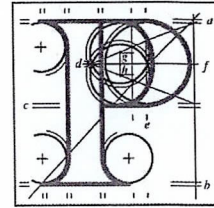


Our Case Number: ABP-314597-22



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Angela Shaw
139 College Road
Co. Galway

Date: 06 July 2023

Re: BusConnects Galway Cross-City Link Scheme.
University Road to Dublin Road, Galway City.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your submission have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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4 July 2023

**Re: Galway Cross-City Link – Section 51
APB-314597-22**

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been invited to make a submission to the Board in respect of their consideration of the application under Section 51 of the 1993 Roads Act.

I have previously made a submission where I raised concerns in respect of the particular position I find myself in where I am the occupier of 139 College Road, I am legally entitled for the remainder of my life to be here and therefore I am not only an occupier but I have a legal interest in the property and yet I am not being permitted to make any submission in respect of the application under Section 49 which is that part of the procedure which the Board consider as part of their consideration as to whether they can confirm the above scheme.

I accept – because the Acquiring Authority did not include me in the list of occupiers notwithstanding that I have lived in this house for many decades – I am precluded from making any submission in respect of the Section 49 application and therefore I am required to limit my submission to the Section 51 approval.

I should say that I have many, many issues that I would wish to raise in respect of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) but I accept that I cannot do so and therefore I make the submission solely confined to Section 51 under protest and without prejudice to any steps that I may take to protect my home, to protect my right to have a home, to protect the property in which I have an interest and to participate in probably the single most important issue for somebody in my position, namely to have a reasonable level of comfort and security at home for the remaining years of my life.

In the Board's letter of 31st May 2023 they invite submissions in respect of the submission of the Council of 8th February.

As I set out above, I live alone in 139 College Road, with my family living near hand but this is my only home, this is place I spend all day and although I enjoy sitting on the bench at the front of my home, I am mainly confined to the house with little opportunity to move outside the house and as you can appreciate to have major site development works occurring within a few metres of my windows which will entail very high noise levels, significant levels of dust and vibration, significant issues of privacy and security, all extending over perhaps many years will render my continued occupation in this house impossible. Even the most rudimentary consultation or investigation would have discovered my living here and it is inconceivable that the County Council did not know that I was here if, as they say, they had done the type and level of investigation that they claim.

The absence of any record of me in the various considerations, the absence of any analysis of the impacts which this will have on me, the absence of any mitigation measures to prevent these impacts upon me is such that the comprehensive non-statutory pre-application consultation for the proposed scheme simply did not take place. If it had then I would not have to raise any of these issues.

In response (ii) at paragraph 2.2 there is a reference to environmental impacts on human beings and other sensitive receptors and they refer to dust, noise, vibration as being included in Chapter 7, air quality and noise and vibration but you will seek in vain to see the specific circumstances in which I live and which will affect me being addressed and these are just general objectives with no specific reference to the particular conditions that exist and that is not what an EIA Report should consist of but must be specific insofar as the report requires all likely significant effects be identified, whether they be long term or short term, including the interaction of these effects particularly on somebody like myself who suffers from poor health and who because of my age is particularly vulnerable for example to dust emissions or to noise which will affect my sleep and my life day-to-day.

The health implications of this scheme therefore for me arise from all these matters and from the anxiety that I now experience because I may have to leave this house and construction works occurring very close to my windows is also very damaging to my health but none of these matters have been addressed in the documentation.

It is simply extraordinary therefore for the Council to state that the documentation submitted with the application for the proposed scheme is "complete" and that all necessary documentation and information has been submitted. The Council refer to there being no specific omissions identified in the submission but this is a submission made by me identifying that my name does not appear anywhere in the documentation and there has been no regard had to my particular circumstances, and therefore it is very difficult to accept what is set at (iii) at paragraph 2.2. of the Council's submission.


I note that what is set out at (iv) is exactly the same submission as is being made in respect of all the other issues relating to absence of public consultation. The approach of the Council therefore appears nothing more than a box ticking exercise and the County Council have a

duty if the EIA process is to be in any meaningful to identify the level and type of information that required to put before the Board in order for them to do what the law requires of them.

It is totally unacceptable that the Board are now being put in a position where they have no detailed information of my circumstances, where I have been denied an oral hearing and where I have no opportunity to have any information objectively analysed as to the effect that this will have upon me, my health and well-being as well as the amenities of my house.

I trust the Board will reconsider its decision not to hold an oral hearing in respect of this issue particularly as if I had been properly included I would have been entitled to participate in the oral hearing in respect of the compulsory acquisition of my interest in the property.

Yours faithfully


Angela Shaw