

A STRONG VOICE FOR PORTMARNOCK

ADVOCATING FOR PROPER
PLANNING, IMPROVED
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS,
DISABILITY SERVICES
AND EDUCATION

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ELECT TO
DÁIL ÉIREANN

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DUBLIN FINGAL EAST GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT VOICE
REAL CHANGE



PORTMARNOCK: A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE

As a dedicated councillor for Swords, I've always believed in fighting for the long-term betterment of our communities, and now, I'm expanding my reach to represent the entire Dublin Fingal East area, including the vibrant community of Portmarnock. This central town and village have been a beacon of growth, and I want to ensure it continues to prosper.

Portmarnock is at the heart of Fingal's Peninsula not just for its stunning Velvet Strand Beach or its friendly neighbourhoods, but because of its untapped potential. The people of Portmarnock deserve a representative who will stand up for them, ensuring that the area's growth is both sustainable and supported by the right infrastructure.

Why I'm Running for General Election

I have served as a councillor in Swords, advocating for real, meaningful change. Throughout my tenure, I've been focused on:

- **Sustainable Development:** that aligns with the community's needs.
- **Infrastructure improvements** to ensure our roads, public transport, and public services are not left behind.
- **Transparency and accountability**, making sure that every decision is in the best interest of the people I represent.
- In addition to my work in planning, I serve as an **Acting Director of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force** and Chairperson of **Swords SÁMH**, working to address mental health and addiction issues in our community.
- As a **social care worker**, managing a respite unit for children with autism and intellectual disabilities, I have seen the vital importance of **early intervention** and **disability supports**.
- My own experience with dyslexia has driven my passion for **education reform**, ensuring every child gets the support they need.

Now, as I seek to represent Dublin Fingal East in the General Election, my goal is to bring these same principles to a broader audience, ensuring that Portmarnock, and the surrounding areas, get the attention and investment they need to thrive.



Infrastructure deficits plaguing all communities



The ongoing large-scale development in our area 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 past five years, I have persistently raised concerns about this, holding public meetings for the majority of major developments in Swords and I hope to do the same if elected to represent Portmarnock. Unfortunately, I am the only local councillor who has done so, as others seem more focused on short-term political gains than long-term planning.

The need for infrastructure in tandem or prior to development:



Estates are being built without proper infrastructure—no shops, no bus stops, no pathways,

leaving residents dependent on cars, and in some cases, without adequate parking. To many third party actors (NTA, TII, Department of education and children etc) who are not obliged to engage with planning but have a role to embed services and infrastructure after planning is agreed. It simply does not work.

See me discussing housing project manipulation:



I have repeatedly called for a requirement that social and environmental infrastructure be 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.



A Decade of Advocacy Against Dublin Airport Flight Path Deviations and Night-time Noise

For over 10 years, I have fought tirelessly as a community activist and councillor for Swords to address the growing issue of **flight path deviations** and **night-time noise** from Dublin Airport, which has heavily impacted residents in areas like **Portmarnock**. The opening of the **North Runway** brought significant changes, with aircraft now diverging over residential areas, creating unacceptable levels of noise, especially at night.

These changes were made without proper consultation, affecting the quality of life for over **30,000 residents**. Night-time flights, in particular, have continued to violate planning conditions, causing serious disruption to sleep. I am committed to pushing for the reinstatement of the original **straight-out flight paths** and stronger restrictions on night-time flights to protect our communities.

As I campaign for election to the Dáil, I will continue to prioritise this issue, ensuring that the voices of those affected are heard and that real action is taken to safeguard public health and well-being.

My submission on Draft Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan 2024- 2028:



Recent investment in Portmarnock

Outlined below is the council's operational improvements in the area over the last few months:

Footpaths and Road Improvements

Carrickhill Road Footpath Upgrades:



Defective footpaths along Carrickhill Road have been replaced as part of a broader plan to improve pedestrian safety and access throughout Portmarnock. This is an important step in making our town safer and more walkable.

Portmarnock Boardwalk:



The Portmarnock Beach boardwalk has recently undergone significant upgrades, enhancing accessibility for beachgoers. These improvements make the beach more user-friendly for both residents and visitors, contributing to the ongoing efforts to improve our coastal areas.

Housing and Community Projects

In response to the growing demand for housing, a number of projects are in progress, but far less than other areas in the north county largely due to availability of land for development in the locality.

Strandmill Estate Energy Retrofit:

- **Strandmill Estate** has seen the completion of a large-scale energy retrofit project. This included the installation of attic and external wall insulation, new windows and doors, and modern heating systems. These upgrades have significantly improved the **Building Energy Ratings (BER)** of homes, reducing energy costs and improving comfort for residents.
- A key feature of this project was the **public-private collaboration**, where private homeowners were able to upgrade their homes alongside public housing units under a streamlined process supported by SEAI and Retrofit Energy Ireland. This initiative has extended the benefits of energy efficiency to a broader section of the community, which I fully support.
- **Affordable Housing Initiatives:** Fingal County Council continues to work on improving housing access in North County Dublin. This includes ongoing efforts to make affordable homes available, with energy efficiency and sustainability at the forefront.

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



Public Transport, Amenities and Recognition

Public Transport and Road Safety:

Our public transport options are not meeting the needs of the growing population. Portmarnock Dart station is not functioning in the manner it needs to, coupled by recent train time alterations and walkability it is proving very difficult. Joined up thinking with appropriate bus services is vital.

I will continue to push to expand and improve bus, train routes and ensure that our roads are safe for both drivers and pedestrians. Bus connects goes some way to achieving this, the L80 and L81 will be local routes, with links to H spine to get into city centre.



Discussing deficits in communication and public transport infrastructure:



**LET'S KEEP MOVING
FORWARD TOGETHER**

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

With your support, I will continue to fight for real, sustainable improvements in Portmarnock.

Together, we can make sure this community remains a vibrant, well-planned coastal village that serves the needs of all its residents.

**VOTE NO 1
DEAN MULLIGAN**

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