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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 18

KISSING GATES IN THIS LEA - AI110060

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the Council’s current position with regard to existing kissing gates in this Local Electoral Area?”

Reply:

It was decided at Council level several years ago that all traditional kissing gates should be phased out as they are no longer considered accessible due to the restricted movement within the space. The phased replacement has occurred in nearly all locations countywide, however in locations that have experienced issues with scrambler motor bikes and now with eBikes and Scooters, the Council is meeting resistance from local residents requesting that the kissing gates remain.

Over the last number of years, the Council has trialed several different types of gate designs that are accessible but also provide a challenge for people on scramblers/eBikes to access. The corral design arrangement and the staggered barrier designs have provided some success where space allows, but the design for each location is very site specific due to the space available and the issues experienced on each specific location.

Source of Reply: Ms. A O’Connor, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Operations Department.