

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 11

RED ARCH MEMBERS ENTRANCE - RACECOURSE PARK - AI110153

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what efforts have been made/will be made to preserve Red Arch Members Entrance, as this historic piece of important architecture is starting to crumble?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is proposing to develop the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which will provide a safe, high quality, sustainable transport and recreational walking and cycling route to link Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide.

The current preliminary design proposes the construction of segregated cycle facilities along the coast road at Racecourse Park. Within this section, provision is made for pedestrian and cyclist facilities in the form of two-way cycle track on the western side of the road. The proposed facilities comprise of a 3.0m wide two-way cycle track with 2.0m wide segregated footpath. A 0.5m wide buffer will be provided separating the cycle provision from the carriageway, and a grassed verge will be provided between the cycle track and the footpath measuring around 2.4m wide. In order to provide these facilities on the west side of the road, the existing wall will be required to be removed, and a new boundary wall at a setback distance will be provided. The existing Red Arche will also be removed and set aside for reuse.

It is noted that the current wall is in private ownership. A compulsory purchase order application will be made to acquire the land required for the scheme at this location, which will include the boundary wall.

Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling Scheme. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation. The Application to ACP is scheduled to be submitted in Q4 of 2026.

Source of Reply:

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