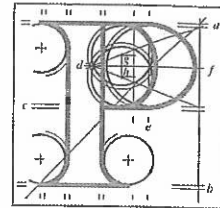


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



An
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Gemma and Brendan Finn
67 Ayrfield Drive
Arefield Estate
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.

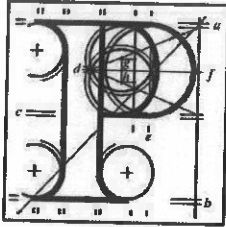
Yours faithfully,

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference: (SID-OBS-000050)

Online Observation Details

Contact Name:	Brendan Finn
Lodgement Date:	29/05/2022 21:48:43
Case Number / Description:	313182

Payment Details

Payment Method:	Online Payment
Cardholder Name:	Brendan Finn
Payment Amount:	€50.00

Case Number: 313182 (Open space between 47 & 45 Ayrfield Drive)

Observers Name: Gemma and Brendan Finn

Observers Postal Address: 67 Ayrfield Drive, Ayrfield Estate, Dublin 13

Reason/ Arguments.

1. **Child Safety.** As a parent of 2 young children, the removal of the existing wall will now lead onto a dual carriageway. (Do not know any other area/ estate that has direct access to a dual carriageway) This is a major concern for my children's safety. There would be no barriers for my children, who are currently used to playing in an enclosed space, to unknowingly follow/chase a football from the green area straight out onto the dual carriageway.
2. **Parking.** With the new bus stop located on the dual carriageway there will be an increase in on street parking close to the site, which will bring its own and obvious dangers to residents. With an increase in parking, this will also affect local access for Emergency services i.e., Fire Engines and Ambulances, which will ultimately put people's lives at risk.
3. **Crime.** This is a low crime residential area, as there is only one way in and out. With the removal of this wall, there will be an extra entry and exit point for criminals by either bicycle/motor bicycle and or foot.
4. **Anti-Social Behaviour.** The easy access to a quiet and established residential area would undoubtedly bring an increase in pedestrian individuals on foot or motorised ones i.e., youths on motorbikes/scramblers, who are trying to abscond from the local gardai. With the proposed opening there could be a "Racetrack/ Circuit" man made for A.S.B individuals, starting at the Darndale Roundabout. Through the opening on Ayrfield Drive, onto Ayrfield Rd. Out onto the Tonlegee Rd left onto Millbrook Rd continuing straight onto Blunden Drive and back to the starting point of the Darndale Roundabout.
5. **Green Space.** This green space is a communal space used by the residents of Ayrfield Drive and one which connects both "ends of the road". The removal of this space would be detrimental in the community spirit and cause a divide in an otherwise tight knit community that has been built up by residents since the estate was established in the 1970's as our children would no longer have a space to play, host neighbourhood parties and bond together.
6. **General.** As a resident of Ayrfield Drive for over 40 years I have never once had any issues with walking for 5 minutes to the bus stop located on the Malahide Road at the Odeon Cinema, Bus Stop No. 1273. This stop is well serviced by numerous different buses and also is located at a safe and convenient place for the residents of Ayrfield.