TU Dublin launches inaugural alumni awards

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Nominations are being sought to celebrate 140 years of graduate achievement at TU Dublin.

The awards will celebrate achievements and contributions of graduates in Ireland and around the world.

They will highlight almost 140 years of education, innovation and impact.

The university's origins can be traced to the City of Dublin technical schools, with a technical college founded at Kevin Street in 1887 by poet, songwriter and novelist Arnold Felix Graves.

From these beginnings, TU Dublin has grown into Ireland's first technological university, with a proud tradition of combining academic excellence with practical, career-focused education and locations across Dublin at Aungier Street, Blanchardstown, Bolton Street, Grangegorman and Tallaght.



Across generations, its graduates have made their mark in business, technology, science, the arts, culture, sport and community life, shaping Ireland and making a difference internationally.

Building on this rich heritage, the University is launching the inaugural TU Dublin Alumni Awards 2027, providing an opportunity to recognise the people and stories that make its alumni community so special.

With more than 7,000 students graduating annually, TU Dublin's alumni community continues to grow. Today, it is a truly global network, with more than 175,000 graduates living and working in 126 countries, spanning a wide range of professions, industries and communities.

Ireland most expensive place to charge an EV

Ireland is the most expensive place in Europe to charge an electric car. That's according to new research from Switcher.ie, *writes James Dillon*.

It compared the costs of charging an EV at home - across Europe - and reveals the most expensive (and cheapest) places to charge.

And it found that it now costs an average of €28.55 for a full charge and €6.49 for a 100km road trip.

Irish EV users now pay €4.41 more to fully charge their EV than in our last report in 2025.

A full charge in Ireland is around 4.2per cent of net weekly income, compared to around 3.6per cent across Europe.

In 2026, the median full-charge cost in Europe is €15.94, while a 100-km road trip costs €3.63, compared with €13.83 and €3.79 in our last 2025 survey.

Ireland is the most expensive country to charge, costing €28.55 per full charge and €6.49 per 100km drive.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 51(3)(A) OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 (AS AMENDED) IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

ROYAL CANAL URBAN GREENWAY

Fingal County Council ("the Road Authority") has applied under section 51(2) of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Coimisiún") for approval in relation to a proposed road development consisting of the construction of an approximately 8.1km 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 tie into 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, as illustrated in the map below.

The Proposed Development will include the following works:

- Construction of the greenway route, including the following pavements and surfacing:
  - Section 1 – unbound surface (width 2-3m) from Kildare County Border to Hansfield Railway Bridge (Ch. 0 – 3200m).
  - Section 2 – bituminous surface (3-4m width) for the majority of the section, with the exception of pre-cast concrete cantilevered boardwalk from approx. Ch. 4140 - 4540.
  - Section 3 - bituminous surface (4m width) for the majority of the section, in-situ concrete surfacing and portions of raised boardwalk due to local topography.
- Embankments and retaining structures at various locations to stabilise ground conditions.
- 3 no. toucan signalised crossings (4m wide) and 1 no. zebra crossing at road interfaces along the route.
- Lighting installation between Hansfield Railway Bridge and the 12th Lock (approx Ch. 3200m to Ch. 8100m).
- Ground level adjustments along the interface with Delwood Park including lowering of path levels and the construction of a 2m high timber palisade fence with anti climb mesh (Ch. 6200 – 6800).
- Construction of the Quarry Bridge, a 30m single span composite steel beam and concrete deck bridge spanning a historic quarry on the northern bank of the Royal Canal (Ch. +6500m) and associated boardwalk sections.
- Privacy planting and railings along the Brompton green area to supplement existing boundary fencing.
- Construction of the Landmark Bridge, a steel bridge approximately 235m in length with a maximum single span of 30m, traversing the Royal Canal (Ch. 7115m to 7350m) and associated ramped sections.
- Excavation and construction of an underpass beneath Castleknock Road on the southern side of Granard Bridge (Ch. +7770).
- Development of a Pocket Park at Hansfield, incorporating a wildflower meadow, native hedgerow, embankment slide, informal play area, benches and associated landscaping.
- Provision of rest areas along the route, including bicycle parking stands, benches and associated landscaping.
- Removal of two existing residential properties and associated ancillary structures in the vicinity of Hansfield Road in order to facilitate the delivery of the greenway alignment and associated pocket park infrastructure.
- Landscape and reinstatement works, including removal of selected trees, hedgerows and vegetation, where required and replacement planting using native and naturalised species.
- Temporary site compounds, storage areas, and construction access arrangements will be reinstated upon completion of the works.
- All associated and ancillary works, including excavation and earthworks, installation, diversion and protection of utilities and services including drainage, fencing, boundaries, roadworks including signage, public lighting, road markings and traffic signals.

The Proposed Development is for the exclusive use of pedal cyclists and pedestrians. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted to the Commission in accordance with section 50 (of the Roads Act, 1993 (as amended) in respect of the proposed road development. The Royal Canal is a Protected Structure (RPS 944a, including 10th Lock 944b, 11th Lock 944c and 12th Lock 944d), along with Callaghan Bridge (RPS 706).

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Plans & Particulars of the Proposed Development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy between the hours of 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday (exclusive of public holidays), for a period of not less than 6 weeks at: The Planning Section, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2, at The Reception Desk, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638 and at the Reception Desk of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Dublin 1, D01 V902. A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Plans & Particulars of the Proposed Development are also available for inspection online during the above timeframe at www.pleanala.ie and at consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

An Coimisiún Pleanála may, in relation to an application for approval under Section 51 of the 1993 Roads Act (as amended), by order, approve the proposed development with or without modifications or it may refuse such development or any part thereof.

Submissions and observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902 from **Monday the 16th of November 2026 until the close of business on Monday the 11th of January 2027** in relation to: 1) The implications of the Proposed Development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned; 2) The likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development; and 3) The likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on a European Site, if carried out. Any submission/observation must be accompanied by a fee of €50.This fee does not apply to certain prescribed bodies or to property owners and others with a legal interest in land who are objecting to compulsory acquisition of land in with they have such an interest in a compulsory acquisition case. Submissions with a fee can be made via post (to: An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902), in person and via the Commission's online submission portal https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation. Submissions where, as set out above, a fee is not required can be made via post, in person and via email to laps@pleanala.ie and must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than **17:30 hours on Monday the 11th of January 2027.**

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information website www.citizensinformation.ie

It should be noted that the Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by Fingal County Council.

