

Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meeting – Friday 2nd December 2022

Item 3

Questions for Noting

1.	<p>Cllr Ann Graves</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>To ask the JPC for an update on Swords Station, what improvements are planned and when are they likely to take place and be completed?</p> <p>The station is not fit for purpose, it cannot meet the growing needs of the Gardaí or the growing community that it serves. What is required is a purpose built station and the JPC should be championing this, in the meantime what is being done to facilitate the current needs in terms of upgrading the existing station to facilitate members of the public and members of the Gardaí and administrative staff working in the station?</p> <p>I have asked a similar question in the past but am looking for an update.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This is a matter for the Department of Justice and OPW. Local Garda Management are fully in agreement and are recommending urgent and necessary change in this regard.</p>
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Cllr Ann Graves

Question:

To ask the JPC for an update on the setting up of a community/Garda liaison group to deal with the issues in Swords and surrounding area, particularly around dealing with incidences of anti-social behaviour which is a growing concern in our communities.

Response:

There is a community policing unit attached to Swords Garda Station who are heavily involved in the community and strive to deal with all such incidents and occurrences. On a daily basis, AGS will review all incidents and continually monitor and amend our policing plans in line with needs of the community.

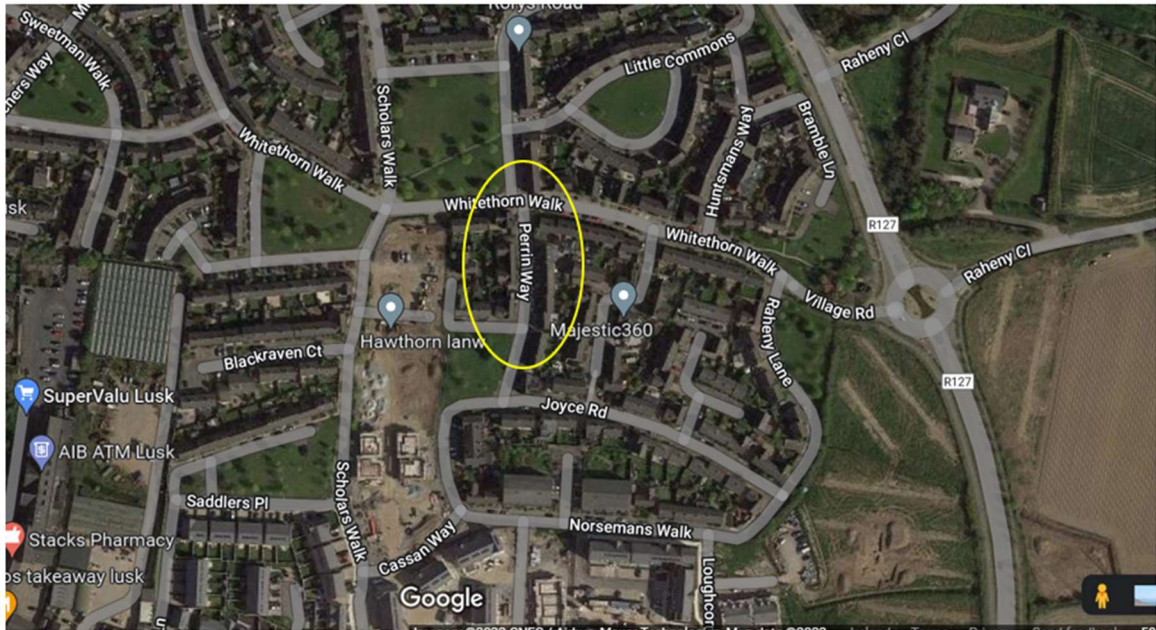
AGS recommend that if a person is a victim of a crime or is witnessing anti-social behaviour, that they should ring 999 and not the local station as the 999 system has direct links with all Garda Vehicles on patrol and all calls are recorded.


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Cllr Robert O'Donoghue

Question:

That the Superintendent request local Gardai to be vigilant regarding anti-social behaviour in the Perrin Way area of the Lusk Village estate in Lusk (see map below). Reports have come in of intimidation by youths against residents in the area recently, specifically from 7.30pm in the evening.



 Area of reported anti-social behaviour

Response:

An Garda Síochána at Lusk have been made aware of reported anti-social behaviour in the Lusk areas as outlined by Counsellor O'Donoghue. Community Gardaí and core units attached to Lusk have been tasked with patrolling the area and addressing the challenges reported.

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Cllr Robert O'Donoghue

Question:

To ask the Superintendent to arrange a bike marking scheme initiative in Swords and Donabate given the increase in the numbers of cyclists and bikes on our roads with some cyclists having experienced the theft of very valuable bicycles.

Response:

Unfortunately, at this time, there is currently no member in this district trained in how to use the bike marking scheme. Garda Community Engagement section is now advising people to make their own marks, photograph same and upload pictured to the newly launched Garda Síochána Property App.

5.	<p>Duncan Smith T.D.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>To ask the Superintendent to respond favourably to this request for a Crime Prevention information event for the general public in Swords and Donabate.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>There is a crime prevention information event scheduled for the 7th December 2022 at the Pavilions SC. A new Crime Prevention Officer has been assigned to this Division and is contactable at Stephen.p.kenny@garda.ie</p>
6.	<p>Duncan Smith T.D.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>To ask the Superintendent to report on his plans to increase Garda patrols on the Donabate peninsula especially leading up to the Christmas period</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>There are two members from Community Policing in Swords who have responsibility for the Donabate area. They conduct regular patrols of the area. Allocation of additional resources to Donabate for the Christmas period is a matter for local Garda Management but an examination of PULSE would not suggest that this is merited at this time.</p>