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Council welcomes LIHAF Funding of €26.58m

Fingal County Council has welcomed today’s announcement by the Government that it will receive €26.58 million under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF).

The money has been allocated to three strategic projects within the county which will yield 2,800 housing units by 2021 and have the long-term potential to facilitate the provision of 6,900 units.

The announcement of the approval for 34 public infrastructure projects worth €226m across 15 Local Authority areas was made today at Government Buildings by Simon Coveney, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, and Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

The Donabate Distributor Road is to receive €15.5m which will facilitate 1,200 housing units in the short-term and 2,200 in the long-term while €6.18m has been allocated to road upgrades, wetlands and a park in the Baldoyle Stapolin area which will lead to 800 housing units by 2021 and 1,500 beyond that. The third Fingal project approved is €4.9m towards a road upgrade in the Oldtown-Mooretown area of West Swords which will facilitate 800 housing units initially and 3,200 eventually.

Welcoming the allocation, the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, stated: “We are delighted that Minister Coveney and Minister Donohoe have agreed to support three of our major strategic infrastructure projects under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund. This will allow us to continue to build on the great progress Fingal has made in recent years in creating an environment where houses can be built which is the primary objective of Rebuilding Ireland. We have Local Area Plans in each of the three
areas and this funding will allow us to quickly unlock the development potential of zoned residential lands there as we are ready to proceed on these projects.”

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Darragh Butler said: “On behalf of Fingal County Council I welcome this investment in what are three crucial pieces of strategic infrastructure. I look forward to seeing work commence as soon as possible so that houses can be built. I hope that this will be the beginning of regular investment by government in strategic infrastructure as there are other prime sites across the county such as Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush and Dublin 15, where the Council is also well placed to have any necessary infrastructure delivered.”

The Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) is a key element of Pillar 3 of Rebuilding Ireland: An Action Plan for Housing & Homelessness. The objective of the fund is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages.

There is currently planning permission in place for over 10,000 homes in Fingal and the Council continues to ensure there is adequate zoned land in the right locations to facilitate housing as well as economic and social development. The Council’s Development Plan 2017-2023 has just been published and can viewed at www.fingal.ie

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