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Improvements welcome, but new Swords Garda Station needed - Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH TD Michael Kennedy (FF) has welcomed new plans for improvement works to Swords Garda Station, but again called on the Minister for Justice to approve the building of a new station for the town, which remains the largest in the region.

Deputy Kennedy said: "I have learned of plans to erect high railings along a portion of the boundary walls of the existing Garda station, which has also recently benefited from a prefabricated extension."

"The OPW is seeking submissions to the project, which will see a 2.4m high railing placed on top of the existing walls bordering the Social Welfare Centre, the Malahide Road and the Pavillions Centre, to the rear."

"Whilst the extension and proposed railings will both contribute to staff's workplace comfort and the station's security, there is no doubt that an entirely new station is needed for such an immense population. I have already spoken to Minister Lenihan about the issue and stressed the importance of a new Garda station to the community in Swords."

"I would urge the people of Swords to exercise their democratic rights and make a submission to the Office of Public Works on this project and any future project, to ensure that the community's interests are catered for in all developments."

Deputy Kennedy added: "Drawing and particulars of the proposed development of Swords Garda Station will be available for inspection at the station between 9.30am and 9.30pm and between 2.30 and 5pm Monday to Friday until Oct 12, 2007. Submissions should be made to The Office of Public Works, Property Management Division, 51 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2."

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