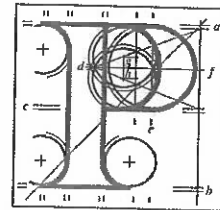


**Our Case Number:** ABP-313182-22

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



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Kerri McCracken  
66 Ayrfield Drive  
Ayrfield  
Dublin

**Date:** 07 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](http://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).

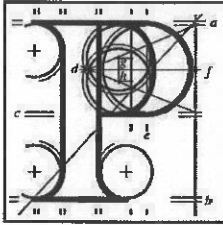
Yours faithfully,

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## SID Online Observation

Online Reference: (SID-OBS-000060)

### Online Observation Details

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Kerri McCracken
<b>Lodgement Date:</b>	31/05/2022 13:11:25
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### Payment Details

<b>Payment Method:</b>	Online Payment
<b>Cardholder Name:</b>	Kerri McCracken
<b>Payment Amount:</b>	€50.00

Kerri McCracken

66 Ayrfield Drive,

Ayrfield,

Dublin 13.

I am writing to submit an observation regarding the knocking down of the wall on Ayrfield drive, Dublin 13, in order to access a bus route and cycle track on the malahide road.

My concerns, and the concerns of my family are the following;

### **Public health and safety**

Our road is a quite cul de sac where many families with small children live and play regularly on the green spaces all year round. The green space where the proposed opening is planned is particularly secure between two houses for the children. This is a safe, secure residential area and if this wall is knocked down, the children will have direct access to what is an extremely busy section of the malahide road. Child safety is a huge implication of this proposal for both the access to the malahide road and the access of unknown persons to the quiet road that may pose a threat to the children. The protection of the children in a safe and family friendly residential area is paramount.

The likelihood of an increase in anti-social behaviour is another concern for health and safety. The opening will give direct access to the estate, possibly being used to pass through the estate out the main entrance on the Tonlegee Rd. The fact there is one main entrance to our estate has meant that only people who live or are visiting pass through and ayrfield rarely has any antisocial issues. I have huge concerns regarding the increase in electric scooters and bikes and how the opening may also be used to pass through the estate on these vehicles. This poses a huge threat to the safety of the residents including small children and vulnerable adults or the elderly.

Having lived here nearly 10 years, the estate has always felt safe and has a low crime rate. Opening the wall on Ayrfield Drive greatly increases the likelihood of an increase in crime in the area as it will be significantly easier to abscond from Garda. I believe it will also impact the crime rate in surrounding areas as the estate will be able to be used to pass through with ease if the wall is removed.

### **Impact on amenities and the community**

The removal of the wall will directly impact all of the young children on the road that safety play on the green space due to the above-mentioned issues. There will also be an increase in noise pollution to the surrounding homes due to the busy section of the malahide road.

This is also unwanted access to the malahide road by the residents. Being part of the residents whom collected signatures from the estate from people opposing this opening, not one resident was in favour of the additional access to the malahide road for bus or cycle track access. As a resident myself, living directly opposite the green space, I was never involved in any consultation process that is mentioned in some planning documents. The appeal of living in the estate is the lack of access to such a busy road and the security that the estate has very little entry and exit points.

### **Traffic hazards**

The opening may also lead to an increase in road traffic accidents in the area. Ayrfield drive may be used as parking for people outside of the estate that wish to access the bus route. This will lead to an increased difficulty in crossing the road due to poor visibility. The road already has many cars parked on it due to the growing families living here. The increase in traffic from the cars of individuals trying to access the bus route will also pose a threat to children and residents who are used to a low volume of traffic in a quiet and safe residential area.

I believe the above-mentioned concerns require urgent consideration regarding this proposed opening. I would like to highlight again that the residents do not wish to have more access to the malahide road or this bus and cycle lane. There are many alternatives for the residents of Ayrfield to access transport and cycle tracks which does not impact the overall safety of the estate and residents.