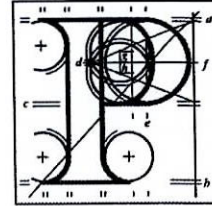


**Our Case Number: ABP-313509-22**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Jack McEvoy and Freeda McEvoy  
83 Nutley Lane  
Donnybrook  
Dublin 4  
D04 V8Y1

**Date:** 06 July 2023

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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,

Sarah Caulfield  
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Fri 7/7/2023 9:06 AM

To: Klaudia Wieszowska <klaudia.wieszowska@pleanala.ie>

From: Sarah Caulfield <s.caulfield@pleanala.ie>

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Dear Jack,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your submission on behalf of Jack and Freeda McEvoy in relation to the above-mentioned application.

Kind Regards,  
Sarah

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From: Jack McEvoy <jack.mcevoy@pleanala.ie>

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:16 PM

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Bus Connects Ballsbridge to City Center  
Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre  
Core Corridor Scheme  
Reference No ABP-313509-22  
Submission by Jack and Freeda McEvoy  
83 Nutley Lane.

We have already made a submission .

We received a response dated September 2022 from the NTA which confirmed that although we attended many meetings with the NTA and engaged fully in communicating constructively and made a number of suggestions none of these were included in the NTA'S preferred option . The only conclusion that we can draw from this is that the NTA went through a process with us and other Nutley residents to display inclusiveness but in fact had made their decision on the outcome prior to any engagement with us.



We are hopeful that An Bord Pleanala will take genuine account of our observations and concerns.

The chosen NTA option ie NL2 ranks least well of six of the options reviewed by the NTA in terms of environmental impact, see direct quote from the NTA below.

"In terms of the sub-criteria under the Enviromental criteria ,due to the four-lane cross-section within the preferred option it ranked less well than those options proposing three-lane and two-lane cross sections under Flora and Fauna ,Landscape & Visual and Land Use Character due to the required removal of the hedgerow on the eastern side boundary."

"Due to the retention of two-way general traffic within the preferred option it ranked worse than those options proposing a reduction in general traffic under Air Quality and Noise & vibrations"( NTA submission to An Bord Pleanala).

Option NL2, involves the removal of at least 80 mature trees and 100 meters of vibrant mature hedgerows along the whole length of Nuley Lane from the Merrion Road end to the Stillorgan Road end . A large section of these hedgerows to be replaced with a "reinforced concrete wall" .

In the context of the Government stated policy of protecting the natural environment and mitigating the impact of climate change it makes no sense that the chosen option is the one that does greatest damage to the natural environment and facilitates increased carbon emissions by providing an additional dedicated car lane.

We previously observed that Option NL3 with some minor amendments would significantly reduce the environmental impact by retaining most of the trees while substantially all of the bus traffic objectives of Option NL2.

It is worth noting that the NTA's preferred option for Merrion Road includes a Bus priority facility so, it is all the more puzzling as to why a similar type of option cannot be included on Nutley Lane.

As a keen cyclist myself I am all for having safe cycle paths and therefore I am at a loss as to why Option CF3 ('Parallel cycle route via Woodbine Road and Trimleston Avenue to connect UCD to Merrion " would not be recognised as the best and safest option for cyclists as this route goes directly into the main entrance of UCD and is a much safer option than the proposed one for Nutley Lane.

We are a community of genuine people of all ages who care deeply about the environment that we live in ,the world is faced with enormous challenges in relation to climate change and it is vital that every decision made by Government agencies and individual people are made to ensure that we respond positively to these challenges.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Jack and Freeda McEvoy.