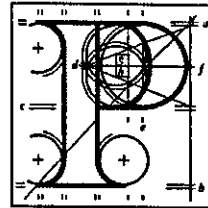


**Our Case Number: ABP-314724-22**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Deirdre Byrne and Family  
38 Ashley Avenue  
Swords  
Co. Dublin

**Date:** 29 November 2022

**Re:** Railway (Metrolink - Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order [2022]  
Motrolink. Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to  
Charlemont, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed Railway Order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions/observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant County Council(s) and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
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**Ref: "Railway (MetroLink–Estuary to Charlemont via Dublin Airport) Order 2022".**

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make an objection to the proposed Linear Park design for the Ashley Estate as part of the proposed R132 upgrade project included in the Metro North plans.

My objections are based on overlooking, loss of privacy, loss of view, loss of security, road safety hazards, loitering and increased noise levels.

All properties along Ashley Avenue enjoy complete privacy from the R132 and have done for more than 40 years since the estate was built. Our homes are not overlooked at the front, as the mature trees and boundary wall shield us from passing traffic. I have owned by home since 2000.

The current boundary wall and mature trees provide safety for our children and pets exercising on the green and provide a sense of security for all the residents of Ashley, not just those residing on the Avenue.

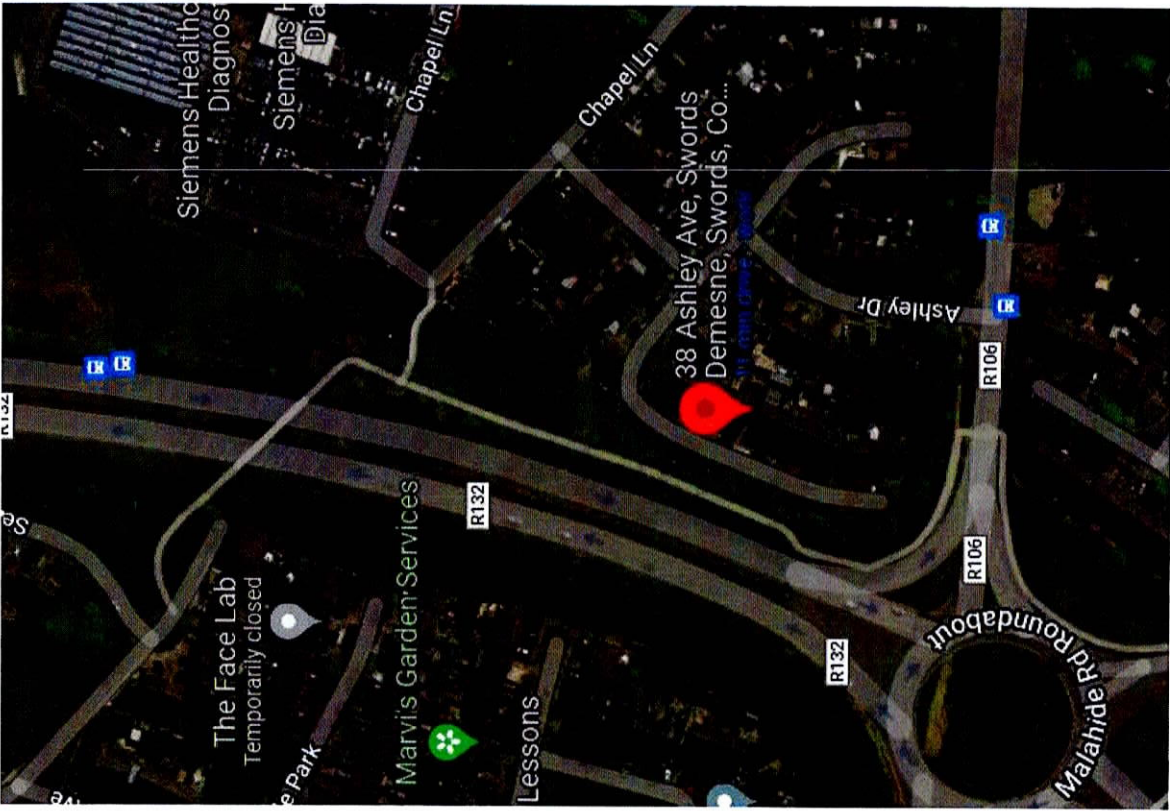
I understand the purpose of incorporating passive surveillance into new planning developments however, Ashley is a mature, 40-year-old estate which is shielded from the R132 and we wish to remain so. Passive surveillance has never been a design consideration of the area of R132 in front of our homes or further north. Ashley already enjoys a very strong, tight-knit community atmosphere and does not experience anti-social behaviour. Introducing a linear open park, with several openings to the R132 and low wall with railings would create the very problems we are trying to avoid and turn our private green area into a wideopen thoroughfare.

Ashley Ave residents will already be seriously impacted by construction of the Metro North which will pass under the Ashley green, less than 30M from our front doors, and to subject us to this linear park proposal which would see us lose our privacy, security and only usable green stretch of space, replaced in stead with zig zag paths several openings directly on to a main road is extremely concerning.

My neighbours and I support the Metro North project however we have stated from the beginning that we would like our green returned to its current state once tunnelling has been completed, with mature trees planted to provide privacy from passing traffic, double decker buses etc. Our support for the Metro North project will be withdrawn otherwise.



My property 38 Ashley Ave marked in yellow above with proposed linear park with several (up to 10?) pathways and openings directly onto main R132 road, low boundary wall with railings on top.



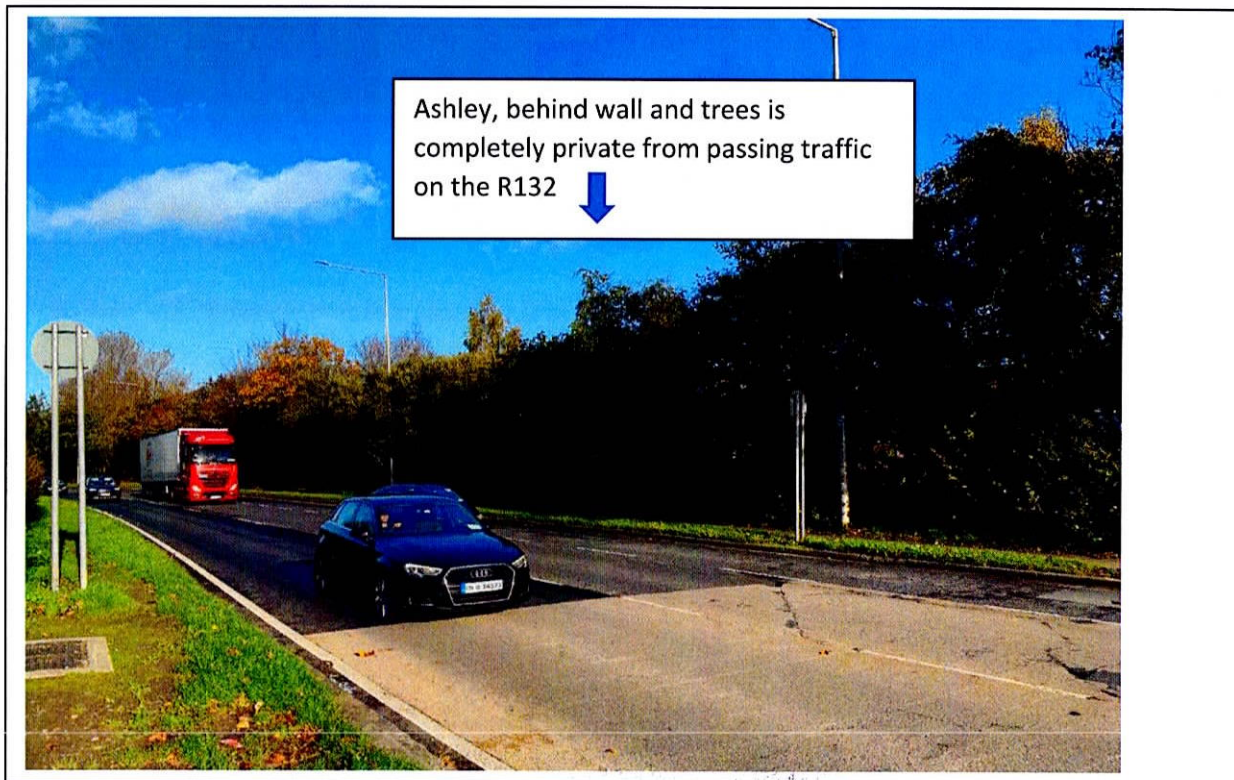
Current green stretch with one opening to main road (R) and footbridge (L) where kids and dogs can run, and play, total privacy and safety from the R132.





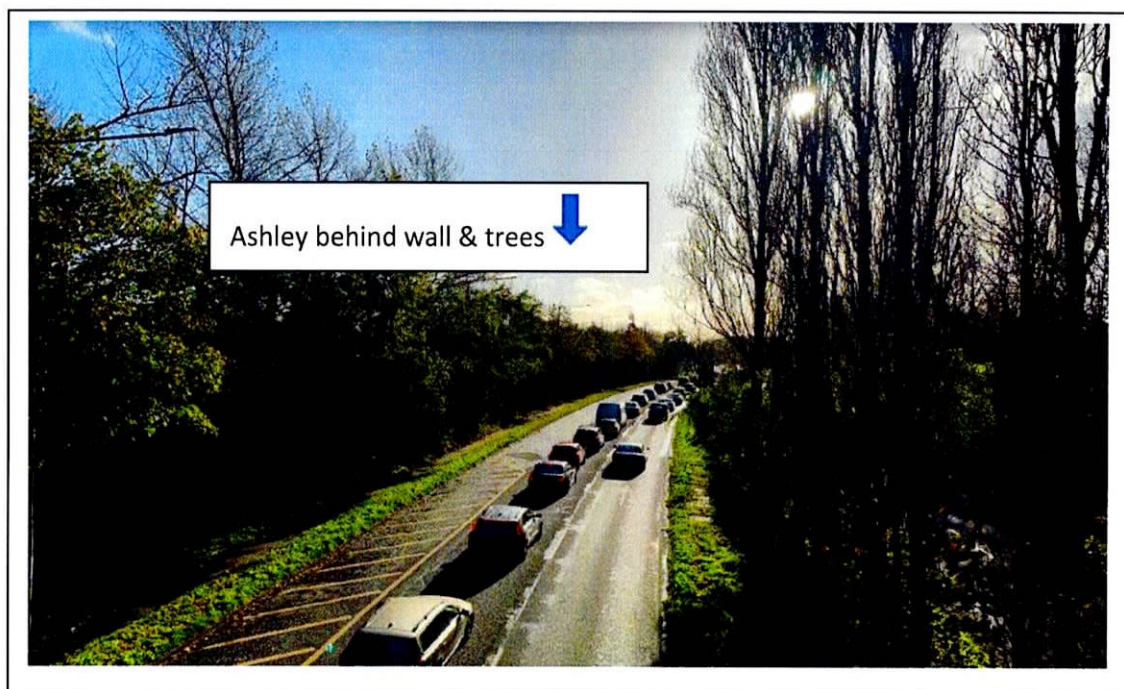
Current view from Ashley Ave which enjoys complete privacy from the front and safety for children playing football, dogs running etc from traffic hazards. Not overlooked and traffic is hidden from view. Mature trees which are not only a pleasure to look are also home to birds and squirrels. One opening to R132.





View looking North from centre median, traffic heading south on the R132

Looking south, public path connecting Malahide Roundabout and Seatown Roundabout, Ashley enjoys privacy, safety and reduced noise from passing traffic on the R132.



I sincerely hope you will take my concerns on board.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Byrne & family