

THE FIELD OF DREAMS. THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. HEARTBREAK HOTEL. POLITICAL FOOTBALL. CUNNING POLITICAL SLIGHT OF HAND.

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The above headings as far as we are concerned covers the construction industry and gives a home to all sections involved in what has become a national housing disaster. Housing has been used as a political football and passed around from one minister to another for decades leaving us where we are today where a home is no longer an attainable goal.

Government would like you to believe that everyone else is to blame for this catastrophe where in fact the blame lies entirely at their own door.

It is the duty of elected government to provide homes which are produced by an efficient and accountable construction industry and not a cabal of greedy national and international groups whose only interest is in massive amounts of profit and keeping shareholders happy. Ireland has a rich history of world class builders that have been forced to emigrate because despite the fact they built the homes it was people that had never stood on a building site that reaped the rewards. This continues to the present day and is described by politician's as a lack of labour while in fact it is a lack of interest.

The major part played by our banking system in the complete destruction of every sector of our economy is once again being allowed and in fact encouraged to do the same again. The bonus culture is back again where in fact a prison sentence would be more fitting. The construction industry is heavily reliant on finance to continue and to expand and this is not something our present banking system can handle. When you have one cartel creaming off house building and house purchasing and everything in-between, we are only going one way. Solution is a state funded public banking system.

Did you know that builders must pay between eighty and one hundred thousand euros per single three bed semi site up front before a block is laid on site? This money is roughly fifty fifty between the landowner and the government created quangos known as Irish water and county councils. Solution is a more workable version of the Kenny report https://www.scribd.com/document/24244062/The-Kenny-Report conducted in the seventies but never followed through as this would have affected lots of planners, councillors and politicians operating in the brown envelope area.

We need a plan to eradicate the cost of the public sector and the enormous negative effect on house prices and all other unnecessary costs involved in doing business in Ireland.

Did you know that every site must hand over a number of houses for which the builder is paid the cost price only for the house an agricultural price only for the site it sits on? Unfortunately, the construction industry is the gift that keeps on giving to the wrong people and is a massive task to make the changes needed to survive.

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