

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 27

TIMELINE AND PLANS FOR DREDGING – HOWTH

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide an update of plans and timelines for the post-dredging plans for Howth – i.e. what amenities will be provided – outdoor pool, etc. for development behind West Pier/Claremont Beach?”

Report:

Planning Application F21A/0368 was received by the planning department on 6th July 2021. The proposed development consisted of:

- (i) Dredging of the harbour.
- (ii) Stabilisation of dredge material.
- (iii) Reclamation of land on the west side of the West Pier using dredge material.
- (iv) Construction of an embarkment and rock armour revetment around the perimeter of the reclaimed area.
- (v) Landscaping of the reclaimed area and provision of pavements, including footways, roadways and parking areas.
- (vi) Construction of a slipway access to the water.
- (vii) Provision of storage areas for harbour activities; and
- (viii) Provision of services, including surface water drainage, mains water supply, lighting, and associated underground ducting.

Permission was granted by the Planning Authority on 5th August 2022. The application was subsequently appealed to An Coimisiún Pleanála who upheld the decision to grant permission on 30th July 2024.

The plans and timelines for the implementation is a matter for the developer/applicant. The future layout of the area would be in accordance with the details submitted with the planning application and the conditions attached to the Order.

Source of Report:

Niamh Reid, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development Department