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## HARDWORKING FAMILIES HIT BY MASSIVE FIANNA FAIL/PD STEALTH TAXES

Local Dublin North East Labour T.D. Tommy Broughan has slammed the massive stealth taxes continually being imposed on hardworking Irish families by the FF/PD government. Deputy Broughan commented, "The financial burden that families have to bear because of skyrocketing electricity, gas, oil and other household essentials under the FF/PD government is appalling and unacceptable. These price hikes are in effect stealth taxes, and will hit senior citizens and the most vulnerable citizens in our society particularly badly during a winter that is predicted to be as bitterly cold as the last one."



**Tommy Broughan TD**

- **Gas** prices are set to rise by an astonishing 34% this Autumn. This follows a massive increase of 25.26% in October 2005 and some householders could now be facing yearly gas bills of €1500 plus.
- **Electricity** bills are also set to jump by perhaps up to 20% from January 1st next and electricity prices have increased by a staggering 61% over the last six years of the FF/PD government.
- **Oil, petrol** & home-heating fuel prices have escalated almost out of control in the last few years. Obviously international factors influence oil prices here in Ireland but Ministers Dempsey and Martin have refused to take any action to promote competition.
- **Interest Rates** continue to steadily increase and put severe pressure on mortgage repayments. This government is also overseeing soaring inflation rates which have resulted in consistently high prices for food and other basic consumer goods.
- **Local Authority Taxes** – Waste management charges have risen sharply under the FF/PD government, while householders in new housing estates are faced with a range of so-called management charges.
- **Water Charges** – Taoiseach Ahern's biggest surprise for Irish voters if he is re-elected will be to reintroduce domestic water charges. The infrastructure is already being put in place by Minister Dick Roche and the local authorities to ensure that community bodies will pay water rates, and ordinary householders are next in line for Fianna Fail's newest stealth tax.



### Plinth wall and railings for preserved Kilbarrack open space

Deputy Tommy Broughan and Cllr. Anne Carter took the leading political role in advancing the outstanding successful campaign by the Mount Olive Swansnest Residents Action Group to prevent the siting of a large waste management bring centre on the amenity open space at Mount Olive Road/Swansnest Road, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5. Area Manager Declan Wallace has confirmed that the City Council waste proposal will not proceed due to unanimous local opposition.

For nearly eight years Deputy Broughan has campaigned for a plinth wall and decorative railings for this amenity open space. On her election to Dublin City Council, Cllr. Carter has continued this campaign to upgrade the open space to full city park status. Cllr. Carter has now been assured that funding will be made available for the wall and railings and that the works will be carried out before Hallowe'en.





Ms. Cathleen O'Neill of Kilbarrack honoured as an Unsung Hero of Dublin with Lord Mayor Catherine Byrne and Cllr. Anne Carter

## Nothing for North East in Health Capital Plan

In Dáil Éireann Deputy Tommy Broughan repeatedly raised the exclusion of Dublin North East from the 2006 Health Services Executive Capital Spending Plan with Tánaiste Harney and Taoiseach Ahern. The €555.5 million HSE capital spending includes no provision for the long promised primary health care centres for Dublin North East and the North Fringe. Virtually every constituency in Ireland received some special community health funding under this programme, but despite having two Fianna Fáil T.D.s Dublin North East received nothing.

Deputy Broughan and Cllr. Carter attended special briefings by Professor Brendan Drumm, the CEO of the HSE and they are hoping that Professor Drumm's commitment to providing out-of-hours GP co-op coverage across the Northside from September will finally become a reality and be an affordable service for all.

# NEWS FROM AROUND NORTH EAST

- Deputy Broughan has been advised by the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) of Dublin City Council that they are currently examining the possible installation of speed cushions, "slow" road markings and a 30 km/h zone for **Ferryarraig Park, Coolock**.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter have welcomed a commitment by Dublin City Council for the taking in charge of **Clonshaugh Glen** estate, off Clonshaugh Avenue, Dublin 17.
- Deputy Tommy Broughan has requested that much needed road resurfacing and repair projects in **Clonshaugh** and **Priorswood** are urgently carried out especially at Clonshaugh Avenue and Priorswood Road. Deputy Broughan has strongly criticised the Dublin City Manager for failing to start the **Clonshaugh Road** Improvement Scheme, last April as promised. Tenders for the Clonshaugh Road upgrade had to be submitted by August 31st last.
- Dublin City Council's Traffic Advisory Group have informed Deputy Broughan that they have approved the installation of a series of single and double yellow lines on **Donaghmede Road, Cardonagh Road, St. Donagh's Road** and environs which he requested on behalf of the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association. This series of parking restrictions are necessary because of high levels of Dart commuter parking.
- Cllr. Anne Carter has been informed that limited tree planting will be carried out in the Greenwood Estate on the open space between **Greenwood** and **Whyteleaf Grove** during the 2006/2007 tree planting season following the replacement of the existing wall and railings with the long-awaited strengthened boundary.
- Cllr. Anne Carter has requested effective action to tackle the upsurge of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the amenity open space at **Ayrfield Avenue** and bounding **Slademoore Avenue**, Dublin 13. The Council replied that "a feasibility study will be carried out shortly to ascertain possibilities to eliminate the anti-social activity there." Cllr. Carter will call a public meeting when the study is completed.
- Cllr. Anne Carter called for the City Council to take over the Vincentian Order a few months ago. Cllr. Carter has been liaising with Area Manager Declan Wallace in a bid to ensure that the pool would be retained. It is proposed that CRC Clontarf will make 30 additional hours available for public use over the next 7 years in return for a DCC payment of €750,000 towards the upgrade of the CRC pool.
- Fingal County Council have informed Tommy Broughan T.D. that the Rehab bottle banks at **Bayside** Shopping Centre were removed due to concerns on irregular emptying of the bottle banks and an associated litter problem in the vicinity. Fingal proposed a new recycling service provided by Oxigen at the same location, but this was turned down by the owners of **Bayside** Shopping Centre.
- Following his representations Deputy Tommy Broughan was delighted to receive a commitment from CIE that all access gates for mobility impaired commuters who are unable to use the main station entrance at **Howth** Dart station will be fully operational from now on.
- Tommy Broughan T.D is continuing his long campaign for the restoration of **Grange Road, Baldoyle** between Baldoyle Industrial Estate and Wille Nolan Road junctions following ongoing complaints from residents about the high ramps and decaying road surface. Parks Superintendent Mr. Gerry Fitzgerald has also reported that final plans are being made for soccer and GAA pitches in the new regional park on the former **Racecourse** lands.
- Deputy Tommy Broughan has received a report from Fingal County Council that its transportation department has held a consultation on the proposed phase two traffic-calming measures for **mid-Sutton** and **Bayside**. The report recommended the introduction of speed cushions at **Sutton Park, Bayside Walk, Verbena Lawn, Boulevard North and Alden Road**.
- A consultation was held by Dublin City Council on the proposed new **East/West Distributor Route** and the new **bypass of the Malahide Road** at the Clare Hall Avenue/N32 junction. Deputy Tommy Broughan reported that the preferred route for the Malahide Road Bypass extends north from the Old Belcamp Lane by means of a flyover west of



## Income Guidelines for GP Visit Card, June 2006

CATEGORY	GP VISIT CARD CURRENT RATE (€)	GP VISIT CARD NEW RATE (€)
<b>Single person living alone</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	230.50	276.00
Aged between 66-69 years	252.00	302.00
<b>Single person living with family</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	205.00	246.00
Aged between 66-69 years	217.00	260.00
<b>Married Couple</b>		
Aged up to 65 years	333.00	400.00
Aged between 66-69 years	373.00	447.00
Aged between 70-79 years	745.00	895.00
Aged 80 years and over	783.50	940.50
<b>Allowances for Dependent Children</b>		
For each of first two children	47.50	57.00
For third and each subsequent child	51.00	61.50
For each of first two children over 16	49.00	58.50
For third and each subsequent child over 16	53.50	64.00
<b>Dependent over 16 years in full-time education and not grant-aided</b>		
Allowance for each child	98.00	117.00



Serious Pollution at Stardust Memorial Park



90th Anniversary of 1916: Deputies Tommy Broughan, Michael D. Higgins and Joe Costello at Arbour Hill

## End Santry/Raheny river pollution

Local Labour T.D. Tommy Broughan has strongly criticised Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council over the ongoing serious pollution of the Santry/Raheny river. A new hazardous pollution of the river was recently caused by a very large discharge of sewage from a pumping station at Santry in the Fingal County Council administrative area. Deputy Broughan commented, "I was taken aback by the grey and dead colour of the water there, and the stench emanating from the river and its banks."

This is just the latest in a long line of incidents of pollution of the river. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has informed Deputy Broughan that the Biotic Index for the river was consistently "Q1" or "Q2" (seriously polluted waters) for 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002 and at the last survey on June 21st 2005.

# NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

## Clonsbaugh Belcamp Illegal Dump

A planning application to construct a so-called containment system for the 40,000 plus tonnes of dangerous waste at the I.D.A. lands on the N32 was withdrawn from Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council in late July. Deputy Broughan made a strong submission for the waste to be rendered inert and removed from the area and for An Garda Síochána and the E.P.A. to investigate all those involved in creating such a serious menace.

## The Corner of Thormanby and Bailey Green Roads

Fingal County Council refused a proposal to build 30 apartments in a 3-storey block and 7 apartments plus a replacement bar and restaurant in a 2-storey block (plus parking for 78 cars) at the above site. The proposal was declined for being "inconsistent with the character of the area" and creating "a built-up streetscape within the Howth SAAO Buffer Zone."

## High Density Raheny Developments

Cllr. Anne Carter reports that Dublin City Council approved 44 apartments and 9 town houses at lands adjoining Manor House School on Watermill Road in July and the proposal was subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála. A new proposal for 3 detached houses has been submitted for 6 Foxfield Road following the refusal of an apartment development at that location. In mid-July Dublin City Council requested additional

## Stapolin, Baldoyle Phase 3

Following objections from Abbey Park and District Residents Association and Deputy Tommy Broughan on the massive density, height and traffic impact of the above proposal, Fingal County planners sent a request for additional information to the developers Helsingor Ltd. in mid-July. The proposal is for 482 apartments plus major commercial development in 9 urban block sectors up to 8 storeys high.

## Donaghmede Shopping Centre & Off Licence

Deputy Tommy Broughan and Cllr. Anne Carter made a lengthy submission to An Bord Pleanála in support of Donaghmede Estate Residents Association regarding the granting of permission by Dublin City Council for the high-rise car-park at the proposed new Donaghmede Shopping Centre and in relation to permission for an off licence at Unit 6 of Donaghmede Shopping Centre. Residents concerns were ignored when the off licence was approved.

## Eircom Mast at Newtown Cottages

Tommy Broughan T.D. has warmly welcomed a commitment by Dublin City Council (DCC) to initiate legal enforcement action regarding a huge Eircom microwave mast beside Newtown Cottages, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. The commitment was given at a meeting in DCC's offices between local residents, City Council planners and public representatives including Tommy Broughan.

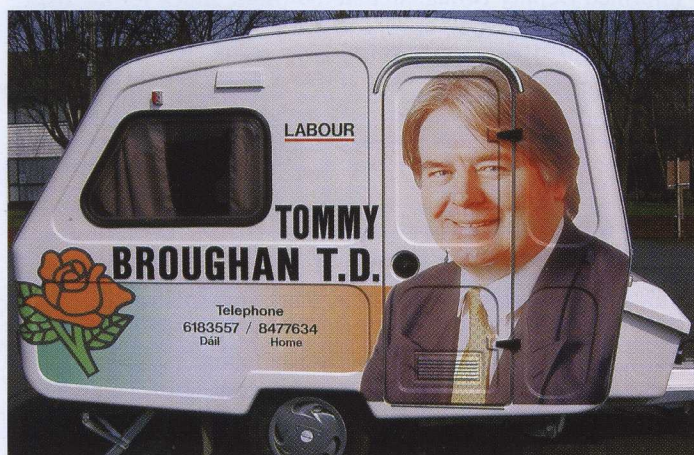




**Deputy Tommy Broughan, Cllr. Anne Carter and Cllr. Declan Bree campaign for maritime workers**

## CARTER SECURES REMOVAL OF LOW WALL AT RATHVALE PARK

Cllr. Anne Carter has campaigned relentlessly since mid-2005 to secure the removal of the low wall surrounding the amenity open space at Rathvale Park. Residents are plagued by late night serious anti-social behaviour and underage drinking at the location. Cllr. Carter has now secured funding for the removal of the wall in early Autumn.



*Always there – always helpful!*

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## STOP MOBILE RIP-OFF: says BROUGHAN

Labour's Communications Spokesperson Deputy Tommy Broughan has strongly criticised the continued unjustifiably high prices being imposed on mobile users. Recently released figures from Vodafone and O2 show that Irish mobile users pay significantly higher charges than customers in other countries, even states like Australia where mobile users spend a similar amount of time talking on the phone.

Deputy Broughan has said that termination rates (the costs charged by mobile operators to any other network user to call their customers) in the Irish market continue to be grotesquely high and out of line with other jurisdictions. Deputy Broughan has urged Minister Dempsey and the communications regulator, ComReg, to finally take effective action on the great mobile rip-off.



**Cllr. Anne Carter at Rathvale Park**

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

### Every MONDAY

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

### 2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.00 pm Concorde, Edenmore S.C.  
 7.45 pm Foxhound Inn, Greendale S.C.  
 8.30 pm Marine Hotel, Sutton  
 9.15 pm Pier House, Howth

### Every SATURDAY

10.00 am Clonsaugh Shopping Centre  
 11.30 am Donaghmede Shopping Centre  
 1.00 pm Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

### 1st/ 3rd SATURDAY

2.15 pm Bayside Shopping Centre  
 3.00 pm Baldoyle House (Graingers) / Racecourse Inn, Racecourse Shopping Centre

### 2nd/4th SATURDAY

2.30 pm Walkabout in one of the 14 parishes of Dublin North East.

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