Fingal County Council wants your views in relation to the Draft Conservation and Management Plan for Drumanagh Promontory Fort, located on the coast between Rush and Loughshinny. The Public Consultation was launched today at the stunning coastal location by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Mary McCamley. Drumanagh is a nationally important archaeological site and is of international
significance in terms of Ireland’s relationship with the Roman world. The site is also a National Monument subject to statutory protection under the National Monuments Act, 1930 (as amended). The Draft Plan proposes policies and objectives for its protection and management.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley commented “On visiting this beautiful site today I can see the potential for not just archaeological research and education but also the tourism and recreational opportunities”

Paul Reid Chief Executive Fingal County Council said “Drumanagh is of huge value to Fingal but also has wider significance. Council staff from across a number of Departments are working on the site’s ongoing protection, conservation and management so as to realise the full potential of this important site.”

Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin Halpenny commented “This site is not only a very significant National Monument it will also become a major new open space for Fingal and form part of the Fingal Coastal Way used by locals and visitors to Fingal alike.”

Commenting on the Conservation and Management plan Christine Baker, Community Archaeologist said “The Plan will help us to balance all the various uses of the site with the need to protect it for future generations”

Since the site was acquired, the Council has undertaken works at the site to secure it and to provide for continued public access. Unfortunately there have been several occasions on which damage has been caused to the site due to unauthorised motorcycling activity. The Council is taking this matter extremely seriously and is working closely with the local Crime Prevention Officer of An Garda Síochána in relation to the matter. The Council would like to engage with those involved in motorcycling scrambling on the site with a view to resolving this issue.

We are now looking for the views of organisations and individuals, with an interest in Drumanagh, in relation to the Draft Conservation and Management Plan which has been developed for the site. The period of public consultation in relation to the Draft Plan will provide an opportunity to underline the importance and sensitivity of the site and to work with all concerned to ensure its care and conservation.
Submissions can be made online at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse until March 5th. A public information "drop-in" session will be also be held on Wednesday 28th February 2018 in Rush Community Centre, Upper Main Street, Rush from 4 to 8 pm and all are welcome to come along during this time when Council staff will be available to answer questions and take feedback in relation to the Draft Conservation and Management Plan. A copy of the Plan is available at Council offices and local libraries during this period.

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