

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN-SWORDS-RUSH-LUSK AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2020

ITEM NO. 40

GREENBELT, KNOCKSEDAN - AI055495

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

“To ask the Chief Executive for an update on plans for greenbelt lands to the rear of Ashfield Avenue/Ridgewood bordering Knocksedan and if these plans include a proposed greenway from Knocksedan to Swords Estuary?”

Reply:

The subject lands are currently zoned GB – greenbelt. They are subject to two local map based objectives:

Local Objective 45 - Carry out a study for the long term use of these lands with particular regard to the setting of Brackenstown House and the identification of recreational/amenity lands and outcome of route selection of distributor road.

Local Objective 46 - Carry out, within 2 years of the adoption of this Development Plan, a feasibility study, that will include public consultation, of lands at Knocksedan to include a full investigation of requirements in terms of infrastructure, traffic, water, access, drainage, community and recreational facilities and natural amenities to inform the future designation of these lands. This feasibility study should include an environmental appraisal of the lands to ensure minimal impacts on cultural heritage and landscape.

It is anticipated, having regard to the review of the Development Plan beginning in March 2021, that any feasibility study for these lands would inform that process. The provision of a greenway would be assessed in the broader Swords area and as part of the proposal to develop a ‘green necklace’ of open spaces which are linked to each other and to the existing town centre of Swords, as well as to new development areas, in order to promote enhanced physical and visual connections to the Ward River Valley Park and the Broadmeadow River Valley Park from within the development boundary of Swords.

