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Road Traffic Update

Fingal County Council has published its plans for a traffic management scheme for the centre of the town. One of the main features is a plan to install traffic lights at the main junction in the centre, with traffic on the Dublin Road at Murray's Pub travelling in one direction only, alternating between north and south-bound. A new footpath along this stretch of road is also proposed.

The traffic plan proposed by Fingal County Council has a village centre focus to address the dangers to pedestrians caused by through traffic. Of concern to Trevor Sargent is the lack of safe footpath access to Lusk for residents on the edge of the village. One example is the 20 houses along Racecourse Commons Lane on the Dublin Road. To walk into the village necessitates crossing the busy R127 as a footpath is only available on one side of the road.

"I have written to the Director at the Transportation Department in the Council to highlight the dangers faced by school students in particular who have no choice but to be pedestrians or cyclists. One resident of Racecourse Commons told me of an accident with one of her own teenage children coming home from school at this location. Short term traffic calming measures are urgently needed while this traffic plan is being amended to take into account the needs of the whole community in Lusk as well as those residents living near the village centre", said Trevor Sargent as a local TD.

The deadline for observations on the scheme was November 14.

Works at Turvey

Many Lusk commuters using the R132 near Blake's Cross have had to suffer long delays at the junction with Turvey Avenue. Thankfully, the works there are nearing an end. These road works were undertaken by a private contractor as part of the conditions attaching to development of the nearby lands. As motorists will have seen, a new roundabout is part of the project, along with the provision of two lanes for traffic in each direction. Bad weather has led to delays in completing the job. Two lanes are now open in each direction so hopefully, delays will be reduced from now on.

Lusk Tidy Town Success



Trevor Sargent was on hand to congratulate Pat Kelly, Chairperson of the Lusk Tidy Town Group when they were presented with a Gold Medal at the Tidy Towns Awards.

Thanks to a lot of hard work by a dedicated team of Lusk volunteers, Lusk managed yet again to improve its score in the competition.

Will you be able to vote?



Nobody knows when the next election will take place. But one thing is certain, if you are not registered to vote then you won't be able to help select the next government.

Make sure you are on the Register by checking on www.checktheregister.ie.

If you are not on the Register, complete the form RFA2 (Or, If you have moved house and were previously registered in another constituency complete form RFA3.)

Both forms can be downloaded from the website or use the link on TrevorSargent.ie.

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Railway bridge collapse aftermath



Many Lusk rail users will vividly recall the disruption caused by the collapse of the railway bridge over the Broadmeadow Estuary last August. Thankfully, nobody was injured in the incident but it could easily have had very serious consequences. As it was, the disruption to rail travel was extensive.

Trevor Sargent TD, a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, was on hand recently when the Committee met with the Rail Safety Commission and the Rail Accident Investigation Unit to hear first-hand their report on the collapse of the bridge last year. (You can read the full report on www.raiu.ie)

Following exchanges at the meeting, the management of Irish Rail has agreed to meet with Deputy Sargent to go into detail on the lessons learned and the level of accountability required for such a serious incident.



Trevor Sargent with Barry Kenny of Irish Rail reviewing building work on the replacement bridge

The Greens in Government: recent highlights

GREEN POLICIES MEAN JOBS - Over 16,000 jobs have been created in the green economy since the Green Party entered Government. 80% of these are in infrastructure development, insulation and energy efficiency works, not only creating sustainable employment but also investing in our long-term future.

PLANNING BILL - Eliminating corrupt planning and reckless rezoning will help make future planning decisions sensible and sustainable

WATER SERVICES INVESTMENT – an investment of roughly €3bn in water infrastructure, conserving water, protecting the environment and maintaining employment. 4,000 jobs will be supported through infrastructure repair and upgrade.

DEBT MANAGEMENT GROUP recommendations to be implemented in 2010, giving protection to those having difficulty paying their mortgage.

ELECTRIC CARS – ESB to install 3,500 charging points. Substantial grants for purchasers of electric cars. Renault-Nissan alliance to provide 2,000 electric cars to Ireland. Target is for 10% of Ireland's vehicles to be electric by 2020.

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATIONS - The previously stalled HSE programme to vaccinate teenage girls against cervical cancer has re-commenced. This was one of the important measures sought by the Green Party in negotiations for the renewed Programme for Government. Approximately 30,000 secondary level students will receive the human papilloma virus vaccination in the first year of the programme.

BANKING REFORM - The Green Party ordered two reports in the crisis by experts Patrick Honahan and Matthew Elderfield and ensured they were made public without delay. In addition, top banking bosses have been replaced.

THE CYCLE TO WORK SCHEME has allowed thousands of people to purchase bicycles and safety equipment in a very tax-efficient way, boosting cycle sales and reducing car-dependence.

THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP BILL provides legal protection and rights for people in same-sex relationships for the first time ever in Ireland.



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Want to Grow Your Own Food?

Take a look at Trevor Sargent's food-growing website.

TrevorsKitchenGarden.ie

You'll find lots of hints and tips for growing delicious fresh food in even the smallest space. See what Trevor is growing in his modest back garden.

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