

Green Party/Comhaontas Glas motions to Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 pre-draft stage

The first meeting of the pre-draft stage will be 30th August 2021. We coordinated so as not to duplicate although there are a few instances of overlap. The motions below are in no particular order. (DH David Healy, DW Daniel Whooley, IC Ian Carey, KP Karen Power, PC Pamela Conroy.)

- Achievement of 'favourable conservation status' of habitats and species within SACs and SPAs as per the requirements and obligations of the Habitats Directive Council Directive 92/43/EEC and the Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, within the lifetime of this conservation plan. IC
- "Add the following recommendation:
Seek to halt the degradation of Special Areas of Conservations (SACs) within the county by seeking to have them designated under a Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO), during the lifetime of this development plan. " IC
- "Add the following recommendation:
Support the establishment of an Expert Group to review the future impact of Dublin Airport development/expansion on neighbouring communities and to specifically explore the possibility of providing relocation opportunities for those most affected to areas with less airport impact, but which have community, sporting, and religious connections to the area impacted. The Expert Group will consider international best practice and present proposals consistent with NPF and the RSES and report back with actionable proposals within 12 months of the establishment of the new development plan. " IC
- Added: promote reintroduction programmes IC
- All new housing developments must include the provision of infrastructure for the harvesting of rain water and grants given for retrofitting such infrastructure KP
- As part of the development plan Fingal County Council resolves to incorporate a plan that would see the drawing up of individual plans for established towns which are not earmarked for future growth KP
- As part of the development plan planning guidelines for new developments will require the provision of co-working spaces and creches. In existing settings, these changes of use should be considered favourably. KP
- "Clearly defined Performance-Based Design Standards will be incorporated into the new Development Plan, with planning applications meeting the standards looked upon favourably. Such standards will include;
 - Utilising brownfield/in-fill sites within the built-up footprint of existing settlements
 - Well designed houses which take cognisance of their locations and surrounding
 - Owner-occupier family homes, particularly individual homes to be built by the owner themselves, so they integrate and become long-term members of the community
 - Sustainable construction which go beyond minimum standards set out in the Building Regulations for insulation, energy production, water usage, etc. (possibly achieving Passive standard) and low carbon methods of construction
 - Lifetime adaptable houses with universal design taken into consideration so the house can serve the original occupants and/or potential future inhabitants into old age or with physical limitations
 - Located near existing high capacity public transport services
 - Adjacent to existing supporting services (schools, recreational areas, etc.)" KP

- Contribute, as practical, via this plan to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. IC
- Develop a programme of 'new homes in small towns and villages' to give local communities access to serviced sites with appropriate infrastructure within existing settlements, in line with NPO 18b. IC
- Develop Heritage Animation Strategies for areas within the county that have under used heritage and cultural assets. Such strategies will seek to develop these heritage assets, package and promoted them as one tourism offering, support them through festivals/events, link them to local amenities and businesses and help 'tell the story of the area' in a way that promotes tourism and helps foster a sense of place. IC
- Developments of 35 dph must conduct an assessment of local social infrastructural capacity as part of their application, including local school and healthcare capacity KP
- Fingal County Council commits that this development plan ensures that where Greenfield sites absolutely have to be developed, that every consideration should be given in the selection process to the biodiversity value of these sites. It should be noted that “waste” or “unimproved” ground is often, by its very nature, of high biodiversity value. Before planning permission is granted the first step should be an ecological and biodiversity assessment of the site. The development plan should enshrine requirements that any such survey should be independent and not commissioned by the developer or others with a vested or financial interest in the site. The results should be made public in good time for discussion or objection. KP
- Fingal County Council commits to connect the county’s primary growth centres to Dublin Airport through reliable public transport with the aim to reduce the reliance on private vehicles to access the airport DW
- Fingal County Council commits to ensuring that a full environmental impact of any new development will be considered, such as active transport, energy (net-energy positive housing is possible) and biodiversity, including the provision of community gardens as part of the shared green space and allotments within walking distance. KP
- "Fingal County Council commits to implementing the recommendation within the tackling childhood obesity report to prevent the opening of new fast-food outlets within a defined vicinity of schools" KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan ensuring planning permission being granted will always be contingent on maximum preservation of built and natural heritage KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan prioritising development of living above shop units and innovative solutions where access is a difficulty will be explored KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan prioritising the protection and enhancement of existing biodiversity rich areas across the county KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan providing for the cessation of the use of herbicides by Fingal CoCo in its management of public spaces/road verges/around trees and lampposts KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan supporting microgeneration of renewable energy KP
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan supporting the existing biodiversity plans or actions that focus on the Large Carder Bee. KP
- Fingal County Council commits working with youth focused organisations to rebuild and strengthen relationships with young people and reduce anti-social behaviour DW

- Fingal County Council engages with the other Dublin based local authorities and City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) to develop appropriate policies, strategies and objectives to promote recycled energy projects through excess energy emitted by organisations and business within the local authorities. DW
- Fingal County Council engages with residents groups and organisations affected by Dublin Airports Noise Pollution and create a dialogue forum, based on Vienna's "Dialogforum Flughafen Wien", to unify concerns around Dublin Airport. DW
- Fingal County Council engages with volunteer groups, non profit organisations and charities to ensure that every vulnerable person in the county can access a healthy and balanced meal DW
- Fingal County Council explores opportunities to co-operate with neighbouring local authorities to deliver active travel alternatives between urban areas and nearby, out of county, towns and villages. DW
- Fingal County Council explores the pedestrianisation of main streets, or streets with high level of foot fall, of the county's towns and villages to reduce car congestion and promote local business DW
- Fingal County Council omits the objective of widening the N3 between Clonee and M50 from the Development Plan DW
- Fingal County Council publish policies, objectives, strategies and guidelines to artificially stimulate co-operation, citizenship and integration within residential areas where communities have been unable to develop these societal building blocksDW
- Fingal County Council recognises the importance of social inclusion and will incorporate universal design as an overarching and cross-cutting these across the Draft Plan PC
- Fingal County Council resolves that for each town a study will be undertaken of the built-up area in order to identify where new development could take place. KP
- "Fingal County Council resolves that in smaller urban centres the Development Plan will
 - ensure no new development takes place in areas that may be affected by erosion or flooding
 - ensure that as much as possible is available locally - that includes the idea of the walkable / cyclable 15 min town as well as the need to ensure as much of our daily needs as possible are met from within the local area (especially food, but also work through e.g. remote working hubs)
 - Existing areas close to the sea should be examined, and management plans need to be drawn up, based on the likely changes to sea level in the next years." KP
- Fingal County Council resolves to adopt a Healthy Streets approach that recognises that a street that works for people is a street that is good for health. KP
- Fingal County Council resolves to consult and engage with the Traveller Community in implementing the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme and the wording of the CEs report should be amended to reflect this. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to create a map of all the accessible parking spaces, including details of the space (is the kerb dished, the width and length of the space) should be created. PC
- "Fingal County Council resolves to create the theme of agriculture in the development plan. Organic and regenerative agriculture, especially for market gardening, can:
 - contribute to the national policy of increasing the percentage of organic agriculture in Ireland

- help increase the amount of organic produce available from Irish sources - most organic produce purchased in Ireland is actually imported, including many products that can easily be grown here
- help counteract climate change through drawing carbon down from the atmosphere
- regenerative agriculture (using no or low tillage) can help mitigate the consequences of climate change:
 - less erosion due to better soil retention during heavy rainfall
 - better water retention, thus enabling the plants to deal better with long dry spells
 - a higher percentage of the water falling during heavy rainfalls can be absorbed by soil farmed regeneratively
 - help biodiversity: Especially pollinators suffer from the use of herbicides and insecticides in conventional agriculture. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to create cycleways and pathways that go into the countryside to be used recreationally, promoting health and wellbeing. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to designate poster free zones in each town and village in the county and ensure that postering during elections will be restricted to outside these areas. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to engage with stakeholder groups at the planning stage before creating infrastructure in Fingal to ensure that the changes meet the requirements of the stakeholder group. For example, when putting in accessible public toilets or accessible parking spaces, it is necessary to engage with those who are disabled to ensure that they will be able to actually use the facilities on completion. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to ensure that Age Friendly and Parent/Child Parking spaces should account for 20% of parking spaces in all towns and villages PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to ensure that fully accessible parking spaces should account for 10% of parking spaces in all towns and villages PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to ensure that large scale bike parking, including for cargo bikes, is made available at train stations to promote modal shift to public transport as well as encouraging those who use public transport to use active transport as part of their journey. The draft plan will ensure that charging points for electric bikes are included in bike parking locations. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to have a contactless water dispenser in each town, village and public park PC
- "Fingal County Council resolves to identify land from its own land bank in each local electoral area to set up model organic, regenerative farms, which could either be run by employed farm managers or by local farmers on behalf of Fingal County Council." KP
- Fingal County Council resolves to include a changing places (fully accessible toilet with hoist and adult changing table) in community spaces in new developments PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to increase community garden allocation across the county PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to increase the allocation of land for use as allotments across the county. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to make 30% of social housing should be fully accessible and built with a universal design approach which will mean that the property will be flexible and changed as needed over the course of the occupants' lifetime. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to minimise the amount of fixed street furniture as part of the draft development plan in order to ensure accessibility for all. This will include the

minimising the amount of street furniture in new developments and removing any unnecessary street furniture currently in situ. PC

- Fingal County Council resolves to promote rewilding through the establishment of a rewilding zone on council land during the lifespan of the development plan. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to promote the Irish Language within the county through the creation of Irish Language Centres PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to provide seating, including inclusive seating options, so that those with reduced mobility may be able to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits associated with being outdoors. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to remove or replace all kissing gates to facilitate permeability and accessibility. PC
- Fingal County Council resolves to undertake promote the creation of homes, either through re-use or in new developments, which are suitable for those in the community wishing to downsize. KP
- Fingal County Council to develop a publicly owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide low carbon heat to local community buildings by converting excess heat from high energy waste businesses in the county. DW
- Fingal County Council will ensure that in coastal areas it will be compulsory for the drives of new housing to be water permeable and grants be given for conversions. KP
- Fingal County Council, in the interest of inclusivity, resolves to create gender neutral toilets by labelling all new and existing public toilets with a toilet symbol. PC
- Fingal County Council, in the interests of promoting the Irish Language and heritage of Fingal, resolves to establish a Placenames Committee, like that created by Galway City Council, to provide developers with suitable Irish names for new developments which are relevant to the location and history of the area. PC
- Fingal County Council commits to this development plan should facilitating the planting and installation of 'pocket forests' to provide more foliage and help with rising temperatures KP
- Fingal County Council resolves to facilitate a variety of designs for Social and Affordable Housing suitable for a variety of settings and contexts and needs. KP
- Identify and protect non-designated sites of local and high nature conservation value, and the management of features of the landscape which are of major importance for wild fauna and flora, in particular close to river systems, in accordance with Article 10 of the Habitats Directive. IC
- In coastal areas Fingal County Council commits to replacing hard surfaces in car parks with water permeable paving KP
- In the Chief Executive's report amend "ensure the County's natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and estuary lands, are protected and are not compromised by inappropriate works or development" to read "ensure the County's natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and estuary lands, are protected and are not compromised by inappropriate works, development or behaviour" PC
- In the Chief Executives draft report, amend "promote the provision of wildflower meadows" to "promote the provision of wildflower meadows and increase the percentage of council land allocated for wildflowers meadows within the lifetime of the development plan" PC
- In the Chief Executives draft report, amend "support policies with the Draft Development Plan to enhance and promote access to the coast, including the promotion of coastal recreational facilities where appropriate" so that it reads "support policies with the Draft

Development Plan to enhance and promote access to the coast, including the promotion of coastal recreational facilities where appropriate, while also prioritising protecting the coastal environment" PC

- In the Chief Executives report, amend "protect and enhance ecological diversity and the natural environment within the County" to "protect and enhance ecological diversity and the natural environment within the County through measuring and monitoring the ecological diversity and the natural environment" as it is impossible to determine if the Council is protecting and enhancing ecological diversity and the natural environment without establishing a baseline and measuring against it periodically. PC
- Mobility plans should seek to reduce reliance on car based travel and encourage more sustainable modes of transport over the lifetime of a development. IC
- Provide that the design of areas to be taken in charge as public open space should vary according to the density of the development with maintenance intensive designs are not appropriate to low density development but acceptable in higher density developments where they will receive greater maintenance from the Council. DH
- Remove the words "specialised housing" from "promote the provision of affordable and social housing and specialised housing including sheltered housing and housing for people with disabilities" so that it reads "promote the provision of affordable and social housing, including sheltered housing and housing for people with disabilities" PC
- Require proposals for the demolition of usable buildings to be justified on sustainability grounds in line with a circular economy analysis. DH
- Support the development of a wildlife hospital within the county for the protection of Fingal's wildlife. IC
- Support the provision of bike rental (pedal and e-bike) across the County IC
- That an explicit objective of the development plan will be the overall reduction of on-street, residential and workplace car parking across our towns and villages. KP
- That an objective of the development plan is to protect established communities against the negative impacts of gentrification and put in place policies to avoid the displacement of, in particular, working class communities. KP
- That direct provision of on-site parking will be a prerequisite to a construction management plan for developments of 25dph and above KP
- That explicit, strong standards of noise proofing are required for new build developments (particularly those within the DAA area) in the development plan. KP
- That Fingal County Council commits to providing infrastructure such as tidal pools, sheltered changing areas etc, along the coastal towns and villages in the county KP
- That Fingal County Council considers the implications of future land use zoning on national and regional road networks, with the aim to reduce stress on road networks DW
- That the Draft Plan include appropriate provisions for the intensification of existing commercial or mixed land uses beside railway stations and the improvement of walking and cycling access on a site by site basis. DH
- That in line with the recommendation in the South Fingal Transport Study, the potential for a public transport orbital link between Clongriffin and Dardistown be analysed as part of the drafting of the Development Plan.

"Public Transport Recommendations "

"In addition to the bus services proposed by the NTA GDA Strategy, and in the longer term, it is recommended that orbital connectivity is provided to help reduce car dependency for trips not travelling to the city, but to

major potential employment areas along the R139, onward to Dublin Airport and to Swords. "It is recommended that the potential for this route is revisited in the early 2020's with a view to deciding upon its inclusion in the NTA GDA Strategy review in late 2022." DH

- That in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive, the Development Plan specify that developments which undermine the achievement and/or maintenance of good ecological status in Fingal's waters will not be permitted. DH
- That public buildings will install electric bike charging points and covered bike storage for traditional and cargo bikes KP
- That the Chief Executive describe the process which will be followed for identifying public rights of way for inclusion in the Draft. DH
- That the Chief Executive explain what if any progress was made in relation to Objective RF116 of the current Development Plan, why this objective has not been met, and what this means for including public rights of way in the Draft. DH
- That the Development Plan aim at retaining a high level of remote and hybrid working in order to reduce transport demand and to help meet the demand by public transport and active travel. DH
- That the Development Plan commits to prioritising biodiversity and ecosystem services in the management of open spaces and the public realm. DH
- That the Development Plan include planning for a just transition for communities and workers impacted by the contraction in aviation due to the pandemic and the need to restrict greenhouse gas emissions. DH
- That the Development Plan include requirements as regards best practice in lighting including the use of intelligent/responsive lighting systems to be followed both by the Council and in planning decisions/conditions. DH
- That the Development Plan include the routes in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan DH
- That the Development Plan includes an objective to convert existing developed areas and open spaces to low traffic neighbourhoods, by increasing walking, cycling, and public transport permeability, and reducing motor vehicle permeability, within the lifetime of the plan. DH
- That the Development Plan include additional walking and cycling routes leading to secondary schools throughout the county along the lines of those proposed for Malahide Community School in Submission 130 DH
- That the Development Plan includes the routes in the Kinsealy Greenways study DH
- That the Development Plan objectives and rules as regards Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems be updated to ensure that SUDS measures including green roofs, rain gardens and permeable paving are more widely used and less reliance is placed on retention ponds in open spaces. DH
- That the Development Plan prioritise nature-based solutions to coastal challenges including erosion and flooding and where hard engineering measures are nonetheless needed, require that biodiversity and ecosystem services considerations are integrated into those responses. DH
- That the Development Plan propose the designation of Fingal's estuarine habitats as one or more Special Amenity Areas. DH
- That the Development Plan protect one or more routes for linking Metro Link to the Dublin-Belfast line DH

- That the Development Plan protect one or more routes for linking Metro West to the Dublin-Belfast line DH
- That the Development Plan recognise the importance of the Dart Interconnector/ Underground for all of the existing railways serving Fingal. DH
- That the development plan require filtered permeability (favouring walking, cycling and public transport) in all new developments (including residential, mixed use, commercial zoning and open space zonings). DH
- That the development plan supports the development of delivery hubs across our larger towns to support "last mile deliveries" KP
- That the Draft Development Plan include appropriate reference to the Strategic Rail Review, both for passenger and freight transport. DH
- That the Draft Plan provide for walkability audits of the towns and villages of Fingal DH
- That the Draft Plan commit to a programme of enforcement and implementation to address all existing misconnections causing or risking water pollution and to prevent new misconnections. DH
- That the Draft Plan encourage the use of logistics/transfer hubs and of electric cargo bikes and smaller delivery vehicles for freight and delivery. DH
- That the Draft Plan ensure that the design of all retail development gives priority to direct, safe, convenient and comfortable access by pedestrians and those walking from public transport. DH
- That the Draft Plan include a commitment to consider how to discourage or prevent the use of over-sized delivery vehicles travelling to or through town and village centres, including by the use of planning conditions, road restrictions, bye-laws or a combination of these. DH
- That the Draft Plan include a commitment to ongoing road and street space reallocation to provide safe routes for walking and cycling and better public realm DH
- That the Draft Plan include an effective mechanism to gradually reduce the number of masts on the Hill of Howth DH
- That the Draft Plan include an objective to create a walking and cycling link from the Sutton to Sandycove greenway to the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway through Bayside, Seagrang Park and Millennium Park, including the provision of universal access to the Sutton to Sandycove greenway from Bayside DH
- That the Draft Plan include an objective to encourage mixed use developments at and within railway stations such as Bayside, Clongriffin and Howth Junction to provide passive surveillance. DH
- That the Draft Plan include an objective to make additional Tree Protection Orders at a number of locations in Fingal. DH
- That the Draft Plan include an objective to maximise the biodiversity and amenity benefit of any coastal infill proposals, including the provision of tidal pools.DH
- That the Draft Plan include an objective to obtain Blue Flag status for a number of additional beaches in Fingal DH
- That the Draft Plan include objectives in relation to the monitoring of coastal erosion and accretion, beach and sand dune processes, and consequent flooding and erosion risks. DH
- That the Draft Plan prohibit any drive-through retail, takeaway or other uses, in the interests of the public realm and the promotion of sustainable transport and smarter travel DH
- That the Draft Plan promote the undergrounding of cables in SAAOs and ACAs DH
- That the Draft Plan provide for the protection of streets and roads from clutter and the removal of redundant street furniture DH

- That the Draft Plan provide for the retrofit of streets and roads in order to retain street trees. DH
- That the Draft Plan provide that in tandem with identifying and procuring new school sites, the Council will plan safe walking and cycling routes to school from the residential populations to be served by the school, in order to provide routes in tandem with the occupation of the school site. DH
- That the Draft Plan recognise the importance of implementation and enforcement for the successful achievement of objectives in the Development Plan, for example in relation to many aspects of planning conditions and/or building regulations requiring higher standards, including soundproofing to maintain public health and quality of life in areas affected by aviation noise and in higher density developments and implementation of planning conditions protecting other aspects of residential amenity in higher density developments. DH
- That the Draft Plan require large commercial developments with extensive roof space to have green roofs, solar panels or both, as appropriate DH
- That the Draft Plan require that development be low carbon in all aspects of layout, design and construction, including by relying on environmental product declarations as to the sustainability of materials, and by relying on certification systems for large developments. DH
- That the Moyne Road improvement objective be moved from its current location to run along the existing Moyne Road. DH
- That the Moyne Road realignment proposal be removed from the Development Plan DH
- That the process of development of the Plan include evaluation of the potential for active travel to provide for transport needs. DH
- That the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft Plan include quantitative assessment of impact on greenhouse gas emissions, based on the NTA's transport model and/or any other appropriate methodology. DH
- That this council adopts a policy of mandatory use of DMURS design when undertaking road works or resurfacing on streets KP
- That, recognising the existing good practice of the Council in making information available, the Draft Plan commits the Council to continuing to increase the amount of information it makes available to the public particularly online. DH
- The development plan will implement a buffer zone to apply to all new developments in the vicinity of the Royal canal in order to protect its unique public amenity value. KP
- "The provision of social and community infrastructure needs to be an objective not only for new residential areas but also for existing areas. FCC should analyse a locality's needs and, in consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, working out what the local needs are. KP