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Dear constituent,

It has been the great honour of a lifetime to be elected as your Teachta Dála to Dáil Éireann.

I've spent the last several months engaging with local constituency organisations and putting local issues front and centre in our national parliament. I am working hard to represent your interests to every part of our country's government.

I take the role of an opposition politician very seriously: there are deep problems with how the state has addressed issues such as housing and disabilities, and consecutive governments have implemented fragile and unsustainable models of fiscal and economic management. I centre my politics on social justice and climate justice and pushing for better upholding of human rights here and abroad.

Ireland is a great country with a great people; I am proud to do the people's work in their parliament. If there are any issues or concerns you would like raised, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time. I'm always eager to hear from the community.

Your local TD,



METROLINK & METRO SOUTH WEST

- Metrolink was granted planning permission by An Coimisiún Pleanála in September.
- I'm strongly supportive of the additional *Metro South West* proposal, which would see an extension from the current planned terminus in Charlemont to Rathmines, Terenure, Rathfarnham, Templeogue and Knocklyon. The programme for the government commits to a feasibility study, but no action has been taken yet.
- I advocated directly with the NTA for the feasibility study to be integrated into the programme timeline for the broader Metrolink delivery framework, so that progress on the *Metro South West* proposal is triggered by progression of the current Metrolink programme.

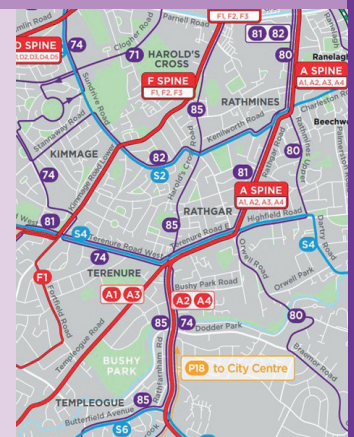


LUAS EXTENSIONS – POOLBEG, KIMMAGE & UCD

- One of my top priorities is accelerated delivery of the Poolbeg LUAS red-line extension.
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland previously indicated that accelerated delivery of this was possible with a passenger operation date of 2030, and I am pressing the Minister for Transport and NTA to deliver against this timeline.
- Additionally, I am seeking accelerated progress on Luas extensions to Kimmage and UCD in the next strategic framework to complement Metrolink and Dart+ development.

BUSCONNECTS

- Phase 7 of the BusConnects programme came into effect from 19th October. The following routes have been discontinued: 9, 26, 40, 40b, 49, 54a, 83/a, 123, and 140, and new routes have been introduced, including three which will run 24 hours – F1, F2 & 80.
- I'm strongly supportive of public transport improvements like the BusConnects programme, but believe it's also important the changes maximise improvements and minimise disruption. I have raised these concerns with the heads of both BusConnects and the NTA.
- I have also continued to advocate for the Bushy Park road area to keep its 15b route from Spring 2026, and am monitoring the bus gate changes in Rathmines and Ranelagh against traffic flow changes. Investment in public transport should be prioritised and work well for us all.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



WATER QUALITY IN DUBLIN BAY

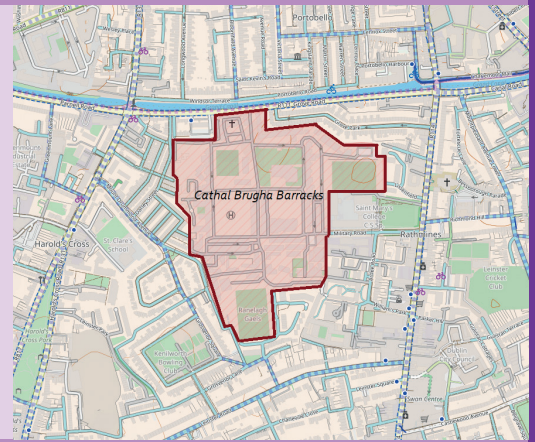
- The Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant processes 40% of the entire country's wastewater and is under consistent capacity pressure.
- A recent EPA report has reconfirmed Sandymount's 'poor' bathing water quality and swimming was banned again for the 2025 season. This unacceptable environmental disaster affects local residents and wildlife and degrades one of our most valuable natural amenities.
- I'm seeking accelerated delivery of the Greater Dublin Drainage Scheme (GDDS), which will alleviate the pressure on the Ringsend plant. I've engaged directly with Uisce Éireann and called out the government's ludicrous misrepresentations of the agency's level of funding. I am also seeking interim measures to halt the sewage discharge into our Bay.

FLOOD DEFENCE & INSURANCE

- The Sandymount Flood Defence scheme has finally been contracted for design. This long overdue scheme needs to be delivered urgently.
- We need to deliver more ambitious solutions to address market failures in the flood insurance market, which is why I have spoken in the Dáil calling on the government to consider reinsurance models such as those in the UK and France and will meet with department officials soon to present these proposals.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

- The government has abandoned plans to utilise Cathal Brugha Barracks for housing. The barracks represents one of the largest state-owned landbanks in Dublin City and could play a major role in increasing housing supply for Dubliners.
- While I continue to engage with the Department of Defence on the use of this space for housing, I have been hugely encouraged by how community focused our Defence Forces have been in opening facilities to local sports clubs and schools.
- I am deeply concerned that no affordable housing is included in the current phase of the Irish Glass Bottle Site development in Poolbeg. Affordable housing is essential for the area and I am seeking assurances on its delivery.



HOMES FOR IRELAND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

- Championing state-led delivery of housing means not only getting state bodies more involved in the design and construction of housing developments, but also creating a more integrated structuring of housing finance.
- The Social Democrats have launched an innovative policy proposal to leverage €163 billion sitting in Irish deposit accounts to fund the delivery of thousands of affordable homes.
- Modelled on the French *Livret-A* scheme, this system would make sure your savings earn interest beyond current market rates while funding new housing developments.

CHILDCARE & DISABILITY

PÁISTECARE – A PUBLIC MODEL CHILDCARE

- While €540 million has been allocated to childcare in the revised National Development plan, it is focused on supporting the private sector. The Social Democrats plan for a public model of childcare, Páistecare, could be piloted using some of this additional funding.
- The department has itself estimated the cost of a pilot scheme to be €53 million, or just 6.7% of the additional funding allocated by the NDP.
- “Páistecare”, would not only give children the best start in life, but also alleviate the financial burden on parents, and deliver huge boosts to economic productivity and quality of life.

DISABILITY/SPECIAL SCHOOLS

- The National Development plan revision process has resulted in an allocation of €7.55 billion to the Department of Education & Youth for the 2026 to 2030 period.
- I am working to secure local constituency allocations in special schools infrastructure in our communities.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



A SAFE CITY

- Dublin should be a city where everyone feels safe. The rise of vandalism and intimidation in places like Sean Moore and Eamonn Ceannt parks are just the latest evidence that we are not doing enough to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- I've engaged with Dublin City Council to urgently clean up and replace damaged infrastructure, and I've met with Gardaí repeatedly on these issues. Our community gardaí need more resources, but they've also stressed that we need to invest more in youth facilities, social services, and youth diversion programmes in disadvantaged communities.
- The vast majority of the wonderful people of our city stand united against all forms of intimidation and violence, including rising racism and xenophobia, and I will continue to work so that people from all backgrounds experience Dublin as the beautiful, vibrant, welcoming city we all love.

PARLIAMENTARY WORK



Exposure in the public finances to changes in the IP holdings of large multinational companies

IRELAND'S FISCAL PRECARITY & TAX MIRAGE

I'm passionate about Ireland moving to a more dynamic and balanced economic model with a strong indigenous sector. The government claim to be prudent managers of the public finances, but the weaknesses in our economy puts the future of our country at huge risk. I used the honour of my maiden speech in the Dáil to shine a light on our fragile corporate tax base.

You can watch any of my speeches by scanning the QR code below.

COMMITTEE ON ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & EMPLOYMENT

At meetings of the Enterprise committee, I am advocating for a healthier indigenous SME sector that protects workers rights and sustainable businesses.

I'm proud to have initiated a 'political contribution' from the Enterprise Committee to the European Commission, with the support of the Irish Coalition for Business and Human Rights, on strengthening corporate regulations on human rights and climate action.



CLINICS AVAILABLE

I'll be hosting a constituency clinic in the coming weeks, where you can come and discuss how I can best represent you, or issues I can raise in your parliament.

Contact my office to book an appointment.

Níor fhoghlaim mé Gaeilge ar scoil, ach tá tús curtha agam le foghlaim le déanaí. Cuir in iúl dom, le do thoil, más mian leat teachtaireacht a fháil inár dteanga dhúchais!

SINCE I'VE BEEN ELECTED

My first term as a TD has been a busy one – I've met with countless constituents, community groups, and advocates. I attend all resident association AGMs, have used parliamentary questions to put pressure on government departments to deliver for Dublin on the environment, public transport, and special needs and disability supports.

My Dáil chamber contributions have focused on housing, dementia care and the continued provision of respite beds in Royal Hospital Donnybrook, the public finances, structural issues and high prices in the energy market, public pensions, and coastal flood protection and insurance. I've been active in committees and met with ambassadors from Canada, Palestine and Denmark, among others, where there's important links to be forged.

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