

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

Thursday, 10th September, 2026

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal	Mulligan, Dean
Boland, Mark	Mulville, Paul
Butler, Darragh	Murphy, Tony
Corkery, Luke	Newman, Joe
Dockrell, Eoghan	O'Leary, Tom
Johnston, Corina	Quinn, Malachy
Darren Kelly, Jack	Ryan, Brendan
Maguire, Grainne	Smyth, John

No Apologies for inability to attend were received

The Area Chairperson, Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer) John Quinlivan (Director of Services), Ciara O'hAodha (Senior Executive Officer), Marcus Clifford (Assistant Engineer CSEA), Aaron O'Callaghan (Executive Engineer), Pat Boyle (Senior Architect), Brian O'Connor (Executive Architect), Niall Kelly (Administrative Officer), Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Officer), Robbie Corr (Sports Development Officer), Catriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Ciarán Staunton (Administrative Officer), Emer F Tierney (Senior Engineer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Chloe Farrell (Principal Sports Officer), Gerard Brennan (Senior Executive Planner), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Kristina Ryan (Staff Officer) David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer), Aisling Donnelly (Clerical Officer), Andrew Rennie (Staff Officer), Graham Bollard (Assistant Staff Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor M. Boland and Councillor G. Maguire they will be stepping out of the meeting for the duration of item 46 applications for funding, due to a conflict of interest.

BSB/352/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 11th June 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th of June 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 45 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/354/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge of Hampton Gardens Playground and Open Spaces - Balbriggan - AI108934

BSB/355/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Solar Upgrade of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger - Skerries - AI109389

BSB/356/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Playground for Oldtown - AI109219

BSB/357/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Identifying a Site in Rush/Lusk for Padel-Courts - AI109220

BSB/358/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Volleyball Posts on Donabate Beach - AI109221

BSB/359/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Invitation to Community Groups to the opening of The Naul Village Park - AI109222

BSB/360/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Coastal Protection - Portrane Beach - AI109223

- BSB/361/26** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Western Distributor Road Project - AI109224
- BSB/362/26** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Newman - Walled Gardens - Brackenstown - Swords - AI109591
- BSB/363/26** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Newman - Upgrade of Foul Water Pumping Station - Knocksedan - AI109594
- BSB/364/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor G. Maguire - Refurbishment of Bath House - Martello Tower - Balbriggan - AI109289
- BSB/365/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Derelict Buildings - Balbriggan - AI109669
- BSB/366/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Need to Monitor Construction Traffic Safety - Donabate/Portrane - AI109411
- BSB/367/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Local Traveller Accommodation Scheme Projects in this LEA - AI109730
- BSB/368/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor P. Mulville - Prevention of Illegal Occupation by Encampment on Public Lands in this LEA - AI109732
- BSB/369/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor P. Mulville - Empty Social Housing Units at Balmoston - Donabate - AI109733
- BSB/370/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor P. Mulville - Uncompleted Works - Semple Woods - Donabate - AI109734
- BSB/371/26** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Protection Scheme - AI109735
- BSB/372/26** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor P. Mulville - Playspace at Longstone Park - Portrane - AI109736
- BSB/373/26** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Boland - Audit of Disabled Parking Bays - Rush - AI109434
- BSB/374/26** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI109441

- BSB/375/26** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - Lusk Village - A Newly Built Section of Rathmore - AI109442
- BSB/376/26** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Boland - Engagement with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Irish Rail re Lusk/Rush Train Station - AI109443
- BSB/377/26** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor M. Boland - Additional Outdoor Recreation Facilities for Teenagers in Rush - AI109444
- BSB/378/26** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a Focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Lusk - AI109445
- BSB/379/26** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Rush - AI109446
- BSB/380/26** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Bike Library Initiative - AI109462
- BSB/381/26** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Usher's Lake - Swords - AI109598
- BSB/382/26** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Smyth - Summer Projects 2026 in this LEA - AI109603
- BSB/383/26** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor J. Smyth - Rivervalley Summer Festival - AI109672
- BSB/384/26** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Smyth - Mental Health Month - October - AI109673
- BSB/385/26** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Smyth - October - Mental Health Month Events - AI109674
- BSB/386/26** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Smyth - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) & Special Protected Areas (SPA) Impact Assessments in this LEA - AI109675
- BSB/387/26** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Destination Playground - Ward Rivervalley Park - AI109653
- BSB/388/26** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade - AI109686

BSB/389/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion Emergency Measures - Portrane -
AI109687

BSB/390/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor C. Johnston - Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle
Path - AI109688

BSB/391/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor C. Johnston - Taking-in-Charge - The Orchard Estate - Oldtown -
AI109689

BSB/392/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Path - Minister's Road - Lusk -
AI109690

BSB/393/26 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor C. Johnston - Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade - AI109691

BSB/394/26 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline for Broadmeadow Way Greenway - AI109718

BSB/395/26 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Four Bedroomed Social Housing - Balbriggan/ Rush-
Lusk Area - AI109701

BSB/396/26 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Household Bin Collection - Balbriggan - AI109705

BSB/397/26 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor B. Ryan - Development of Skerries Sports Hub - AI109706

BSB/398/26 (Agenda Item No 46)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and
AGREED:

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

BSB/399/26 (Agenda Item No 46b)

Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor J. Newman
and AGREED:

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

BSB/400/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Declaration of Roads/Taking-in-Charge

BSB/401/26 (Agenda Item No 47a)
Taylors Hill, Phase 2, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/402/26 (Agenda Item No 47b)
Comyn Manor, Swords, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/403/26 (Agenda Item No 47c)
Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/404/26 (Agenda Item No 47d)
Knightsgate Avenue, Rush, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/405/26 (Agenda Item No 48)
Proposed Disposals

BSB/406/26 (Agenda Item No 48a)
Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory,
Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley

The report was noted.

BSB/407/26 (Agenda Item No 48b)
Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East
Voluntary Housing Association

The report was noted.

BSB/408/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

Report Pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) for Road Infrastructure, Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/409/26 (Agenda Item No 50)
(PARTXI/002/26) Initiation of procedure 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) for development consisting of Conservation & Re-Use of the "Bath House & Boat House", Balbriggan (protected structure RPS no. 0018)

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/410/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 – Request for Approval of Funding

Mr. Niall Kelly (Administrative Officer) gave a report on Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026.

Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/411/26 (Agenda Item No 52)
Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports Department Strategy Update

Ms. Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Officer) gave a report on Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029.

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/412/26 (Agenda Item No 53)
CORRESPONDENCE

BSB/413/26 (Agenda Item No 53a)
Email dated 17th June 2026 from Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. C. Johnston Motion - Urgent need for additional schools, Donabate

The email from the Department of Education and Youth was Noted.

a **Letter dated 18th June 2026 from HSE regarding Cllr. L. Corkery Motion - Swords Primary Care Centre**

The letter from the HSE was Noted.

b Email dated 8th July 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. J. Smyth Motion Provision of Gaelcholáiste for Swords

The email from the Department of Education and Youth was Noted.

c Email dated 21st July 2026 from Public Transport Services regarding Cllr. M. Boland Motion Accessibility Review Wheelchairs Users in this LEA

The email from the Public Transport Services was Noted.

BSB/414/26 (Agenda Item No 53e)

Email dated 23rd July 2026 from Department of Transport regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown

The letter from Technological University Dublin was Noted.

BSB/415/26 (Agenda Item No 53f)

Letter dated 23rd July 2026 from Technological University Dublin regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown

The letter from Technological University Dublin was Noted.

BSB/416/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Independent Feasibility Study of Ardgillan Demesne - AI109261

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

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

BSB/417/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor P. Mulville - Plans for Gaelcholáiste - Swords - AI108427

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/418/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Smyth - Additional Parking - Rivermeade - Swords - AI108839

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

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

BSB/419/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor C. Johnston - Road Safety Assessment - Donabate Distributor Road - AI108861

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

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

BSB/420/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade Entrance to Donabate Beach - AI109213

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

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend the Standing Orders in order to take item 67 Councillor E. Dockrell - Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214.

BSB/422/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

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

BSB/423/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor M. Quinn - Retention of Basketball Court at Flemington School Complex - Balbriggan - AI109270

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend the Standing Orders in order to take item 68 Councillor M. Quinn - Astro Pitch Facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery - AI109271

BSB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 68)
Councillor M. Quinn - Astro Pitch Facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery - AI109271

BSB/426/26 (Agenda Item No 60)
Councillor M. Boland - Feasibility Study along the Coastline adjacent to Rush Golf Club - AI109287

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting upon the conclusion of item 61.

BSB/428/26 (Agenda Item No 61)
Councillor J. Newman - Crèches in the Miller's Glen Area - Swords - AI109595

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

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

BSB/429/26 (Agenda Item No 62)
Councillor G. Maguire - Upgrade of Naul Road - AI109667

The Motion in the name of Councillor G. Maguire was proposed by G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

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

The Meeting concluded at 18:06

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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ITEM NO. 02

Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points Rush - AI109447

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for Rush to be assessed for additional public EV charging points, particularly on Council-owned lands or suitable Town Centre locations and to advise if any locations are currently under consideration?”

Reply:

- Echlin Court Rush was considered for the provision of fast chargers under the Destination EV charging project but proved to be unviable on power supply grounds.
- We do not have a suitable site in Rush in the current contract.
- However, Rush will be considered in a future rollout, subject to a suitable site being identified and an adequate power supply at the location.

Source of Reply: Ronan O'Reilly / Andrew White, ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATED LIST OF TAKING IN CHARGE - RUSH AND LUSK - AI109448

Question: Councillor M. Boland

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated list of residential estates within the Rush and Lusk areas currently progressing through the taking in charge process, including the current stage each estate has reached and the anticipated timelines for completion?”

Reply:

With regards to the taking in charge of housing estates in Lusk and Rush, there are a number of estates at different stages. Estates can only be brought forward for Taking in Charge once they are at the required Taking in Charge standard which is ultimately on a timescale set by the developer of each estate.

The below estates are progressing as follows:

Ballealy Rise – No Taking in Charge request received from the developer, it is understood, documentation is being gathered with a view to submit. .

Clonrath Phase 1 and 2 – Taking in Charge drawings currently being finalised and it is hoped to advertise this in the coming weeks

Rahenny Park – Taking in Charge drawings are being finalised, and it is hoped to advertise this in the coming weeks

The Forge – Anticipated to advertise for Taking in Charge in the coming weeks with a view to presenting to the full council in February/March 2027.

Rathmore– A Taking in Charge request has been received for this estate. Building Control are reviewing information provided by the developer.

Lusk Regles – No Taking in Charge request received from the developer. Some areas are still under development.

Station Road - A Taking in Charge request has been received for this estate. Building Control are reviewing information provided by the developer.

Ceol na Mara – Currently being snagged by Fingal County Council appointed consultants to bring it to Taking in Charge standard.

Sundrive Road – No Taking in Charge request received from the developer.

Pairc Na Blathanna – No Taking in Charge request received from the developer.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

MOULD AND DAMP REMEDIATION WORKS IN THIS LEA - AI109676

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to highlight the procedure for the treatment of persistent mould and damp within Council owned homes within this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Tenants are advised on preventative measures for controlling condensation and mould in accordance with guidance received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Information relating to preventative measures are also contained in the Tenants Handbook which is given to all tenants on allocation.

If Tenants continue to experience issues with persistent dampness/mould they should report it to Estate Management so that the property can be inspected to see if further assistance can be provided such as the installation of mechanical ventilation as set out in Building Regulations Technical Guidance Document on ventilation issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Source of Reply: Joan Kearnan, Administrative Officer, Housing

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ITEM NO. 05

UPDATE ON RIVERMEADE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the expected re-opening of the Rivermeade Community Centre and any associated works required?”

Reply:

The Council's Community Development & Inclusion Division continues to engage with the Rivermeade community in relation to the reopening of the centre, ensuring that any refurbishment works are informed by identified local needs and aligned with best practice in community development.

As part of this process, the application of the Place Standard Tool is designed to support residents in identifying local priorities, aspirations and potential future uses for the facility, while also helping to identify an appropriate end user or management structure for the centre once reopened.

As community engagement and assessment work will continue throughout 2026, it is not possible to provide a definitive reopening timeline at this stage.

Subject to the outcomes of this process, refurbishment works are provisionally envisaged for 2027, as set out in the 2026-2028 Capital Programme and will be included in the forthcoming Capital Programme 2027 – 2029.

However, it should be noted that the project funding remains Under Assessment, and progression is dependent on both the identification of a confirmed funding source and the completion of the community development process to ensure that the future operation and use of the centre reflects the needs and priorities identified by the local community.

Source of Reply: Linda Ennis, Community Development & Inclusion Division

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ITEM NO. 06

SENSORY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ADULTS IN THIS LEA - AI110070

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the current process for use of sensory tents/quiet spaces at public events hosted by the Council or taking place in Council own sites within this Local Electoral Area with a particular focus on such essential spaces being available for adults also?”

Reply:

Where sensory or quiet spaces are provided at Council-hosted events, these facilities are available to all attendees who may require a quieter environment or some time away from the main event activity.

At larger events, separate quiet-space gazebos are provided for adults and children, ensuring that attendees of all ages can access an appropriate space should they wish to have some quiet time or space to themselves.

The Council will continue to consider the provision of sensory and quiet spaces as part of event planning, with the aim of making public events as accessible and inclusive as possible.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

Traffic Flow Improvement Measures - Christmas Period - AI110071

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise the traffic abatement measures that will be introduced into the R132 Connectivity Programme of Works on the run up to the Christmas shopping period in light of the likely increased influx of shoppers to the town of Swords?”

Reply:

In accordance with the R132 Connectivity Project works contract, construction works will be paused during the Christmas shopping period.

Source of Reply: Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport

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ITEM NO. 08

Bus Lane Use Following Road Works - R132 - Swords - AI110072

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the bus lanes on the R132 Connectivity Project will remaining lanes open to all traffic until such time as Bus Connects is fully operational or Metro link services commence?”

Reply:

Bus lanes on the R132 will be open to bus traffic only as soon as they become operational.

Source of Reply: Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport.

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ITEM NO. 09

Comyn Manor Noise Solutions - Swords - AI110073

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what possible technology can be used/installed in the vicinity of Comyn Manor in Swords to help reduce the impact of noise from the R132 and associated works?”

Reply:

In accordance with the requirements of the planning permission granted by An Coimisiún Pleanála, the Contractor undertaking the construction of the works is obliged to take specific noise abatement measures and comply with the recommendations of BS 5228-1 (BSI 2008) and European Communities Noise Emissions by Equipment for Use Outdoors (Amendment) Regulations 2006. These measures include:

- No plant used on site will be permitted to cause an ongoing public nuisance due to noise;
- The best means practicable, including proper maintenance of plant, will be employed to minimise the noise produced by on site operations;
- All vehicles and mechanical plant will be fitted with effective exhaust silencers and maintained in good working order for the duration of the contract;

- Compressors will be attenuated models fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers which will be kept closed whenever the machines are in use and all ancillary pneumatic tools shall be fitted with suitable silencers;
- Machinery that is used intermittently will be shut down or throttled back to a minimum during periods when not in use; and
- Any plant, such as generators or pumps that is required to operate before 07:00hrs or after 19:00hrs will be surrounded by an acoustic enclosure or portable screen.

During the course of the construction programme, the contractor is required to manage the works to comply with the limits detailed in the planning permission using methods outlined in BS 5228-1 (BSI 2008). BS 5228-1 (BSI 2008) includes guidance on several aspects of construction site practices, which include, but are not limited to:

- Selection of quiet plant;
- Control of noise sources;
- Screening;
- Hours of work;
- Liaison with the public; and
- Monitoring.

These requirements are implemented through the contractor's site management procedures, operational controls and environmental monitoring programme. Noise mitigation measures are reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the construction works to ensure compliance with the planning permission requirements and contract specifications.

The contractor operates a modern fleet of machinery which minimises noise and environmental impacts. The site team have been regularly briefed to minimise noise as much as possible across the project and specifically during nightworks.

Continuous acoustic monitoring is undertaken at a number of locations, in accordance with the contract specification, to verify compliance with the applicable

noise limits and identify any requirements for additional mitigation measures. Continuous noise measurements are compared to the baseline noise levels (prior to commencement of the project) to track noise exceedances.

Night works are undertaken only when necessary and communications are issued in advance to potentially affected residents and stakeholders. For example, bituminous surfacing was recently undertaken over four nights from Monday 21 September 2026 to Thursday 24 September 2026 and was completed in the early hours of Friday 25 September 2026.

The construction works are being delivered over a 25-month programme along the R132 corridor. While the Council and its contractor recognise that construction activities can result in temporary disruption for nearby residents and businesses, every effort is being made to minimise these impacts through careful planning of the works, implementation of mitigation measures and ongoing monitoring. As the works progress along the route, activities move between locations and therefore impacts at a particular area are generally temporary in nature.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

Ongoing Consultations Ward River Valley Park Development - AI110074

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the current groups and individuals who are being consulted with in relation to the ongoing development of the Ward River Valley Regional Park?”

Reply:

The Council has consulted on a non-statutory basis with a wide range of community groups and individuals to inform the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Plan. In addition to the local residents' groups and sports clubs, the Council has approached local interest groups regarding their views and ideas for the Park Development Plan. A significant amount of this consultation was conducted in the context of open days held at River Valley Community Centre and Swords Castle. A consultation portal was also made available to interested parties in relation to the preparation of the plan. Notwithstanding the extent of non-statutory consultation undertaken to date, Council staff remain available to meet with additional stakeholders who would like to communicate their ideas in advance of the commencement of the statutory planning process which will begin in the coming months.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

Portrane Road Cycle Path - AI109737

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the long delay for the provision of the safe cycling infrastructure from the Donabate Distributor Road to Portrane and detail when works will commence?”

Reply:

The Donabate to Portrane project, along the R126 from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road to Seaview Park, Portrane, is progressing through the preliminary design phase and preparing for the planning phase through the Part 8 process.

The Active Travel Department are currently preparing for pre-planning and internal consultation with the various FCC Departments before moving to the Part 8 process and public consultation in Q4 this year.

If the project is successful with the statutory process and approvals, the scheme will then proceed to the detailed design phase by early Q3 2027, with construction commencing, subject to funding and approvals by 2028.

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ITEM NO. 12

Correspondence with Swords Businesses - AI109748

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on all of its correspondence with businesses on Main Street and North Street, in relation to the impact of Sustainable Swords public realm works?"

Report:

Consultation on the project dates back to 2016 when an initial survey sought views on the Swords Cultural Quarter project and received in excess of 900 responses. This was followed by the main public consultation in mid 2022 as part of the planning process – leaflet drops were issued to over 20,000 business and residential addresses in Swords at that time outlining the proposal and seeking observations prior to planning approval in September 2022. 22 submissions were made during the planning observation period.

In advance of the public realm works commencing, briefings on indicative phasing and preliminary traffic management were provided in mid-December 2025 to Councillors, the Fingal Chamber and newly established Swords Community Forum. This has been followed by a range of other messaging via a number of means- in person, online, leaflet drop. The contractor for the public realm work appointed a designated project liaison and details have been shared in messaging with contact details for regular updates or to address specific queries

In advance of the contractor mobilising the Council undertook a sitewalk in mid March 2026 knocking on every door and visiting every open business between junction of Chapel Lane on Main Street to Junction with Balheary Road/ North Street, speaking to approximately 25 businesses /organisations and offering an introduction to the project, offering key contacts for information and issuing project leaflet. The public information leaflet was delivered to the wider Swords community in late March 2026.

Preparation for the wider Main Street redevelopment has also been progressing under the Sustainable Swords programme. In advance of this proceeding through design development and a planning process the Sustainable Swords team have facilitated a range of briefings and consultations to the public and businesses.

Evidence of this engagement/correspondence related to works at North Street and Main Street is provided through a non-exhaustive list table format below noting key correspondence within the past 6 months;

23.03.2026	Public Information leaflet from Fingal County Council delivered to all businesses / households	Delivered by An Post
April 2026-Present	Biweekly Bulletins outlining upcoming work posted on Fingal Social Media by FCC Communications Office Bulletins coordinated between contractor and FCC before issue	Social Media
April 2026-Present	Biweekly Bulletins outlining upcoming work published on Swords Cultural Quarter and Public Realm portal by FCC Communications Office	On-line
21.05.2026	Public Notice advising on the extension of the Seatown Road temporary closure until 31.03.2026	Newspaper (Irish independent)
21.05.2026	Fingal Chamber of Commerce - Main Street Rejuvenation Project Briefing Webinar	On-Line
26/27.05.2026	Introductory letter from main contractor for public realm works advising commencement of works, and providing email and phone number for project liaison officer issued to all premises with mailboxes in vicinity of works. Recipients invited to provide their contact details to the Project Liaison Officer to join the voluntary notification list, to be advised of future project updates. (currently approximately 25 North Street Businesses, as well as Fingal Chamber, on the notification list)	hand delivered
26/27.05.2026	Letter advising of suspension of parking on Main Street to accommodate temporary relocated Bus Stops. Delivered to approx 20 businesses in proximity at Main Street	hand delivered

03.06.2026	Site visit to Athlone with Councillors and Main Street design team to review recent similar town centre rejuvenation project, attended by Fingal Chamber CEO.	In Person
04.06.2026	Leaflet drop to businesses and residents on Swords Main Street with update on Main Street rejuvenation	hand delivered
23.06.2026	Main Street Rejuvenation Business Workshop	In Person
29.06.2026	Bi-Weekly Bulletin issued by contractor to all residents, businesses and organisations on their voluntary notification list.	email
July 2026 - Present	"Swords is Going Places" animation (with description of North Street Works) published on Swords Cultural Quarter and Public Realm portal	On-line
July 2026 - Present	"Swords is Going Places" animation (with description of North Street Works) posted regularly on Social Media	Social Media
08.07.2026	Public drop-in event on Main Street rejuvenation	County Hall Atrium
13.07.2026 04.08.2026 10.08.2026 24.08.2026 07.09.2026 17.09.2026	Bi-Weekly Bulletin issued by contractor to all residents, businesses and organisations on the voluntary notification list.	email
25.08.2026 26.08.2026	North St Businesses contacted FCC with concerns about roadworks traffic management outside their premises	in-person/phone
07.09.2026 17.09.2026	Bi-Weekly Bulletin issued by contractor to all residents, businesses and organisations on their voluntary notification list.	email
16.09.2026	Meeting held with Representatives of Fingal Architects, Contractor, design team and various North Street businesses over specific issues. Scope of works and projected programme discussed, owners concerns put forward, and draft set of response measures agreed.	In Person
18.09.2026	"SCQ / Public Realm Update" published on Fingal website - narrative and pictorial description of current works on SCQ PR Project	On-Line
22.09.2026	Notification regarding temporary suspension of car parking spaces on North Street circulated to all residents, businesses and organisations on voluntary notification list	email

Source of Report: Pat Boyle, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 13

BALLYMASTON PHASE 3 - DONABATE - AI109775

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what impact the reported appeal against Ballymaston Phase 3 will have on the delivery of housing units for Fingal?"

Reply:

Planning application Ref No. LRD0053/S3 represents Phase 3 of the wider development of the Ballymastone lands, currently being delivered by Fingal County Council in partnership with Glenveagh as "Balmoston".

Following a decision by Fingal County Council to grant permission subject to conditions for this development, Phase 3 is currently subject to an appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála (Ref No. ACP-324603-26). In general terms, any appeal to a planning application will result in time delays to the decision-making process.

The three third-party appeals were lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on 27th, 28th and 31st August, all within the statutory appeal period for this development, which includes 432 homes, a crèche and community space. The homes are made up of:

- 20% social housing
- 20% affordable purchase homes
- 60% private homes

An Coimisiún Pleanála has a statutory objective to determine Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) appeals within 16 weeks of receipt, provided that no oral hearing is held and no further information is requested. If an oral hearing is held, if further information is requested, the time delays could be significantly longer.

Accordingly, at present the impact of the appeals is uncertain, however regardless of whether the appeal succeeds or fails, the appeal process itself creates delay and uncertainty that will have negative consequences. These will include increased costs and delays for Fingal County Council for the delivery of our social homes; delays for our social tenants; delays and increased costs to affordable purchasers; delays and increased costs to private buyers; and in the event that decision of Fingal County Council is overturned, potential risks that the delivery of all 432 homes may no longer be viable under the current contract.

The delivery of the adjacent recreational hub is dependent on securing Affordable Housing Fund support linked to the delivery of all phases of the project and delays in the delivery of housing will have knock-on impacts in terms of funding for the hub.

Source of Reply: Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Delivery

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ITEM NO. 14

Update on Brook's End Historical Landfill site - Rush - AI110015

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on any progress made in relation to a report at this Area Committee meeting in April this year in respect of the Brook's End Historical Landfill site in Rush?"

Reply:

ECAATS successfully attained grant funding for this project in 2026 and are currently progressing environmental assessments for this site which will enable the Engineering team to consider design options for the project. Please be advised that this project is very complex in nature due to its location on the shoreline and may take 1-2 years to complete provided there are no major delays in attaining the required consents for the works.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

Update on Pedestrian and Cycle Track Portrane Road Donabate

Question: Councillor E Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the improved pedestrian and cycle track along the Portrane Road?”

Reply:

The Donabate to Portrane project, along the R126 from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road to Seaview Park, Portrane, is progressing through the preliminary design phase and preparing for the planning phase through the Part 8 process.

The Active Travel Department are currently preparing for pre-planning and internal consultation with the various Council Departments before moving to the Part 8 process and public consultation in Q4 this year.

If the project is successful with the statutory process and approvals, the scheme will then proceed to the detailed design phase by early Q3 2027, with construction commencing, subject to funding and approvals by 2028. The project includes new crossing points at strategic locations and desire lines to the public transport network and key amenities along the route.

Source of Reply: Quintin Greally, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO.16

Update on the Play Trails Project – Portrane

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the Play Trails Project for Portrane?”

Reply:

It is planned to procure the works to deliver the Portrane Play Trail in the coming months for implementation during 2027.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

Update on Development of School Sites – Donabate

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to share the latest update regarding engagement with the Department of Education and the Council on the development of school sites in Donabate?”

Reply:

The Council wrote to the Department of Education and Youth on foot of a motion regarding the Urgent Need for Additional Schools in Donabate in the name of Cllr. C. Johnston agreed at the June Area Committee meeting.

A reply was received from the Department of Education and Youth on 17th June 2026. The email correspondence was listed on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords meeting dated 10th September 2026 and circulated to the Elected Members. A copy of that email correspondence is attached to this reply and is the latest update from the Department of Education and Youth on the development of school sites in Donabate.

Source of Reply: Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department

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ITEM NO. 18

Update on School Improvement Works - Main Street - Ballyboughal

Question: Councillor E Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Safe Routes to School improvement works planned for the Main Street in Ballyboughal including timelines and the next steps for this project?”

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme in Ballyboughal Village, including the Park & Stride improvements from Ballyboughal National School to Ballyboughal GFC, has just completed the non-statutory public consultation under Section 38 of the Roads Act.

The submissions received have been evaluated and the Consultation Report is being published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The Project Team have developed the detailed design and tender documents for the works package and this is currently out to the market for the procurement of a suitable contractor.

Subject to market and the interest of suitable contractors it is anticipated that we will be in a position to appoint a contractor for these works by the start of November. We are planning to have these works delivered in late Q4 of 2026.

Source of Reply: Quintin Greally, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 19

Upgrade of Area - Kenure Park - Rush

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrade the area in front of Kenure Park, which is an objective of the Rush Town Centre First Plan per Page 46?”

Report:

Town Centre First Plans are drafted in accordance with the National Town Centre First Policy. Town Centre First represents a new approach to the development of Ireland’s towns where local communities and local businesses are central to reimagining their own towns for the future.

Town Centre First Plans are non-statutory plans which are devised by the community in conjunction with the local authority. In line with national policy, projects or actions contained within Town Centre First Plans are indicative of the types of future amenities the town would like to have to become more viable and attractive places in which to live, work, socialise and run a business.

The delivery of these actions is led by the Town Team within each town supported by active working groups. Funding to deliver these projects is not accounted for in the relevant local authorities Capital or Revenue budgets. The funding for the delivery of a project is subject to appropriate national funding streams through central government.

Conservation works are due to commence on the gates of Kenure Park shortly. Once completed, consideration can be given to the potential upgrade of the area in front of the park, taking into account the area's relationship to a recorded protected structure and that structure's significant heritage value. Consideration will also be required to determine what is feasible to manage and maintain on an ongoing basis. On completion of this process, potential funding streams for any agreed works could be explored for implementation of this programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

Review of Opening Times - Rogerstown Park

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the opening hours of Rogerstown Park so that it can be opened from Friday to Sunday (and not just on Saturday as is currently the case)?”

Reply:

The current phase of works for Rogerstown Park (Balleally landfill) are complete and the park is open to members of the public on Saturdays only. This is currently managed by the Environment dept.

Over the next number of years, there will be further works required to facilitate the Fingal Coastal Way and further discussions and approval will be required with the EPA.

The implications of extending opening hours, including the requirement for additional staffing, will need to be assessed by the Operations Department as part of future workforce planning.

Source of Reply: David Storey, Director of Services, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 21

Donabate to Portrane Pedestrian and Cycle Path – AI110136

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report including a timeline for delivery of the cycle and pedestrian path project from the Donabate Distributor Road/ Portrane Road junction to Seaview Park, Portrane and to confirm if this project will include a pedestrian crossing at the hospital gates/Longstone Park?”

Reply:

The Donabate to Portrane project, along the R126 from the end of the Donabate Distributor Road to Seaview Park, Portrane, is progressing through the preliminary design phase and preparing for the planning phase through the Part 8 process.

The Active Travel Department are currently preparing for pre-planning and internal consultation with the various Council Departments before moving to the Part 8 process and public consultation in Q4 this year.

If the project is successful with the statutory process and approvals, the scheme will then proceed to the detailed design phase by early Q3 2027, with construction commencing, subject to funding and approvals by 2028. The project includes new crossing points at strategic locations and desire lines to the public transport network and key amenities along the route.

Source of Reply: Quintin Greally, Senior Executive Engineer: Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 22

Safe Routes to School - Naul – AI110138

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to include Naul National School in the next round of Safe Routes to School given the ongoing safety concerns of parents and the school in relation to access to this school?”

Reply:

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme is administered by An Taisce, grant funded by the National Transport Authority and delivered by Fingal County Council.

In 2021, An Taisce invited expressions of interest for the programme, which was open to all schools in the county. There was significant interest at that time and both An Taisce and Fingal County Council are currently working through the list of schools that applied.

Round 1 of the SRTS programme, which included eight schools, is now complete. Round 2 of the programme, which includes five schools, is currently at the construction stage. Round 3, which includes a further seven schools, is now at the design stage and An Taisce is currently undertaking early engagement for Round 4, which will include a further six schools. The remaining schools selected in 2021 will be included in subsequent rounds of the SRTS programme.

An Taisce may invite further expressions of interest once the initial schools have progressed through the programme. At that stage, all remaining schools in the county will have an opportunity to participate. However, it is not anticipated that a further call for expressions of interest will be issued for some time.

The Fingal County Council Active Travel Department maintains a Connectivity Tracker, which includes requests for active travel and school safety projects. The department has commenced an assessment of these requests using a multi-criteria assessment process and has begun progressing a number of front-of-school safety schemes under the Fingal Safer Schools Programme.

Naul National School will also be added to this list for future assessment and consideration under this scheme.

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

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ITEM NO. 23

Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way - Donabate - AI110142

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of the Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way project which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Donabate Local Area Plan 2023-2026 and to confirm when this much needed infrastructure which will provide a safe pedestrian and cycle path from Beresford to Turvey Nature Reserve will be delivered?”

Reply:

Discussions are ongoing between the relevant Departments in the Council to ensure that the route chosen for the Turvey Loop aligns with a range of objectives including active travel, accessibility, landscape conservation and biodiversity. A further briefing will be provided when a suitable route has been identified having regard to these constraints.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

**Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre - Turvey Nature
Reserve - Donabate - AI110143**

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of the Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre in Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate which is an objective in the Fingal Development Plan and Fingal Biodiversity Plan?”

Reply:

It is planned to engage design consultants for the project in early 2027 in line with the actions outlined in the current Biodiversity Action Plan.

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

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ITEM NO. 25

ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL SITE - PORTRANE - AI110144

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the St. Ita's Hospital Site, Portrane feasibility study and to confirm when a meeting will take place with Councillors given the commitment in previous Motion AI99658 that a meeting would be facilitated with Councillors as part of the preparation of the updated feasibility study?”

Reply:

Work is ongoing on the feasibility study by the consultant team. It is envisaged that it will be completed towards the end of 2026. A meeting with the Members will be facilitated in the coming months.

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

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ITEM NO. 26

Relocation of Seabees - Portrane - AI110145

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to relocating the seabees in Portrane previously fronting the area where the rock armour has been recently installed to the following very vulnerable locations i.e. the end of Beach Lane/Valley Lane which has no protection at present, at the end of Murrays revetment, additional line of seabees where there are rows of two seabees currently fronting Tom Bartons between Piper's Take Away and Quay Road Corner?"

Reply:

The completion of the currently ongoing emergency coastal protection works which involves the construction of approximately 300 linear metres of rock revetment is nearing completion. An assessment of the deployment of the SeaBees will be undertaken in consultation with the Council's specialist consultants to ensure that their effectiveness is optimised in the context of the newly completed works. The SeaBees will be relocated as necessary in line with this assessment.

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

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ITEM NO. 27

Cycle and Pedestrian Project - Lusk to Rush Station - AI110146

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the cycle and pedestrian route between Lusk and Rush Train Station, to include a timeline for public consultation and delivery of this project?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Infrastructure and Transport Department is progressing with a scheme that aims to provide high quality and safe walking and cycling infrastructure between Rush and Lusk and sustainable transportation at the Rush Lusk train station. This route is an objective of the county development plan and also part of the NTA GDA Cycle network plan. The scheme is currently in Phase 2 of the project lifecycle: Options Assessment with a view to establishing a preferred route. An Options Assessment Report is expected in Q1 of 2027 and this will be presented at a non-statutory public consultation thereafter in Q2 of 2027. Timelines regarding the statutory process and construction will follow Phase 2 close out.

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

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ITEM NO. 28

Ramp to Westbrook Estate - Harry Reynolds Road - Balbriggan - AI110141

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the ramp with a view to providing the necessary rail and also to extend the path to provide proper access to Westbrook Estate off Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

A number of Road Safety Audits were carried out as part of the Harry Reynolds Road project to ensure all aspects of the project including the relocated pedestrian access between the Harry Reynolds Road and Westbrook Rise adhered to the relevant safety standards. The audits did not identify the need for a handrail at this location.

The handrail that was in place prior to the Harry Reynolds Road Project works was provided for Health and Safety reasons due to the height difference of the ground levels between the Cul-De-Sac at Westbrook Rise and the footpath along the Harry Reynolds Road at the old access points which have now been closed off. There was more than a 600mm drop from the cul-de-sac at Westwood Rise to the existing footpath level on Harry Reynolds Road.

The relocated access provided as part of the Harry Reynolds Road Project works follows the existing ground levels adjoining the public open space in Westbrook and

ties into the footpath on Harry Reynolds Road where the ground levels are the same. There is a wall on one side of the access route and a level grassed area on the other. It should be noted that the level and gradient of the improved access path is almost identical to that of the Harry Reynolds Road footpath on the opposite side of the wall which also does not have or require a handrail. The grass of the public open space is graded back from the path in compliance with the required design and safety standards. As there is no sudden height drop between the grassed area and the new footpath along the access route there is no requirement for a handrail at this location.

The new access is compliant with the Part 8 Grant of Planning Permission. No concerns regarding either location were raised during the public consultation process. There is no scope within the existing grant of permission to alter the completed design. Furthermore, the Harry Reynolds Road project was officially opened on the 28th of March 2025 and the works contract is complete.

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

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Item No. 29a

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
Donabate Portrane Tennis Club	€1,489	Tennis Balls - Head Tour Bad Care €595.20 Lebem Academy Cre BaIT €273.60 Bubolat Green Bull a72 Buch €130	y	2025 - €1,500	Tennis balls are essential for training and coaching and due to a high level of usage across junior and adult activities, tennis balls require regular replacement to

					ensure a safe, consistent and high-quality playing experience. The entire project will cost €1,488.80. I recommend the awarding of €1,488.80.
Balbriggan and District Athletic Club	€4,000	4 x Sport lite portable floodlights €1,150.00	Y	2022 - €3,000	Balbriggan & District Athletic Club is seeking funding for four additional portable floodlights to fully light its training route at Hamlet Lane Park. The project will improve safety for junior and senior athletes during winter training and reduce the need to train on local roads. I recommend funding of €4,000 the maximum allowed under the Large Equipment Grant
Rush Badminton Club	€1,500	yonex shuttles €1,500	Y	2025 - €1,488.30	The club has applied for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase shuttlecocks for club use. This equipment will benefit all members of the club by enhancing training standards. The entire project will cost €1,500.

					I recommend allocating the full amount of €1500.
Skerries Athletic Club	€1,483	Hurdle kits Timing equipment Cones Speed ladders Foam Javelins Long jump mats Bean bags for throwing	Y	2024 - €3,000	Skerries Athletics Club has applied for funding for the purchase of essential training and coaching equipment, including hurdle kits, timing equipment, cones, speed ladders, foam javelins, long jump mats and bean bags. The club has provided a quotation totalling €1,483 for the equipment and I recommend the awarding of this amount under the scheme.
Skerries Hockey Club	€1,500	Storage Boxes €307.50 Face Masks (4M, 4L) €680 OBO Arms GK €85 OBO Stick protectors GK €220	Y	2023 - €2,000	Skerries Hockey Club is seeking funding for two pitch-side storage boxes, goalkeeper equipment for junior players, and improved face masks for adult players. The club have provided a quotation for the equipment at a cost of €1,508 so I therefore recommend the awarding of the maximum amount of €1,500 for the

					purchase of this equipment.
Garristown GFC	€4,000	Juvenile Goal posts €4,091	Y	2024 - €2,298	The club have applied for the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase new Juvenile Goalposts for the club to upgrade their current equipment and improve safety standards for juvenile members of the club. I recommend the awarding of €3,974.
Ballyboughal Gaelic Football Club	€4,000	Defibrillator New goals New nets	Y	2024 - €3,000	The club has applied for the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a defibrillator and new goals and nets for club use. This equipment will benefit youth, teenage, and adult members of the club and increase participation among all age groups. I

					recommend allocating the full amount of €4,000.
Wild Geese GAA	€1,500	Defibrillator	Y	2021 - €425	The club has applied for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a defibrillator for club use. This equipment will benefit all club members and external individuals by improving safety measures within the club. I recommend allocating the full amount of €1,500.
Ward Union Pony Club	€4,000	Show jumping fences	N	N/A	The club has applied for the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase 3 Oxer Fences and 2 Vertical Fences for club use. The equipment will cater for members of different ages and riding abilities. I recommend

					allocating the full amount of €4,000.
Rush Badminton Club	€500	Badminton open evening	Y	2025 - €1,488.30	The club are hosting an open introduction to Badminton event for the community. The event is free of charge and open to all to come and take part. I recommend allocating the full amount of €500.
Skerries Hockey Club	€500	Hockey 4 All programme	Y	2023 - €2,000	Skerries Hockey Club is seeking €500 to support the delivery of its Sports4All Hockey Programme for children and young people with additional needs. The project will provide inclusive, accessible hockey sessions, helping participants increase physical activity. I therefore recommend approval of

					€500 to deliver the Sports4All programme in Skerries Hockey Club.
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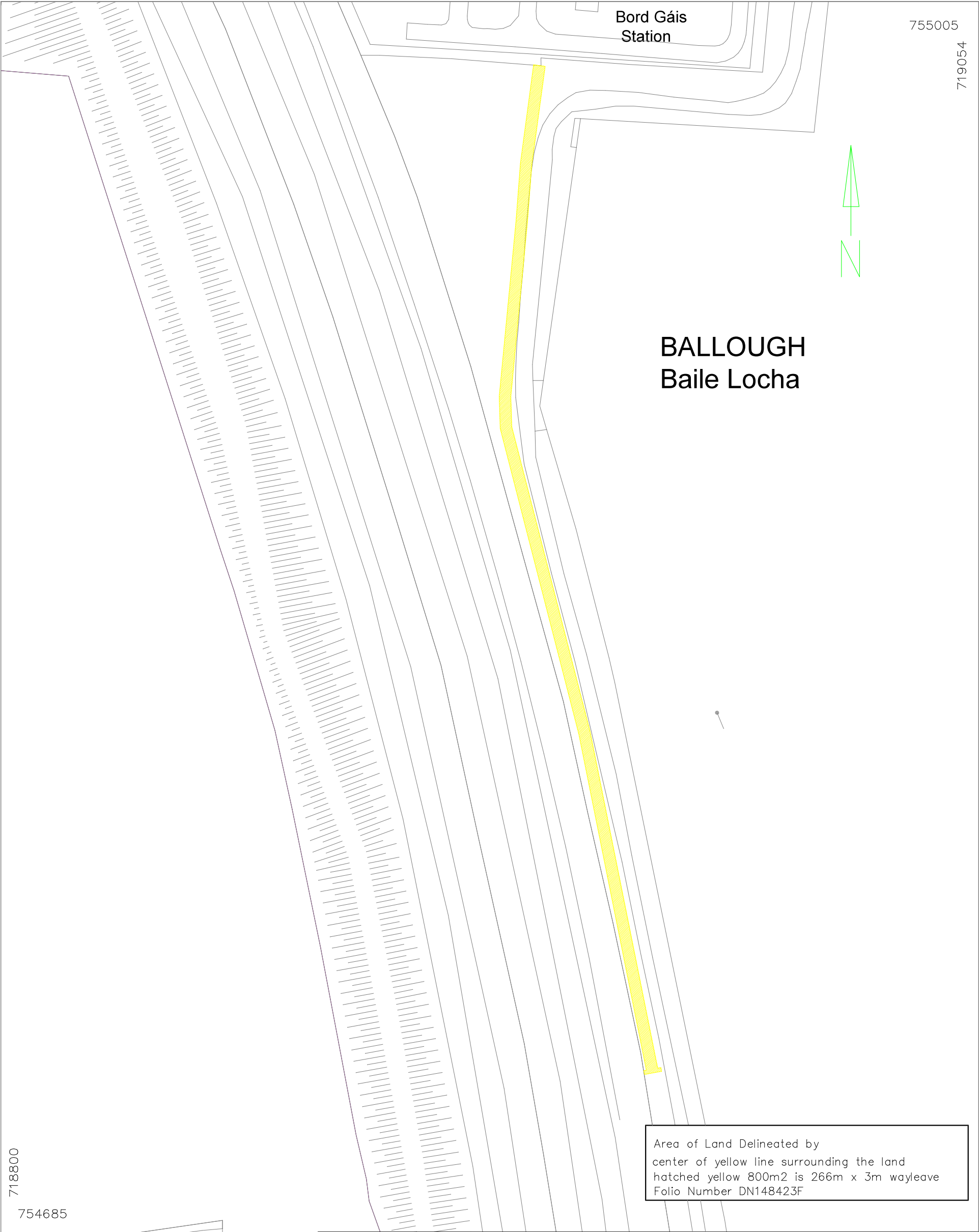
ITEM NO. 30a

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WAYLEAVE AT BALLOUGH, CO. DUBLIN TO GAS NETWORKS IRELAND

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 at Ballough, Co. Dublin comprising 800 square metres approximately as shown outlined in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4059-25 dated 14th July 2026 to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 12th October 2026.

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Area of Land Delineated by
center of yellow line surrounding the land
hatched yellow 800m2 is 266m x 3m wayleave
Folio Number DN148423F



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Project: Land at Ballough
Co Dublin

Wayleaves to be granted to GNI

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Dwg No: LA-4059-25		O.S.Ref:
Date: 14 JULY 2026		Drawn By: LJM
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ITEM NO. 30b

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND ADJACENT TO 56
SEAVIEW PARK, PORTRANE, CO. DUBLIN TO MARGARET MCMAHON
FOGARTY**

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 adjacent to 56 Seaview Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin comprising 124 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-0011-26 dated 12th February 2026 to Margaret McMahon Fogarty, 56 Seaview Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the forthcoming meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 12th October 2026.

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Area of Land delineated by center of red line surrounding the land 124 m2 from Folio DN5727F

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Ms. Sarah McDermott

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Our Ref: DES-CU-03068-2026

Dear Ms. McDermott,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and to respond to you on her behalf regarding illegal dumping at Clondard Brook, Taylor's Hill, Balbriggan.

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Officials from the Department of Education and Youth are currently in the process of arranging for the illegal dumping at the site in question to be removed.Â

Yours sincerely,

Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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Ref: TTAS-MO-00948-2026

From: Ministers Office <Minister-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: 11 September 2026 09:03

To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>

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Our Ref: □ TTAS-MO-00948-2026

Dear Ms. Kaylin Walsh,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport I wish to thank you for your correspondence in relation to Donabate train station.

The Minister of Transport has responsibility for policy and overall funding of public transport. □ The operation, maintenance and renewal of the rail network and stations on the network, including Donabate train station, is a matter for Iarnród Éireann in the first instance.

Given Iarnród Éireann's responsibility in this matter, I have referred your correspondence to the company for direct, detailed reply.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available on □ www.lobbying.ie)



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Sent: 18 September 2026 15:20

To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>

Subject: Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214



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Dear Sarah,

I refer to your email dated 16 September 2026, the contents of which have been noted.

Diverting Route 192 via Garristown is not considered feasible, as it would make the route significantly less direct, increase journey times for existing passengers, and negatively impact the overall efficiency and reliability of the service.

There are currently no plans to enhance the 192 or 195 bus services. However, your request has been noted and will be considered as part of any future reviews of public transport services in the area.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

John Nott
Head of Transport Services Planning

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23rd September 2026

Your Ref: ACM/BRLS/78/February2026

Dear Ms Hartigan,

Thank you for recent correspondence regarding Donabate Train Station to the Minister for Transport which has been forwarded to Iarnród Éireann for direct response.

Our Building & Facilities Manager Ms Joy Murray would be very happy to arrange an initial meeting to discuss.

Joy can be contacted directly regarding this matter at joy.murray@irishrail.ie

Yours sincerely,



Mary Considine

Chief Executive

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ITEM NO. 33

INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATH - SKERRIES - AI109671

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

“That the Chief Executive install a new footpath outside circa 7 to 9 homes connecting Skerries Rock Estate to Skerries Community College for safe walking access and egress for approximately 1,100 pupils attending the College noting footpaths already exist there.”

Report:

The Active Travel section completed the Skerries Active Travel Plan earlier this year, which identifies several infrastructure improvements in the overall Skerries Area. The project team are currently developing detailed designs for front-of-school interventions and improvements that have recently been out for public consultation.

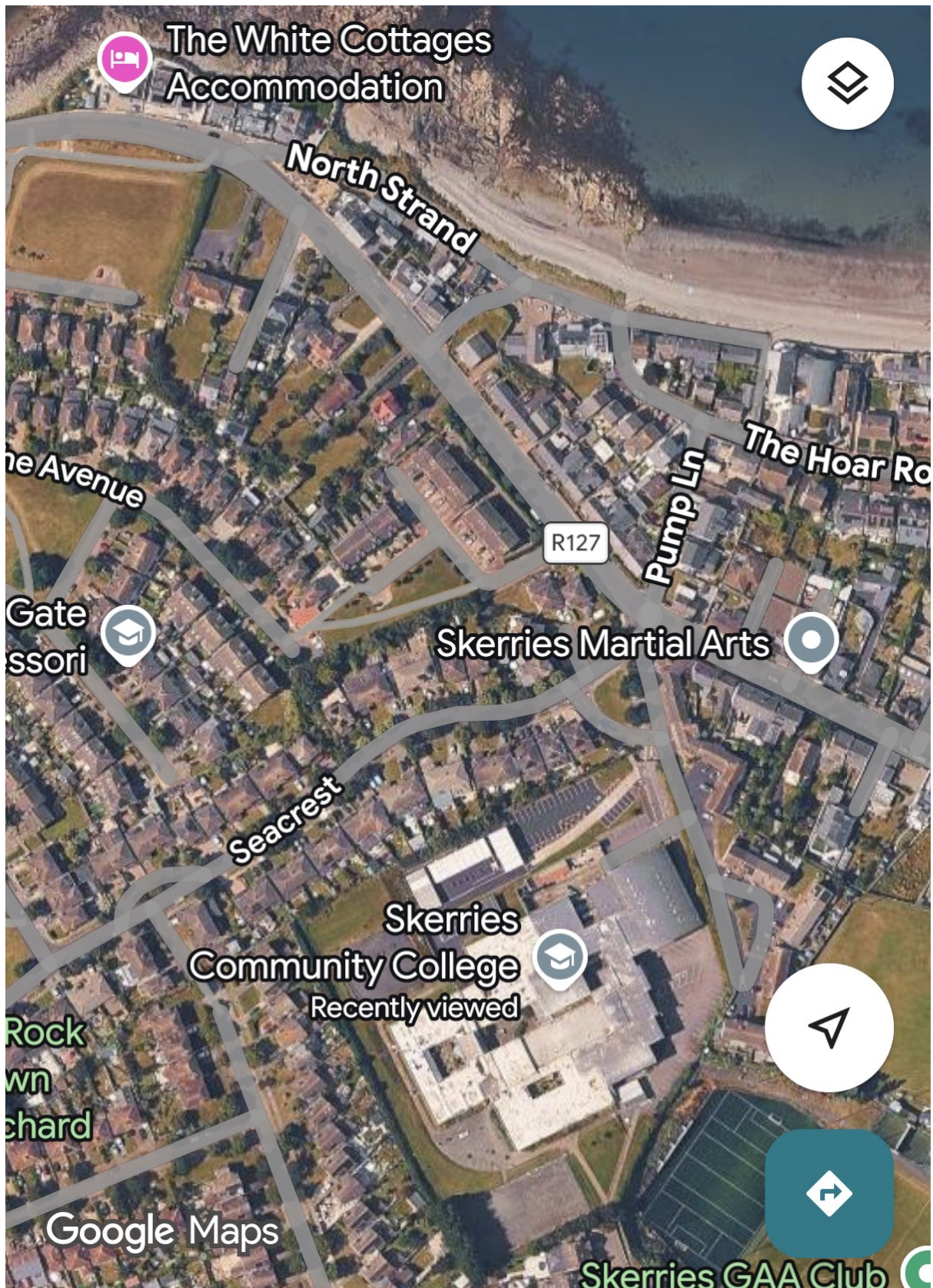
The works identified in this motion form part of the infrastructure improvements and safety measures identified for the R127 Balbriggan Road. These works will be delivered through a future programme of works under the Skerries Active Travel Plan, which will be subject funding and statutory approvals.

Source of Report: Breen Doris, Senior Engineer, Active Travel

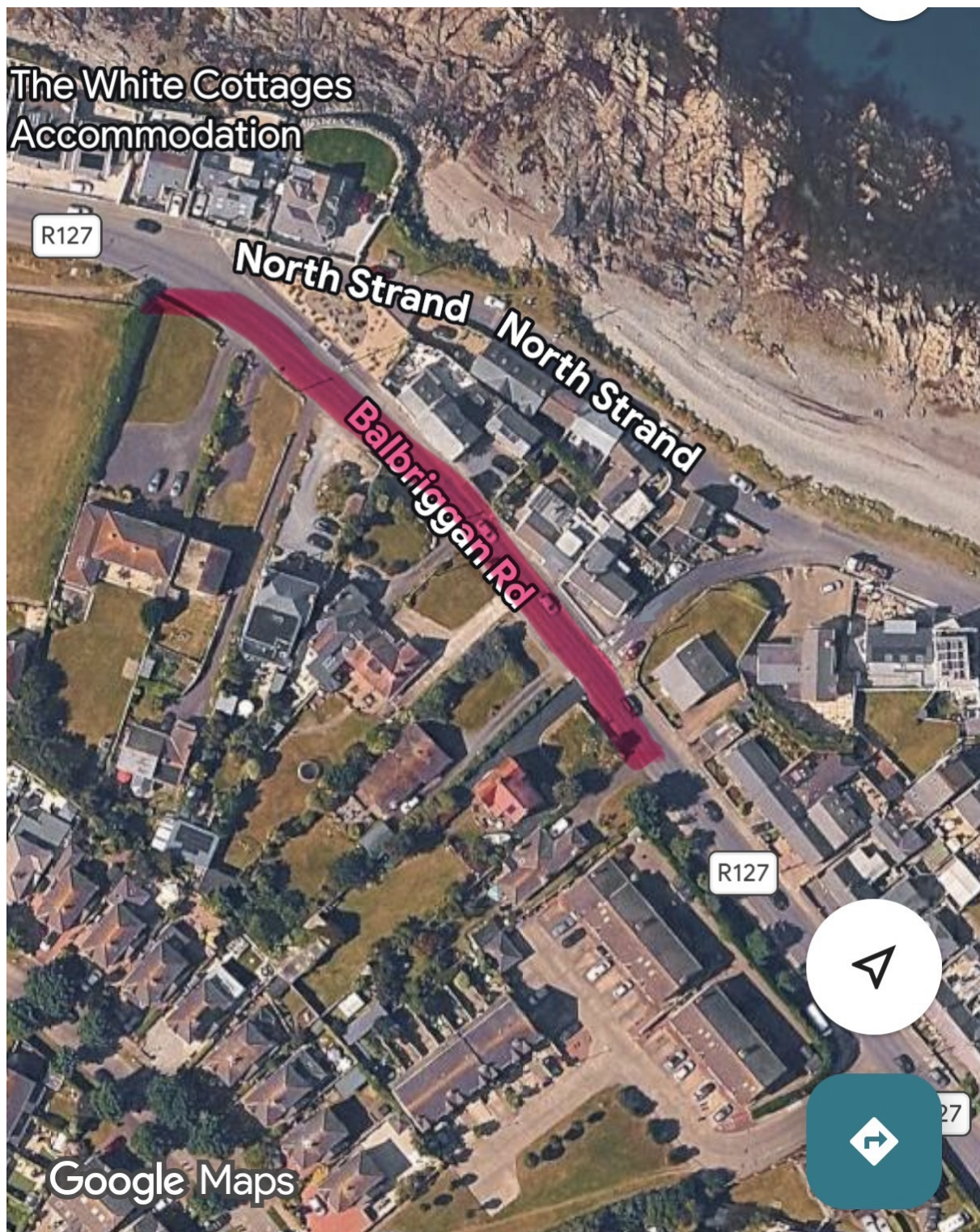
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ITEM NO. 34

RIVERVALLEY AREA SPORTS FACILITIES - SWORDS - AI109693

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive notes forthcoming development at Fosterstown, including housing and a new school, as well as the growing need for additional community and social facilities in the wider Rivervalley area and calls on the Council to support the provision of sports facilities as part of the area’s development.”

Report:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of meeting the recreational and amenity needs of the community. A number of specific policies and objectives support the provision of sporting facilities across the county, including:

Policy CIOSP8: Ensure that all communities in the County are facilitated with a variety of sporting facilities that are fit for purpose, accessible and adaptable”.

Objective CIOSO13: Promote the development of high-quality and multi-functional recreational facilities throughout Fingal, including Active Recreational Hubs and Multi-Use Games Areas to meet existing and future community needs, in accordance with the National Sports Policy 2018–2027.

Policy CIOSP14: Support sports, recreational and play amenities in the County for all ages and abilities; encourage sporting and recreational organisations to achieve their aims and goals and support platforms for new and alternative sports to develop.

These objectives apply across the county including Swords. The Fosterstown Masterplan illustrates the future spatial framework for these lands. It includes a central area of open space, running on an east-west basis through the plan lands with active open space facilities in the form of playing pitches to be provided to the south of the plan lands.

Fingal County Council is in the process of developing a number of strategic active recreational hubs and sports/recreational facilities across the county consistent with the Development Plan policies. These include the Ward River Valley regional park and recreational hub in Swords, which benefits from newly developed pitches with floodlighting.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

GREENLANDS GUESTHOUSE - CORDUFF - LUSK - AI109697

Motion: Councillor B. Ryan

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on planning enforcement measures in relation to the site at the rear of the former Greenlands guesthouse at Corduff, Lusk.”

Report:

Regarding Planning Enforcement File ENF18.079A, this file was referred by the Planning Enforcement section to the Law Department to instigate legal proceedings. Following interactions with Counsel and the Law Department, further investigations revealed that all the unauthorised structures and their respective uses specified in the Enforcement Notice issued on this file cannot be considered exempt development, nor do they have the benefit of Planning Permission and therefore constitute unauthorised development. However, as more than seven years has now passed in relation to this matter, no further Enforcement Notice can issue and no proceedings under Section 157 or Section 160 as amended, can occur.

Accordingly, the Council are unable to pursue further Planning Enforcement action with respect to file ENF18.079A.

Following a further site inspection in order to deal with more recent identified alleged unauthorised developments on this site, a new file was opened, and a

warning letter was issued on this new file on 22nd September 2026, Reference ENF26.180.

Investigations remain open and ongoing at present on file ENF26.180.

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

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ITEM NO. 36

NEED FOR NEW BERESFORD/BEVERTON ESTATES PEDESTRIAN LINK - DONABATE - AI108923

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive works towards providing a much-needed pedestrian/cycle link from Beresford Estate into Beverton Estate in Donabate from the newest north-eastern end of Beresford, to provide a safe and more direct link to Donabate Town Centre via Ballisk.”

Report:

Beresford Estate is not currently taken in the charge by Fingal County Council. An inspection of the Beverton estate was undertaken on the 3rd of September. The inspection identified two pedestrian access points between Beresford and Beverton.

Pedestrian permeability is located at Beverton Court and Beresford Green in the south of the estates. Further pedestrian permeability is located in the north of the estate at Beverton Square and Beresford Green.

The Taking in Charge process will need to be completed prior to the commencement of any works between Beresford and Beverton. If and/or when the estate is taken in charge by the Council, adding further permeability routes between Beresford and Beverton will be added to the connectivity tracker for consideration. The tracker will determine the appropriateness of the scheme through the selection rationale process for future potential permeability connectivity projects.

Source of Report: Quintin Greally, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 37

TAKING-IN-CHARGE PROCESS - FORGE ESTATE - LUSK - AI109449

Motion: Councillor M. Boland

“That the Chief Executive writes to the developer of Forge Estate, Lusk, requesting that all outstanding works and documentation required for the taking-in-charge process be completed without further delay, noting that this matter has been raised every month since April 2025 by a Councillor, and requests that this Council seeks a clear completion timeline from the developer, should a satisfactory solution not be forthcoming, that the Council outline what further actions are available to be taken against the developer.”

Report:

The taking in charge team met with the developer on 30th September 2026 and carried out a final walk of the development. There are some minor issues for the developer to repair on site and some outstanding documentation to be uploaded. The developer has committed to completing all of this in the coming weeks.

It is anticipated that it will be possible to advertise The Forge estate in the coming weeks with a view to presenting it to elected members at a full council meeting in February/March 2027 after the statutory observation period has elapsed.

Source of Report: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Building Control, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 38

CCTV AT BRING BANK/BRING CENTRES - SWORDS - AI109452

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

“That the Chief Executive arranges for the installation of CCTV or other measures at the Bring Banks/Bring Centres in Swords in light of the levels of dumping at the Swords Manor and Watery Lane sites.”

Report:

There are currently 4 Bring Bank locations in the Swords local electoral area, Watery Lane, Swords Manor, St. Colmcille's GAA and Rivervalley Car Park.

Data Protection Impact Assessments were given approval at the recent CCTV Oversight Board Committee meeting for CCTV to be placed at Rivervalley and Watery Lane and these cameras will be installed over the coming weeks. Both these locations are deemed high priority due to the level of dumping at the bring banks and were flagged on the Litter App for the first phase roll-out of CCTV in Fingal.

It is acknowledged that Swords Manor bring bank location is not the most suitable site and we are open to considering an alternative location/options for these bring banks. In the interim, the bring banks will be cleaned and painted and new signage will be put in place. Until an alternative location is sourced, we are not in a position to consider CCTV.

Source of Report:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAAT Department

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ITEM NO. 39

Damaged Pathways in Brackenstown Woods - Swords - AI109596

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to restore the damage caused to pathways between the lake and Knocksedan Estate in the Ward River Park which creates public hazards on a daily basis to residents and other park users.”

Report:

The section of walkway in question is in private ownership. Discussions are ongoing with the landowners and their representatives with a view to resolving the issues relating to the improvement of access along the section of path. In this regard, the Council is seeking to meet with the landowners at their earliest convenience.

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

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ITEM NO. 40

PROVISION OF AIRES SITES IN THIS LEA - AI109695

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

“That the Chief Executive gives serious consideration to the provision of dedicated motorhome Aires sites in this Local Electoral Area to provide short term overnight parking and to encourage and promote tourism with motorists stopping in local towns and villages”.

Report:

The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 highlights as a key challenge ‘insufficient hotel stock in some areas in the county which limits potential bed nights.’ This is being considered through key actions under the Strategy and its objectives as follows:

- Dispersed Growth: Supporting development of appropriate alternative accommodation options with the required facilities in line with the County Development plan.
- Product & Experience Development: Provision of a regularly updated product and experience audit which continually assesses the tourism offering, plans for continuous product improvement and tracks investments that position Fingal as a competitive tourism destination in all areas of the product and experience portfolio, including accommodation.
- Collaboration & Partnerships: The Fingal Tourism Collaboration framework is focused on policy, strategy, access etc. and includes representation from across the sector tasked with defining and addressing product or infrastructure gaps by working with local government, key tourism agencies, national transport authorities and the private sector to advocate for the

product and infrastructure development necessary to further develop Fingal as a tourism destination.

In line with this, the Fingal Accommodation Forum was formed earlier this year. The Tourism team will work with this group to examine demand and feasibility for provision of Aires at appropriate sites in Fingal and consider how best this might be delivered as part of the group's work on accommodation and tourism infrastructure requirements in the County.

Source of Report: Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 41

Provision of a lift at Bremore Castle - Balbriggan - AI109670

Motion: Councillor G. Maguire

“That the Chief Executive provide a plan and timeline for the provision of a lift at Bremore Castle in order for it to open to the public.”

Report:

Bremore Castle tower is now the subject of work of an integrated design team who were appointed in Q2 of 2026 and are now several weeks into the process of understanding the condition and structure of the building, and the layout of the site. Detailed surveys are in development to inform their feasibilities, and these will be complete at the end of Q3 2026.

A lift attached to the tower will be investigated within the feasibility studies, and as this is still early in the design process, no determination about its viability has yet been concluded. Accordingly it would be premature to signal a timetable at this time.

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

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

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ITEM NO. 42

PHASE 2 BALLYGOSSAN TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE - AI109932

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That the Chief Executive arrange for Phase 2 Ballygossan to be taken in charge, with the playground and basketball court as soon as possible and resolve all outstanding issues including street lighting which is still not operational, as the estate is fully occupied and built out residents need access to all facilities per the planning permission and building standards and provide a detailed timeline for same."

Report:

The taking in charge team has engaged with the developer on a number of occasions to attempt to begin the process however to date the developer has not submitted a formal taking in charge request. As with every development, Fingal County Council is reliant on the developer to bring the development up to the standard required. Until the estate is taken in charge by the Council, the infrastructure remains private and under the developer's ownership and maintenance responsibility until the formal statutory process is completed.

Regarding the playground and basketball court, the developer will be required to complete these facilities fully in accordance with the approved planning permission and submit any required certification and documentation prior to being taken in charge.

In relation to the street lighting the developer has recently been given approval by Fingal's public lighting section for works to be undertaken to bring it to the required

standard. The developer has appointed a sub-contractor to carry out the necessary works and has indicated that they aim to complete these works by the end of October. The developer has indicated that they want the estate to be taken in charge but any overall timeline remains contingent on the developer completing outstanding works and lodging all required documentation. The Council will continue to engage with the developer in relation to this.

Source of Report: Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning & Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 43

ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL CAMPUS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the St. Ita's Hospital campus feasibility study which is being led by the Council and involving the HSE and Department of Housing”.

Report:

Work is ongoing on the feasibility study by the consultant team. It is envisaged that it will be completed towards the end of 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 46

Swords Traffic Dashboard - AI109749

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

“That the Chief Executive publish a Traffic Dashboard on the Council website, which is updated regularly for the duration of the ongoing R132 and Sustainable Swords public realm works, providing residents, businesses and public representatives with clear information on:

- planned road closures and traffic diversions;
- average peak-time journey times;
- key congestion points across Swords;
- upcoming changes to temporary traffic management arrangements; and
- a clear contact point for residents and businesses to report traffic issues arising from the works”

Report:

The Council notes the objective of this motion and advises that many of the measures sought are already being delivered through existing communications and stakeholder engagement arrangements.

Regular updates on the R132 and Sustainable Swords Public Realm projects, including road closures, diversion routes, lane restrictions and traffic management

changes, are communicated through project webpages, media releases, social media channels, stakeholder briefings, direct engagement with affected businesses and residents, and traffic news outlets, with dedicated points of contact also in place through the project team and contractors.

There is no requirement to develop a traffic dashboard on the Council's website at present as the information around planned road closures and traffic diversions; upcoming changes to temporary traffic management arrangements; and contact points for residents and businesses to report traffic issues arising from the works are already available. Similarly, real-time journey times and congestion monitoring are readily available through established navigation platforms such as Google Maps, Waze and in-vehicle satellite navigation systems.

Notwithstanding this, the Council will engage with the Digital Services Department and their technology partners to explore the feasibility of developing a broader county-wide traffic and infrastructure information dashboard that could provide value across Fingal as a whole, rather than being limited to a single project or town, subject to resource availability and competing priorities.

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