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## **Thumbs up for Skerries Railway Station redevelopment – Kennedy**

NORTH DUBLIN TD Michael Kennedy says planned improvements to Skerries Railway Station will allow an unprecedented level of accessibility to disabled people and bring the enormously popular station in line with other metropolitan transport terminals in Dublin.

The newly-approved works consist of a major revamp of the existing ticket hall, including the demolition of an existing wall which separates the ticket hall and waiting room. Also included is the installation of an accessible toilet and accessible ticket window and a new automatic sliding door.”

Deputy Kennedy said: “Skerries Railway Station, a protected structure, was historically a rural station along the northern line and it is only in recent years that the station has become one of the busiest on the line.”

“Iarnrod Eireann is working hard to improve the station to reflect the new demand and a major target of the overall improvement plan is to revamp the ticket hall, making it accessible for those with disabilities.”

“Amongst the works which have just received approval from Fingal County Council are; reconfiguration of office accommodation, merging of existing ticket hall and waiting rooms, provision of new window openings onto the platform, the provision of a new dual height accessible ticket window and an accessible WC.”

“I am delighted that planning permission has been granted for these works. I have long campaigned for improvements to be made to Skerries Railway Station and I look forward to the newly improved accessible station which will exist after these works.”

“I have been lobbying for many years for improvements to the Northern Line, especially in the area which previously were rural villages. We must ensure these locations remain attractive places to live and I will continue to lobby for and monitor these proposals,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.

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