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PROTECT PEOPLE


 I have a record of consistently standing for equal treatment and inclusion for all. All Councillors should subscribe to principles of equality and inclusion. I am committed to an approach to political engagement which respects different views and seeks to build cooperation between people respecting them as individuals


 We are working towards the provision of public cost-rental housing at large scale. This will directly provide secure and affordable housing as well as having a moderating influence on private rents. As a result of Green Party engagement, this approach has been put in place in the Council-owned land at Ballymastone in Donabate.

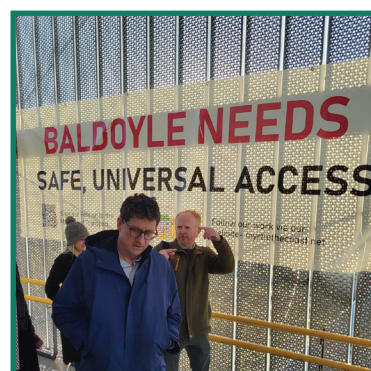
We have changed the zoning of a number of areas in Fingal from employment-only to mixed-use, such as at Kilbarrack Industrial Estate. These areas will have the capacity to provide substantial housing sited on good public transport links, in mixed use developments, including also employment uses. We need more zoning changes like this, so people can get accommodation in their own areas and with good public transport, rather than being pushed out to neighbouring counties and having to drive everywhere.

We also have a quality challenge with much of our existing housing. Fingal has been carrying out major retrofits to our Council housing stock, bringing them up to efficient and healthy thermal standards, for example at Dublin St. Baldoyle and Strandmill estate, Portmarnock. It is particularly positive to see the cooperation which is enabling private houses to also be included in the programme while the contractor is on the same street. Having built capacity over the last few years, the Council is now capable of a greatly expanded retrofit programme, and is seeking increased capital funding to carry it out.

 Following the visit from Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to see the stairs and lift beside Clongriffin station, the NTA has started the process of procuring an interim properly designed and maintained lift and stairs access. I am continuing to pursue the planning compliance issues for a development which should have seen the Station Plaza delivered as part of the first phase, not pushed out indefinitely as has happened.

 Councillors from all parties are continuing to press the Council Executive to enforce the planning conditions imposed by An Bord Pleanála on Dublin Airport Authority to protect the public from night-time noise. We also made the World Health Organisation's noise standards for the protection of public health an objective in the Fingal Development Plan. However, this was deleted by Ministerial direction. Affected residents and an environmental group have issued legal challenges to that Ministerial direction.

 The Council agreed unanimously, on my proposal, to approve the plans for the new Community Centre at Racecourse Park in Baldoyle. It's great to see the innovative design and attention to sustainability in this proposal for a circular building with a green roof.



RESTORE NATURE

🚶 An Bord Pleanála decided in November that the proposed public realm improvements to the pedestrianised New Street Malahide do not require Environmental Impact Assessment. In January the Council approved the redesign of the street by a vote of 22 to 9, with 5 abstentions.

🏠 Sustainability experts have long pointed out that “the greenest building is the one that already exists.” Recognising this, we got wording into the new Fingal Development Plan that “Where demolition is proposed, the applicant must submit a demolition justification report to set out the rationale for the demolition having regard to the embodied carbon of existing structures as well as the additional use of resources and energy arising from new construction relative to the reuse of existing structures.” This is already leading to refusal of unsustainable demolition proposals, immediately saving resources and reducing emissions.

🐦 Fingal has adopted an ambitious and detailed Biodiversity Plan, including objectives for Nature Restoration on land and sea. This includes immediate practical actions in our protected sites (such as putting ropes along paths on Ireland’s Eye to guide people away from ground-nesting birds) and goals including the restoration of coastal shellfish beds, seagrass, kelp and saltmarshes habitats.

I and my Green colleagues have a long track record of protecting our high amenity land and green belts, including the Howth Special Amenity Area, from rezoning proposals. We will continue to work for public access to and responsible enjoyment of our natural and cultural heritage.

In the Howth Special Amenity Area, a vital part of the Dublin Bay Biosphere, the Management Committee, with community involvement, is working on protecting and improving access, tackling *Rhododendron ponticum* and other invasive species, fire protection through managed grazing, restoration of wetlands, and many other actions, detailed in the Howth SAAO Operational Plan.

🌊 OPW has now included the beaches and soft coasts from Portmarnock to Dublin Bay in its coastal monitoring. Fingal is discouraging trampling of the dunes by means of ropes and information signs. There is a great willingness in the community and the majority of beach visitors to protect and restore our beaches. I’m working to build the cooperative relationships needed to make it happen.


🌍 Fingal adopted a detailed Climate Action Plan in February following a public display last year. The Plan emphasises the Council’s commitment to cooperation across society to face the challenges of preventing and adapting to climate change, with the Council itself taking a lead.


⚡ Home energy-saving kits are now available for loan in all Fingal and Dublin City Libraries.

💧 I have been campaigning for a number of years to for all information on sewage overflows to streams and beaches to be made immediately available to the public. If re-elected I will continue to work on this and to work to restore good status to our water bodies.




 Funding has been allocated to Fingal County Council under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for an architectural competition to replace the steps to Balscadden Beach, on foot of a proposal drawn up by the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.

 Election postering is currently an ugly and wasteful free-for-all. Greens believe we should restrict it to regulated and designated areas. In December the Council agreed to my motion, that Fingal is willing to establish designated areas for postering, as is common practice in many other European countries, if the law is changed to allow it.

 We have been learning from successful experience in other countries, especially the Netherlands, and have provided some important infrastructure. However, we still have a distance to go in designing streets, roads and greenways for active travel. We need to continue to learn from good practice elsewhere.

Now that it is possible to provide zebra crossings with simple signs rather than flashing beacons, Fingal should do so widely. Continuous footpaths at side roads should be standard.

All roads without footpaths must be addressed as a matter of urgency. Rapidly implementable designs such as those used in the Netherlands should be considered, for example at Stockhole Lane. In other locations, short local greenway links are an urgent priority, especially between Kinsealy and Portmarnock, under the railway line to link Baldoyle and Clongriffin and over the railway from Drumnigh to South Portmarnock.

 Iarnród Éireann have proposed platform changes at Howth Junction to facilitate the running of a shuttle service to Bayside, Sutton and Howth in their overall plans to extend the Dart to Balbriggan. At repeated public consultations I have asked them how this might be used. I specifically asked whether/how it would lead to either time savings or overall increase in capacity given the system is already constrained at Connolly station where the Maynooth line joins in.

As I couldn't get any answer at the consultations, I made an Access to Information on the Environment request to them for all relevant information on what operational patterns the new design might be used for. The response which reveals that no such analysis has been done. I have put the documents received online at davidhealy.com



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