**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL**
**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday 13th April 2015**

**Item No. 11**

**SKERRIES CYCLE PATH**

**Question: Councillor R. O'Gorman**

"To ask the Chief Executive to give a report as to the cost of the cycle path between Balbriggan and Balrothery and in particular, the cost of compulsory purchase orders along the Balbriggan to Skerries section of the cycle path?"

**Reply:**

Early in 2010, Fingal County Council entered into a Project Funding Agreement with the NTA to provide some €750,000 in grant-aid towards the design and construction of the Skerries-Balbriggan Cycleway.

Between 2010 and the end of December 2012, the Council expended some €503,000 of these monies on the planning, design and construction of the Balrothery to Balbriggan section of the cycleway, running parallel to the R132.

In 2013, the estimated cost of completing the scheme along the R127 from Barnageeragh to Balbriggan was €500,000 which includes the cost of Compulsory Purchase Orders for land acquisition along the route. Neither Fingal County Council nor the NTA were in a position to provide the necessary additional €250,000 to complete this section, however a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the acquisition of a number of properties was submitted to An Bórd Pleanála in July 2013. The Bórd confirmed the CPO in October 2013 and Fingal County Council served the last remaining Notices to Treat in November / December 2014. As this process has not yet completed, the full cost of CPO cannot be confirmed.

Fingal County Council will shortly engage the services of a Consulting Engineer with a view to amending the Design Drawings and putting the scheme on public display / inviting submissions under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001.

The Council is currently funding land acquisition and associated costs. At present, however, there are insufficient funds to allow construction to resume.

At the end of each year, Fingal County Council enters into discussions with the NTA with a view to funding projects for the following year. The NTA has indicated that no funding would be available for this scheme in 2015.

Fingal County Council remains committed to the delivery of this project.