First section of Fingal Coastal Way approved

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce that An Board Pleanála has approved the construction of 1.8 Kilometres of pedestrian and cycling route linking the coastal towns of Baldoyle and Portmarnock.

The Greenway will run for most of its length along the boundary of the new Racecourse Park on an off-road route parallel to the existing Coast Road. When completed, the scheme will provide a continuous pedestrian link between Baldoyle and Malahide and represent a major new amenity for the area.

The detailed design of the route takes specific account of the coastal setting and ecology of the area. Construction will take approximately one year to complete.

Welcoming the news, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “The approval of the Baldoyle to Portmarnock cycleway highlights Fingal’s commitment to sustainability and preservation of the County’s environment. With an active cycling community in Fingal, this cycle route will be a positive addition to the county’s travel infrastructure.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “Having a dedicated cycleway and pedestrian lane will make travelling safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians and cyclists.”
The Ballydoyle to Portmarnock Greenway will also allow tourists to view Fingal’s incredible coastline and natural landscape.”

Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, AnnMarie Farrelly said: “We are delighted that construction of the first stage of the Greenway has been approved by An Bord Pleanala. With 88 kilometres of coastline, Fingal has great potential for the provision of cycleways which will improve sustainability, transport infrastructure and the health and well-being of our residents. The Ballydoyle to Portmarnock route is the first phase of a major initiative to provide a Greenway along the entire coastline of Fingal.”

The cycleway will cost approximately €2.5M to construct. Further phases of this project are progressing through the planning and design process.

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Photo caption: Artist’s impression of the Ballydoyle to Portmarnock Cycleway approved for construction.