

East Wall News

Traffic Issues

East Wall is the residential area that has suffered most due to the trucks from Dublin Port. Now that the Port Tunnel has opened East Wall deserves to see some real benefits. It is time for the long standing traffic and public transport problems to be tackled without further delay.

I have worked with Joe Mooney and East Wall residents as part of an alliance of 15 resident/community groups to ensure that the HGV strategy was effective when the tunnel opened. I am committed to having the HGV's banned from East Road where they still have full access.

The road surfaces are in a disgraceful condition due to wear and tear from trucks. Pot holes and dips regularly damage cars, and are a real danger, particularly to cyclists and motor cyclists. With reduced HGV traffic there is no excuse for this. These should all be repaired immediately and properly maintained.

The Port Tunnel was built with our tax monies. Some of the money raised in tolls should be re-invested directly into the areas that suffered most from the HGV traffic.

Long overdue traffic calming measures must be introduced . These measures should ensure that residents retain freedom of movement in the area, and rat running traffic is discouraged. All road markings, double yellow lines/yellow boxes etc, should be re-instated regularly as they are often badly faded.



Cieran canvassing in East Wall

On street parking by construction workers is causing major problems for residents, particularly near East Road and the Wiggins Teape site. All planning permissions should include a worker parking plan, with the developer forced to take responsibility.

Improve the bus service

The number 53 bus route must be made a priority for CIE to address. They focus only on the most profitable routes and ignore the 53, which is an essential service for many people. The hundreds of extra buses necessary for Dublin, and promised by the Government in 2002, must be delivered. This would leave no excuse for East Wall being denied an efficient and punctual service.

Two bus routes now serve the new Docklands Rail station. Both the number 151 and the number 93 link the station with the city centre. While in the area I have often noticed one or two buses sitting idle at Spencer Dock, which is a complete waste. These buses could be put to better use, and I have raised this with C.I.E. These routes should be further extended, to pick up passengers in East Wall, which could be very easily accomplished.

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