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**LOCAL
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2024**

THE PEOPLE'S COUNCILLOR

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INDEPENDENT



Swords Theatre



I was the first local councillor to demand a **local theatre** to be built at **Swords Cultural Quarter**. This was in response to the many local residents who pointed out the need to ensure that local adults and children had access to theatre and music. I strongly felt that it was a disgrace that a town the size of Swords, an administrative capital, did not have its own theatre.

Carnegie Library



I campaigned for the refurbishment of the **Carnegie Free Library**. The comprehensive refurbishment took about a year to complete. I will ensure that it provides versatile workspaces and a creative hub for diverse community and art events, including rehearsals and performances.

Ward River Regional Park

It is fantastic to see works progressing steadily in the **Ushers Wood area of the Ward River Regional Park**. Some of the monuments that I have highlighted to the council with help from local members of the community, such as the cascades and the brick arched bridge have now been secured. Recently added steps from Highfields and Brackenstown are also nearing completion.



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Proposed Greenbelt for Swords

As your local representative I am insisting on a Greenbelt for the greater Swords area. The aim of this is to provide a linked green space all around the town to stop urban sprawl and to provide an amenity area for Swords residents to walk, run or cycle around the whole of Swords without interruption.



All-Weather facilities in Swords



I was instrumental in **delivering the state of the art All-Weather Facility in River Valley**. This is of huge benefit to local clubs and the wider community. I will continue to call for the provision of similar facilities to be provided for more sporting clubs in the area.

I am 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.

Public toilets for Swords town users



I am delighted that members of the public now have new modern and clean public toilets available to them at Swords Town Park at the North Street entrance. For too many years residents and tourists had to ask to use the facilities at local businesses, if they got caught short while in the town's main street.

For many years I campaigned and pushed to the council officials and the CEO of the council to provide public toilets in various locations including Swords. I was most pleased when the council finally allocated €1.5m for the project.

Success in having Swords Town Core designated an Architectural Conservation Area

I was successful in getting a core area protected through the insertion of a designated **Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)** in Swords.

I welcomed the recent €50,000 in funding for the conservation work to be carried out at St. Columba's Church.



The people of Swords recognise and are proud of the heritage of their town. Swords is undoubtedly an ancient site with an abundance of monumental architecture and no shortage of heritage sites that can successfully be restored. The fact that there was no mention of this reality by way of an ACA designation just was not acceptable.

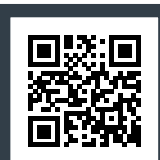
Exercise back to Health Program



I successfully secured €45,000 in the recent budget to be set aside to support people with chronic illness or have become immobile and who wish to avail of the exercise programme.

I am pleased that **Dr. Noel McCaffrey**, recipient of a United Nations Healthy Nations 50 Award, has set up an Exercise your way back to health programme at Fingallians GAA Club. It has proved to be a vital service for members of our community and is very well attended.

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