



Getting Lucan Moving
Adamstown Station Opens
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Dear

Last week saw the official opening of Adamstown station linking Adamstown with Heuston Station with journey times of under 15 minutes. This new rail link, initially offers up to 16 services per day, will see frequency increases with the 4 tracking of the Dublin-Kildare railway line. This new service offers a new link to the city centre for many Lucan commuters. I have enclosed a copy of the timetable for your convenience.

The Adamstown SDZ has progressed in accordance with the initial plan with the station opening when the population is still just 250. The first new school will open in September with a whole range of community facilities including a leisure centre and swimming pool to follow after that.

Adamstown Station is just one of a number of major transport projects under the government's Transport 21 project to deal with serious traffic congestion here in Lucan. I fought hard for the needs of Lucan to be addressed as part of Transport 21 at government level. Along with this new rail service, Lucan will also benefit from the new dedicated LUAS line to Lucan and its integration with the Metro line at Liffey Valley. The government approved funding for extra buses for Dublin Bus with almost 20 of these allocated to Lucan allowing for a long overdue expansion of bus services in the area.

Many people have commented on the noticeable improvement in the traffic situation with the completion of the Outer Ring Road and the works around the N4. While there were some objections to these infrastructural improvements, I believe that both road improvements and investment in public transport are necessary if we are to see significant improvements in traffic congestion in the area.

Poor planning decisions in the past have affected the quality of life in Lucan but most people would now agree that things are changing for the better. The area has seen huge investment in new schools and extensions to existing schools and there is a renewed emphasis on community facilities. As Minister for Health I allocated €10m for a new primary health care centre to be located close to Adamstown. This centre will offer a full range of health services to the increasing population of the Lucan area.

There is a positive atmosphere in Lucan as to the progress that is being made in providing local services and facilities. I have fought hard to make sure that where funding is needed for local projects it has been allocated and look forward to continue representing the community here in Lucan in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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