

Your Parks, Your Bye-laws, Have Your Say !

Fingal County Council's New Parks Bye-laws Public Consultation Process

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Why is there a Public Consultation?

The present Park Bye-Laws came into force in 1999 and Fingal County Council is proposing eight changes to the existing bye-laws to reflect the way people now use our parks, open spaces and recreational playing grounds. The purpose of the Public Consultation is to get the views of park users to these changes and to also give them an opportunity to make suggestions to improve our parks. Views and suggestions will then be collated and presented to councilors prior to the Park-Bye Laws being brought before the Council for approval.

When and where are the Consultation Roadshows?

Seven Consultation Roadshows have been scheduled to give park users an opportunity to meet members of our Parks Department, learn more about the Park Bye-Laws and make submissions on the proposed changes. Each roadshow will run from 10 am to 1pm.

The schedule is:

Sunday, March 19:
Malahide Demesne
Saturday, March 25:
Ardgillan Demesne
Sunday, April 2:
St. Catherine's Park Lucan

Saturday, April 8:
Santry Demesne

Sunday, April 16:
Millennium Park,
Blanchardstown

Saturday, April 22:
Ward River Valley Park, Swords

Sunday, April 30:
Newbridge Demesne

For online submissions:
[http://www.fingalcoco.ie/
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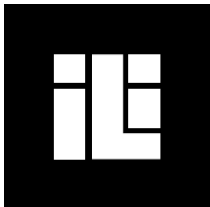
Surveying Park Users at the Parks Roadshows



Fingal County Council Introduced New Park Byelaws in June 2018. The previous Bye-laws were almost 20 years old and in need of updating due to greatly increased park use and more particularly due to changes in the ways people use parks and the new demands that are being placed on parks especially in terms of events and activities. In addition to an on-line survey of public views and suggestions the Council organised seven "Roadshows" in parks across the county. The New Bye-laws address a range of issues modernising the way parks are managed including:

- Providing for more Cycling in Parks
- Dog Walking and Provision of Off-leash Areas
- Managing the Use of Drones in Parks
- Trading in Parks
- Management of Events in Parks
- Allowing for Foraging in Parks

The revised Bye-laws make parks relevant to the way people use parks today.



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