

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 35

**UPDATE ON EROSION - MARTELLO BEACH CAR PARK -
BALBRIGGAN – AI107162**

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline for the investigation into the erosion at the Martello car park in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

Coastal erosion is a natural phenomenon and is the process whereby the coastline is worn away by the sea through wave and storm actions and tidal currents.

Projected changes in sea level and in the occurrence of more intense coastal storms and surges mean that areas currently at risk will be at greater risk under projected changes in climate.

The Operations Department by way of emergency response made the decision to close off access to the outermost car park at Martello Beach Car Park, Balbriggan to public parking following the recent extreme weather events.

A review study is needed to understand the full impact of the coastal erosion at this location and to inform possible options to address it. A scoping brief will be required for the procurement of a suitable consultant in the first instance.

Subject to the scale and complexity of the options presented to the Operations Department, the outcome of this study may require cross Departmental support and collaboration with various other stakeholders including the Office of Public Works, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the

National Parks & Wildlife Service who have a national remit with regard to coastal change.

Source of Reply: Áine Donlon, Senior Executive Officer, Operations