

Lavish spending on a bike shed shows just how out of touch the political class is

How can spending €335,000 on a bicycle shed for Leinster House, while a huge number of people sleep rough throughout the city and suburbs, many of them for years, be justified?

That money could provide well-designed public showers and toilets in our capital. This is a need we highlighted first 18 years ago.

A few weeks ago, we wrote to all city councillors again pointing out this need. Incidentally our recent correspondence merited just five responses from 61 elected councillors.

A bicycle shed that will hold 18 bikes for the chosen few, it appears, is more important.

Politicians and aspiring politicians should not be surprised that people have become cynical, this worrying fact threatens our democracy.

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