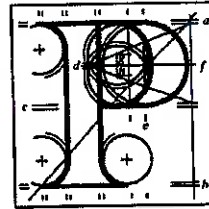


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Deirdre Kirwan
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Date: 21 July 2023

**Re: Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Blanchardstown to Dublin City Centre**

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

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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From: LAPS
Sent: Thursday 13 July 2023 15:43
To: Eimear Reilly
Subject: FW: Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 for Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Blanchardstown to City Centre

From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:12 PM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: FW: Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 for Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Blanchardstown to City Centre

From: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:08 PM
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
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From: Déirdre Kirwan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
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Re: Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 for Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Blanchardstown to City Centre

Reference Number: ABP-313892-22
Name and Address: 265, Navan Road, Dublin 7. D07 E7P8
Acting on behalf of Déirdre Kirwan and Joe Dillon

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are deeply concerned as to the impact the “Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 for Bus Connects Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme” proposals will have on the environment, our home, our property.

Even though science has told us that having more trees will play a big part in mitigating the effects of climate change, a large number of trees will be removed to facilitate this widening of the Navan Road. Removing such a large volume of trees goes against this scientific evidence. Removal of mature trees, that currently act to absorb pollutant gases would impact on respiratory health.

We have learned from the pandemic that mental health issues are mitigated by an increased natural environment. Widening the Navan Road will have the opposite effect by decreasing the natural environment where people live and raise young families.

We have also learned from the pandemic that working from home is a preferred and viable option for many employees. This results in less need to travel either by car or public transport. Widening the Navan Road goes against this new way of working.

Function of front garden: environmental asset and quality of life.

Living on a main road, the front garden provides the facility of giving distance from the worst negative effects of traffic of all kinds. Privacy would also be greatly intruded upon with close proximity of public transport, vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians to living area, noise, fuel emissions, i.e., front bedrooms and sitting room.

Shortening the garden will compromise this facility and this privacy.

There is also the danger that ventilation will be compromised as windows to the front of the house will have to be kept closed because increased noise and emissions from transport fuels will be a health hazard. Vibration from passing traffic may also negatively affect the structural integrity of the house. As these houses were built prior to World War II, the volume of traffic travelling closer to the walls and foundations could have a detrimental effect resulting in potential safety issues too.

Off-road parking in front garden facilitates:

- safe parking off the main road
- turning of car for safe entry to road.

These functions would be undermined by your proposals. It is not permitted to reverse onto a main road for reasons of Health and Safety. Health and Safety of children would be compromised in terms of exit and entry to houses if the front gardens are rendered unfit for purpose as described above.

It is not clear how parking and turning could be facilitated, if at all, were the garden to be shortened.

It is very important to us that our concerns are heard.

Yours,
Déirdre Kirwan and Joe Dillon