



Senator Ged Nash

VOTE No.1

on February 8th 2020

Dear Resident,

I wanted to let you know about my priorities for you and your family in Louth. I want to describe what I will do for the area if you elect me as your TD. In this leaflet I'm outlining my ideas on health, on housing, on jobs, on childcare and education and on our environment.

As you know, I have a long history with the area. I work hard. I'm passionate about where we live and I want to help to deliver progress for the area.

Let's work together to deliver real progress in Louth. I'm asking you to give me your Number 1 vote.

Very best wishes,

DKIT STATUS – GETTING THE BEST EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR LOUTH

Throughout the County I have worked for many years with local parents to ensure that sufficient places are available for all our children. Education of our children is the pathway to a prosperous future for us all and so the facilities and supports must be provided to every part of our education system. That includes third level and that's why I believe that **Dundalk Institute of Technology should be given the status of a university.**

The town, the county and the region needs its own university to cater for the growing number of students and businesses in the region. University status will also encourage new businesses and entrepreneurs into our area – a huge benefit for all of us. DKIT has served the people of Louth well so far. Now it's time to look forward to the next step in its journey.

8 PRIORITIES FOR THE 8TH FEB

- 1** DKIT Status – Getting the Best Education facilities for Louth.
- 2** Getting rid of traffic congestion in Ardee and beyond.
- 3** Deliver on my Drogheda 2030 plan.
- 4** Providing resources to Louth's hospitals and other health services.
- 5** More homes built in Louth.
- 6** Attract more jobs to the County's Business Parks and enhance pay and pensions.
- 7** A fair start or all – cherishing all Louth's children.
- 8** Cutting Carbon to Combat the Climate Crisis.



GETTING RID OF TRANSPORT CONGESTION IN ARDEE AND ELSEWHERE

Locally, our transport, planning and development policies must be sustainable. We must free our clogged-up towns of exhaust-spewing traffic congestion. Schemes such as the **Ardee Bypass** can help to do this, and deliver on our climate targets.



I also want to see greater investment in public transport options, including funding for more town and rural bus services across County Louth.

Transport by rail is one of the best ways of combatting climate change. At the moment commuters from Louth are paying very high fares to get into Dublin. I want to see fair fares for our commuters, and see this as a way of combatting the climate crisis.

**Lower fares = more passengers
= less emissions into our atmosphere**

DELIVERING ON DROGHEDA 2030

I have signed-up to the Drogheda 2030 plan and will be working with local councillors and officials to deliver its benefits for Drogheda and for the entire country. The plan addresses issues such as education, health, infrastructure and quality of life. The benefits will be felt countywide, through more jobs and more spending on local businesses.

ATTRACT MORE JOBS TO THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS PARKS AND ENHANCE PAY & PENSIONS

We have an educated and vibrant workforce in the North East. We need additional jobs in the area so people don't have to commute. To attract new jobs we will provide new resources so the IDA fill their sites in Louth. And we'll keep fighting for decent wages to be paid.

A FAIR START FOR ALL – CHERISHING ALL OF OUR CHILDREN

We need to make sure that no child is left behind because of their background or circumstance. So, we'll make primary education genuinely free-of-charge. And we will develop a public Childcare Scheme to help working parents.



Our children deserve the best of facilities and supports

PROVIDING RESOURCES TO LOUTH'S HOSPITALS & OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES

More of our taxes than ever before are going into health spending, but the government still gives us record overcrowding and long waiting lists. We can fix this – with more hospital beds and by ending the staff recruitment embargo. We can care for more people at home by providing enough funding for home-help and respite care, and we will train more GPs so every community has access to a doctor.

We need to see more investment in our hospitals, primary care centres and other health facilities around the county. Our health staff work hard, are highly skilled and motivated and do a fantastic job for the people of Louth. We need to give them every support they need.

MORE HOMES BUILT IN LOUTH

My party has a long record of delivering new homes to families. The late Jimmy Tully, former Housing Minister and Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, was responsible for delivering homes for thousands of people in Louth and beyond.

Labour will build 80,000 energy efficient homes on public land, investing €16 billion without raising taxes. And we will make sure the infrastructure is there to support these homes. We'll put the schools and the health facilities in place before the homes are occupied.

Everyone, from all walks of life, will be able to rent or buy these new homes. The private market has failed to provide affordable housing. Labour will get the state building again and end Ireland's homeless crisis.

CUTTING CARBON TO COMBAT THE CLIMATE CRISIS



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Time is running out, so we must invest in climate action now to build a low carbon economy. Across Ireland we will invest in public transport and cycling, give grants for electric vehicles, and start an insulation programme for 100,000 homes a year, creating local jobs, lower energy bills and warmer homes.

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