

'We're at the mercy of the red tape'

Fingal calls for top-down solution on neighbourhood EV Charging

BY IAN COLGAN
Political Editor

Fingal County councillors

have voiced growing frustration at what they say is the Government's slow progress in introducing

legislation needed to make home charging easier for electric vehicle (EV) owners without a driveway or

designated parking space.

The issue was raised at FCC's July meeting last week by Fine Gael councillor Luke Corkery.

"We need a solution," he said. "If you live in a terraced house or duplex that doesn't have a designated parking space, or where there's a public footpath between your home and that space, then it's probably not recommended that you buy an electric car. That's wrong. It seems we're at the mercy of the red tape."

His party colleague Cllr Tom O'Leary said the Government had been moving at a "snail's pace". People are doing the right thing in buying an EV car and then finding they can't charge it, he said. "Management companies won't facilitate charging points because they're waiting on Government legislation. I don't understand how UK Councils can get this stuff done while we're waiting years. The solutions are there, but red tape holding up everything."

The Government's National EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2026-2028 says around 80% of EV charging currently takes place at home, and assumes that will remain the case for most EV users. It also notes that many drivers won't have that option and says it's "vital" they are provided with alternatives, recommending neighbourhood charging hubs for residents without access to private off-street parking as well as shared charging schemes, where EV owners can rent out the use of their home charger to others.

The technology already exists to allow many drivers without a driveway to charge at home. In most cases it involves installing a narrow channel across the footpath so a charging cable can safely reach a parked vehicle, but those solutions currently aren't permitted in Ireland because they're classified as a "private wire".

"At present, cross-pave-

ment charging is not permitted in Ireland due to private wires legislation. However, legislation to amend the private wires legislation and allow this to happen is currently being drafted by Government," the strategy says.

Cllr Brian McDonagh (Lab) said the cost difference between charging at home and in public was "huge".

"You can get deals as low as nine cents per kilowatt-hour if you charge between 2am and 4am, which is a fraction of what you're going to be charged at a public charging station," he said. "The lack of seriousness with which central government is taking climate change is a damning indictment. There's a lot of lip service being paid to it, but we're still driving ahead with data centres pretending they're going to solve the problem, without taking ordinary actions they've had years to look at."

Cllr JK Onwumereh (FF)

said it was important to keep "our eyes on the ball" when it came to decarbonisation and climate action. "We need to incentivise residents using electric vehicles and the like. Unfortunately, if we don't step things up, they won't be in a position to do so," he said.

Labour councillor John Walsh said the shortage of EV charging facilities remained a persistent problem, particularly in newer developments, and warned that a reliable charging network would be essential if Ireland was to meet its climate targets.

"Even where planning conditions have required the installation of ducting for electric charging or electric chargers, it isn't always done. It's a complicated issue but it's absolutely crucial to meeting the challenge of climate change that there's a properly functioning and sustainable network for EV charging."

Director of Services

David Storey said Fingal had already begun rolling out other elements of its EV charging strategy, with a contractor appointed to install destination chargers at 15 locations across the county.

"The EV infrastructure journey started in Fingal in 2020 when the four Dublin local authorities got together and prepared a strategy for the Dublin region, which was produced in 2022. That identified neighbourhood charging as one of the key things to be provided," he said. "We have, at the moment, a contractor in place to provide destination chargers at 15 locations throughout the county. Some of them are on site at the moment."

"We are totally reliant on the Department for neighbourhood charging. Until the issue about the deregulation of the private wiring is sorted, the local authorities cannot move forward. This is an issue nationally that needs to be sorted as soon as possible."

Comhairle Contae
Fine Gall
Fingal County
Council



FÓGRA FÁLA FAOIN RÚN TALAMH A FHÁIL FAOI ALT 45 DEN ACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ AGUS ARNA IONADÚ)

NA hACHTANNA UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 GO 2024,

AGUS GACH ACHT EILE LENA gCUMASAÍTEAR FÁIL TAILTE SPÁIS OSCAILTE I LINN BÁN, ROS EO

Tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Contae Fine Gall, i bhfeidhmiú na cumhachta a thugtar di le halt 45 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, an chuid sin den talamh a thuairiscítear anseo thíos a fháil le hOrdú.

Is féidir cóip den léarscáil dá dtagraítear san Ordú a fheiceáil agus a iniúchadh in oifigí Chomhairle Contae Fine Gall, Deasc Fáiltithe, Áras an Chontae, An Phríomhshráid, Sord, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath, K67 X8Y2, agus in oifigí Chomhairle Contae Fine Gall, Deasc Fáiltithe, Oifigí na Cathrach, Bóthar an Gharráin, Baile Bhlainséir, Baile Átha Cliath 15, D15 W638, ó Luan go Déardaoin ó 9.00 am go dtí 5.00 pm, agus ar an Aoine ó 9.00 am go dtí 4.30 pm (gan Laethanta Saoire Bainc a áireamh) idir an **[an séú lá déag de mhí Iúil go dtí an ceathrú lá déag de Lúnasa, (AN DÁ DHÁTA SIN SAN ÁIREAMH)]**.

Tá an léarscáil ar fáil freisin ar shuíomh Gréasáin Chomhairle Contae Fine Gall ag www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Is féidir tuilleadh faisnéise a fháil ó **Brian Ebbs**, Oifigeach Foirne Sinsearach, An Rannán Seirbhísí Maoine, Comhairle Contae Fine Gall, Áras an Chontae, Sord, Fine Gall, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath, K67 X8Y2. Uimh. Theileafóin: 01 890 5000; Seoladh Ríomhphoist: property.mgt@fingal.ie

Féadfaidh aon duine a bhfuil leas aige nó aici sa talamh lena mbaineann an fógra fála seo achomharc a dhéanamh chuig an gCoimisiún Pleanála roimh an **ceathrú lá déag de Lúnasa**.

TUAIRISC AR AN TALAMH ATÁ BEARTAITHE A FHÁIL

Linn Bán, Ros Eo

Arna dhátú an 16ú Iúil 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Oifigeach Riaracháin,
Seirbhísí Maoine,
Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Pobail agus Chultúrtha.

ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024

AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT LINN BAN RUSH CO. DUBLIN

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from **16th July 2026 to 14th August 2026**, (INCLUSIVE).

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Further information may be obtained from **Brian Ebbs**, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before **14th August 2026** appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space Lands at Linn Ban, Rush, Co. Dublin

Dated this the 16th July 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

Comhairle Contae
Fine Gall
Fingal County
Council



ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024

AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT AT MALAHIDE MARINA PROMENADE

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from **16th of July 2026 to 14th of August 2026** (inclusive).

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the **14th day of August 2026** appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space Lands at Malahide Marina Village

Dated this the 16th July 2026

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
Economic, Community & Cultural Development.