

[O'Dowd welcomes All-Island Rail Review publication](#)

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has welcomed the publication of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review.

[All-Island Vision for a New Age of Rail](#)

The Department of Transport in Ireland and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) in Northern Ireland today publish the Final Report of the All-Island Strategic Rail Review, developed in the context of the "New Decade, New Approach" agreement. This ground-breaking Report, approved for publication by the Irish Government and DfI Minister, sets out a strategic vision for the development of the rail system across the island of Ireland over the coming decades.

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Responding to Labour's plans to build more homes, Adrian Ramsay, Co-Leader of the Green Party, said: "We are in a housing crisis that leaves many without the basic security of a safe and warm home".

"This crisis though is an affordability crisis.

"There are a million empty homes, and a million homes that planners have allowed but developers haven't built – too often in order keep prices high.

"Meanwhile, we have over a million households on council waiting lists and more than 130,000 children are growing up in temporary accommodation.

"This is why Labour's plan to hand more power and profits to private developers is flawed.

“Where is the incentive for private developers to build the affordable and accessible homes needed?

“Instead, we will get large executive houses on greenfield sites or luxury city flats.

“Planning reform is a distraction from Labour’s failure to step up and fund the real answers to the housing crisis, including large-scale investment in truly affordable, sustainable council housing.”

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[Greens respond to “disturbing” images of man being kicked by Police Firearms Officer](#)

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Following the [release of images](#) Manchester Airport that showed a Greater Manchester Police firearms officer striking a man twice as he lay on the ground, Green Party spokesperson on police and domestic safety, Amanda Onwuemene, said,

‘We’re horrified by the video of a man being kicked and stamped on the head whilst lying on the ground by a police officer at Manchester Airport.

“It’s deeply disturbing and there is no situation where it could be in any way justifiable.

“We’re pleased that an investigation is being held and the police must be fully transparent and accountable if they are to restore public confidence after what appears to be a clear abuse of power.’

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Farmer convicted of farm effluent pollution at Omagh Magistrates' Court

Mr Henry McCarney (23), Garvallah Road, Fintona, pleaded guilty today and was fined £750 plus £15 Offenders Levy at Omagh Magistrates' Court for an offence under Article 7(1)(a) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 as amended.