Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

An Roinn Bonneagair agus Iompair
Infrastructure and Transport Department

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
D01 V902

7 October 2026
Re: Application under section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) for the proposed Royal Canal Urban Greenway, from the Kildare County Council boundary to Talbot Bridge (Old Navan Road), Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2, we hereby submit an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) for approval of the proposed Royal Canal Urban Greenway.

The Proposed Development comprises the construction of an approximately 8.1 km shared pedestrian and cycle greenway along and adjacent to the Royal Canal towpath, extending from the Kildare County Council boundary in the west to Talbot Bridge (Old Navan Road) in the east, where it will connect with the completed Ashtown Greenway. The Proposed Development will be constructed in the townlands of St. Catherine's Park, Coldblow, Westmanstown, Barnhill, Barberstown, Clonsilla, Kellystown, Porterstown, Diswellstown, Sheepmoor, Carpenterstown and Blanchardstown and will comprise the following:

- Construction of the greenway route, comprising a 2 m to 3 m wide unbound surface in Section 1, a generally 3 m to 4 m wide bituminous route with a precast concrete cantilevered boardwalk in Section 2, and a generally 4 m wide bituminous route with in-situ concrete surfacing and raised boardwalk sections in Section 3.
- Embankments and retaining structures at various locations, together with three toucan signalised crossings and one zebra crossing at road interfaces.
- Public lighting between Hansfield Railway Bridge and the 12th Lock, with associated underground ducting and infrastructure.
- Ground-level adjustments and residential boundary treatments at Delwood Park, together with privacy planting and railings at the Brompton green area.
- Construction of the approximately 30 m single-span Quarry Bridge and the approximately 235 m long Landmark Bridge across the Royal Canal, including associated ramped and boardwalk sections.
- Construction of an underpass beneath Castleknock Road on the southern side of Granard Bridge.
- Development of a pocket park at Hansfield, provision of rest areas, bicycle parking, seating and associated landscaping.
- Removal of two existing residential properties and ancillary structures near Hansfield Road to facilitate the greenway alignment and pocket park.
- Landscape and reinstatement works, temporary construction compounds and access arrangements, and all associated excavation, earthworks, drainage, fencing, boundaries, utilities, signage, road markings and traffic signal works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report, comprising a Non-Technical Summary, the main assessment chapters and supporting appendices, accompanies the application. An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

has also been prepared and concludes that the proposed development, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

The planning application pack comprises the following principal documents and materials:

1. Cover Letter
2. Site Notice
3. Newspaper Notice
4. Planning Report
5. Environmental Impact Assessment Report:
    a. Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary
    b. Volume 2, Part 1: Chapters 1 to 7
    c. Volume 2, Part 2: Chapter 8, Biodiversity
    d. Volume 2, Part 3: Chapters 9 to 19
    e. Volume 3: Appendices, Parts 1 to 5
6. Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
7. Preliminary Design Report
8. Supporting technical, environmental and construction reports, as detailed in the Schedule of Application Documents
9. Planning and design drawings, as detailed in the Drawing Register
10. Landowner letters of support
11. An Coimisiún Pleanála consultation records
12. EIA Portal confirmation

Please find 2 no. hard copies and a digital copy of the planning application pack enclosed.

The pre-application consultation records and the matters raised by An Coimisiún Pleanála have informed the preparation and finalisation of the application documentation. Letters
from Córas Iompair Éireann / Iarnród Éireann and Waterways Ireland are enclosed in support of the application.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours, excluding bank and public holidays, for a period of not less than six weeks, from Monday, 16 November 2026 until the close of business on Monday 11 January 2027, at the following locations:

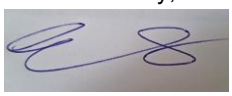
- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Monday to Thursday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm; Friday, 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.
- Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638. Monday to Thursday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm; Friday, 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

The application documents listed above will also be available for inspection online during the same period, from Monday, 16 November 2026 until the close of business on Monday, 11 January 2027, at www.pleanala.ie and consult.fingal.ie/en/browse.

Copies of the application have been provided to the relevant prescribed bodies as required.

If you require any additional information or clarification, please contact Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Fingal County Council.

Yours sincerely,



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