



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Minutes

Linkage Group Name	Housing, Planning and Transport
Venue	Zoom
Date of Meeting	21 st January 2021
Attendees	Facilitator: Nike Adesemowo, Anthony Brennan, Mojisola Mabogaje, Ray Smyth, Maire O'Brien, Dayakar Komirelly, George Mongey, Raymond Ryan, Pat Suttle, Todd Pocius, Elizabeth Madden, John Fox, Doreen Keaney, Angela Rogers.
In attendance	Adam Rudden (FPPN)

1. Open, Welcome, Minutes and Matters Arising

Due to technical issues AR facilitated meeting (Support Worker)

AR (Support Worker) opened the meeting and conducted a round on introductions.

Minutes were proposed by PS

Seconded by RS

No issues arising

2. PPN Representative Progress Reports

DK and RR updated group on SPC Meeting of November 23, 2020.

- FCC confirmed that a car-sharing scheme was underway with the GoCar company.
- There is €1m per year (total €3m) for cycling under Operations.
- There is a very substantial funding amounting to €46m for 10 Greenways.
- There is also a provision of €100m over the 3 years for an NTA implementation plan for sustainable transport in Fingal which is expected to be announced shortly
- NTA funding will encompass resourcing of staffing to undertake the deliver all the projects.
- RR put forward motion on Bike gutters for public stairways.
 - FCC Report: "The use of bike gutters can be considered where appropriate on new schemes. However, rather than an issue of policy, this issue could be considered by consultants during the

design process, and may provide useful to suggest as an amendment to the TII Publications DN-STR-03005 Design Criteria for Footbridges

- RR state that the gutters should not be limited to new developments as retro-fitting would be easy.
- In relation to of the Environment, Climate Change & Active Travel Department and Cycling & Walking Officer: David Storey confirmed FCC was seeking funding from the NTA for more staffing and that this issue would be considered in that context
- **Kissing Gates:** the continued impact of kissing gates (rivers, canals, parks etc) on wheelchair users, families with prams etc was raised by Cllr. Joan Hopkins.
 - **David Storey** stated there is a concern around removing Kissing Gates due the danger of over exposing public areas to scrambler motorbikes and quad bikes.

DK commented that Fingal County Council have now received plenty of money to carry out its projects.

AR recommended that the linkage group members check out the webcast of Full Council meeting that took place on 11th January- they discuss Dutch roundabouts.

AR also commented that a problem with SPC meetings is that often no agreed actions are established at conclusion of meetings.

- RR agreed, stating that at meeting's members talk without committing to outcomes. The chairperson at meetings should be trained to look for outcomes.
- Even though everyone is in favour of Dutch roundabouts, the council is standoffish because they are not mentioned in the Irish Cycling Manual or Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets Manual. But they will be mentioned in the new additions.

JF stated that before Kissing Gates, the council should not just be concerned with preventing scrambler bikes but also with removing them once they are left burnt out. Before Kissing Gates are removed the council and Garda should be working together on the issue of scrambler bikes.

RS stated that it is vital for €100m from NTA is spent properly, not on things like curb protected cycle lines which are dangerous.

DK updated group on SPC Meeting 1st December 2020

Housing Delivery Update

- Projected Delivery: New Build (324), Leasing (90) and Acquisition (90). Total 504.
- Contractor to be appointed/on site for 4 sites.
- Projects at design/pre planning for 4 sites.
- Mixed Tenure Sites: large scale delivery – SHD type planning process for total of 3548 homes

Traveller Accommodation Programme Update.

- Annual estimate of accommodation for traveller families in 2019: 509 families in Fingal area. 2020 estimate will be carried out on 4th Dec, with results due 29th Jan 2021 to project needs for upcoming year.

Councillor J. Burtchaell brough submitted a motion - Turnkey Vs Direct Build costs

GM commented that when the council gives planning permission for large housing developments, they do not take into account the increased pressure on road networks.

3. Second Housing Representative on SPC

AR (Support Worker) stated he will be advertising the position of a second Housing Representative.

AR (Angela Rogers) requested that nomination be sent out to all PPN members, not just the members of this Linkage Group.

Action AR (Support Worker) has agreed to do this.

4. GDA Transport Strategy Issues Paper Consultation

AR (Support Worker) highlighted that GDA Transport Strategy Issues Paper Consultation deadline is January 22nd.

5. Discussion on Community Issues

Pat Suttle from Portmarnock Community Association spoke on the following:

The DAA has lodged an application for permission to delete the conditions which protected local communities to an extent from night flights. These conditions were imposed by An Bord Pleanála when permission was granted for the new north runway. They wish to replace the conditions with a Noise Quota System (Planning application F20A/0668). Aircraft noise at Dublin Airport affects 470,000 people during the day and 174,000 people at night. The last day for making submissions is Monday the 1st February

- Pat mentioned the proposed changes will cause increased noise events and sleep disruption events have huge health implications on the residents, especially for elderly and children.
- A lot of the older houses are not soundproofed to cope with this. If the Council approve this, are they going to assist people in soundproofing their accommodation?

AR stated that this Linkage Group should put in a submission.

Action: It was agreed that PS would send AR (Support Worker) the wording of a submission that would be circulated to group for consideration.

Linkage Group will make submission before February 1st.

6. Agreement on actions/issues to be pursued

- Adam to circulate Noise Quota System (Planning application F20A/0668) submission and submit on behalf of group to planning by February 1st deadline.

Next Meeting Date

15th April: Housing, Planning and Transport at 7pm to 8.30 via Zoom – link to be circulated