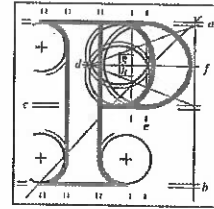


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Ruth Penny and others
4 Haverty Road
Fairview
Dublin 3

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.

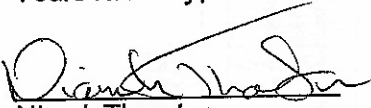
If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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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31st May 2002

Re: NTA Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022
Part 3 (Section B)

“Notice of Restriction of or Interference with existing Public Right of Way”

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the restriction or interference of the public right of way as described in the above notice as it relates to our road and area and to make the following points in relation to it.

Inadequate Notice

The loss of rights of way should be publicised, not minimised. The notice at the Haverty Road/St Aidan's Park Road junction is completely inadequate. Halfway up a lamppost, it lacks prominence, visibility and readability, particularly to the elderly, not all of whom have access to the internet. Its two spidery lines are vague and deficient in specifics. A large visible notice should have been displayed to all road users. How can objections or observations be made in the absence of information such as the nature of the proposed impediments? With the sparse information given, and the cost of €50 to make observations, the process is unlikely to promote democratic participation.

Inadequate Consultation

All of the residents and businesses affected by the proposal should have been contacted and not just the few suggested by a local representative to Hugh Creegan in March 2019. This led to a misrepresentation of people's views. Courtesy would suggest that the all the affected residents, businesses and schools should have been circularised with a comprehensive explanatory leaflet. While some householders on Haverty Road have for years been in favour of closing the road to vehicular traffic, the majority of residents, and local businesses when asked were (a) unaware of the proposal and (b) were in favour of the status quo.

Impact on Residents and Others

Road closures cause considerable inconvenience to those living on them as explained by DCC Dave Dinnigan (Area Manager) to Councillor Horgan Jones DCC North Central Area Committee in 2019:

“Dublin City Council only recommends road closures and one way systems in exceptional circumstances as they have considerable drawbacks associated with them including:

- They can result in operational difficulties for emergency services, waste disposal and deliveries.

- They can result in considerable inconvenience to local residents and other road users due to diverted traffic.

- They can result in increased volumes of traffic on other local streets as traffic is displaced.

- It can result in increased traffic speeds. “(DCC Q.29 April 2019)

These points can easily be appreciated by residents who know that blocking the road or making it one way or a cul de sac would mean serious inconvenience. We need to keep easy access to our homes for ourselves, family visitors, not to mention home-care workers, ambulance, fire-brigade etc. Deliveries of parcels, milk, and coal would be made more difficult. Bin lorries, skips and maintenance vans would have to reverse down the narrow road. No mention of arrangements for these or of parking provision for residents is made in the notice. Will more residents be forced to give up the use of their front gardens – green areas they are entitled to enjoy – in order to park their cars? Ease of access to our homes and exit from our driveways is made far more difficult if cars are replaced by bikes, electric bikes and silent scooters whizzing by, (and usually reluctant to lose momentum by slowing down for pedestrians or other road-users). They tend to be more of a hazard in this regard, more difficult to see and hear, and uninsured if an accident happens. This in no way promotes road safety on the road as some appear to think.

Drivers wishing to gain access to Haverty Road from Marino Mart would have to proceed up St. Aidan’s Park Road – if the kind of blockage allows - around Marino Park and down Marino Park Ave. This affects not just ourselves as residents, but all those trying to gain access to the Marino Estate from Malahide Road, Clontarf Road, and Howth Road, - a sizable portion of North East Dublin. What provision is there in the plan for them? In particular it affects the large number of parents and staff in St. Joseph’s Schools many of whose special pupils are delivered and collected by taxi from a large catchment area of North East Dublin. This will affect more families in the envisaged growing school population when it becomes co-ed next year.

Unforeseen Consequences

The funnelling of traffic up and around the Marino Estate is merely moving the so called "rat-running" to other people's roads with the imagined safety issues transferred to other areas. This changes the character of an old historic estate often held up as a model of urban development since the twenties, to an officially sanctioned "rat run" for arterial traffic. Clearly residents will be inconvenienced and the utility and peaceful enjoyment of their properties impacted. Like the current mess made of Griffith Avenue, this will probably have an adverse effect on house price values as it makes life more difficult and the area less attractive.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Penny Ruth Penny

Vincent Penny V. Penny.

Frank Penny Frank Penny