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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 24

**REVIEW OF BRACKENTOWN ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION
- SWORDS - AI110178**

Question: Councillor D. Kelly

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange a review of this junction beside St. Columba's Church?”

Reply:

The junction of Brackenstown Road/Church Road is a legacy junction. The location is extremely constrained from a geometry point of view. The topography of the road slopes down towards the Ward River to the east of junction creating a steep incline. Church Road section is a one-way system.

The existing measures are in place at the junction includes appropriate line marking and signage in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. There is no further scope for any additional measures at this junction.

As mentioned above, the site is extremely challenging due to the gradients sightlines, road alignment etc. To examine any possible option to realign the road and improve sightlines would require the following.

- Appointment of specialist consultant engineer to oversee design process.
- Topographical survey to establish levels on adjacent landbanks and to identify boundaries between different landowners.
- Establish existing site geotechnical characteristics through site investigation works (SI) works.

- Develop design from feasibility all the way through to detailed design phase and construction phase.
- Identify lands that would require purchase either through land acquisition or compulsory purchase order.
- Carry out screening for appropriate assessment (AA) and EIA assessment due to proximity to Ward River.
- Works will require planning consent either through a part VIII/XI or via submission to An Coimisún Pleanála.
- Funding to cover design, planning, land acquisition, construction and maintenance of infrastructure.

This project is not on the Operations Programme of Works or Capital Programme of Works. It is not on the Infrastructure and Transport Capital Programme.

Source of Reply: Mr. J. Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department