



Jan O'Sullivan TD

CONSTITUENCY NEWS UPDATE

Spring 2017

Dear Constituent,

This newsletter provides an update on various projects together with specific campaigns that I along with our councillors will continue to work on so that we improve and develop Limerick, economically, socially and culturally.

These are exciting times for the City. New companies are choosing to locate here and existing valued employers are increasing their workforce. Smarter travel is transforming areas such as Colbert Station and our river and canal banks while offering different options in terms of travel, though more needs to be done to make cycling a safe choice.

Our work as a party and investment in recent years is delivering public infrastructure improvements in areas such as health, housing and education. This is positive news. However, more progress is needed.

Labour's team in Limerick is working hard on your behalf.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or call into my full time constituency office or any of my advice clinics if you feel that we can help or assist you in any way.

Regards,

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New Schools & Patron Update

I am pleased following my commitment to deliver two new post primary schools that the patronage has now been confirmed. Limerick Educate Together will manage the Castletroy school which is due to enrol students from September 2018 and Limerick & Clare ETB will manage the Mungret school which is now enrolling for September 2017. My decision to invest in new schools will hopefully end the practice of children travelling long distances everyday.

Work has also commenced on the construction of two new primary school buildings which will accommodate both Gaelscoil Raithin & Educate Together.

In addition to these new schools significant refurbishment works will start in a number of primary schools such as St. Pauls in Dooradoyle, and Monaleen NS while a new campus for the Gaelcholáiste in Clare Street is currently at design stage.



Mungret College Development Project

New Cultural Forum Welcome

Although Limerick was unsuccessful in our 2020 bid for European Capital of Culture, the process has invigorated the arts community and local people. We have a huge potential to stage large scale community based events. I applaud the work done by my colleagues Joe Leddin and Elena Secas who in partnership with cultural representative groups including LACE and PLAN have established with the support of Council a new forum which will work collaboratively to deliver a thriving cultural and festival scene.



Better Energy Home Grants

This scheme provides grants to home owners who wish to upgrade their homes thereby reducing their energy bills. Works such as attic insulation, external or internal wall insulation and boiler upgrades are eligible for various grants by contacting SEAI at 1850927000 or emailing info@betterenergyhomes.ie. Home Refurbishment tax breaks are also available; check out revenue.ie

FLAC Legal Advice & Information:

Flac help people to understand and access their legal rights. They offer free & confidential legal information and advice to the public, helping thousands of people every year. Contact details Lo-Call 1890350250

Maintenance of Open Spaces Grant

On an annual basis Limerick City & County Council allocate environment grants to various community and resident associations to help with the maintenance of open green spaces, flower beds etc in their areas. If you would like to find out more information on these grants you can email customerservices@limerick.ie or download an application form from www.limerick.ie/council