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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 09

Update on Swords Western Distributor Road Project - AI109224

Question: Councillor J. Newman

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timeline on the project brief for the Swords Western Distributor Road (FCC/026/24), in particular looking at Section 2.3.5 stakeholder consultation, will there be a timetable for the various parts of this progress report such as the Non-Statutory Public Consultation, the webinar and materials that are required for the Fingal Consultation Portal and is it possible to arrange a public meeting and if so, can any guidance be given on when communities will be contacted and how?”

Reply:

The Swords Western Distributor Road (FCC/026/24) is currently in Project Life Cycle Phase 2 (Concept Development and Options Selection). The purpose of Phase 2 is to undertake a comprehensive options assessment process, to ensure that the optimal project alternative is identified for progression. The Option Selection Report which will also present the 'Emerging Preferred Option' is expected in Q2 of 2027.

A Non-Statutory Public Consultation is typically held following completion of The Options Selection Report where public input in relation to a scheme is sought. Non-Statutory Public Consultation has not yet been scheduled for the Swords Western Distributor Road at this early stage of the Project Life Cycle.

Source of reply: Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer Infrastructure & Transport