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**New homes to be delivered in Dublin 15 after Fingal County Council adopts Barnhill Local Area Plan**

Fingal County Council has adopted the Barnhill Local Area Plan (LAP) which will deliver approximately 1,000 new homes as part of the creation of sustainable communities in the Dublin 15 area.

At the full monthly council meeting on Monday, councillors voted overwhelming in favour of the new LAP, which covers 46 hectares of land, located to the southwest of Blanchardstown and adjacent to the existing railway station at Hansfield.

The lands will be accessed by the new Ongar-Barnhill Road, which has already been approved after undergoing a Part 8 public consultation process.
As well as providing mixed tenure housing, the development of Barnhill LAP will include an extensive range of social and community infrastructure. Central to this is a large active recreational park, which is to be developed to include a formal playing field and Multi Use Games Area, skatepark and playground.

Provision has also been made for a new school and childcare facilities to ensure that the needs of children of all ages are met for over the family lifecycle.

The LAP has been adopted following an extensive level of consultation with residents and local stakeholders. A pre-draft public consultation process was first held in 2017.

The statutory period of consultation was held between October and December last year when 31 submissions were received. The LAP then came back before councillors on Monday for adoption.

Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure AnnMarie Farrelly said: “The LAP provides the development framework for the planned, coordinated and sustainable development of a new and diverse community in this part of Fingal. Barnhill presents an opportunity to positively contribute towards the economic and social development of the wider urban fabric of the Greater Dublin Area.

“It is a strategic aim of the LAP to create sustainable communities through the integration of a new community with the community currently being established in surrounding areas such as Hansfield.

“The vision for Barnhill is to create a place to live that is appealing, distinctive and sustainable, maximising the opportunities provided by the surrounding natural environment for improved amenities and the enhancement of biodiversity.”

Senior Planner Colm McCoy said: “The Barnhill area will cater for a diverse range of housing and tenure to cater for the needs of a growing population and to ensure social inclusion. The LAP will do this by offering choice through good place making, underpinned by new road, water and communication infrastructure and sustainable modes of transport as part of the LAP’s green infrastructure strategy.”

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