

## Sinn Féin Launch Anti-Drugs Campaign



Cork Sinn Féin has launched a campaign to highlight the dangers of heroin taking root in Cork. Recent seizures of heroin, culminating in a €200,000 find, have been followed by the City Coroner stating 5 people have died of overdoses in the past 18 months.

Sinn Féin's Henry Cremin says heroin must not be allowed

take root in the city. "This drug has devastated communities in Dublin, causing hundreds of deaths and ruining thousands of lives. It is vital that the authorities act now to stamp out this problem while it is in its early stages."

Sinn Féin has distributed 5,000 copies of an information leaflet about heroin and its dangers across Cork. This leaflet can be accessed on our website, [www.corksinnfein.org](http://www.corksinnfein.org). A Sinn Féin motion calling for an integrated task-force to deal with the problem is currently before City Council.

## Guevara Anniversary Marked

Cork Sinn Féin marked the 40th anniversary of Che Guevara's death earlier this month with a film-showing about the charismatic Argentinean revolutionary. The event was attended by up to 100 people. Party spokesman Henry Cremin commented "Che Guevara remains a revolutionary icon for people around the world. His passion and idealism stand in sharp contrast to the cynicism that too often marks Irish public life, and the cronyism and graft being daily revealed by the tribunals."



## Broad Welcome for Area Action Plan

Sinn Féin has given a broad welcome to the Bishopstown and Wilton area action plan. However, the party's representative in the South West Ward, Henry Cremin, has identified a number of areas where the council needs to be more pro-active.



"Many residents pointed to the lack of facilities for young people in the area, and noted the plan does little to address this. The council's response is to propose a "Community Needs Scoping" led by the Residents' Association. It also states that most facilities should be provided by the private sector. This is an evasion of its responsibilities. Sinn Féin is calling for the council to purchase land for the provision of facilities such as a rollerblade park, bowling alley, cinema or youth café."

"The council also needs to give a proper timescale for the clean-up of the Curragheen, Two Pot and Glasheen Rivers and redevelopment of the amenity walks in these areas. Simply to "note" the need for this in the plan is insufficient."

## High-Rise Ban Secured

An amendment to the Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan, seconded by Sinn Féin's Jonathan O'Brien, prohibits future developments in the area of over three stories. With the support of the 3 Sinn Féin councillors, the amendment was passed 15 to 11. Local representative Henry Cremin welcomed the decision as a positive step for planning in the City's Western suburbs.

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# Dear Constituent

This is the first edition of Rebel Cork in the South West Ward since the election, and I would like to thank all those who voted for me last June. Sinn Féin gained 1,000 extra votes in each city constituency, continuing its advance in Cork.

Since then my colleague Fiona Kerins has been co-opted to the City Council in the South Central Ward, increasing Sinn Féin's city councillors to three and giving us our first councillor on the Southside. This means we are in a better position than ever before to represent our constituents and provide an alternative voice in Cork City Council.

If there is any issue with which myself or my Sinn Féin colleagues on the council can help you, phone me at 086-2662874 or email [annraoiocreimin@hotmail.com](mailto:annraoiocreimin@hotmail.com)

- Henry Cremin

## Cork Sinn Féin Launch Website

- Regular updates on local campaigns
- Details of upcoming events
- News stories and issues
- Contact local councillors online
- Online archive of writings on republicanism and socialism
- Links to campaigning and global justice groups

[www.corksinnfein.org](http://www.corksinnfein.org)

## Democracy Denied in Basque Country

Pictured below are Cork Sinn Féin activists and members of the Irish Basque Committees at a protest against the arrest of 23 members of the leadership of the Basque pro-independence party Batasuna by Spanish police.

Batasuna has been banned by the Spanish authorities as part of its campaign to break the movement for independence in the Basque Country. This is in spite of the party committed to a peaceful solution in the Basque Country, and engaging in negotiations with the Spanish government.



The banning of Batasuna and the arrest of its leaders violate basic rights to freedom of speech and assembly. Far from facilitating a peace deal, they will only exacerbate conflict in the Basque Country. Make your voice heard in protest against the denial for democracy in the Basque Country by writing to: The Spanish Embassy, 17a Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, or emailing [embaspan@eircom.net](mailto:embaspan@eircom.net).

## Parking Issue at Leedale

Residents of Leedale are having difficulty parking their cars and accessing their drives due to the number of non-residents parking in the estate. However, Sinn Féin's Henry Cremin argues the introduction of disk parking is not the solution. "Disk parking would simply move the problem to Kenley. There is spare parking capacity nearby at the Technology Park and Curraheen Greyhound Track, which could be made available to people attending FÁS or CIT. We also need a pro-active approach from parking wardens, with regular patrols of the estate to discourage illegal parking."



## Sinn Féin Submission on City Development Plan

Sinn Féin's submission on the draft City Development Plan focuses on improved public transport, more investment in amenities, and greater integration of social and affordable housing into new developments in the city.



The party is calling for more green bus routes – to be matched by government funding for new buses – and the extension of the proposed light rail system in the docklands to the south suburbs.

Greater investment in amenities – including better use of existing green spaces in the city – is also called for. The council should insist that social and affordable housing makes up 30% of all new developments in the city.

The Sinn Féin submission can be viewed at [www.corksinnfein.org](http://www.corksinnfein.org).

## Work on Edward Walsh Road Welcomed

Sinn Féin's Henry Cremin has welcomed the redevelopment of the square at 50-110 Edward Walsh Road. "The condition of the road had seriously deteriorated in recent times. This is an issue on which I have made representations to City Council over the summer and I am happy that they have responded and addressed the problem."

