



Sod turned at Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway

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Construction has just commenced on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Greenway project, which Atkins has delivered under the leadership of Technical Director Martin Deegan through all stages, from concept through design planning procurement and construction supervision. Murphy International have been awarded the contract earlier this month by Fingal County

Council, with the end of October being targeted for substantial completion of the works.

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Interim Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Ann Marie Farrelly said: 'I welcome the commencement of construction of the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway. In keeping with our commitment to climate action, this scheme will provide a valuable addition to travel infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. The route has been designed taking account of the coastal setting so tourists and locals alike can enjoy Fingal's incredible coastline and natural landscape.'

Martin Deegan commented 'Atkins are delighted to win this project and are well placed to ensure it is delivered successfully given our vast experience with Greenways and the expertise of our local team based in Fingal. The overall vision from the NTA and Fingal CoCo will ensure that the Greenway will be a major asset for outdoor recreation and tourism in Ireland while also providing a real "traffic-free" alternative for commuter cyclists travelling along this route.'

With 88 kilometres of coastline, Fingal has great potential for the provision of cycleways which will improve sustainability, transport infrastructure and the health and well-being of the County's residents. The Baldoyle to Portmarnock route is the first phase of a major initiative to provide a Greenway along the entire coastline of Fingal.

The scheme is co-funded by the NTA and is due to be completed by the end of October 2019. Further phases of this project are progressing through the planning and design process.

Atkins are also managing and delivering two adjoining schemes the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route and also Fingal Coastal Way. Both of these projects are being managed and delivered by Atkins as separate design commissions.

Hans Visser, Fingal CoCo commented 'that the delivery of this project will have significant benefits for not just the local community but also for Tourism in the area. Congratulating Atkins on winning the Technical Consultancy Services Contract he noted the technical expertise they will bring to the Scheme.'