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ALL-WEATHER PITCHES IN RIVER VALLEY



DELIVERED!

As your local Swords (Ind.) Councillor, I am delighted that the All-weather pitch at River Valley will finally be opened this week. This will be a fantastic facility for the local community. I am so pleased to see this dream come to fruition.

I am so proud to have been a founding member of River Valley Rangers and a member of the resident's association who fought off the developers of the time who wanted to build housing on the green area where the pitches are now located. I am so glad we had the vision, all those years ago, to see the sporting facilities that would be so badly needed in the area. The fight has now been proven worthwhile

I am also proud of the tireless work I put into achieving this project for the people of Swords since they gave me the great honour of electing me to be one of their public representatives at the County Council. I worked hard to keep this project in front of the county officials and not allowing it to become side-lined.

PROTECTING PITCH DAMAGE FROM CARS



IN PROGRESS!

I recently submitted a motion at the local area meeting in relation to the recent vandalism at the pitches.

The park needs to be secured to prevent a recurrence of cars driving onto the football pitches, see motion below and reply from Council

Motion: "That the Chief Executive provide a detailed report on the progress of the new car park at the All-Weather pitch in River Valley, to include an update on the assessment carried out on the proposal to relocate the bottle bank to this location and also to explain what measures are being considered to ensure the park is secured in a way that will prevent vandals from driving cars onto the greenspace and destroying football pitches."

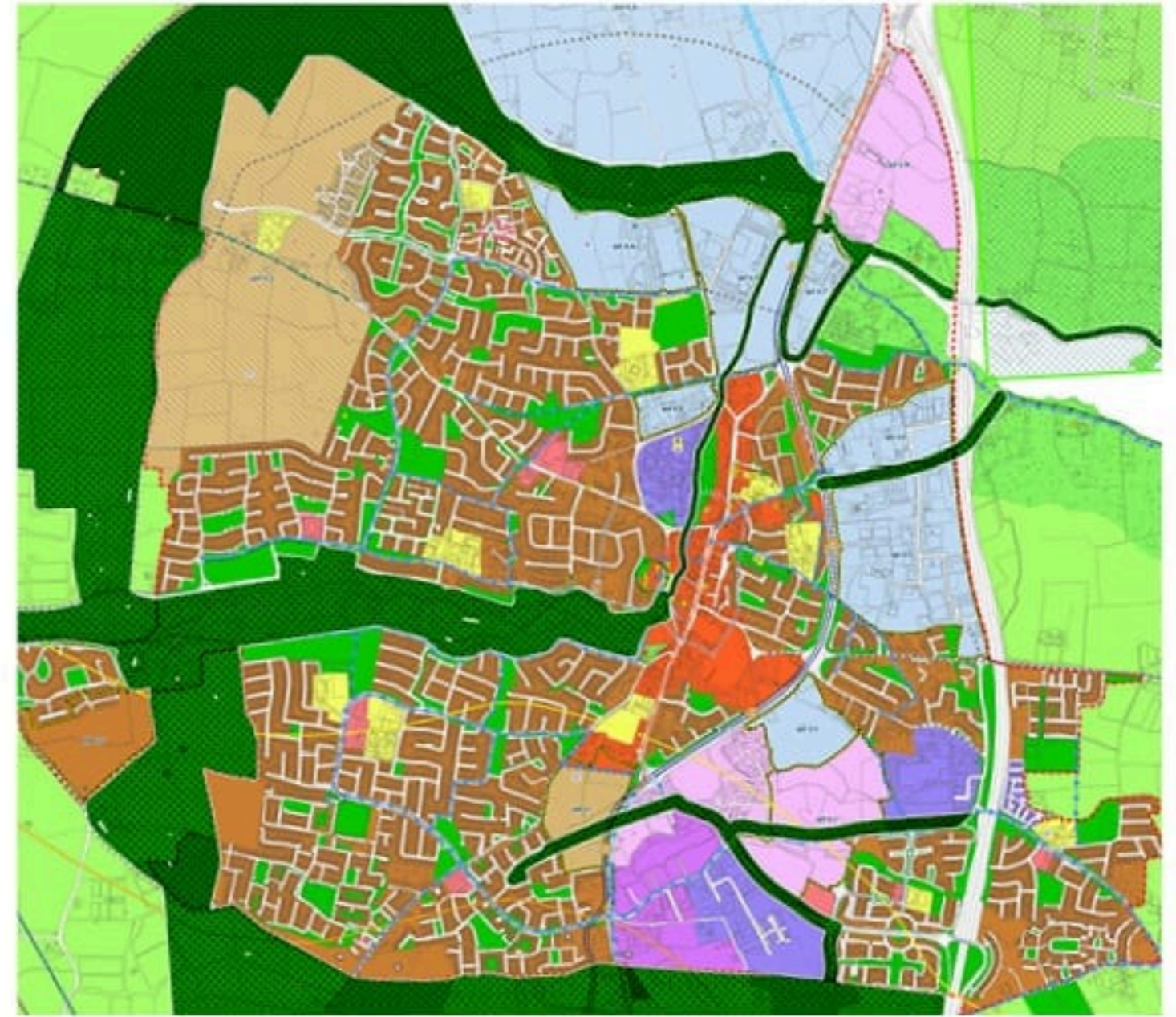
Report: Arrangements are being made and barriers provided to prevent cars driving from the car park into the regional park.

PROTECTION OF SWORDS GREENBELT

During the negotiations of the 2016 Development Plan, I became aware of efforts to rezone land to the west of Swords. At that time, I was conscious that to rezone land without given due consideration to proper planning would ultimately lead to urban sprawl and the considerably diminishing of the greenbelt around Swords.

I fought off the rezoning efforts successfully, however, to ensure Fingal County Council would protect our greenbelt I set up the Swords Woodland Association. This was about protecting and delivering woodlands to our region. I also promoted the idea of an urban forest. **Swords Woodland Association** seeks to create a well-planned quality of life for those who live, work, and visit the Greater Swords Area. This is done through the maintenance, enhancement and sustainable development of our woodlands and the preservation of our existing green belt.

During the negotiations of the current Development Plan, I was most pleased to receive the support of a number of like-minded councillors. I take this opportunity to thank them for having the vision to put the welfare of the Swords community before party politics.



With their support I was able to ensure that efforts by others to erode the greenbelt to the west of Swords was prevented once again.

NOISE POLLUTION AT DUBLIN AIRPORT



I have slammed the DAA and demanded that a new airport be developed close to the capital to cater for the huge increase in demand for airline travel.

I declared the North Runway project at Dublin airport to be a catastrophic failure. The management and usage of the new North runway has caused a huge discomfort and annoyance to the residence of the Fingal region.

I am calling on officials at Fingal County Council to insist that the DAA comply with the planning conditions that were set out by the authority. *"The DAA clearly have no regard for people of Fingal or for the conditions as set out in the planning"*

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ROAD RESURFACING IN RIVER VALLEY



In 2020 this much needed road resurfacing project in River Valley was successfully completed. This road has been deteriorating for many years and was a much needed infrastructure upgrade for the area.

I set myself an objective before I was elected in 2014 to get this road resurfaced.

I have been active for the past number of years in making representations to have this road upgraded as it is deteriorating in many places, I am pleased that I was instrumental in getting this undertaking from them.

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