Fingal County Council and GoCar have launched a pilot car-sharing scheme in Dublin 15 in response to the success of car-sharing initiatives in Dublin City and Cork, which has seen increased demand from local residents and businesses.

GoCar users can book cars online or via the app for as little as an hour, then unlock with their phone or GoCard; the keys are in the car, with fuel, insurance and city parking all included. Rates start from €8 per hour, with 50KM of driving included on each trip. Since it was launched in 2008, over 11,000 drivers have signed up to GoCar, and it now offers over 250 vehicles across 200 locations.
With pay as you go pricing and no subscription charges, it’s ideal for people who only need occasional access to a car but don’t want to own one, or families who need a second car sometimes. Car-sharing reduces car dependency, congestion, noise and air pollution, and frees up land traditionally used for parking spaces. Each shared car replaces approximately 15 private cars, as well as increasing use of public transport.

Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Mary McCamley said: "Fingal County Council welcomes the roll out of GoCar in the County as part of the pilot Car Club. This initiative provides choice as it offers an alternative sustainable travel mode to users to help them get around the County and the initiative has the potential to reduce traffic congestion and to lower car ownership levels."

Paul Reid, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council said: ‘Fingal County Council is always delighted to cooperate in any initiative that promotes sustainable modes of transport and reduces traffic congestion. Initiatives, like GoCar, allow people to scale back on their car usage and to avail of innovative car-sharing facilities when needed. The council looks forward to a successful partnership with GoCar.

Colm Brady, Managing Director of GoCar, commented: ‘We are delighted to offer carsharing in Dublin 15. With GoCar planning to double the number of vehicles available in 2017 to over 300, we’re constantly open to feedback from the public on an area where they would like to see car-sharing. Local communities can visit GoCar.ie/Locations to request a GoCar near their workplace or home.”

GoCar vehicles are available from the following locations in Dublin 15.

- Mill Road, Blanchardstown (adjacent to E-Car points)
- Park Avenue, Castleknock
- Portersgate Estate, Clonsilla (adjacent to Pay & Displa machine)
- Mulhuddart Village
- Castleknock Rise
- Main Street, Blanchardstown.

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PHOTO: Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary Camley with Colm Brady, Managing Director of GoCar, at the launch of the Dublin 15 car-sharing scheme in Blanchardstown.