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Dear Constituent,

As you probably know I voted against an extension of the blanket bank guarantee and Budget 2012. As a result I was excluded from the Parliamentary Labour Party. I also opposed cutbacks in education, health and employment supports and proposed household charges.

I am now the only T.D. to vote against all four appalling blanket bank bail-outs. I stood in the 2011 General Election in total opposition to the disastrous macroeconomic policy of the Fianna Fail/Green government. I think that the primary budget deficit can be balanced in a much fairer way and that the Irish people cannot go on bailing out speculators and insolvent foreign banks. I am therefore opposed to the extraction of another 4 billion from ordinary citizens in 2012.

I will continue to vigorously press for change in the government's banking and economic strategy. As always I will also continue to work relentlessly for all my constituents and liaise closely with local and national government on their behalf.

Very Best Wishes,

Tommy Broughan T.D.



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- Tommy speaks at Darndale Village 10th Anniversary

argued that Clonshaugh is an impossible site within which to locate the planned sewage plant given that the core coastal area of the North Fringe at Baldoyle/Portmarnock is a polder and because of the grossly negative impact this proposal would have on our constituency from Clonshaugh eastwards to Portmarnock.

BROUGHAN SLAMS CLONSHAUGH/ CLOGHRAN SEWAGE PLAN

Dublin North East Labour Deputy Tommy Broughan has strongly opposed suggestions that a new sewage plant for North Dublin could be located in either Clonshaugh or Cloghran. In a detailed submission to Fingal County Council's Greater Dublin Drainage project on behalf of his constituents in Clonshaugh, Cloghran, Balgriffin, Darndale, Belcamp, Belmayne, Burnell, Clongriffin, The Coast, Baldoyle, and Portmarnock, Deputy Broughan rejected this outrageous and completely unjustifiable proposal.

In his submission Deputy Broughan argued that given the range of planning challenges facing the North Fringe, it would be catastrophic to then locate a major new sewage and wastewater plant in the North Fringe region. Furthermore, Clonshaugh and Cloghran have already been designated as part of the lands of the critical airport economic zone. Deputy Broughan also strongly

NEW LEAP CARD SHOULD BENEFIT COMMUTERS

Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed the rollout of the new integrated Leap Card for Dublin North East commuters which will finally allow hardpressed commuters to use a single ticket across Dublin Bus, Luas, DART and Commuter Rail services. The Leap Card should be of great benefit to commuters across North East DART Stations from Raheny through Donaghmede/Clongriffin, Bayside, Sutton, Howth and Portmarnock and to those residents who use critical bus services and may want to transfer on to Luas in town and beyond. I understand that current issues with the sale and top-up of Leap Cards in Bayside and Sutton DART Stations should be addressed by the end of March.”

Leap Cards can be purchased at 400 retail outlets in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) or online at www.leapcard.ie

BROUGHAN WELCOMES FINGAL WORKS ON HOWTH TRAMLINE

Recent maintenance works by Fingal County Council on the historic Howth tramline have been welcomed by Deputy Tommy Broughan given its importance for local residents and visitors to Howth alike. “The tramline was previously a pristine facility and the recent severe damage to parts of the walkways (which caused ongoing incidents of flooding that made parts of the tramline virtually impassable) was very upsetting for the many local people and visitors who use this beloved amenity”, said Deputy Broughan. Deputy Broughan contacted the Fingal County Manager on numerous occasions to investigate and rectify this damage. “However I still believe that Fingal County Council must urgently ensure that the rest of the damaged sections of the tramline are fully restored and that all the public domain is protected along the Tramline”, concluded Deputy Broughan.

BARNMORE WASTE PERMIT REFUSAL WELCOME

Tommy Broughan T.D. welcomed the recent refusal by Fingal County Council of an application by Barnmore Demolition and Civil Engineering Limited for a Waste Facility Permit for a recovery facility for construction and demolition waste in the Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13. Deputy Broughan had submitted a strong submission to Fingal County Council on behalf of his constituents totally opposing the application for a permit for a waste facility in the Baldoyle Industrial Estate.

The proposed waste facility permit would have had a massively negative impact on Donaghmede, Baldoyle and Bayside residents in terms of noise, environmental disamenity, traffic impacts and quality of life. In refusing the application, Fingal stated that it “was not satisfied that the proposal “will not cause environmental pollution” or that it is “planning compliant.” “Fingal County Council must now pursue the planning enforcement measures required”, added Deputy Broughan.



● TOMMY AT WORK IN DÁIL ÉIREANN

BROUGHAN RAISES IMPACT OF GARDA CUTBACKS WITH MINISTER SHATTER

Deputy Tommy Broughan has raised the impact of cutbacks to Garda resources with Justice Minister Alan Shatter. Deputy Broughan asked Minister Shatter to urgently address community concerns over changes to the opening hours of Howth and Malahide Garda Stations which will now see the stations only open from 8am to 10pm and not on a 24 hour basis. Deputy Broughan has asked Minister Shatter to review this decision to close Howth and Malahide Garda Stations at night. Deputy Broughan also asked the Minister about the impact of reduced funding on nighttime Garda patrols who target serious criminal activity in Dublin.

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR RESIDENTS ON MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Deputy Tommy Broughan T.D. has asked the Dublin City Manager to prepare a report on the performance of Management Companies in the DCC part of the North Fringe and in particular on how residents will be supported in applying the Multi-Unit Development (MUD) Act to their often large management companies. Deputy Broughan also asked how DCC will move (in close consultation with the residents and management companies) to ensure that streets, footpaths, amenity open spaces, drainage and water systems are brought up to taking-in-charge standards. Deputy Broughan said, “I continue to be contacted by residents who are having difficulties with the operation of the management company in their estate or residential complex.”



• TOMMY CHAIRS THE 31ST DAIL

BROUGHAN PUBLISHES NEW BURIAL & CREMATION BILL

Deputy Tommy Broughan T.D. has launched new legislation – the Burial and Cremation Regulation Bill 2011 - to regularise the practice of cremation in Ireland and to promote the sustainable planning, building and operation of all cemeteries and crematoria in the State.

“Existing crematoria follow UK legislation and best practice for the certification of the cremation process. But this is done on a voluntary basis and there is no onus on any potential new crematorium operator to follow UK practice. There is also a need to ensure the future sustainable planning and development of cemeteries across the country”, said Deputy Broughan.

Recently Portmarnock Fingal Councillor Peter Coyle and Deputy Broughan strongly opposed an application for planning permission by private developers for a new burial ground and crematorium beside St Doolagh’s Nursing Home in Balgriffin, Dublin 13 (which was subsequently rejected by Fingal County Council).

Deputy Broughan met with a wide range of stakeholders in developing this bill including the Glasnevin Trust, the Irish Association of Funeral Directors and the Irish Hospice Foundation and concluded, “this Private Members’ Bill is hopefully an important first step to encourage the government to introduce much needed comprehensive legislation.”

If you would like a copy of the Burial and Cremation Regulation Bill 2011 please see <http://www.oireachtas.ie/documents/bills28/bills/2011/8111/b8111d.pdf> or www.tommybroughan.com or contact Deputy Broughan’s Dail office.

PERSONAL INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY REFORMS PROPOSED

New legislation, the Personal Insolvency Bill, which is currently being discussed by the Dail proposes to overhaul current bankruptcy and personal insolvency laws to help distressed borrowers and mortgage holders deal with their debt crisis. The draft bill introduces three new non-judicial debt settlement systems including;

- A Debt Relief Certificate which will allow citizens with unsecured (consumer-type) debt of up to €20,000 and who have no income or assets to qualify for a full write-off of the debt after a one year moratorium period;
- A Debt Settlement Arrangement which facilitates an agreed settlement for unsecured debts of more than €20,001 between a person and two or more creditors;

- And a Personal Insolvency Arrangement for the agreed settlement of secured and unsecured debts of between €20,001 and €3 million between a person and two or more creditors over a set period.

This legislation also proposes further reforms to the bankruptcy laws including a reduction in the discharge from bankruptcy from 12 to 3 years (subject to certain conditions) and the establishment of a new Insolvency Service to oversee the new system.

For more information and full details on the new proposals please see:

www.justice.ie/en/JELR/20120125-PersonalInsolvencyBill.pdf
[Files/20120125-PersonalInsolvencyBill.pdf](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/20120125-PersonalInsolvencyBill.pdf)

SUPPORT FOR CREDIT UNIONS

Deputy Tommy Broughan pledged to continue to support the existence of a strong and effectively functioning network of credit unions given the outstanding financial services credit unions provide for their 3 million Irish members. Deputy Broughan recently met Mr. Kieron Brennan CEO of the Irish League of Credit Unions in Dail Eireann and will continue to liaise with all his credit union colleagues across Dublin North East including with representatives of the CUDA affiliated credit unions.

TAXI REVIEW PUBLISHED

The Taxi Review Group has published a new report with 46 recommendations on reforming the industry. The report includes important reforms for the sector but does not seem to provide an ongoing mechanism to measure supply and demand of taxis.

For more information see: www.transport.ie/pressRelease.

PRIORY HALL DAIL CAMPAIGN

Tommy continues to raise the plight of the owner-occupiers of the Priory Hall complex at every opportunity in Dail Eireann with Taoiseach Enda Kenny and Environment Minister Phil Hogan.

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Better Energy, Warmer Homes Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)

Tel: 1 800 250 204, www.seai.ie

Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS)

Tel: 1890 28 34 38 (Mon-Fri 9am -8pm), www.mabs.ie

JobBridge – National Internship Programme

Tel: 1 800 303 515, www.jobbridge.ie

Springboard – Training Courses

www.bluebrick.ie

Citizens Information

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Meet: Tommy at his regular information clinics all around Dublin North East (no appointment needed):

Every **MONDAY**

11.00 a.m. BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th **FRIDAY**

7.00p.m. Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre

7.30p.m. Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre

8.15p.m. Marine Hotel, Sutton

9.00p.m. Abbey Tavern, Howth/Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock

Every **SATURDAY**

10.15 a.m. Clonshaugh Shopping Centre

11.30a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre

1.00p.m. Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

1st/ 3rd **SATURDAY**

1.45p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre

2.30p.m. Baldoyle House (Graingers) / Racecourse Inn, Racecourse Shopping Centre

2nd/4th **SATURDAY**

2.30 p.m. Walkabout in one of the 16 parishes of Dublin North East

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