stated in the report.
    e. Isolux contour drawing of the proposed lighting levels.
    f. Proposed ducting layout including all access chambers, proposed public lighting section pillars and ESB Networks section pillars.
    g. Product data sheets and drawings of proposed public lighting infrastructure (luminaires, columns, cables, ducting, section pillars, access chambers).
    h. Fingal County Council LED Technical details sheets to be completed for each proposed luminaire.
    i. Circuit schematics and volt-drop calculations for the proposed circuits are required

REASON: In the interest of amenity and public safety.

14. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall prepare an updated Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021). The RWMP shall include details of the various waste streams and expected tonnages which will be generated during site clearance, demolition and construction phases and any proposed exportation or importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under By-Product notification. The RWMP shall also include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

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REASON: In the interests of public health and to ensure proper planning and sustainable development.

15. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the Planning Authority final details in relation to the following:
    a. Final details in relation to the sound insulation of plant buildings to include acoustic specifications of the sound insulation to be used in the buildings.
    b. Full details in relation to noise assessments.
    c. Final details in relation to the acoustic wall to be installed at each turbine location.
    d. All of the above is required to be completed by an appropriately qualified acoustician with the necessary acoustic training and experience, and the applicant is advised to seek specialist advice

    REASON: In the interests of public health and to ensure proper planning and sustainable development.

16. A detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be prepared and submitted to the Planning Authority for their agreement prior to the commencement of works, or any phase of works, including any enabling works. The CEMP will set out proposed construction activities linked to a construction programme and include a schedule of all environmental protection measures to be employed, the timing of such measures. The CEMP shall include all of the relevant mitigation measures set out in the EIAR and other documentation submitted with the planning application, especially in terms of biodiversity, surface water, air quality (including dust), noise and vibration, construction traffic and resource and waste management.
    REASON: In the interests of public health & to ensure proper planning and sustainable development.

17. All services associated with the proposed development, including electrical, telecommunications, telephone and street lighting cables, shall be located underground. Any relocation of utility infrastructure shall be agreed with the relevant utility provider. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.
    REASON: In the interest of visual amenity and to provide a satisfactory standard of amenity in the development.

18. The developer shall comply in full with the following: (a) All necessary measures shall be taken by the applicant/developer to prevent the spillage or deposit of any materials including clay, rubble, or other debris or adjoining roads during the course of development. In the event of any such spillage or deposit, immediate steps shall be taken to remove the material from the road surface at the applicant/developer's

own expense. (b) The applicant/developer shall be responsible for the full cost of repair in respect of any damage caused to the adjoining public road, arising from the construction work and shall either make good any damage to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority or pay the Planning Authority the cost of making good such damage upon issue of such a requirement by the Planning Authority.
REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

19. The developer shall comply in full with the following:
    a. The hours of operation of all construction sites shall be restricted to between 0700 hours to 1900 hours Monday to Friday, and between 0900 hours to 1300 hours on Saturdays.
    b. No activities shall take place on site on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
    c. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from Fingal County Council. Such approval may be given subject to conditions pertaining to the particular circumstances being set by Fingal County Council.

    REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

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Appendix 1 – Consultee Reports
Water Services

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: SID/01/26
Registration Date: 22-May-2026
Development: Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location: Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant: Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

Surface Water: No objection subject to

1. An Engineering Assessment Report, prepared by Waterman Moylan, has been provided with the submission, outlining the surface water calculations, modelling data and SUDS proposals. The developer intends to implement a number of SUDS measures as part of the overall drainage strategy for the overall proposed development:
    - An underground attenuation tank will be provided alongside the existing U/G tanks, to serve this phase of the development and this will ensure that the instantaneous surface water runoff rate from the site will not exceed the greenfield runoff rate. Water quality to be managed by controlling the volume and treating the discharge in line with SUDS principles.
    - Surface water run-off will be collected via roadside tree pits and swales, which will act as site control measures. Additionally, the compound area will be a gravel/stone area to allow for permeability. These measures will act as interception, treatment and storage for surface water runoff, prior to discharge to the existing surface water drainage.
    - Petrol interceptors will be installed prior to discharge to the existing surface water drainage.

    In summary, the surface water strategy is deemed acceptable in principle.
2. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
3. The surface water drainage must be in compliance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

Flooding: No Objection

A Flood Risk Assessment, prepared by Waterman Moylan, has been provided as part of the submission, which outlines the potential flood risks and mitigation measures associated with the proposed development. In summary, the level of flood risk is deemed to be low/very low, subject to the implementation of the

mitigation measures outlined within the FRA submission. This is considered to be acceptable in principle.

Officer: __TM_____ Endorsed: DD
Date: ___13/07/2026_____ Date: 13/07/2026

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Transportation Planning Section

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference:	SID/01/26
Registration Date:	22-May-2026
Development:	Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location:	Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant:	Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type:	Strategic Infrastructure Development

General

The proposed development is located within the townland of Kilshane, located to the west of the N2 at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11 and located to the south of Kilshane Road and the permitted development FCC Reg. Ref.: FW22A/0204 (ABP Ref.: 317480-23) as amended by FCC Reg. Ref.: FW25A/0523E, and adjacent to the permitted development 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation permitted under ACP Ref.: 314894-22, west of the M2 motorway, to the north of Roadstone Huntstown Quarry, and to the east of agricultural lands and Northwest Logistics Park.

The proposed development consists of a Power Generation Station including:

- (2 no. Open Cycle Gas Turbines) along associated ancillary structures, and services,
- Air Insulated Substation (AIS) adjacent to each of the turbines.
- A 400kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) substation
- access and services to connect to the adjacent permitted development.

Access

The proposed development is located in a 60km/hr speed limit accessed from an internal road network associated with an approved road re-alignment under reg. ref. FW22A/0204 currently under construction.

Cycle Parking and Car Parking

Given the levels of staff required for both phase 1(2 staff on average up to a max of 25) and phase 2 (2 staff on average up to a max of 5) the permitted 26 car parking spaces and Cyle parking spaces are sufficient to accommodate the proposed development

Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA)

A Traffic and Transport Assessment (TTA) has been submitted with the application prepared by Waterman Moylan Consulting Engineers. The existing traffic conditions for the subject site were derived from the Planning Application Reg. Ref. No. FW24A/0339E. The proposed development includes a traffic survey carried out by IDASO on Thursday 2nd May 2024 over the course of 12 hours (7:00am to 7:00pm).

The assessment is based on the worst case scenario for when the development is operational and up to 30 staff are attending and includes cumulative assessment of permitted development in the area and during the excavation phase of construction.

The following junctions have been considered for assessment.

- Junction 1 permitted roundabout currently under construction: (L3120) Kilshane Road / Proposed Site Access
- Junction 2 (Kilshane Cross) (signalised crossroads

Trip generation potential for the proposed development has been estimated based on the staff number and goods deliveries. The assessment concluded that during both the construction and operation phases, Junction 1 and Junction 2 are expected to experience a two-way traffic increase of less than 5% (TII Thresholds) during both the AM and PM peak hours, representing neutral and not-significant alterations to the junctions. Therefore, no further traffic assessment was deemed necessary for both phases of the subject development. The submission indicates that the development will exceed the 2.5% threshold that the Council applies to local junctions where further analysis would be sought.

The construction period for the subject development is expected to overlap with that of the approved Phase 1 development, and it is assumed that excavation for the approved Phase 1 development will be completed prior to the commencement of the current development.

During the excavation phase, a total of approximately 31 to 36 HGV movements per day is anticipated. Peak hour construction Traffic including HGV traffic is detailed below table.

The signalised junction of Kilshane Cross is considered to be a sensitive junction and experiences queuing and delays on Kilshane Road. However, the Transportation Planning Section acknowledges that this constraint is outside the control of the applicant and the management of traffic during the construction stage will be paramount.

- It is noted that there is a slight difference in relation to the amount of construction traffic generated in the peak hours given in the CMP and the TA. The applicant should fully demonstrate the impact that the traffic generated by the

excavation phase and that of construction materials import have been correctly factored into the construction phase traffic and the impact assessment.

Preliminary Construction Traffic Management Plan (CMP)
The outline plan is acceptable but lacks detail. The final plan should address in more detail the measures to be put in place for limiting the impact of construction traffic at both the N2 off ramp at Cold Winters and Kilshane Cross during the excavation phase of the development and during the peak hours.

All details regarding safety issues including the appropriate signage and traffic management (as required) should form part of the TMP and licencing procedures. This will include abnormal load routes and access requirements and arrangements. All relevant Abnormal Load licences road opening licenses, setting out construction working hours, lane closures, road closures etc. shall be obtained within the appropriate time periods prior to the commencement of construction works for the proposed development. It should be noted that restricted hours would apply during the peak hour traffic periods or as specified by the Operations Department Traffic Section. All measures to mitigate the impact of the proposed works on the public road network shall be agreed as part of the Construction Stage Traffic Management Plan in conjunction with the Council.

- The Final Construction Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority once the main Contractor has been awarded the contract and prior to any works being carried out.
- The Construction Management Plan shall detail the specific measures to be put in place for limiting the impact of construction traffic at both the N2 off ramp at Cold Winters and Kilshane Cross during the excavation phase of the development and during the peak hour traffic.
- Bay Lane shall not be utilised as a haul route.

A Construction Mobility Management Plan (CMMP)/Travel Plan
A Plan has been submitted to support the development.

- A revised Travel Plan shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority that outlines the strategies that will be implemented during construction to minimise private car use, ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety, and manage site logistics during construction and promote the use of carsharing and sustainable transport.

Conclusion

If a grant of permission is being considered the Infrastructure and Transport Department recommends that the following conditions be applied:

- It is noted that there is a slight difference in relation to the amount of estimated construction traffic generated in the peak hours given in the CMP and the TTA. The applicant should fully demonstrate the impact that the traffic generated by the excavation phase and that of construction materials import have been correctly factored into the construction phase traffic and the impact assessment.
- The excavation phase of the approved Phase 1 development shall be completed prior to the commencement of the excavation phase of the proposed development.
- The Final Construction Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority once the main Contractor has been awarded the contract and prior to any works being carried out.
- The Construction Management Plan shall detail the specific measures to be put in place for limiting the impact of construction traffic on the N2 off ramp at Cold Winters and Kilshane Cross during the excavation phase of the development and during the peak hour traffic.
- Bay Lane shall not be utilised as a haul route.
- A revised Travel Plan shall be submitted for the approval of the Planning Authority that outlines the strategies that will be implemented during construction to minimise private car use, ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety, and manage site logistics during construction and promote the use of carsharing and sustainable transport.
- Any works to the public footpath, verge and road carriageway to facilitate the development and any repairs to the public footpath, verge and road carriageway necessary as a result of the development shall be at the expense of the developer and completed to the Councils' standards for taking-in-charge and to the satisfaction of the Council.
- All necessary measures shall be taken by the applicant/developer to prevent the spillage or deposit of any materials including clay, rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of development. In the event of any such spillage or deposit, immediate steps shall be taken to remove the material from the road surface at the applicant/developers own expense.
- The applicant/developer shall be responsible for the full cost of repair in respect of any damage caused to the adjoining public road arising from the construction work associated with the proposed development and shall either make good any damage to the satisfaction of the Council or pay the Council the cost of making good any such damage upon issue of such a requirement by the Council.

- The development shall not become operational until the road infrastructure permitted under reg. ref. FW22A/0204 has been constructed and opened to public traffic.

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Officer:		Endorsed:	**Niamh O Connor**
Date:		Date:	**16/07/2026**

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: SID/01/26
Registration Date: 22-May-2026
Development: Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location: Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant: Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

The last Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) submitted for this site was prepared by Dr Philip Blackstock in 2022. The applicant should be requested to submit a revised AMS & Tree protection Plan, as no hedgerow protection details have been provided with the current application. In addition, given the importance of the existing hedgerows to the site, details of their long-term management and maintenance should be submitted for assessment.

If planning permission is granted, the following conditions should be attached:

Existing Trees and Hedgerows
a. The applicant shall engage the services of a suitably qualified Hedgerow Expert to prepare a Hedgerow Management Plan for all existing hedgerows on the site. The Adams Scale/Hedgerow Management Cycle, developed by Nigel Adams and illustrated by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), may be used to assess hedgerow condition and inform the preparation of the management plan. The plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.
b. An up-to-date Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for written approval. All recommendations and mitigation measures outlined within the approved document shall be fully implemented.
c. Prior to the commencement of construction works, all protective fencing shall be erected in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan. A site meeting shall be held with the Parks & Landscape Officer, the project Arborist, and the site contractor to inspect and discuss all tree protection measures and future hedgerow management

requirements. The protective fencing shall remain in place for the duration of the construction period.

d. A tree bond in the sum of €100,000 shall be lodged with the Council prior to the commencement of development to ensure that all trees and hedgerows identified for retention and protection within the approved Tree Protection Plan are adequately protected and maintained in good condition throughout the course of the development.

e. Prior to the release of the tree bond, a progress report on the implementation of the approved Hedgerow Management Plan and a post-construction assessment of the condition of all retained trees and hedgerows shall be undertaken by the project Arborist. All recommendations arising from these reports shall be implemented in full. Upon completion, the project Arborist shall submit the written reports together with a Certificate of Effective Completion to the Planning Authority.

Landscaping Conditions

a. The submitted Overall Landscape Masterplan and all associated drawings prepared by RMDA shall be implemented in full. All hard and soft landscaping works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved landscape plans and specifications.

b. All planting associated with the development shall be carried out during the first planting season following completion of the development. Any trees, shrubs, hedgerows, or plants which, within a period of two years from the completion of the development, die, are removed, become seriously damaged, or become diseased shall be replaced with specimens of similar species and size, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. Replacement planting shall continue until such time as the landscape scheme is satisfactorily established.

c. The project Landscape Architect shall be retained by the developer for the duration of the project to supervise the implementation of the approved landscape plans from commencement through to completion. Upon completion of all landscaping works, the Landscape Architect shall submit a Certificate of Effective Completion to the Planning Authority confirming that the works have been carried out in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

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Officer: _____ Endorsed: _Annie Meagher_____
Date: _____ Date: _20/07/2026_____

Public Lighting

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of the Public Lighting Section

Register Reference: SID/01/26
Registration Date: 22-May-2026
Development: Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location: Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant: Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

The lighting submission has been noted. Some information remains outstanding. This can be dealt with by way of additional information or by condition if the application is granted. If granted, please see the following conditions:

1. The lighting design should comply with FCC Public Lighting Specification and agreed in writing with the public lighting section.
2. TIC drawing.
3. Scaled drawing showing the locations of all public lighting columns and section pillars.
    - Proposed lighting class and lighting levels to be stated on the drawing.
    - Column and luminaire details to be included on the drawing.
    - Any existing public lighting locations at the site entrances and along the site boundary must also be included on the drawing.
4. Lighting calculation report preferably in Lighting Reality format, with separate calculation grids for different parts of the site (e.g. overall, car parks, site entrances, along the main road.)
    - Luminaire maintenance factor, colour temperature, mounting height, angle of tilt, outreach, and proposed luminaires to be included in the calculation report.
    - The lighting standard and lighting class the proposed scheme is designed to, must also be stated in the report.
5. Isolux contour drawing of the proposed lighting levels.
6. Proposed ducting layout including all access chambers, proposed public lighting section pillars and ESB Networks section pillars.
7. Product data sheets and drawings of proposed public lighting infrastructure (luminaires, columns, cables, ducting, section pillars, access chambers).
8. Fingal County Council LED Technical details sheets to be completed for each proposed luminaire.

9. Circuit schematics and volt-drop calculations for the proposed circuits are required

Officer: Kevin Broderick Endorsed: _____

Date: 06/07/2026 Date: _____

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Heritage Officer

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of the Heritage Officer

Register Reference: SID/01/26
Registration Date: 22-May-2026
Development: Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location: Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant: Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

Information pertaining to the archaeological remains was also included Chapter 12 Archaeological, Architectural and Cultural Heritage and Appendix 12 of the EIAR by AWN Consulting (dated September 2022).

To note section 12.1 contains this erroneous statement
'Archaeological heritage generally refers to objects, monuments, buildings or landscapes of an (assumed) age typically older than AD1700 and usually recorded as archaeological sites within the Record of Monuments and Places…. The term architectural heritage applies to structures, buildings, their contents and setting of an (assumed) age, typically younger than 1700 CE….'
As overlapping designations show (Recorded Monuments/RPS) this is not the case.

Immediately to the north of the proposed development the sub-surface remains of a large early medieval enclosure with external gullies and pits was excavate. The site of the proposed development has been subjected to geophysical survey (NMS Licence Ref. 22R0092) and archaeological testing (NMS Licence Ref. 22E0348). While no archaeological remains were identified within the subject site, it is located within an archaeological landscape.

Given the scale of the site and the relatively high potential for further identification of archaeological material in the areas beyond those subject to test excavation the following is required;

1. A suitably qualified archaeological consultant should be appointed to oversee the project from design through to planning and construction phase.
2. A programme of archaeological monitoring is also required

- All ground reduction should be subject to a programme of archaeological monitoring, under licence, by a suitably qualified archaeologist.
- Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, or preservation by record (excavation) may be required. Works may be halted pending receipt of advice from the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage who will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.
- On completion of monitoring of groundworks, and any excavations arising, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

3. The above should be included in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan for the site.

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Officer: ____Christine Baker_____ Endorsed: _____
Date: _____14/07/2026_____ Date: _____

Environment (Waste)

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Gníomhaíochta ar son na hAeráide, Taistil Gníomhaigh & Spóirt
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

7st July 2026

Sarah Lowther
Planning Officer
Planning Department.

Register Ref:	**SID/01/26**
Location:	Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant:	Kilshane Energy Limited
Development:	Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
App. Type	Strategic Infrastructure Development
Date Recd.:	July 1, 2026

With reference to the above application the Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation) have the following comments:

1/ Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall prepare an updated Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the **Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021)**. The RWMP shall include details of the various waste streams and expected tonnages which will be generated during site clearance, demolition and construction phases and any proposed exportation or importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under By-Product notification. The RWMP shall also include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.

Regards

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Air and Noise Unit

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of Environment - Air & Noise Unit
Register Ref: SID/01/26
Development: Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development
Location: Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11
Applicant : Kilshane Energy Limited
Application Type : Permission (SID)

Report
The Air and Noise Unit have the following comments in respect of this application:

- We note that the application is for two additional gas turbines with an output of 340 Megawatts (MW) per turbine (Phase 2), in addition to the already permitted Gas Turbine Power Generation Station at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11 (Phase 1).
- The EIAR identified the nearest Noise Sensitive Locations, with background noise monitoring carried out in July 2025. Potential noise impacts on these noise receptors were examined for the construction phase and the operational phase of the proposed development.
- Potential impacts from the construction phase were examined and found to be negative, not significant and short-term. These impacts could be mitigated by a condition requiring the submission of a Construction and Environmental Management Plan prior to commencement.
- Potential impacts from the operational phase were examined in the EIAR, with power plant noise and additional vehicular traffic on public roads deemed to be the primary sources.
- For the power plant noise, the applicant prepared a 3D computer-based noise prediction model to quantify the operational noise level associated with the proposed development.
- In relation to the power plant, section 10.4.2.1 of the EIAR states that there are two modes in which the dual-fuel power plant can operate: (1) Gas fuel operation (2) Liquid fuel operation. The EIAR states that certain items of plant are relevant to only one mode: in gas fuel operation, the demineralised water pump, fuel oil pump and liquid fuel module do not operate; in liquid fuel operation, the fuel gas heater skid and separator skid do not operate. The EIAR states that these plant items will be installed within a building with sufficient sound insulation to ensure that their noise contribution will be insignificant, however it is not clear what

acoustic specifications will be used for the proposed sound insulation. This should be clarified.

- Section 10.4.2.2 of the EIAR looked at noise impacts during the night-time period, which are most sensitive, and found that the cumulative predicted impacts ranged from 'imperceptible' (no change) to 'not significant' (+1 dB) as per Table 10-16. However, it is not clear what operational mode these cumulative predictions refer to and if they are in respect of Phase 2 operation only, or Phase 1 and 2 operating simultaneously. This should be clarified.
- Cumulative impacts were examined in more detail in section 10.7. In section 10.7.1, it was noted by the applicant that the existing ambient noise levels in the area were dominated by aircraft and road traffic noise from the local road network. It was also noted that 'At certain locations during night-time periods where existing background noise levels were measured in the range of 35 to 50 dB LA90,15min, low levels of plant noise from the proposed development may be audible during lulls in other sources'. No further information has been provided to identify these locations and confirm if these are residential locations or not. This should be clarified, particularly the site(s) where 35dB was measured.
- In section 10.7.3, the EIAR examined the cumulative impacts of various operational modes at the site, and found the following:
    - The cumulative impacts of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 for gas operation are predicted to range from 'imperceptible' (no change) to 'not significant' (+2dB) at Noise Sensitive Locations, as per Table 10-17.
    - The cumulative impacts of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 for liquid operation are predicted to range from 'imperceptible' (no change) to 'slight' (+3dB) at Noise Sensitive Locations, as per Table 10-18.

  However, for both tables it is not stated if these are day-time or night-time impacts. This should be clarified.
- Other related developments including an Above Ground Installation facility, a Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) facility, substation and grid connections, have been reviewed by the applicant for cumulative impacts, and significant cumulative noise impacts are not considered likely.
- The EIAR confirms that all plant will be selected to ensure that no tonal or excessive low frequency noise emissions are evident at the Noise Sensitive Locations. The EIAR also states that noise from external plant will be minimised by purchasing low noise generating equipment and incorporating appropriately specified in-line attenuators for stacks and exhausts where necessary. A 12m high acoustic wall is proposed for each turbine to reduce noise levels at Noise Sensitive Locations. The length of this acoustic wall at each turbine should be clarified.
- The proposed development is not expected to add a significant amount of additional traffic to the surrounding road network during operation, and any change in noise level is expected to be 'imperceptible'.

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- Section 2.2.2 of the EIAR confirms that the site is regulated by an existing EPA Industrial Emissions (IE) Licence (reference P1208-01), which sets out limits and monitoring requirements for various parameters including noise emissions from the Kilshane site. It is expected that a licence review will be required to reflect the design changes at the site resulting from the proposed development. The proposed development will be required to operate within the licensed emission limits set for the Kilshane site, including noise limits.

In respect of the above, our comments are as follows:

1. The applicant should clearly indicate which plant items will be installed within the sound insulated building. Further details on the building together with acoustic specifications of the sound insulation to be used in the building should also be provided.
2. The applicant should clarify the locations where existing background night-time noise levels were measured in the range of 35 to 50 dB LA90,15min, and where low levels of plant noise from the proposed development may be audible during lulls in other sources. The applicant should also clarify if these locations are residential or not.
3. The applicant should clarify the operating scenarios and time periods for all noise impact predictions presented in the report, including noise impact predictions presented in Tables 10-16, 10-17 and 10-18.
4. The applicant should clarify the length of the acoustic wall to be installed at each turbine location.
5. All of the above is required to be completed by an appropriately qualified acoustician with the necessary acoustic training and experience, and the applicant is advised to seek specialist advice.

Officer: Rebecca Walsh, Executive Scientist

Signature: 

Date: 16.07.2026

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Appendix 2 – Letter from An Coimisiún Pleanála

Our Case Number: ACP-324305-26

An Coimisiún Pleanála

Fingal County Council
County Hall
Main Street
Swords
Co. Dublin
K67 X8Y2

Date: 25 May 2026

Re: Proposed development of a 680MW Gas-Fired Generation Station
at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11 (www.kilshanephase2sid.com)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received an application for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

It is noted that a copy of the application relating to the proposed development has been sent to the offices of the planning authority.

Please be advised that you are requested to make the application documentation available for public inspection/purchase at your offices in accordance with the terms of the public notice. The pre-application consultation file already sent to you must be associated with the application file documentation. It is the Commission's intention that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of the application.
Written submissions in relation to the proposed development should be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Please be advised that a fee of €50 is payable to the Commission in order to make a submission on this application.

Please be advised that An Coimisiún Pleanála will contact you via email with a direct link to our website, where you will be able to view all submissions received on the application.

Section 37E(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requires you to submit to the Commission a report setting out the views of the authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of the authority within a period of 10 weeks from the making of the application to the Commission. The application was made to the Commission on the 22nd May 2026 and I can confirm that the deadline for the submission of the report is therefore on or before the **30th July 2026**.

Please be advised that the Commission may not be in a position to extend the deadline referred to above having regard to the timelines within which the Commission is required to make a decision.

In addition to the information required to be submitted with this report by the provisions of section 37E(4-7) please note that the Commission requests that the report address, where relevant, all of the issues identified at section 7 of the "Guidelines for Planning Authorities" in respect of section 37A of the Act (which are available on the Commission's website at www.pleanala.ie).

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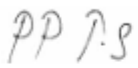
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A copy of the planning authority report should also be placed on the public file at the planning authority office.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



Ellen Moss
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737285

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 26

SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2026 – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDING

In July 2026, the Town Regeneration Office launched a Shopfront Enhancement Scheme to assist owners or occupiers of independently owned shops to upgrade, enhance and improve the facades of their premises, which will make their locations a more attractive place to live, work, visit or do business. The scheme will be funded by Fingal County Council.

Grant funding can be provided up to a maximum of 90% of the projected costs of the improvement works. A maximum ceiling of support of €2,000 applies per property. Retrospective payments will be made once all works are completed and satisfactory evidence of completion of payments has been provided.

The scheme applies to Commercial premises in eligible locations designated as "Major Town Centre" or "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 - 2029.

The following applications from businesses within Fingal satisfy the conditions of the scheme and have received approval at the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting of 2nd September 2026 and the Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting of 10th September 2026. They are hereby presented for full-Council funding **Approval**:

	Applicant:	Proposed Grant Amount:
1	Serenity Beauty, Naul (Painting)	€2,000
2	Off Grid Coffee, Howth (Painting)	€1,430.10
3	Millbank Theatre, Rush (Painting)	€1,797.30
4	Saks Hair, Swords (Painting)	€1, 800
5	Beshoff Bros, Malahide (Shopfront Repair and Painting)	€2,000
6	MRUI Ltd – Kitchen of Asia, Malahide (Shopfront Repair and Painting)	€2,000
7	SVP Malahide (Signage Replacement)	€2,000
8	Howley's Butchers, Lusk (Painting)	€1,553.62
9	Sherry-Fitzgerald-Cumisky, Rush (Shopfront Repair, Painting)	€1,800
10	Sherry-Fitzgerald-Cumisky, Skerries (Shopfront Repair, Painting)	€1,800
11	Sherry-Fitzgerald-Cumisky, Balbriggan (Shopfront Repair, Painting)	€1,800
12	Brophy Estates, Malahide (Shopfront Repair, Painting, Signage Replacement	€2,000
13	Balbriggan Family Practice, Balbriggan (Painting)	€2,000
14	The Strand, Rush (Painting)	€2,000
15	Café Provence, Malahide (Painting)	€2,000
16	Sienna's Restaurant, Malahide (Painting)	€2,000
17	Gratiam Ltd, Malahide (Signage Replacement)	€2,000
18	Robyn's Nest, Malahide (Shopfront Repair and Painting)	€1,760.62

19	The Yard, Skerries (Shopfront Repair, Painting)	€1,940.85
20	The Greedy Goose, Malahide (Painting)	€2,000
21	Around a Pound, Balbriggan (Painting)	€2,000
22	Mamo, Howth (Shopfront Repair and Painting)	€1,991.92
23	Mr. Wu, Balbriggan (Shopfront Repair, Painting)	€2,000
	Total	**€43,674.41**

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Fingal County Council
Access Strategy

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Glossary of Terms

DPRO	Disabled Persons Representative Organisation
EAA	European Accessibility Act
FCC	Fingal County Council
ISL	Irish Sign Language
NALA	National Adult Learning Agency
UNCRDP/UNCRPD	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons/Persons with Disabilities
VVI	Voice of Vision Impairment

1.

Joint Foreword

Councillor Tony Murphy

Mayor of Fingal County Council





AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive Fingal County Council

As Mayor and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, we warmly welcome the publication of the Fingal County Council Access Strategy, the first of its kind for our Council.

Through the Actions of this Strategy, we recognise that accessibility is not a privilege, but a fundamental right. It is the foundation upon which equal opportunities are built, allowing everyone to engage fully in their communities, workplaces, and public spaces. The direct alignment of the Access Strategy with Articles of the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) underlines our commitment to uphold our obligations in this regard.

Development of the Strategy began in early 2024 and was led by our Access Officer. A series of consultations took place with Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPROs), local Fingal groups and indeed the wider Fingal community. Their voices, insights, and experiences have shaped our approach, ensuring that the Actions of this Strategy are not only ambitious but practical and impactful. From physical spaces to how we communicate, from training our staff to making our events inclusive to all - the Actions will help create a standard where access and inclusion are fundamental in everything we do as a Local Authority.

We understand that accessibility is an ongoing journey—one that calls for continuous meaningful engagement, adaptation, and the active participation of DPROs. The Strategy is a robust policy document which will be open to the addition of new Actions and ideas in the times ahead to keep it fresh, authentic and relevant. It will build on the many positive measures we have taken over the years, including the implementation of the Housing Strategy for Disabled People (2021-2026), the Active Travel-led 'Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability' initiative; the launch of sensory resource backpacks in Fingal Libraries; and the Fingal Water Sport Camps for children with additional needs as recent highlights. A new internal Access Committee, made up of key staff from all departments, will meet frequently and work on delivering the Actions of the Strategy while acting as 'Access champions' to assist in fostering a more accessible, inclusive mindset.

The Fingal County Council Access Strategy is just the beginning. We look forward to building momentum through our Actions and developing them further as we continue to to meet the needs of disabled persons in Fingal.

2.

Introduction



Cathal Kearney

Access Officer
Fingal County Council

My name is Cathal Kearney and I am honoured to be Fingal County Council's first full-time Access Officer.

Since my appointment in August 2023 under the provisions of the Disability Act 2005, I have been working with Fingal County Council departments and stakeholders to develop this Access Strategy. This is the first of these strategies for Fingal County Council.

Throughout 2024, I carried out wide-ranging consultation through a series of workshops and a detailed questionnaire to understand how accessible and inclusive our services and facilities are. I had an opportunity to meet many disabled people and disability groups through several workshop events where I listened to people's views, suggestions and concerns.

Every effort was made to contact Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPROs), in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons (UNCRDP). However it must be acknowledged that many DPROs are not fully resourced, leading to low capacity and availability.

Engagement with DPROs will be key to the success of the Actions of this Access Strategy in the years ahead.

Having concluded my research and discussed the findings with internal Council Departments and Management, we have agreed a list of Actions. These Actions are guided by Articles of the UNCRDP – in the following areas:

1. Communications and Information
2. Buildings and Infrastructure
3. Employment and Training
4. Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport
5. Public Realm and Connectivity

By focusing on these five areas of our services, the Actions allow each internal Department in Fingal County Council to make further improvements to their services' accessibility and inclusivity.

I am delighted to now present to you Fingal County Council's very first Access Strategy. I encourage you to read it and continue to connect with us to ensure we can fulfil its Actions outlined in this document. As this Access Strategy is a live document, new ideas and suggestions are always welcome as we try to make it as fresh and relevant as possible.



Cathal Kearney
Access Officer
Fingal County Council

3.

Note on the Language we Use

Throughout this Access Strategy you will notice the term 'disabled people' is used. Many people still use the term 'people with disabilities', but this is medical model language which is not compatible with the social model or human rights approach to disability.

The social model recognised disability as being a negative social construct that can be overcome through awareness and design. In this way, the terms 'disability' and 'impairment' are wholly separate. People with impairments do not have to be disabled if their needs are met.

The international treaty referred to throughout this document is officially titled the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' (UNCRPD). However, because this is incompatible with the social model many disabled people and especially through their representative organisations would prefer 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People' (UNCRDP). For ease of reference in this document, we will refer to the UNCRPD/UNCRDP as 'the Convention'.

We appreciate that each individual has the right to use their own preferred language when describing themselves.

A Plain English Summary

What the Access Strategy is about

In this summary we tell you what this Access Strategy is all about, why we have made it and what it means for disabled people in our county.

This is Fingal County Council's first ever Access Strategy. An Access Strategy is an important policy document which looks at ways we can improve access for disabled people to our services. We promise to do as much as we can to remove barriers that disabled people face when using our services.

Examples of our services

Examples of the services we provide include:

- roads and footpaths
- housing
- parks and playgrounds
- libraries and events
- parking
- recycling centres

There are many, many more.

Our Access Strategy is about making sure that we include disabled people in our services and activities.

The Access Strategy is available to read in a few different ways. As well as the standard version, it is also available in:

- Irish
- Irish Sign Language (ISL) videos
- Easy Read
- Microsoft Word (for screen-reading technology)

This is important as it helps people, no matter their age, background, or ability, to better understand what we are doing and how we are going to do it.

Why the Access Strategy matters

As a County Council we provide many services to the public, and it is really important that we make these services as accessible for everyone as possible.

There are laws to protect the rights of disabled people, and the Access Strategy is guided by them.

We do lots of very good work to meet the needs of disabled people, but we understand that we can do much better! It is not about just one staff member making changes, it is about all of us making changes so we can provide better services for disabled people.

What is in the Access Strategy?

We spent a lot of time over the past year looking at how we do things and how we can do better. We asked disabled people who use our services about what and how we could improve. We went out to the community to meet people, and we surveyed people to record what their ideas and suggestions were.

We thought about what disabled people had to say, and we held meetings to decide a set of targets called 'Actions'.

The Access Strategy has 39 Actions. These actions cover 5 different areas:

1. communications and information
2. buildings and infrastructure (for example, roads and parks)
3. employment and training
4. cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
5. public realm and connectivity (for example, making public accessible parking spaces and improving our footpaths).

These Actions are just a start. We may need to add more and others may change. A lot is happening in the world of disability and there will always be better ways of doing things. We want to make sure we are ready for change and that we can work together for change to happen.

Here are some examples of what the Actions are about:

- **Action 1:** We will make our information documents available for people to read in more than one way.
- **Action 10:** We will work directly with disabled people to understand their needs and suggestions.
- **Action 12:** We will make sure our buildings are easy to access.
- **Action 18:** Our staff will be trained to understand more about disability, and the unnecessary barriers disabled people face.
- **Action 28:** Public events will be more inclusive and enjoyable for disabled people.
- **Action 38:** We will work on making our parks, playgrounds, trails and beaches easier to get to and get around.

What happens next?

We have arranged for staff from each of our departments to work on a new committee called the Access Committee. The job of our Access Committee will be to help carry out the Actions in this Access Strategy and look for new ideas that we can take on.

You might have lots of questions for us after reading the full Access Strategy, and you are more than welcome to ask us. You will find the name, phone number and email address of our Access Officer on page 66 if you want to get in touch with your questions.

Summary guide

The Access Strategy itself is a long document and takes time to read, but we promise it is worth it!

To help you find what you are looking for, here is a summary guide:

More information about Strategy • To learn about the Access Strategy, go to:	Page 18
How you helped • Understand how you helped us make this Strategy, go to:	Page 27
The actions we will take • To read the actions we are going to take to make this Strategy work, go to:	Page 38
Our contact details • To get in touch with us and find out about different ways we can help you, go to:	Page 62

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.

Plain English
Approved by NALA

Delivery for All: Corporate Plan 2025-2029

Vision

Fingal – connecting people through inclusive communities and vibrant and sustainable places.

Mission

To provide a high-quality people-centred service, enable planned growth, lead on climate action and celebrate our cultural heritage.

Our Values

Accountable: We behave transparently and with integrity in our delivery of quality services.

Ambitious: We strive for excellence setting high standards to drive positive change across Fingal.

Accessible: Our services, resources, and amenities will be easy to use.

Inclusive: We value diversity; everyone feels welcome, respected and empowered to participate.

Resilient: We are committed to building a sustainable county to strengthen our communities and protect our environment.

5.

About Fingal, Our County

Fingal is defined by the diversity of its residents and its landscape in equal measure

- The county of Fingal comprises a geographical area of 450 square kilometres stretching from Balbriggan in the north of the county to Blanchardstown in the south west and over to Howth in the east.
- It is rural, urban, coastal and suburban.
- It is defined by the diversity of its residents and its landscape in equal measure.
- Its coastline stretches over 88 kilometres with 13 major beaches, three protected estuaries and salt marsh habitats. The River Liffey borders its south western edge.
- Fingal's population is the fastest growing of any county in Ireland. It is characterised by its diversity and youthfulness, relative to other local authority areas across the country and its population is expected to continue to grow.
- Fingal has **7** local electoral areas: **Balbriggan; Rush-Lusk; Swords; Blanchardstown – Mulhuddart; Ongar; Howth-Malahide; Castleknock.**
- Fingal's expansive **88km of coastline** and unique mix of rural and urban settings create many ideal conditions which foster a wide range of sport and physical activities.
- Fingal County Council is led by a Chief Executive and an Executive Management team and provides a wide range of services including, but not limited to, infrastructure and parks, community and leisure facilities, libraries and cultural activities, housing, planning, environmental services, maintenance, transportation routes, and business support.



Our People



330,506
Population of Fingal (2022)



6.4%
Of Ireland's population live in Fingal



369,000
Estimated population of Fingal by 2031



93%
Of Fingal's population are living in urban areas



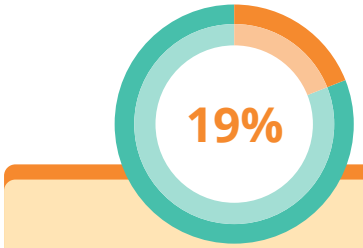
7%
Of Fingal's population are living in rural areas



50.8% // 49.2%
Of Fingal's population are Female and Male respectively

6.

Fingal's Disability Statistics (Census 2022)[1.]



of the population of Fingal, or **61,412** people, have at least one disability.

Number of people in each age range with a disability



0-14	15-24	25-44	44-65	65+
7,024	7,016	14,619	17,407	15,346

Disability by gender

Male	Female
28,690	**32,722**

Labour Participation[2.]

40.31% of people with disabilities over 15 are at work compared to 51.92% of the general population

Social Housing[3.]

12.60% of people with disabilities are in social housing (by household) compared to 8.34% of the general population

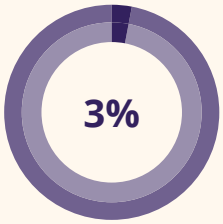
Number of people with each type of disability

23,564	16,583	16,365
Difficulty with pain, breathing or any other chronic illness or condition	Difficulty with basic physical activities	Blindness or a vision impairment

15,825	14,257	11,400	6,245
Psychological or emotional condition or a mental health issue	Difficulty with learning, remembering or concentrating	Deafness or a hearing impairment	Intellectual disability

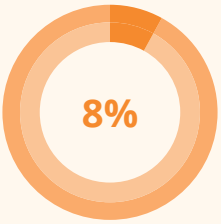
Education level obtained[4,5.]

No formal education



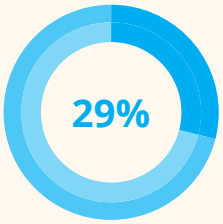
have no formal education compared to 1.31% of the general population.

Primary level



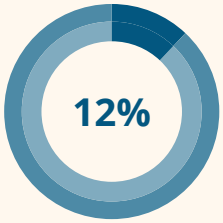
did not progress beyond primary education compared to 3.73% of the general population.

Secondary



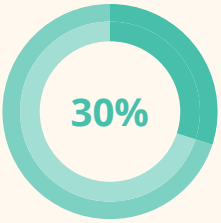
had completed upper secondary compared to 22.92% of the general population.

Further education



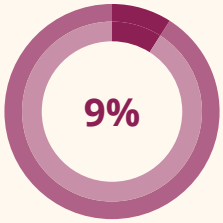
had completed further education compared to 10.14% of the general population.

Higher education



had completed higher level education compared to 35.56% of the general population.

Still in education



are still in education compared to 11.50% of the general population.

1. All statistics based on Census 2022, *cso.ie*.
2. These numbers represent every individual over 15, including those in education, those over 65 and people retired.
3. People aged 15 years and over, who were renting from a Local Authority or a Voluntary Body.
4. Further education includes vocational/technical certificate and advanced certificate/completed apprenticeship, higher education includes Higher Certificate, Ordinary/Honours Bachelor, Postgraduate Diploma/Degree, and Doctorate. Data based on special tabulation from CSO.
5. % of all adults, both ceased and not ceased their education. Adults who did not indicate whether they had ceased education are not shown.

Due to changes in the census questions, the data from Census 2022 is not comparable to data from previous censuses.

7.

The Access Strategy

An Access Strategy is a high-level plan created by the County Council, in consultation with disabled people through their representative organisations, that ensures we as a public body continue to make the specific services we provide accessible and inclusive to all.

Every effort has been made to comply with legal frameworks such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons (UNCRDP), and legislation such as the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, which introduced Public Sector Duty obligations to all public bodies.

The Access Strategy is guided by several Articles of the Convention to make sure that the Actions we want to achieve serve to protect the human rights and improve the overall quality of life for disabled people in Fingal. There is a total of 39 Actions in this Strategy, spread out under different Convention Articles, and these are assigned to different Fingal County Council departments to work on and achieve.

The Strategy is directly aligned with the objectives of Fingal County Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2029.



The Access Strategy's **Vision**



That the activities of Fingal County Council are universally accessible in real and practical ways.

The Access Strategy's **Mission**



In order to achieve our vision, Fingal County Council's mission is to use the UNCRDP as our model and roadmap for progress.

The Access Strategy's **Values**



Fingal County Council values in this Strategy are ones that put human rights first. This means prioritising the perspectives of those with least supports and resources.

We recognise our responsibilities under the UNCRDP and its General Comments to closely consult with and actively involve the legitimate representative organisations of disabled people (DPROs).





Sensory Resource Backpacks Launched in Fingal Libraries

Local Authority Policies

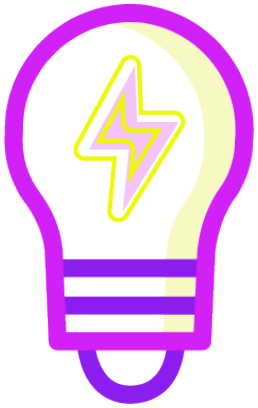
Fingal County Council Corporate Plan 2025 – 2029

Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, amended by Section 49 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, obliges Local Authorities to prepare a Corporate Plan. This is a strategic framework for the Authority over a five-year period, linking policy, organisational activity, governance and performance management and actions.

In late 2024 the Council adopted the current Corporate Plan, with a new Vision, Mission, Values, Themes and their objectives for the next five years. The Access Strategy aligns with the Corporate Plan, particularly **Theme 6, Objective 5:**

Key Theme for Access Strategy - Theme 6, Objective 5:

"Create a welcoming environment that respects diversity,embraces equality, Integration and Inclusion, and promotes meaningful participation in Council activities."



The Access Strategy will also align with and have regard to the following Fingal County Council strategies and policies:

- Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024
- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
- An Active Travel Strategy for Fingal
- Housing People with a Disability 2021-2026
- Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029
- Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal



Ardgillan Castle

DPROs and UNCRDP Articles

Before we look at the Convention Articles, their meaning and which are most relevant to us as a Local Authority, we must first explain the role and importance of Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPRO) under the provisions of the Convention.

What is a DPRO?

Disabled Persons Representative Organisations, or DPRO for short, are the collective voice for disabled people. They are rights-based, non-profit representative groups where the majority of their members must be disabled, and they must be led, run and directed by disabled people.

DPROs, as per General Comment 7, are the groups whom public bodies must closely consult with and give priority to on any important matters such as policy changes, public works and any decision-making processes which will impact the lives of disabled people.

They provide valuable, unique insights and expertise on the needs and challenges faced by persons with disabilities. They also work to raise awareness, combat discrimination, and support the empowerment of individuals with disabilities through representation.

UNCRDP Articles – What are they and what do they mean?

The following is a list of the most relevant Articles to Fingal County Council as a Local Authority.

UNCRDP Article	What It Means
Article 4(3): Close Consultation with DPROs in Decision-Making Processes	Public bodies, such as County Councils, must consult with and actively involve disabled people through their representative organisations (DPROs) to disability-proof key decisions on policies, works and services.
Article 5: Equality and Non-Discrimination	The right to reasonable accommodation, ie. flexibility to facilitate individual accessibility.
Article 8: Awareness-Raising	Awareness-raising amongst staff, the general public and families of disabled people; awareness-raising to disability service providers and other civil society organisations, and also awareness-raising to disabled people themselves with regard to the rights of disabled people under the Convention.

UNCRDP Article	What It Means
Article 9: Accessibility	This Article means equal access of disabled people through universal design in communications and built environments.
Article 11: Situations of Risk & Humanitarian Emergencies	In times of risk, conflict, emergency or natural disaster, all necessary measures are taken to ensure the protection and safety of disabled people.
Article 19: Living Independently and Being Included in the Community	The right to live in the community; be included and participate in the community; the opportunity to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live, with support and responsive community services. (Source: Inclusion Ireland)
Article 21: Freedom of Expression and Opinion, and Access to Information (see Article 9 above)	The right to freedom of expression and opinion.
Article 27: Work & Employment	Right of access to work on an equal basis for disabled people with everyone else, and equal access to opportunities within the workplace.

UNCRDP Article	What It Means
Article 29: Participation in Political and Public Life	The need for accessible voting arrangements and ability to stand for public office. The need for inclusion of representative voices, ie. DPROs in general consultative fora, as well as facilitation of an environment that encourages disabled people to form and join DPROs.
Article 30: Participation in Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport	Fully accessible and inclusive cultural and sports activities.
Article 33 (3): National Implementation and Monitoring	At a local level, the Access Committee will closely consult with DPROs when considering updates to the Access Strategy, and other policies, as well as regularly inviting suggestions from DPROs on how our disability-proofing can be improved.

Public Consultation – What Did We Learn?

A survey was published on 17th April 2024 to gather people's views on how accessible and inclusive they felt our services are. It was hosted on the Council's website from 17th April 2024 for a period of four weeks. The purpose of this exercise was to gather feedback from the public and stakeholder groups to inform the Actions of the new Access Strategy. Responses could be returned online through our Consultation Portal, hard copy, video file or audio file for added accessibility. The survey was circulated via email to all Elected Representatives to gather their insights and suggestions, in addition to a series of in-person workshops held with disability groups around Fingal.

Every effort was made to contact Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPROs), in line with the Convention. Engagement with DPROs will be key to the success of the Actions of this Strategy in the years ahead.



Fingal support local disabilities groups as they hit the streets on Make Way Day

7 Workshops Held

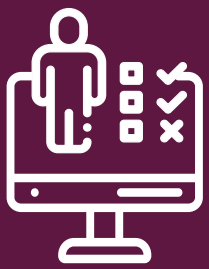




9 Groups Met In-Person

29 Hard Copy Responses Received

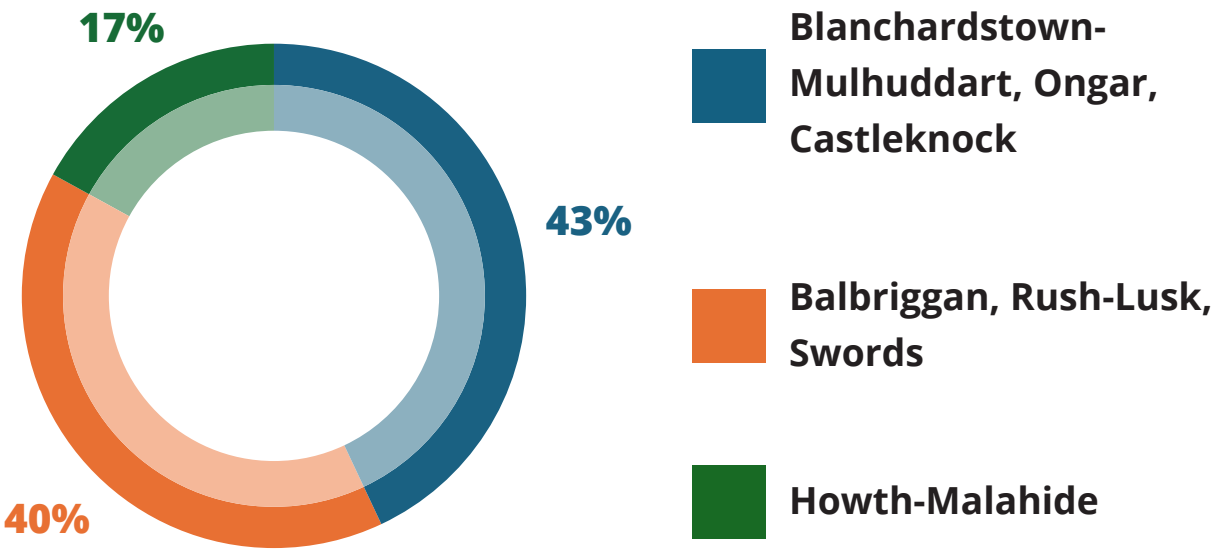




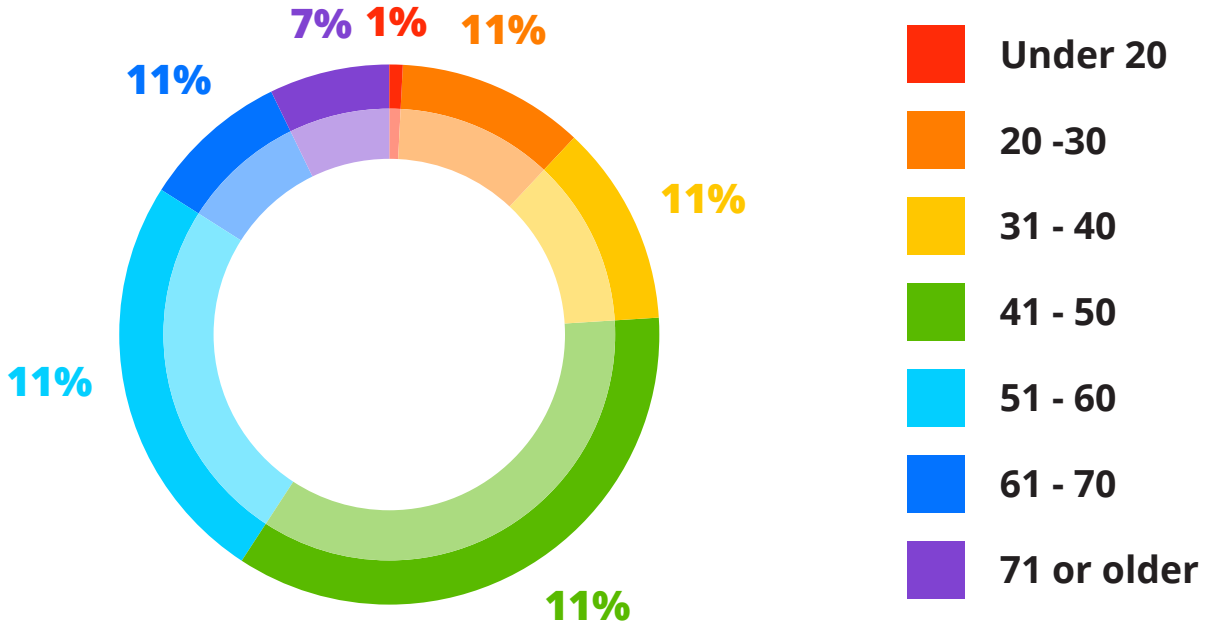
116 Online Portal Responses Received

Public Survey Results

Fingal Areas Represented:

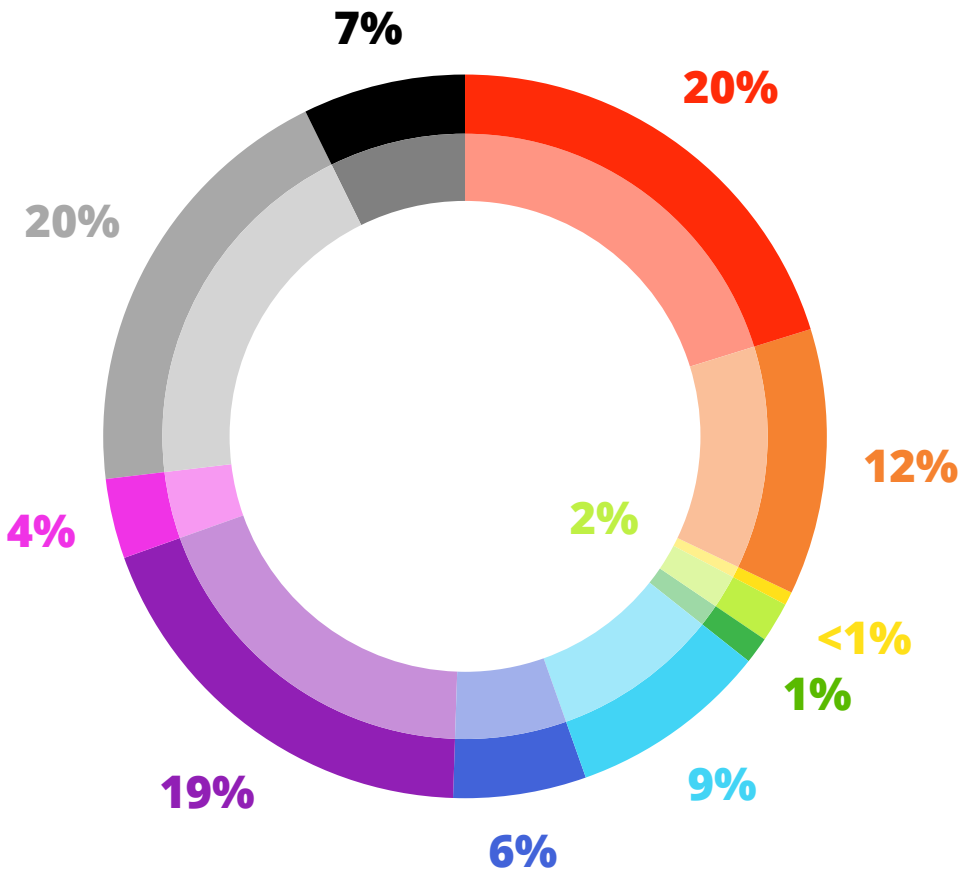


Age Bracket of Respondents:



41-50 and **51-60** were the most represented age brackets. This is not surprising as statistics show that people naturally acquire disabilities as they get older.

Description of Respondents



There was a broad range of representations with **parents, carers and persons with reduced mobility** the most represented categories.

Neurodiversity might seem under-represented in this survey but many people who are neurodivergent participated in our workshops.

These are the questions we asked and the responses we received

How People Contact Fingal County Council

- **48%** preferred to email us
- **32%** preferred to phone us
- **15%** preferred to visit our offices in persons
- **5%** preferred to engage with us through social media

This shows that the majority of people prefer to contact Fingal County Council remotely, as opposed to visiting our offices. However, we acknowledge that many people wish to visit our offices in person, and we offer a warm and welcoming environment.

Use of Fingal.ie website

- **88%** of respondents used the website
- **12%** did not use the website

A greater focus on improving the accessibility and the functionality (for screen reader users) is important given the high number of respondents who use our website. Many respondents also indicated they were unaware of assistive technology available on our website.

A significant number of respondents reported having issues navigating our website (two-thirds of all respondents) and locating the information they need, including issues with font sizes and backgrounds, and:

- Meaningful sequence, ie. too many clicks to get to the information
- Screen reader incompatibility

- PDF documents with no alt-text description
- Issues with Search function
- Generic search results
- Difficulty finding details of Elected Members
- Fingal County Council Forms

Preferences for Formats

53% preferred online forms only
22% preferred printed paper forms only
25% preferred having both online and hard copy forms

Preferences for for Receiving Fingal County Council News and Updates

- **50%** preferred social media
- **20%** preferred website
- **17%** preferred print media (newspapers)
- **13%** preferred text alerts (MapAlerter)

Social media was the most popular method of getting Fingal County Council news, possibly as it is more easily accessed with many digital accessibility tools to help.

We know from usage data that our **website** is very popular and this was reflected in the survey responses also.



Workshop with members of Blanchardstown Adult Education Services

Visiting Fingal County Council Offices

30% have visited Swords Offices
28% have visited Grove Road Offices
42% have never visited at all

42% of respondents **have never visited our offices** - this may be due to a lack of pre-visit information.

The majority of respondents have had a **positive experience**.

90% were **unaware of availability** of the free Irish Remote Interpreting Service (IRIS), a free Irish Sign Language (ISL) translation service available through remote (digital) means.

It was suggested at each of the workshops that disabled people would love the opportunity to have a tour of the Council Chamber and meet with the Elected Members.







Launch of the Housing Strategy for Disabled People

Visiting Fingal Libraries

90% of respondents said they had visited
10% of respondents said they had never visited

95% of respondents said **they had a positive experience of using and interacting with Fingal Libraries**. This highlights their popularity and importance as a place where people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can congregate and interact with the many inclusive Library services.

Public Amenities

'Very Good' was the most popular rating for Fingal amenities.

'Good' and was the most popular rating for sports and leisure facilities.

75% of respondents said they **accessed Fingal beaches**, however only **25%** of these respondents were aware we have a **free beach wheelchair service** in July and August each year.

Public toilets are very **accessible** and often used by those surveyed, while respondents requested more of them.

Recycling centres are **popular** also with no negative feedback made.

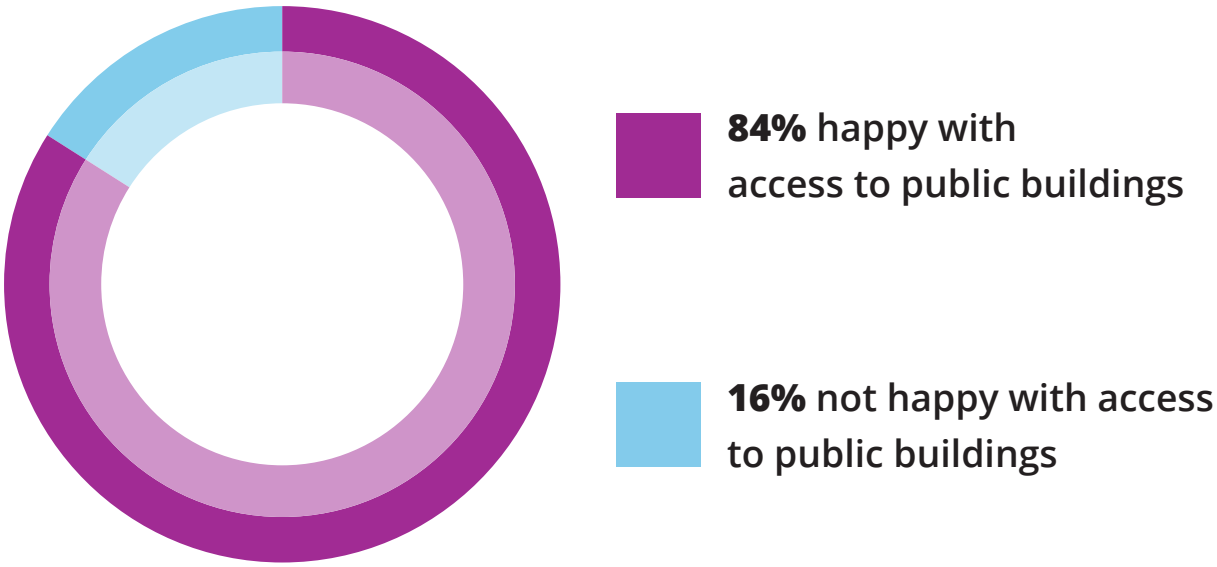
Parks and heritage sites are the most popular, but many pointed out that more seating with good back support is needed, particularly for older persons.

Playgrounds: Respondents were split on the level of accessibility and inclusivity of our playgrounds. 56% respondents felt playgrounds are not inclusive enough; 44% said they were.

Ideas and suggestions for playground upgrades included:

- Sensory and wheelchair swings with back support
- Intergenerational play equipment (for young and old)
- Quiet spaces
- Playground-style musical features
- Seating and exercise equipment for older persons
- Texture play including loose materials for building
- Communication boards
- More bins and signage
- Continued removal of barriers to access such as kissing gates and wood chip surfaces

Accessing Public Buildings – Levels of Satisfaction



84% of respondents **felt our public buildings were accessible**.

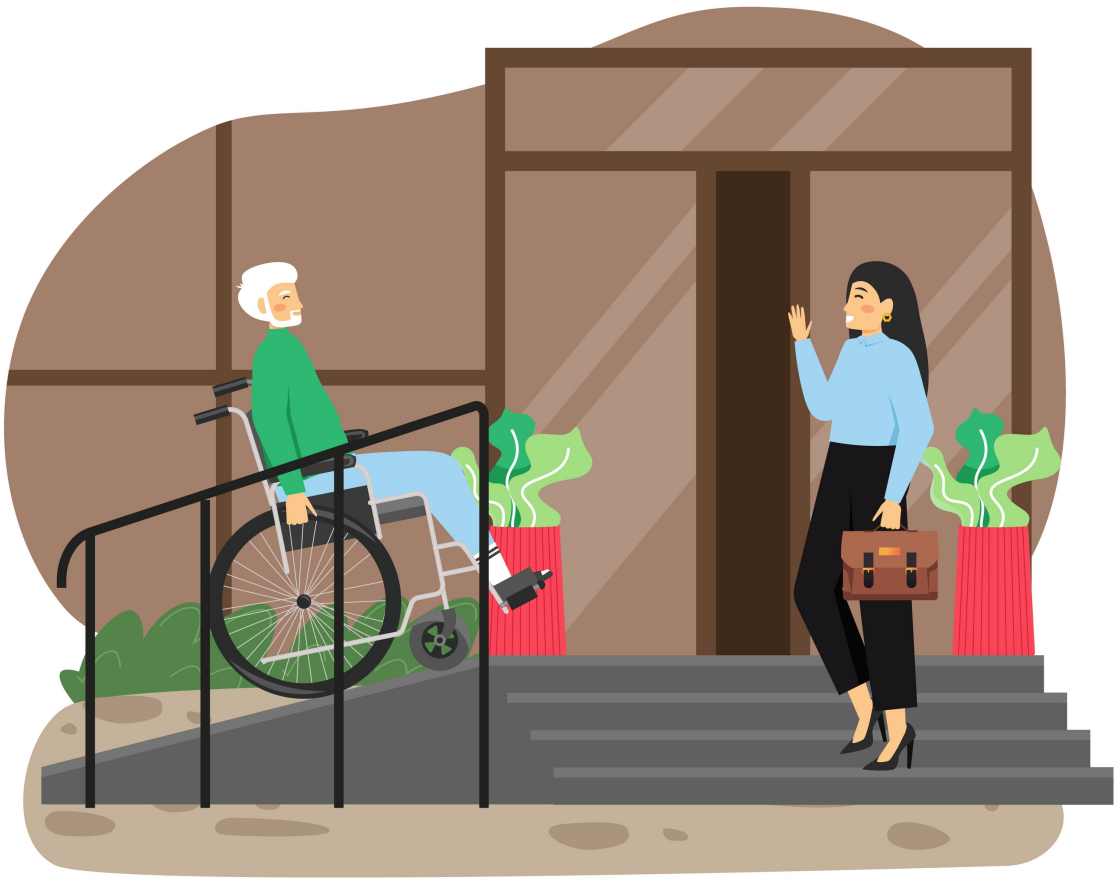
Other Findings

52% of respondents said they would like **an online and hard copy version of a map of all accessible facilities/locations** in Fingal.

A wide range **issues concerning footpaths and parking in multiple locations** were reported.

Over 80% of respondents believed **illegal parking in disabled bays** was an issue, however less than 10% of respondents had an awareness of the text service for illegal parking currently available in Malahide.

55% said they participated in our **Community programmes and initiatives**, whilst 45% of respondents said they would be interested in joining.



Fingal County Council Access Committee

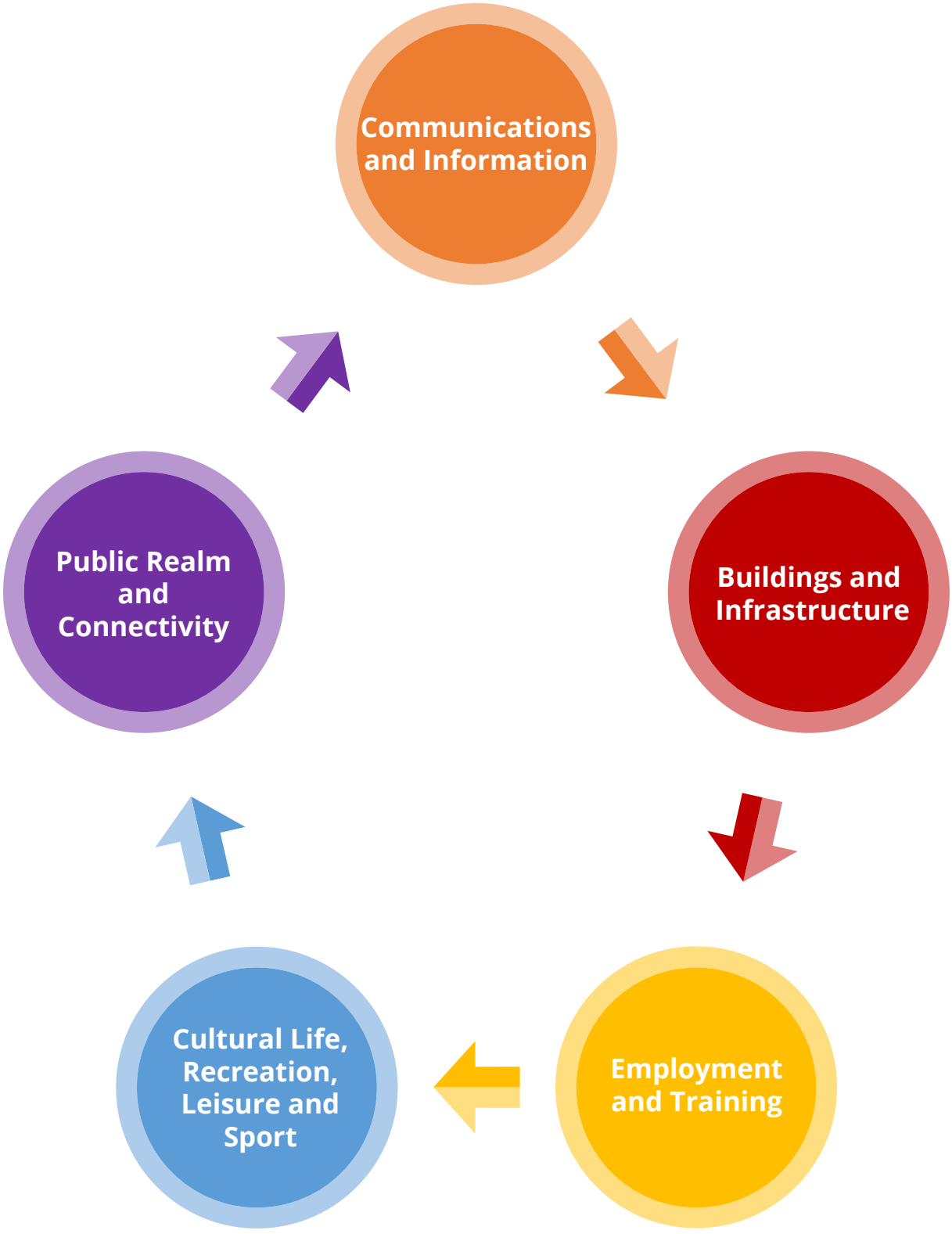
The development of an internal Fingal County Council Access Committee taskforce, made up of key staff from throughout the organisation and chaired by a Director of Services, is crucial to the implementation of the Access Strategy.



12.

Access Strategy Actions

The Access Strategy will categorise Actions into five key service delivery pillars:



Communications & Information (Convention 9 and 21)

Action Number:	1
What We Want To Do:	Develop procedures for making our documents more accessible (in close consultation and active involvement with DPROs).
How We Will Do It:	• We will promote the availability of different formats, eg. Large Print, Braille, and Easy Read. • We will purchase a Braille-embossing machine and have staff trained to use it. • Documents will have regard to best practice guidance as offered by visually impaired persons through their representative organisation, ie. 'VVI Manual on Accessible Communications'. • We will ensure our information is mainstreamed, meaning it is accessible to all at the same time, in so far as is practicable.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Customer Care Unit, Corporate Services, Communications Unit
Action Number:	**2**
What We Want To Do:	Review the current Citizen Charter.
How We Will Do It:	We will review and update the documents, currently known as the Citizen Charter, to make it more accessible, inclusive and aligned with a human rights-based approach.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Customer Care Unit, Corporate Services

Action Number:	3
What We Want To Do:	Set up an internal Access Committee focusing on improving accessibility and consultation with DPROs.
How We Will Do It:	Staff from across the organisation will join the Committee to look at ways we can co-operate, consult, share resources and improve access and inclusion.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer
Action Number:	**4**
What We Want To Do:	We want to become a neurodiversity-friendly organisation, in close consultation and active involvement with DPROs.
How We Will Do It:	We will work with DPROs to ensure our public buildings are inclusive and welcoming spaces for persons who are neurodiverse.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Building Facilities, Corporate Services
Action Number:	**5**
What We Want To Do:	Improve website accessibility (fingal.ie).
How We Will Do It:	• Review website functionality and test for accessibility in consultation with DPROs (to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) standards). • We will work towards making our website screen-reader friendly by default. • We will be compliant with the European Accessibility Act (EAA) • Creation of a new 'Access' section of our website to act as a signpost for accessibility services, news and projects.

Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Communications Unit
Action Number:	**6**
What We Want To Do:	Digital accessibility of Council meetings.
How We Will Do It:	We will work with DPROs to ensure there is a substantial improvement of access to documents and all other formats.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Corporate Services
Action Number:	**7**
What We Want To Do:	To support, encourage and promote the use of Irish Sign Language (ISL).
How We Will Do It:	• We will develop an ISL training course for interested staff members to better communicate through ISL. • Major video content will have ISL translation embedded in the video. • We will better promote the availability of the Irish Remote Interpreting Service (IRIS) in County Hall and Grove Road offices.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Communications Unit
Action Number:	**8**
What We Want To Do:	Improve the accessibility of digital communications with the public and with our colleagues.
How We Will Do It:	Staff to use an accessible font style (Arial or Times New Roman recommended) and size (between 12 and 16 point).
Leading Departments:	All Departments
Action Number:	**9**
What We Want To Do:	We will better promote who we are, what we do and how we can be contacted.
How We Will Do It:	• We will develop a communications piece to explain, in Plain English, what our services are and how you can use them.

How We Will Do It:	• We will continue to promote and make available contact details for our departments and services across our website and social media channels. • Out of Office messages to have alternative contact details. • Contact details for the Access Officer will be made more visible on the website (fingal.ie).
Leading Departments:	Access Officer
Action Number:	**10**
What We Want To Do:	We want to fulfil the requirements of the Convention.
How We Will Do It:	• We will engage in early, continuous and close consultation with Disabled Persons Representative Organisations when planning and developing any policies, projects and public works. • We will establish a list of local and/or national DPROs and recognise their importance under the Convention (General Comment 7).
Leading Departments:	Access Officer
Action Number:	**11**
What We Want To Do:	We will continue to uphold our obligations under the Public Sector Duty.
How We Will Do It:	• We will carry out consultations and an assessment of our existing services as part of the 'Assess' phase. • We will produce an Implementation Plan outlining how we will address issues raised as part of the 'Address phase.

How We Will Do It:	• We will produce a Report outlining how we corrected and improved the issues raised in the Implementation Plan ('Report' phase).
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Corporate Services



Accessible and inclusive carousel



Mirage swing and flat swing at Newbridge Demesne playground



Playpanels and sensory items at Newbridge Demesne playground



Changing Places facility at Newbridge Demesne

Buildings and Infrastructure (Convention Articles 9)

Action Number:	12
What We Want To Do:	Investigate the level of accessibility of our public buildings (in line with Part M of the Building Regulations – Access and Use).
How We Will Do It:	• Carry out access audits of our primary public buildings every five years. • Develop and make available public buildings register to document the current level of accessibility and facilities available. • Close consultation with DPROs on practical accessibility solutions.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Buildings and Facilities
Action Number:	**13**
What We Want To Do:	We want to make our heritage sites more accessible to all (Disability Act 2005, Section 29 (a) to make access as easy as practically possible, and (b) negate any such obligation that would harm the historic integrity of the site').
How We Will Do It:	We will find ways to increase the access, interpretation and heritage value of the sites for disabled persons.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, EETCD
Action Number:	**14**
What We Want To Do:	We want our main public offices to become Guide and Autism Assistance Dog-friendly.
How We Will Do It:	We will consult with DPROs to ensure that all areas under our control are Guide and Autism Assistance Dog-friendly.

Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Buildings and Facilities
Action Number:	**15**
What We Want To Do:	We want to create digital access to our main public offices.
How We Will Do It:	• We will create virtual tours of our public offices as a form of digital access that promotes independence and provides pre-visit information for disabled people. • We will develop social media videos that will show what a visitor can expect and where facilities are when making an in-person visit to our public offices.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Communications Unit
Action Number:	**16**
What We Want To Do:	We want to continue providing and improving accessible toilets/WCs where they are most needed.
How We Will Do It:	Continue current programme of installing accessible toilets and Changing Places facilities.
Leading Departments:	Operations



Workshop with members of Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living

Employment and Training (Convention Article 27)

Action Number:	17
What We Want To Do:	We will continue to be an inclusive employer for all and support disabled persons to enter into meaningful employment.
How We Will Do It:	• We will continue to be an inclusive employer of disabled people (Article 27 of the Convention) and report annually on employment figures in line with Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005. • We will continue to provide reasonable accommodations to support disabled staff members in line with Employment Equality legislation. • We will sign up to AHEAD's Willing Able Mentoring (WAM) graduate programme where we will interview and employ graduates with disabilities (currently in progress).
Leading Departments:	People Services
Action Number:	**18**
What We Want To Do:	We want to raise awareness of the importance of the UNCRDP amongst our staff.
How We Will Do It:	We will work with DPROs to develop a bespoke suite of training for our staff (already in progress).
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, People Services

Action Number:	19
What We Want To Do:	We want to ensure our staff are aware of and use the correct disability terminology for greater sensitivity.
How We Will Do It:	We will work with DPROs to develop an internal document of best practice disability terminology to use when communicating with colleagues and with the public.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer Communications Unit
Action Number:	**20**
What We Want To Do:	To ensure that technical staff are informed on accessibility issues within the public realm and supported by training and specialist advice as needed
How We Will Do It:	• Understand Universal Design from a DPRO's perspective. • To be up to date on public realm accessibility standards.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, People Services, Planning Department, Operations
Action Number:	**21**
What We Want To Do:	We want to improve the mandatory suite of disability awareness training for all staff.
How We Will Do It:	We will arrange for the most up to date and Convention-relevant training module for all staff, taking advice from DPROs on the most appropriate training.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, People Services
Action Number:	**22**
What We Want To Do:	We want to increase awareness of the difference between reasonable accommodation (ie. on the individual level) and accessibility (ie. on the macro/systems level).

How We Will Do It:	We will take guidance from General Comment 6 of the Convention in this regard.
Leading Departments:	People Services







Fingal Water Sport Camp for children with additional needs at Howth Yacht Club

Cultural Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport (Convention Articles 19 and 30)

Action Number:	23
What We Want To Do:	Raise awareness of disability in the community.
How We Will Do It:	Work with DPROs to create an educational programme for local Fingal schools.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer
Action Number:	**24**
What We Want To Do:	We want to continue to support independent living and provide more adaptable homes for disabled people who want to leave congregated settings.
How We Will Do It:	• We will continue to encourage and promote the availability of supports such as the 'Housing Adaptation Grant for Persons with a Disability', the 'Mobility Aids Grant'. • We will continue to work on issues raised through the Disability Housing Steering Committee.
Leading Departments:	Housing Department
Action Number:	**25**
What We Want To Do:	We will continue to produce new physical activity programmes and sporting opportunities for disabled people and make them more inclusive.
How We Will Do It:	• We will continue to develop and deliver a range of inclusive sports and physical activity programmes/events in line with the objectives of our Sport and Physical Activity.

How We Will Do It:	• Plan 2024-2029 and the Active Cities Dublin initiative.
Leading Departments:	Fingal Sports Office
Action Number:	**26**
What We Want To Do:	We will continue to support national disability and inclusion events (when Convention compliant).
How We Will Do It:	Support events that are Convention compliant, ie. particularly those that are DPRO-based or are compliant with obligations to consult closely and actively involve with DPROs (Article 4 (3)).
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Buildings Facilities
Action Number:	**27**
What We Want To Do:	We want to ensure Fingal County Council events are as accessible and inclusive as possible.
How We Will Do It:	We will develop an Events Accessibility Checklist in collaboration with with DPROs.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Events Department, Libraries
Action Number:	**28**
What We Want To Do:	We want to support local Fingal events to be more accessible and inclusive.
How We Will Do It:	Local Fingal event organisers will be encouraged to closely consult with the Access Officer if they have any questions about the Events Accessibility Checklist.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Events Department
Action Number:	**29**
What We Want To Do:	We want to expand our existing range of sensory resources (eg. sensory toys, sensory activities and ear defenders) in Fingal Libraries.

How We Will Do It:	We will continue to research and trial new resources as and when they become available and become an example for other libraries nationwide to follow.
Leading Departments:	Libraries
Action Number:	**30**
What We Want To Do:	We want to improve the accessibility of the walkways and trails we have in Fingal.
How We Will Do It:	Develop an Accessible Trails & Parks storybook project (digital and hard copy), showing the features, accessible facilities, directions, public transport links and photos of what to expect – all contingent on close consultation and the active involvement of DPROs.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Operations
Action Number:	**31**
What We Want To Do:	Review existing public seating for upgrade and replacement.
How We Will Do It:	Replace outdated seating in parks, public places and install seating in areas identified in the public consultation phase. Seating should be accessible as defined through close consultation and active involvement with DRPOs.
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	**32**
What We Want To Do:	Improve the accessibility of community allotments.
How We Will Do It:	• Minimum widths, level access, accessible surfaces, raised planters and seating according to existing standards and with active involvement with DPROs.

How We Will Do It:	• Develop an Accessible Community Allotments checklist with DRPOs accordingly.
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	**33**
What We Want To Do:	Awareness campaign on availability of beach wheelchairs in the summer months.
How We Will Do It:	We will continue to promote the availability of the beach wheelchair service and maintain the existing stock for regular use.
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	**34**
What We Want To Do:	Improve access to the arts and creative programmes (Article 30).
How We Will Do It:	• We will explore new ways to encourage and support disabled artists, and continue to support the Creative Ireland programme of initiatives through our Creative Communities Engagement Officer. • Exhibits will be made accessible through the availability of QR codes where possible.
Leading Departments:	Arts Office, Creative Communities Engagement Officer

Public Realm and Connectivity (Convention Articles 9 and 19)

Action Number:	35
What We Want To Do:	We will explore creating accessible maps on our website.
How We Will Do It:	Map all accessible public features and amenities including key details for visitors.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer, Operations
Action Number:	36
What We Want To Do:	Tackle misuse of public accessible parking spaces.
How We Will Do It:	Continue providing the text service for reporting misuse of accessible parking spaces (currently operational in Malahide).
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	37
What We Want To Do:	Make existing footpaths more accessible.
How We Will Do It:	This will be carried out in close consultation and active engagement with DPROs.
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	38
What We Want To Do:	Create accessible playgrounds, parks, trails and beaches for all to enjoy.
How We Will Do It:	We will actively engage with DPROs to ensure our playgrounds are fully accessible and inclusive spaces for all. We will work closely with DPROs to ensure our walkways and trails are accessible.
Leading Departments:	Operations
Action Number:	39
What We Want To Do:	Submit an application for the EU Access City Awards.

How We Will Do It:	We will work through the Actions of this Strategy to improve overall accessibility and inclusion in our county and then demonstrate evidence of that in our application.
Leading Departments:	Access Officer



Workshop at St. Doolagh's Park Care and Rehabilitation Centre

International Disability Law and Irish Legislation

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons (UNCRDP) is a human rights treaty aimed at promoting and protecting the rights and dignity of disabled people. It was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2006 and was ratified in Ireland in 2018.

The Convention marks a significant shift in how disabled people are viewed. It substantively moves away from the medical model of disability and instead recognises the human rights of disabled people in a social model approach. This sees the disabled person as being equal to everyone else with the same rights in practice, not just in theory.

The Access Strategy is primarily guided by the Articles of the Convention, which we have highlighted beginning on page 27.

The European Accessibility Act (EAA)

The European Accessibility Act (EAA) is a European Directive which was signed into Irish law in 2023 and will commence on 28th June 2025. It places significant obligations on both public and private parties to make products and services in areas such as digital communications, commerce, banking and transport fully accessible to disabled people.

Aarhus Convention

Under the Aarhus Convention, which came into force in Ireland in 2012, the public has a right to participate effectively in decision-making in environmental matters. Public authorities should enable the public to comment on, for example proposals for projects affecting the environment, or plans and programmes relating to the environment.

The outcome of the public participation process should be taken into consideration in the decision-making process. To facilitate this, information should be made available to help members of the public participate in the decision-making process and understand the reasons for it. (Source: www.gov.ie)

Public Sector Duty

Under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, in a concept known as 'Public Sector Duty', public bodies are required to take measures to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity to both staff and service users, and to protect the human rights of its members, staff and service users.

There are three key steps a public body must take as part of Public Sector Duty obligations:

1. **To Assess:** Undertake an assessment of the equality and human rights issues facing the identified groups under the Public Sector Duty, that are relevant to the functions of that public body.
2. **To Address**: All issues identified in the assessment have corresponding actions where appropriate measures are developed to tackle the issues highlighted.
3. **To Report**: To report each year on action progression and achievements in addressing the issues identified.

The Equality Acts (Employment Equality Acts and the Equal Status Acts)

Concerning individualised accessibility needs, the primary legislation is the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015 and Equal Status Acts 2000-2021. Individualised accessibility needs are done by negotiation with the individual where there is no undue burden on the service provider. This should be distinguished from the concept of accessibility, which concerns policy and systems at the macro level.

Disability Act 2005

The Disability Act, passed in 2005, is a law that places an obligation on public bodies to promote equality of opportunity, accessibility and the participation of disabled people. Some key requirements under the Act include:

- Appointing an Access Officer who is responsible for providing and coordinating assistance and guidance to disabled people accessing services provided by the public body. They can also act as a point of contact for disabled people wishing to access such services.

- Appointing an Inquiry Officer to specifically investigate complaints made under Section 38 of the Act. Procedures must be put in place for dealing with such complaints. In the case of a determination that there has been such a failure, the Inquiry Officer must outline the steps required to be taken by the public body concerned to comply with the provision concerned.

- Developing a disability action plan/Access Strategy through consultation with disabled people and which highlights actions for improving the accessibility and inclusivity of all services and facilities provided.

- Provision of universal access to public spaces, buildings and services, and information provision.

- Public bodies to ensure that its public buildings are, as far as practicable, accessible to disabled people.

- Goods and services that are procured or purchased by the public body (Section 27 refers) are accessible.

- Communications to a person with a hearing or visual impairment must, as far as practicable, be provided in an accessible format (Section 28). Information provided electronically must, as far as practicable, be compatible with adaptive technology.

- Public bodies must take all reasonable measures to promote and support the employment of disabled people. Note the minimum employment target for disabled people to be employed in the public sector has increased from 3% to 6%.

Time to Move on from Congregated Settings - A Strategy for Community Inclusion (2011)

This Access Strategy aims to support disabled people to move from large institutions (congregated settings) to their own homes in the community, with the supports they need. The vision is to support disabled people to 'live ordinary lives in ordinary places.' The process of de-congregation aligns with disabled people's right to live independently in the community, away from congregated settings, in line with Article 19 of the Convention. It is also in line with the National Disability Housing Strategy 2022-2027 as developed by the Housing Agency, with particular reference to local authorities.

Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 as amended 2023

The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015, as amended in 2023, was enacted in December 2015 and commenced on 17th December 2022. It provides a statutory framework for people to be assisted and supported in making decisions about their health, welfare and property in legally-binding agreements. This includes decision-making assistance, representation and the option for a co-decision maker to be appointed.

Part M – Building Regulations 1997 – 2022 (As Amended)

The aim of Part M of the Building Regulations 1997– 2022 (As Amended) is to create an inclusive approach to the design and construction of the built environment. The requirements of Part M (M1 – M4) are as follows:

- M1: Adequate provision shall be made for people to access and use a building, its facilities and its environs.
- M2: Adequate provision shall be made for people to approach and access an extension to a building.
- M3: If sanitary facilities are provided in a building that is to be extended, adequate sanitary facilities shall be provided for people within the extension.
- M4: Where sanitary facilities are provided in a building, or in a building that is to be extended, adequate provision shall be made for people to access and use a changing places toilet, having regard to the use and size of the building.

The aim of these requirements is to ensure that regardless of age, size or impairments/condition, people of all impairments and conditions can access buildings and extensions according to Part M Regulations and corresponding updates of standards.

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Useful Links and Resources

- Fingal County Council Accessibility News, Services & Initiatives
- Fingal County Council Application Form for Housing Adaptation Grants
- Fingal County Council's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021-2026
- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
- An Active Travel Strategy for Fingal
- Fingal County Council's 'Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029'
- Fingal County Council's 'Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal'
- Voice of Vision Impairment (VVI) Manual on Accessible Communications
- Voice of Vision Impairment (VVI) Planners' Checklist for Accessible Streetscapes
- Subscribe to the Disability Participation News Hub newsletter

Please note, all links above can be found on fingal.ie/Access/Access Strategy.

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Workshop with members of St. Michael's House Swords


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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you had an enjoyable summer break and had the opportunity to experience some of Fingal's excellent events over the season. For aviation enthusiasts, the Fingal Rush Air Display was a highly anticipated event which took place over the August bank holiday weekend alongside the Rush Harbour Festival. The Irish Air Corps, the Irish Coastguard and the Garda Air Support Unit participated in the displays and were joined on the programme by daring wing walkers and parachutists as well as a fantastic array of aircraft, much to the delight of the crowds who gathered to witness astounding aerial feats and aerobatics. Over in Malahide, the 3rd annual Fingal Sports Festival welcomed thousands of Fingal residents to Malahide Castle & Gardens on 9th August. Already growing in popularity with offerings from sport to wellness and family activities, the Fingal Sports Festival at Malahide Castle offered something for everyone. Visitors got active with a variety of sports, including rugby, basketball, weightlifting, disc golf, and GAA handball. One of the attractions was a Pedal Parade which started at New Street, courtesy of the Fingal Active Travel Department. Throughout the day, live classes took place including; a ParkFit demonstration, Yoga as Gaeilge, Family Fitness, and Dance Fit all of which were a great hit with all who attended. Millennium Park, Blanchardstown played host to Blanchfest on 21st/22nd August which was a free family fun day celebrating all the best that Dublin 15 has to offer. Visitors were treated to craft traders showcasing their unique gifts and creations, live music, delicious food and inflatables for the younger ages as well as incredible circus performances. We are delighted to support these events for local communities and visitors alike to enjoy and it is a source of great pride that these events are so celebrated and well attended each year. As Autumn progresses, there will be information on our exciting Halloween events across the county, in the meantime, you can stay informed with what is upcoming by visiting https://www.eventsinfingal.ie/

If you are a resident of or indeed a visitor to Swords, you will be aware of the significant changes taking place in the area enabling us to realise our vision for the future of the town. Work is progressing well at the housing sites on Seatown Road and indeed at Culture House, which is at an advanced stage and is scheduled to open its doors to the public in Q2 2027. The building, which forms part of the Swords Cultural Quarter, will house a library, theatre, gallery, art spaces and a café. Earlier this year, works commenced on the public realm space adjacent to Swords Castle to deliver connectivity with Culture House and Swords Castle and to provide new pavements, green spaces and terraced seating. We are currently in phase two of the public realm works..

This phase will see works completed including undergrounding overhead services, new paving and footpaths, new seating and landscaping and upgraded pedestrian crossings. To enable these works, it has been necessary to make changes to the traffic flow and to divert some bus routes. While these works continue, we will be minimising disruption wherever possible and will issue regular updates via our website and social media channels to keep you informed with the latest news. Another project, which has recently been open for public consultation, is the Swords Main Street Transformation project. All the submissions received in relation to the scheme will inform the design and plan for this main thoroughfare of the town. I will bring you further information on how this project is progressing in due course. Swords is going places and your patience and understanding is much appreciated as we continue on this transformative journey.

Returning for its tenth year in 2026, the Fingal Festival of History will present an expanded programme of free events, showcasing the people, places and stories that have shaped Fingal, Ireland and the wider world. The milestone festival will offer audiences of all ages the opportunity to engage with history through a diverse range of talks, exhibitions, tours and cultural experiences. The festival runs from Saturday 26th September to Sunday 11th October 2026, with 19 free events scheduled across the county's library network and heritage venues. A enthralling programme awaits you and will cover topics including the disappearance of Agatha Christie, Ireland's involvement in the American Revolution, the Kennedy family's connections with Ireland, Éamon de Valera's powers of negotiation, Ireland after the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty, fashion and social history, the diaries of Eleanor Cobbe Corbally, the 1926 Census, family history research, Balbriggan Harbour, Kenure House and Demesne, The Old Schoolhouse in Clonsilla, and the La Mancha Murders in Malahide. All events are free to attend but booking is advised. The programme is guaranteed to appeal to anyone interested in historical mattes and you can review the events taking place here: https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries I hope you enjoy this fascinating week.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

People Services continues to support organisational performance through targeted recruitment initiatives, to attract and retain high-quality talent while investing in the ongoing development of employee skills and capabilities.

The service also delivers a comprehensive Wellbeing Programme, supporting employees across the areas of physical, mental, social and financial wellbeing. From 1st September 2026, the Council's Employee Assistance Service (EAS) provider will be **Lena by Inspire**, offering confidential support for a range of personal and work-related matters. Information on accessing the service has been circulated and is also available on the staff intranet.

Health & Safety Unit

The Health and Safety Unit remains focused on maintaining a safe and healthy workplace through risk assessments, audits, inspections, hazard reporting and corrective actions. This proactive approach supports incident prevention and the continuous improvement of health and safety standards across Fingal County Council.

Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – June 2026

Total Calls CCU		Total Emails CCU	Total In Person Transactions
July	**10023**	**829**	**811**
August	**8642**	**798**	**727**

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of representations for July was 959 and August 676.

Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 134,337 visitors during July, down 42,069 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased to 281,530. The average time spent on the website increased to 1m 10s. Two of the most popular pages were planning applications, with 22,099 views and the jobs page, with 11,827 views.

The fingal.ie website had 126,652 visitors during August, down 7,685 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased to 268,001. The average time spent on the website increased to 1m 12s. Two of the most popular pages were the search page (10,956 views) and the starter home page (8,968 views). Planning applications remains popular, with 21,062 views.

In July, Facebook rose to 49,323 followers (+1.9%) while views decreased to 3,185,890 from the previous month. The most popular post was 'What a night at Nathan Cater in Swords Castle' (118,175 views). Instagram rose by 583 to 20,823 followers. Total views went up to 1,168,819, with a reach of 68,731 (-14.6%). There were 10,750 interactions. The most read post was 'What a night at Nathan Cater in Swords Castle' (127,000 views).

In August, Facebook rose to 49,773 followers (+0.9%) while the views were down 35% from the previous month. There were 76,535 engagements (reactions, clicks, comments, shares and saves) on our posts. The most popular post was 'BlanchFest is really starting to come into shape' (134,406 views).

Instagram rose by 451 to 21,274 followers. Total views decreased to 751,807, with a reach of 43,815. There were 5,648 interactions. The most read post was ‘BlanchFest is really starting to come into shape’ (147,000 views).

WhatsApp now has 4,206 followers (+1%) with 3,470 accounts reached during July and August, while numbers following our other corporate channels increase monthly - Threads (1,914), TikTok (1285) and Bluesky (578).

LinkedIn followers are now at 14,239 (+297). Our YouTube Channel subscribers rose by 30 to 2,100. Total views were 13,171. Our most popular videos were official EU flag-raising ceremony took place at County Hall, with 1,491 views and Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial, with 782 views. We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting.

Press Releases

There were 22 press releases issued during July and 30 press releases issued in August covering topics such as the inaugural BlanchFest held in Millennium Park, celebrating 2026 National Heritage Week, recognising the Fingal groups in the 2026 IPB Pride of Place Competition, honouring Ireland’s EU Presidency with a flag raising ceremony, Flavour's of Fingal, and the announcement of details of the Starter Homes at Hampton Demesne, Balbriggan.

Key coverage during the months of July and August included the likes of The Journal, The Irish Times, and The Irish Independent, covering 'Dunsink City Quarter' and swimming warnings in Fingal areas. RTE and The Irish Times regularly also covered development plans and resident concerns surrounding service pressures with 'Dunsink City Quarter'. Additionally, local authority performance was covered regarding Fingal's' housing provision.

Coverage included D15 drone operations, the annual Flavour of Fingal event, public input on the 'Dunsink City Quarter' and lifeguard provisions on local beaches.



Mayor, Cllr. Tony Murphy attended Flavours of Fingal, in early July.

Media Queries

Key media queries during July and August included the provision of lifeguards at beaches, the number of DO NOT SWIM alerts issued during peak season, the collection and disposal of nitrous oxide cannisters, plans for 'Dunsink City Quarter', and illegal camping.

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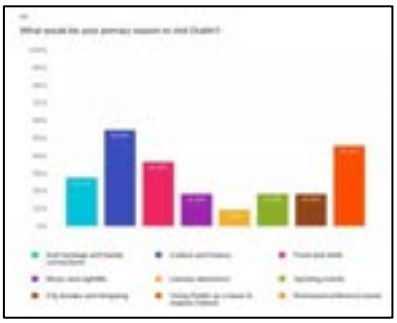
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Milwaukee Dublin Local Authorities Partnership

From August 13th to 16th representatives from the four Dublin Local Authorities attended IrishFest Milwaukee to directly market Dublin to American visitors under the Visit Dublin brand. In addition, Fingal attended as one of 7 hubs who are part of the Home Of Halloween campaign brand led by Failte Ireland.



Irish Fest is an opportunity to meet up to 125,000 guests who have strong links with Ireland and many of whom may be planning trips. This year a survey was collected which showed that those planning trips were very interested in "culture and history" as part of the tourism offering of Ireland, as over 50% indicated this was a factor in trip planning.



Training for CE Scheme Tour Guides

Guides working at three Fingal Heritage sites at Ardgillan, Howth Courthouse and Swords Castle, have received in-person training from experienced tour guide trainer Patrick Herbage and the Dublinia team. Patrick worked with the team to increase their confidence in approaching site visitors and to help them refine their tour-guiding skills. Following this training the guides will also be taking a group tour of a series of other Fingal attractions this September. This trip will give the guides the ability to recommend additional experiences to tourists across Fingal.

First Explore Fingal markets

The Summer season of Explore Fingal food markets is almost finished. The weekly market at The Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide has proved particularly popular with high market attendance and a boost to Museum visitor numbers that has been consistent from the launch in early May. We are pleased to announce the markets will now extend an additional three weeks into September,

The market at Swords Castle has now ended for Summer 2026. The food truck market at Blanchardstown evolved into a full offering from Fingal Food Circle members at Blanchfest.

All 2026 Explore Fingal markets are now drawing to a close and the programme will be reviewed and a plan created for 2027.



As part of the tiered support arrangement for other food markets taking place in the County, a new food market pilot has been supported at Lusk. The Lusk food market launched on Saturday 22nd August and will run for 3 weeks.

Explore Fingal – a new presence at Blanchfest

After a great public reception at Flavours of Fingal the new destination tourism brand Explore Fingal played a big part at the Blanchfest event on the 22nd and 23rd of August. A dedicated area presented a lot of information about different visitor experiences in Fingal, including golf and visitor attractions. The new eye-catching signage around the venue in Millenium Park reinforced the role of the Explore Fingal brand as a place where top class festivals and events take place.



EVENTS

Swords Castle Concerts

Nathan Carter and Embrace will both took to the stage at Swords Castle



BlanchFest '26

Fingal's newest family festival took place over the weekend in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August, with two days of free family entertainment, live performances and celebrating the very best of the West. Running from 12-6pm each day, BlanchFest created a vibrant festival celebrating what Dublin 15 has to offer from local bands and artists to local producers, talented makers, community groups and businesses and a bit golf with the Explore Fingal team. 100s Cycled to the event to attend the Active Travel and Rediscovery Centre bike repair stand for a quick check up. You can also put cycling skills to the test on the Learn2Cycle track.

A dedicated sensory area will provide a welcoming and quieter space for anyone who may need some time away from the event. We are delighted to welcome Animal Therapy Ireland, who will be offering supervised pet therapy sessions in this calming and supportive environment.



Festival and Events Funding – July, August and September

35 events awarded funding for the following;

Castleknock Music Festival
Skerries 100
79th All Ireland Festival of Piping & Drumming Major Championships St Catherines Park
Irish Open - Pitch and Putt- Portmarnock
Corduff Football Club Family Fun Festival
Skerries Triathlon & Aqua bike 2026
Fingal 10K Road Race- Swords
Dublin Concert Band Summer in the Park
Ireland v India, International T20 Cricket series (3 matches)
IODAI Optimist Leinster Championships 2026
Skerries Regatta and E-Boat Nationals
Fingal Rowing Club Annual Regatta 2026
Sceal Collective Festival- Balbriggan
Women's Irish Challenge 2026
Rush Harbour Festival 2026
Donabate Portrane Summer Festival
Sport Across the World 2026- Mulhuddart
Howth Roots and Blues Festival 2026
Garristown Festival 2026
Loughshinny Harvest Festival
Indonesian Independence Day- Mountview
Skerries Mills Harvest Time Festival
Round Rockabill Rowing Race 2026
Skerries Junior Regatta
Taylor Hill Residents Association Family Fun Day
Skerries Camera Club Photographic Exhibition
Festival of Traditional Irish Set Dancing- Malahide and Portmarnock
Lambay Challenge 2026
Balbriggan Horticultural Society Flower Show
Naul Gardening & Club Annual Flower Show
Irish Open Karate 2026- D15
Clonsilla Heritage Festival
The Stars of the Orient Festival- Portmarnock
Holistic Recovery-themed festival for National Recovery Month- Swords

Total Funding awarded: €216,000

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle and Gardens

Summer Sessions at the Castle and the Live Nation concerts brought high footfall and great music to Malahide Castle this Summer. The 2026 lineup featured trad, k-pop, dance and even a baby rave! Great feedback from guests paired with the excellent weather for outdoor fun made this a very successful summer for events at the Castle.



Skerries Mills Harvest Time Festival

This perennial favourite event of local patrons is the Mill Harvest Time Festival. This will take place on the 29th and 30th August.

As usual there will be music, demonstrations, stalls, displays, and a range of activities for all ages.

Gates open at 11 am on Saturday, the 29th, and 10.30 am on Sunday, the 30th.

Newbridge House and Farm

The Newbridge House Catalogue of Pictures was launched this August. This fully illustrated catalogue, presents for the first time a comprehensive overview of the 300 paintings, detailing artists and subjects, and where known, provenance. The catalogue is preceded by an essay which explores the history of the collection of paintings preserved at Newbridge.



Looking at the rich interior decorative schemes contrived to best show-off the paintings it explores the subsequent fate of the collection. Drawing throughout on archival sources, the story of the survival of the collection is followed by a look at the craftsmanship and authorship of the historic frames around the pictures.

The catalogue includes old masters, landscapes, portraits, engravings, photographic portraits and a selection of artworks by members of the Cobbe family, all displayed at Newbridge House.

The catalogue was launched at the house by Mayor Murphy, who was joined by Curator Cathal Dowd-Smith and members of the Cobbe family. Alec Cobbe, who was responsible for the collection of art which is housed at Newbridge, was fondly remembered on the night.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Swords Cultural Quarter / Culture House – Artist Residencies and Commissions

Programme development for Swords Cultural Quarter is progressing through a new series of artist residencies and commissions in partnership with national arts organisations and Fingal Libraries. Sean Doherty has been commissioned as composer for the Fingal Voices choral project, in partnership with the Contemporary Music Centre, to create a new choral work involving Fingal-based choirs. Enda Coyle-Greene has been appointed Poet in Residence for 2026–27 in partnership with Libraries, developing new work and public engagement with communities in Swords. Flynn Johnson has been appointed Musician in Residence in partnership with Music Network, providing time and space to develop new work alongside opportunities for community engagement. Aoife Concannon has been appointed Socially Engaged Creative Producer in Residence in partnership with Create, supporting the development of participatory and community centred approaches to programming within the Cultural Quarter.

Culture Night

The 21st edition of Culture Night takes place on Friday, 18th September. Fingal County Council's vibrant Culture Night programme will take place at nine locations across the county, featuring forty-six free events and activities. Audiences can enjoy a diverse range of art, music, dance, workshops, talks, tours, film screenings, and family-friendly events.

Among the many highlights is a special Culture Night exhibition at the Carnegie Library in Swords, celebrating the works and artistic legacy of prolific Fingal artist Pamela Leonard. The exhibition, 'Along the Coast and Through the Trees', showcases works recently acquired for the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection. Another highlight will celebrate fifty years of Malahide Castle being open to the public, the castle curator will lead a special tour of 'Thinning the Veil', a contemporary art exhibition featuring several Fingal artists to mark this significant milestone.

Youth & Education

Summer Youth Dance Programme.



Professional dance artists Matt Szczerek and Josué Reis led inclusive, youth-focused dance workshops for school-aged, homeschooled and neurodiverse youth during our Summer Dance Week in Castleland and Flemington Community Centres.

This followed the successful completion of our first Dance-in-Schools programme in St. Theresa's NS and Balbriggan ETNS, where over 100 pupils actively engaged in 12-week courses covering dance technique, choreography, improvisations, and preparation for performances. This work sits within Fingal Arts Office's collaboration with the Dublin Youth Dance Company to widen and deepen youth access to quality dance activities and training in Balbriggan. In 2027, we plan to deliver the DIS programme in a further 2 schools in Balbriggan, while expanding opportunities established for the first cohort of participants through new after-school provision and Bursary Awards. Bursaries will provide a direct pathway into DYDC's core activities, to further training and provide significant long-term impact.

Public Art

Dublin Canvas

Dublin Canvas has been adding colour to the county this summer as selected local artists continue to finish this years designs.



Draíocht



Draíocht has just launched its September/October 2026 programme of events. The annual 'Culture Night' takes place on 18 September.

While these free events consistently book out, attendance can be affected by high no-show rates. Draíocht is also collaborating with Fingal County Council on the 'Home of Halloween' programme, offering events for both adults and children. The autumn season is performing strongly, with several events already sold out. The summer exhibition 'Colourings' by artist Lucy Hill, curated by Helen O'Donoghue, concludes on 12 September after attracting significant visitor numbers. Accompanying children's workshops in the First Floor Gallery Response Space were well attended. On 11 September, Draíocht will host a discussion for artists, educators, arts organisations and funders to explore the collaborative process behind the exhibition.
Blanchardstown artist Laura Skehan has been awarded the Fingal Arts Office/Draíocht Artist Studio Award and will be based in the Studio from September to December 2026. The Children and Youth Arts programme continues with youth theatre auditions, workshops, inclusive dance activities, family events, film screenings, spoken word projects and popular school tours.

Draíocht has supported rehearsals for Louise Lewis's play 'Therese', which will feature in the Dublin Fringe Festival in September. Preparations continue for Veronica Coburn's 'Without Distinction of Sex', Draíocht's 2026 Dublin Theatre Festival production, involving a 41-member community choir. The planned roof works have been postponed until Summer 2027.

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Film

As part of our Garden Party Summer Series, we hosted an outdoor 80s-themed screening of ***Footloose*** with a DJ after-party on 11 July, attracting 130 attendees.



Music

Our summer music programme opened on 13 June with ***The Devil's in The Dancehall***, a historical musical theatre performance featuring audience participation, dancing and live music from The Galton Big Band, attracting 277 attendees. Dublin singer-songwriter **Daoirí Farrell** performed on 26 June (128 attendees), followed by **The Muddy River Band** performing songs by Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Van Morrison on 27 July (185 attendees). The Garden Party Series closed on 16 August with an afternoon of bluegrass from **Martha Spencer & The Wonderland Band** (144 attendees).

Workshops

As part of Crúinniú on 6 June, we hosted free children's creative workshops, including **bodhrán making** (40 attendees) and two **Shadow Puppetry** performances by Flight of Fancy, both fully booked with 14 attendees each. Our four-day **Movie Maker Summer Camp** for ages 10–14 was also fully booked with 14 attendees, while an adult **Willow Basket Making Workshop** on 12 August sold out with 8 attendees.

Special Events

Irish Record Fairs hosted a non-ticketed vinyl record fair in the Piper's Garden on 20 June.

Visual Arts

During June and July, the Easter Snow Gallery hosted *A Storytelling*, an emotive mixed-media exhibition by **Alison Barry** exploring the character and storytelling spirit of Irish wildlife. Our current exhibition, *Refractions* by artist and musician **Ioana Petcu-Colan**, explores the meeting point of music and visual art through drawings and graphic scores inspired by melodies, memories and the physical traces of violin playing. The exhibition runs until 7 October 2026.

Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan has successfully awarded 11 artists to work with local Balbriggan community groups through a brand-new funding scheme. The Making Waves Seed Funding Scheme will contribute over €45,000 to 11 artistic programmes to be carried out involving artists collaborating with local community groups in Balbriggan between September 2026 and February 2027. The Making Waves programmes will be officially launched at a public event as part of Culture Night on September 18 at Ardgillan Castle. Creative places Balbriggan also supported the successful application from TU Dublin to CreatIve Ireland for "Demolition Takedown: Assemblages". The project will be largely based in Balbriggan with Balbriggan creative practitioners Islander Architects involved. The project will examine creative new approaches to more sustainable and reuse practices in demolition over a 3 year period, working with the Fingal Arts Office and other FCC departments such as Climate Action, Libraries, Architecture and Planning and with a budget of almost €700,000.

LIBRARIES

Magic of Stories Festival

This hugely popular children's festival is celebrating its 5th year in Swords Castle on 26th September with a day packed with author and illustrator events, street theatre, creative workshops, music, children's entertainment and lots more! The Magic of Stories started with one great idea that has grown bigger and better over five years and continues to engage young readers with the best of Irish children's literature. This year, we are introducing our new mascot, Dany the Dragon, and her pals - book-loving dragons bringing magic to Swords Castle. Dany was designed by author and illustrator Alan Nolan, also the creator of the very popular Magic of Stories activity book, which allows young people to get involved in the magic before the festival begins.

Culture Night



Fingal Libraries are delighted to present an exciting programme of free cultural events across several libraries on Culture Night, Friday 18th September. Venues include Swords Library, Skerries Library, Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library, Malahide Library and Local Studies and Archives. The programme includes music from the Blanchardstown Brass Band, the Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle, the Balbriggan Gospel Choir, and the Bits and Bobs Orchestra. People will also get the opportunity to go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view interesting items from its collections. A genealogist will be on hand to answer family history questions.

Fingal Festival of History

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FINGAL FESTIVAL OF HISTORY
2026

This year sees Fingal's tenth annual Festival of History, which will run across library branches from Saturday, 26th September to Sunday, 11th October. The programme includes such diverse topics as Ireland's involvement in the American Revolution, the 1926 Census, the Old Schoolhouse in Clonsilla and much more. History at the Library Day takes place on Saturday 3rd October in The Carnegie on North Street, Swords, with talks about Ireland's links with Europe. There will also be two heritage tours hosted by Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage and Rush Tourism

The Language Hub: Poetry and Translation



As part of the country wide cultural programme celebrating Ireland's EU presidency, poet Christodoulos Makris has curated a series of poetry sessions that centre connectivity through language. Poets and translators visiting from across Europe will present their work - in English, Latvian, Italian, Dutch and Irish - in The Chapel, Swords Castle on Saturday, 3rd October.

European Sustainable Development Week



This year, Sustainable Development Goals Week takes place from 18th September to 8th October and Fingal Libraries have organised events to raise awareness of sustainability. These include a Toy Library event to help families share toys rather than buy new ones, workshops for children on looking after Fingal's beautiful coastal environments with Clean Coasts, an information session on improving home energy efficiency with Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community, and a talk on sustainable development, from Dr. Patrick Bresnihan.

Bronntanas Festival



Fingal Libraries are once again delighted to take part in the Bronntanas Festival, which runs from 14th September to the 4th October across Dublin.

Bronntanas is an Irish language festival for families, that celebrates the use of Irish in family life through fun events. Bronntanas is delivered through Irish and bilingually, ensuring families can take part regardless of their level of Irish. Bronntanas events in Fingal Libraries include a bilingual magic show, drop in pottery sessions, rap and much more.

Fondly, Fingal Libraries



The Fondly, Fingal Libraries letter writing exchange between Fingal Libraries and Delaware Libraries is underway with upwards of 700 patrons registered across both authorities, and over 400 pen pal matches made so far, based on interests, age and preferences. Delaware patrons are currently writing their first correspondences to their Fingal pen pals, and we will be receiving a parcel of their letters at the first week of September to disperse to our ten branches and County Hall. Fingal participants will then write their replies, and use the post boxes supplied to each branch.

A Story2Remember

Creative Fingal is delighted to present A Story2Remember with Engaging Dementia in The Carnegie, Swords, on 25th September. In this training session, new facilitators will learn to deliver the Story2Remember initiative to people in the community living with dementia and their family members.

Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community

Creative Fingal's Health and Wellbeing in the Community Scheme 2026–2028 projects, are both well underway. Weaving Worlds: Creative Fashion Upcycling Across Borders and Ages brings together an intergenerational group from Fingal, comprising Fingal's Older People Council and a local youth group, and a similar group from Northern Ireland.

Imagine, Create, Grow: Helium Inspiring Life Through Art is a project that will support children with lifelong physical health conditions living in Fingal, alongside their families. Designed for those aged 8–12,the initiative aims to provide creative health support .

Economic Development

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project
Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

As the highly successful EcoCore URBACT project draws to a close, Fingal County Council will represent the partnership at the URBACT City Festival 2026, taking place in Nicosia, Cyprus, on 28-29 September. The URBACT City Festival is a flagship European event that brings together hundreds of urban practitioners, policymakers, local authorities and city development experts from across Europe.

The festival provides a unique platform to exchange knowledge, explore emerging trends in sustainable urban development, strengthen international networks and collaborate on innovative solutions to improve cities and communities.

As Lead Partner of the EcoCore project, Fingal will showcase the achievements and impact of the network over its lifetime.

Representatives will participate in the festival's Local Actions Marketplace, highlighting the innovative local actions and sustainability initiatives developed by EcoCore partner cities throughout the project.

The event marks an important milestone and celebration of the collaborative work undertaken by the EcoCore partnership, demonstrating how transnational cooperation can deliver practical solutions and lasting benefits for local communities across Europe.

Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy

FUTURE FINGAL:
FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

Work is underway with stakeholders in the Fingal Skills Strategy's Transport & Logistics subgroup to host a sectoral event on AI in the Riasc Centre on the 17th of September.

The 'Driving Transport & Logistics forward with AI' event will feature keynotes from industry experts in AI and T&L, a panel discussion, audience Q&A and networking opportunities.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2026



The Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2026 will take place in the Helix on the 13th of October.
Now in it's 4th year, this year's Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo will welcome 23 Fingal Schools, and over 2300 students to the Helix
The event will give students the opportunity to interact with exhibitors from different fields, ask questions, gain insight into careers in that sector and get valuable advice to help shape their future prospects.
We are delighted confirm Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Marian Harkin will be attending this year's Expo.

Adult Literacy for Life

SOLAS are carrying out the mid-term review of the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy. Coalition members, including Fingal County Council, are invited to participate through focus groups, interviews and written submissions during August and September 2026. The review will assess progress to date and the continued relevance of the strategy's actions and targets.

LEADER Programme Update

The LAG meeting on 15 July approved three projects, with a total value of €80,468

Next LAG Meeting: 15th September

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The 2026/27 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), launched in June 2026, provides funding for outdoor recreation projects in rural areas, including walking trails, cycleways, blueways, beaches, rivers, and other outdoor amenities.



The scheme is delivered through four funding measures, each providing 90% grant aid:

Project Development Measure (PDM): Supports the development costs of new projects, with funding available up to a combined maximum of €100,000 per local authority.

Measure 1: Small-scale repair, maintenance, development, promotion and marketing projects, with funding of up to €40,000.

Measure 2: Medium-scale repair, maintenance and upgrade works, as well as new trail and amenity development projects, with funding of up to €200,000.

Measure 3: Strategic large-scale repair and upgrade works, along with the development of new strategic trails and amenities, with funding of up to €500,000.

Expressions of Interest for the Project Development Measure (PDM) and Measure 1 received by the closing date of 31 July 2026 are currently being assessed. A total of four PDM applications and three Measure 1 applications were received. The County Outdoor Recreation Committee will meet on 8th September 2026 to commence the evaluation process, following which recommendations will be put forward to the Department.

The closing date for Expression of Interest for Measures 2 & 3 is 30th September 2026.

STInt Programme

Fingal County Council's Digital Services, Economic Development and Planning & Infrastructure teams, in partnership with Dublin City University (DCU), have developed a project under the FCC STInt Placement Programme to enhance STEM capacity among teachers and early years educators.

Phase 1 included presenting the programme to the Senior Management Team and Elected Members. Following this, the Economic Development team secured a meeting with a school in Rush to explore collaboration opportunities and support for the initiative. Initial engagement has also taken place with a school in Porterstown to promote participation and inform the next phase of the project.



TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2025 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, chaired by Dr. David Begg continue to meet on a regular basis, where Members receive updates on the Urban Regeneration Development Funded Public Infrastructure Projects and progress reports from its four Pillar Chairs; Economic Development, Education, Skills & Training, Community Development & Sustainability, Climate Action & Biodiversity. Pillar Groups continue to meet to progress action workplans.



The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs redevelopment works are now substantially completed with most areas of the public realm now accessible to the public. The remaining elements of the project once completed will be handed back in phases.



The heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building, harbour pavilion buildings, kiosks are nearing completion and the public toilets at the viaduct are open.

The Council have engaged a Commercial Operator to look at commercial retail and leisure opportunities and assist in the examination of viable options for these buildings.





The procurement process to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is almost complete. The property and adjoining commercial unit are set to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, digital learning, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office and local stakeholders.



An Integrated Design Team, McCullough Mulvin Architects, have been appointed for the DeBruns site. It is intended to proceed to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in Q4 2026. Work is ongoing on design options based on best uses and site constraints.

Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects continue to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Based on the current programme, a public planning process is due to commence shortly with construction commencing in early 2027 for completion of the project in late 2027.



Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to work with the Operations Department on a programme of works to enhance spaces for young people. The installation of a Half MUGA and additional outdoor enhancements at Chieftain's Drive/Moylaragh Road Scheme, Balbriggan, works are now completed. This adds to the variety of locations available for young people in Balbriggan, with three other locations completed in Millpond, Bremore and Charlie Moore Parks.





Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First

The latest Town Team meeting for Lusk took place on the 10th of June where progress was made on delivering the projects approved by the DRCDG under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2025 funding call. Procurement has now been completed to secure a contractor to complete a Strategic Environmental Assessment of four specific parks within Lusk.

In Donabate, work continues by an appointed consultant, in conjunction with Donabate Town Team and Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG, to complete a feasibility study for a new public realm area within the grounds of St. Patrick's Church. This project is being supported by the Fingal LEADER Partnership.

In Rush, procurement has also completed to appoint a suitable contractor to complete an a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Rush Town Centre First Plan. Work is also continuing by the Ballyboughal and Balrothery Town Teams on the projects contained within their respective Town Centre First Plans.

In July and August, the Town Regeneration Office held two further capacity building workshops, led by an experienced facilitator in Skerries. The capacity building process is now complete and will move to the next phase in the coming weeks, where a Town Team will be established to implement an agreed list of future actions for the town.





Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025 Project being implemented

St. Margaret's - Community Hall Enhancement

Funding of €500,000 has been approved to complete the repair, refurbishment and extension of the existing Community Hall in St Margaret's to include mechanical and electrical upgrades, fire safety and site clearing. This project will be led by the Community Development Office and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Ballyboughal - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €218,700 has been approved. This project will be led by the Ballyboughal Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Progress continues to be made between the Town Team, the Town Regeneration Office other FCC departments are ongoing to agree a strategy for the works in question.

Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €195,075 has been secured under TVRS for Lusk. The projects identified will be led by the Lusk Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

The town team are actively examining the possibilities regarding streetscape improvement, digital heritage and wayfinding options. A procurement process to secure a contractor to complete an Identity and Wayfinding Strategy for the town is due to be completed soon.

Rush – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €50,000 has been secured for Rush. The selected project will be led by the Rush Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Procurement documents have been published to obtain a contractor to complete a feasibility study of potential enhancement options for this area.

Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €49,500 has been secured and the. project will be led by the Balrothery Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

A Geophysical Study of the areas within the village has recently been completed. Procurement will begin shortly to obtain a qualified consultant to complete a feasibility study of the Fair Green in Balrothery to establish the viability of the space to hold events for the local community.

Derelict Sites

123 no. statutory notices have issued on 59 no. sites under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 to owners of derelict sites year to date.



6 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the beginning of the year following compliance with Notices served. A further 4 no. properties have been added to the Derelict Sites Register which brings the current number of properties on the Register to 26.

There have been a total of 178 no. inspections and re-inspections completed in 2026 on 144 no. Sites.



To date €1,042,765 has been demanded in Derelict Sites levies for the years 2025 and 2026. €118,620 has been received to date this year. Legal cases are being pursued in line with the provisions of the Act to collect all outstanding levies.

The Derelict Sites team continues to focus on engagement with the owners of these derelict sites and will continue identifying further sites across the county.

The Town Regeneration Office actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

Local Enterprise Office

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of supports services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network (FEWN)



Catherine Moonan, author of The Pitch Coach and Life's A Pitch, and former Pitch Coach on Dragons' Den, will be the guest speaker at Life's A Pitch, hosted by Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN), on Friday, 11 September at Portmarnock Resort Hotel.

Facilitated by Sharon Rossignuolo, this practical and engaging workshop style meeting will focus on helping businesswomen communicate their value with greater clarity, confidence and impact. Catherine will share proven techniques to help participants understand their audience, structure a compelling business story, deliver a clear and memorable pitch, and use body language, voice and language more effectively.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The August monthly online Business Supports Briefing attracted 101 registrants, who joined to learn about how the Local Enterprise Office can support their business.

The next briefing will take place online on 2nd September and will continue to run throughout the year. A recorded version is now available, enabling clients to watch the latest briefing at any time.

Food Sectoral Supports

Three Fingal applicants have been successful in gaining a much-coveted space on the Food Academy Programme 2026. Participants gain a listing with SuperValu and exposure to the experience of supplying a large Food Business. LEO Fingal lead a 2 day in person Food Starter Programme on two Saturdays in August, the 15th and 29th.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €454,383 across 28 Business grant applications to date in 2026. The next EVAC meeting will convene on 26th August with 8 applications under consideration.

Sustainability Supports

LEO Fingal provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. The Green for Business programme was delivered to 41 Fingal based businesses in 2025 allowing many of these businesses to apply for the Energy Efficiency Grant with funding of up to €10,000 and 75% of eligible costs, to enable small businesses to acquire energy efficient equipment and processes. 15 businesses have been approved under these schemes so far in 2026.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. This service is completely subsidised by Fingal LEO and offered to clients free of charge. It is always in high demand - so far this year just over 800 clients have signed up to the mentor and business advice clinic service.

Business Loan Scheme

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), up to €50,000 per approved applicant. So far this year 30 MFI loan applications have been processed and supported by an expert mentor who guides applicants through the process to maximise their prospect of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal run a comprehensive programme of Training and Events throughout the year. There is high demand across all LEO Fingal training programmes and also high satisfaction ratings and comments recorded through participant surveys.

In 2026 so far, there have been 1,972 attendees registered at LEO Fingal training and events which includes nine Start Your Own Business Courses which had a total of 105 participants.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The Market Explorer Grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €10,000. Five businesses have been approved in LEO Fingal so far year to date with several other businesses currently working on applications.

Digital & Innovation Supports

The Grow Digital Voucher and Digital for Business schemes offer SMEs grant and capability supports to embrace digital technology.

So far in 2026, 32 clients have been approved through the Digital for Business Programme and 12 clients have been approved for Grow Digital Vouchers totalling €35,039 in voucher approvals.

There have also been 4 Digital Boost Webinars to educate clients on these programmes and to help them apply with the next Webinar taking place on Thursday, 27 August 2026

Fingal Business Network



The next recent Fingal Business Network event, Future Ready Fingal, Digital, Sustainable and Export-focused growth for small businesses will be on 2nd October in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown.

The Fingal Business Network meets three to four times per year.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports



Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness.

In 2026 to date 11 clients have been approved under this Programme.

Community
Equality
Participation
Empowerment
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INCLUSION
Making a Difference

Community Development & Inclusion

Community Development

This month, the Community Development Office supported the following:

Our Fabric Churchfields– Residents Association Workshop



With support from the CDI Division, Our Fabric delivered a Residents' Association workshop in Parslickstown Community Centre in July, bringing together 20 residents from Churchfields and neighbouring estates. The initiative aims to strengthen community connections and integration, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for August to elect a committee and advance the formation of a Residents' Association.

On the Buses Project Continues Along Blakestown Road





The On the Buses Project continues to have a positive impact along Blakestown Road through collaboration between CDI Division, operations, local community groups, and partner organisations. Building on previous phases, the project fosters community engagement, local pride, and stronger connections through creative initiatives.

Working with partners including the Blakestown Drive Community Group, Avista, local schools, youth groups, and other stakeholders, the project also enhances the visual environment of the area through a series of collaborative art installations on service boxes along Blakestown Road and Blakestown Way.

Summer Projects 2026

Thirty-eight summer projects received €71,949 in funding, delivering recreational and educational activities that supported learning, inclusion and community participation for hundreds of young people across the county.

Rivermeade 50th Anniversary Celebrations





Rivermeade Estate marked its 50th anniversary this summer with a community celebration on the central green, delivered in partnership with Fingal's Festival in a Van and the annual Community Fun Day. Supported by Fingal's Community Development & Inclusion Division, the event brought residents together through music, creativity and family-friendly activities, including a performance by local student Caleb Loresca.

Community engagement in the area was further strengthened through a recent Place Standard process, involving over 20 Residents' Association members and staff from a range of Fingal departments, including Active Cities, Parks, Sports, Environment, Age Friendly and the Community Office. The programme included a community walkabout and workshop at the local school, with a follow-up event scheduled for September involving Fingal Operations, the Community Safety Coordinator, and the Public Lighting Department.

Corduff Fingal Festival in a Van – Sounds of Summer

The Festival in a Van project visited 12 locations across Fingal in July, bringing music and culture to communities throughout the county. Delivered in partnership with the Community Division, Creative Fingal and Festival in a Van, the programme supported local summer events, including visits to Prosper Fingal and the Balseskin Refugee Centre. Planning is already underway for Sounds of Summer 2027.



Facilities Management

The unit supports 38 centres and oversees capital works.

Corduff Resource Centre – Partial hand over

Vision Contracting completed a partial handover of the Corduff Resource Centre to Fingal County Council on 11 August 2026, enabling fit-out works to commence. Remaining works to the car park and boundary fencing are due for completion in early September, with the community centre expected to officially open in mid-October 2026.



Fingal Community Facility Network



More than 35 representatives from centres attended a workshop focused on Social Enterprise Development within community centres. The event provided an opportunity to share experiences, explore best practice, and discuss sustainable approaches to social enterprise growth. Active Travel and Smart Go showcased innovative mobility solutions, including the potential for a shared cargo bike scheme to support community programmes, local transport needs, events, and environmentally sustainable operations across Fingal community facilities.

Interagency

The Community Development Office collaborates with agencies to enhance service delivery across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)

FCNN is preparing for a Dublin City Council Comhairle event at Dublin City Hall on 15 September to mark the EU Presidency. Bringing together all four Dublin Comhairlí, the event will promote youth participation in democracy and provide opportunities for young people to engage with Ambassadors, MEPs, local representatives and the Dublin Lord Mayor.



Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

Members and reps from FPPN took part in the Swords Main Street transformation consultation. While the PPN secretariat takes a break from meetings each July, the engagement continues, and we look forward to meeting again in late August.



Age Friendly Fingal



Vintage Picnic took place on 20 August in Millennium Park, Dublin 15, attracting strong demand with all 600 tickets booked within 90 minutes. Attendees enjoyed live music, activities including Tai Chi, flower arranging and block printing, and information stands from the Irish Heart Foundation, Hidden Hearing and Healthy Fingal.

Weaving Worlds: Intergenerational Project



Funded by Creative Ireland, **Weaving Worlds**, a cross-border upcycling fashion project, launched in June with project leaders from Huntstown Community Centre, Foróige Dublin 15 and Newtownards, Co. Down.

In July, younger and older participants took part in an intergenerational workshop exploring ageing and stereotypes, helping to build relationships, mutual understanding and collaboration across generations.

Funding

140 Community Activity Grants have been awarded to date:

ACM Area	Number of Grants	Amount
BRLS	70	€180,522.84
BMCO	54	€143,212.23
HOWTH/MAL	16	€39,176.15
Total	**140**	**€362,911.22**

Local and Rural Development

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC met on 16th July 2026. The next meeting is 16th September 2026

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

- Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) The LECP Implementation Plan 2026–2028 was adopted on 16th July 2026

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

- €268,827 allocated to Fingal by DRCDG for 2026.
- 134 projects totalling €268,827 submitted to DRCDG on 22 April 2026 and all projects approved by DRCDG in July 2026.

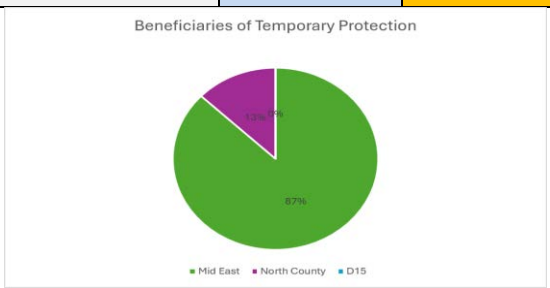
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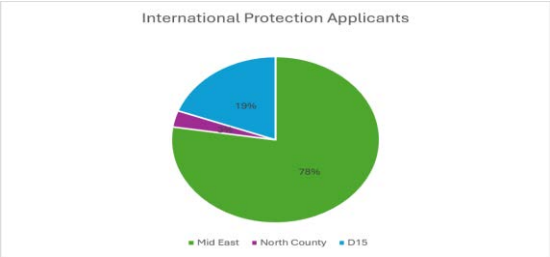
Provides services supporting inclusion and intercultural understanding.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Clinics continue for IPAS and BOTP residents (total: 2,068 individuals across Fingal regions).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	29	59
Mid-East	196	1428
Dublin 15	0	356
Total	**225**	**1843**





National Migration Strategy Consultation



In partnership with the Community Engagement Team in the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, the CDI Division hosted the **Fingal Community Dialogue on Migration and Integration** on 28 July, attended by 47 stakeholders. The discussions generated valuable insights to inform both local and national migration and integration strategies.

Ecuadorian Art Exhibition in Lusk Cultural Centre



The CDI Division supported the launch of a new Ecuadorian art exhibition, the first of its kind in Fingal and Ireland. The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tony Murphy, and highlights the county's commitment to cultural diversity, inclusion and community engagement.

All Ireland International Football Cup



Through a partnership with a local accommodation centre, the CDI Division enabled three teams to participate in this successful All-Ireland event, promoting inclusion and community engagement.

Ukraine Events



In collaboration with Dublin College, we delivered a briefing on the needs of young people ageing out of state care and assessed requirements for further education and employment support workshops.

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Area Business Totals for June and July 2026

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	1540	379	46	13	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	872	324	17	6	3
Howth/Malahide	444	55	19	5	1
Total	2,856	758	82	24	5

Works Programme Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Swords

Before and after weed clearance at Santry Lane.




Weed clearance in Holywell Estate, Swords.




Dead tree removal in Abbeylea Estate, Swords.




Weed removal at the basketball court near Swords Manor.




Crown lifting of tree in Broadmeadows, Swords.




Potential bonfire material removed from Airside Industrial Estate, following the field being set on fire numerous times.




Path improvement works completed around the Temple monument at Santry Demesne as part of the Parks Capital Works Program. New timber edging was installed and all pathways resurfaced with compacted gold dust.




Wildflower areas created as part of enhancement works in Ward River Valley Park at Brackenstown Road. These landscape works were done in phases in line with the creation of the Learn to Cycle track installed.




410 linear metres of pathways within the central open space of Cianlea Lioscian were widened and resurfaced as part of the POWs 2026. A further 40 linear metres of new link paths were installed to enhance movement around the open space. As part of this phase of works 2 benches are due to be installed over the coming weeks.




Phased works are now complete on the pedestrian route from Hilltown grove to River Valley road, as part of the POWs. Works included the creation of a 35 metre meandering path down the slope which now provides an formal accessible route. The existing steps were improved with the install of anti-skid surfacing and the recent addition of hand rails to assist users also. The final phase of works will see minor landscape improvements with hedge planting at a section of the boundary wall of the open space.





Two new benches were installed by Operations depot staff at the Dog off leash area in Newbridge Demesne.



A new MUGA court installed at Balheary Park as part of phased upgrade works in progress, with the addition of a teqball table due imminently. Upgrade works to the existing recreation areas will take place as part of the next phase of works and provide further recreation options for park users.



North County

Benches installed in Ballyboughal, as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.



Landscaping works at Treen Hill, Lusk, as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.



New bollards installed at South Beach, Rush.



Planter benches installed in Lusk as part of the 2026 Programme of Works.



New swim Shelter installed at South Beach, Rush.



Macadam overlay on Leastown Lane as part of this year's roads programme. This road is to be surface dressed by roads outdoor staff at a later date this year.





Trial hole samples taken on Barnageeragh Distributor Road to determine existing road build up prior to tendering for full resurfacing works as part of this year's roads programme.





Roads programme continuing in preparation of this year's surface dressing season with the macadam overlay of Palmerstown Road, Oldtown.





Replacement of concrete footpaths at Orlynn Park, Lusk by Balbriggan construction crew as part of roads general maintenance works.





Howth/ Malahide Area

Waterside Estate/MPETSS





A new pedestrian path was laid between the Schools off the Feltrim road and Waterside. This allows pedestrians to link up with the Malahide/Swords Road and the Feltrim road.

Kettles Park, Kinsealy.



Preparation for ESB ducting.



ESB ducting laid to facilitate the new changing rooms.

Howth pathways

Before and after pictures of trimming along Sheilmartin.



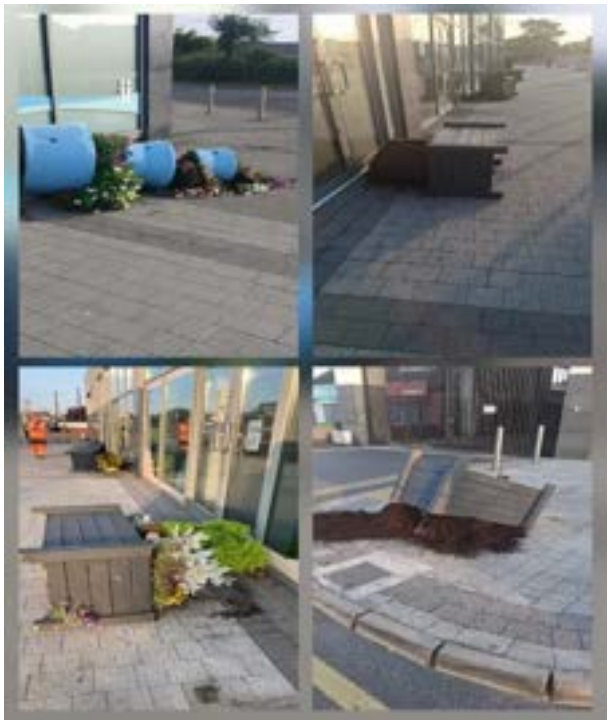
Before and After photos of Trimming works



Please see reported figures from the counters along the Howth pathways over the 3-month summer period. The total number of visitors to the Howth pathways for the 3-month period was 321,136. Extra trimming was required along the busier sections this summer.



Portmarnock



Howth Malahide Operations crew assisted with overturned planters along the main thoroughfare in Portmarnock village.



Removal of waste collected by Portmarnock tidy towns.

Waterside



New cage installed for sports equipment at Waterside estate.

Bayside



A new play unit has been installed, replacing the older unit beyond repair.

Grace O'Malley community gardens, Howth.



Before and after pictures: Clearing pathways before children go back to school.



New play units added to the community garden in Grace O'Malley, Howth With an emphasis on sensory play items for better inclusivity.









Howth Malahide Area Roads / Footpaths

Tuckett's Lane, Howth

The Howth Malahide Crew have completed new anti-slip paint on steps at Tuckett's Lane.



Beach Car Park, Malahide

Resurfacing works to Malahide Beach Car Park have been completed.





Seapark Hill, Malahide

New footpaths completed at Seapark Hill.



Kinsealy Lane, Malahide

The Contractor has completed new footpaths at Kinsealy lane, front of Bright Sparks.



Works have started on another section of new footpath at Kinsealy lane.



Ard Na Mara, Malahide

The Contractor has completed new footpaths at Ard Na Mara.



Wendell Avenue, Portmarnock

Wendell Avenue completion of new footpaths.



Shielmartin Road, Sutton

New concrete footpaths have been completed at Shielmartin Road.



Strand Road, Sutton

New concrete footpaths have been completed at Strand Road.

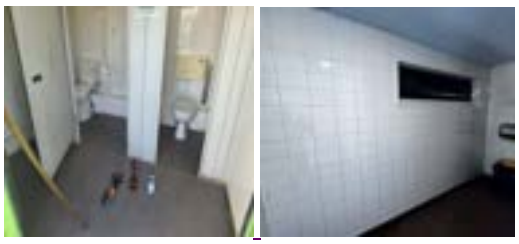


Howth Malahide Area Winter Gritting Preparation



Preparation of gritters and salt barn in advance of the winter gritting season at Watery Lane Depot.

Howth Malahide Area Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Deep clean and replacement floors at Howth Malahide area public toilets.

Photographs of locations where weed removal and additional sweeping works were carried out by the Howth Malahide team. Locations include Balscadden carpark, costal walkways, Baldoyle paths and walls.








No fishing signage High Rock, Coast Road, Malahide to prevent swimmers getting injured by hooks etc.



Fly tipping at Fingal clothes/ bottle banks prior to removal.





Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Tree Pruning Works D15



Please see before and after photos of tree pruning works. These works were carried out for health and safety reasons, with branches hanging very low, causing the area to be dark during the day.
The crew crown raised the lime trees to 3.5m in line with the Fingal Street Tree policy.
20 small leaved lime trees (Tilia cordata) in Luttrell Park View were also pruned, making the area safe for pedestrians.



Tolka Valley Park -Clean Up





Clean up works were carried out in the Tolka Valley, Castlecurragh area on Saturday 1st August 2026.

Works consisted of Grass cutting, strimming weeds back from the metal boardwalk, litter picking and hedge cutting along the Tolka park.



Mulhuddart Village -New Footpath works



Before and after photos of new footpath works laid in Mulhuddart Village on the open space on Blakestown road, opposite Village Heights.



This work consisted of new 250 linear meters of 2.5 m footpaths.



New park benches were also installed.



Tree surgery works were also carried out, dead and diseased trees were removed , stumps were ground out and all low growing vegetation was cut back for better sightlines along the new footpath.




All works were completed on 10th August 2026.

Sensory Garden - opposite Our Lady Mother of the Church, off Auburn Avenue .





The sensory garden was re-juvenated with 110 new herbaceous perennial pollinator plants, and 4-ton bags of bark Mulch. Residents were delighted with the clean-up and additional plants.

Mount Symon-Name Stone



Herbaceous perennial pollinator plants were planted at Mount Symon name stone and a new bed at the back of estate was installed in Clonsilla.



The work consisted of 80 perennial plants, two bags of compost and half ton of bark Mulch.

Corduff Grove -pollinator plants

New herbaceous perennial pollinator plants were planted at Corduff Grove, off Blanchardstown Road North.




220 plants and 1 ton of bark mulch were placed at this new perennial bed.

Mulhuddart Village -New Flower Boxes



New flower boxes were installed in Mulhuddart village.





These boxes contained 42 herbaceous perennial pollinator plants and bark mulch.

Marymount Care Centre -competed two stops.

Works to two bus stops were completed near Marymount Care Centre under Bus Stop Enhancement Programme 2026.





St Catherine's Park Lucan





Roofing of Upper courtyard buildings at St. Catherine's Park has commenced.

New outdoor lock up for Sports Clubs St Catherine's Park has also been installed.





Double lane cricket training area installed at St Catherine's Park with a sports capital grant in conjunction with Sports Department.



Asbestos removal at the lower courtyard at St Catherine's Park has taken place.



Ongar

New Muga Multi use games area fencing installed at Ongar.



All Ireland Pipeband Championship

This event took place on Saturday 4th July in St. Catherine's Park.




Syro Malabar Festival

This event took place in St. Catherine's Park on the 8th August.




Hartstown Park



Community artwork was recently completed in Hartstown Park as part of a project involving local groups and schools that use the Park. The display captures numerous features of the park which includes two and four legged friends, numerous sports activities taking place and plenty of flora and fauna living within its natural habitat. Local school children drew pictures of what the Park means to them and some of these were included in the artwork.

Sorrell Estate -Footpaths




Reinstatement works were completed on damaged footpaths in Sorrel Estate. The works improved pedestrian safety, accessibility, and the overall appearance of the estate.

D15 -Hedging cut back




Overgrown hedging was cut back at various locations across D15 to improve pedestrian access, increase pathway usability, and enhance safety for all users.

Dromheath Estate -Footpath




Footpath reinstatement works were carried out in Dromheath Estate to repair damaged sections of pathway and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety.

Car Parking Services

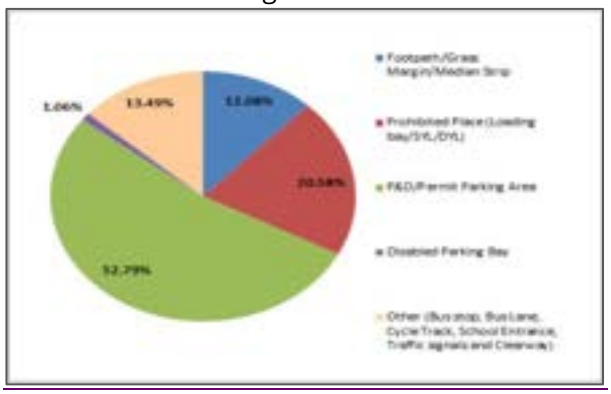
June 2026

There was a total of 1,987 parking tickets issued during June 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations June 2026
North Street - Swords	105
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	95
Harbour Road - Skerries	93
Red Island Carpark Skerries	91
Howth Summit Carpark Howth	86
Main Street - Swords	76
Strand Street - Skerries	72
South Strand Skerries	63
The Green - Malahide	61
Coast Road - Malahide	58

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



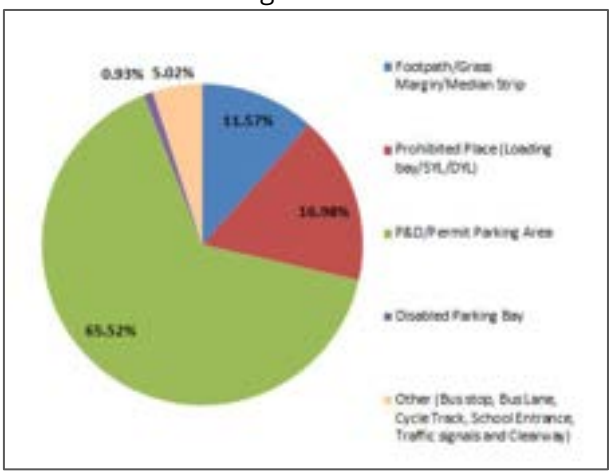
July 2026

There was a total of 1,810 parking tickets issued during July 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations July 2026
Coast Road Car Park Malahide	208
Strand Road Portmarnock	178
Howth Summit Carpark Howth	150
Portmarnock Beach Car Park(North) Strand Road Portmarnock	128
North Street - Swords	118
Red Island Carpark Skerries	117
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	116
Harbour Road - Skerries	116
South Strand Skerries	102
St Lawrence's Road Howth	70

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

Under the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 paid parking was introduced to 4 of the Coastal Car Parks.

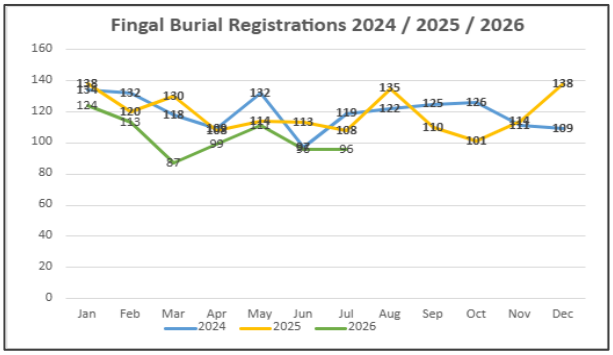
- Red Island Car Park (North), Skerries
- Howth Summit Car Park, Howth
- Coast Road, Car Park, Malahide
- Portmarnock Beach Car park (North)

Following necessary civil works, paid parking is now operating in all 4 Coastal Car Parks.



Burial Ground Services

There were 96 Interments in June 2026 and 96 Interments in July 2026 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Phase 2 work on the Speed Limit Review for Urban Areas included speed surveys conducted on a county-wide basis to inform the preparation of the draft bye-law maps.

The Traffic Section held informal workshop meetings with the Members of each Area Committee.The next stage is the statutory public consultation phase.

Update on 2026 Traffic Contracts

Ramps Contract: a successful contractor was appointed following procurement. Discussions are ongoing regarding works

Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract:
The new framework is being tendered and is currently at Stage 1 for assessment.

Solar Powered VAS Contract: This is due to be advertised shortly.

Traffic Signals Projects Contract:
The works are nearing completion. S/B Northern section, C/M & H/M are complete with only outstanding works to be completed in the S/B Southern section.

Road Markings Contract: Works are ongoing since the successful contractor was appointed

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

- 74 Plant Hires were put in place from 19/06/2026 to 31/08/2026, engaging 17 suppliers.
- 40 vehicle Inspections carried out by Fleet Management
- 9 Winter Gritting Trucks were Calibrated
- Tender for the purchase of Tractors and Backhoe Excavators published.
- 5 New Sweepers were added to the Fleet



Public Lighting

2026 Programme of Works

Works on the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2026 POW Works Complete:

- Glebe Park Carpark and walkway, Balrothery - beside tennis courts
- Willow Wood Grove/Stonebridge Road Walkway, Clonsilla
- Hazelbury Park/Littlepace Park Walkway, Littlepace
- South Beach Carpark, Rush
- St.Columbas Rise/Church Road Laneway, Swords
- Whitestown Park Walkway, Coolmine
- Malahide Castle walkway, Malahide
- Castleknock Manor, Castleknock
- Annaly Grove, Ongar
- Town Parks Skerries
- Charlie Moore Park, Balbriggan
- Porterstown Overflow Carpark
- New Road Howth Upgrade - Howth
- Hazelbury Park, Cycleway LED Upgrade

2026 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Skerries Rd R127 Junction at bottlebank, Margaretstown
- Mick Walsh Park, Mulhuddart
- Blackwood Lane, Pormarnock
- Ballyboughal (R129 junction with R108)
- Bettyville Junction, Wimbletown/Richardstown
- R132, from Applegreen Station towards Ministers Road Junction, Lusk
- Quickpenny Lane, from Man O War GAA to Oberstown Detention Centre, Man Of War
- Kinsealy Lane (Phase 2), Kinsealy
- College Road/Carpenterstown Road Junction at entrance to Castleknock College near Porterstown Road, Castleknock

Public Lighting Column Replacement and Cable Upgrade Programme.

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing in the County.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Complete:

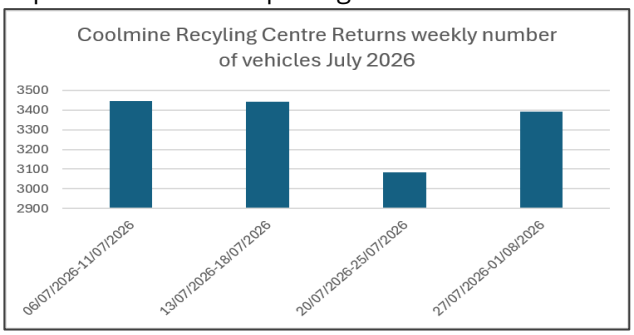
- Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla
- Flemington Park, Balbriggan
- Thormanby Lodge, Howth
- Seatown Estate, Swords

Public Lighting Column Replacements in Progress/Ongoing:

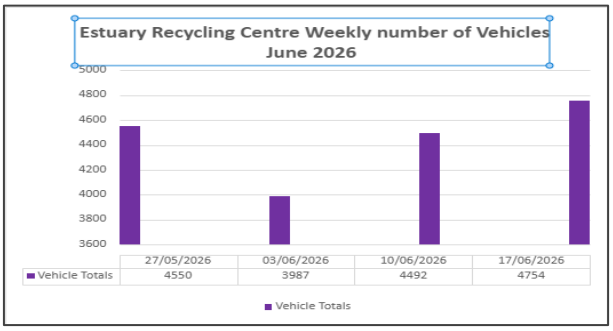
- Newcourt Estate, Swords

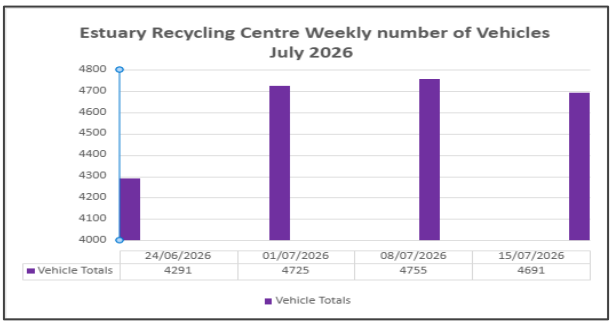
Recycling Centres Update

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to implement the new opening hours at Coolmine.



Statistics for Coolmine Recycling Centre above.



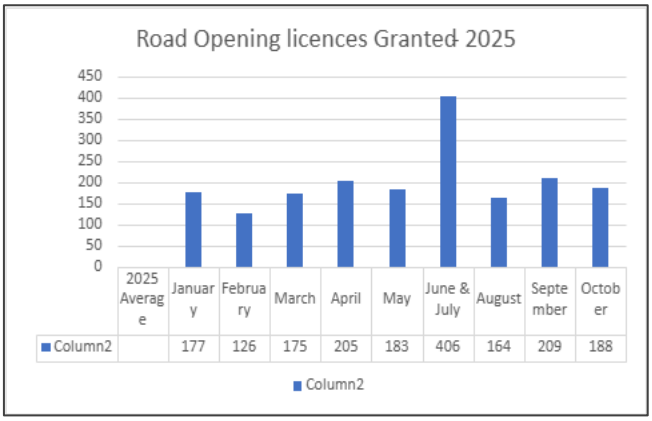


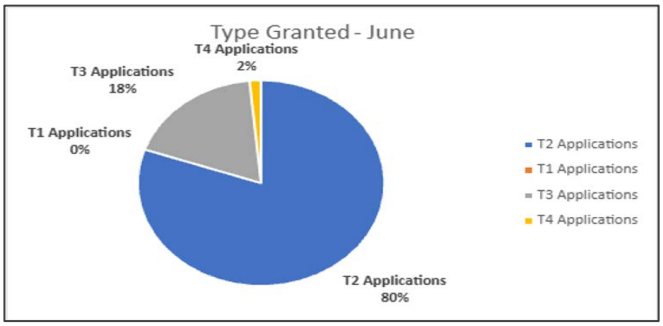
Statistics for Estuary Recycling Centre above

Licences

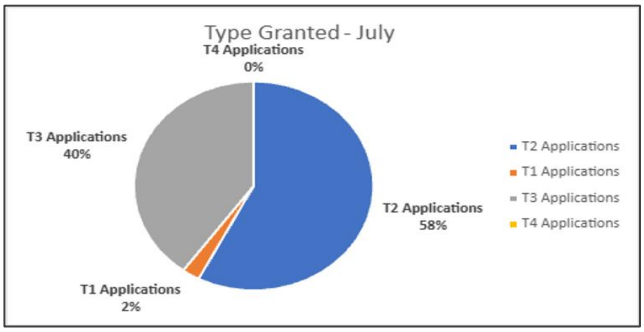
➢ Road Opening Licenses

The Licensing Unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain.

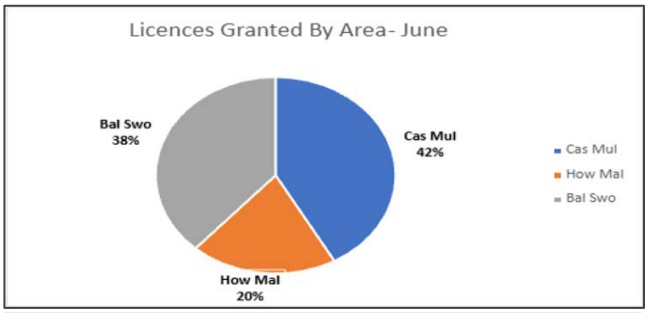


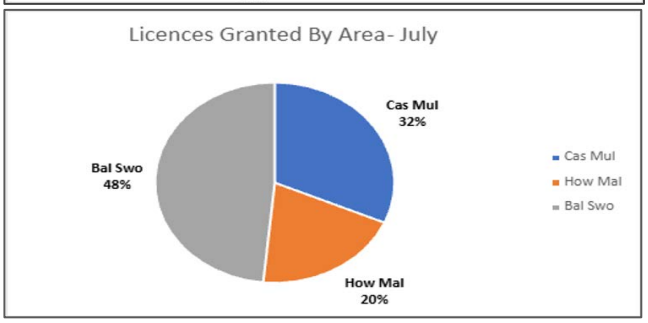


66 Licenses were granted in the month of June. 20% of which were granted by way of automation. Clerks of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.



125 Licenses were granted in the month of July. 40% of which were granted by way of automation. Clerks of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.





Bus Enhancement Scheme

Works are ongoing in all three administrative areas on the NTA approved and funded bus stop enhancements

➢ Howth Malahide Area

The Howth Malahide area team is upgrading two bus stops within this LEA under the Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme for 2026. These are located at:

- Sheilmartin Road, Howth
- Old Yellow Walls Road, Malahide

➢ Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Works on two bus stops on the R127 in Balbriggan have been completed as part of the 2025 BSEP Works Programme. The 2026 BSEP Work Programme for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area is currently under feasibility review from a short list received from the NTA.

➢ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The bus stop enhancement projects which received final NTA Approval to be constructed are as follows: one located on the Ratoath Road (L3080), Hollywoodrath and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Balseskin, Dubber. All these bus stop enhancements have been completed. The 2026 BSEP Work Programme for the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area is currently under feasibility review from a short list received from the NTA.

Grass Pitch Applications 2026/27

Fingal County Council are currently processing grass pitch applications for all clubs looking to use Fingal owned pitches for the upcoming playing season.
To date we have received a total of 85 applications. The process for re-allocation of pitches is currently underway with increased interest year on year.
Once payment is received all clubs will be issued with their letter of allocation and the use of the pitches for the upcoming season will begin.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 36 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2026/27 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, ice cream and flowers, these licences run from 1st of March 2026 until the 28th of February 2027. Fingal County Council is currently in the process of processing x2 additional applications, site inspections have been completed, and we are currently finalising licences for these applicants. Any Casual Trading locations that remain available and are advertised on the Fingal County Council website and social media channels.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council have again extended the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme from the 1st of April to the 30th of September 2026 for the summer season. We currently have 3 mobile saunas operating in the County at Portmarnock Beach Car Park, Red Island Car Park in Skerries and Balbriggan Beach Martello Tower.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 34 valid Street Furniture Licences have been issued to businesses so far in 2026. All 34 business have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises. Any additional applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis. We currently have 2 additional applications that we are currently processing and would envisage licences being issued out for these businesses in the coming days. Inspections continue throughout the county to ensure compliance of all businesses.

Harbours

Fingal County Council applied for funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the 2026 Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme in February this year and grant funding to the value of €154,006.80 (breakdown in table) was awarded and announced by Ministers Heydon and Dooley on the 20th of May.

Priority	Project title	Eligible project costs	Maximum funding conferred
1	Skerries Harbour	149,342	112,007
2	Rush Harbour	56,000	42,000
	Total	**205,342**	**154,007**

Skerries Harbour

The Emergency Stabilisation Works have successfully been completed at Skerries Pier. These works aimed to slow down the pier's progressive rate of collapse as an interim solution to the construction of a new pier while the Foreshore Lease and Licence are issued by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) which will enable the Council to progress detailed design and construction. An application was submitted for both licences in December 2024 and at this time DAFM can't confirm any timescales for the issue of the same.



Balbriggan Harbour

The Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour is currently at statutory consent stage and is awaiting the issue of a Marine Usage Licence (MUL) from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

An application for the MUL was submitted in April 2026 and at this time, MARA has not confirmed any timelines for the determination or issue of the licence.

Loughshinny Harbour

The Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour is currently at the preliminary study stage, which will inform the detailed design and the preparation of a Marine Usage Licence (MUL) application to MARA. Submission of the MUL application is anticipated in Q4 2026.
The Repair Works to address damage to the capping beam caused by a storm in January 2026 is currently out for pricing, with works expected to commence in September 2026. In the interim, the final 4-metre section of the pier head remains closed to the public.

Rush Harbour

A package of repair works is currently out to tender for Rush Harbour, with the aim of repairing and improving the masonry structure along the harbour walls and associated infrastructure. Works are anticipated to commence in September 2026.

Beach Bye-Law Consultation

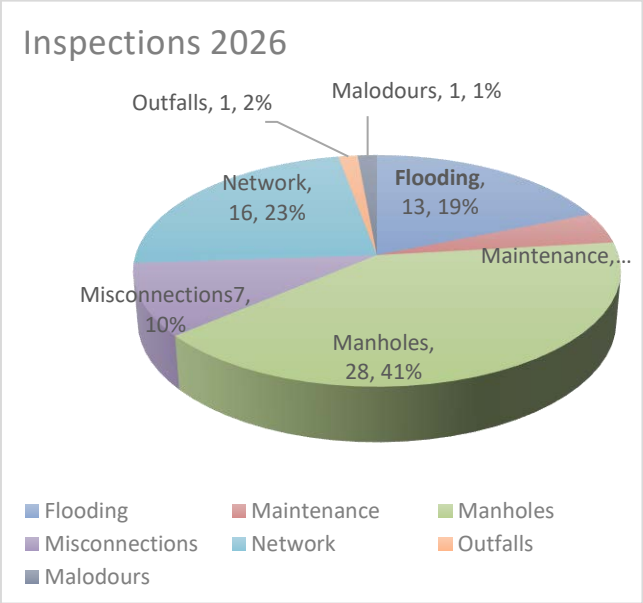
The consultation portal for the Proposed Amendment to the Fingal County Council Beach/Foreshore Bye-Laws 2006 was live over the summer and has now closed. There was excellent engagement from the public with the consultation with 1,045 submissions received, which will now be assessed with a consultation report being presented to Councillors in the coming months.



Surface Water

Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections

To date 10 Stormwater Connection Applications have been received for 2026.

Stormwater Capital Programme 2026-2028

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress 15 projects valued at €2.4m in the 2026-2028 Stormwater Capital Programme. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

Project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane Howth (Work Package B – fully complete).
Work Package A: Preliminary design complete. Draft topographic and GPR survey files received from contractor are currently under review. It is anticipated that the detailed design will be completed in Q4 2026.

Lusk Network Remedial Works

The project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area.
The final phase of works, to renew 200m of the existing pipeline, commenced in late July and will be completed by mid-September. To date, 130m of pipeline has been renewed. A full lane width road reinstatement will be required to close out these works.





Swords

Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Survey reports informed a number of work packages. Specialised lining and robotic works are on-going during Q3 2026.
The Naul – Weston Close R108; following a report of a road depression and road flooding, surveys were carried out along the R108 in the Naul outside Weston Close. Multiple issues were identified, the most notable being two collapsed sections in the network. Project scoping is currently underway to identify options for replacement. Repair works will commence once project scoping is complete.

Santry

Northwood Avenue; surveys identified several defects on the Stormwater line along the R132. The appointed specialized contractor began works at the end of May 2026.
The first phase of these works is now complete. Large debris that was restricting flow and blocking access was removed from two manholes, with two buried access covers fitted and raised. Additional surveys can now be completed to identify the exact location of two collapsed sections. Once complete, a procurement process will commence to appoint a contractor for repairs.

Dublin 15

Grove Road area; CCTV surveys identified issues requiring remedial works e.g. raising of buried manholes, jetting, root cutting, installation of pipeline and full replacement of damaged pipeline. All works are now complete.

Additional jetting and CCTV works were carried out during July & August. 150m of pipeline was also removed and replaced. Additional works may be required on a section of this network along the Snugborough Road in the future, surveys are planned to determine its condition.





Mount Symon; surveys identified a possible Foul-to-Storm sewer misconnection. A specialised contractor has been appointed to carry out remedial works and will commence when the start date is agreed. Old Navan Road Damastown; following reports of road flooding, surveys identified several network issues including manholes blocked with domestic waste, large amounts of silt in the mainline and blocked outfalls. Works ongoing to free these restrictions and allow the line to discharge correctly during heavy rainfall.





Surface Water Pollution

Stormwater Operations are currently assisting the Environment section with ongoing pollution investigations in the following areas:

- Lambourne Estate
- Valley View
- Woodview Grove
- Cnoc Dubh

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in Swords and D15 during July & August.

Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues at the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton.

Preventative Maintenance Jetting Programme

Jetting, Robotic & CCTV works were carried out in College Road & Damastown in D15 The Naul & Seapark in Malahide.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.



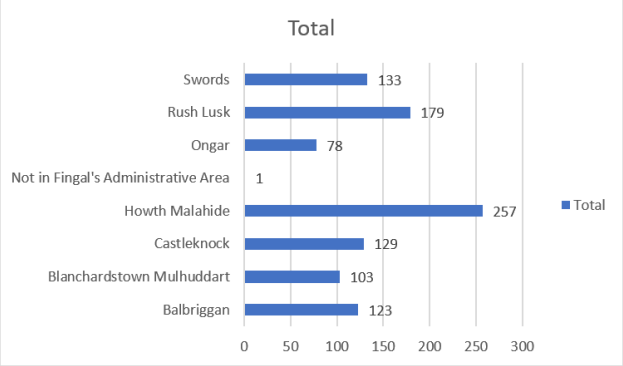
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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 31st July 2026, a total of 1003 applications were received, including 910 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 194 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 809 applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, 9 new Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, one of these applications was invalid, 9 granted decisions issued on LRD applications.

Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála have issued one refusal decision on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

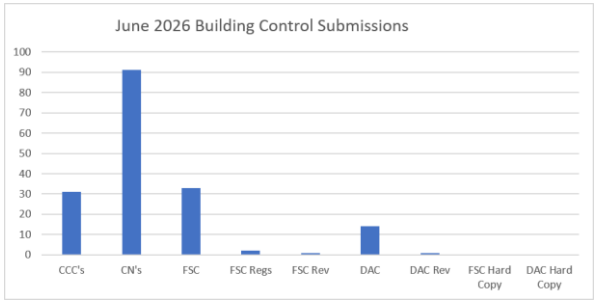
Planning Decisions

Between 1st January 2026 to the 31st July 2026, a total of 1,111 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 616 decisions to grant permission and 179 refusals of permission.

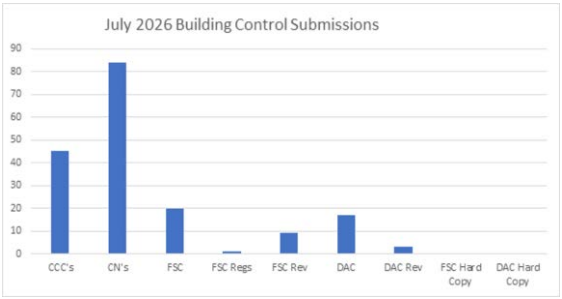
Building Control Admin

In June 2026, there were 174 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 91 Commencement notices, 31 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 36 Fire Safety related Certificates, 15 Disability Access related Certificates and one dispensation/ relaxation.

The Building Control Admin team processed 125 decisions in June 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 46 decisions to grant, 78 extensions of time and one refusal.



In July 2026, there were 181 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 84 Commencement notices, 45 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 30 Fire Safety related Certificates, 20 Disability Access related Certificates and 2 dispensation/ relaxation.



The Building Control Admin team processed 141 decisions in July 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 63 decisions to grant, 76 extensions of time, one refusal and one invalid.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

Strategic Policy Unit

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. Consultation on the final RZLT map for 2026 and the draft map for 2027 took place earlier this year. 30 no. valid submissions were received on the draft 2027 map while 17 no. valid submissions were received on the final RZLT map for 2026.

Responses to submissions were issued in June. A number of appeals were subsequently made to An Coimisiún Pleanála which are currently under review by the Commission.

Urban Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

Public display of the draft Urban Area Plan for Dunsink commenced on 19th June and closed on 31st July. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received is currently being prepared and will issue to the Elected Members by 11th September.

County Development Plan

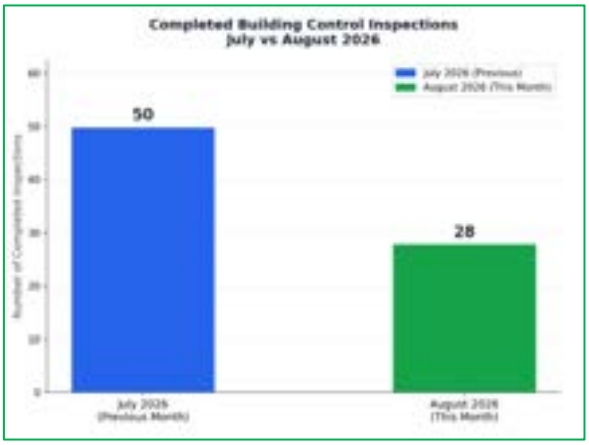
Variation No. 3 to the Fingal County Development Plan was placed on display between 17th July and 14th August. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions is currently being prepared and will issue to the Elected Members by 11th September.

Built Environment Division

Building Control

50 building control inspections were carried out in July 2026 covering 82 buildings.

28 building control inspections have been carried out to date (24th of August) covering 53 buildings.



Taking in Charge

Building Control took 1 road in charge in June 2026. This road was the "Forrest Little and Barberstown Road" at Dublin Airport
There are 4 estates advertised for taking in charge in September/October 2026. These are

1. Taylor Hill Phase 2, Balbriggan, Co Dublin.
2. Bayview, Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.
3. Cuan Bui, Yellow Walls Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin.
4. Comyn Manor, Swords, Co Dublin

There are 50 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 295 developments recorded in our system. Works are continuing for managing Taking in Charge works where Fingal has taken the bond. The first contract was for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15.

The closing date for this tender was 21st May 2026 and we are now in the process of appointing the successful tenderer.

The second contract is for Weston Park, Oldtown Avenue, Dooroge Woods, Palmer Avenue, Ceol Na Mara and The Stableyard. The consultants have been appointed for these works and snagging works are ongoing in these estates.

Dangerous Structures

There were 2 dangerous structures were reported in July 2026.

A total of 100 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures



Checking window restrictor on a house in Swords



Checking blockwork on a site in Lusk

Heritage



Heritage Week 2026

Many thanks to all of Fingal's community and heritage groups for making Heritage Week 2026 such a success. As part of National Heritage Week August 15-23rd, there were approximately 60 events held in Fingal to celebrate our heritage. From bell casting in Lusk to walks and talks in Rush, transport in Howth to graveyard tales in Clonmethan, there was something for everyone!



Heritage Night 2026



Thanks to Malahide Historical Society for hosting the annual Heritage Night for the Fingal Heritage Network.

This is the annual opportunity for the heritage groups and societies across Fingal to gather. With a series of quick-fire presentation, it was a wonderful night of heritage.



Changing Fingal Launch

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tony Murphy launched the outcomes of the Changing Fingal...Stories from our place project. These included leaflets on Main St. Swords; Rush, the people have left the village has stayed and Balbriggan our Place. Three booklets detailing the smugglers of Rush, Barrack Lane and the Enclosure of Lusk were also launched and two films -200 years of the Blanchardstown Brass Band and the 12 Apostles, Swords will be available on line.



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Transportation Planning

PSI-001 - Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI-002 - Ongar Barnhill Road

Fingal County Council celebrated the official opening of the Ongar Barnhill Road in February, a major strategic investment that unlocks housing potential, boosts sustainable transport, and delivers stronger, more efficient connections throughout the area. The completion of this key piece of infrastructure represents a significant advancement for Dublin 15.

The contractor is continuing to complete snagging on the scheme.

PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The project is scheduled for completion over a 25-month period and will be delivered in four sequential phases along the 3km corridor extending from the Bostik Junction to the edge of the Pinnock Hill Roundabout.

Construction commenced on the 20th of April with Phase 1 works at the Bostik Junction and Estuary Roundabout. This phase is anticipated to continue for approximately six months before the project advances to Phase 2.

Fingal County Council has awarded the construction contract for the R132 Connectivity Project to Murphy International Limited.



Works at Estuary Roundabout



Works at Estuary Roundabout – Islands in place



Cycle lane kerbs in place between Estuary Rd and Bostik junction



Site clearance at Malahide Rd and central medians as part of the project acceleration



Site clearance at Malahide Rd and central medians as part of the project acceleration

Meetings and Workshops

Regular coordination meetings are being held across a range of projects within the Swords area, facilitating discussions, the exchange of information on project programmes and phasing, and the collection of stakeholder feedback to support the implementation and management of mitigation measures.

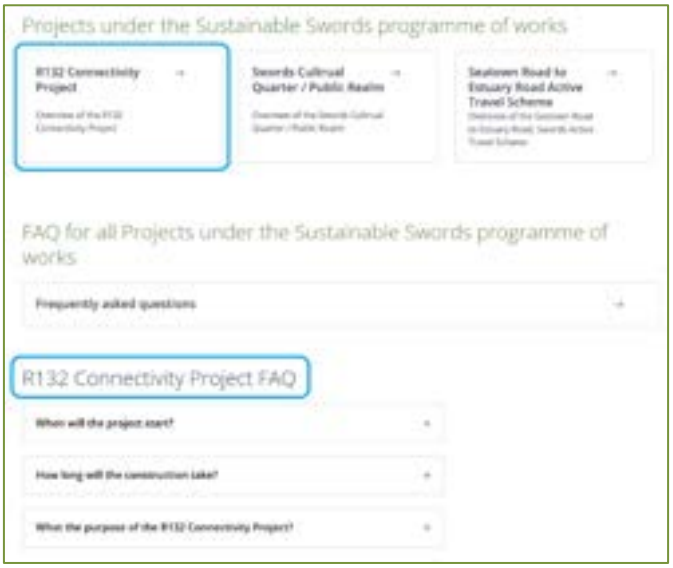
Regular engagement meetings are continuing with emergency services, private bus operators, and public transport providers to maintain communication and coordination.

Regular monthly meetings were conducted with Uisce Éireann during the delivery of the foul sewer infrastructure works incorporated into the R132 project. These meetings focused on coordinating the works and associated mitigation measures. The installation of the foul sewer network has now been successfully completed.

Regular progress review and coordination meetings are being held with the NTA and TII/MetroLink teams to align project timelines, phasing arrangements, and mitigation strategies.

Project website

A dedicated website is available where you can find detailed information about the R132 Connectivity Project. This website provides an overview of the project scope, objectives, timelines, and key updates. It also includes a FAQ section to address common questions and provide additional guidance. https://www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



Bi-Weekly Report

Every two weeks, a project progress update report is sent via email to all relevant departments, key stakeholders, and councillors to outline the activities planned and scheduled to be carried out during the following two-week period, ensuring visibility, coordination, and alignment across all teams involved in the project. The bi-weekly report is also available on the R132 Connectivity Project website and is updated regularly.

In addition, a QR code for accessing the website is now available in the bulletin.



PSI-005 - Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route is a key infrastructure project for Balbriggan, consisting of a 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. Snagging is almost complete. The public art piece, designed by John Kindness and commissioned as part of the project works has been completed. The public Art Installation was officially unveiled at a ceremony held on Friday the 26th of June.



The completed Art Installation on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route – Harry Reynold's Wall



Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Tony Murphy and Artist John Kindness at the opening of the Art Installation on the Harry Reynold's Wall

PSI-063 - Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road

The project is intended to deliver a safe, accessible, and attractive crossing for pedestrians and cyclists over the Dublin-Maynooth Rail Line and the Royal Canal. The scheme will enhance connectivity between the residential and commercial areas of Blanchardstown and Castleknock, while also improving access to Castleknock Railway Station.
In addition to the new bridge infrastructure, the project will provide improved pedestrian and cycling links extending northwards to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and southwards to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction.

As part of the overall scheme, existing footpaths along the Castleknock Road corridor will be upgraded and widened to create high-quality shared-use facilities that meet current design standards. These improvements will extend from the Roselawn Road junction in the north to Park Lodge in the south, enhancing accessibility, connectivity, and safety for all users.



Scheme Extends

Project Programme

We are currently moving onto Phase 3 (Preliminary Design) prior to Phase 4, the Statutory Processes to obtain planning permission for the project. Throughout these phases there will be a requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders, including public representatives.

Surveys

The Roselawn Junction has been incorporated into the scheme to further enhance accessibility and safety for both pedestrians and cyclists. A traffic survey was undertaken to gather data for junction capacity assessments and to support the development of multimodal safety improvements as part of the overall project.

RPS Consulting Engineers has completed the preparation of the tender documentation for the Ground Investigation works, which are required to appoint a contractor to undertake the surveys. The tender pack has been published on the eTenders platform and remained open until the 22nd of June. Following receipt of the tender submissions, an evaluation process was carried out in July to identify the preferred contractor. We envisage to appoint the contractor later in August 2026.

Meetings and Reports

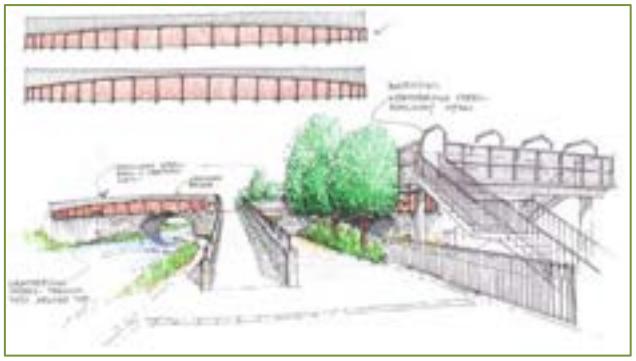
Monthly progress meetings continue to be held to review the development of the project, assess key issues, and discuss matters such as route alternatives and potential challenges requiring resolution. Ongoing coordination meetings are taking place with the Irish Rail/DART+ West team and Waterways Ireland to ensure close collaboration and to support the integration of project designs and planning proposals.

RPS issued the Structures Options Report in May, which was subsequently reviewed by the project team. The report was also circulated to relevant departments and stakeholders for comment. Feedback received was considered, and the report was updated accordingly to reflect the agreed amendments.

For more information and to keep updated on the project, please see the recently set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road.
https://www.fingal.ie/pedestrian-cycling-bridge-granard-bridge-castleknock-road-dublin-15



Aerial image of the existing railway bridge OBG11, looking east



Weathered steel arched trough bridges (artist's impression)



Artist's impression of the proposed bridges over the canal and railway line — view towards Castleknock

PSI–004 - Royal Canal Urban Greenway

The project team in the Infrastructure & Transport Department has finalised the preliminary design in consultation with all the key stakeholders: the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail, and Waterways Ireland, which has achieved a coordinated, high-quality final design at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland to proceed with making an application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway on their lands, to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been reviewed by internal FCC departments, and relevant teams within the NTA and Waterways Ireland. The legal review is nearing completion. A pre-planning meeting has been held with ACP. The planning submission pack is currently being reviewed in advance of a formal application to An Coimisiún Pleanála, which is expected to be lodged in October 2026.

PSI–065 - Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

The Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide improved accessibility and connectivity for all road users, particularly pedestrians, along the eastern section of Seamount Road where no formal footpath infrastructure currently exists adjacent to the entrance to a recently completed residential development.

The project forms part of an important local walking and cycling route, including a designated Slí na Sláinte health walk and the coastal route connecting Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also provides access to recreational amenities at Robswall Park and Paddy's Hill, and serves as a key connection to Malahide Community School (MCS), the area's principal secondary school. The proposed scheme will facilitate a more direct walking and cycling route between surrounding residential areas and the school, reducing journey distances from approximately 4km via the existing road network to approximately 1.5km.

The primary objective of the project is to enhance road safety and accessibility for vulnerable road users through the provision of new footpath infrastructure and a dedicated pedestrian crossing facility. The scheme will improve connectivity to local amenities, encourage sustainable travel, and reduce reliance on private vehicle trips for short local journeys.

Fingal County Council's Infrastructure and Transport Department is currently advancing the Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project through the preliminary design stage. Draft preliminary designs have been prepared and reviewed, with comments currently being incorporated into the design development process. Investigations into land ownership on both the northern and southern sides of the road corridor are also underway to support the preparation of property and land acquisition drawings associated with the scheme.





Seamount Road

PSI-003 - S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is a high-quality pedestrian and cycle route that is being developed by Fingal County Council with support from the National Transport Authority. It will connect Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle, and Sutton.

The Proposed Scheme will improve accessibility and connectivity between these four towns and villages and provide an attractive route for walking and cycling.

It will be designed so that people of all ages and mobility levels can travel safely on foot, by scooter, by wheelchair, and by bike and will offer a route separated from on-road vehicles for the majority of the route, for increased safety and comfort.

The Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling scheme has recently completed the Phase 3 Preliminary Design gateway for the NTA project management guidelines.

Key Updates:

- The preliminary design stage has closed, and we have progressed to the statutory process phase where the planning application is being compiled for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála (previously An Bord Pleanála).

- Stakeholder engagement is ongoing, including coordination of the design with Uisce Éireann and utility providers.

- Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses, and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team began to contact affected landowners in November 2025 to discuss the Compulsory Purchase Order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. Discussions with landowners are ongoing.

- Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), a Natura Impact Statement (NIS), and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation.

- Initial draft chapters for the EIAR and NIS have been received and are under review.

- CPO documentation is currently being prepared for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

- The Design Team will prepare land acquisition drawings to form part of the formal CPO application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.



Artist's impression of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

PSI-066 - Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords, into a destination which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses, and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality, while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of a high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



Artist's impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in the Sustainable Swords Report 2022, which shows Main Street central public realm, pedestrian amenity zones, raingardens and new street trees.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a land-use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report, and problem identification report.

The transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation has been developed. Traffic data captured in recent surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled. Traffic modelling is progressing to assess the impacts of proposed traffic interventions on Swords Main Street. A parking report has been drafted by the design team to analyse the findings from recently completed parking surveys. Preliminary options for the proposed layout for Main Street are being progressed, and the options selection report is ongoing.

Targeted non-statutory consultation is almost complete with school workshops progressed and briefing of the Fingal Chamber of Commerce complete. A round of stakeholder workshops for Main Street Businesses & Residents and local community groups was carried out in June and a public drop-in day also arranged for the 8th of July. 122 submissions to the survey for Main Street were received before the closing date for submissions on the 31st of July 2026. This stage of Public Engagement is about understanding how the local community uses the Main Street currently, their hopes and ideas for Main Street, and how it might be improved in the future. The feedback gathered during this Public Engagement period will inform the designs for Main Street and the local laneways which will be developed later in 2026. A consultation report is being drafted to summarise the main opportunities and issues identified during the consultation. Upon completion of this consultation process, informed by the submissions made by stakeholders, the design of the scheme will progress to the next phase, to select the preferred option and progress to preliminary design.

PSI-041 - Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle & Gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

The Kinsealy to Portmarnock part of the project is now in Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening) with a view to preparing a planning application in 2027. Environmental surveys are ongoing and includes birds, bats, badgers, habitats, and tree surveys.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward at a later date.



Artist's impression of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist's impression of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-023 - Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions. The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (Metrolink) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue. Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by Q2 2027.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

PSI-009 - Fingal Coastal Way

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

Upon completion of the Emerging Preferred Route, non-statutory public consultations and further consultations with landowners and other stakeholders, the proposed overall strategy for the scheme has been updated along with a revised Emerging Preferred Route. These revisions reflect the need to balance landowner and stakeholder concerns with the overall progression of the scheme and to take account of interactions with various other proposed projects being developed by Fingal County Council. In summary, the proposed changes include the Fingal Coastal Way to be progressed in multiple stages with multiple planning applications:

- The routes through the towns of Donabate, Rush, and Skerries will be delivered as part of overall town-wide active travel network plans separately.
- The Fingal Coastal Way routes between these towns will be delivered by the Infrastructure and Transport Department in three separate planning applications:
    - **Section 1**: Skerries to Balbriggan
    - **Section 2**: Donabate to Rush
    - **Section 3**: Rush to Skerries

Section 1 between Skerries and Balbriggan is in the preliminary design and environmental evaluation stage (Phase 3) with a view to commencing the statutory process (Phase 4) in 2027. A statutory public consultation will be held as part of the planning application. **Section 2** between Donabate and Rush, and **Section 3** between Rush and Skerries, will progress thereafter.

PSI-007 - Rush to Lusk Walking & Cycling Route

The aim of this scheme is to deliver a high quality, safe, and attractive pedestrian and cycle network of approximately 3km between the towns of Rush and Lusk, to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station, and to several schools & tourist attractions in the area. The anticipated primary user groups for the network will be local commuters and school children walking & cycling between Lusk and Rush and the train station. The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by Q1 2027.

PSI-012 - Broadmeadow Way Greenway

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

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

Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete. Construction of the greenway on the Causeway will be carried out during 2026 and 2027. FCC has appointed Stresslite Precast to supply precast concrete units to be used in the greenway for the northern causeway. Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in early 2028.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate

PSI-026 - Portrane Road Enhancement Project, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní).
The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities.



The Council has appointed Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd. to construct the project. Construction work is due to commence when the two national schools go on their summer holidays in July 2026.

PSI-042 - Donabate Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise a number of projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.
The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, and;

- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

Donabate Distributor Road 2 is currently at Phase 3 of the project lifecycle (Preliminary Design). The emerging preferred route option was displayed as part of a round of non-statutory public consultation held last October and November.

The feedback received from the public during the consultation period is now being used to inform the design process.

Work on Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade Project Phases 1 & 2 (up to Option Selection) is largely complete. The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross has been identified, and the project team will consult with affected landowners over the autumn period. Non-statutory public consultation is expected to be undertaken in Q4 2026.

Work relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, and detailed design is expected to be carried out throughout 2026 and in subsequent years.

PSI-071 - Golf Links Road Upgrade

Fingal County Council is developing proposals for upgrading the Golf Links Road in Portmarnock. Proposals will include facilities for walking and cycling along Golf Links Road and will also include measures to improve the junction with Strand Road, as well as the beach car park. Topographical surveys and Wintering Birds surveys have recently been completed; feasibility studies and option development are underway.

PSI-019 - N3 Upgrade, M50 to Clonee

Aecom/Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to prepare a design for bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA Bus Connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered, and an emerging route option has been developed.

A non-statutory consultation was carried out from Monday the 20th of April 2026 until Monday the 18th of May 2026 for postal and online submissions (https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse).

Fingal County Council organised an in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Option in the Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday the 28th of April 2026. Meath County Council organised an in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Route in Meath County Council Offices Dunshaughlin, Drumree Rd, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath, A85 XK20 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Wednesday the 29th of April 2026.

334 no. submissions were received by FCC during the engagement. A lot of the submissions made related to the proposed active travel link over the N3 near junction 3a. Following on from this consultation, a report will be prepared on all the submissions received and these will be considered by Fingal CC, Meath CC, and the TII. It is anticipated that the Preferred Option will then be confirmed in Q4 2026.

Parks and GI Division

Ballymastone Recreational Hub

Construction of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub continues to make strong progress, with significant advances achieved on the future all-weather GAA facility and associated sports infrastructure. Works completed to date include the formation of the GAA pitch area, , and the commencement of pitch drainage installation. Progress is also continuing across the wider site, including wetlands, drainage infrastructure and preparation work for the running track. An extensive archaeological programme has been underway, and important heritage findings are being carefully recorded and protected.

When completed in September 2027, Ballymastone Recreational Hub will provide a landmark sporting and recreational destination for the community, featuring a floodlit all-weather GAA facility, athletics track, natural grass pitches, skate park, parkour area, wetlands and extensive public amenities. The project will significantly enhance opportunities for sport, recreation, health and wellbeing for people of all ages while creating a high-quality community asset that will serve the growing population of North Fingal for decades to come.

The Council and project team remain committed to delivering this major investment and are continuing to work closely with the archaeological specialists to ensure both the area's rich heritage and the long-term benefits of the facility are fully realised.



Bremore Regional Park



Bremore Recreational Hub Park 2



Skerries Town Parks - Sports Pitch Upgrade

The project to upgrade 3no. grass sports pitches at Skerries Town Parks is on programme with path works, SUDs features and seedbed preparation underway.



Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk



Ward River Regional Park



Naul Village Park

The new park located adjacent to The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre includes play spaces, seating, car parking, community garden and landscaping. Construction works are substantially completed with Handover due to take place once all snags & inspections have been completed.



Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



Meakstown Community Garden



Corduff Park Upgrade

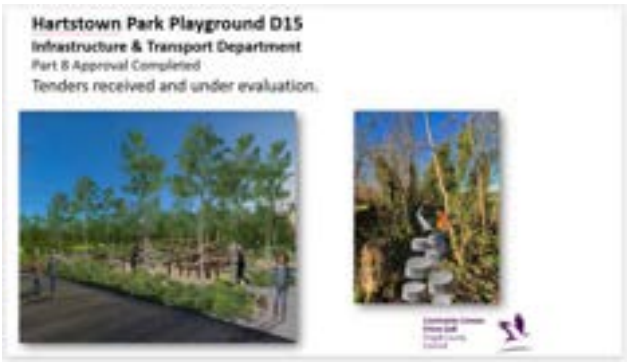
Construction works are progressing at Corduff Park with the carpeting of a new full size all-weather pitch, installation of fencing and team shelters. Other works taking place on-site include a new car park, community garden, playground and grass pitch renovation.



Laurel Lodge Playground



Hartstown Park Playground



Hazelbury Park Playground



Portrane Play Space



Loughshinny Play Space



Newbridge Demesne



Brackenstown Walled Garden

The Brackenstown Walled Garden repairs are progressing with the installation of replacement gates to improve site security and path repairs for improved accessibility. The Walled Garden will be the site of the re-located Bloom 2026 Garden which will function as a new Community Garden for the area.



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Housing Supply

Housing continues to have strong delivery across both affordable and social housing programmes, with significant affordable housing demand evidenced by high levels of sale agreements. Major mixed-tenure developments such as Hampton Demesne, Baile na Móna and Church Fields are making substantial contributions to housing supply, while 783 homes remain under construction through Approved Housing Body partnerships under the CALF programme.

Affordable Housing and Starter Home Scheme

Strong progress continues across the Starter Home Purchase Scheme, with high levels of demand and uptake:

- Baile na Móna, Swords: 143 of 151 homes sale agreed.
- Church Fields Phase 2: 110 of 110 homes sale agreed.
- Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate: 72 of 73 homes sale agreed.
- Folkstown Park, Balbriggan: 19 of 19 homes sale agreed.
- Priory Fields, Skerries: 28 of 36 homes sale agreed.

Hampton Demesne, Castlelands, Balbriggan represents one of the largest affordable housing developments underway:

- 817 Starter Home, Cost Rental and Social Homes planned.
- 207 homes to be delivered under the Starter Home Purchase Scheme in the initial phase.
- Application portal opened on 19 August 2026 for the first 73 homes.
- First homes are expected to be delivered from mid-2027.



Further affordable housing developments are in the pipeline:

- Tolka Cottage Lane, Mulhuddart (4 homes).
- Golding Green, Kinsealy (153 homes).

Social Housing Turnkey

Key completions include:

- 63 homes delivered at Aster Park, Rush.
- 7 Part V homes delivered at Millers Glen, Swords, including 2 universally designed homes.



62 homes delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing at Niven Oaks, Santry.

There are currently 783 homes under construction across Fingal under the CALF programme with Approved Housing Bodies.

Construction Programme
Planning Stage

Baile na Móna Phase 2 planning application remains under consideration by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Schemes Under Construction

Ballisk Park, Donabate:

- 175 homes under construction.
- First 11 social homes (all 4 bed houses) and all affordable homes delivered.

Church Fields Phase 3B, Dublin 15:

- 107 social homes and 110 affordable homes are now complete and delivered..

Seatown Way, Swords:

- Construction progressing on 36 new 2-bedroom social homes.

Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords:

- 274 homes under construction comprising 123 social and 151 affordable homes.
- First 2 social homes delivered.
- First 151 affordable homes delivered.

Crowscastle Green, Holywell:

- 57 social homes completed and delivered in August.

Mourne View, Skerries:

- Construction is almost complete on 14 new social homes.

Remount Court, Lusk:

- Construction is reaching completion on 18 new social homes.

North Court, Swords:

- Construction work has commenced on 13 new social apartments.

Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate:

- Mixed tenure development delivering 72 social and 73 affordable homes.
- First 17 social homes and 73 affordable homes delivered.

63 Homes delivered under Part V and Social Turnkey in Aster Park, Rush, Co Dublin.



7 Part V homes delivered in Millers Glen, Swords, Co Dublin. Two of these homes were Universally designed to include downstairs bedroom and wet rooms.



Baile na Móna Phase 1, Mooretown, Swords



Crowscastle Green, Holywell, Swords



Mourne View, Skerries



Remount Court, Lusk



North Court, Swords



Asset Management

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme is underway. Procurement for is ongoing, and teams are onsite. In 2026 units in the following areas are confirmed. Garristown, Balbriggan, Skerries, Lusk, Swords, Fortlawn, Whitestown.

EERP Update August 2026	
Completions	42
Pre Survey	61
Surveyed	9
On site	77

Planned Maintenance Programme 2026

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades have commenced. Windows and doors replacement programme is currently at the procurement stage.

Planned Maintenance August 2026	
Painting Completions	688
Boiler Replacements	95
Heat / Smoke Detector replacement	125

Voids

Casual Voids 31st August 2026	
In lettings	60
Re-let works	50
Unavailable	14
Total	124

New to Stock 31st August 2026	
New to stock	325

Vacant Homes

The vacant homes officer and team continue engagement with property owners to return vacant homes to use. This team also works in conjunction with the derelict sites section. Responsibility for the Vacant Homes programme is in the process of transferring from the Housing Dept to Economic, Community and Cultural Development Dept, where it will sit alongside the ongoing work on derelict sites as part of the Town Regeneration Office.

Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):

The Vacant Homes Section is actively identifying and investigating vacant properties within the Fingal area and is committed to pursuing CPOs where applicable. Potential Vacant Homes can be reported at Vacanthomes.ie

Private Dwelling Grants

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

Grants are available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. FCC has received 319 applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	62
Approved	66
Paid	43

- Properties can be rented privately under the expanded scheme.

Vacant Above the Shop Grant

On the 1st April 2026, the Vacant Above the Shop Grant was announced. This grant supports the refurbishment or conversion of vacant accommodation above existing commercial premises to create new homes, while retaining the commercial use at ground floor level. The property must have been built before 2008, be in a city, town or village, and the upper floors must have been vacant for at least two years. Grant funding of up to €95,000 is available for the first residential unit, with additional funding of up to €20,000 for a second unit and a further €20,000 where three or more units are created, subject to a maximum of €135,000 per building. Completed units may be used as a principal private residence or made available for rent.

Housing Adaption Grants

Grants for private homes include mobility aid and older persons grants. These grants support people with disabilities and older people to remain living independently and comfortably in their homes.

Housing Adaptation Grants August 2026	
Received to date	**501**
Paid to date	**328**
Open applications	**425**

Recently completed bathroom adaptation works



Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up **143 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4645 HAP tenancies established since HAP commenced in 2017.

The HAP team is on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie. The HAP Amendments Portal is also available as a secure platform for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies

Rents

A new Differential Rent Scheme was implemented in April 2026. Significant engagement continues to take place with Council tenants to help them to navigate this change.

The rents collection rate has shown **an increase of €3.4m** on the same period in 2025. The Rents team continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent.

Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

It was announced in February 2026 that the LAHL scheme will be further expanded. FCC welcomes these changes and they are in effect since 1st April 2026.

- House price limit to increase from €360,000 to €415,000 for the administrative area of Fingal.
- Income limits for all single applicants to increase from €70,000 to €80,000.

Private Rented Inspections

The Private Rented Inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,321 for 2026 has been received from the Department of Housing. Currently 3,776 inspections have been conducted since the beginning of 2026 with 343 carried out in August. The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

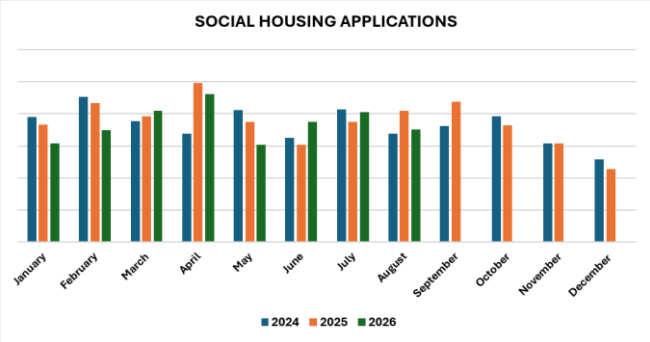
In accordance with Circular 32/2026 as released on 14th August 2026, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 30th November 2026.

Letters have issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online. Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms are available.

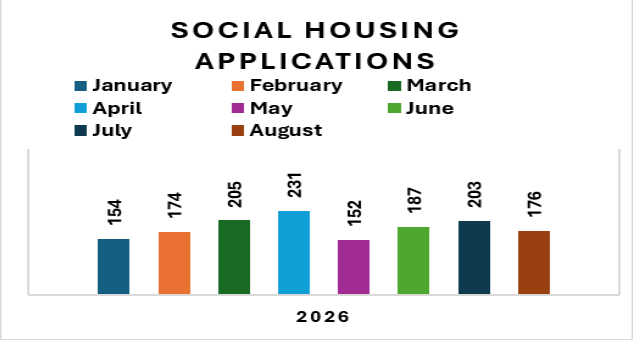
2026 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

The Housing Support Section continues receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month



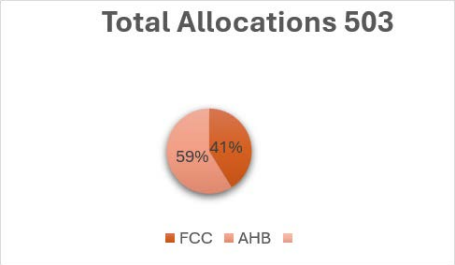
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

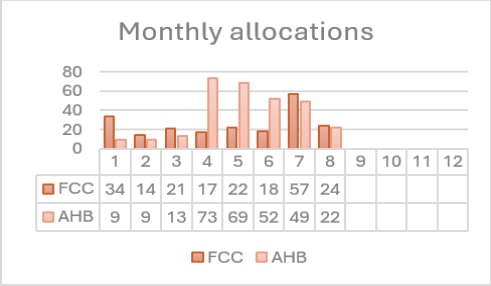
Lettings



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

296 of the 503 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies. The other 207 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

The charts below show the breakdown of AHB and FCC allocations per month.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of August.



The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings. The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties July & August

Internal image of advertised property at Riverview, Rolestown, Co Dublin



Period Advertised	Property	Bed	Type	No. of Views	Interest Expressed
July	Fortlawn Drive	3	House	979	195
	Ballygarra Park	3	House	1065	174
	Wellview Park	2	House	1582	337
	Earnans Wood	2	Apt	1243	329
	Castlecurragh Vale	1	Apt	1641	291
	Wellview Terrace	3	House	1082	201
	Castlecurragh Vale	2	Duplex	1188	268
	St Catherines Crescent	3	House	1272	255
	Dun Saithne Grove	2	House	910	285
	Dun Saithne Crescent	2	House	1200	300
August	Aster Park	1	Apt	1591	363
	Riverview, Rolestown	2	Apt	1365	306
	Glasmore Park, Swords	3	House	1434	276
	Seaview Park, Portrane	3	House	1205	186
	Ballentree Ave, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1463	327
	Avondale Park, Dublin 15	2	House	1471	341
	Cardy Rock Ave, Balbriggan	3	House	861	127
	Remount, Lusk	3	Duplex	1322	257
	Remount Lusk	2	Apt	1474	328

	Holywell, Swords	2	Apt	1339	251
	Charlestown Place, Swords	2	Apt	1643	341
	Corduff Grove, Dublin 15	3	House	1121	151

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2026

During July and August 2026, 128 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	To HUBS	Total
EA	14	25	2	41
Homeless Prevention	32	55	0	87
Total	46	80	2	128

There was a total of 87 homeless prevention cases and 41 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

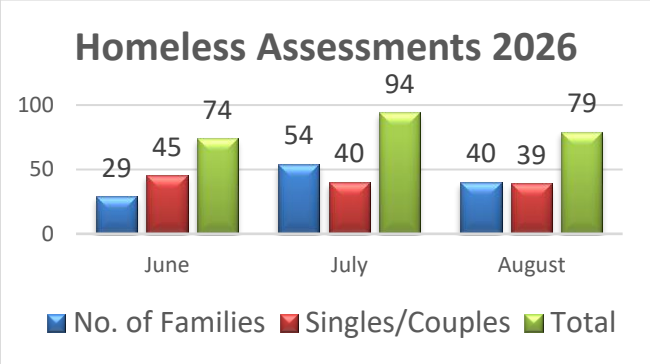
55 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 25 exited emergency accommodation.

46 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 32 homeless preventions and 14 who exited emergency accommodation.

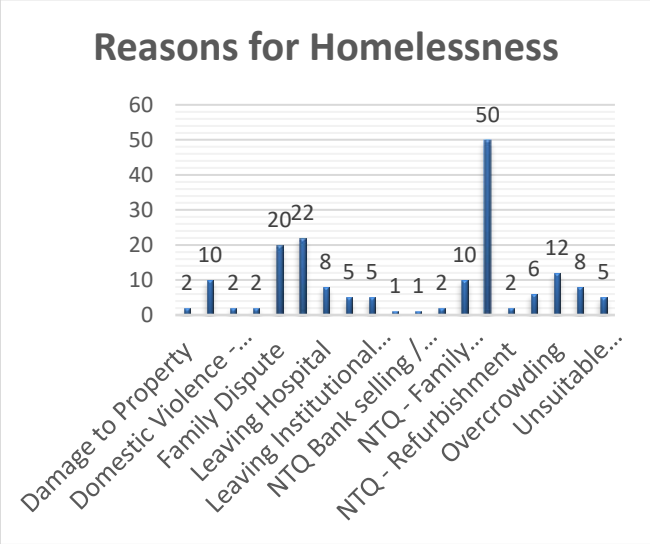
This year there has been 20 refusals of offers received by the Homeless team, 9 of these refusals were rescinded by the applicants upon further engagement from the Homeless team.

Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out. In July and August 2026, there were an approx. 173 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 94 families and 79 singles/couples.



During July and August 2026, of the 173 Homeless Assessments carried out, 41% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 12% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 7% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (5%) and were from leaving direct provision (13%). The remaining 23% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted. The Council will carry out homeless assessments, and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public. There have been 72 reported rough sleeping cases by 24/06/2026. 23 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation.

There are 7 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple, and 5 males) in the Fingal Area, only two of whom is a Fingal client. We will continue to work with them to provide suitable supports. Members of the homeless team recently worked in collaboration with the operations team to resolve an issue with a rough sleeper site in North Dublin. Member of the homeless team supported the Outreach team to carry out the Spring Rough Sleeper count last month.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers.

The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.
All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis. Currently 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 3 has been housed and 2 more are currently under offer and another has been placed in a Fingal Family Hub.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 5 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations. A third sub-group has been created with St. Michaels House, the first meetings has been held and a list of clients is being collated by their team.

We are also holding a preliminary meeting with Prosper Fingal with the view of setting up a sub-group with them.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do. Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date. The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal.

Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice. The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified. Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighboring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach.

In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available. Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:
Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 by providing sustainable, culturally appropriate Traveller-specific accommodation and supports.

Council officials continue to actively engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller advocacy groups, and relevant support services, including welfare, child protection, and mental health services, as well as other agencies, to address and resolve issues wherever possible. The Housing Department and the Architects Department are working in close collaboration on upcoming projects as outlined in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

LTACC

Meeting of the LTACC took place on 20th July with key stakeholders in attendance. Next meeting is scheduled for 5th October.

Estate Management remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to support the delivery and ongoing maintenance of Traveller-specific accommodation throughout the county.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The preferential Caravan Loan Scheme is intended to support the provision of Traveller-specific accommodation through local authorities to provide preferential loans to Travellers to purchase their own caravan/mobile home/trailer on halting sites for use as their primary residence.

The Council continues to implement the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Fingal County Council's allocation under the scheme for 2026 was €240,000 however the Department has increased this allocation to €320,000 in early April.

Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue. Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council. Letters continue to be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.

Illegal Encampments/Occupiers

The Housing Department recently managed numerous incidents of illegal encampments in the Ballycoolin, Donabate and Ongar areas. The encampments comprised of approximately 30 trailers along with a number of associated vehicles.

In all cases, statutory notices were issued, and the Housing Department worked in close collaboration with An Garda Síochána to successfully have the occupants vacate the sites.

These incidents place a considerable strain on Housing Department resources, requiring significant staff time and financial expenditure. This includes the serving and enforcement of statutory notices, coordination of removals, and extensive clean-up operations, as substantial amounts of waste and debris are left behind following such encampments.



Illegal Occupiers in the Donabate area



Clean up operation in Donabate





Waste & Debris left behind - Ballycoolin and Barberstown Lane

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The annual service and maintenance of portable fire equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

Electricity Supply

It has been reported electricity supplies have altered or tampered with causing interruption to power supply and other service issues at a number of sites. ESB networks are updated immediately should suspected tampering be identified on sites.

All residents are routinely advised of the dangers of interference with electricity and are advised to make contact with the Estate Management Maintenance team to report power issues in the first instance to allow for inspection and repair by registered contractors.

Wastewater Treatment System – new contract

Overseeing and managing the Waste Water Treatment Systems of Council stock remains a priority of the Estate Management, Maintenance Section.

Housing Response Maintenance

2026	
Maintenance Requests Received	**8,373**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**33**
Interviews Scheduled	**35**
Unauthorised Works Recorded	**64**
Permission For Work Requests	**137**
DPG Applications Received	**79**

DPG works to Tenanted Properties

The Council operates a programme for tenanted properties to apply for adaptation through the DPG scheme managed by the Housing Response Maintenance Section. These works include Level Access Showers, Ramps, Handrails and large scale adaptation of the home via the extension programme. All applications must accompany an OT report and detail the requirements of the applicant. Applications are reviewed in detail and all available options, including rightsizing are discussed with tenants to ensure their dwelling meets their changing need.

Further information and application form can be found here https://www.fingal.ie/disabled-persons-grants-dpg-scheme



Level Access Shower recently installed

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council conducts impartial and thorough investigations into all reports of anti-social behaviour and implements appropriate preventative measures when necessary. All complaints are treated in strict confidence by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, which works in close partnership with An Garda Síochána to address and manage such issues effectively.

The Council's new Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy was formally adopted at the July Council meeting. Details of the Strategy can be found on the Council's website here.

Work continues with the IT Department on new IT software to record and manage the ASB Unit's caseload.

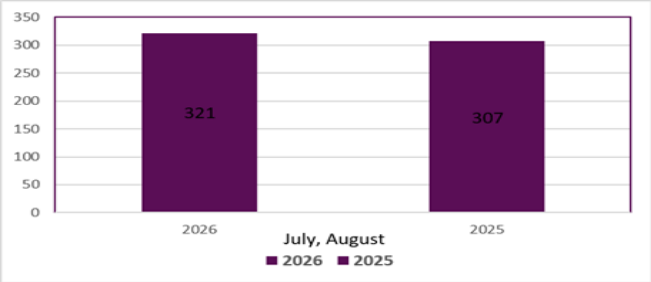
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints July/Aug 2026	Total	Active	Monitor	Closed
Balbriggan	57	28	10	19
Rush / Lusk	89	55	15	19
Swords	51	29	9	13
Howth/ Malahide	44	15	11	18
Blanch/ Mulhuddart	64	18	23	23
Ongar	9	4	0	5
Castleknock	7	2	5	0
Total	321	151	73	97

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held to end Aug 26	**122**
Interviews Held to end Aug 2025	118
Tenancy Alerts to end Aug 26	**46**
Tenancy Alerts to end Aug 2025	15
Tenancy Warnings to end Aug 26	**7**
Tenancy Warnings to end Aug 2025	12

Comparison of Complaints received July/Aug 2026 vs July/Aug 2025



Tenancy Management Section

Tenancy Management is responsible for safeguarding the proper use of Council housing stock by investigating suspected tenancy fraud, misuse of properties, and breaches of tenancy agreements. This includes addressing issues such as illegal subletting, unauthorised occupation, and the abandonment of dwellings.

Properties may be surrendered or tenancies terminated for a range of reasons, including the death of a tenant, placement in long-term nursing care, abandonment, and other exceptional circumstances.

Surrenders/Abandonment Notices	
January	**8**
February	**1**
March	**5**
April	**5**
May	**8**
June	**8**
July/Aug	**11**
Total	**46**

Inspectorate 2026

The Council's Housing Inspectorate, including two dedicated Traveller-specific Inspectors.

The Housing Inspector role is a key frontline operational function that delivers a wide range of inspectorate services to Council tenants, the wider community, and multiple sections within the Housing Department, including:

- Estate Management
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- HAP
- Rents
- Homeless Services
- Allocations
- Lettings
- Long-Term Leasing/RAS
- Vacant Dwellings
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- Voids Management

Housing Inspectors Report	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**1682**
Housing Inspections 2025	**10447**
2026	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections to date	**1304**
Housing Inspections	
January	682
February	1091
March	1074
April	1156
May	1200
June	1259
July /Aug	2428
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total Inspections	

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Seatown Road Swords:

Phase 1 works from the Seatown Roundabout to the IDA Roundabout are substantially complete. John Cradock Ltd. have progressed ducting, drainage and footpath works from the IDA Roundabout to Estuary Road Roundabout. Works are also ongoing at the IDA Roundabout, including ducting, kerb and footpath works. Overall, the Project is progressing well, with traffic flow and two-way traffic being maintained where possible.



Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

Works on the Junction of Flemington Lane, R132 & the Hub at O'Dwyer GAA have been completed, and the new traffic lights are operational. Works on the footpaths and existing cycle track from Flemington Lane Junction back to Balbriggan have progressed.

Works will be ongoing during September to complete the upgrade works in this area.



Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded the contract for construction and works commenced on site on 8th June 2026. Drainage works on the Old Navan Road are nearing completion and road crossings for new services are underway on the Auburn Avenue roundabout near the N3.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. Detailed design has now commenced.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
A non-statutory public consultation commenced on 22nd May 2026 and finished on 19th June. All submissions are now being assessed and will inform the post public consultation report which will be published in due course.

New Street, Malahide
The construction tender is now closed. The tender assessment is now complete. Once the necessary internal approvals are complete, we will move to issue the outcome letters and enter a standstill period before awarding the contract.

Balrothery Active Travel Project
The construction tender for the Section 38 Trial is due to be sent out to the market in September. Following the tender process, it is envisaged that the contractor will be appointed and the works will begin in October. Communication with the school, businesses and residents continues, and an information flyer issued during August.

Feltrim Active Travel Project
Commentary has now been received from internal stakeholders and is being reviewed by our design consultants. Once reviewed and assessed, we will proceed to conclude the planning package for submission to the Planning Registry.

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project
This project is currently out to tender. The tenders are due to return on 1 September. Pending a successful tender process, the winning tenderer will be appointed and a kick-off meeting held.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.
The Skerries Active Travel Plan together with the consultation report was brought to the April ACM and noted by the councillors.
Priority schemes have been identified, and initial design and further data collection are underway.
Extensive traffic and parking surveys have been completed as part of the design phase. In addition,
GPR and utility surveys are ongoing throughout the town.

The first two projects selected are front of school interventions outside the following schools:

- St Patricks Junior and Senior National School
- Skerries Community College

Both schools have been consulted with regarding the proposals. Section 38 public consultation is ongoing in conjunction with detailed design.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:
Detail Design is ongoing together with the preparation of tender documents for the works contract, which is due to go to the market by the middle of Q3. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases. It is anticipated to be on site with phase 1 works to the Red Island Loop and carpark areas by the end of Q3 /early Q4 2026.

Road Safety:
Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 2
The construction contract for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 2 programme has been awarded to M & N Civil Engineering Ltd. following completion of the tender evaluation process and procurement requirements.
Construction works are currently underway at St. Colmcille's National School Swords and are expected to be completed by the end of September 2026. Upon completion, the contractor will mobilise to Scoil Bhríde, Dublin 15 to commence the next phase of works.
Further progress updates will continue to be provided through the weekly reports.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 3
The contract for SRTS Round 3 has been awarded to Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) and formally signed. The appointed designer is currently preparing the Project Execution Plan, with design works ongoing in preparation for project delivery.

Fingal Safer School Scheme
The Fingal Safer School Scheme is progressing, with the scheme drawings, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Reports, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Reports, and Road Safety Audit (RSA) Reports completed and published online as part of the statutory consultation process.

Online public consultation is currently underway from 3 August 2026 to 15 September 2026 for the following schools:

- Hansfield Educate Together National School
- St. Mochta's National School
- Howth Primary School, Howth
- St. Fintan's National School, Howth

Following the consultation period, submissions received will be reviewed and considered before progressing the schemes to the next stage of implementation.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together group

The Fingal Road Safety Working Together group is now well established and meets on a quarterly basis. The meetings aim to give an opportunity for all stakeholders to coordinate on road safety within Fingal.



Turas Teanga – School Warden Irish Language Couse

On Tuesday 18th August, a group of 8 school wardens completed the Turas Teanga course. This course, run in conjunction with Gaeilge365, is aimed at giving school wardens the vocabulary to carry out their duties through the Irish language. We have received great feedback from the school wardens, and they have really enjoyed getting to use their 'cúpla focail'.

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027 has now been published and can be found at the following location:
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/roadsafetyactionplan

Mobility & Behavioural Change
Swords Bike Library

We had over 100 applicants now for the Swords Bike Library Project.
The Library consists of 25 eBikes, which includes eBikes, Folding eBikes, eLongtail Bikes and an open box front loader eCargo Bike.
Applicants began receiving their eBikes throughout August and the last ones will be handed over in the middle of September.
The Library will work on 3-month rotations, so applicants unsuccessful in round 1, will be contacted for subsequent rounds in due course.

https://forms.bleeperactive.com/260883764539977



PeriAsty – Donabate Green Commute

Following on from the initial 6 month trial in Balbriggan, we are expanding the periASTY Green Commute project to Donabate. We have agreed a location with a Irish Rail to situate a Bike Bunker in Donabate Train Station and we have opened expressions of interest for new applicants

Cycling Courses

Our last outdoor cycling courses of the year begin over the first two weeks of September

Sofa to Saddle - Newbridge
Thurs 3rd Sept – 10am
Sofa to Saddle - Newbridge House - September 2026 – Fill out form

Learn 2 Cycle - Millennium Park
Sat 5th Sept -10am, 10:30am & 11:10am
Learn 2 Cycle Courses - Millennium Park - September 2026 – Fill out form

Learn 2 Cycle - Holywell Park
Sat 12th Sept – 10am, 10:40am & 11:20am
Learn 2 Cycle Courses - Holywell Park - September 2026 – Fill out form

Adult Cycling Lessons – Brackenstown Rd
Thurs 17th Sept – 6pm
Adult Cycling Skills Course - Brackenstown - September 2026 – Fill out form



Skerries Community Car

In July & August the Community Car completed 472 trips (including some round trips).

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie

Month	Trip Numbers
January	169
February	126
March	190
April	189
May	214
June	237
July	265
August	212

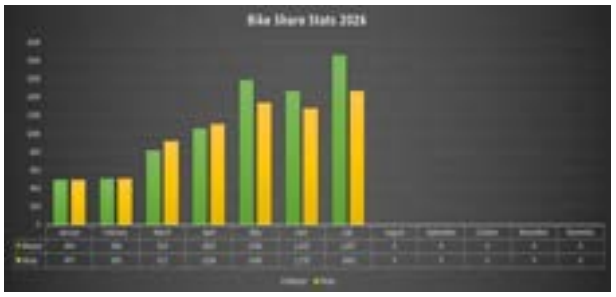
It is worth mentioning that The Community Car has completed more Trips to August in 2026 than it did in all of 2025

EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 90 journeys in July & August 2026, for more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out: https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs

Month	Trips	KM Travelled
January	44	3,168km
February	37	Not Available
March	16	Not Available
April	48	3,451km
May	46	4,674km
June	51	Not Available
July	38	Not Available
August	52	Not Available

Bike Share Schemes



Bike Share Monthly Stats 2026

Month	Moby	Bleeper	Total
Jan 26	497	494	991
Feb 26	509	508	1017
Mar 26	922	818	1740
Apr 26	1,104	1,055	2,159
May 26	1,340	1,583	2,930
June	1,278	1,470	2,748
July	1,465	1,857	3,322

Community Car Survey

The Community Car Survey closed on Friday 28th August, with 109 submissions. The Active Travel Team will review these submissions with a view to shaping the future of additional community cars in Fingal for 2027



Blanchfest

The Active Travel Team had a great weekend of engagement and fun at the inaugural Blanchfest in Millennium Park.

On Saturday we held our Mirror Ball & Bubbles Bike Party with the Green Roots Project where we had pedal powered games, music, fancy dress, cycling, dancing, face painting and ballon modelling



On Sunday, we had our Cycle/Walk in Movies, with Retro Drive In, we had Pixars classic UP at 12:30pm and a family favourite Paddington at 2:30pm



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Walking Groups

Location	Meeting Point	Time/Day
Castleknock	Castleknock Gate, Phoenix Park	Tues 11am
Santry	Santry Demesne	Mon 11am
Sports Campus	National Aquatic Centre	Fri 10:30am
Mulhuddart	Parlickstown House	Fri 12pm
Donabate	Newbridge House	Fri 12pm
Balbriggan	Balbriggan Library	Fri 11am

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Stories

The Climate Action Story Map, an interactive digital tool that showcases the diverse and impactful steps the Council is taking to address climate change is updated with new stories including stories from the projects completed under the Community Climate Action Fund.

The tool was developed to increase transparency and public engagement, the story map highlights key climate actions from departments across the organisation, from sustainable transport and energy efficiency to green infrastructure and education. In addition to place-based learning, this tool can be used to highlight initiatives that might not always be obvious to the public such as small-scale infrastructure or internal projects. By showcasing projects like these, the map can help the public better understand their purpose and role in climate resilience. By continuously updating the map, Fingal aims to raise the awareness of these often-overlooked elements.

Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

The Climate Action Team met with the Fingal SEC mentors to explore ways of supporting the growth and development of SECs in Fingal. A SEC networking Day for all Sustainable Energy Communities in Fingal is planned for Sept 18th in Huntstown Community Centre.

E2CUTIES

Work has continued on the E2-CUTIES project. The Local Pilot Plan has been prepared for the Balbriggan Pilot site. Updates on the E2CUTIES project and can be viewed here: https://www.fingal.ie/e2-cuties

The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities.

Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2

Following on from Minister Darragh O'Briens announcement of the successful applicants and allocations, the groups have begun to deliver funded projects. Skerries Community Centre have installed new LEDs and a water-use monitoring system in the building with efficient taps which will lead to reduced water and energy use. Turvey Allotments and Skerries Men's Shed have installed a new off-grid solar systems for charging garden tools. Clann Mhuire GFC Naul has fitted new LEDs throughout the club building and Castleknock Community Centre has installed a bike repair station.





Local Environment Action Fund (LEAF)

The LEAF was launched in early June. The fund is worth €100,000 and is supported by IPB Insurances and the local authorities. It is a new fund aimed at assisting Tidy Towns and like-minded groups to deliver small projects under a range of themes. 55 applications were received in Fingal with projects ranging across a number of different climate action themes. 30 projects were approved with details of successful applicants are available on our webpage Local Environment Action Fund (LEAF) | Fingal County Council.

Groups that have been awarded have until end November to deliver projects.

Home Energy Saving Kits

Feedback is now requested from HESK users (survey included on the inside of the kits available in Swords and Blanchardstown).



Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant

45 groups were awarded funding under the 2026 Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti grant for a myriad of different projects from litter cleaning equipment, to planting projects. The full list of successful recipients can be found here.

Gum Litter Awareness Campaign

The Gum Litter Taskforce brought their roadshow to Flavours of Fingal and engaged with the public on creating awareness on gum being litter and engaging in conversation about how to dispose of it responsibly. 92% of people now bin their chewing gum, but nearly 1 in 4 still don't see gum as litter. The key message is "Bin Your Gum When You're Done!"



Food Waste Recycling

The Environment Team were at Flavours of Fingal and engaged with the public on the importance of recycling food waste and distributed complimentary kitchen caddies and compostable bin bag liners.



Litter Awareness

The Environmental Awareness Officer, Litter Wardens, and Dog Wardens joined An Taisce's Clean Coasts team at Velvet Strand, Portmarnock to promote the #2MinuteBeachClean campaign. They engaged with members of the public to highlight how small actions can make a big difference, and to encourage everyone to play their part in protecting our coastlines from litter and preserving the natural environment.



Replay Instruments Project

The Replay Instruments Project successfully rehomed twenty instruments mainly guitars and keyboards over the last two months but also included a trombone, a saxophone and a clarinet. This project continues to promote the circular economy by giving pre-loved instruments a second life within the community.

Tenant Induction Presentations

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented at three tenant inductions, offering guidance on best practices for domestic waste management. Kitchen caddies were distributed to support food waste segregation.

Social Media Campaign

Promotion of the 'Bin it or Bring it Home' campaign which is a national anti-litter initiative run by My Waste aiming to reduce litter in public places such as parks and beaches which are used more during the summer months.

The ERP Vape Disposal campaign was promoted with a focus on correct vape disposal at outdoor events and festivals.

Litter Management

In July and August the Litter Wardens continued investigating large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county along with daily inspections of the bring banks in the Fingal area. Any evidence that is found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act. In July and August, approx. 115 beach patrols and 40 park patrols took place.

Litter Fines & Warning Notices 2026

Month	No. of Fines issued	No. of Warning Notices issued
January	35	15
February	43	7
March	24	1
April	13	5
May	94	5
June	59	9
July	48	2
August	50	12



There were 18 cases before the district court in July 2026, 2 of which were direct prosecutions.

Summary of Litter Fines issued July 2026

Type of Offence:	No.
Dumping at Bring Banks	9
Butts/litter from a vehicle	7
Disposal of Refuse	31
Muck on the Road	1
Shop Front Cleanliness	1
Unauthorised Signage	27

Summary of Litter Fines issued August 2026

Type of Offence:	No.
Dumping at Bring Banks	11
Butts/litter from a vehicle	2
Disposal of Refuse	40
Muck on the Road	1
Unauthorised Signage	17

Litter Management Cases for July - August 2026

Cases July 2026	No.
Inspection of Bring Banks	778
Inspection of Dumping Black Spots	902
Request for Dog Fouling Signs	1
Report of Dumping 1 – 20 Bags	46
Muck on Road	1
Report of Litter Issue	47
Unauthorised Signage	1
Surveys	42
Cases August 2026	**No.**
Inspection of Bring Banks	1062
Inspection of Dumping Black Spots	1268
CCTV Request	1
Request for Dog Fouling Signs	1
Report of Dumping 1 – 20 Bags	72
Muck on Road	2
Report of Litter Issue	50
Unauthorised Signage	1
Surveys	42

Abandoned Cars

A total of 463 reports of abandoned cars have been received between 1st January to 31st August 2026. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie:

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

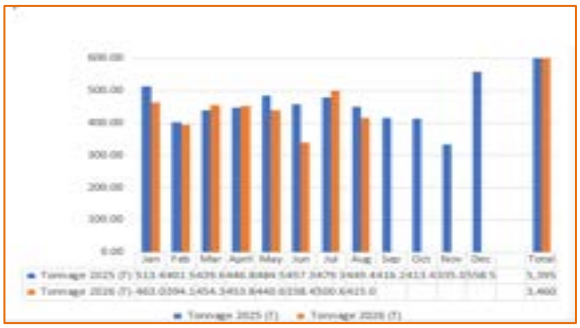
Further information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

Abandoned Vehicles | Fingal County Council

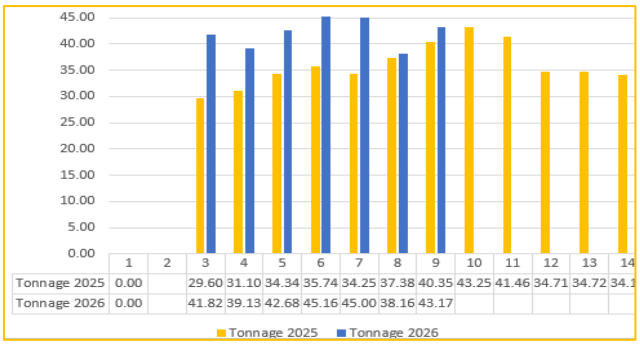
	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	0	0	0	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	7	2	1	2
April	4	3	0	0
May	2	2	0	0
June	7	0	0	1
July	4	0	0	0
August	4	0	1	0
September		3		0
October		5		0
November		2		0
December		6		0
	30	**23**	**2**	**4**

Bring Banks & Bottle Banks

414 (T) of Glass has been collected so far in August 2026. This compares with a collection figure of 449 (T) of Glass collected in all of August 2025.



Textiles Banks



43 (T) of Textiles were collected in July 2026. This compares with a collection figure of 40 (T) collected in July 2025.

Animal Welfare

Dog Warden Service

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	50	10	8	3	€2,500	€550
February	76	82	19	5	€6,750	€2,244
March	214	87	14	15	€5,294	€1,121
April	142	85	9	11	€5,452	€1,770
May	454	99	44	15	€4,671	€4,443
June	383	81	18	12	€4,715	€1700
July	431	82	17	12	€3,353	€1221.50
August	379	224	22	29	€2,200	€2200
September		104		25		€3750
October		192		38		€3700
November		141		20		€4810
December		81		72		€2,640
TOTAL	2129	1268	151	257	€34,935	€29,949.50

Dog Related Complaints

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of July 2026 to 31st of August 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	6
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	6
Env - Dog on Person Attack	8
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	4
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	11
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Dog Warden Incident	4
Env- Stray Dog	34
Issue with Dog	28
Grand Total	**102**

Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from 1st July 2026 to 31st of August 2026 in comparison with the same months in 2025. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	851	952	49	66	€23,880	€28,280
February	741	846	42	56	€20,700	€24,720
March	853	835	62	61	€25,740	€25,240
April	850	839	52	46	€24,280	€23,220
May	1059	937	59	64	€28,440	€27,700
June	1128	795	70	47	€32,960	€22,480
July	1133	807	104	52	€37,220	€23,420
August	904	898	68	71	€27,600	€27,900
September		762		46		€21,680
October		722		51		€21,580
November		831		57		€24,600
December		358		29		€11,220
Total for year	7519	9602	506	646	€221,220	€282,480

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on our social media platforms.



Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment.

These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter.

At the beginning of July there were 7 dogs in the shelter. Up to 31st of August 2026, 30 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 10 were surrendered by the public.

Of these 9 dogs were reclaimed, 14 were rehomed to Rescue, 2 were rehomed to members of the public and 7 were PTS. As of 31st of August there were 15 dogs remaining in the shelter.

The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter and Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of July 2025	19	Dogs in Shelter at start of July 2026 **	7
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	30
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	10
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	9
Rehomed to Rescue	8	Rehomed to Rescue	14
Rehomed to Public	16	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	1	PTS	7
Dogs in Shelter at the 25th of August 2025	7	Dogs in shelter at end of August 2026	15

** Figures shown relate to 01/07/2026 to 31/08/2026

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections and monthly vet inspections continue at Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Hay feeders are filled weekly to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. There are 6 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. There was one horse seized from the public realm during this period.

Dunsink Soil Importation Project (non-licensed area adjacent to the landfill

Soil importation works are progressing well at Dunsink Landfill with sections of the Phase 1 soil importation project now completed and seeded. Phase 1 soil works are slightly ahead of schedule and should be completed in Q4 2026.



Waste Enforcement & Regulations Complaints

There were **89 complaints** received in July and August, with **65 investigated** and **103 fully closed** including cases from previous months. The below table shows a breakdown of the types of complaints investigated in July and August.

Types of Complaints	July/August
Fly Tipping/Illegal Dumping	6
Unauthorised C&D sites	1
HH Waste – Backyard Storage/Burning	34
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	18
Non-routine inspections	6
Total	65

The below table shows the number of complaints received in 2026 from January to end of August compared to previous years.

Year	August
2022	166
2023	169
2024	194
2025	277
2026	216

Planning Applications and Resource Waste Management Plans (RWMP)

One of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2025-2027 is Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste. The waste enforcement section carries out a variety of inspections in this area, including reviewing planning applications referred to the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section by the Planning Department in relation to Resource Waste Management Plans (RWMP) that are required for developments over a certain threshold. To date in 2026, the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section has made submissions to the Planning Department in respect of 35 applications where RWMP's were requested (out of 78 referrals received).

A total of 61 reviews of RWMP's, submitted in compliance to conditions set out in planning permissions, were also undertaken to date in 2026, in conjunction with 29 site inspections at construction sites to ensure that C&D wastes were being managed appropriately.



By-Product Notifications

Soil and Stones from excavations at construction sites are one of the major waste streams generated by construction, and are often managed as a By-Product, as opposed to waste material, whereby they can be re-used at other sites, as long as a number of criteria are fulfilled:

- the material was produced as an integral part of the production process
- further use of the material is certain

- further use is lawful - planning permission, no adverse impacts
- no additional processing is required.

By-product notifications are registered with the EPA and Local Authorities are alerted. The Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section then has a role to play in reviewing these notifications, through desktop assessments and on-site inspections to ensure the By-Product criteria are complied with and no environmental pollution is generated. A total of 91 notifications of by-product soil and stone were made to date in 2026 - 63 were desktop verified and 16 site inspections were carried out.





Waste Recovery Levy

Inspections under the National C & D Waste Priority also include the collation of waste recovery levy returns, collection of any levies paid, subsequent payment of funds received to the Circular Economy Fund and the auditing of returns made by operators.

The objective of the Landfill Levy and Waste Recovery Levy is to encourage higher value waste management practices by moving material management up the waste hierarchy from waste recovery to more recycling and re-use practices, encouraging greater efforts to segregate waste at source.

The Q1 and Q2 waste levy returns were received in April and July 2026 respectively – No waste recovery levies were paid in Q1 and Q2, 2026.

AR Validations

Waste collection permit holders collecting C&D waste are also subject to audits and inspections of their annual returns, along with facilities in Fingal operating under Waste Facility Permit/ Certificate of Registration accepting C&D waste. To date in 2026, 82 desktop validations and 4 onsite inspections have been completed for waste collection returns and 7 for facility returns.

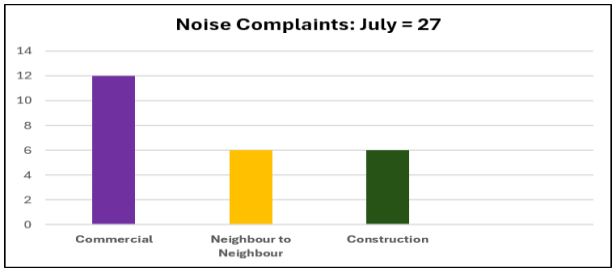
End of Waste

The Production of recycled aggregates reaching End of Waste status is also subject to inspections under the C&D Waste National Enforcement Priority – although there are currently no notifications in Fingal falling under the remit of Fingal County Council (recycled aggregates produced at EPA licensed facilities are inspected by the EPA).

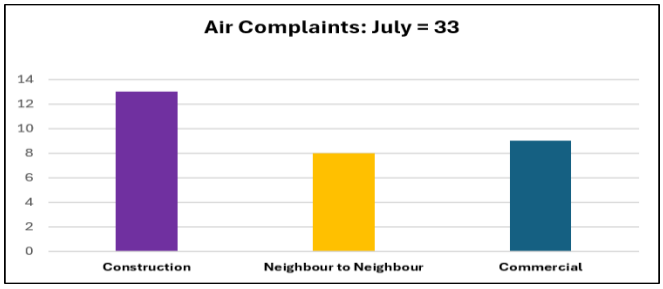


Air Quality & Noise Pollution Complaints - July

A total of **27 noise complaints** were received and investigated during July. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction noise and noise associated with commercial activities.

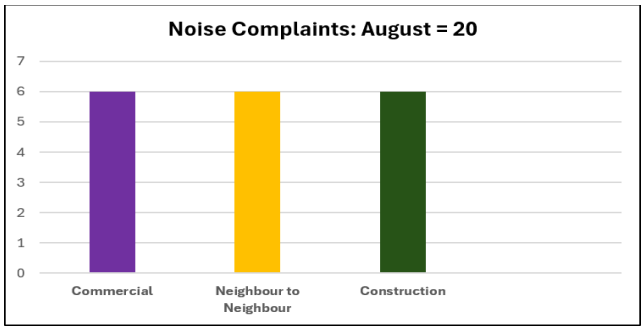


A total of **34 air complaints** were received and investigated during July and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from construction and commercial sites.

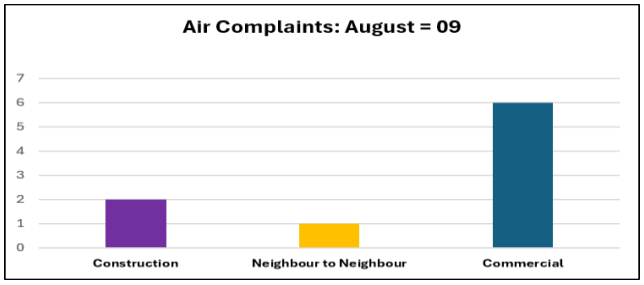


Air Quality & Noise Pollution Complaints – August

A total of **20 noise complaints** were received and investigated during August. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **09 air complaints** were received and investigated during August and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from construction and commercial sites.



Air & Noise Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **14 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during July and **16 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during August. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, and particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.

A total of **13 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for July and a total of **03 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for August. These submissions typically outline the mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.

The team is continually gathering information on active construction sites in order to identify priority locations for inspection throughout the year. These inspections are aimed at ensuring compliance with all relevant air quality and noise-related planning conditions, as well as verifying that appropriate environmental management measures are being implemented during the construction phase. To date, **06 inspections** have been carried out, and engagement with developers has taken place.



Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections

The team has completed its solid fuel retailer inspections for Q1 2026. **11** inspections were carried out on solid fuel retailers in Q1, with follow-up letters issued to retailers outlining the non-compliances identified. Information sheets were included to remind retailers of their responsibilities under the Solid Fuel Regulations. The team consolidated inspection data relating to identified non-compliances and raised these issues directly with the responsible solid fuel producers. 18 no. Solid fuel producers were contacted via post and/or email. None of the contacted are located in Fingal but are spread throughout the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and mainland Europe.

Any feedback received from producers to date has been generally positive, explaining the reason for the non-compliance and remedial actions taken or to be taken.

Solvent Regulations (Dry Cleaner) Inspections

There are currently **6** dry cleaners registered in Fingal under the solvent regulations. Ongoing work around updating the register and monitoring for new businesses potentially carrying out dry cleaning is underway. With the limited number of relevant businesses in the county, the team is reviewing the scope of inspections. As well as confirming the need for registration compliance amongst those certified may be undertaken in 2026.

Deco Paints Regulations (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

As of June 2026, there are **24** premises registered under the Deco Paint Regulations. Following our Q4 2025 inspections, we are continuing to work closely with vehicle refinishers as they progress through the registration process and move toward full compliance. We will also continue to monitor and inspect any new refinishing businesses that may emerge.

The team is currently reviewing our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises. **8** inspections have been conducted as part of our 2026 inspection programme to date.

Air Quality Monitors

The air quality monitoring stations located at the N3 Blanchardstown and the Council's Watery Lane Depot were inspected in August as part of our bi-monthly inspection target and are in good operational condition. These stations provide valuable data to help assess and track air quality within Fingal.



Seagull Information Leaflet

Due to complaints around noise and litter the Air and Noise team recently updated an information leaflet, available in both English and Irish with guidance on how we can all help discourage seagulls from becoming a nuisance. Downloadable copies are available on the website: www.fingal.ie/seagulls-herring-gull-and-nuisance-seagull-information-leaflet



SPORTS OFFICE

Flavours of Fingal

Fingal Sports Office had a presence at Fingal's flagship event once again this year on July 4th and 5th in Newbridge House, Donabate. Over the weekend, Fingal Sports Office showcased all their upcoming summer events providing opportunities to the public to stay active while enjoying our vast array of outdoor locations, including our ParkFit classes, Beach Yoga, Parks and Trails, Malahide Sports Festival, and more. Members of the public enjoyed Body Composition Analysis, Interactive Movement Games for children, and Digital Surveys to provide us with information on the physical activity levels of Fingal residents



Fingal 10k

Active Cities Dublin teamed up with Fingal Events to support the Fingal 10k that took place on July 12th in Swords. On 26th June, a launch was held in Swords Castle to celebrate the 152 Fingal staff members who participated in the race, providing race day t-shirts and race packs to all staff.



Golden Ridge Healthy Lifestyle Workshop

Fingal Sports Office was proud to support an initiative that involves educating and raising awareness about the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle. This workshop was completed in Rush and involved youths and teenagers from the new housing development in Rush, Golden Ridge. Participants learned about the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle and participated in a fun exercise class.



Train Like HER Programme

Fingal Sports Office, in partnership with Healthy Fingal and DDLETB, is continuing to deliver a Teenage Girls "Come and Try Gym" Programme, based on the HerMoves model. The programme commenced in May and is running through the summer. The participants have been provided with free access to the gym facilities at Balbriggan Sports Centre through a drop-in system.

The initial eight-week phase of the programme was led by a Fingal Sports Office tutor, who was responsible for delivering structured fitness sessions and providing instruction on the safe and effective use of gym equipment. As part of Healthy Fingal's contribution, additional support has been provided through educational workshops focusing on nutrition and mental health. These sessions are delivered by the local Health Promotion Officer and are focussed on what it of interest to the participants. A total of 19 female participants, aged between 14 and 16 enrolled in the programme. The participants came from a range of local clubs and schools across the Balbriggan area and continue to enjoy the benefit of free gym time.





North Coastal Foróige Community Sports Day

The North Coastal Foróige Community Sports Day was held as part of a special Sports Week from 13 to 17 July 2026, bringing young people from Lusk, Skerries, Rush, and Balbriggan together through a variety of fun, inclusive, and engaging physical activities. A major highlight of the week was the Skerries Sports Day and Hyrox Event, which took place on Tuesday the 14 of July, at Mourne View, Skerries. The event was attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tony Murphy, who showed his support for participants and had the opportunity to try some of the equipment on display.

Open to community members aged 12 years and over, the event was delivered through a partnership between Active Cities Dublin, Foróige, Fingal County Council Sports Office, the Irish Physical Activity Alliance (IPAA), and SIDEA. Through this collaborative approach, organisers created opportunities for participants to experience a wide range of sports, fitness activities, and physical challenges. A variety of fitness equipment was available for participants to try, including Air Bikes, Air Ski machines, AirRowers, and sandbags.

The success of the event highlighted the value of collaboration between local youth organisations, sports development partners, and community stakeholders in providing positive, inclusive, and enjoyable physical activity opportunities for young people across the North Coastal area.





Men's Hike

Active Cities in conjunction with Healthy Fingal and Get Ireland Walking are hosting a series of Men's only Hikes with a focus on getting men together to walk and talk. These hikes are taking place over 5 months and the first one took place in Howth in July with 55 people in attendance. The event was heavily attended by men who are in recovery from addition and attending Coolmine Lodge Treatment Centre.



Watersport camp

Now in its third year, the Fingal Water Sportability Camp, delivered by Active Connections and supported by Active Cities, Sport and Fingal Events, has doubled in size since its inception. Hosted at Howth Yacht Club, this year's camp welcomed 40 participants, each supported through a dedicated 1:1 assistance model.

Participants enjoyed a range of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing, and swimming, while also exploring Howth Harbour, relaxing on the water, and taking part in some fun seaweed battles. The camp provided an inclusive and supportive environment that promoted physical activity, confidence, independence, and social connection, ensuring all participants could fully enjoy a memorable week on the water.





Parks & Trails

Delivered in conjunction with all Dublin Local Authorities through the Active Cities Programme, the Parks and Trails Programme encourages people of all abilities to get active, connect with nature, and explore the wealth of outdoor amenities available across Dublin.

The participating parks in Fingal are Millennium Park, St. Catherine's Park, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Newbridge House and Farm, and the Portrane Cliff Walk. These accessible outdoor experiences provide opportunities for physical activity, social connection, and improved wellbeing in a supportive environment.

To date, more than 560 participants have taken part across 24 locations throughout Dublin. Within Fingal, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne has proven to be the most popular location and is currently the second most visited site across the entire Dublin programme, highlighting its appeal as a destination for outdoor recreation and community engagement.

The programme continues to promote active lifestyles, inclusion, and the exploration of local parks and trails, enabling participants to discover and enjoy the outstanding natural and recreational resources available throughout Fingal and the wider Dublin region.



HerOutdoors Week

This August Her Outdoors Week saw clubs and community groups in Fingal open their doors to encourage more women and girls to experience the benefits of outdoor recreation. Reflecting the campaign's focus on local and regional participation, a range of introductory activities were offered, including sea rowing, fishing, sailing and Fingal's ongoing summer Parkfit and Beach Yoga classes featured. Mayor of Fingal, Tony Murphy, was on hand to help launch the events with Fingal Rowing Club.

The initiative provides a welcoming environment for participants to try new activities, build confidence and connect with local clubs. Not all activities were restricted to the week and this helped in highlighting the many opportunities available for women and girls to get active outdoors in Fingal.





Fingal & East Meath Pitch & Putt Competition

The Fingal & East Meath Pitch & Putt Summer League celebrates its 11th year in 2026. Held throughout July and August, the competition brings together clubs from North County Dublin and East Meath for competitive match play with a strong social focus. The Competition was founded by the Fingal Sports Office with the guidance of Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt Club.

This year, clubs were encouraged to include at least two female players in their eight-player teams, creating more opportunities for women to represent their clubs. As the league nears its conclusion, Laytown Pitch & Putt Club appears on course for victory. The club hosted the opening round and has shown resilience after recovering from severe storm damage earlier this year.

Over the years, the league has become a highlight of the local Pitch & Putt calendar, giving players of all ages and abilities the chance to represent their clubs and showcase their skills.





Malahide Sports Festival 2026

Thousands of Fingal residents gathered in Malahide Castle & Gardens on 9th August to try a variety of sports and activities at the Fingal Sports Festival. From rugby and basketball to weightlifting, disc golf, and GAA handball, 25 National Governing Bodies represented their sport on the day and provided the community with the opportunity to try new sports and activities at Dublin's biggest sports activity day.

Alongside the range of sports available, the day commenced with a Pedal Parade starting from New Street courtesy of the Active Travel department. Live classes took place throughout the day on the stage, consisting of a ParkFit demonstration, Yoga as Gaeilge, Family Fitness, and Dance Fit.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tony Murphy also attended the event and engaged with many of the festival goers and NGB representatives.





FINANCE

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Rates

Commercial Rates collection to the end of August 2026 is 81%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€144m
Rates collected %	81%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is €27.6 million.

Development Levy Income YTD Aug 2026	
Levies Receipted	€27.6 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2025	39%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of August was €64.63m which is c. 103**%** of budget.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€64.6m
Percentage of budget.	103%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of August

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	189	
Value €m	€89m	
Procurements ongoing at end of August		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	7	(i)
Value €m	€8.3m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	49	(ii)
Value €m	€486m	
No. of procurements at approved	8	(iii)
Value €m	€3.7m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of August
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the August.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of August.

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Income and Expenditure at 31/08/2026

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 AUGUST 2026

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	93,959,511	146,350,700	64%	97,581,557	153,470,900	64%	-3,622,047
Road Transport & Safety	25,346,592	38,862,000	65%	6,795,203	10,906,700	62%	18,551,389
Water Services	5,632,220	9,382,300	60%	6,517,414	10,034,000	65%	-885,194
Development Management	16,857,231	27,038,500	62%	5,987,967	10,387,900	58%	10,869,265
Environmental Services	37,066,100	52,919,900	70%	5,921,219	9,825,900	60%	31,144,882
Recreation & Amenity	47,685,373	68,414,200	70%	4,723,903	6,291,100	75%	42,961,470
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	864,470	1,844,900	47%	314,428	490,200	64%	550,041
Miscellaneous Services	13,328,731	22,106,400	60%	19,041,707	29,603,200	64%	-5,712,977
Central Management Charge	41,702,278	66,434,500	63%	2,215,162	4,222,000	52%	39,487,116
Local Property Tax / GPG				14,904,105	22,356,100	67%	-14,904,105
Rates				117,176,933	175,765,400	67%	-117,176,933
	282,442,505	**433,353,400**	**65%**	**281,179,598**	**433,353,400**	**65%**	**1,262,907**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2026

		Balance at 0/01/2026 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2026 €
A	Housing & Building	-17,629,903	216,243,533	-171,070,788	27,542,842
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,427,965	21,471,699	-7,699,737	21,199,927
C	Water Services	-11,303,514	3,681,776	-952,458	-8,574,195
D	Development Management	-190,158,270	55,452,334	-42,693,109	-177,399,045
E	Environmental Services	-12,190,128	3,359,098	-635,711	-9,466,741
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,135,457	17,498,689	-10,339,401	6,023,831
H	Miscellaneous Services	-44,325,231	35,013,679	-10,601,143	-19,912,695
	Total	**-269,314,538**	**352,720,809**	**-243,992,347**	**-160,586,076**

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of August 2026

Description	Supplier Name	Supplier Address	Contract Value	Contract Start Date	Current End Date	Contract Duration (Months)	Contract Award Date
Provision of Eco Toilets	Healthmatic Ltd	Howth House, Howth Dublin 13, D13XK75	€159,615.00	04/03/2026	04/09/2026	6	23/02/2026
Broadmeadow Way Retaining Wall precast units	Stresslite Precast Ltd	Hempstown , Blessington , Co Wicklow	€329,748.98	20/03/2026	20/08/2026	5	20/03/2026
2026 Programme for the Development and Implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2025-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2025-2029	Brouder Marketing	5A Humbert Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, F91FPP5	€619,106.00	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	01/01/2026
Supplementary call for Tender for the Provision of Facilities Management Services for multi-unit development blocks at several locations in the Fingal County Council administrative area	MDPM Ltd	9-11 Upper Baggot Street, Dublin 4, D04 KW22	€1,914,585.00	26/05/2026	25/05/2029	36	01/04/2026
Hire of 32 T Hook Loading Truck (36 Months)	G & J Kearns Dev Ltd	Ballyboughal Road, Naul, Co. Dublin	€124,800.12	09/03/2026	08/03/2029	36	05/03/2026
Property Manager Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor, Embassy House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€880,000.00	12/01/2026	31/01/2030	48	12/01/2026
Skerries Harbour Emergency Stabilization Works	Cunningham Civil & Marine Ltd	Unit 4 Cedar Crescent, Westport, Co. Mayo F28 K635	€149,342.40	07/04/2026	29/05/2026	1	30/03/2026
Hire of Temporary Staff Welfare Units at Newbridge Demesne	A Space Cabins Limited	609 Jordanstown Drive, Greenouge Business Park, Rathcoole, Dublin	€50,600.00	09/03/2026	01/03/2027	12	09/03/2026

Engineering Consultancy Services for Donabate Transport Projects, comprising: A. Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 (Project Phases 3 to 5); B. Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade (Project Phases 3 to 5) C. EIA & AA Screening for DDR2 and Blakes Cross, and; D. Additional and Expanded Donabate Active Travel Routes	Roughan and ODonovan	Arena House Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€2,407,418.18	19/02/2026	19/04/2029	38	19/02/2026
Provision of services relating to digital, social media, online payments and communications strategy and support	Legacy Communications Ltd	Millbank House, Millbank Business Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin	€116,813.00	12/05/2026	11/05/2027	12	12/05/2026
Site Investigations Racecourse Park	IGSL Ltd	Unit F, M7 Business Park, Naas, Co. Kildare	€61,000.00	20/04/2026	20/04/2026	0	01/04/2026
Web Access Gateway	Softcat PLC	2nd Floor, Scotch House, 6-7 Burgh Quay, Dublin, D02 VK44	€213,349.92	29/01/2026	28/01/2029	36	29/01/2026
Planning Consultancy Services for Preparation of Local Area Plan Dunsink	RMLA Limited	Unit 3B Santry Avenue Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9, D09 PH04	€595,010.00	13/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	16/02/2026
Contract hire of sweepers in 4 lots	Galway Plant & Tool Hire Ltd	Bluebell Works, Naas Road, Dublin, D12 CP29	€3,904,026.00	01/04/2026	31/03/2031	59	01/04/2026
Provision of Employer's Representative/Project Management/Client Representative Services for Design & Build and Mixed Tenure Housing Delivery for two projects	KSN Project Managment Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road, Dublin 4, D04 V5N2	€258,200.00	09/02/2026	08/02/2030	48	04/02/2026
Provision of Traffic Sensors for real-time data collection to measure the overall traffic, mobility and active travel behaviour along the planned Active Travel Scheme for the R132 route pre and post construction, for Fingal County Council	Vivacity Labs	3 Haberdasher Street, London N16ED , England	€46,535.00	17/07/2026	16/07/2027	12	12/06/2026
Supply & Operation of Bike Libraries	Bleeperbike Ireland	Unit 4 Merchants House, 27 - 30, Merchants Quay, D08 K3KD	€144,160.00	01/05/2026	30/04/2028	23	30/03/2026
Amenity woodland planting on public lands at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Forestry Services Ltd	Unit 3 Cillin Hill Agri Business Park, Dublin Rd , Kilkenny	€52,988.00	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	12	27/01/2026

Legal Advise and Representation regarding Leasing Services	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, D02 KV60	€320,000.00	06/02/2026	05/02/2028	24	06/02/2026
Provision of legal conveyancing services for the delivery of mixed-tenure housing schemes, including social, affordable, and cost-rental arrangements	Fieldfisher Ireland	45 Mespil Road Dublin 4	€200,000.00	26/06/2026	26/06/2028	24	26/06/2026
Pathway repairs in Turvey Nature Park for Fingal County Council	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€39,987.00	08/06/2026	30/08/2026	2	14/04/2026
Cleaning and Maintenance service for Public Conveniences Countywide	Healthmatic Ltd	Howth House, Howth Dublin 13, D13XK75	€1,003,792.82	01/05/2026	30/04/2027	11	01/05/2026
Public Realm works at Swords Cultural Quarter	Duggan Brothers Contractors	Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€6,735,115.00	25/05/2026	24/05/2028	24	25/05/2026
Enabling works related to public realm works at Swords Cultural Quarter	Duggan Brothers Contractors	Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€572,150.00	19/02/2026	07/05/2027	15	13/01/2026
Purchase of up to 12 No.3.5 ton electric tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Commercial Vehicles Ltd	Naas Road, Dublin 12	€244,770.00	01/02/2026	31/01/2026	-1	01/02/2026
Installation of Safety Barrier at Kettles Lane Overbridge	Triur Construction Ltd	13 Society Street, Ballinasloe, Co Galway, H53 N9X3	€33,250.00	06/05/2026	05/08/2026	3	06/05/2026
Cashless Parking Payment for Pay & Display in Fingal County Council	Payzone Ireland Ltd	4 Fern Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€3,000,000.00	01/05/2026	30/04/2029	35	01/05/2026
Provision of Destination EV chargers	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, Rockgrove Industrial Estate, Little Island, Cork	€4,626,792.49	09/03/2026	30/06/2027	15	05/03/2026
Provision of Services for Metric Survey and below Ground Services Survey at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Kilkelly Geo Spatial Solutions	Thomas Street, Castlebar, Co Mayo	€41,222.00	14/09/2026	14/12/2026	3	01/09/2026
Phase 2 works to upper courtyard at St.Catherines Park, Lucan for Fingal County Council	Dunwoody & Dobson Limited	10 Grattan Street, Dublin 2, D02 XR26	€374,183.04	18/05/2026	16/11/2026	6	21/04/2026
Provision of fencing project at Palmerstown Stream, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Stirue Fencing	Keeverstown, Grangebellew Drogheda	€29,542.00	31/08/2026	11/09/2026	1	23/08/2026
Provision of a 60x20m solid walled marquee floored and pinned. Ramps also to be included	Deerglade Ltd t/a Byrne Marquees	Aughna, Bagnelstown Co Carlow	€34,800.00	18/08/2026	23/08/2026	0	11/08/2026

Integrated Design Team Services from stage ii(b) to iv for Castlelands Swimming Pool, Balbriggan	RAPT Leisure Development Ltd t/a Recreation Group	60 Chorley New Road, Bolton BL1 4DA	€1,032,801.74	19/08/2026	04/09/2029	37	19/08/2026
Access Licenses for Liberty Spark application	Netcall Technology Ltd	Suite 203 Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedfordshire, MK418PH	€37,058.60	07/08/2026	31/07/2029	35	31/07/2026
The provision of additional Backup and Disaster Recovery solution for data associated with Office 365	SureSkills Ltd	2-4 Terminus Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin 6	€41,400.00	07/08/2026	31/07/2029	35	31/08/2026
Provision of Services for Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works for Fingal County Council	Al Read Electrical Co.Ltd	1 Lorcan Grove, Santry Dublin 9	€1,000,000.00	01/08/2026	01/01/2027	5	15/07/2026
Musical performance for Swords Castle Concerts 2026	ICON Entertainments	11 Fullam Terrace Balbriggan, Co Dublin, K32 AY05	€39,950.00	20/07/2026	26/07/2026	0	20/07/2026
Essential repairs to the welfare facility Rush South Beach Amenities	Lidan Innovations Ltd	Unit 1, Lanesborough Road, Roscommon, F42 RX66	€26,463.19	07/08/2026	14/08/2026	0	29/07/2026
Waste Management Services - provision of bins at beaches	AES Recycling Ltd	Main Street, Newbridge, Co Kildare	€993,388.00	02/03/2026	02/03/2029	36	27/02/2026
Blanchfest 2026	Davies Events Ltd	2nd Floor, 11/12 Redmond's Hill, Aungier Street, Dublin, D02 K5P2	€199,860.00	27/07/2026	26/10/2026	3	24/07/2026
Supply and Install 2 x Libcabinets in North County Dublin	Spectrum Communications Ltd	9A Beckitt Way,Park West Business Park,Dublin 12	€39,020.00	04/08/2026	31/07/2028	23	27/07/2026
Conducting building surveying and inspection services for Fingal County Council	ABL Surveyors Ltd	26/27 Pembroke Street Lower. Dublin 2	€526,000.00	09/02/2026	08/02/2028	24	09/02/2026
Road inlay of Baskin Cottages Kinsealy, Co. Dublin	Pavement & Road Resurfacing Ltd	Westwinds Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Dublin 24, D24 VY90	€67,810.00	07/09/2026	25/09/2026	0	14/08/2026
Car park management pre-event and event days x 2 for Flavours of Fingal 2026	Marathon Group	5 Northwood Avenue, Dublin 9	€40,320.00	14/05/2026	06/07/2026	2	14/05/2026
Provision of hazardous Waste Collection for Fingal County Council Recycling Centre at Estuary and Coolmine with initial contract	ENVA Ireland	Clonminam Industrial Estate Knockmay Portlaoise, Co. Laois	€310,000.00	01/10/2025	01/12/2026	14	01/07/2026

Portrane Road Enhancement Project	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Killmacduane, Cooraclare, Co. Clare	€1,333,177.40	29/06/2026	26/03/2027	9	02/06/2026
Screening & Assessment Services for Affordable Housing applications	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€55,000.00	01/07/2026	31/12/2026	5	01/07/2026
The purchase of 2 changing room facility containers for use by sports clubs at Tyrellstown park	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue Cookstown Industrial Estate Tallaght	€39,800.00	01/07/2026	01/10/2026	3	26/06/2026
Biodiversity Makeover Castleway Estate Front Gardens	Grow It Bio Ltd t/a Gardens for Wildlife	12 Milteog Trim Co. Meath	€55,650.00	15/07/2026	28/02/2027	7	11/06/2026
Commvault Managed Service - for 2026/27	SureSkills Ltd	2-4 Terminus Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin 6	€26,400.00	01/08/2026	30/07/2027	11	19/06/2026
An Post GeoDirectory dataset and Licence for the 3 years period (2026 -2029)	An Post GeoDirectory DAC	The EXO Building North Wall Quay Dublin 1	€75,120.00	01/07/2026	30/06/2029	35	15/06/2026
Hire of 2500M2 of car park matting for use in temporary car park at Porterstown Park D15	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€26,000.00	19/06/2026	14/08/2026	2	13/03/2026
Landscape Design Support Services for Stages 4-5 of 'Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street'	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	Blackpitts, Dublin D08 DD56	€182,980.00	13/07/2026	31/07/2029	36	13/07/2026
Skerries Active Travel Plan - Design Initial Projects	DBFL Consulting Engineers	Ormond House, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin 7	€1,147,651.50	14/07/2026	14/07/2028	24	03/07/2026
Provision of web-based applications for the Housing Department.	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€144,000.00	04/06/2026	31/05/2027	11	28/05/2026
Provision of Hazardous Waste Collection Services at Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres	ENVA Ireland	Clonminam Industrial Estate Knockmay Portlaoise, Co. Laois	€310,000.00	01/10/2025	01/12/2026	14	01/07/2026
Supply of specialist CCTV equipment for Skerries library	Encom Systems Ltd	Unit 2 Sunshine Industrial Estate, Crumlin Road, Dublin	€44,655.13	18/06/2026	12/12/2026	6	02/06/2026
Microsoft 365 licences for Libraries & Draíocht (Non Profit reduced rate)	Micromail Ltd	3 Nessan House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork, T12 N2NC	€40,024.60	01/06/2026	31/05/2027	11	01/06/2026

Hire of Generators, Tower Lights & Electricians and Teleporter for the Flavours of Fingal Show 2026	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	Unit 103 Bishopswood Lane, Bishopwoods, The Ward, Dublin 11	€124,752.19	01/07/2026	09/07/2026	0	04/06/2026
Surface Restoration on R102 River Road, Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€344,702.00	15/07/2026	05/10/2026	3	14/07/2026
20 Nomad pedestrian Counters at four locations within Fingal County Council	McAdam Consulting Services Ltd t/a Nomadic Analytics Ltd	Ardragh, Carrickmacross, Monaghan A81 X772	€44,000.00	13/05/2026	13/05/2027	12	01/05/2026
Parking Surveys in Skerries, Co. Dublin	National Data Collection	Unit 7 Gateway Commercial Centre, Tuam Road, Monksland, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	€42,350.00	11/05/2026	11/11/2026	6	11/05/2026
Provision of Postal Collection Services for Fingal County Council	Printpost Ltd	Unit 4, Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€200,000.00	01/04/2026	31/03/2027	11	26/05/2026
Architectural Design Services for Public Park Building Structures at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Sports Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Design ID Consulting Ltd	23 Lisburn Road Hillsborough, Co Down, BT26 6AA	€248,497.69	25/03/2026	24/03/2028	24	20/02/2026
Sportspitch Construction and Associated Infrastructure Works at Rathmore Park, Lusk	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	Ardee Road, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€4,708,957.00	24/07/2026	23/05/2028	22	24/07/2026
Sportspitch Rennovation and Associated Infrastructure Works at Skerries, Co. Dublin	Tony Patterson Sportsground Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown Dublin 15	€1,290,154.00	16/03/2026	16/03/2028	24	10/02/2026
Sports Turf Consultancy Services for Bremore Recreational Sports Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 8AX, England	€38,610.00	18/02/2026	18/08/2028	30	15/01/2026
Removal of shelving from current storage and transport, reassembly and installation in Clonmel House. Also the reinforcement of the floor in Clonmel House to bear the shelving load.	Storage Systems Ltd	Malahide Road Industrial Park Malahide Road Dublin 17	€28,370.00	29/06/2026	10/07/2026	1	12/05/2026
Safer Route to School Round 3 Design (7 no. schools)	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	3rd Floor, The Highline, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 KW2	€250,660.00	27/07/2026	26/01/2028	18	13/07/2026
R121 and Corduff Road markings on existing roundabouts	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Ballyshannon, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	€53,489.00	01/09/2026	31/12/2026	3	17/08/2026

Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary works, Church Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin.	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, BT28 2SA	€31,564.02	23/05/2026	30/05/2026	0	23/04/2026
Road patching and repairs on the R128 and R132 at various locations in North County Dublin.	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€150,404.00	28/05/2026	28/08/2026	3	12/05/2026
Interior design and fit out of Ballough Place Artist Residential Studio	Beet, Wood & Rust	76 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3	€70,000.00	05/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	06/05/2026
Rhododendron Control Howth Woodland	Ecolab Limited	Forrest Park, Mullingar Industrial Estate, Co. Westmeath	€110,203.04	24/08/2026	27/05/2027	9	27/07/2026
Park entrance development works at Castlecurragh Park	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen, Mullingar, Westmeath, N91 X091	€157,568.60	17/06/2026	16/12/2026	6	17/06/2026
Event management services for Cruinniu	Davis Events Limited	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Co. Dublin	€74,564.89	05/06/2026	08/06/2026	0	24/04/2026
Essential repairs to the welfare facility in Santry demesne.	Lidan Innovations Ltd	Unit 1, Lanesborough Road, Roscommon, F42 RX66	€29,438.38	27/04/2025	27/05/2026	13	22/04/2026
Bird warden and census services on Ireland's Eye SPA with BirdWatch Ireland for the summer of 2026	Birdwatch Ireland Unit	20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow A63 RW83	€39,978.00	01/05/2026	31/10/2026	5	23/04/2026
Bird warden services for the Little Tern project at Portrane	Birdwatch Ireland	Unit 20 Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow A63 RW83	€53,272.00	01/05/2026	30/09/2026	4	23/04/2026
Engineering Consultancy Services for overflow car park in Porterstown park, Carpenterstown, Dublin 15 for Fingal County Council.	Design ID Consulting Ltd	42 Pearse Street, Dublin D02 HV59	€26,282.00	27/04/2026	30/09/2026	5	21/04/2026
Balleally & Dunsink Landfill Environmental Monitoring Extension	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT412DU	€231,987.22	10/03/2026	09/03/2027	12	10/03/2026
Implementation of Emergency Coastal Protection Measures at the Burrow, Portrane	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€620,225.00	20/04/2026	29/06/2026	2	09/04/2026
Upgrade of Fire Alarm System County Hall	PM Wirecom Ltd t/a Malone	Unit 17 Western Parkway Business Centre, Lower	€398,926.55	16/06/2026	15/06/2027	12	12/06/2026

	Electrical/Wirecom Networks	Ballymount Road Dublin 12					
POW Beach Lane Portrane Resurfacing works	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€69,172.00	30/08/2026	30/11/2026	3	07/08/2026
Supply, Deliver, Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer / Winter Floral Display Baskets / Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€178,045.77	29/05/2026	28/05/2027	12	20/04/2026
POW Flemington Park, Balbriggan Resurfacing works	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 PKK2	€85,201.26	23/05/2026	30/05/2026	0	23/04/2026
POW Hampton Cove, Balbriggan Resurfacing works	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 PKK2	€219,728.94	08/06/2026	30/06/2026	0	15/05/2026
POW Kilbush Lane, Rush Resurfacing works	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 PKK2	€74,503.56	02/06/2026	12/06/2026	0	02/06/2026
POW Balheary Swords Macadam overlay	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€304,989.75	30/07/2026	30/10/2026	3	16/06/2026
White Hart Road, Balbriggan Overlay / Surface Dressed	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 PKK2	€275,000.00	02/07/2026	12/08/2026	1	15/06/2026
Cherry Laurel Control Luttrelstown Woodland	SAP Landscapes Limited	Ballygoran, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€102,920.00	27/07/2026	30/04/2027	9	20/07/2026
Rhododendron Control heathland Howth SAC	SAP Landscapes Limited	Ballygoran, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€33,430.00	20/07/2026	20/01/2027	6	19/06/2026
The fabrication of a welded and bolted steel canopy structure with protective coating and powder coating to RAL 6002	Coolskeagh Development Ltd t/a Castle Steel	Castleblayney, Co.Monaghan	€50,761.63	02/05/2026	19/06/2026	1	02/05/2026
Supply, Delivery and Installation of Shelving to Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan Libraries	Milner Office Furniture	The Old Factory Bluebell Ave, Dublin12	€160,991.00	04/06/2026	03/12/2027	18	04/06/2026

Hire of 1 no. 85 hp plus, four wheel drive tractor, with double axel trailer, with removable sides, with driver/operative, 1 no. 180° backhoe excavator with driver/operative and 1 no. Teleporter/loading shovel (12t - rubber tyred) with driver/operative and 1. No john deer gater (with cab) With an option to hire an additional 85hp tractor for beach and burial ground works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€80,660.00	27/07/2026	09/10/2026	3	27/04/2026
Manager/Site Operator for daily operations and the facilitation of planned events at Swords Castle and The Carnagie Building	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€170,000.00	30/01/2026	30/07/2026	6	26/01/2026
The supply of 19 units of aluminium powder coated planters and spray paint in the matching RAL colour.	Fabworx Ltd	Clonard, Ballymahon, Co Longford	€29,084.47	24/03/2026	01/05/2026	2	26/03/2026
Quantity Surveying Services - Donabate Library (Phase 2)	WH Stephens Consultant	2 Dublin Landings, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, DO1 V4A3	€49,500.00	27/07/2026	13/05/2032	70	01/07/2026
Hire of 2500M2 of car park matting for use in temporary car park at Porterstown Park D15	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€32,500.00	07/04/2026	01/06/2026	2	08/04/2026
Support and Maintenance for FCCs Wireless Network for 2026	Exigent	Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Cork	€33,300.00	20/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	01/01/2026
Purchase of Grass Cutting Machinery for Fingal County Council	Baytown Machinery Ltd	The Ward, Co. Dublin	€131,000.00	19/06/2026	17/06/2027	12	19/06/2026
Purchase of Grass Cutting Machinery for Fingal County Council	FJS Plant Repairs Ltd	Timahoe, Donedea, Naas Co. Kildare, W91 A789	€131,000.00	19/06/2026	17/06/2027	12	19/06/2026
Kilreesk Road Resurfacing works	Siac Bituminous	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin	€40,409.00	01/06/2026	31/07/2026	1	19/05/2026
Engineering Services for Decarbonisation and Emergency Re-roofing at Draíocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown & County Hall, Swords	BDP (Building Design Partnership)	Blackhall Green, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7 D07 V0RF	€87,260.00	01/04/2026	29/09/2026	5	26/03/2026

Flavours of Fingal County Show 2026 Two day family and community event comprising of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, artisan food, crafts and family fund	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€445,227.51	18/06/2026	13/07/2026	1	18/06/2026
Concrete Footpath Replacement at Sutton Park, Grove, and Downs Sutton Co . Dublin	Pavement & Road Resurfacing Ltd	Westwinds Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Dublin 24, D24 VY90	€36,520.00	06/07/2026	24/07/2026	0	04/06/2026
Condition reporting, feasibility, design, planning and management of heritage related works at three sites; 1) Bremore Castle, 2) Skerries Mills & 3) The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre.	Howley Hayes Cooney Architecture	19 Rock Hill, Blackrock, Co Dublin	€699,287.50	29/05/2026	28/05/2027	12	01/05/2026
Patching of Malahide Beach Carpark	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€64,455.00	08/06/2026	15/06/2026	0	14/05/2026
Howth Maritime Festival 2026	Davies Events Ltd	2nd Floor, 11/12 Redmond's Hill, Aungier Street, Dublin, D02 K5P2	€163,333.10	11/05/2026	11/07/2026	2	11/05/2026
Consultancy services for the management and preparation of applications on behalf of Fingal County Council for the Housing Infrastructure Investment fund (HIIF) – Call 1	KSN Project Managment Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road, Dublin 4, D04 V5N2	€36,800.00	21/01/2026	27/02/2026	1	08/04/2026
Road Reinstatement post Stomrwater Pipeline works - Tucketts Lane, Howth, Co Dublin	Pavement & Road Resurfacing Ltd	Westwinds Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Dublin 24, D24 VY90	€66,800.00	05/05/2026	26/05/2026	0	27/04/2026
Installation of a drainage system to Tyrellstown cricket pitch and outfield for Fingal County Council	O'Brien Landscaping	Unit B10 Swords Enterprise Park, Swords, Co Dublin	€142,482.00	22/05/2026	21/05/2027	12	22/05/2026
Redevelopment of multi-use games area at Millennium Park	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€81,900.00	24/07/2026	23/01/2027	6	24/07/2026
Broadband Connections to Ardgillan Castle, Malahide Castle (Heritage Sites) & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	Unit 1 College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	€26,400.00	01/03/2026	28/02/2028	23	27/03/2026

Footpath Improvement Works (Concrete) Elmwood Mulhuddart	Citius Ltd	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22	€25,900.00	13/04/2026	14/08/2026	4	09/04/2026
Maintenance and Repair of Tea Station Boilers & Zip Taps	Ace Boilers	Unit B5 South City Business Park Tallaght Dublin	€50,000.00	22/06/2026	19/06/2028	24	22/06/2026
Shielmartin Road Inlay Sutton	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€118,627.50	05/05/2026	29/05/2026	0	20/04/2026
R132 Connectivity Project (Sustainable Transport Corridor) Works Contract - Construction Stage (ITT)	Murphy International Ltd	Great Connell, Newbridge , Co.Kildare	€12,909,216.43	27/03/2026	26/04/2028	25	20/03/2026
Lissenhall Traffic Light Junction Upgrade - M1 Lissenhall Interchange	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5 Block K, Maynooth Business park, Maynooth , Co Kildare	€174,500.00	02/06/2026	31/07/2026	1	13/05/2026
Hire of 4 No. 18T GVW Tipper Truck with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket, and Hire of 1 No. 8 X 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry with Crane And Clam Shell Bucket (32T)	Thomas Brennan & Son Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€51,369.99	16/04/2026	30/06/2026	2	19/03/2026
Hire of 4 No. 18T GVW tipper truck with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket, & Hire of 1 No. 8 X 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket (32T) (36 Month Contract	Thomas Brennan & Son Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€556,000.00	01/06/2026	01/06/2029	36	17/04/2026
Weekly bin collections for all Haulting Sites in the Fingal area, Ad Hoc skip collections for Traveller specific sites.	Starrus Eco Holdings t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper,. Ballymount Dublin12	€50,000.00	01/01/2026	31/08/2026	7	01/01/2026
Provision of Hire, Servicing and Disposal of waste for portable toilet units for use at Traveller Specific Accomodation	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue Cookstown Industrial Estate Tallaght	€35,000.00	01/02/2026	31/08/2026	6	01/02/2026
Auburn Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Killmacduane, Cooraclare, Co. Clare	€2,833,074.25	08/06/2026	08/06/2027	12	22/04/2026
R127 Lusk to Skeries (Ardla) Resurfacing	Breedon Surfacing Solutions	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€974,427.25	05/05/2026	12/06/2026	1	08/04/2026

Road Resurfacing of Airside Link Road	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€149,490.20	27/04/2026	26/06/2026	2	13/04/2026
POW Turvey Ave Donabate phase 2 Resurfacing works	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€277,061.00	20/04/2026	26/06/2026	2	13/04/2026
Cherry Laurel Eradication in the Abbotstown woodlands, Dublin 15	Ecolab Limited	Forrest Park, Mullingar Industrial Estate, Co. Westmeath	€70,400.00	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	0	13/03/2026
POW Brackenstown Ave Resurfacing works	John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€93,740.46	10/08/2026	30/11/2026	3	25/03/2026
Supply, install, configure, and commission SCADA Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) across multiple sites	EMR Integrated Solutions Ltd	Unit 53-58 Duboyne Business Park, Dunboyne, Co Meath	€56,190.00	01/04/2026	01/10/2026	6	13/03/2026
Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings (Drawdown off Framework established under	Arthurstown Contruction Ltd	11 Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€610,774.75	01/04/2026	31/03/2028	23	01/04/2026
Dye Durham Lawlink Charges	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€52,944.00	13/03/2026	31/12/2026	9	01/01/2026
Land Slide remedial works R108 Lower Lugan Road Strawberry Beds	John Browne Construction	Carragh, Granard, Co. Longford	€26,500.00	16/02/2026	23/02/2026	0	26/02/2026
The supply and installation of protective netting at Corballis Golf Club.	Sportsworld Netting Ltd	Aughrim, Scariff, Co. Clare	€26,900.00	05/11/2025	05/02/2026	3	20/03/2026
Provision of Security Services-including uniformed on-site security presence, on-site keyholding and response to alarm activation	Manguard Plus Ltd	W7F Ladytown Business Park, Ladytown Naas, Co Kildare	€122,178.97	02/03/2026	05/05/2026	2	03/03/2026
sRFT Loose Furniture for Mulhuddart Library	Tona Commercial Interiors Ltd		€36,894.00	03/06/2026	02/06/2027	12	03/06/2026
Ramps contract 2026 (POW)	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney , Dunleer, Co Louth	€210,895.00	01/08/2026	31/12/2026	4	10/07/2026
The provision of Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works Services to Fingal County Council	Al Read Electrical Co.Ltd	1 Lorcan Grove, Santry Dublin 9	€975,000.00	01/03/2026	31/07/2026	4	25/02/2026
Provision of Collection of Non-Hazardous Waste from Estuary and Coolmine Recycling Centres - Interim Contract	Starrus Eco Holdings t/a Panda	Ballymount Road Upper,. Ballymount Dublin12	€1,400,000.00	01/02/2026	01/08/2026	6	22/04/2026

	Waste Management Solutions Ltd						
Services of Event Managers for Fingal Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo 2026	Davis Events Limited	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Co. Dublin	€79,699.00	26/06/2026	17/12/2026	6	26/06/2026
Providing for new access to Dunsink Pump Station	G&J Kearns Development Ltd	Naul, Co Dublin	€99,800.00	10/03/2026	31/03/2026	0	10/03/2026
R132 & R106 Road patching and repairs	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney , Dunleer, Co Louth	€77,300.00	02/03/2026	31/12/2026	9	27/02/2026
Supply and install of a half size MUGA at Moylaragh Open Space, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin for Fingal County Council	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€39,850.00	25/06/2026	15/07/2026	1	04/06/2026
Corporate Buildings and Libraries Roof Maintenance and repairs	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	11 St Cronans View, Swords, Co Dublin	€27,200.00	15/05/2026	31/03/2027	10	01/04/2026
Supply, Delivery, Commissioning & Maintenance of Emergency Generators for Fingal County Council	Shanahan Power Limited	Camas, Newcaste West, Limerick	€85,752.00	12/02/2026	31/12/2029	46	18/02/2026
Construction of a Sample area for the proposed paving design for the New Street Public Realm Improvement Project in Malahide	Maylim Limited	103/104 O'Connell Street, Co Limerick	€29,306.00	14/01/2026	13/11/2026	10	07/01/2026
Citrix License Renewal	Arkphire Security Ltd	41 O'Casey Avenue, Park West Industrial Park, Dublin 12, D12 X767	€39,800.00	31/12/2025	31/12/2026	12	02/02/2026
Screening & Assessment Services for Affordable Housing applications for Fingal County Council	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€42,000.00	05/01/2026	30/06/2026	5	05/01/2026
Renewal of a number of Digital Services products	NEC Software Solutions UK Limited	1st Floor IMEX Centre, 579-599 Maxted Road, Hemel Hampstead, HP2 7DX	€26,775.00	20/05/2026	19/05/2027	12	13/02/2026
New Road Markings Countywide for 2026	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Ballyshannon, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	€96,025.65	12/05/2026	11/05/2027	12	06/05/2026
Playground redevelopment - St. Catherine's Park	Play & Leisure Services Ltd		€268,431.05	19/05/2026	18/05/2027	12	11/06/2026

Safer Route to School Round 2 Construction (5 no. schools)	M&N Civil Engineering Ltd	Unit 25 Aislinn Gweedore Business Park Gweedore, Derrybed Donegal	€1,086,443.57	01/07/2026	30/06/2027	11	08/07/2026
Supply of Butterfly pupae for the tropical butterfly house in Malahide Demesne.	Stratford Upon Avon Butterfly Farm	Swans Nest Lane, Stratford Upon Avon.	€40,000.00	20/02/2026	20/02/2027	12	10/03/2026
Trad Fest Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000.00	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	22/01/2026
Surface Restoration Homeleigh Castleknock	Breedon Surfacing Solutions	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€78,355.00	06/03/2026	06/07/2026	4	02/03/2026
Development Works at Ballymastone Recreational Hub & main ancillary infrastructure Phase 2&3	Kilwex Limited	Pacelli House, Naas, Co. Kildare	€8,938,980.47	07/03/2026	17/09/2027	18	17/01/2026
Surface Restoration Castleknock Green/Dunsandle Court/Grove	Breedon Surfacing Solutions	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€120,369.00	16/03/2026	16/07/2026	4	02/03/2026
Surface Restoration Mulhuddart Village Junction	Siac Bituminous	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin	€95,125.00	16/04/2026	14/08/2026	4	14/04/2026
Surface Restoration Snugborogh Road Corduff	Mitchell Macadam Ltd	2 Glenmalure Park South Circular Road, Rialto Dublin	€93,075.86	16/06/2026	16/10/2026	4	19/06/2026
Surface Restoration R135 Coolquay	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€156,712.00	01/06/2026	01/10/2026	4	05/06/2026
Footpath Improvement Works at Castleknock Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Citius Ltd	Club Road Ballymount Dublin 22	€39,338.00	06/07/2026	06/10/2026	3	03/07/2026
Footpath Improvement Works (Concrete) Portersgate, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction	Carragh, Granard, Co. Longford	€36,480.00	13/07/2026	14/10/2026	3	09/07/2026
Footpath improvement works at Park Drive Castleknock, Dublin 15	Joe Duke and Company Ltd	Unit G9, Riverview Business Park Nangor Road Dublin 12	€41,514.00	02/06/2026	02/11/2026	5	05/06/2026
2026 Lining Contract	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Ballyshannon, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	€40,150.00	02/03/2026	31/12/2026	9	10/03/2026
Supply of Ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	Trammon, Rathmoylon, Co Meath	€64,800.00	19/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	19/02/2026

Dublin 15 Cycle path replacement works	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen, Mullingar, Westmeath, N91 X091	€123,450.00	22/04/2026	31/12/2026	8	16/04/2026
Installation of New Traffic Signals 2026 for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5 Block K, Maynooth Business park, Maynooth , Co Kildare	€742,191.00	02/03/2026	18/12/2026	9	13/02/2026
Security Services for Fingal County Council	Bidvest Noonan (ROI) Ltd	Hilton House, Unit 3, Swords Business Park, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X97	€1,289,942.88	05/05/2026	04/05/2028	24	27/02/2026
Delivery of Business Skills and Personal Development Training course for Grade 3 & 4 officers	Mark Donovan & Associates	11 Kempton Green, Navan Road, Dublin	€33,500.00	19/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	09/01/2026
Road Lining Contract for the Fingal County Council, Operations Department - Swords/Balbriggan Area's, February 2026 - December 2026. To include PSCS and Traffic	MacLochlainn Roadmarkings Ltd	Bishopstown Lane, The Ward , Dublin	€74,833.40	23/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	16/02/2026
Provision of Services for Broadmeadow River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	Rivus Ltd	Ballnagaragh , Kilbrittain, Co.Cork	€26,000.00	23/03/2026	23/08/2026	5	12/03/2026
Resurfacing of Howth Summit Carpark	Postmount Buildings Ltd	Ballymore, Rathoath, Co Meath	€82,849.00	20/04/2026	06/06/2026	2	20/04/2026
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2026 for the Fingal Operations Dept, Fingal County Council	Irish Tar	Alexander Road Dublin 11	€92,960.00	01/04/2026	31/12/2026	8	25/02/2026
Road Reinstatement post Stormwater Pipeline works - Church Street, Howth, Co Dublin	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€65,480.00	23/02/2026	13/03/2026	1	12/02/2026
Consultancy services for the taking in charge of estates in the north county to include Palmer Ave, Weston Ave and Oldtown Avenue	OConnor Sutton Cronin and Assoc	9 Prussia St, Dublin 9	€94,800.00	14/05/2026	13/08/2027	15	13/05/2026
sCFT to appoint a Multi-disciplinary Design Team for design, PSDP services and ER services for Stages 4-5 of 'Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street'	OConnor Sutton Cronin and Assoc	9 Prussia St, Dublin 9	€337,500.00	23/06/2026	31/07/2029	37	23/06/2026
Conservation Design Team Services at Brackenstown Walled Garden	John McLaughlin Architects	5 Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin	€164,280.00	20/02/2026	20/11/2026	9	11/02/2026

Event Management Services for Balbriggan and Blanchardstown St. Patrick's Day Parades 2026	Davis Events Limited	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Co. Dublin	€156,905.00	06/03/2026	19/03/2026	0	06/03/2026
Event Management Services for Swords and Malahide St. Patrick's Day Parades 2026	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€153,700.00	06/03/2026	19/03/2026	0	06/03/2026
Quantity Surveying Services with an initial contract at Bremore Regional Park, Balbriggan.	Levins & Assoc.	32 Dale Road, Kilmacud Ave, Stillorgan, Co Dublin	€29,790.00	30/03/2026	30/03/2028	24	27/03/2026
Appoint a Program Manager for the Dublin Food Chain Operator for the Four Dublin Local Authorities.	James Burke & Associates Ltd	7 St. Brigids Grove, Killester, Dublin 5	€99,000.00	01/05/2026	01/05/2028	24	01/05/2026
Maintenance and Development of the Logix Business Intelligence Platform	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€55,800.00	22/01/2026	31/12/2026	11	01/01/2026
Nathean NEC Logix BI Services days	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€143,100.00	03/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	01/01/2026
Technical Advisory Services for the delivery of Church Fields Phase 4	KSN Project Managment Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road, Dublin 4, D04 V5N2	€879,750.00	01/04/2026	04/09/2027	17	01/04/2026
Outsourcing the coordination of Fingal Comhairle na nOg	Foróige	Blanchardstown Youth Centre Main Street Blanchardstown Dublin 15	€70,000.00	09/03/2026	08/03/2028	24	09/01/2026
Support and maintenance for Fingal County Council's Teams Telephony	Viatel Technology Ltd	Block 2, International Science Centre, National Technology Park, Limerick.	€32,350.00	05/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	01/01/2026
Provision of Record Management Services (interim contract)	Kefron Ltd	53 Park West Road, Dublin 12	€30,025.14	24/01/2026	24/07/2026	6	07/04/2026
New Council Depot Building at Shackleton Garden	Knife Edge Fencing	Unit 3, Damastown Green, Dublin 15	€199,375.00	02/06/2026	02/09/2026	3	27/05/2026

Appendix 3
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**63 Social:** 11 x 4-Bed 6 x 3-Bed 20 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed **112 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**107 Social:** 11 x 4-Bed 4 x 3-Bed 56 x 2-Bed 36 x 1-Bed **110 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Way, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	**36 Social:** 36 x 2-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**123 Social:** 19 x 4-Bed 31 x 3-Bed 55 x 2-Bed 18 x 1-Bed **151 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	**14 Social:** 11x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	**18 Social:** 2 x 1-bed 12 x 2-bed 4 x 3-bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social – Age Friendly	North Court, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13 Social:** 6 x 1-Bed 7 x 2-Bed	On-Site.	Q2 2025	Q3 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**72 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 21 x 3-Bed 26 x 2-Bed 23 x 1-Bed **73 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q3 2025	Phased delivery.

Appendix 3 - continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Age Friendly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6 Social:** 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside Grove, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	**34 Social:** 9 x 1-bed 20 x 2-bed 5 x 3-bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q4 2026	Q1 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32 Social:** 7 x 1-bed 10 x 2-bed 15 x 3-bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q4 2026	Q1 2028
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Age Friendly	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	**30 Social:** 16 x 1-Bed 14 x 2-Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q4 2026	Q2 2028
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tucketts Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	**8 Social:** 4 x 1-bed 4 x 2-bed	On-hold.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	**21 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 7 x 3-Bed 6 x 2-Bed 6 x 1-Bed	Planning granted	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	**4 Social:** 4 x 2-bed	Planning granted	TBC	TBC

Appendix 3 - continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**73 Social**	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 3, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**79 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 24 x 3-Bed 27 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed **Affordable 79**	Planning consent.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Dublin Road, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/j8kZJtRgpNRMEjks6	**12 Social:** 5 x 1-Bed 2 x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	**80 Mixed-Tenure Homes** Tenure TBC	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 2, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**111 Social** **Affordable 137**	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields Phase 4	**134 Social** **87 Affordable**	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 3 - continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47	Q1 Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2027
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	2027
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Luttrellstown Gate, Clonsilla, D15	151	2027/2028
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Park Lodge, Hansfield, D15	95	2028

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

Appendix 3 - continued

Affordable & Cost Rental Delivery

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	Closed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	Closed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	Closed	177 Homes Sold
Clonrath Hill	All Sale Agreed	6/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	111 Sale Agreed	111/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	90/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	92/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	63/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch March 2026	36 Homes

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNCILLOR T. MURPHY

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 30

CONFERENCE REPORT

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On behalf of the Irish Planning Institute (IPI), I am delighted to invite you to register for the IPI Autumn Planning Conference 2026, taking place on Thursday, 1 October 2026, at The Gibson Hotel, Dublin.

This year's conference theme is ***Planning for All: Delivering Results for Sustainable, Inclusive Places*** and will bring together elected members, planners, policymakers and industry leaders to explore the issues shaping the future of planning in Ireland.

The programme will focus on planning reform, implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024, regeneration, sustainable development and creating inclusive places for communities across the country.

As an elected representative, your contribution is an important part of these conversations. The conference offers an opportunity to:

- Engage with leading voices in planning, government and policy.
- Hear the latest developments in planning reform and implementation.
- Exchange ideas with fellow elected members and planning professionals from across Ireland.
- Gain practical insights that can support your work within your local authority.

Speakers include:

- James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Robert Watt, Chief Executive Officer, Dublin City Development Company

- Conor Sreenan, State Architect and Principal Architect, Office of Public Works
- Kevin MacAnna, Manager, Comharchumann Chléire Teo, Oileán Chléire
- Maria Joyce, Coordinator, National Traveller Women's Forum
- Cllr Feljin Jose, Dublin City Council
- Officials from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

In-Person Attendance

We are pleased to offer a special reduced in-person rate of €310 for elected representatives.

Your registration includes:

✔ Access to all conference sessions

✔ Lunch and refreshments throughout the day

✔ Delegate list

✔ Copies of conference presentations following the event

✔ The opportunity to network with hundreds of attendees from across the planning and development sector

Registration

Full programme details, speaker information, registration options and the dedicated councillor rate are available on the conference website.

https://ipi.ie/conferences/autumn-planning-conference-2026/

Register online https://ipi.ie/conferences/autumn-planning-conference-2026/register.html

Alternatively, if a Purchase Order (PO) number is required for your booking, you can email info@ipi.ie and our team will be happy to assist you in securing your place.

As places are limited, we encourage early booking to avoid disappointment.

If you or your Corporate Services team have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I would be delighted to assist.

We very much hope you can join us for what promises to be an engaging, informative and enjoyable day.

Kind regards,

Shelly Boylan

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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Leitrim County Council

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15th July 2026

All Local Authorities
Via email

Reference: LCC2026 - 09

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the July meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"Leitrim County Council notes its renewable energy policies 1 - 3 which includes an objective to achieve a minimum 200 MW of renewable electricity in the County by 2030, the Council's policies are principally founded to support climate mitigation reducing the likelihood of climate change occurring. Leitrim County Council recognise that renewable energy projects being proposed to serve the demand of large energy users like data centres shouldn't be considered as climate change mitigation projects that offset the use of fossil fuels because they are by their nature accelerating scarce resource use and contributing to climate risk."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Mc Manus

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15th July 2026

All Local Authorities
Via email

Reference: LCC2026 – 07-10

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the July meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"Leitrim County Council believes that Ireland needs a dedicated Cabinet Minister for Construction and Infrastructure delivery to address the growing gap between Government funding commitments and the completion of these vital projects.

So therefore we call on An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD and the Government to appoint a Minister with specific responsibility for the delivery of state funded construction projects and ensuring better coordination between Departments and faster delivery of housing, healthcare, education and transport infrastructure."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Mc Manus

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Via Email

15th July 2026

Reference: LCC2026 – 07-11

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the July meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council write to Minister Browne seeking urgent national investment to protect and maximise existing social housing stock— 1,000+ homes cannot be left to deteriorate. Expecting elderly tenants to maintain these properties is unrealistic, delaying action will only drive up costs. It is far more cost-effective to invest in upkeep and rapid turnaround of vacant homes than to build new one-bed units at €300,000 each.

The current €250,000 budget allocation is insufficient. A targeted investment of €1 million annually over the next few years would stabilise conditions, prevent further decline, and significantly increase available housing."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Mc Manus

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C.c. Minister James Browne, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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16th July, 2026.

To All Local Authorities.

A Chara,

At a meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th July 2026, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members:-

"That this Council calls on Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien to immediately intervene in relation to the unacceptable delays being experienced with ESB connections for new business developments and council-led projects, including essential public lighting installations such as the lighting at Burrin Manor in Carlow Town.

This Council notes with serious concern that these delays are causing unnecessary hold-ups to economic development, undermining public safety, delaying housing and community infrastructure, and creating significant additional costs for both businesses and the local authority. Such a situation is wholly unacceptable and is having a direct negative impact on the delivery of vital services and projects within this county.

This Council further notes that local businesses seeking to expand or establish themselves are being left in limbo by a slow, opaque, and ineffective connection process, while council projects of clear public benefit are being delayed without proper accountability or urgency. The failure to provide timely connections is not a minor administrative issue; it is a barrier to growth, a barrier to progress, and a barrier to public confidence in the delivery of essential infrastructure.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Minister to:

urgently engage with ESB and all relevant stakeholders to address these delays without further delay;

direct that a clear, transparent, and time-bound process be put in place for business and council connections;

ensure that public lighting and other safety-critical infrastructure is treated as a priority;

report back on what immediate steps will be taken to remove the bottlenecks currently holding back development.

This Council is clear that the current situation is not good enough. Communities, businesses, and local authorities cannot continue to be left waiting indefinitely for basic infrastructure connections. Immediate ministerial action is now required."

This motion is circulated to all local authorities.

I would be obliged if you could give consideration to the members request.

Mise, le meas,

F. Byrne,
Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.

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16th July, 2026.

To All Local Authorities.

A Chara,

At a meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th July 2026, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members:-

> *"That Carlow County Council calls on the Government to respond to all Notices of Motion submitted by local authorities within six weeks of receipt. In the event that no response is received within that period, the Council will write to the relevant Department seeking a reply, and a further update will be provided to Councillors at the Council meeting held approximately two months after the motion is submitted. This motion is to be circulated to each Government Department and to all local authorities."*

I would be obliged if you could give consideration to the members request.

Mise, le meas,

F. Byrne,
Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 29th July 2026
Re: Item 10.26 – July Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council
Our Ref: 25.26

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Byrne
SECONDED by Cllr. Fallon
It was **AGREED** to ask Roscommon County Council to call on the Minister for Social Protection and Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to review the current eligibility criteria for CE Schemes, with particular regard to age limits, to allow participants to remain on CE Schemes up to the age of 70 years where they wish to do so.

At the request of the Council, I would be obliged to receive your reply to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Corporate Services
Roscommon County Council
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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 29th July 2026
Re: Item 13.26 – July Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council
Our Ref: 28.26

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice
SECONDED by Cllr. McDermott
It was **AGREED** that Roscommon County Council calls on the Government and Minister for Housing to fully fund the purchase of houses under 'the cost rental scheme' by local authorities. The cost rental scheme is available to local authorities at present to help individuals and families above the income threshold get rental accommodation but unviable under its current terms and conditions. It is also requested that the Department for Housing advises by return how many Local Authorities have taken up this scheme to date.

It is also requested that this motion is circulated to every Local Authority.

At the request of the Council, I would be obliged to receive your reply to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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ITEM NO. 33

CAPITAL INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive provides a breakdown of the capital investment in each town in the county to include the total value of the investment and its percentage of the current 3-year Capital Plan."

Report:

The current three-year Capital Plan as presented to Members in October 2025 amounts to estimated expenditure €1.5bn across the county in the coming years. Currently there are projects on site with value in excess of €700m. This reflects expenditure of €900m in the delivery of housing across the county, €390m in parks, active travel and strategic infrastructure with a further €146m in community, cultural and economic development of the county.

The breakdown of this is outlined in significant detail in the annual Capital Plan and currently amounts to in excess of 300 projects spread across the county.

A breakdown of the three-year Capital Plan by area is a very narrow window in which to view the infrastructural development. It would not reflect the investment prior to the three-year period, nor would it reflect the anticipated investment beyond the 3-year time horizon.

Fingal County Council has taken a whole of Fingal approach to the development and delivery of its Capital Projects in order to maximise the benefit to the people in Fingal in the social, infrastructural and economic development of the county.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 36

ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAY TEXT ALERT SCHEME IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive implements a pilot project of the Accessible Parking Bay Text Alert scheme in Fingal in support of the campaign by the Disabled Drivers' Association of Ireland's campaign to help STOP misuse of accessible parking bays."

Report:

The Operations Department have already initiated a pilot project of a text alert service for accessible car parking spaces. This was launched in May 2019 in Malahide as a trial scheme. This service is carried out by Fingal's Parking Enforcement & Legal Services contractor and there is an additional fee for this service. Malahide was chosen for this trial, as the entire area consists of Pay & Display, and the Parking Wardens are already in the area on a daily basis. However, to date, the use of this scheme by members of the public has been very low.

From 2024 to date there has only been 4 texts received reporting misuse of accessible car parking spaces.

The Operations Department continue ongoing liaison with Garda Stations who have agreed to monitor unauthorised parking in disabled bays in problematic areas.

If the text service was introduced in other areas, it would be highly likely that a warden would have to travel from another location within the county on the basis of such a text notification. This would not be considered an effective use of the parking warden resources, given the short-term nature of unauthorised parking and the limited chance of a fine being issued.

Source of Report:
Sinéad Murphy, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 37

REPORT ON PART V UNITS

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive provides a report, in tabular form, outlining the Council's guidelines when determining payment in lieu of Part V units to include details of the total amount of payments made by developers to include the number of Part V units acquired and to include the number of payments received over the past 18 months."

Report:

Part V obligations can no longer be discharged by way of a financial contribution in lieu of the provision of land or housing. The 2015 reform of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 abolished this compliance option and refocused Part V on the direct delivery of social and affordable housing, primarily through the transfer of land and/or housing units to the Local Authority.

In 2025, a total of 200 units were delivered for social housing use through obligations under Part V of the Planning & Development Act, with 102 units to date in 2026.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 38

PILOT PROJECT – BOOK GIFTING PROGRAMME

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive considers initiating a pilot project in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a world-renowned book-gifting programme, for young families, beginning in one selected local electoral area with a high concentration of children under 4 based on the 2022 Census'."

Report:

Fingal Libraries support the roll out of the My Little Library Bag, a national initiative designed for all children aged 4, 5, and 6 who will be starting school in September 2025. Its goal is to provide each child with a specially prepared bag containing two books, additional resources, and the opportunity to become a library member. The bag is presented to the child at their local library, where they are also invited to join the library if they are not already members.

Fingal libraries also support Book gifting through their interactions with schools, playschools and other educational and residential units. Our Magic of Stories festival (26th September) also features a book gifting element for children who attend the event.

We also support the Wonderlights Festival and Parslickstown House Christmas festivals with a donation of age-appropriate books.

In total, Fingal Libraries involvement in book-gifting comes to a value of €50,000 per annum.

Source of Report:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 51

DATA CENTRES
WATER CONSUMPTION

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"That the Chief Executive engages with Uisce Éireann to determine what volume of water is drawn from the public water supply by the data centres located in the county for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (year to date) and how this compares to residential consumption over the same time periods."

Report:

Below is the response from Uisce Éireann received on 17th July 2026:

Data Centres can be cooled by water or air. For those cooled by water, that water may be sourced from boreholes or from the public water supply (or a mix of both). Data Centres also recycle the water sourced from the public mains and send it back through the data halls several times, to reduce the need to continually draw on the public mains. This allows them to use water more efficiently for cooling purposes. Total Data Centre consumption as a percentage of overall public water supplied by Uisce Éireann is less than 1% of total water demand. Uisce Éireann does not provide breakdowns of public water consumption by any individual customer, either domestic or non-domestic. We do not have data on use of water from other non-Uisce Éireann sources (e.g. private wells or rainwater) from any customer.

Government policy supports the development of sustainable Data Centres by encouraging a conservation and use-less approach where possible. Uisce Éireann when engaging with Data Centre applicants through our Connection Enquiry process have found that new Data Centres are now availing of water efficient technology which minimises their requirement for water in their cooling

processes, supporting our water conservation approach and the wider sustainability agenda.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services