

Make a change



Tommy Broughan TD

The last ten years have seen massive changes in Ireland. There are more jobs, higher wages and greater opportunities for many Irish people. However the last decade has also seen the Fianna Fail/PD government squander and mismanage so many of the resources created by the hard work of Irish people all over the country. In critical areas such as health, housing, education, transport and crime prevention the Fianna Fail/PD government has absolutely failed to deliver.

With Labour in government this will be different. Labour has announced 5 key Commitments for Change which we will implement when in government. The Labour Party is committed to a dynamic economy which continues to generate prosperity for all our people. However, it is also now time to deliver on the better quality of life which our prosperity should provide for all Irish people. It's time to make a change.

Labour's 5 Commitments for Change

1. MORE BEDS IN CLEAN HOSPITALS

Labour's commitment is to provide 2,300 more beds in hospitals that are clean. We need more beds to deal with our health needs. We need our hospitals to be cleaner so that you can be sure that going into hospital doesn't mean catching MRSA.

2. PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Labour's commitment is to provide one year of pre-school education for all our children. To give our children the best chance they can is the wish of all parents, and we all know that the start they get is crucial to that.

3. MORE GARDÁÍ ON THE BEAT IN NEIGHBOURHOODS

Labour's commitment is to ensure that there are more Gardai on the beat in neighbourhoods. Hard working families are entitled to live in peaceful law-abiding communities. Labour is convinced that changes in the manning, deployment and organisation of the Garda Síochána would have a hugely positive impact on people's quality of life and on crime and anti-social behaviour.

4. ABOLISH THE MEANS TEST FOR CARERS

Labour's commitment is to abolish the means test for carers. Carers in our communities provide unpaid help for a family member or friend with a disability. And while nearly half of these carers have no paid employment and one third of them give more than 43 hours of unpaid time per week, less than a fifth receive financial assistance from the state for their invaluable

5. ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO BEGIN TO BUY A HOME

The Labour Party has developed a new idea to help people get onto the property ladder. It is a new scheme that will provide a means for people with a job to begin to buy their own home. This new proposal is called 'Begin to Buy'.

FOR DETAILS ON LABOUR'S 5 COMMITMENTS
PLEASE VISIT
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Cllr. Anne Carter

BROUGHAN & CARTER WELCOME GP OUT OF HOURS SCHEME

Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter have welcomed the establishment of the new 24 hours Out-of-Hours GP Scheme. However Cllr. Carter has again urged the HSE and the Irish Medical Organisation to consider putting a cap on the charge for calling out a GP outside of normal hours to ensure that all families can avail of a doctor without fear of paying massive costs.

SAVE OUR SCHOOL

Broughan continues Greendale Community School campaign

Tommy Broughan T.D. has demanded that Greendale Community School must be saved for education and community use.

"Education Minister Mary Hanafin recently told me that no decision has yet been made on the future of Greendale Community School campus with its magnificent school building and wonderful revamped sports hall. This means there is still time to save this historic and outstanding school site. It is vital that the educational and community facilities are retained under new sponsors if necessary", said Tommy Broughan T.D.

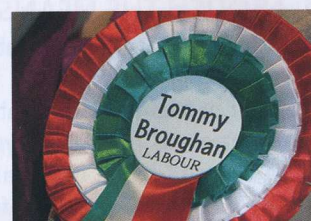
The vast new city that is currently being built on the North Fringe of the Dublin North East constituency (with up to 25,000 housing units approved or in planning) is just over a mile due north of Greendale on the DART line. With no schools yet planned for this massive new area it is very short-sighted of the government to go ahead with the Greendale closure. Tommy has raised the proposed closure of Greendale Community School four times in the last 18 months in Dail Eireann with the Minister for Education and is continuing to pursue the Minister and Taoiseach Ahern on the matter throughout the last months of this Dail.

NEWS FROM AROUND NORTH EAST

- Deputy Tommy Broughan has contacted Education Minister Mary Hanafin to request that she urgently proceeds with the much needed extension for St. Fintan's High School, **Sutton**, Dublin 13.
- Local Cllr. Anne Carter has welcomed the announcement of the North Central Area Major Works Programme for 2007. Cllr. Carter has been informed that the tarmac verges and dishings of the footpaths on **Ferrycarrig Road** and **Glin Avenue**, **Coolock Park/Ayrfield** and the **Kilbarrack** Area are also set to be refurbished. The asphalt roadway at **Newtown Cottages**, **Glin Grove/Glin Crescent** and **Ferrycarrig Park**, are also set to be repaired. Finally, the City Council committed to carrying out badly needed repairs on the Malahide Road (at the **Darndale Roundabout** and **N32**); **St. Margaret's Avenue**, **Kilbarrack**; **Grange Road** (outside Donaghmede Shopping Centre) and **Harmonstown Road**.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter continue to closely monitor the refurbishment of Clonshaugh Road. Section 3 (Riverside Park to Oscar Traynor Road) is now almost complete. Section 2 (Riverside Park to Clonshaugh Avenue) is commencing and is due to finish by August. Finally, tendering for Phase 1 (Clonshaugh Avenue to the N32) ended in January and this contract will be carried out between April and December 2007.
- Tommy Broughan T.D. has continued to campaign in Dail Eireann for the immediate appointment of a new Commission of Investigation into the **Stardust** fire disaster of 1981 where 48 young people tragically lost their lives. Deputy Broughan also strongly criticised Taoiseach Ahern and Justice Minister McDowell's disgraceful stonewalling of the Stardust Families and ongoing broken deadlines and commitments.
- Cllr. Anne Carter and Deputy Tommy Broughan have welcomed a decision from North Central Area Manager Declan Wallace that the public lighting upgrade works will be completed in **Riverside** estate in 2007 and that the bulk of **Foxhill** estate will also receive upgraded public lighting this year.
- Local Labour Cllr. Anne Carter has asked Justice Minister

provide the **Coolock** Garda Division with the long promised additional Gardai needed to meet the policing needs of the local community. Deputy Broughan continues his ten-year campaign for a new Garda Station for Donaghmede and the North Fringe.

- The final completion of improvement works at **Howth Junction/Donaghmede** and **Raheny** Dart stations must be urgently carried out according to Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Anne Carter. Iarnrod Eireann has informed Cllr. Carter that they will be providing new and upgraded shelters, seats and litter bins at all stations.
- Deputy Broughan has continued to represent the **Sutton Park and Lawns** Residents Association in their ongoing campaign to ensure that Iarnrod Eireann completes a series of outstanding works in relation to the damaged westbound piped drain from **Sutton Park Estate** under **Bayside Dart Station** and north into Seagrang Park adjoining Sutton Park. Tommy has also pursued Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the disgraceful flooding of the underpass at Bayside Station.
- Dublin Bus has reported to Cllr. Anne Carter and Tommy Broughan T.D. that they will repair a series of bus shelters at **Donaghmede** Shopping Centre and provide additional shelters for **Priorswood Road** including the stop opposite the junction with **Moatview Avenue**.
- Deputy Broughan has welcomed Fingal County Council's draft programme of works for the Howth/Malahide Area for 2007. At **Seagrang Park**, **Baldoyle**, Dublin 13 it has been agreed to improve and/or raise the footpaths. In Howth funding is to be allocated to develop new paths from **Balkill Park** to **Carrickbrack Road**. Under the Transportation Works Programme for 2007 footpath improvements will be carried out at **Meadowbrook Estate**, **Baldoyle**; **Seagrang Estate**, **Baldoyle**; **Grange Road**, **Baldoyle**; **Sutton Park/Bayside**; **Balkill Park/St. Neassans**, **Howth**;



LABOUR'S PLAN TO BEGIN TO BUY A HOME

In the last ten years house prices have quadrupled and the numbers on housing waiting lists have doubled. Too many young people working across the country are unable to afford to buy their own home and settle in the communities that they would like to be part of – near their places of work, where they were raised or where their families live. Labour in government will implement a new affordable and shared equity purchase scheme "Begin to Buy." This programme will enable homebuyers to commence purchasing from 25% of the dwelling equity upwards in conjunction with the local housing authority.

This innovative scheme will enable people to start purchasing a home as soon as they are in full time employment and allow them to increase their equity in the home as their incomes increase and financial circumstances improve. Labour is also committed to introducing new tenant purchase schemes for local authority tenants and tenants of voluntary and co-operative housing bodies.



Tommy Broughan TD launches Labour's new website



Deputy Tommy Broughan and Cllr Anne Carter join local residents protest against the high rise carpark at Donaghmede

BROUGHAN URGES TAOISEACH TO ACT ON GRAFFITI AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Local Labour T.D. Tommy Broughan has brought his campaign against graffiti and anti-social behaviour to the floor of Dail Eireann. The Taoiseach acknowledged Deputy Broughan's report to the Dail on the current appalling epidemic of graffiti. Deputy Broughan has also again contacted Justice Minister McDowell to condemn the ongoing government inaction on tackling anti-social behaviour in several local estates. Deputy Broughan demanded that Minister McDowell put all necessary Garda and other resources in place to eliminate the current plague of anti-social behaviour.

NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

Among recent Dublin North East planning issues on which Deputy Tommy Broughan and Cllr. Anne Carter have made submissions on behalf of residents and communities are the following:

Stapolin Baldoye Phase 4

Helsingor have submitted their plans for the fourth phase of the huge Racecourse Lands development. These include 453 homes (251 houses and duplexes and 202 apartments) which will be directly north of Phase 1 now nearly built on Grange Road. The height ranges from two-storey backing onto Stapolin Lawns up to five-storey near the proposed new town square. Deputy Broughan has made a lengthy submission to Fingal County Council raising questions about several aspects of this Phase 4 plan.

Grove Lane, Clare Village

The City Council is seeking additional information on another massive apartment development near Clare Hall Shopping Centre. This is a proposal for 198 apartments on an 1.1 hectare site (at Crossans and Shell Garage). The proposed new apartment blocks will range from five to eight storeys high and will also include six retail units and office space. Cllr. Anne Carter has raised constituents' concerns about this proposal at the North Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council.

Tonleegge Road; the Hilltop Shopping Centre, Raheny; Foxfield Road

Deputy Tommy Broughan has made a submission to Dublin City Council on behalf of Tonleegge Road residents who are concerned about an apartment redevelopment at 267 Tonleegge Road, Raheny, Dublin 5. A proposal for a new floor of offices over the existing Hilltop Shopping Centre and a three and four story extension to the complex with three apartments has also been

Warrenhouse Road & Baldoye Industrial Estate, Baldoye

An appeal has been submitted to An Bord Pleanala following the Fingal County Council's refusal for a nine apartment redevelopment at Warrencourt, Warrenhouse Road with a proposed access from Warren Green. An Bord Pleanala has confirmed Fingal County Council's refusal of permission for a large waste management facility for C & D Recycling Ltd. at 24 Baldoye Industrial Estate, Baldoye, Dublin 13.

Traffic Management in Howth & Sutton

A series of public meetings has been held by the Transportation Department of Fingal County Council to assess residents' views on traffic management proposals for Howth Town, Harbour Road and the West Pier. Strong opposition has been expressed by many residents to parking fees at these locations. Following this consultation, detailed plans were to be put on display next June with a decision by Fingal Councillors in September. But Council officials are considering residents' requests supported by Deputy Tommy Broughan not to put proposals on display until after the holidays in September.

Advertising Billboards in Coolock & Ayrfield

The outdoor advertising multinational JC Decaux applied for permission to erect up to 14 large billboard signs on the Malahide Road, N32 and in Clongriffin. Eleven of these were submitted just before Christmas and were for illuminated display structures, 4.85 metres high and 3.48 metres wide (with display panel of almost 7 square metres). Deputy Broughan and Cllr. Carter have objected to the concentration of so many of these



Deputy Tommy Broughan with Pat Rabbitte at Northside Shopping Centre

BROUGHAN SLAMS THREAT TO 500 MORE POST OFFICES

Tommy Broughan T.D. has strongly criticised the threat of closure to 500 more post offices. The postal network has already been decimated during the lifetime of the Fianna Fáil/PP government. In 2000 there were around 1,800 postal units in the network, yet this figure has now dropped to just 1,300. Too many communities – including Priorswood – have already been devastated by the closure of their local post office. Deputy Broughan has called on the Fianna Fail/PP government to finally do its duty and establish a comprehensive and coherent postal strategy to protect a nationwide and viable post office network.

Have your Say on Local Issues

It is really important to me to keep in touch with you and hear your concerns about what is happening.

I would be very grateful if you could take a few moments of your time to fill in and return the following reply slip to Tommy Broughan T.D., Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2. Alternatively you can email your responses to thomas_p_broughan@oireachtas.ie

Name:

Email: Telephone:

Address:

My local priorities include:

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| 1. Anti-social behaviour & graffiti | 4. Improved public transport |
| 2. Sustainable planning | 5. Educational resources |
| 3. Local health services | 6. Youth & sport facilities |

Do you agree with my local priorities? Yes / No

your comments

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BROUGHAN says "Reduce class size now and support special needs pupils"

Speaking during a recent massive public meeting in Killester organised by the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (I.N.T.O.), Tommy Broughan T.D. has backed local concerned parents and teachers in their campaign to reduce class sizes for primary schools.

Primary class sizes in Irish primary schools are the second highest in the EU and too many children are forced to learn in classes of 28 plus. The Fianna Fail/PP government has completely failed to deliver on their commitment of five years ago to reduce class sizes for children under nine to less than twenty per class. Tommy has also been campaigning for increased resources for local schools to provide all children with equality of educational opportunity and to ensure that waiting lists for children with autism and special needs are eliminated.

GET IN TOUCH

5 WAYS TO CONTACT TOMMY BROUGHAN

Write to me Tommy Broughan TD,
Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2

Come to see me at one of my many information
clinics around Dublin North East

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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