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O'Leary and Ryanair not just anti-competitive but anti-North Dublin

FIANNA FAIL's Dublin North TD Michael Kennedy has accused Michael O'Leary of being anti-consumer for coming out against positive development in North Dublin.

Deputy Kennedy said: "In his latest tirade, O'Leary slammed the Government's handling of the Terminal 2 development and said that the Metro North should not be built. The first insult does not surprise me, as both Ryanair and O'Leary have made their feelings clear about Terminal 2, and are in fact attempting to hold up its progress through the courts."

"However, to suggest that the Government is wasting money on the Metro North is ridiculous and once again, just illustrates the extent to which Mr O'Leary is out of touch with the needs of North Dublin residents."

"He has suggested that the Metro North project would be shelved in favour of building another orbital route around the city. The Metro North is a project which will bring residents in Swords to the Airport in 9 minutes and on to the City Centre in an additional 20 minutes. Whilst I have made clear my support for plans to build an additional outer ring road around the city in the past, if it's being developed, it should be done so with in addition to the Metro project."

"It astonishes me, time after time, how Ryanair and Michael O'Leary can claim to be a cost-cutting, customer-focussed and efficient outfit when their last few rounds in the press have been aimed at stalling two major developments in North Dublin."

"As a major supporter of both the T2 project and the Metro North, I have to say I view this latest move as anti-consumer and in fact, it flies in the face of everything Ryanair and O'Leary stand for."

"For years now we have listened to Mr. O'Leary complain about the packed facilities at Dublin Airport, only to see him now attempt to ruin legitimate plans to bring major improvements at the first opportunity."

"Similarly, he has slammed the transportation routes servicing the airport again and again – complaints he seems to have forgotten this weekend, when he blasted the Metro Project."

"I am amazed that Ryanair and Michael O'Leary can't stand behind the people of North Dublin and join them in their welcome of these projects, which will significantly boost the region," Deputy Kennedy concluded.