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### **350 extra spaces for Portmarnock train station – Kennedy**

OVER 300 additional parking spaces are on the way for Portmarnock Train Station to cope with the sky-rocketing demand for commuter parking, according to Dublin North Fianna Fail Deputy Michael Kennedy.

Deputy Kennedy said: “As a Portmarnock resident myself, I witness the overflow of cars parked in the surrounding area every day and it is clear that immediate action needs to be taken. Portmarnock is a growing area and has a fantastic rail link to the City, and for people not to get the opportunity to use it because of a scarcity of parking, seems a great pity.”

“Iarnrod Eireann has responded with plans to build two decks of parking above the existing car park, and there is a further proposal for a commercial development beside the station which will add a further 150 parking spaces, bringing the total number of additional spaces to 500.”

“Iarnrod Eireann has informed me that the plans are currently in the design phase and works are expected to be completed before the end of 2009.”

“I warmly welcome any plans to raise the number of parking spaces at Portmarnock Train Station and will be in regular contact with Iarnrod Eireann over this issue,” concluded Deputy Kennedy