# NORTHSIDER

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## ZOMBIE BANKS PUT BEFORE PEOPLE'S

**NEEDS** ...BROUGHAN



While Fianna Fail and the Greens go ahead with bailing out zombie banks and top bankers, ordinary people will face more cutbacks, more job losses and new and unacceptable stealth taxes on water and other essential services.

For Labour, an orderly wind-down of

the obsolete banks at the lowest cost possible should be the priority. Creating and protecting jobs is also Labour's key aim. Labour's plan for saving Irish jobs includes immediate national programmes on: public transport and roads reinstatement; house insulation and school pre-fab



**Tommy Broughan TD** 

replacement; flood relief, broadband and water infrastructure; a new deal on re-training and business start-up options for the newly unemployed; getting credit flowing through Labour's proposed Strategic Investment Bank; and ending the ban on upward only rents.

### **CLONGRIFFIN STATION FINALLY OPENS!**



Tommy Broughan warmly welcomed the belated opening of Clongriffin DART station for the residents of Clongriffin, The Coast, Baldoyle, the new North Fringe and the wider Donaghmede area. Tommy attended the opening with the local Labour team including Cllr. Sean Kenny, Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan, Cllr. Peter Coyle, Area Rep Brian McDowell, and Cllr. Killian Forde.

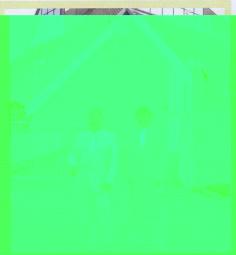
The station was opened by Labour Lord Mayor of Dublin City Cllr. Emer Costello and Labour Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Ciaran Byrne. "Labour has strongly

supported the campaign for more than 8 years for this essential rail service" said-Deputy Broughan who proposed the station in 1999.

## REZONING PLANS

Tommy Braughun T.D. has questioned a massive rezoning proposal by the bubblin Catholic Archdooses to the Dubbin City Development Plan (2011) (2017) for Northside parishes. Hely Tunity Church Donaghmede Dubbin 13 and St. Benedict's Porish Church in Kilbarrack, Dubbin 5 have been earmarked for total re-zoning in addition to proposed rezonings of presbyteries and calparies at St. Joseph's, Bonnybrook, Dubbin 17, St. Francis, of Assis, Church, Priorswood, Dubbin 17, and St. Paul's Church Aydield, Dubbin 13.

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Deputy Tomasy Broughin and Area Rep.

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### NORTH EAST PLANNING FILE

#### Stardust Site, Artane, Dublin 5

Deputy Tommy Broughan is supporting strong opposition from the Stardust Relatives and Victims Committee and from local residents to the latest proposed development at Butterly Business Park. Following the rejection of the last Casino proposal, the current plan looks for 178 housing units (mostly apartments and duplexes), 24,000 m² of commercial developments including an 81 bed hotel, a medical centre and pharmacy all in 9 blocks of 2 to 6 storeys with 546 parking spaces (mostly underground).

#### **Bayside Shopping Centre**

Bayside and Mid Sutton residents voted by a 2:1 majority in favour of the current plan for Bayside Shopping Centre. Deputy Broughan has supported local residents and the SOS (Save Our Square) Committee for more than 8 years in their campaign for a sustainable and appropriate reduced opment of Payside Sc. Thre voted in Payside Parish Church) was called to decide whether or not to bring a Fingal County Council Grant of Permission for the third and latest Shopping Centre plan to An Bord Pleanala. A majority of interested local residents voted to accept the current plan and not make an appeal to An Bord Pleanala about any remaining concerns.

#### Howth - Techrete amd Howth Road

Tommy Broughan T.D. and Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala to reject the high density, high rise proposal for the Techrete factory site in Howth comprising an astonishing 386 apartments and associated commercial developments in eight large blocks ranging from three to eleven storeys and a leisure centre and landmark hotel building of up to 12 storeys. The proposal was completely inappropriate on height, density, traffic, environmental and overlooking grounds. Deputy Broughan also welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala to refuse permission for an unsuitable and unsustainable proposal to replace numbers 150, 151 and 152, Howth Road, Sutton.



During the recent Dáil session, Tommy continued to raise a range of local and constituency issues in Dáil Éireann:

- The pyrites scandal
- Threat to Cadbury jobs & tackling the local jobs crisis
- Repair and completion of the North Fringe
- Cutbacks to DART services
- Support for ex-SR Technics workers
- Cutbacks to North East community and anti-drugs projects
- Ongoing graffiti plague
- Proposed closure of the Kinsealy Teagasc centre
- Housing waiting list and homelessness
- Resources for Beaumont Hospital



 Tommy Broughan T.D. with Area Rep Brian McDowell and Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello

#### **Baldoyle Discount Store**

Deputy Tommy Broughan has sent a strong objection to Fingal County Council on a proposal for a 1700 square metre licensed discount foodstore at Myrtle Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. Deputy Broughan opposed the plan because it contravenes the Masterplan for The Coast/Stapolin Village, is at odds with retail planning guidelines, is totally inappropriate given bad traffic and visual impacts on the Coast and Red Arches.

#### **Dublin Port**

An Bord Pleanala has turned down a Dublin Port proposal to reclaim 21 hectares at the mouth of the Tolka estuary. Deputy Broughan has always supported a vibrant, dynamic Dublin Port. But he strongly opposed the unnecessary and unacceptable 21 hectare infill proposal on behalf of residents in Clontarf, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Sutton and Howth given that Dublin Port already has an adequate and underused existing landbank of 532 acres; the need for longterm sustainable coastal zone management and planning for Dublin Bay and Port; and the failure to take into account the impact of climate change on Dublin Bay and Dublin Port. The Bord turned down the proposal mainly on environmental grounds.

As a member of the Dáil Public Accounts Committee, Tommy has also critically examined public spending and activities at government departments and agencies. Tommy is also Labour's Transport Spokesperson and has pursued many national issues and legislation in the Dáil:

- Cutbacks to bus, rail and DART services
- Aer Lingus, Ryanair & jobs at Dublin Airport
- CIE and the Broadmeadow Bridge Collapse
- Speed cameras and road safety
- Taxi crisis
- NCT and driving test chaos
- Strong support for Metro North and Rail Interconnector
- Public Transport Regulation Act (the new National Transport Authority)
- Merchant Shipping Act (maritime workers' rights);
- Harbours Act (national ports)

## **Working for Dublin North East**



Campaigning against Graffiti



Labour Leader Eamon Gilmore T.D.



Tommy with PARC Road Safety Group



● Mayor Ciaran Byrne, Tommy Broughan

T.D. & Cllr. Peter Coyle



Labour on the march.



● Tommy Broughan T.D. with Lord Mayor Emer Costello & CLlr. Cian O'Callaghan

#### Free Insulation Scheme

Energy Action provides free insulation for senior citizens and low income households who own their own homes and qualify as "fuel poor". Phone 454 5464 or visit www.energyaction.ie for more information.

#### Mortgage Information

Visit www.keepingyourhome.ie for advice on tackling mortgage difficulties.

#### **Consumer Advice**

Been ripped off or need advice on a consumer issue? Contact the National Consumer Agency at 1890 432 432 or www.consumerconnect.ie for more information.

#### **Home Energy Savings Scheme**

Sustainable Energy Ireland offers a number of grants to householders for energy improvements to their homes:

Householders for energy improvements to their nomes.		
MEASURE	CATEGORY	GRANT
Roof	Roof Insulation	€250
Wall	Cavity Wall Insulation	€400
	Internal Wall Dry-Lining	€2,500
	External Wall Insulation	€4,000
Heating Controls	High Efficiency Gas or Oil fired Boiler with Heating Controls Upgrade	€700
	Heating Controls Upgrade	€500
BER Assessment	BER After Upgrade Works (Only one BER grant per home)	€100

 Please contact SEI at Lo-call 1850 376 666 or www.seai.ie to apply for a grant or find out more.

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#### TOMMY BROUGHAN - INFORMATION CLINICS

**Every MONDAY** 

11.00 am BESC Offices, Darndale Village

2nd / 4th FRIDAY

7.00 pm Concorde, Edenmore Shopping Centre 7.45 pm Foxhound Inn, Greendale Shopping Centre

8.30 pm Marine Hotel, Sutton

9.15 pm Pier House, Howth /Golf Links Inn, Portmarnock

**Every SATURDAY** 

10.00 am Clonshaugh Shopping Centre
11.30 am Donaghmede Shopping Centre

1.15 pm Madigans, Kilbarrack Shopping Centre

1st / 3rd SATURDAY

2.00 pm Bayside Shopping Centre

2.45 pm Baldoyle House (Graingers) /Racecourse Inn, Shopping Centre

2nd /4th SATURDAY

2.30 pm Walkabout in one of the 16 parishes of Dublin North East.