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Construction of the final section of vertical barrier wall at Balleally Landfill, Lusk, Co Dublin.

Monday 4th April marked the signing and commencement of a contract for the construction of the final section of vertical barrier wall at Balleally Landfill, Lusk Co Dublin between Contractor Priority Construction Ltd and Fingal County Council.

The works consist of the construction of a compacted natural clay vertical barrier for approximately 220m to depths of between 4 and 6m below ground level. The purpose is to prevent the migration of leachate from the landfill into the estuary by limiting the movement of groundwater and leachate into or out of the waste body respectively.

The occasion was attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David O'Connor, Chief Executive, Paul Reid, Cllr Ken Farrell, Chair of Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee and John McCarthy, CEO of Priority Construction Ltd with representatives of Fehily Timoney Consulting Engineers and Fingal's Environment Services Management also in attendance.

Speaking at the signing of the contract, Paul Reid, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council stressed the importance of the works, part of an ongoing programme of engineering works which underline the corporate commitment by Fingal to its environmental responsibilities.

These works mark the final phase of a containment "ring" which first commenced in 2002 and is required under a waste license issued by the Environmental Protection Agency for the Landfill. The Works have a projected time scale of 12 weeks and shall be supervised and tested independently.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. David O'Connor was delighted with the commencement of these works stating "it was one more step towards preparing the site for its eventual use as a public park".

For more information on this project please contact Fingal county Council's Environment Division on environment@fingal.ie

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