

## ZOMBIE BANKS PUT BEFORE PEOPLE'S NEEDS ...BROUGHAN

  
Labour

The bailout of dead banks by the Fianna Fail/Green government continues to haemorrhage billions of euros at the same time as families across Ireland suffer an unbearable burden of cutbacks and massive debt. €22 billion of public money may be pumped into Anglo Irish Bank alone because of the government's blanket bank guarantee which the Labour Party stood alone in opposing in September 2008 in Dáil Éireann. So for at least the next ten years the Irish government will take €2 billion out of the budget each year just to keep this one casino bank afloat.



Tommy Broughan TD

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

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.



# BROUGHAN OPPOSES CHURCH REZONING PLANS

Tommy Broughan T.D. has questioned a massive rezoning proposal by the Dublin Catholic Archdiocese to the Dublin City Development Plan (2011 /2017) for Northside parishes. Holy Trinity Church Donaghmede, Dublin 13 and St. Benedict's Parish Church in Kilbarrack, Dublin 5 have been earmarked for total re-zoning in addition to proposed rezonings of presbyteries and car-parks at St. Joseph's, Bonnybrook, Dublin 17, St. Francis' of Assisi Church, Priorswood, Dublin 17 and St. Paul's Church Ayrfield, Dublin 13.

*"These are important and longstanding community facilities and any proposed rezonings are not in the community's interests",* said Deputy Broughan who has contacted Archbishop Diarmuid Martin to express his constituents' strong opposition to the proposals and to appeal to him to withdraw this crazy plan.



● Deputy Tommy Broughan and Area Rep. Brian McDowell at Donaghmede Church

## ACTION NEEDED ON WATER CRISIS

Tommy Broughan has again called for urgent action on the ongoing water crisis. During the "Big Freeze" in January and February, local residents in Clonsaugh, Howth, Sutton and Raheny suffered severe disruptions to their water service. There have been ongoing disruptions to the water supply ever since especially in Howth, Portmarnock and Kinsealy. There is a major crisis in the water infrastructure across the Greater Dublin Region. Environment Minister Gormley has still reportedly failed to approve the €118 million programme for watermain refurbishment and upgrade funding has been approved for just 60 kilometres of watermain out of a total of 2,700 km.

## BROUGHAN'S DÁIL PYRITE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Tommy Broughan has slammed Environment Minister John Gormley's refusal to consider a Commission of Investigation into the planning and building deficiencies in the North Fringe urban district. In a special Dáil debate, Deputy Broughan again asked Minister Gormley to initiate a **Commission of Investigation** and to ensure that all outstanding issues in relation to the appalling pyrite contamination of young householders' homes, the failure to complete key community and service facilities in the North Fringe and all other building and fire deficiencies are urgently remedied.

Read Tommy's Dáil speech at [www.tommybroughan.com](http://www.tommybroughan.com)



## POLICING FORUMS & DONAGHMEDE SAFETY FORUM

Deputy Tommy Broughan T.D. is an active member of the Dublin City Joint Policing Forum and the Fingal Joint Policing Committee with An Garda Síochána and local City and County Officials. Tommy regularly raises a range of crime, justice and policing issues affecting local residents. Deputy Tommy Broughan and Local Labour Area Rep Brian McDowell also welcomed agreement from Dublin City Council for a Labour proposal for a new local area policing and safety forum for Donaghmede Parish, Dublin 13. Similar local safety forums are already in operation in Darndale Belcamp and Priorswood; Clongriffin and Edenmore parishes.

## BROUGHAN DEMANDS CONSULTATION & CHANGE TO GRASS CUTTING POLICY

Deputy Tommy Broughan was astonished to learn that a new grass cutting (so-called Meadowlands Policy) was being implemented without public consultation or the approval of Fingal Councillors. While he supports biodiversity, Deputy Broughan fears that the new policy of not cutting the grass in open spaces is a response to vicious Fianna Fail/Green cutbacks to the Fingal Budget. Areas affected include Burrow, Beach Park and Court, Portmarnock Crescent, Carrickhill Heights and Park, Dal Riada, the Kingfisher site, Golf Links Road, Seagrang Park, The Lambchop, Sutton Green, Offington Lawn, Sutton Strand / Creek, Baltray Park, Duncarraig, Red Rock and the Lower Tramline. Supported by Cllrs. Peter Coyle and Cian O'Callaghan, Deputy Tommy Broughan is demanding that County Manager David O'Connor withdraw this policy.

## LABOUR STANDS BY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

News that the government has axed funding for the Edenmore and Kilmore Community Development Projects (CDP) is a devastating blow that has closed these two vital community development and employment projects. Tommy Broughan T.D. and the Labour Party continue to fight in Dáil Éireann for local CDPs, Jobs Initiative and C.E. workers in Kilbarrack, Moatview/Fairfield and Baldoyle.

## LABOUR TAXI REFORM PLAN

Tommy Broughan T.D. has again asked the Fianna Fail/Green government in Dáil Éireann to urgently accept the comprehensive taxi reform proposals that he has published on behalf of Labour (Hailing a New Taxi Service, available at [www.labour.ie/download/pdf/hailinganewtaxiservice.pdf](http://www.labour.ie/download/pdf/hailinganewtaxiservice.pdf)). Labour is the only party proposing a new, fair system of taxi regulation which has high quality standards for passengers as well as facilitating decent and



# 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 m<sup>2</sup> 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 redevelopment of Bayside S.C. The vote (in Bayside 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 and 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.



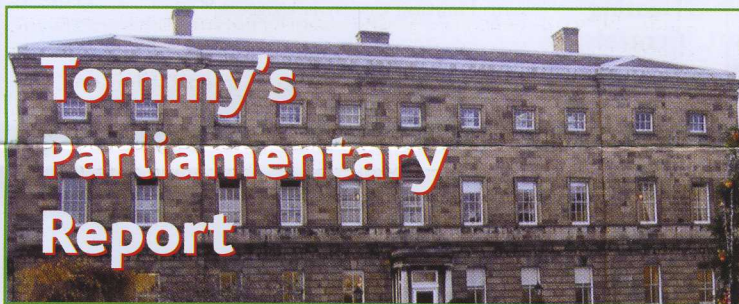
● Tommy Broughan T.D. with Area Rep Brian McDowell and Lord Mayor Cllr Emer Costello

## 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.



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

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](http://www.energyaction.ie) for more information.

## Mortgage Information

Visit [www.keepingyourhome.ie](http://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](http://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:

MEASURE	CATEGORY	GRANT
Roof	Roof Insulation	€250
	Cavity Wall Insulation	€400
Wall	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](http://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 Clonsaugh 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.