

A STRONG VOICE FOR SWORDS

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

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A SWORDS COUNCILLOR FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A STRONG VOICE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND REAL CHANGE IN DUBLIN FINGAL EAST

Since being elected as your County Councillor in 2019, I've worked tirelessly to represent Swords and the surrounding areas. Our town is growing rapidly, but the development must be sustainable and benefit our community, not just developers. I've led the fight for proper planning, better mental health services, and early intervention in education. Now, I'm asking for your support to bring this fight to the Dáil so that Swords' voice is heard loud and clear.

What I will do in Dáil Éireann for Swords

As your representative in Dáil Éireann, my focus will remain on delivering real results:

- **Sustainable Development:** I will continue to push for **proper planning** and **infrastructure** to ensure Swords grows responsibly, whilst addressing **Housing needs** of the people of Swords.
- **Mental Health and Addiction Services:** I will advocate for more **accessible mental health services** and support for those dealing with addiction.
- **Education Reform:** I will fight for **early intervention services**, ensuring children in Swords receive the support they need to thrive.
- **Cost of Living Crisis:** I will put forward legislation aimed at addressing the rising cost of living. This will include proposals for **fair wage increases, price controls on essential goods**, and enhanced **support for low, and middle-income households**. I am committed to ensuring that every family in Swords and beyond can afford to live with dignity and security during these challenging times.

These are just a snapshot of the core areas I will address if elected to Dáil Éireann.



Proper planning for Swords' growth

Fosterstown Victory: Fighting for Appropriate Development



As your representative, I organised the community-led campaign that successfully overturned the Fosterstown development through a judicial review. The proposed plan was inappropriate for Swords, ignoring the Masterplan and failing to address the necessary infrastructure. This was a major victory for our community and a clear message that Swords demands responsible development that serves the people, not just developers.

Whilst the battle is still ongoing it is a victory, nonetheless. I have held public meetings on the vast majority of large-scale housing projects.

See QR code to my up-to-date housing leaflet and information pertaining to all large scale developments in Swords.



Strategic infrastructure is essential

Swords is rapidly expanding, but we need to ensure that growth comes with **adequate infrastructure**. I have been pushing for all key stakeholders—**transport providers, health services, and education departments**—to have a say in **planning decisions**. This is crucial for ensuring that Swords has the infrastructure it needs to support its growth.

In the Dáil, I will fight for reforms that make **strategic planning** mandatory, so developments don't outpace the services and infrastructure we rely on. In most developed countries, housing developments cannot be built, until local authorities mandate that government departments and state bodies to provide infrastructure required, from schools, public transport, and healthcare.

This ensures that new homes have the infrastructure to support them in tandem with or prior to their development, a fundamental flaw in the Irish system. I will continue to push for reforms to ensure that housing is based on **need, not profit**, and that developments are equipped with the necessary infrastructure.

Speaking re. strategic planning – apartment height Guidelines:



Open space provision manipulated:



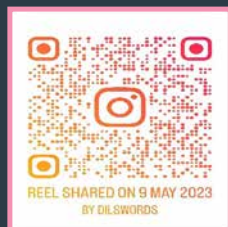
Mental health and substance misuse advocacy



Mental health is a cornerstone of my work. As Chairperson of **Swords-SÁMH** and **Acting Director of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force**, I have worked tirelessly to enhance local mental health services. This includes raising funds, expanding family support services, and providing integrated care for those dealing with both substance misuse and mental health issues.

I am proud to play a key role in organising **Darkness Into Light Swords**, raising awareness of mental health and suicide prevention. In Dáil Éireann, I will continue to push for accessible, community-focused mental health services for people of all ages.

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Education and early intervention

Education is a personal priority for me. As someone with dyslexia, I have first-hand experience of navigating an education system that doesn't always offer the right support. In my role as a social care worker managing respite services for children with autism and intellectual disabilities, I understand the importance of early intervention, and see the benefit of it daily in my work.



I am proud to announce that we have secured a site for the **River Valley Community National School**, an essential step towards providing better educational facilities in Swords. Additionally, as a recently elected board member for key schools in Swords, including **Swords Community College, Fingal Community College** and **St. Finian's Community College**.

I will continue to work for increased resources and support for children with additional needs. In Dáil Éireann, I will fight for **timely assessments of needs** and **person-centered learning supports**, ensuring every child has the opportunity to succeed.



Addressing Loneliness in our community



Loneliness, especially among the elderly, is a growing issue in Swords and beyond. It can have serious impacts on both physical and mental health, contributing to isolation and a diminished quality of life. While services like Meals on Wheels and age-friendly initiatives offer crucial support, many individuals still struggle to stay connected with their communities.

I believe we must do more to ensure that no one is left behind. That's why I'm committed to creating neighbourhood - based outreach programs and partnering with local residents' associations to provide personalised companionship and support. Together, we can reduce loneliness and ensure that everyone in our community feels included and valued.



Delivering results for Swords

Swords is growing, and our infrastructure must keep pace. I have already delivered key improvements, such as securing a new bus stop in River Valley at Rathingle Roundabout, southbound toward the city center serving Ridgewood, Ashfield and Cedar estates. The bus stop is with construction team for tender and instillation will begin in coming months



I continue to advocate for upgrades to bus services in rural areas and essential projects like **MetroLink** and **BusConnects**, both of which will be vital in keeping Swords connected and accessible, but seem like a pipe dream at the moment.

Discussing appropriate transport infrastructure:



LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

I am proud of the work we've done together, but there is so much more to achieve. With your support, I will continue to fight for Swords and ensure that our community gets the attention it deserves at national level.

Let's keep moving forward together. These are just a snapshot of the core areas I will address if elected to Dáil Éireann.

LET'S ENSURE SWORDS CONTINUES TO THRIVE.

**VOTE DEAN MULLIGAN FOR A
STRONGER VOICE IN DÁIL ÉIREANN!**

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