



Press Release

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Construction of pedestrian bridge at Back Road, Malahide, to commence on Monday

The Railway Bridge at Back Road, Malahide, is to be widened in order to make it safer for pedestrians. Fingal County Council will commence construction of the new pedestrian bridge over the main Dublin-Belfast railway line next Monday (September 12).

The new parapet and pedestrian walkway will be located on the northern side of the bridge and the work will involve the removal of the existing northern parapet, which is constructed of blockwork and has no architectural merit.

The parapet being provided will consist of stainless steel woven mesh panels. The walkway will be segregated from the roadway by kerbing with vehicle containment bollards. This will enhance safety for pedestrians using the bridge and will also remove the possibility of any errant vehicles causing damage to the railway line below.

The first phase of the construction will see the contractor preparing the site by strengthening the foundation areas on each side of the railway cutting, which will be followed by the preparation of an area for the delivery of a precast concrete beam.

On-site works will then take place to prepare for the arrival of the crane which will lift the beam from its resting place, adjacent to the lodge building, to the prepared foundations.

The work, which is scheduled to take five months, will involve night time closures of the rail line and these have already been agreed and scheduled by Iarnród Éireann and Fingal County Council. There will also be a traffic management system in operation on Back Road at certain times during the construction. This will not coincide with timing of the works related to Portmarnock Bridge.

The operation will involve the removal of some shrubs and trees growing in the vicinity of the lodge. These trees are located east of the existing car park and are not linked to the overall treescape within Malahide Castle and Demesne. Following the completion of the bridge works, the area will be landscaped and semi-mature replacement trees planted during the planting season.

Up to date information on rail line closures and traffic management systems will be available during construction from Fingal County Council's twitter feed @fingalcoco.

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