

# COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **APPENDIX 6**

## TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

## **CONSTRUCTION & COMPLETION SPECIFICATION**

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#### TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. Transport Infrastructure refers generally to roads, footpaths, car parking, cycle facilities and associated infrastructure. All such infrastructure shall be taken in charge in conjunction with water mains, sewers, drains and open spaces. No piece of transport infrastructure shall be taken in charge unless all associated underground infrastructure is inspected and passed in advance, i.e. all utility services are inspected, tested, passed and fully operational for the existing development and future associated developments.
- 2. For developments where Fingal County Council will be taking responsibility for future maintenance, the project Safety File including inter alia As Built construction and utilities drawings, maintenance procedures, certification of materials and construction materials used, shall be provided to and validated by Fingal County Council in advance of the taking in charge process. No transport infrastructure shall be taken in charge without the Safety File being provided and validated by Fingal County Council.
- 3. All certification shall be provided and verified by a suitably qualified professional with an appropriate level of professional indemnity. The minimum level of professional indemnity for any project will depend on the scale and type of development but in general shall not be less than €2,500,000, the exact level of which shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council.
- 4. All transport infrastructure shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the appropriate edition of the standards and documents listed below in force at the time of construction:
  - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Publications (Standards) which includes the NRA Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (NRA DMRB) and Manual of Contract Documents for Road Works (NRA MCDRW)
  - TII Publications (Technical)
  - Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, Department of Transport,
    Tourism and Sport

- National Cycle Manual, National Transport Authority
- Traffic Signs Manual, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Building for Everyone, National Disability Authority

Any deviation from the above standards and documents shall only be permitted by prior written agreement with Fingal County Council.

- 5. The construction of transport infrastructure shall address and include for the needs of vulnerable, mobility impaired and disabled road users. For example, there shall be no steps in footpath construction, appropriate tactile paving shall be used at junctions, and kerb heights shall be to the appropriate standard.
- 6. All road markings shall comply with the requirements of Fingal County Council and the standards and documents listed above. The Developer shall make provision for the testing of any such road markings at Fingal County Council's request prior to completion of the taking in charge process and at the Developer's own expense.
- 7. Boundary walls abutting existing public footpaths and roads or those roads and footpaths that are to be taken into Fingal County Council's charge shall be designed to ensure the stability of such structures and the safety of all road users of the public realm is maintained. The design of any such structures shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified professional, e.g. a Chartered Engineer, with an appropriate level of professional indemnity insurance, as agreed with Fingal County Council.
- 8. Road Safety Audits shall be undertaken for all developments that result in the provision of new transport infrastructure, or where there is a change to an existing layout as a result of a new development. Exceptions shall only be permitted by prior written agreement with Fingal County Council Where Road Safety Audits are undertaken, they shall be carried out in compliance with TII Standards, any recommended actions shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the Council at the Developer's expense, and any exception reports shall be provided to Fingal County Council for approval.

9. Any testing (such as Core Testing, Falling Weight Deflectometer Testing) identified by Fingal County Council as necessary to ensure the constructed roads, footpaths or cycle facilities to be taken in charge meet the details approved as part of the grant of planning permission, as well as the relevant design standards, shall be carried out at the Developer's expense. Testing shall comply with the relevant standards and the nature and extent of testing shall be agreed in writing with the Council in advance of testing. The testing shall be overseen, and validated in writing, by a suitably qualified professional, e.g. a Chartered Engineer, with an appropriate level of professional indemnity insurance, details of which shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to testing taking place.