

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 33

CAPITAL PROGRAMME IN THIS LEA - AI110182

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Area Committee draws the full Council's attention to its previous recommendations that the following be included in the Capital Programme:

- Active Travel link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach promenade (recommended 2018 and 2023)
- Mayne River Greenway Link through the Red Arches from the Racecourse Park to Clongriffin (recommended 2020)
- Upgrade of the Malahide Demesne gate lodges at the Back Road entrance and railway bridge (recommended 2020)
- Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt (recommended 2022 and 2025)
- All-weather football pitch in Kettles Park (recommended 2024)
- Upgrade to Teddy's Field, Sutton (recommended 2024)
- Pedestrian Bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19 (recommended 2025)."

Report:

The Council's Capital Programme 2026 - 2028 contains 309 individual projects across all Council service areas, with a projected total expenditure of €1.434 billion over the three-year period. Overall, the Capital Programme represents one of the most substantial investment plans undertaken by Fingal County Council, with projects aimed at delivering housing, transport connectivity, environmental sustainability, economic development, community facilities and improved public services across the county.

Updates on the projects outlined in the motion are listed below:

- *Active Travel link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach promenade*
The project identified is not on any current programme of works. The project is listed on our Permeability and Connectivity Tracker and is under consideration for a future programme of works, subject to approvals and an appropriate funding stream.
The Permeability and Connectivity Tracker currently has over 150 projects listed for locations throughout the county.
- *Mayne River Greenway Link through the Red Arches from the Racecourse Park to Clongriffin*
Funding for this project has been included in the proposed 3 year Capital Programme 2027 – 2029.
- *The upgrade of the Malahide Demesne gate lodges at the Back Road entrance and railway bridge*
The Malahide Demesne Properties project is included in the current Capital Programme under the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department. It provides for a programme of restoration and upgrading of the properties within Malahide Demesne, with the Council assessing the potential of a variety of funding streams on an ongoing basis to progress works to complement and support the amenity and tourism purposes of the Demesne and commercial operations at the visitor centre. The south gate lodge and the south-east gate lodge specifically are subject to interventions to stabilise the structures and seal the roofs. To enable this an asbestos survey is required and is ongoing at the present time. Once complete and subject to funding, further works will be progressed.
- *Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt*
As the land in question is in the ownership of Íarnród Éireann / Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) any operational works to the forecourt on their land is a matter for them. The Operations Department has completed adjacent works to accommodate busses i.e. reconfiguration of parking, installation of bollards and relocation of a disabled space.
- *All-weather football pitch in Kettles Park*
The site in question has limited capacity to accommodate the proposed facility and more suitable options in the locality are being assessed.
- *Upgrade to Teddy's Field, Sutton*
The Capital Code for Teddys Field has been removed following consultation with the local community in 2025. The consultation process resulted in 26 submission made by the local community. The majority of them (21) were against the proposal to add play items, a path or do anything to the open space.

The residents value nature, especially the bird species that are attracted to this area. As a result, Teddys Field will remain as it is and continue to be an feeding ground for Brent Geese and Curlew.

- *Pedestrian Bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19*

As part of the ABP decision to grant permission on the Techcrete site (Reg Ref: SHD/009/19) the Developer was conditioned to agree a special contribution under Section 48 2(c) with the Council. This has now been agreed. Whilst the inclusion a special contribution was conditioned, the bridge was not included in the planning permission. The inclusion of a feasibility study has been recommended for the Capital Programme 2027-2029.

Source of Report:

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