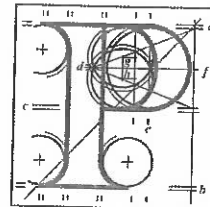


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Chiara Hughes & Alan Byrne
109 Ayrfield Drive
Ayrfield
Dublin 13

D13R8W8

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,

PP Kevin McGettigan
Administrative Assistant
Direct Line: 01-8737263

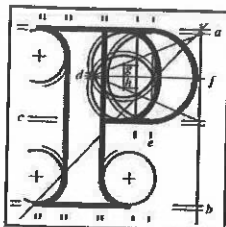
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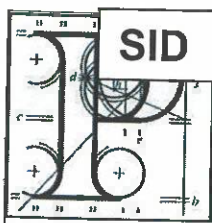
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Payment Amount:	€50.00

	An Bord Pleanála	Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application
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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

Chiara Hughes
Alan Byrne

(b) Observer's postal address

109 Ayrfield Drive, Ayrfield, Dublin 13, D13 R8W8

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 since 2018 and the reason we chose to move to Ayrfield Drive was due to the incredibly safe nature of it. We both cycle to work every day and therefore are not opposed to the entire bus corridor or safer cycling. However we have a number of observations to make on the proposal for the bus corridor on Ayrfield Drive which is noted as beneficial for the residents:

- There is one way in and one way out for all cars, if this wall is removed it will expose the area to potential increased crime as the gardai will be able to enter one way however anybody conducting criminal activity will be able to exit directly on to the Malahide road and leave very quickly.
- As with any “laneway” areas there will be an increase in anti-social behaviour, Ayrfield Drive previously had a laneway and this was an issue and all neighbours campaigned to close this which was agreed.
- The children in the area and particularly on Ayrfield Drive play on this green space every day. Whilst we acknowledge there are other green spaces this is the safest one in Ayrfield given it is enclosed and on a cul de sac road with a small amount of traffic. The wall is high enough

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that people cannot get over and therefore as parents we know that our children are safe whilst playing there.

- In addition to what the children of Ayrfield have grown up with we will be opening the area up to high volumes of people from outside of our estate that we do not know using it as a shortcut to reach different places whether that be the bus stop, the shops, cinema etc. This would mean not being in a position to allow the children out to play as often and regularly as they currently do as it would not be safe anymore. In this day and age when there are so many government campaigns to get children out playing with each other, fresh air, stepping away from computers the removal of this wall would result in the complete opposite.
- Further to this point is the fact that children are naturally curious beings and if they see an opening to a new road they will want to go and investigate this, we also have a number of children in the area who have additional needs and this space is vital for them. The potential for road traffic accidents is huge here.
- Ayrfield is heavily populated with children and a number of older people, 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 as has happened in any other areas which are a quick route to public transport. The roads are already narrow as it is in Ayrfield Drive and

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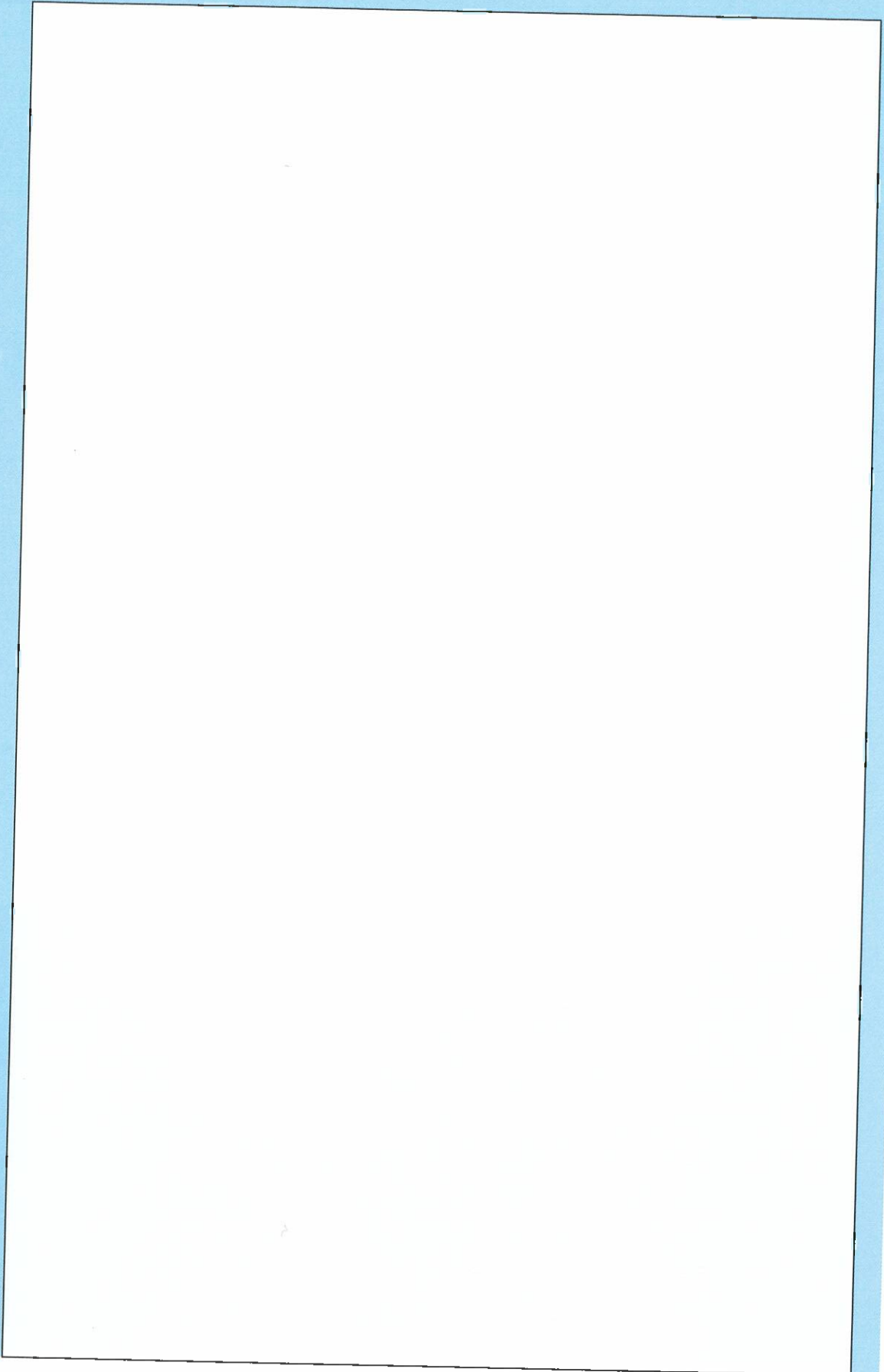
increased car parking would make it difficult to manoeuvre safely along Ayrfield Drive and into Newtown, also making it difficult for any emergency vehicles such as fire brigades and ambulances.

- The wall on the green space currently acts as a shield from the noise pollution on the Malahide road. Given the speed in which cars drive down this road as well as the number of buses in the future route will increase this even more.

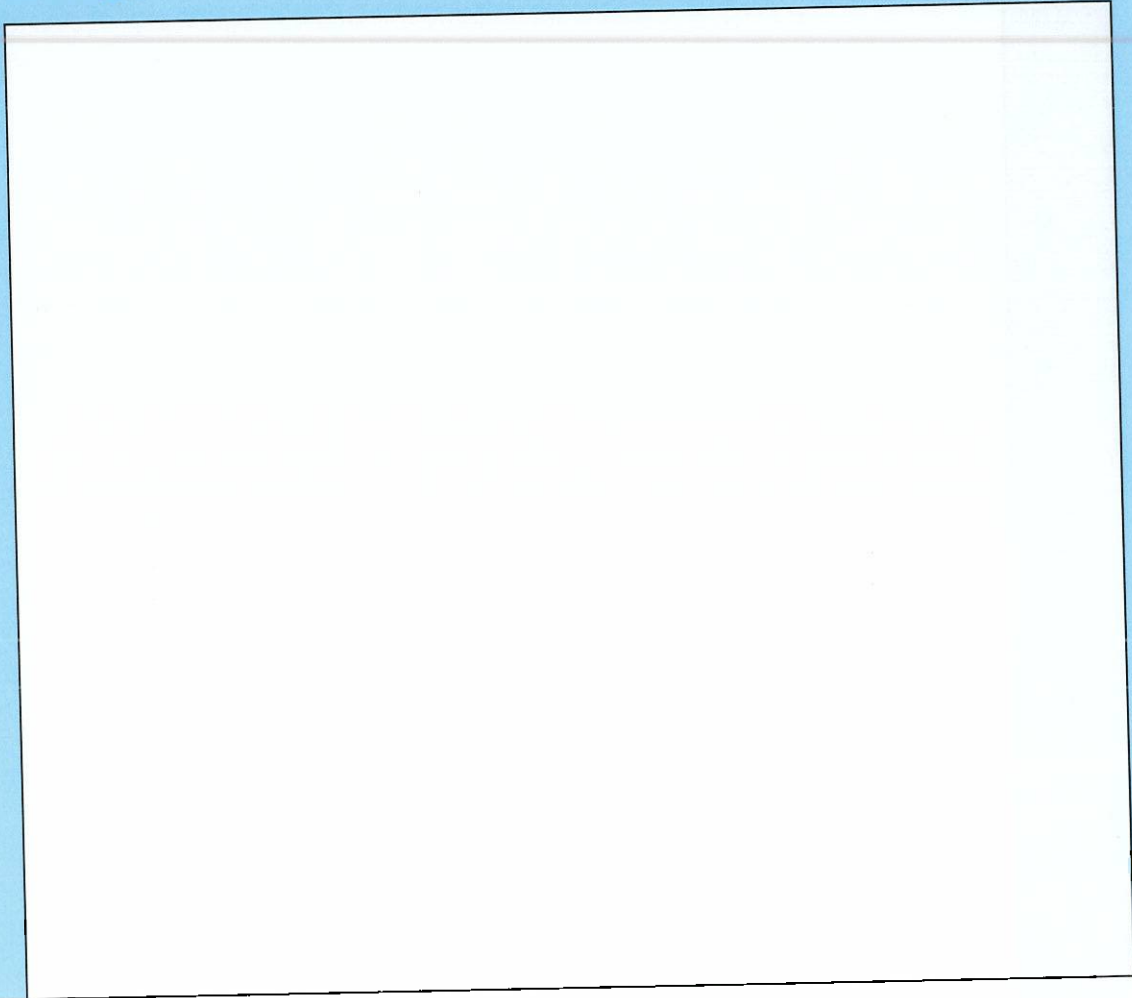
Whilst we acknowledge the well meaning behind this proposal the residents of Ayrfield have clearly demonstrated that this is not wanted or needed. It is a 12 minute walk to the bus stop around at the Odeon cinema and a 15 minute walk to Lidl shops. The residents have all been doing this as long as we have lived here and have no problem with continuing to do so. The council have carried out a lot of work on the footpaths in the last couple of years making it accessible for everybody.

Throughout covid this green space was a hub for the community it has been so important to us, giving us somewhere to build memories, hold birthday parties, teach children about planting, learn football, how to cycle, throw a ball for our dogs and all in a safe, enclosed space without any risk to anybody.

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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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