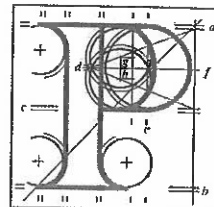


**Our Case Number:** ABP-313182-22

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Paula and Declan Free  
62 Ayrfield Drive  
Ayrfield Drive

D13C3W6

**Date:** 07 June 2022

**Re:** BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or submission in relation to the case mentioned above and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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 Local Authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

For further information on this case please access our website at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,

Kevin McGettigan  
Administrative Assistant  
Direct Line: 01-8737263

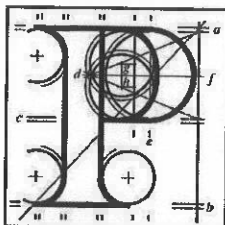
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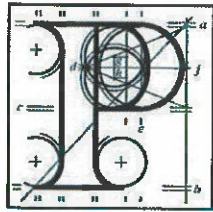
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### Payment Details

Payment Method:	Online Payment
Cardholder Name:	Paula Free
Payment Amount:	€50.00



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## Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

### Observer's details

#### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Paula & Declan Free

(b) Observer's postal address

62 Ayrfield Drive,  
Ayrfield,  
Dublin 13.  
D13C3W6

### Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.



## Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**  
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Open space between 45 & 47 Ayrfield Drive

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Open space between 45 & 47 Ayrfield Drive.



## Observation details

### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

We wish to place an objection for the proposed work on the open space between 45 & 47 Ayrfield Drive. My reasons for such a strong objection to this proposal are as follows:

#### 1. Public Health and Safety:

For the past 40 years, I have been a resident on Ayrfield Drive. The green space on Ayrfield Drive has always been used by the families and their children as a safe and secure recreational play area. It has also been used as a space to build a sense of community within our area which is an integral part of society as a whole. It has been a safe space for all to use without fear of any accidents happening. Should this proposal be successful, children and families would not be safe to play in the location. There would be increased cyclists, motorists, electric scooters and the likes, resulting in high risk to harming and seriously injuring members of this community, especially the young children who don't have road awareness. Furthermore, based on the proposal, children will have easy access to a dual carriageway which is a significant concern of ours due to risk it will bring to the location.

#### 2. Anti-Social Behaviour:

Since 1979 when the estate was first established, there has only ever been one entrance/exit to Ayrfield/Rathvale housing estate. This brought great

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comfort to the residents, knowing that anyone in the estate was a guest or a resident themselves. Creating this opening onto the Malahide Road, causes social concerns regarding the safety of houses, cars, belongings etc. as it gives people engaging in anti-social behaviour an easy option to abscond the Guards. This estate takes great pride in their community. It has a very low crime rate as it stands due to the safety that this wall offers to them. Taking this protection away from the community is a direct invitation for individuals to engage in anti-social and criminal behaviour in the estate.

### **3. Impact on Community**

Within Ayrfield/ Rathvale, the community have utilised the green spaces in the area to educate and inform young children about the importance of biodiversity. In the green spaces mentioned, the residents have created eco-systems for the natural wildlife in the area, further supporting the importance of sustainability in the wider community.

### **4. Traffic Hazards:**

Should this proposal be successful, the implications on traffic in the area will be significant. Firstly, the volume of traffic in the area will increase. The roads as they are wouldn't support this influx of traffic. Secondly, parking will be a serious issue as there are insufficient spaces to support the volume of people wanting to use the bus connect service on the Malahide Road. This directly impacts the people of Ayrfield Drive as non-residential motorists etc. will park their car using residential facilities/spaces outside their homes. This impacts people with wheelchairs, parents of young children with buggies, the elderly and those with mobility issues and additional needs who need space by their homes. Thirdly, the volume of cars will definitely result in an accident involving a child running from

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behind/in between parked cars to cross the road. This can be avoided by not building the planned proposal.

### **5. Litter**

As mentioned previously in this objection, the people of Ayfield have a great sense of community and pride in their area and look after the presentation of the estate. For example, regularly cutting grass verges, planting flowerbeds and sweeping the kerbs. There is also a residence association who look after the upkeep of the area. Increased volume of people who don't reside here can result in the degradation of the area through littering as they disembark from the bus or whilst they wait at the bus stop. This can be seen already at bus stops along the Malahide Road.



## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

**Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

## Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

**Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing**

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**No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing**

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## Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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**Notes**