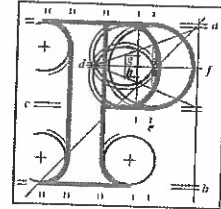


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Veronice Byrne & Patrick Byrne
34 Ayrfield Avenue
Ayrfield
Dublin 13

Date: 15 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 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

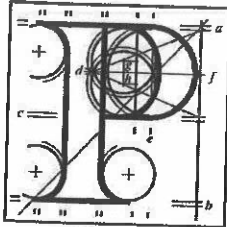
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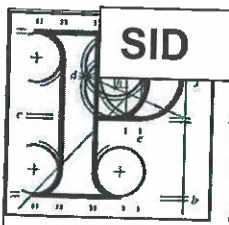
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Observer's details

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

Veronica Byrne
 Patrick Byrne

(b) Observer's postal address

34 Ayrfield Avenue, Ayrfield, Dublin 13

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

Not Applicable

(b) Agent's postal
address

Not Applicable

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 have been living in Ayrfield over 30 years having moved here with our 5 children. The residents of Ayrfield have always taken steps to ensure safety of the children and residents of all ages by working with the council to ensure that anything that could potentially effect the safety would not go ahead.

We are now lucky enough to have our grandchildren come to our home after school most days as well as have 2 of them live in Ayrfield we are always confident that they are safe.

We have a number of observations we would like to make about the proposed bus corridor on Ayrfield Drive as part of the bus connect scheme.

Firstly I would like to address the fact that the meetings were happening in the middle of a pandemic, a time when everybody was being advised to stay indoors and in particular our generation who were told to cocoon. Therefore we could not attend any meetings and if we had been fully aware of what was happening we would have.

1. Ayrfield has only one way in and one way out for cars. This makes this a safe enclosed space for people to live and children to play. If the wall

5. Grounds

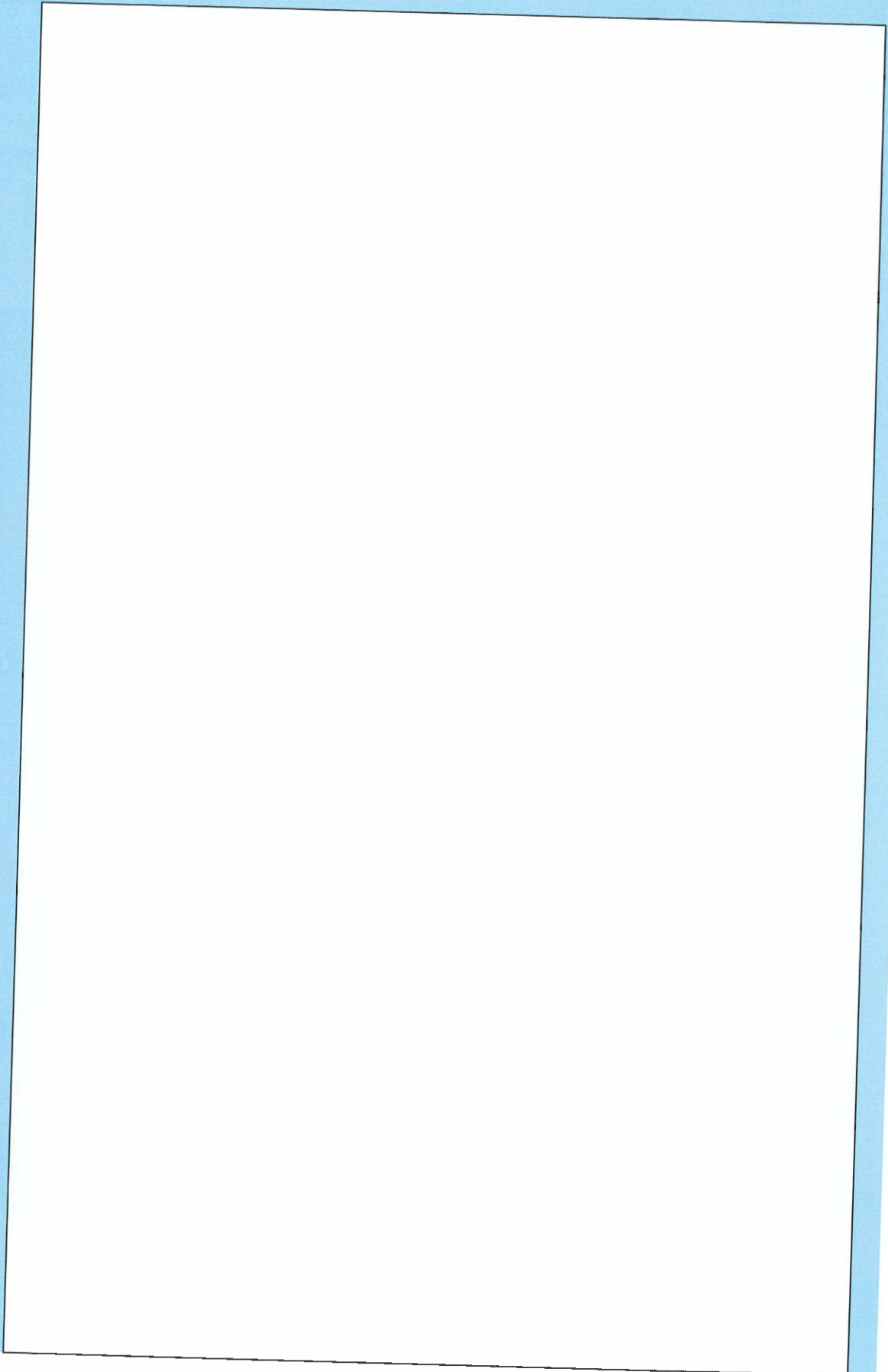
is removed then it allows for increased criminal activity, meaning that if anything were to happen the gardai would come in through Rathvale but they would have a direct route on to the Malahide Road from Ayrfield Drive.

2. To make way for a bus corridor the wall has to be knocked. This would also impact foot traffic as it would now be a shortcut to people from outside of Ayrfield to come through to reach anywhere on the Malahide Road. It would result in Ayrfield not being safe for children to play freely as they have all their lives.
3. The bus corridor would also have an impact on the car traffic coming into Ayrfield as can be seen anywhere in Dublin, if there is a bus stop or a train station nearby there is never any parking, even on residential streets. The streets of Ayrfield Drive and Newtown are narrow as it is and if parking was increased in the area there would be an increase in accidents as children cannot always be seen behind cars, in addition emergency services would not be able to move through easily.
4. Laneways or open spaces which lead to main roads always attract anti social behaviour and we need to feel safe to walk around where we live, even if it is dark.
5. Children play on the green space on Ayrfield Drive every day. We have a green space in front of our house as well as on Rathvale but it is not as safe as there are roads the whole way around the greens.
6. The height of the wall ensures that nobody can climb over it as well as acting as a barrier for noise pollution.

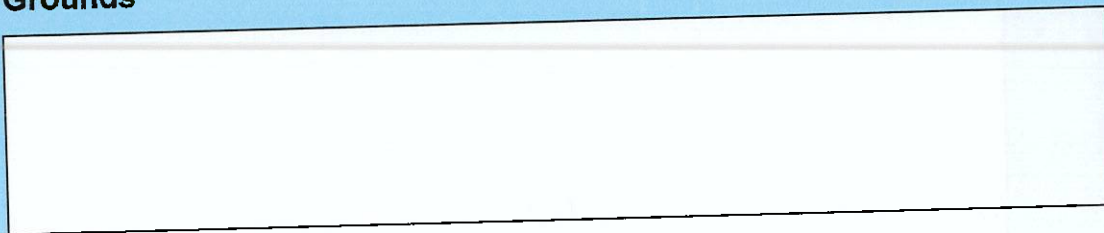
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7. Children will naturally want to explore the area which is incredibly dangerous as it is a dual carriageway. One side of the wall will have a 30kmh speed zone and the other will have 60kmh – children do not see this.
8. The residents are fully aware of the speed limits (30kmh) and how to drive safely through the estate however if this estate is opened up to a dual carriageway for commuting purposes we would be very concerned with Ayrfield becoming a "park and ride" route

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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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