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New Donabate parking plan – Kennedy

NORTH DUBLIN'S Fianna Fail Deputy Michael Kennedy has welcomed the news that Iarnrod Eireann has submitted a planning application to Fingal County Council for more parking spaces at Donabate train station.

Deputy Kennedy said: "Iarnrod Eireann currently plans to construct 145 additional parking spaces, a set down area and bicycle storage on the site of the current station grounds. Some 18 of the planned parking spaces will be designated for use by the disabled."

"The plans are part of an overall project by the rail authority to upgrade and enlarge station facilities in the North Dublin area. So far this year, I have learned of two similar expansion plans for Portmarnock and Rush/Lusk Stations and once permission is granted the expansion of Donabate, these projects should add almost 700 parking spaces to the area's train stations."

"Development at Donabate train station is vital to the community and more importantly, for the station to function properly and efficiently. Hundreds of people use the train network from this station throughout the day and an increase in parking spaces will give many more people who would otherwise drive into town, the opportunity to use the train."

"I welcome these plans and would encourage Fingal County Council to consider this planning application favourably," concluded Deputy Kennedy.