

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 36

Update on Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade - AI109686

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall upgrade project to include the next steps and timeline for delivery of this critical piece of infrastructure?”

Reply:

- This Project is currently in Project Lifecycle Phase 3 (Preliminary Design)
- A preferred route has been identified, and this route was displayed during a non-statutory public consultation process undertaken in October and November 2025.
- Feedback from that consultation has been used to inform the preliminary design process, where appropriate.
- The Council is currently preparing tender documents for Ground Investigation (GI) works and Topographical Surveys which are needed to make further progress on the preliminary design.
- The landowners who will be affected by the required site investigations and surveys will be contacted directly in advance of these works being carried out.
- The Council will continue to liaise with the affected Landowners throughout the lifespan of the project.
- Once the preliminary design has been finalised and approved, the next stage of the process will be the statutory approval process stage (i.e. application for planning permission for the project).
- The appropriate environmental assessment surveys will be carried out and reviewed to determine the statutory process required to achieve planning consent for the project

works. This will be either through a part 8 planning application to the Council, or through an application to An Coimisiún Pleannála in the event that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is required.

- A Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is likely to be required to acquire third party lands needed to complete the project – all affected landowners will be contacted prior to the submission of the appropriate planning application documents and prior to the commencement of the CPO process.
- It is envisaged that a planning application would be submitted in Q4 of 2027.

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

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