

Liam & Mary Byrne & Others  
36 Nutley Road  
Donnybrook

D04 N2H0

**Date:** 18 July 2022

**Re:** BusConnects Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
Co. Dublin

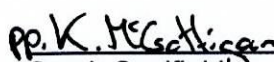
Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your 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 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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11 July 2022

An Bord Pleanála

Re: Case 313509

Dear Sir/Madam

I write on my own behalf and that of my wife Mary Byrne and of Mr. Tim O'Driscoll and Mrs. Ann O'Driscoll of 2 Nutley Park to object to the proposed bus corridor on Nutley Lane. Our objections are based, inter alia, on the following:

1. The development, which connects Stillorgan and Merrion Roads is unnecessary as both these roads are already well served by bus corridors. In addition, the Dart line is a two minute walk from Merrion Road.
2. The plan, if sanctioned, involving 2 bus lanes, 2 car lanes, 2 cycle lanes plus footpaths, represents a massive over-development in a residential area on a road which, as its name suggests, is little more than a lane currently upgraded to its maximum capacity as a link road.
3. Implementation of the plan would involve serious damage to the residential nature of the neighbourhood. It would mean a quantum increase in traffic volumes, noise, and pollution with deleterious effects on the legitimate enjoyment by residents of their homes and, quite probably, health, especially from the pollution. (It will be many years before the vehicles using the proposed corridor will be fully electric.)
4. The plan is ill thought-out and is notable for its absence of 'joined-up' thinking e.g. proper traffic management, the impact on the neighbouring roads of the removal of parking on Nutley Lane, given the limited amount of parking in St. Vincent's Hospital even before the new maternity hospital is located there, the effect on traffic flow of the pedestrian crossings and traffic lights that will be necessary along the lane etc. How are residents of the Lane expected to safely exit their driveways onto what will be a major and busy road?
5. Implementation of the plan will involve the destruction of c.70+ trees, many mature, some only recently planted by the local authority and still staked, plus a large mature hedge within the boundary of Elm Park Golf & Sports Club.
6. That club is part of the sporting and recreational fabric of Dublin. Members have represented Ireland at tennis, golf and bridge and continue to do so. There could be potentially serious consequences for the club if the plan involves loss of some of the tennis courts and the shortening of golf holes (which, in one case at least, could result in balls crossing the boundary onto the bus corridor itself with evident danger). Has the impact on it been adequately considered?
7. We believe that the theoretical benefits of the proposed plan are more than outweighed by its practical disadvantages. Given that there are already two local

bus corridors connecting the area (including University College Dublin) to the city, the cost/benefit of the scheme is most unlikely to represent value for money. Furthermore, we are led to believe that a similar scheme for bus hubs in another jurisdiction (possibly a city in New Zealand) proved a failure, something An Bord Pleanala should check out as part of its due diligence into the application before deciding on it.

In summary, we believe that the plan should be declined.

We are submitting this letter through your website with the requisite fee of €50.

Yours faithfully,

Liam Byrne