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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 28

**Ramp to Westbrook Estate - Harry Reynolds Road - Balbriggan -
AI110141**

Question: Councillor G. Maguire

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to examine the ramp with a view to providing the necessary rail and also to extend the path to provide proper access to Westbrook Estate off Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan?”

Reply:

A number of Road Safety Audits were carried out as part of the Harry Reynolds Road project to ensure all aspects of the project including the relocated pedestrian access between the Harry Reynolds Road and Westbrook Rise adhered to the relevant safety standards. The audits did not identify the need for a handrail at this location.

The handrail that was in place prior to the Harry Reynolds Road Project works was provided for Health and Safety reasons due to the height difference of the ground levels between the Cul-De-Sac at Westbrook Rise and the footpath along the Harry Reynolds Road at the old access points which have now been closed off. There was more than a 600mm drop from the cul-de-sac at Westwood Rise to the existing footpath level on Harry Reynolds Road.

The relocated access provided as part of the Harry Reynolds Road Project works follows the existing ground levels adjoining the public open space in Westbrook and

ties into the footpath on Harry Reynolds Road where the ground levels are the same. There is a wall on one side of the access route and a level grassed area on the other. It should be noted that the level and gradient of the improved access path is almost identical to that of the Harry Reynolds Road footpath on the opposite side of the wall which also does not have or require a handrail. The grass of the public open space is graded back from the path in compliance with the required design and safety standards. As there is no sudden height drop between the grassed area and the new footpath along the access route there is no requirement for a handrail at this location.

The new access is compliant with the Part 8 Grant of Planning Permission. No concerns regarding either location were raised during the public consultation process. There is no scope within the existing grant of permission to alter the completed design. Furthermore, the Harry Reynolds Road project was officially opened on the 28th of March 2025 and the works contract is complete.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport