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URGENT AND IMPORTANT

RE: BELFIELD BLACKROCK TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed letter from Ms Veronica Freeman being an objection to the Belfield Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 which was sent to our offices instead of to your offices in An Bord Pleanála. We are forwarding this objection to you for your attention within the period for objections which closes, 12th July 2022 at 5:30pm.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed objection in the ordinary course to the objector namely Ms Veronica Freeman 153 Merrion Rd, Dublin D04 W526

Yours Sincerely,


Aidan Gallagher

Head of BusConnects Dublin Infrastructure

National Transport Authority

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My name is Veronica Freeman and my family home is No. 153 Merrion Road and I wish to make a submission to the BusConnects Core Bus corridor – Blackrock to Merrion Scheme. I wish to object to the current plans for the following reasons:

The Impact on the Enjoyment and Amenity of my Home

The proposed works on the Merrion Road will result in the loss of some of my front garden. This loss of private property will have a significant impact on the enjoyment of my home including:

- The proposed road widening has the potential to remove two car parking spaces I have within the curtilage of my property. This will greatly effect me as a pensioner with poor medical history. It is vital to have vehicular access to the hall door at all times to assist transportation to hospitals and doctors as often required. There is little free parking within the vicinity of my home and the loss of parking for my family is of serious concern
- The removal of the hedging from the front of my garden will increase pollution and noise levels within my home and impact negatively on my health and destroy the current view of my landscaped garden from my home..
- the proposed road widening will result in the removal of the historical railing and my mature hedging to the front of my property. This will open up the view of my property from both pedestrians and passing traffic reducing the current level of privacy I enjoy within my home.
- Reducing the garden and parking facilities would have a serious negative effect on the market value of the property.

Cultural Heritage

My house is listed under Dublin City Council's record of protected structures, and it is clear the destruction of my front wall and associated railings will have a very significant impact on the curtilage of this listed building.

Street Trees

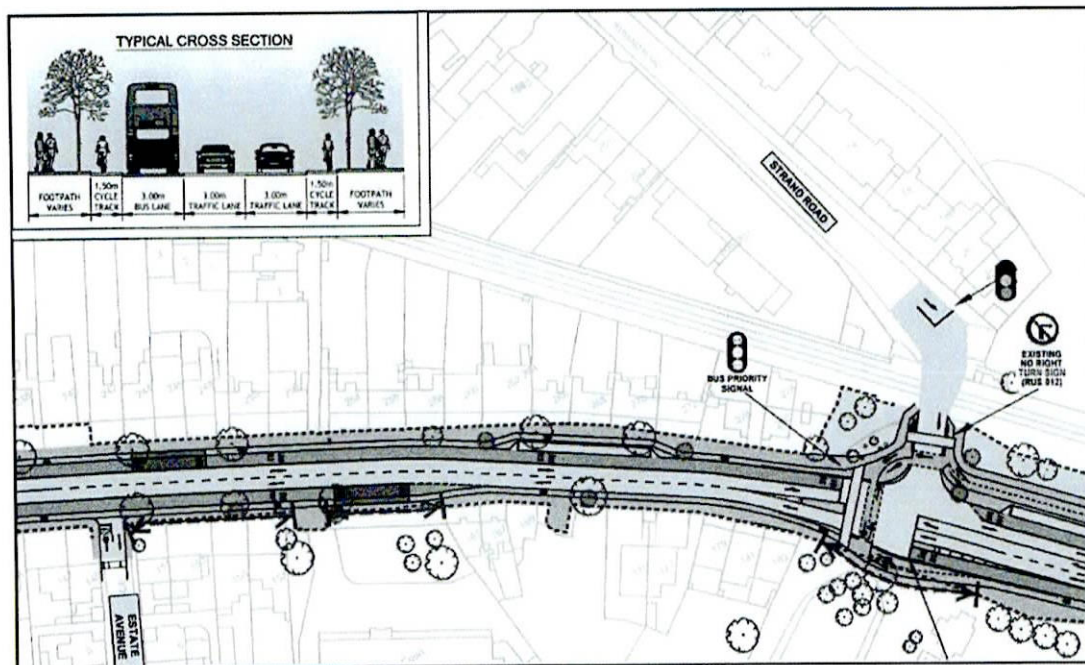
The removal of the street trees from outside my home and the existing vegetation within my front garden will further impact the environment this scheme will have on me and my neighbourhood.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The current plans will need to be subjected to a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment to identify the scale of potential impact not only in terms of noise, vibration and air pollution along my property.

Provision of Bus Priority Measures

Based on the latest proposals there is no inbound bus lane proposed between No. 183 and No. 165, with the traffic signals at the Merrion Gates controlling access for buses. It is possible under the current arrangement to extend where no bus lane is needed to cover properties No. 151 to No. 157 and eliminate the impact on the curtilage of my property a listed building and also save the few trees located along the western side of Merrion Road.



Veronica Freeman

1 July 2022