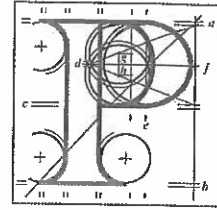


**Our Case Number:** ABP-313182-22



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Denise Mitchell TD and others  
Ayrfield Community Centre  
Blunden Drive  
Dublin 13

**Date:** 14 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.

As the Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development the person conducting any oral hearing into objections to that compulsory purchase order shall be entitled to hear evidence in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

You will be notified of the arrangements for the opening of any such oral hearing. The holding of an oral hearing is at the discretion of the Board.

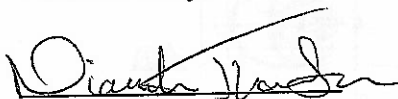
If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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

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Yours faithfully,



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To whom it may concern,

We are writing in relation to the BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (Case reference: HA29N.313182), and wish to strongly object to two specific aspects of the scheme.

We are not opposed to the project generally, but wish to take issue with the below:

1. Proposed works between 45 and 47 Ayrfield Drive, Dublin 13
2. Temporary acquisition of land between Darndale roundabout and Buttercup Park, Malahide Road, Dublin 17

1. Ayrfield

We wish to object to the proposed works creating an entry to Ayrfield in the strongest possible terms, as we believe to be completely unnecessary for the overall Malahide Road project. While it may be well intended to be convenient for Ayrfield residents, the clear view of residents is that this would be far outweighed by the disadvantages; and they have been quite vocal about this, to the point of seeking a meeting with the NTA to discuss their objections directly.

Ayrfield is a self-contained estate with one main entrance and exit. This provides a sense of safety and security to residents who currently enjoy a relatively peaceful neighbourhood, and we believe these works will invite anti-social behaviour, providing a speedy exit for anyone engaging in such behaviour, making it more difficult to police the estate.

The estate has a mix of older residents and newer residents, some with young children. The plan would result in the loss of a valuable green space, a local amenity enjoyed by residents, especially for the large number of children who regularly use it as a safe and contained space within which to play. The opening up of this space to the Malahide Road raises concerns for safety and security, especially for children, given it is proposed that it will be right beside a busy dual carriageway.

It will likely also result in increased traffic in the area due to the ability to park freely right next to the Bus Corridor, which will result in congestion, impacting residents, and may also result in access to emergency vehicles being restricted.

To remove this amenity and incur the risks involved would be totally disproportionate, given that the alleged time saved for walkers and cyclists entering and leaving the estate would be negligible.

For those reasons we strongly oppose these proposed works.



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## 2. Buttercup Park

We also wish to strongly object to the granting of permission for a temporary construction site on the public green area in Darndale at the corner of Priorswood Road & Malahide Road. This is a precious green amenity for the local residents, in an area which greenspace where children can play in relative safety is extremely limited.

The proposed works are expected to last for at least 2 years, and given previous experiences regarding large scale works, could well last beyond 3 years. The presence of the site is in very close proximity to people's homes and would diminish their quality of life, not to mention a being a risk to health and safety, as well as the associated traffic congestion that will be caused at a roundabout that is already extremely busy and back-ups regularly.

A construction site at this location is totally inappropriate, and I would ask the board to seriously reconsider this decision for the reasons outlined.

Kind regards,

Denise Mitchell TD,  
Cllr Larry O'Toole,  
Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha