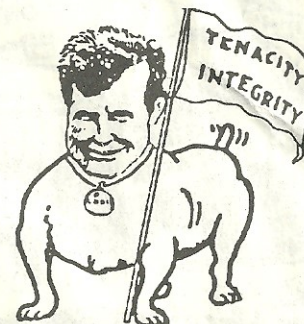


Community Councillor **Seán D. Dublin Bay-Rockall* Loftus**
Otherwise known as **Dublin Bay Loftus**



WATCHDOG

"You can't muzzle this dog" !!

WARNING !

Don't let Spec.
Developers get their
hands on the Bull
Island.

Look what is
happening to
Howth !!

**SAVE
BULL
ISLAND**

Demand that
Party Candidates
agree to support
"the Bridging of
its Causeway"

I am your official Community Environmental Candidate in this election. I was the first Environmental, or so-called Green politician in Ireland. 30 years ago I was talking about environmental issues – when it wasn't popular to do so.

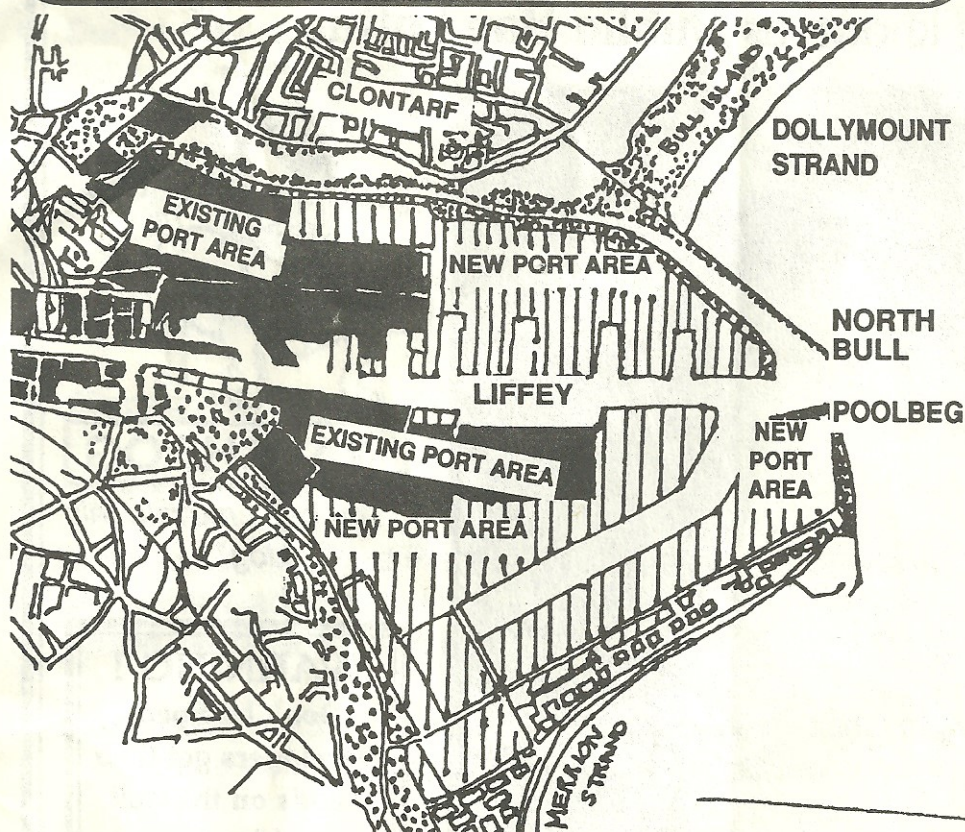
I am not against things – I am for "proper planning and development". My motto is: "Job opportunity with environmental responsibility".

**VOTE NO. 1
DUBLIN BAY LOFTUS**

* This is not just about an 80 ft. rock 265 miles off Bloodyforeland, Co. Donegal. It's about the Rockall Plateau, which is 400 miles by 600 miles, where strong evidence of OIL was discovered.

THE SHAPE OF THE NEW BAY

(As published by The Port and Docks Board Studies)



"The virtual disappearance of the Studies from the public debating platform does not mean that the Board's recommendations are 'dead'. Over the past decade, the Port has continued to expand eastwards by means of ad hoc additions through Harbour Works Orders. On this basis, unless the provisions of this Amenity Area Order and/or other Legal planning measures specify that this trend is undesirable, the entire reclamation and port proposals could be achieved by the end of this century."

Dr. Brian Meehan, Town Planning Consultant in his evidence at the Special Amenity Area Order Public Inquiry.

Isn't it all fitting into place! What with the Eastern Bypass proposal (put on the long finger until after the election?), the 52 acre fill-in application, the huge sandbank which has been developing in the greater Dublin Bay, off the Clontarf Road, the siltation etc. !!

Dublin Bay belongs to the people, not the Dublin Port and Docks Board with its secret plans – the Board did not bother to tell Dublin Corporation's Planning Department until after it had applied for the 52 acre Harbour Works Order!

We all can't afford to take off to Brittas Bay when the sun shines – we go to Dollymount, Sandymount and Merrion Strands.

THE 52 ACRE FILL-IN HARBOUR WORKS ORDER

Recently the Dublin Port and Docks Board announced it would be pressing the Government to give its consent to its Harbour Works Order application to fill in and reclaim 52 acres of the Inner Dublin Bay. This notorious proposal came before Dublin Corporation's Planning Committee on April 19th 1988. No documentation, not even a map was given to the Councillors. The Planning Officer asked the Committee to note the application. I refused.

This 52 acres is part of the Board's secretly prepared 5 year Development Plan. It is in the estuary of the Tolka River. If John Wilson TD, Minister for the Marine, gives his consent much of the Tolka's pollution will turn back on itself, and seep along the Clontarf promenade. This will lead to people over a wide area experiencing objectionable odours and stench, particularly in warm, close weather. It will also lead to further siltation and it will increase the occurrences of storm waters getting into the peoples' homes along the Clontarf Road.

THE BULL ISLAND CAUSEWAY

When the Bull Island Causeway was built in 1964, it should have incorporated a bridge, so as to enable the **existing tidal scour to continue** and return the amenities of **swimming, boating and fishing** between the Bull Island and the mainland. **The Bull Island is becoming part of the mainland, due to siltation.**

SEA PARK APARTMENTS

I **support** the tenants in the appalling situation they find themselves in. The new rents they have been asked to pay are exorbitant and the purchase prices of the flats is prohibitive. This is a case which demands that the Government should pass enabling legislation, such as amending the Housing Acts, something like what it did when the Rent Restriction Acts were found to be unconstitutional i.e. supplement their rents or give them grants to buy out their flats.

OPEN SPACE DISAPPEARING

I am totally opposed to the landlord's planning applications. **There is far too much in-fill going on in Clontarf and in other parts of this constituency.** North Dublin is being turned into a concrete jungle. Piecemeal. If I am elected I will be in a position to pursue this matter further.

CLONTARF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION A.G.M. – NOTABLE ABSENCES

Political candidates like to attend Residential Tenant Associations A.G.M.s – particularly if they are held before elections! At the Clontarf Residents Associations A.G.M. on May 21st there wasn't a single party candidate present! I know because I was there. I wonder why the party candidates didn't attend! Could it be that F.F., F.G., Lab. and the Workers Party candidates would not be able to explain **satisfactorily** why they refused to vote in favour of my Section 4 Motion, which asked the City Manager to take the first steps toward breaching and bridging the Bull Island Causeway! The fact that Party Councillors, of other Local Authorities, abuse Section 4 Motions for Party ends is not a valid reason for the Dublin City Party Councillors not supporting my Section 4 Motion about the Causeway.

WHAT IS A SECTION 4 ?

According to Mr. Justice Ronan Keane, in his book "The Law of Local Government in Ireland" a Section 4 Motion "empowers the elected members (Councillors) to require the performance by the Manager of a particular act which he is capable of performing as an executive function." The proper use of a Section 4 Motion enables people to ask their local Councillors to table a Motion directing the Manager to act in the public interest, such as to take the necessary steps to prevent the Bull Island being destroyed and becoming part of the mainland. The Corporation has sat on its hands for the past 25 years on this issue.

If I am re-elected I will continue to table Section 4 Motions until the wishes of the people are carried out.

The Party Candidates are going into this Election with their hands tied behind their backs! They have an unwritten agreement never to support a Section 4 Motion. The Manager must be delighted!

THORNDALE DEVELOPMENT

An Bord Pleanála's decision to grant planning permission for a clause development which was totally unacceptable to Dublin Corporation, which is the Planning Authority for the area, defies understanding. I wholeheartedly support the Beaumont Community Development Association's outrage at the Bord's decision and I support Philip O'Sullivan's view about making a **limited Development Plan** for the area by the City Council and then revoking the planning permission. If this cannot be done, at least modifying it. Dublin Corporation's law agent gave a contrary view to Mr. O'Sullivan's so I moved an amendment that the Planning Committee brings a Declaratory Action before the High Court to see which view is correct. My amendment was ruled out of order. However, I am tabling a Motion to that effect and if elected I will pursue the matter. **As far as I am concerned planning is about people in their communities together with their environmental rights.**

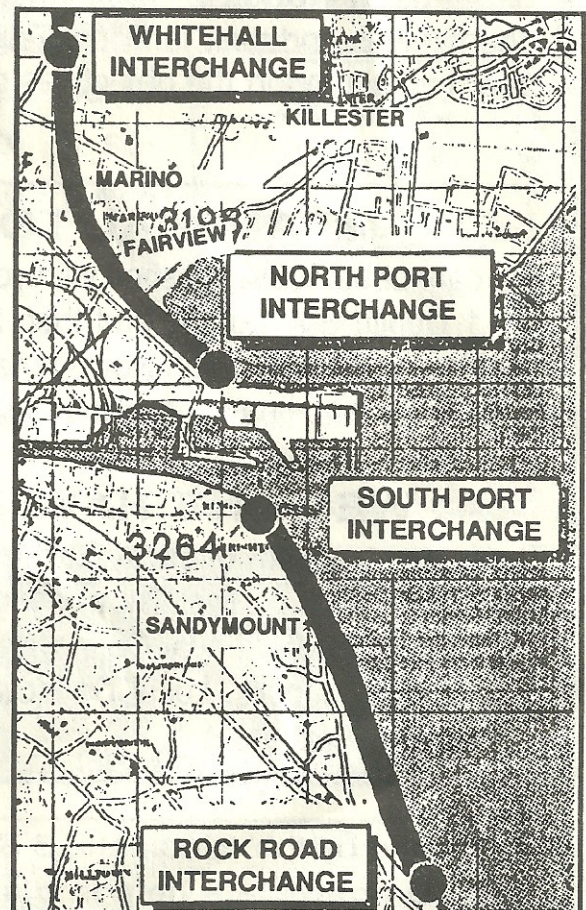
Loftus Saves Taxpayers £200 Million – The Eastern Bypass!

A recent Planning Committee Meeting unanimously supported a Motion from me that the 6,000 odd representations about the Eastern Bypass not be considered until after the Consultants Reports are published and assessed. It is not that the F.F. and F.G. Councillors supported my views that the Eastern Bypass was premature and it should not have been incorporated into Dublin City Draft Development Plan at least until after the consultants design feasibility and environmental reports had been published and assessed – all my Motions to this effect were rejected by F.F. and F.G. The Party Whip was on them not to support my Motions – no matter how logical my arguments were!

EEC COMMISSIONER BRUCE MILLAN

Because of F.F.'s and F.G.'s attitude to my Motions, on January 5th 1990, I wrote to EEC Commissioner Bruce Millan, the man who decides whether or not to approve EEC funding. I requested him to "investigate the feasibility of the Eastern Bypass proposal, before a decision is made whether or not it should be included in the Draft Development Plan or would public monies at this scale (estimated costs £200–£500 million, and the EEC insists on getting £1 on £1 from the country getting a grant) not be better spent on upgrading Dublin's under funded public transport system, organising an efficient traffic management scheme, which would include curtailing container lorries going into or out of Dublin Port, that instead that they use a Dublin Port Marshalling Yard adjacent to the Western Parkway which would be connected with the Port by rail etc., etc." Commissioner Millan replied to me that the officials who will examine the Irish Authorities Draft Programme on Roads and other Transport infrastructure for funding "will be very attentive to the points you have raised". Also please note the Eastern Bypass proposal involves cutting through part of Fairview Park and diverting the Tolka River, this would have a bad effect on the water-tables of Fairview, Marino and Ballybough. (Remember 8th Dec., 1956). This six lane motorway is supposed to be going under Collins Avenue and Griffith Avenue. **Supposed is the operative word!**

(Map from Sunday Independent)



VOTE NO. 1 DUBLIN BAY LOFTUS

- **Dublin Bay still at risk** – despite "The Northside Peoples' " heading of November 30th 1988: "Port Plan Scrapped" and Lifetimes' heading of December 1st 1988: "Minister Rejects Reclamation Scheme for Northside of Dublin Bay".
- **Bull Island Causeway** must be "bridged" to reverse the ongoing siltation. It will require a Section 4 Motion.
- **Seapark tenants** must be given justice.
- **Clontarf/Fairview DART Station** a must.
- **Bus fares** must be kept reasonable – I have a particular interest in this !
- **Thorndale** – An Bord Pleanála's decision totally unacceptable. I have tabled a Motion which will lead to its revocation / modification – if it is passed by the new City Council. I tabled the Motion which revoked the Red Rock, Howth planning permission, back in 1974.
- **Eastern Bypass** – The millions of public monies planned to be spent on it must instead be spent on improving public transport (details inside).
- **Pollution** – the planned secondary treatment for Dublin's sewage is not enough to stop the pollution of Dublin Bay. Nitrates, phosphorous and viruses must also be dealt with – this requires 3-way treatment.
- **The Postal Workers** – I wholeheartedly support the postal workers in their request for themselves and their families. **Thatcherising the postal service is unacceptable to me.** I also support the objectives of ACRA and NATO.

* APPEAL TO PARTY SUPPORTERS *

You cannot be 100% satisfied with your Party! The best way to demonstrate this is by Voting No. 1 Dublin Bay Loftus, and then 2, 3, 4 for your Party. As an Independent Community Candidate I need enough No. 1 Votes in order to be sure of one of the 5 seats, because of the P.R. system. I have not got a Party machine behind me!

WE DON'T HAVE REAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The present system of Local Government is Central Government administered locally. This suits the political parties. They use local government for Party ends. The Party Whip should not be permitted at Local Council meetings. The local issues should be decided on a free vote of the Councils. Local Councillors should represent the people in their communities and not the Parties..

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I would appreciate help in distributing my literature – Thanks – Seán