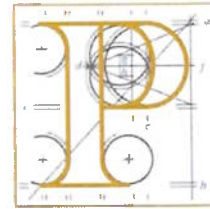


**Our Case Number:** ABP-317121-23



**An  
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Juliana Boland & Others  
Nevinstown Lodge  
Nevinstown  
Swords  
Co. Dublin

**Date:** 15 February 2024

**Re:** BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme  
Swords to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board on at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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RE: Case Ref. ABP-317121-23  
Bus Connects  
Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme,  
Swords To Dublin City Centre:

Objections/Observations/Arguments re proposed Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme submitted by:

Juliana and Patrick Joseph (Joe) Boland and family  
Nevinstown Lodge  
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Joe Boland Motor Salvage (Patrick Joseph Boland)  
Nevinstown  
Pinnock Hill  
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Co Dublin  
K67 P788

Ref Details of Properties owned by Boland family which will be directly affected during the construction and operation of above Planning application ABP-317121-23 as referenced by National Transport Authority on their planning submission. I have noted the CPO reference on the maps provided by NTA in the submission to allow the ABP a clearer picture of the vicinity of our properties in relation to the construction phase and operation phase of Bus Connects.

Plot Lists:

1011(1).1c Joe Boland Motor Salvage (Patrick Joseph (Joe) Boland) business premises K67 P788 – Permanent Acquired – Front of premises. O.S. Ref: 2994-C, Drawing No. 0002-SM-0014

1011(2).2c Joe Boland Motor Salvage (Patrick Joseph (Joe) Boland business premises K67 P788 – Temporarily Acquired – Front of premises. O.S. Ref: 2994-C, Drawing No. 0002-SM-0014

1007(1).2d Juliana and Patrick Joseph (Joe) Boland and Family – family home – Temporarily Acquired – part of driveway O.S. Ref: 2994-C, Drawing No 0002-SM-0010

1008(1).2d Juliana and Patrick Joseph (Joe) Boland and Family – family home – Temporarily Acquired – part of driveway/gateway at Orchard 1 K67 K8W6. O.S. Ref: 2994-C, Drawing No. 0002-SM-0011

Dear Sirs

This is the second time around for potential disruption by Bus Connects, Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, we as a business and family home have been directly subjected to.

We currently have a good bus service, (albeit a few extra services may be required during the rush hour periods in the morning and evening), with a dedicated bus lane (7 to 7 , 6 day week) running along the R132 with particular reference to the section between Pinnock Hill roundabout and Cloghran roundabout being the section along which our properties lie, with a 24/7 bus service from Swords et al via Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre, thereby leaving us a little perplexed as to why the current submission for works is needed.

The following points are of particular concern to us with regards to the possible construction phase and operation of the Bus Connects Corridor:

Access to properties via existing driveways/gateways during works and on completion of works: Would we still have continuous, permanent access, right of way to enter and exit our properties at all times as pedestrians, more importantly via motorized vehicle including but not exclusive of car, trucks 3 tonne and over/ long wheel based/tow trucks, oil tanker for oil fills (our heating source), bin collection trucks etc.?

Would we still have continuous, permanent access, right of way to enter and exit our properties north and south bound?

Would we still have continuous, permanent access, right of way to park our vehicles with reference to but not exclusive to Plot references 1011(1).1c, 1011(2).2c, 1007(1).2d, 1008(1).2d

Would we still have continuous, permanent access, right of way to park outside our properties, outside of the current bus lane times of (7 to 7, 6 day week) During construction phase and operational phase of Bus Connects Corridor?

During works would there be a gates installed, by or on behalf of the NTA applicant, further within the properties to prevent access by uninvited guests. This is of particular concern as our family unit includes dogs. Without a gateway the dogs would not be able to enjoy their current freedom of the garden as there would be potential for them to run out onto the R132 and putting them in kennels for the duration is not an option. None of our current dogs have ever been in kennels. We have only ever over the last 25 years placed 3 dogs into kennels once and we swore we would never do it again.

During works it appears that part of our garden wall /gateway pillars, could potentially be removed to facilitate works. Would/What safety feature would be installed again to ensure that there are no uninvited guests entering our properties and to ensure that our dogs cannot get out onto the R132. Metal barriers would not be sufficient as dogs can crawl underneath these. There has been recent works outside our properties on behalf of TFI re Metro I have had to keep our dogs inside during these periods to ensure their safety. This is not an option for what could be a construction phase outside our property of longer than 4/5 hours for one day construction phase.

Access to properties by pedestrian and wheelchair access would be required at all times due to elderly wheelchair bound relatives visiting and possibly staying with us from time to time.

During works and on completion to ensure that there are no signage blocking views of oncoming traffic to facilitate safe entry and exit of our properties.

Bus stops: will there be any bus stops directly outside our properties. As there is now a 24-hour bus service along the stretch outside our properties the noise levels from people waiting at any potential bus stops would greatly impact our lives, with particular reference to our enjoyment of living spaces in the evening and bedrooms – sleep would be disrupted due to the noise of the bus engines (even if EV) and people waiting.

During works and on completion: that the works carried out are not on a 24/7 basis. Both my husband and son would often be in bed by 9pm – would works still be carried out at this time of night?

Storm drains: There has been issues with the storm drains along the south and north bound section of the R132 collapsing, this has been an issue for many years and to be honest I gave up contacting FCC as they would not deal with the matter to permanently resolve the situation, with the north bound section outside the Texaco petrol station having been replaced only to collapse again. Would these be completely replaced with storm drains capable of carrying the extra weight of increased usage by extra buses of a heavier weight. The drains are currently collapsed and cause surface flooding, with the spray of water caused by the current bus level, splashed onto our properties and drenching pedestrians. It is important to mention here that NTA should inform their contractors that excess tarmac/road surface materials should not be brushed into the storm drains as this will only add to their damage.

Utilities: Would utilities be disrupted? I would work from home at times, my husband would need Utilities in his business premises, my son is in full time 3<sup>rd</sup> level education, what solution would be put in place by NTA during periods of utility disruption and to ensure that adequate notice of disruption is given. 24 hours is not sufficient. In fact, any disruption for any period is not acceptable.

Will the NTA take full responsibility with the utility companies to ensure that any works needed to be carried out by the utility companies to repair any utilities damaged/interrupted by the works carried out on behalf of the NTA are fully paid for and dealt with directly by the NTA or their contractors/subcontractors working on their behalf. I mention this as a recent development near our properties has caused several down time periods of electricity supply which I have had to contact the Utility Company about to arrange call outs to have the supply fixed, with lengthy discussions with ESB as to why we would not be charged the all out fee. Will we be supplied with a NTA representatives name and 24/7 mobile phone contact so as to be able to inform of disruptions, having the experience mentioned above we have found ourselves in the position of finding that contractors left the above-mentioned site without informing ESB of disruption.

Restoration of property: will the NTA, immediately upon completion of the works affecting our properties directly, take full responsibility financially and physically to have the properties fully restored and or upgraded to our requirements and to reflect any construction requirements as may be needed due to the bus corridor alignment and intrusion and affect it may have on our properties, including but not exclusive to any accidental/unintentional/unforeseen damage caused to the boundary / front walls, gates or any structure within the bounds of our property sites.

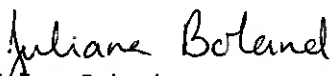
As with any construction especially road works there will be an amount of dust and possible splashing of tarmac. Will NTA ensure that there will be regular scheduled cleaning / painting of house/structure?

To date there has only been 2 brief meetings with NTA representatives as to the works involved, these were not thorough, and we have no answers to the above points mentioned.

As with any planning works/construction there may be things which we have not thought of at this time. The above does not exclude our right to have any other items which may come to light in the future dismissed as not having been included herein.

I thank you for giving us this opportunity to put our objections/observations/arguments to the Bord and wish you well in your considerations.

Yours sincerely

  
Juliana Boland

For and on Behalf of Juliana and Joe Boland and family