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Replace the trees more slowly. Ensure quality visual environment.

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Consultation:

Public Realm, New Street Malahide

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Observations:

Theme: General Comments

Title: Overall the project is very welcome.

The proposed improvements to the public realm of the street are overall very welcome. I have some specific comments on three aspects.

Theme: General Comments

Title: Replace trees gradually, not all at once.

Removing all of the existing Norway Maple trees at one will have a dramatic negative effect on the street. According to the arboricultural reports most of them are in acceptable condition to continue in place for years to come, but in time their growth will mean they have to be removed. Logically, therefore, the plan should be to remove those of the existing trees which are in poor condition and those which are most in conflict with the new street layout but retain a significant number of the existing trees. Having undertaken the public realm project with new planting, the remaining Norway Maples can be removed as they get too big. My impression from the arboricultural report is that this timescale would be in excess of ten or twenty years.

Theme: General Comments

Title:

Guarantee a consistent high quality appearance to street furniture, especially awnings/parasols, with an absolute ban on advertising.

It is important that Fingal specifies the details of the street furniture, whether they're the public seating or the private café seating, especially parasols and awnings. To maintain a quality public realm, they need to have a consistent appearance. This includes an absolute ban on advertising of any sort on street furniture.

Theme: General Comments

Title: Kerbs

I have some questions about the kerbs in the proposal. I'm trying to understand this aspect of the proposal and if I do understand it better, I might update my observations.

There's a standard kerb on the northern section with vehicular access. Is this kerb necessary?

Is there to be a "low kerb" on southern section (east side only)?

- The SUDS Layout shows a “low kerb.”
- The Detail Plan shows “selected natural stone kerb/channel.”
- The kerb isn’t visible on section cc of “Landscape section views 1.”
- There does seem to be a kerb on the artists’ impressions on the east side of the street with a drainage channel only on the west side.

What is this kerb for? Is it a trip hazard and/or an unnecessary impediment to wheelchairs, etc.?

Theme: General Comments
Title: Consultation website functionality

Please note that the search function on consult.fingal.ie doesn’t seem to access the documentation and should be improved to help people navigate the extensive information supplied.

Documents Attached: No
Boundaries Captured on No
Map: