

# A STRONG VOICE FOR MALAHIDE

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## Looking forward: A vision for Malahide

This leaflet aims to present both the work being done and the real issues that still need to be addressed. I am committed to bringing these matters to the forefront of the national agenda and ensuring that Malahide receives the attention it deserves. Malahide is evolving, and with ongoing improvements being slow but nonetheless occurring in infrastructure, community spaces, housing, public amenities, it is well on its way to becoming an even more vibrant and inclusive place to live.

However, continued attention is required to address pressing issues such as road capacity, water supply, public transport, and educational infrastructure. By focusing on sustainable and smart planning, Malahide will continue to grow while maintaining the quality of life its residents deserve. But community consultation, political will and representation are essential to achieving these goals.

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## Looking ahead: Addressing Malahide's growing needs

While these developments are promising, some critical challenges remain which require immediate attention. Malahide's current road network is under pressure, struggling to meet the demands of its increasing population. Expanding road capacity must be a priority to support future growth.

### Traffic and infrastructure: Addressing the real issues

Malahide is experiencing significant traffic congestion, particularly around key access points and junctions. Too much money is being poured into vanity projects, leaving necessary upgrades to roads and traffic systems underfunded. These projects should focus on alleviating the pressure on our local infrastructure. As your representative, I have and will continue to advocate for a balanced allocation of funds that prioritises traffic solutions and improves overall road safety.

### Community consultation: Putting residents first

Time and again, we see major projects pushed through without adequate consultation or consideration of local concerns. It's clear that some of the legitimate points raised by residents are being ignored. As your TD, I will ensure that your voices are heard and that decisions are made with the community's best interests at heart.



# Infrastructure deficits plaguing all communities



The large-scale development in surrounding areas is plagued by a significant deficit in infrastructure planning. There is no cohesive strategy linking the construction of new homes with the essential infrastructure such as roads, public transport, and local amenities like crèches and GP services.

Over the last five years, I have persistently raised concerns about this. For the majority of major developments in my area, I have held public meetings to inform residents. These meetings have enabled me to have meaningful community participation and engagement within my community. I will do the same if elected to represent Malahide in Dáil Éireann. Estates are being built without proper infrastructure – no shops, no bus stops, and no pathway; leaving residents dependent on cars, and in some cases, without adequate parking.

Active travel schemes are being pursued under the guise of green infrastructure and safer routes to

school without proper public consultation or planning. There is not one resident against making the area safer for children, making access to schools easier and removing cars from the school gates. This is only possible with some joint up thinking and significant consultation and focus groups with immediate residents and their representative associations.



I have repeatedly called for a requirement that social and environmental infrastructure is developed alongside housing projects. Yet, these proposals are routinely dismissed as barriers to housing. This short-sighted approach has led to disastrous consequences. Despite claims that infrastructure will follow housing, we continue to see the same problems repeated. The focus remains on making developers richer while ignoring the needs of the community. We must demand better planning and push for investment in sustainable, accessible infrastructure to ensure a better future for our growing population.

**See me speaking on this in relation to building as a local authority**



## Infrastructure and road improvements – progress and challenges

### Footpaths and Road Improvements – Progress Made, but More is Needed

Recent upgrades include new footpaths on **Kinsealy Lane**, connecting Sleepy Hollow to Bright Sparks Montessori, and the replacement of defective paths in **Seapark Estate**.



**Malahide Road (R106)** footpath widening has improved pedestrian access, and overhead cables have been relocated for safety. However, traffic congestion remains an unresolved issue. Without further investment in road capacity and public transport, such improvements will not fully alleviate the strain on our roads.

While there have been welcome infrastructure improvements, we need to address ongoing issues more comprehensively. Furthermore, **footpaths connecting housing estates to key locations** such as the train station and schools require attention. Many areas suffer from inadequate or unsafe pedestrian routes, emphasising the need for coordinated planning.

**The need for infrastructure in tandem or prior to development:**



## Local bus services: A missed opportunity for connectivity

The **BusConnects** project proposes a new L81 route to connect key areas, but more action is needed to improve bus services and reduce traffic dependency.



One area that is sorely lacking is **local bus services**. A properly implemented local feeder bus network could significantly reduce traffic levels, enhance connectivity, and benefit the entire community. The current fragmented approach, tangled in bureaucracy, is not enough. We need an integrated, reliable service that genuinely connects Malahide, Portmarnock, and the surrounding areas.

I am advocating for a local feeder bus network that properly integrates Malahide, Portmarnock, and other surrounding areas for better connectivity.

The Bus Connects Scheme goes some way to doing this, but progress is slow, and consultation is lacking. The proposed L81 will connect Swords road via Yellow Walls road, Church road and Blackwood lane to Strand road and Coast road.

## Schools and community spaces: Meeting demand

**Malahide has been making inroads in creating inclusive and vibrant recreational spaces for its community, but it has a long way to go:**



**Seabury Playground** upgrades are welcome, making recreational areas more inclusive and accessible.

The town's **schools** also face challenges due to a lack of long-term, joined-up thinking in their development. Thus, planning for schools continues to lag behind, meanwhile early intervention services and assessments of needs or non-existent. This leads to overcrowding and insufficient resources. Thoughtful planning is needed to support a growing student population and ensure a high standard of education for all. I believe that **appropriate community consultation is required.**

## Public amenities

While investment in public amenities continues to improve Malahide's facilities for both locals and visitors, it is not keeping pace with what is required:

**Malahide Beach Toilets:** Newly installed toilet facilities on Malahide Beach provide much-needed convenience for

beach-goers, further enhancing this popular recreational spot.

## Water Infrastructure: Inadequate response to growing demand

With Malahide's population growing, the **shelving of the planned local reservoir in 2017** was a mistake. Our current water infrastructure is struggling to keep up with demand. It's critical that we revisit this issue and push for the implementation of long-term solutions to ensure reliable water supply for both residents and businesses. I will work to ensure that this critical infrastructure is prioritised once again.

## Housing: Promising developments, but more must be done

### Affordable Housing:

While four **social housing units** are planned at Fingerpost, delivery isn't expected until 2027. These efforts are a positive step, but they fall short of addressing the housing crisis. We need more affordable housing to maintain a diverse community. I will advocate for more ambitious plans to meet the growing demand.

**Energy Efficiency:** The retrofitting of existing homes is essential for improving energy efficiency and reducing costs for residents. However, we must ensure that these initiatives reach more homes, and I will push for broader implementation of such programs across all estates.

## SUPPORTING MALAHIDE'S GROWTH AND ADDRESSING ONGOING NEEDS

Malahide continues to grow as a vibrant community, with several developments underway. While many of these changes are positive, significant gaps remain in essential infrastructure, housing, and public amenities and public consultation. My focus is on ensuring that Malahide evolves in a balanced and sustainable manner. Here are key updates on recent progress and ongoing concerns for Malahide.

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