

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR
AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM NO. 14

**PLANTING OF EVERGREEN TREES – RAILWAY LINE, RIVERWOOD
COURT - AI109582**

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the planting of evergreen trees along the railway line in Riverwood Court?”

Reply:

Following inspection on the 15/9/26, the establishment of additional evergreen trees within the existing railway boundary hedgerow is not feasible.

The boundary currently comprises an established Native Hedgerow with mature trees and vegetation. Planting evergreen trees into this established planting would be challenging due to competition for light, water and nutrients from the existing vegetation. The limited growing space available within the hedgerow would significantly reduce the likelihood of successful establishment and long-term growth of new evergreen species.

It is, therefore not proposed to provide additional evergreen tree planting within the existing hedgerow at this location.

Source of Reply:

Colin Gilhooley, Parks Inspector, Operations Department.