

BROUGHAN OPPOSES CLONSHAUGH SEWAGE PLANT

Deputy Tommy Broughan is totally opposed to the siting of the proposed new super North Dublin regional sewage plant in Clonshaugh which would affect residents in Clonshaugh, Riverside, Newbury, Darndale, Belcamp, Ayrfield, Belmayne, Burnell, Clongriffin, The Coast, Baldoyle, Portmarnock, Cloghran and Balgriffin. He was the first local representative to have sent strong submissions to Fingal under the first two phases of its consultation process in November and May and to have alerted constituents to the proposals.

Deputy Broughan said, "It would fundamentally go against natural justice to locate the Fingal wastewater treatment plant in Clonshaugh on the edge of the Fingal/Dublin City Council border instead of in the heart of the region where it will provide services. The sewage outfall from the Clonshaugh location would also pose an incredible environmental threat (and breach EU environmental laws) to the Velvet Strand, Portmarnock and Baldoyle Bay. "Selecting this location would, in effect, wreck the two North Fringe Local Area Plans which are currently being prepared by Dublin City and Fingal County Councils", added Deputy Broughan.

"The Clonshaugh site is also directly in line with the lower flight path of the main runway of Dublin Airport. Locating a massive sewage plant in the middle of the critical airport economic zone would severely hamper the economic development of the region. Furthermore, this proposal will have a severely negative effect on a number of long-standing and newer communities and recreational facilities.

It would also destroy longstanding DCC and Fingal plans for a diversion of the Malahide Road to permit the development of Clare Hall Town Square at Burnell/Clare Hall." The Phase 2 consultation process ended on July 6th and "all three project options will now be considered further in detail before one emerging preferred project option is decided on and a planning application is made to An Bord Pleanála." Please be assured that I will continue to relentlessly oppose this proposal at every stage of the planning process", concluded Deputy Broughan.



• TOMMY BROUGHAN T.D.



N32 Location of Sewage Plant

WHAT IS THE SEWAGE PLANT PROPOSAL?

Fingal County Council has selected Clonshaugh as one of the three "emerging preferred sites" (in addition to two sites near Lusk, Annsbrook and Newtowncorduff) for the proposed massive new north Dublin regional sewage plant under the Greater Dublin Drainage Project.

The plant will "treat 350,000 population equivalent in 2020 when the plant opens and will be capable of treating up to 700,000 population equivalent, when it is at full capacity by 2040. (Population equivalent includes wastewater from industries, hospitals, schools, offices, businesses as well as homes.)" The Greater Dublin Drainage Project

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CLONSHAUGH SAYS NO!



DRAFT NORTH FRINGE LOCAL AREA PLAN

Dublin North East Deputy Tommy Broughan has welcomed the publication of the Draft Local Area Plan for Clongriffin - Belmayne (the North Fringe), Dublin 13. Following the construction crash in 2007/08 in which serious structural problems including the pyrites disaster emerged in the North Fringe, Deputy Tommy Broughan urged City Manager John Tierney to draft and implement a LAP for the whole area.

"I urge all residents to get involved with the draft consultation given the range of extraordinary planning challenges still facing the North Fringe and the urgent need to get all the long-promised services and facilities in place for current and future residents."

The draft plan is available online at: [www.dublincity.ie/Planning/OtherDevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/Pages/Clongriffin-Belmayne\(NorthFringe\).aspx](http://www.dublincity.ie/Planning/OtherDevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/Pages/Clongriffin-Belmayne(NorthFringe).aspx)

BEAUMONT OVERCROWDING HIGHLIGHTED IN DAIL

Overcrowding in Beaumont Hospital A&E has been highlighted in Dáil Éireann by Tommy Broughan. He told the Dáil of recent incidents where due to significant overcrowding, patients were left three deep on trolleys.

Deputy Broughan proposed that the Special Delivery Unit aimed at reducing A&E overcrowding and waiting times be put on a statutory basis. He has also called for Health Minister James Reilly to ensure that all beds at the Community Nursing Unit in St. Joseph's are open given the needs of patients waiting for step-down care at Beaumont.

BROUGHAN DEMANDS TOUGHER BUILDING REGULATIONS

Deputy Tommy Broughan has made a strong submission to the Department of the Environment's consultation process on the Draft Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2012.

Deputy Broughan criticised the new draft regulations as being a completely inadequate response to the catastrophe which has befallen many householders and mortgage payers in the past decade including the pyrites disaster and Priory Hall.

He recently clashed in Dail Eireann with Minister Hogan on the matter and called for an end to self-regulation and the immediate restoration of an updated version of the Clerk of Works directly answerable to the Local Authority on every building site.

FUNDING FOR NEW CDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WECOMED

Funding has been approved for a Business Development Manager (BDM) at Coolock Development Council (CDC). Deputy Broughan said, "It is great news and very well-deserved that CDC is one of the 37 Community Enterprise Centres where a BDM will be appointed by the Department of Jobs."

Given his long-standing track record for supporting SMEs and local entrepreneurs through his work with CDC, the Northside Partnership and the Northside Centre for the Unemployed, Deputy Broughan said that, "the appointment of a Business Development Manager will clearly allow CDC to put more resources into supporting and assisting local business development which is desperately necessary given the appalling current economic conditions".



Tommy speaking in Dáil Éireann

CLONGRIFFIN HEALTH CENTRE PROPOSAL

Health Minister James Reilly has been asked by Tommy Broughan T.D. to urgently ensure that a primary health care facility is finally delivered for the residents of the North Fringe, Dublin 13. Deputy Broughan had asked Minister Reilly whether he has received any proposals from the developer, the Health Service Executive or local general practitioners for a primary care health centre and to ensure that a primary care health centre is planned for and included in DCC's new North Fringe local area plan.

Minister Reilly has informed Deputy Broughan that the HSE is currently engaged in prioritisation of primary care centres. A draft capital plan for the period 2012-2016 has been submitted to the Department which is currently reviewing the proposals. Deputy Broughan said he believes that a North Fringe primary health care centre must be part of the draft plan for 2012 to 2016 and take precedence over other reported current development proposals.

CONSTITUENCY COMMISSION PROPOSES NEW DUBLIN BAY NORTH CONSTITUENCY

The 2012 Constituency Commission Report has proposed that the current 3-seat, historic Dublin North East constituency (excluding Portmarnock and Balgriffin) will be merged with Dublin North Central into a new 5-seat Dublin Bay North constituency. The new Dublin Bay North constituency puts the important wards of Coolock/Artane, Donaghmede/Raheny and Clontarf/Marino into one Dail constituency along with the old Howth/Baldoyle/Sutton Ward of Fingal County. With an astonishing 146,512 electors or 29,302 voters per T.D., the new amalgamated Dublin Bay North 5-seater is the third biggest Dail constituency in Ireland (after Galway West and Tipperary).

Deputy Tommy Broughan said, "It is firstly regrettable that Portmarnock, Balgriffin and districts have been removed from the new Dublin Bay North constituency. (I will of course continue to strongly represent all districts for which I was elected to the 31st Dail including Portmarnock and

Balgriffin up to the next General Election.)

It is very welcome, however, that virtually all of the greater Coolock/Artane area has now been put together into the one Dail constituency for the first time since the mid-1970s and that the whole Raheny district is united once more. Having already represented the whole Coolock/Artane and the Donaghmede/Raheny Ward on Dublin City Council, it will now be a pleasure to join with Labour Colleagues from the old North Central Constituency in helping to represent wonderful city districts like Marino, Donnycarney, Clontarf and Killester", concluded Deputy Broughan.



NEW ANTI-CORRUPTION BILL PUBLISHED

The government has published draft new anti-corruption legislation to strengthen the law criminalising corruption and white-collar crime.

The bill updates the law on giving and receiving bribes and includes penalties of up to ten years imprisonment, and unlimited fines. It also gives courts the power to remove public officials found guilty under this law from office and bar them from holding office for up to ten years.

Deputy Broughan has welcomed the inclusion of recommendations from the Mahon Tribunal including a new offence of making payments knowingly or recklessly to a third party who intends to use them as bribes.

It is also intended under the new law to enhance the ability of the DPP to bring prosecutions by providing for the presumption of corruption where:

- a person with an interest in the functions being discharged by a public official makes a payment to the official (e.g. where an applicant for planning permission makes a payment to a planning official);
- a public official has a lifestyle or property out of proportion to their official income and declared interests; and
- a public official accepts a gift in breach of ethics.

The Bill has now been referred to the Oireachtas Committee on Justice for consideration.

DÁIL DEBATE ON BROUGHAN'S BILL

Deputy Tommy Broughan's Private Member's Bill, the Burial and Cremation Regulation Bill 2011, has been comprehensively debated in Dail Eireann. The key aim of the bill is to regulate the sustainable planning, building and operation of all new crematoria and cemeteries.

Deputy Broughan said, "Given the incredibly sensitive nature of the cremation process, it is critical that clear standards are laid down now to regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of all new crematoria in Ireland to best international practice." Deputy Broughan also proposed that the longterm sustainable management and financing of cemeteries across the country be examined to reduce excessive costs for families and relatives.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES RAISED IN DAIL

Dublin North East Deputy Tommy Broughan has expressed concern at recent road death and collision figures in a special Dail Debate. He said, "Over the past decade massive progress has been made in reducing the horrific carnage on our roads. However, even one death on the roads each year is a death too many and it is therefore very disturbing to see the road death figures inching back up this year." 2012 has seen an increase in road deaths and fatal collisions in comparison with the same period in 2011. Deputy Broughan has asked the Transport Minister to review the latest road fatality figures and to initiate a reinvigorated road safety campaign.

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