

Cllr Emer TÓIBÍN NAVAN



'This government is letting Meath down.'

Meath is a great county with a growing population. There will be soon ¼ of a million Meath people, but Meath has been severely let down by the government. We can see this manifesting in health, policing, transport – the list is endless.

Meath has the lowest number of Gardaí per capita in Ireland. This is leading to significant crime and antisocial behaviour.

The Government continue to allow the HSE downgrade our hospital. In its quest to close Navan A&E, they have put in place an ambulance bypass, meaning longer waiting times and less access to local services.

Meath is Ireland's largest commuter county, yet Navan is the largest town in the country without a rail line despite widespread community and industry support.

Meath has the fourth lowest number of local authority houses in the State. This is shocking given that there are 4,000 people on the housing list in the county.

On all of the key campaigns – rail, housing, health, safer Meath - Aontú has led the way in Meath. Take a stand for Meath with Emer Tóibín.

JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Johnstown Community Forum was set up by Aontú in January 2021 in a bid pressure Meath County Council to provide community amenities to Johnstown, Navan in a timely manner. 23 years on, the 11,000-strong population is still waiting. This is not acceptable and Aontú has consistently worked on holding the Council to account.

Emer, alongside Dep. Tóibín has engaged with stakeholders regarding the transfer of circa 4 acres of land located to the east of Cóláiste na Mí to the Council in addition to capital funding for the development of local amenities. Emer has been pushing this issue at every opportunity and the land transfer is due to complete at the end of 2023 with scoping works currently under way.

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HOUSING & TRANSFER SUCCESSES

Over the last 4 years, Cllr Emer Tóibín has worked with hundreds of constituents and has succeeded in helping and supporting many in getting HAP, rent supports, council and social housing or a transfer to more appropriate housing. Due to serious demand in Meath and the long waiting list for housing, the process is long and onerous. Constant advocacy, meetings and representations of constituents have provided the results to many. This work constitutes the bulk of Aontú Navan and remains the priority now and into the future. On housing, Emer has your back.

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LACK OF DENTAL SCREENING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

More than 16,000 school children waiting on a basic dental check-up in Co Meath.

Emer Tóibín secured €100,000 for dental surgery in Meath. The Government and specifically the Minister for Health have failed to intervene in the crisis. Huge dental problems are being stored up for children in the years ahead as a consequence of the government's ongoing underfunding of dental services.



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BRINGING OLD ST. PATRICK'S CLASSICAL SCHOOL BACK INTO USE

Cllr Emer Tóibín has a huge interest in all

things heritage. When a planning application was brought before Navan Town Council in July 2022 on works the Council wanted carried out on this architecturally important building, Cllr Tóibín led the charge in seeking to modify the planning based on expert advice.

After suffering passive neglect under Council ownership for 18 years, the building's roof collapsed in on itself. Cllr. Tóibín committed to working towards the best conservational, ecological and financial outcomes for the site. She did not seek to rubber-stamp the planning but ensure it remained on the list of protected structures of national importance and an oasis of wild-wood and biodiversity.

Despite her efforts in bringing forward positive amendments to the planning application, other parties stuck to a short-sighted approach to this asset. This resulted in a legal case and a win for conservation and for the protection of biodiversity in the heart of Navan and Meath. When it comes to protecting our assets and planning for the future, Emer Tóibín will do what it takes.

TARA MINES & THE COST OF ELECTRICITY

The price of electricity in Ireland is the 2nd highest in Europe. The per unit cost in Ireland is twice the EU average. This is hurting ordinary families trying to make ends meet. It is also putting thousands of jobs at risk in Meath. Electricity is the second biggest cost to Tara Mines.



Mines in Sweden have roughly the same cost base as Tara Mines except their electricity cost is much lower. They are still open.

The Government must lower the cost of electricity to help families, but they must also do it to protect 2,000 jobs in Meath. Aontú has stood shoulder to shoulder with workers for decent income supports and pay.

Peadar Tóibín TD brought Tara Mines Union reps to the Dáil so they could put their case to Ministers and TDs. Tara Mines is too important to let fail. We will not let these key jobs fall off the political agenda until the mine reopens.

NAVAN HOSPITAL A&E UPDATE

Navan Hospital A&E is the most important piece of health infrastructure in County Meath. It has saved the lives of

thousands of people. The HSE are trying to close Navan A&E despite all nearby facilities being under unprecedented pressure with record wait times. Thousands of patients attending A&E's nationwide are leaving without being treated as Emergency departments continue to be overwhelmed.

In 2021, 927 patients had died by the time an ambulance arrived. In many cases this was due to late arrival because A&Es are so overstretched.

Aontú is the party that has been defending your hospital. Cllr Emer Tóibín and Peadar Tóibín TD will continue to lead the campaign to save Navan Hospital.

13 YEARS WAIT FOR NAVAN RAIL LINE UNACCEPTABLE

7 out of 10 Meath workers travel 2-3 hours every day to work. The toll on family life, community cohesion and on commuters' finances is extensive. Many people hardly get to see their children during the working week and people are paying thousands on car costs and tolls, yet the government has put the rail line for Navan on the back-burner again.

The Meath on Track Campaign has worked tirelessly for the rail line to be re-opened to Navan. As a committed member of this campaign, Emer has kept this crucial infrastructure demand on the agenda and worked towards securing its place on the National Transport Strategy.

The Government has still not provided funds for the design of the rail project to Navan. The rate of development is glacial and Meath commuters continue to suffer. Cllr Emer Tóibín has called on the Minister to put the necessary design funding in place in the 2024 budget and to add the project to the 2030 National Development Plan in the midterm review. No more excuses are acceptable.



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