

PRESS RELEASE

Fingal Access For All

Driving Technology – Planning Your Journey From Door to Door!

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce a new online facility available to motorists looking for information on Disabled Car Parking spaces in the county. Motorists using a Garmin or Tom-Tom sat-nav system in their cars can download the locations of disabled car parking spaces from www.fingalcoco.ie and add them to their sat-nav device, allowing users to plan their journey right to the door of their destination.

Dominic Byrne, Assistant Head of IT in Fingal County Council explains “In 2008, we started a Transportation Department-led project to map all Disabled Car Parking spaces in the county using GIS technology as part of our Accessibility strategy. This was completed in late 2008, with the result that all Disabled Car Parking spaces were mapped online on our website. This year we decided to examine whether this existing information could also be made available for sat-nav devices. It was a relatively straight-forward exercise to extract the information and package it sat-nav format, which now enables in car display and navigation to Disabled Car Parking spaces in Fingal. In addition the download also includes the location of all Recycling Bring Banks in Fingal and we plan to provide information on other services in this format in the future.”

He continues “Anyone looking to add this information to their sat-navs should visit the Fingal County Council website www.fingalcoco.ie and click on the Accessibility in Fingal icon on the homepage. This leads you to the Accessibility page where you select ‘Physical Accessibility’ and follow the instructions to download.”

Fingal County Council has achieved the status of ‘Ability Company’ in all six categories of this years 02 Ability Awards, and is amongst the final 38 companies shortlisted for a 2010 02 Ability Award, to be announced in May 2010.

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