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BEST WISHES FOR 2019

• TOMMY BROUGHAN T.D. AND THE DÁIL AT CHRISTMAS



*Beannachtaí
na Nollag agus
Athbhliain faoi Sheán
is faoi Mhaise daoibh
go léir. I would like
to extend my very
best wishes to all of
my constituents in
Dublin Bay North for
2019.*

BUDGET 2019: MORE DISAPPOINTMENT

In his Dáil speeches on Budget 2019 and the Finance Bill 2018, Deputy Broughan castigated these measures as more disappointing standstill policies from Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil. He acknowledged the challenges of Brexit, Trump's 'America First' policies, and our over-reliance on corporation tax from a small number of multi-nationals. He welcomed the very modest increase in social protection payments (from March 2019) and the full restoration of the Christmas bonus. But this latest FG/FF budget failed once again to address Ireland's acute homeless and housing crisis, unacceptable health waiting lists, ongoing gaps in disability services, pay equalisation in the public service, low pay levels in our defence forces and a litany of other public policy failures.

At Leaders' and Finance Questions, Deputy Broughan also raised the cost of vast tax expenditures by Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil governments since 2008 which the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) costed at €5 billion or more for 2016 alone. These include the unnecessary extra tax breaks for landlords from 2019. In his own pre-budget submission entitled 'A Budget For All Our People', Deputy Broughan targeted housing, health, education and disability services with significant extra resources, based (as always) on a balanced budget of necessary and fair taxation and expenditure. Minister Donohue also refused to present a Gender Budgetary Report alongside Budget 2019 as requested by the Budgetary Oversight Committee, of which Deputy Broughan is a member.

RAISE THE ROOF

In early October, Deputy Broughan attended the #RaiseTheRoof housing rally at Leinster House. The rally was organised by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU), the National Homeless & Housing Coalition, the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), the National Women's Council of Ireland (NWC) and other agencies working and volunteering in the housing and homeless sectors. It was organised to coincide with a Dáil debate calling for the declaration of a Housing Emergency and for a referendum on the right to housing to be inserted into the Constitution.

Deputy Broughan also supported the #HomesForAll campaign. Fine Gael's housing policies are a continuing disaster and despite the presence of two Fine Gael government Ministers, Dublin Bay North has the highest social housing waiting lists in Ireland. Every week, Deputy Broughan meets families facing eviction, homeless families in emergency accommodation and young constituents unable to access mortgages to purchase their first home.



Tommy at #RaiseTheRoof rally

INDEPENDENT

NEWS FROM AROUND DUBLIN BAY NORTH



Tommy with Lorraine Monaghan & Tony Fitzpatrick of INMO

TARGET & Donaghmede House: Fingal County Council (FCC) has informed Deputy Broughan that the Council is prepared to transfer the ownership of Donaghmede House to Dublin City Council (DCC). Donaghmede House is now home to TARGET, the Trinity Adult Resource Centre for Education and Training which runs a wide range of excellent community services for Donaghmede parish and district.

Regeneration of Cromcastle Court, Kilmore, D5: DCC Housing Manager Mr. Brendan Kenny, told Deputy Broughan in early Autumn that a Project Manager had been appointed to coordinate a regeneration process for Cromcastle Court. Each household was to be contacted to discuss plans for the area and a community forum was being established. A maintenance programme is also continuing until all outstanding works are completed.

The Oscar Traynor Lands: In late September, DCC Project Manager Mr. Hugh McKenna, reported that 6 possible developers of the Oscar Traynor lands at Santry had been selected. But an ITPD (Invitation To Participate in Dialogue) had not been issued until a similar process had finished at O'Devaney Gardens.

St. Anne's Park: Deputy Broughan has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission at the lands east of St. Paul's College, Sybil Hill Road, Raheny. Deputy Broughan submitted an observation on the proposed development at St. Anne's Park earlier this year and strongly called for permission not to be granted for this ill-conceived, very high density development on St. Paul's playing fields in St. Anne's which was submitted by Crekav Trading. He had also requested an Oral Hearing at the time but this was refused by An Bord Pleanála. Deputy Broughan believes that the environmental role and the amenity of St. Anne's Park needs to be continually protected and he is still following up with DCC regarding the need for the grass to be maintained at this site so Brent Geese can continue to use this as a feeding ground. #LoveStAnnes informed him in November that Crekav received leave to seek a Judicial Review of the Bord Pleanála decision.

Clontarf Residents' Association: Deputy Broughan attended the AGM of the Clontarf Residents' Association in October and received excellent briefings from CRA members on St. Anne's Park and new proposals on flood defences at Clontarf promenade. Deputy Broughan has since been in contact with the DCC Chief Executive, Owen Keegan, in relation to reports that new flood defence barriers ranging in size from 1 metre to 1.6 metres tall are to be built along 3.3km of the Clontarf Coast. Deputy Broughan made enquires in relation to these plans and any alternative flood defences proposals.

Howth: Deputy Broughan attended a meeting in relation to the Old School House on Balkill Road. This building has been used by the famous St. Lawrence Pipe Band since 1957. Deputy Broughan contacted relevant Departments in relation to securing support and funding for the community of Howth and St. Lawrence's Pipe Band to refurbish this building.

Dublin Bay North Bus Routes: Dublin Bus announced that from Sunday 7th October there would be significant improvements to the timetable for Route 14. Route 27 will also see significant improvements with 93 additional journeys being added from 21st October.

Increased DART Safety: Deputy Broughan recently asked the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to seek assurances from the CEO of Iarnród Éireann that additional security personnel would be deployed. Mr Jim Meade confirmed that there would be extra security on site at Halloween and Deputy Broughan continues to advocate for the funding of a Transport Police unit for the CIE companies.

Belmayne: Notice was received from DCC in October that the consultation on the proposed Part 8 completion of Belmayne Main Street and works on Belmayne Avenue were underway. Plans could be inspected or purchased from 19th October to 19th November at the offices of DCC. Submissions and observations were to be made in writing to the DCC Executive Manager before 16:30pm on 3rd December 2018. Deputy Broughan informed interested constituents about the consultation on tommybroughan.com and social media.

Donaghmede: Deputy Broughan was delighted to welcome a new second level Educate Together School for the Donaghmede area. This school will open next September. A welcome new Gaelscoil for Drumcondra/Marino is also planned for 2019.

Update on Proposed Sewage Plant at Clonshaugh: Deputy Broughan was notified of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to order Irish Water to investigate deficiencies in its planning application for a huge sewage plant at Clonshaugh, Dublin 17. An Bord Pleanála informed Deputy Broughan that under section 37F of the Planning and Development Act, information relating to 'appendices and other particulars' were 'inadvertently omitted' by Irish Water from its Environment Impact Assessment Report. Irish Water will now have to re-submit these omissions. An Bord Pleanála have also ordered Irish Water to notify the Irish Aviation Authority who were not informed of the original planning application. Deputy Broughan continues to demand an Oral Hearing on the ill-advised location of this sewage plant.

Mental Health Services Dublin Bay North: Deputy Broughan recently asked the Minister for Health about long delays in accessing mental health supports in Dublin 5 after concerned constituents contacted him about the waiting times for Kilbarrack East and West Mental Health Services, and for services in Coolock Health Centre and Killester Mental Health Service. The Deputy was informed of an astonishing 12 month waiting list at Kilbarrack West Mental Health service and he is continuing to raise this matter in Dáil Éireann.

Traffic Matters: Deputy Broughan received a number of long-awaited replies from the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) regarding his various representations. He was advised that following examination further traffic calming measures were not recommended for **Calderwood Road**. TAG reported that the continuous white line from **Grange Road to the T-junction of Grange Abbey Grove** will be replaced as 19mtrs of it was not replaced after resurfacing. Also, at the junction of **Belmont Park and Raheny Road** a stop line and the associated continuous white line will be installed there in addition to the Stop sign already at this location.

Deputy Broughan, on behalf of constituents, asked for stop signs to be installed at junctions at **Grange Park Road and Grange Park Avenue**. This request was referred to TAG who recommended that these signs were 'not necessary'. A request for double yellow lines to be installed at the junction of **Holywell Crescent and Holywell Avenue** was also rejected by TAG. A representation for two lanes to be restored on **Causeway Road, D5** has been referred to TAG for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer.

DUBLIN BAY NORTH PLANNING FILE

Plan 3403/18 Lands at the former Columban Missionary site, Hole in the Wall Road and the R139 Road, Donaghmede, D13: Planning permission has been granted on October 9th for amendments to the previously approved plan (reference number 2854/17) on lands at the former Columban Missionary site. The revisions include changing the previously permitted mixed-use residential development to now provide for a 'Build to Rent' scheme. The proposed revisions shall consist of an increase of 22 apartments providing for a total of 225 residential units within the 4 previously permitted blocks.

Plan 4214/18 Belmayne Main Street & Belmayne Avenue, D13: Deputy Broughan received notice that the completion of the unfinished Belmayne Main Street and refurbishments on Belmayne Avenue will be carried out by DCC. A breakdown of the works include the construction of carriageway, footpaths and cycleways, bus lane facilities, a new bus-gate link to the Malahide Road, on-street parking, public lighting and other utilities.

Plan 0338/18 West Wood Club, Clontarf, D3: An application was lodged to change the use of an indoor tennis court to an exhibition and museum space. DCC ruled on 14th September 2018 that the proposed development is not exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission.

Plan 2824 Blackbanks Garden Centre, 754 Howth Rd., Raheny, D5: Planning permission has been granted for the development of 30 apartments in a 4-storey block and a new adjacent 2-storey garden centre building at 754 Howth Rd.

Plan 3930/18 Former Holy Faith Convent Building St. Brigid's Road, Killester, D5: Planning permission was refused on November 6th for the development of 79 apartment units in 3 blocks, from 3 to 4-storey and 8, three bedroom houses at the above site. Deputy Broughan submitted an observation on this development reflecting height and traffic concerns raised by constituents.

Plan 3791/18 Parkside, Balgriffin Park Lands, D17: Cairn Homes Properties Limited have applied for planning permission for the development of lands located on the former Balgriffin Park lands, D17. The proposed development will comprise a residential scheme of 96 2-3 storey, 2-4 bedroom residential units. On 18th October 2018, DCC requested additional information.

An Bord Pleanála Plan 301722-18 Crekav Trading GP Limited for 164 Dwellings and Other Developments at Main Street and Balscadden Road, Howth, D13: On the 19th September 2018, Deputy Broughan was disappointed to receive notice that An Bord Pleanála had rejected concerns raised by Howth residents in relation to the proposed Crekav development at the Baily Court Edros site. The Board granted planning permission for 157 apartments, 6 duplex units and ancillary commercial development at this location. 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 whole peninsula of Howth. He had also requested an Oral Hearing at the time.

Plan F18A/0267 Clarendon, West Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin: On 3rd October 2018, permission was granted by Fingal for the construction of two ground level industrial buildings and associated site works.

Plan F18A/0425 for Bayside Centre Management and Urban Pulse at Bayside Shopping Centre, Sutton, D13: 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. On the 31st October additional information was submitted by the developer to FCC.

Plan F18A/0553 At lands to the rear of premises numbered 31-34 Baldoyle Road & 'Elphin' licensed premises, Baldoyle Road, Sutton, D13: Planning permission is being sought for the demolition of the existing warehouse building and associated boundary wall and the construction of 8 townhouses each with a private amenity space/private rear gardens in 2 two-storey terraced blocks.



Tommy at the Defence Force's Respect & Loyalty rally

TOMMY IN THE DÁIL

In the Dáil autumn session, Tommy asked then Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, about **waste charges** and the need to monitor them closely. He spoke on the **BusConnects** motion and reiterated the grave concerns held by constituents on the proposals. Tommy spoke in support of the **Central Bank (National Claims Information Database) Bill 2018** which is a small step towards addressing insurance costs. He also spoke strongly in support of the **Motion of No Confidence in the Housing Minister, Eoghan Murphy**, due to the Minister's failure to get a handle on the desperate housing and homeless crisis.

Tommy asked about **pensions for CE Supervisors** during PQ's with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection. He spoke on the **Report on Engagement With Investment Funds** (i.e. Vulture Funds) and lambasted the Government for allowing Vulture Funds to refuse questions by an Oireachtas Committee. Tommy spoke on the many disappointing aspects of **Budget 2019** and highlighted proposals from his own submission which would have been fairer. During **Leaders' Questions**, he asked the Taoiseach about the opaque and poorly costed nature of **tax expenditures** in Ireland.

Tommy spoke on the **nomination of a member of Government** following the resignation of Minister Naughten. He asked the Minister for Justice and Equality about **Mandatory Intoxicant Testing (MITs)** and released figures on varying frequency of these roadside tests across the country. Tommy spoke in support of the **Road Traffic (Quads and Scramblers) (Amendment) Bill 2018** and also on the **Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2018** to give An Garda Síochána access to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) and the Labour Court.

Tommy submitted a **Topical Issue Debate**, alongside colleague Deputy Clare Daly, on the **Annual Report of the Caranua Appeals Officer**. He spoke in strong support of the **Gender Budgeting Report** and the importance of gender budgeting given the feminisation of poverty. Tommy spoke on the **Finance Bill 2018** and also raised **Parliamentary Questions with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform**, Paschal Donohoe, on **pay equalisation** for public servants, on the **health budget** and on **departmental spending** profiles. He also spoke in support of the **Sale of Illicit Goods Bill 2017**. Tommy continues to hold the government to account as a member of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight. He is also a member of the Dáil Committee on Procedure and the Seanad Reform Implementation Group.



Tommy delivering his pre-budget submission



Tommy with Nuala Ryan and Catherine Lane, NWCI

REGULATION OF SCRAMBLERS

Deputy Broughan was horrified to hear of the tragic story of the couple left devastated (with one seriously injured) after a scrambler crashed into them in Darndale Park this summer. Deputy Broughan again raised in Dáil Éireann the need for regulation, and if necessary prohibition, of use of scramblers. Through PQs, he was informed that an average of 63 people were injured by off-road vehicles each year over the past 3 years. There were 56 people listed under the diagnosis "occupant of special all-terrain or other motor vehicle designed primarily for off-road use, injured in transport accident" in 2015; 71 in 2016 and 62 people in 2017.

Deputy Broughan also wrote to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on the matter of regulating unsafe use of scramblers and quads. He was informed that both Departments participate in a taskforce established by Dublin Local Authorities on the matter. Both Ministers also seem to think that there are sufficient legislative powers for Gardaí to curb dangerous on-road use and that Local Authorities could introduce bye-laws to prohibit the use of quads and scramblers in public parks.



Tommy at the opening of the Rogers Suite at the Donahies

DART DELAYS & OVERCROWDING

In September, Irish Rail launched its new timetable which was supposed to be an improved service. Deputy Broughan was contacted by many commuters who were greatly dissatisfied with the new service, reporting overcrowded train carriages, particularly the Clongriffin to City Centre line. Under these changes Howth Junction, Clongriffin and Portmarnock were being served by fewer weekday Northern Commuter services. Following representations by Deputy Broughan and direct complaints from customers, from the 17th of September, two Portmarnock services were reinstated and an additional service was also put back on for Clongriffin.

Irish Rail said that it believed that the changes would "address the capacity issues that have arisen particularly at inner DART stations such as Harmonstown and Killester and the frequency concerns from customers from Portmarnock and Clongriffin. Portmarnock now has the same number of peak morning services as it had before the timetable change and Clongriffin has one extra." Irish Rail has notified Deputy Broughan that it is planning to implement further timetable alterations from 9th December 2018. These proposed changes to routes can be viewed at: <http://www.irishrail.ie/news/december2018timetable>. Deputy Broughan has also raised the lack of investment in Irish Rail carriages and rolling stock with Minister Ross.

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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. Clonsaugh Shopping Centre
11.30a.m. Donaghmede Shopping Centre
1.15p.m. Bayside Shopping Centre

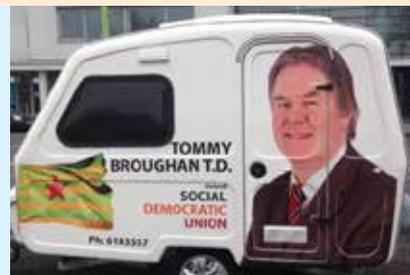
1st/ 3rd **SATURDAY**

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

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your
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HAVE YOUR SAY

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