

Fingal County Council
Governance and Oversight Virtual Meeting

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**Virtual Meeting of the Members of the
Howth Malahide Area Committee**

Operations Department – Physical and Social Distancing

Councillor David Healy

Immediate work to make space for walking, cycling and physical distancing

Note from Fingal Green Party Councillors on short term measures to be considered in response to the need to facilitate

- physical distancing,
- increased walking and cycling,
- increased outdoor amenity use,
- the use of outdoor space for cafés/restaurants

Various options for consideration and potential locations

1. Widen footpaths by taking parking or loading spaces
 - a. Centre of Portmarnock (operations proposal)
 - b. Centre of Malahide (operations proposal)
 - c. Centre of Howth (operations proposal)
 - d. At Gem, Harbour Road Howth (operations proposal)
2. Removal of motor traffic from streets, to facilitate walking, cycling, use for public space and cafés/ restaurants
 - a. New St., Malahide (operations proposal)
 - b. Baldoyle village (Main street) - pedestrianise / access only / bollards at one end and divert traffic to create an open plaza and allow shops there to put tables outside; divert traffic around via Strand Rd and the Mall.
3. Convert car parking spaces to outdoor table space/ public space
 - a. Top of East Pier Howth
 - b. Train station forecourt Howth
 - c. Harbour Road Howth
 - d. Malahide various streets
4. Convert all or part of street or road to one-way to transfer space to walking and/or cycling (not to enable more car parking)
 - a. Barrack Bridge / Old Yellow Walls Road Malahide
 - b. Station Road near Drumnigh Road junction (or shuttle traffic lights here)
5. Block through access for motor vehicles to improve conditions for walking and cycling

- a. Estuary Road Malahide
 - b. Upper Main St. Howth
 - c. Baldoyle village (Parochial Avenue / Back Lane / College St) review of footpath parking / consider some pedestrianisation or one way / closing of rat run.
6. 30km/hr speed limits
 - a. Locations identified in proposals that went on public display and in response to public consultation
7. Provide only disabled car parking spaces at natural amenities which currently attract excessive traffic, hindering access by foot and bicycle; designate the access road as walking and cycling priority and access and disabled only for motor vehicles
 - a. Balscadden Road, Howth
8. Protection of cycle lanes by wands or similar
 - a. Grange road at Seagrang/Racecourse Park - enable safe cycling and prevent footpath parking - upgrade dashed cycle lanes to solid, widen lanes to recommended width, install flexi-wands
 - b. Howth road - Sutton Cross to Howth train station - widened and flexi wand protected cycle lanes
 - c. coast cycle track S2S - Dublin road access point - install wands to prevent footpath parking
 - d. Grange Road Baldoyle from Abbey Park to top of bridge - add flexi wands to prevent footpath parking and enable safe cycling
 - e. Portmarnock Station Road - flex wand protection for cycle lanes
 - f. Warrenhouse road - install wands at traffic islands to create safe space for people cycling
9. Improve conditions for cycling at traffic lights/junctions
 - a. Sutton Cross - all directions - cycle priority lights to allow people cycling to clear the junction safely
 - b. Red Arches Road roundabout - finish the works before someone is injured (multiple reports of drivers not stopping at the zebra for pedestrians or cyclists)
 - c. coast cycle track S2S - Kilbarrack Road exit (DCC ?) install a traffic light for people cycling to exit the track (none in place now, just jump into traffic)
 - d. coast cycle track S2S - cycle priority traffic lights for people cycling from Baldoyle accessing the track
 - e. Howth Road - junction with Offington - reduction to single lane both ways (removal of turning lane) to create more space for cycling / walking
10. More frequent pedestrian phases at junctions and pedestrian crossings - reduce cycle time (St. Fintan's crossing is particularly bad)
11. Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway - install the pedestrian crossings
12. Improve access to off-carriageway cycle tracks
 - a. Strand Road - Baldoyle to Sutton - allow cycling on the promenade
 - b. Coast road at Red Arches Road - dish the kerb after the bus stop to allow access to the start of the cycle track

13. Removal of kissing gates to enable better bicycle access to parks and to enable all parks users to maintain hand hygiene
 - a. Seagrang Park, Baldoyle
 - b. Racecourse Park, Baldoyle
14. Bike parking stands /alternative to car parking
 - a. entrance to Racecourse Park - install Sheffield style bicycle stands parallel to road to mitigate footpath parking while enabling destination cycling
 - b. Burrow Road - limit parking at entrances to beach and provide Sheffield style bicycle stands
 - c. Baldoyle to Portmarnock greenway - wands or sheffield stands at entrances to prevent footpath parking
15. Parking enforcement to maintain distanced access for people walking and cycling – generally on all footpaths but particularly at;
 - a. accesses to parks throughout Fingal
 - b. Willie Nolan Road shops, Baldoyle