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Embrace WEEE scheme and recycling and make Fingal a cleaner place – Kennedy

NORTH DUBLIN homes and businesses need to embrace the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) scheme and recycling in general, if the area is to avoid becoming a dumping ground for the greater Dublin area. Fianna Fail TD Michael Kennedy said this morning (01 October 2007) at the beginning of National Recycling Week.

Deputy Kennedy said: “In the same week that North Dubliners learned that the area is to be spared a super sewerage scheme in Donabate, a new landfill scheme was announced for the Nevitt in Lusk to alleviate the area’s waste needs. It is clear that Fingal is being examined by the surrounding local authorities as a location for a plethora of waste schemes to cope with both local and larger regional waste.”

“If residents in the area are to avoid this fate we must all play our part in reducing waste across the county, from individual householders to local businesses. We all have a responsibility to minimise our waste-to-landfill, and there are plenty of opportunities to do so, with green bins and local bring-centres located across the community.”

“Residents should also be aware of their rights as regards the WEEE scheme, which is operated by businesses and local authorities, to allow householders to recycle their old electronic waste.”

“The public needs to be made aware that there are collection systems in place for the free take-back of all the large fridges, cookers, washing machines left idle in a house and that a purchase is not required to avail of free take back.”

“Local authorities must take back all household electrical goods deposited at their collection points free of charge and retailers must inform their customers not just of the one-for-one, like-for-like take back services they are obliged to provide, but also of the free take back service provided by local authorities”, he added.

Deputy Kennedy concluded: “Householders should consult Fingal County Council and their local electrical retailer to ascertain their best options when thinking of recycling electrical goods.”