

# NORTHSIDER

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## BUS CONNECTS PROPOSED CHANGES

Earlier this summer, the National Transport Authority (NTA) published 'Bus Connects', its report on the Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign Public Consultation. Further public consultation on this proposal has been under way since July 16th and will be open for submissions until the 28th of September 2018. Deputy Broughan has been studying the plans and proposed route changes and has submitted his own observations on the plan on behalf of his constituents.

The major problem raised by constituents is the so-called 'interchanges' whereby residents in many districts of Dublin Bay North would have to change buses to access Dublin city centre. Deputy Broughan's concern centres on the accessibility for elderly, infirm and commuters with mobility issues. Of course, faster travel times, ticketing systems and a lower emission fleet are welcome aspects of the proposed changes but Deputy Broughan feels that having to change buses to reach their destination in many areas of Dublin Bay North is the key weakness of the Bus Connects proposals.

Under the new proposals the whole network design will be changed and current routes will be renamed. Most routes should remain in place but some would require changing vehicles as opposed to the current direct to city centre routes. For example, the No 31 would become the N6 and would run from Howth to DCU, meaning that those wishing to travel into town would have to transfer at Raheny DART Station or at the Artane Roundabout on the Malahide Road.

There have been a number of local information sessions in various parts of the constituency throughout August



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and September and Deputy Broughan has urged people to study the proposals and have their say. You can complete an online survey (<https://www.research.net/r/BusConnects>) or send in written submissions by email to [consultations@busconnects.ie](mailto:consultations@busconnects.ie) or by post to BusConnects Network Redesign, National Transport Authority, Dun Sceine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2. Deputy Broughan has met Mr Hugh Creegan, Deputy CEO of the NTA and urged that direct city centre bus links remain for areas like Artane, North Coolock, Bayside, Sutton and Howth.

## PROPOSED SEWAGE PLANT AT CLONSHAUGH

At the end of July, Deputy Broughan sent in his detailed submission to An Bord Pleanála objecting to the proposed location of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project in Clonshaugh/Baldoyle Bay so close to residential estates. Deputy Broughan also wrote to around 4,000 constituents in the neighbouring areas to notify them of the plans submitted by Irish Water on June 20th. Previously, Deputy Broughan held meetings and made extensive submissions on earlier phases of this proposal since 2011. He remains totally opposed to the location of this project in Clonshaugh, he expressed that opposition strongly in his own submission and he also called for an Oral Hearing. It is expected that an Oral Hearing will be granted for a project of this nature.

The Greater Dublin Drainage Project is Irish Water's proposal to develop a new regional wastewater treatment facility and associated infrastructure to serve Dublin and parts of the surrounding counties of Kildare and Meath. To meet the needs of the growing population, the project plans to build, on the border

of Dublin Bay North, a new regional wastewater treatment plant and sludge hub centre on a 30 hectare site at Clonshaugh, a sewer to divert part of the North Fringe Sewer to the new treatment facility and an outfall pipe from the wastewater treatment facility discharging the treated water to the Irish Sea at Baldoyle Bay.

Deputy Broughan's key objections to this plan are that the Clonshaugh location is completely wrong and deeply exacerbates the planning failures in the North & South Fringe; the studies were not subject to independent review; the Environmental Impact Assessment Report is deficient given that since 2015 Dublin Bay (including Baldoyle Bay) is a UNESCO-designated Biosphere; the vicinity to the airport; the inadequate traffic management plans and the complete lack of consultation with the community. For these reasons and others, Deputy Broughan is strongly opposed to this development and has requested an Oral Hearing. Further information on the planning application is available at [www.gddapplication.ie](http://www.gddapplication.ie). Deputy Broughan's own submission is at [www.tommybroughan.com](http://www.tommybroughan.com).

**I N D E P E N D E N T**

# NEWS FROM AROUND DUBLIN BAY NORTH



Tommy with Sheila Nunan and INTO colleagues

**Kilmore:** Deputy Broughan was shocked to see photographs of the state of disrepair of the stairwell in Block 8, Cromcastle Court earlier this summer. Deputy Broughan made immediate representations to Dublin City Council (DCC) and the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy, on the need to secure the safety of the residents. Deputy Broughan called to meet with affected residents at the site and received reassurances that DCC was completing urgent works in a safe way and that other buildings' structures would also be inspected. City Housing Manager, Brendan Kenny, informed Deputy Broughan that DCC are planning a full regeneration of the Cromcastle Court Complex.

**Darndale:** Deputy Broughan was delighted to attend the launch of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 for the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre and commended Linda, Nico and their team at the centre for the important work they do for our Darndale Belcamp and wider community.

**PKU:** On June 28th, the first international PKU day was celebrated. PKU or Phenylketonuria is a metabolic disease which can be diagnosed by the 'heel prick' test at birth and treated with dietary changes and supplements. Deputy Broughan has been making representations on behalf of PKU Ireland regarding the assessment of Kuvan, a treatment which would assist many of those living with PKU in Ireland.

**Lomond Ave:** Residents from Lomond Ave were in contact with Deputy Broughan regarding a timber wall that was erected on their road and Deputy Broughan made representations to the Council on their behalf.

**Kilbarrack DART Station:** Deputy Broughan has been in touch with Irish Rail, the Gardaí and DCC regarding complaints he received about litter and alleged anti-social behaviour at this DART station recently.

**Upper Cliff Rd.:** Deputy Broughan was pleased to receive confirmation that the footpath along the Upper Cliff Rd was repaired following representations to Fingal on behalf of local residents.

**Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme (KCCP):** Following extensive representations on behalf of KCCP, Deputy Broughan was delighted to hear that the important youth and community services secured a new lease with Kilbarrack and District Community Association.

**Foxhill Park Residents' Association:** Deputy Broughan has been making representations to DCC on behalf of residents in Foxhill Park and Streamville Park for the installation of more bins and dog waste bins at Streamville Park.

**Clongriffin:** For some time now, Deputy Broughan has made representations to the Minister for Justice and Equality and to the Gardaí about instances of anti-social behaviour around Clongriffin and Parkside. He will continue to support local residents in their calls for an increased and improved Garda presence in the area.

**RI39:** Deputy Broughan remains in contact with the Council regarding illegal dumping along this route and again asked the Council to implement mitigation measures for littering.

**Bonnybrook:** A number of constituents made contact with Deputy Broughan regarding the bad state of disrepair of footpaths around Greencastle, Macroom, Ferrycarrig and the Stardust Memorial Park. Deputy Broughan requested street cleansing and footpath and road repairs in the areas of Bonnybrook mentioned. Following the fire in the **Glin Court** complex, residents have been in touch with Deputy Broughan regarding the maintenance of the area. Deputy Broughan has contacted DCC management on the matter.

**Howth:** A number of concerned constituents were in contact with Deputy Broughan about alleged ongoing anti-social behaviour at the East Pier in Howth. Deputy Broughan made urgent representations to the Gardaí and visited the area at busy times to check the situation.

**Bayside Shopping Centre:** Local residents requested information from Deputy Broughan on plans for the new Bayside Shopping Centre and Deputy Broughan asked Fingal County Council (FCC) for an update.

**St. Anne's Park:** Deputy Broughan has been linking in with residents who are concerned about safety in this popular park and he has been making representations on their behalf.

**Stardust Park & Riverside Green:** Deputy Broughan has requested information on when the proposed upgrade project for these locations will commence and is awaiting a response.

**Dublin Airport Noise Pollution:** Deputy Broughan and colleague Deputy Clare Daly have submitted a motion to the Ceann Comhairle regarding noise pollution from the airport and concerns around night flights across Dublin Bay North and Fingal.

**Transvaginal Mesh Survivors:** Deputy Broughan has been supporting members of the #MeshSurvivors group in their call for a meeting with the Minister for Health on options for their treatment.

**Fingal County Council:** Deputy Broughan attended the Parliamentary Members meeting with Paul Reid, the CEO of Fingal, which was a wide-ranging and helpful presentation on the work being undertaken by Fingal.

**Traffic Matters:** Deputy Broughan made contact with DCC regarding a continuous white line on Grange Abbey Grove, Donaghmede following requests from local residents and it has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. Deputy Broughan also made representations for speed ramps to be installed at Calderwood Road, Drumcondra and for footpath repairs along St Donagh's Road. He also requested that the need for speed ramps in Ferrycarrig be considered and he also received confirmation that Thormanby Lawns is to soon become a 30kph residential area.

**Budget 2019:** Deputy Broughan has been receiving and studying pre-budget submissions from many interested parties and organisations as well as attending some pre-budget submissions from organisations such as the Union of Students of Ireland, the Simon Communities, the Irish Wheelchair Association, INTO, for example. As always, Deputy Broughan will be considering the proposals in these submissions as well as the ideas of constituents as he develops his own pre-Budget submission to ensure that all pressing needs are included.

**Pensions Update:** The Department of Social Protection has informed Deputy Broughan that it expects to begin contacting pensioners who were impacted by the 2012 rate band changes during the last quarter of this year. Those pensioners will be invited to apply for a review of their pension payments and it will be checked if HomeCaring credits might be due. In cases where increases are awarded, they will be backdated to the 30th of March 2018.

# DUBLIN BAY NORTH PLANNING FILE

## **An Bord Pleanála Plan 301722-18 Crekav Trading GP Limited for 164 Dwellings and Other Developments at Main Street and Balscadden Road, Howth, Dublin 13:**

The proposed development will consist of 164 residential units and 757sq m of commercial/retail space. Deputy Broughan submitted an observation on this proposal to An Bord Pleanála as he believed that this development was too high a density for this site and would have negative structural, traffic, drainage and environmental impacts on neighbouring homes, Howth Town and the peninsula of Howth. The Deputy made a strong submission and also requested an Oral Hearing in the hope that An Bord Pleanála could hear first-hand from residents of Howth. On 1st August 2018, the Deputy was notified that an Oral Hearing was not granted in this case. An Bord Pleanála have yet to issue a decision on the overall plan.

## **Plan F18A/0425 for Bayside Centre Management and Urban Pulse at Bayside Shopping Centre, Sutton, Dublin 13:**

Permission is being sought for the construction of an additional floor to the permitted redevelopment of Bayside Shopping Centre which is now under construction. This additional floor is to provide for 7 apartment units (1, 1-bed; 4, 2-beds; and 2, 3-beds). Deputy Broughan submitted an observation to FCC opposing this increase in height to 4 storey as many local residents have concerns regarding overlooking, overshadowing and loss of visual amenity.

## **Plan 4495/17 O'Doherty House, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5:**

On 8th August 2018, a request for an extension of time was submitted to DCC for the demolition of the existing commercial building and the construction of a 3-storey contemporary style mixed use building comprising: 1 retail unit to accommodate Member First Credit Union at ground floor level, 4 2-bed apartments and 2 1-bed apartments at first floor and second floor levels.

## **Plan 2038/18 for Verville Retreat, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3:**

On 23rd July 2018, planning permission was granted for a development of 72 units across 4 blocks with a single level basement, consisting of the change of use of the existing Verville Retreat building from nursing home use to residential use and the change of use of the existing former outbuilding to residential.

## **Plan 2430/18 for 27 & 29, Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3:**

Planning Permission has been granted by DCC for the demolition of the garage to side of No. 27 Kincora Road and a single storey extension to side and rear of 29 Kincora Road and the construction of five houses to the rear of 27 and 29 Kincora Road, as two pairs of two semi-detached 2-storey 4-bed houses, a single storey 2-bed bungalow all with private open space and car parking spaces.

## **Plan 2921/18 The Crown Paints Facility, Nos. 1 - 3 Malahide Road, Coolock, Dublin 17:**

On 27th June 2018, planning permission was refused by DCC for the demolition of all existing structures on site and the provision of a mixed-use development in 8 blocks (ranging in height from part 3-storeys to part 5-storeys above ground) comprising 198 residential apartments, a hotel, an aparthotel, crèche, office/incubator units and retail.

## **Plan 2042/18 The Glen, Watermill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5:**

On 13th June 2018, permission was granted for a development consisting of the demolition of the existing Meeting Room and the construction of 1 2-storey, 3-bed house and 11 3-storey (including attic accommodation), 4-bed houses.



*Tommy with friends from Dublin Bay North*

## TOMMY IN THE DÁIL

During questions on promised legislation, Tommy asked the Taoiseach about the **breakdown of law and order** during his term as leader. He spoke in support of the **People Before Profit motion on Housing** and again called for the declaration of a Housing Emergency. During oral Parliamentary Questions with the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Tommy asked for much needed **improved facilities in the North Fringe**.

Tommy spoke and intervened on a number of occasions during the final stages of the **Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017** and was delighted to host members of the PARC road safety group in the Dáil chamber to witness the debate and vote. He spoke in support of the Sinn Féin **motion on Health Waiting Lists** and called again for greater investment in our ailing health service. Tommy spoke on the **Summer Economic Statements** and highlighted the areas where most investment is urgently needed (Housing, Health, Disability, Transport) and he spoke on the **Pre-European Council Meeting** at the end of June 2018.

**Child Homelessness** continued to rise (to almost 4,000) and Tommy again condemned the Government for its inaction during Statements on the topic. He spoke in support of Deputy Mick Wallace's **Urban Regeneration and Housing (Amendment) Bill 2018** which would increase the vacant site levy to 25%. Tommy also cautiously welcomed the **Home Building Finance Ireland Bill 2018** as it will hopefully be a small measure towards providing finance for homes to be built but again said that much more drastic and immediate action is needed.

During oral Parliamentary Questions with the Minister for Finance, Tommy asked about **Ireland's contribution to the EU Budget**, particularly for when the UK leaves and is no longer contributing. He raised **national and local crime issues** with the Taoiseach during Leaders' Questions and welcomed the **Health (GP Service) Bill 2018** which will extend medical cards to those in receipt of Carers' Allowance. When the Dáil was in recess, Deputy Broughan continued work for constituents and on his own budget submission to the Minister for Finance having studied the many pre-budget submissions sent in by various organisations. He also completed a number of observations on planning permissions and public consultations.



*At launch of Darndale Belcamp Village Centre's Strategic Plan*



Tommy supporting the Stardust 'Truth' Campaign

## STARDUST 'TRUTH' CAMPAIGN

Deputy Broughan has always been a strong supporter of the Stardust Relatives' and Victims' Committee and its quest for justice and closure regarding the tragic night of Valentine's Day 1981 when 48 young lives were lost in a fire in the Stardust nightclub, Artane. Late last year, retired Judge Pat McCartan did not recommend a new Commission of Investigation and Deputy Broughan, supported by some fellow Independents, People Before Profit, Sinn Féin and Solidarity, submitted a motion rejecting this McCartan report and he is awaiting a Dáil debate on the matter.

In the meantime, the Stardust Relatives' and Victims' Committee has been running its 'Truth' postcard campaign calling on the Attorney General to open a new inquest into the tragic deaths. The Committee and its supporters have been taking the campaign across Dublin (and further afield when possible) and have been receiving a hugely positive response from members of the public. People are signing postcards in large numbers and the Committee intends to present the many postcards to the Attorney General in September. Please see their facebook page **'Justice for the Stardust48'** for further information on the 'Truth' Campaign.



Susan Gray of PARC presenting Tommy with plaque of thanks

## ROAD SAFETY

On Friday, the 6th of July, the life-saving Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2017 finally passed through the Dáil and it then passed the Seanad the following week. The Act was subject to much scrutiny and debate as it amended penalties for driving over the alcohol limit and for other matters concerning unaccompanied learner drivers. Deputy Broughan hosted some PARC (Promoting Awareness Responsibility and Care on our Roads) road safety campaigners in the Dáil during the many hours of debate, all of whom have tragically lost loved ones and family members in road traffic collisions.

Debate on these final stages of this Act was filibustered by a small number of rural TDs which led to around 20 hours of debate since April. Deputy Broughan intervened on many occasions (as did Deputy Catherine Murphy) to ask the Ceann Comhairle to progress the debate. The President has since signed this important and much-delayed piece of legislation and Deputy Broughan along with road safety activists in PARC are calling for early commencement for all sections. Deputy Broughan will continue to work for a Vision Zero approach to the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and their passengers.

## Getting in Touch

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#### Every **MONDAY**

11.00 a.m. BESC Offices, Darndale Village

#### 2nd **MONDAY**

12.15pm Le Chéile, Donnycarney

#### 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 (By Appointment)

#### Every **SATURDAY**

10.15 a.m. Clonshaugh Shopping Centre  
11.30a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre  
1.15p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre

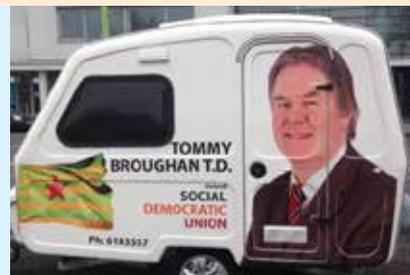
#### 1st/ 3rd **SATURDAY**

2.00p.m. Racecourse Inn, Racecourse S.C., Baldoye

## IMPORTANT - GDPR NOTICE

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A Privacy Notice and consent form is available on my website (<http://www.tommybroughan.com/contacts/>) I set out in this Privacy Notice the grounds on which I will deal with personal information belonging to you. For more details please visit my website or contact my office.



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## HAVE YOUR SAY

I strongly believe it is important that I keep in touch with you so that I know your concerns and thoughts about local and national issues affecting you. I would be grateful if you would contact me on any matter of concern to you by phone or email.

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