Fingal County Council has lodged an application with An Bord Pleanala for planning consent for the Broadmeadow Way, a proposed new walking and cycling greenway route of approximately 6km in length between Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne in Donabate.
The proposed development will run across the Malahide Estuary adjacent to the mainline railway viaduct and will, if approved, provide an iconic route for walkers and cyclists of all abilities and ages to enjoy this stunning coastal route.

It is expected that it will ultimately connect with the proposed Fingal Coastal Way, a 32km high quality, recreational stretch of greenway connecting Donabate, Rush, Skerries, Ardgillan Castle, Balbriggan and Bremore Castle.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “I am delighted to see that this project is progressing and that an application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanala. It is one of the projects that I, along with my fellow councillors in Malahide and Donabate in particular, have been pushing for, and it is great to see it moving forward. This piece of greenway infrastructure will provide considerable benefits not just for tourists visiting the area but also immeasurable quality of life benefits for residents.”

Interim Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly: “This scheme will bring huge benefits to the communities along the route and provide a destination greenway for visitors to the area also.”

She added: “We have an exciting programme of greenway infrastructure development under development in Fingal at present and we plan to continue to develop a network of high quality greenways over the coming years, as part of our wider sustainable transport infrastructure programme, in order to realise the many benefits that this type of development can bring in terms of climate change, economic development, and health and leisure amenity.”

Senior Engineer Paul Carroll said: “The Broadmeadow Way will deliver a great facility for walkers, cyclists and nature enthusiasts in the area. It will showcase the stunning natural scenery of the north County Dublin coastline and provide a scenic and direct route between the growing communities of Malahide and Donabate, as well as linking the two popular destinations of Malahide Castle and Newbridge House.

“Considerable work has gone into bringing the scheme to this stage and a Natura Impact Statement, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Compulsory Purchase Order will form part of the application. We hope that anyone with an interest in the scheme will take the opportunity to provide their views on the proposal, and full details are available on the Fingal County Council public consultation online portal.”

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