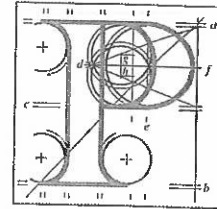


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



An
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Brendan Rice
23 Ayrfield Drive
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 recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

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

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

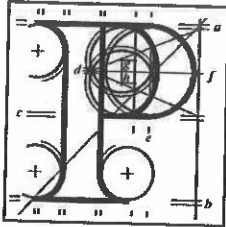
Yours faithfully,

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference: (SID-OBS-000074)

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Payment Amount:	€50.00

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Description: Open space between 45 & 47 Ayrfield Drive

Dear members,

I wish to make the following observation on the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. Antisocial & criminal concerns - The proposed opening of Ayrfield Drive to the Malahide Road would most likely result in an increase in anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood. In addition, removal of the barrier to the quiet residential street would permit ease of access and escape to criminal elements.
2. Traffic Hazards - Opening Ayrfield Drive to the Malahide Road would result in an immediate and significant increase in traffic flow on the traditionally quiet residential street. The rise in vehicular volume would be from cars using Ayrfield for access and car parking. Ayrfield is home to many young families and elderly residents alike who are accustomed to the traffic volume being relatively low. A sudden and dramatic increase in traffic volume would almost certainly present a rise in road traffic accidents.
3. Amenity Loss - Ayrfield Drive is home to many children who use the green space as a haven for playing. My children grew up playing in the green space, and now my grandchildren play in it. Losing this safe oasis of recreation would be detrimental to the youngsters in the area.

The whole of the Ayrfield development is a large 'cul de sac', as per its conception in the 1970's. The infrastructure of the development including the layout of its streets and homes was designed accordingly.

Easy access to the adjacent Dual carriageway was considered then to be potentially hazardous and undesirable for the residents of the development, for similar reasons to those mentioned above. (Public health & safety, impact on amenities and the community, and traffic hazards).

This logic is even truer now, 50 years on. The city is subject to more criminal and antisocial behaviour. Safe areas for children to play in are more scarce and more essential than ever before. And there has been a massive increase in traffic volume on our roads.

If detaching this quiet residential area from a busy adjacent dual carriageway was necessary in the 1970's, then it is even more crucial that this barrier remains in place in the 2020's and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Rice

23 Ayrfield Drive.