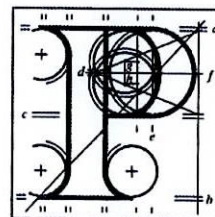


Our Case Number: ABP-314056-22



**An
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Date: 26 September 2022

Re: Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.
Fonthill Road to High Street all in the County of 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 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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RE: Liffey Valley to City Core Bus Corridor (Case: 314056)

1 Introduction

My name is Kevin Baker. I live at 6 Woodfield Terrace, Sarsfield Road, Inchicore. The proposed bus corridor passes directly outside the front of my house. I am not subject to any compulsory purchase order. I do not request an oral hearing.

I support the proposed application and hope the board grants the application with two minor modifications on Emmet Road in Inchicore, and one minor condition to protect and reuse granite kerbs on Sarsfield Road.

2 Reasons for Support

The following are the reasons I support the application:

- Improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in my local area will make many of my journeys easier and safer
- Access for vehicles maintained to my house
- Improved landscaping on Grattan Crescent and the existing old trees are protected
- Reduced traffic in my local environment will improve air quality and significantly reduce noise pollution
- Better design for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction of Inchicore Road/Sarsfield Road outside my house. The small pedestrian islands are replaced by simple pedestrian crossings on all sides. The right turn from Inchicore Road to Sarsfield Road for cycling will be much easier with it's own crossing

3 Alternation of Access Arrangements for Woodfield Terrace

The applicant, the National Transport Authority, worked with my neighbours and I to change the proposals along Grattan Crescent to protect the large old trees and deliver bus priority. This required a one-way system and some changes to the access arrangements in our area.

As someone who lives close to the city I walk, cycle and use public transport more than I drive. As a result, compromising on ease of access by car to improve walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in my area is worth it.

I strongly support this aspect of the proposals and commend the NTA for working with my neighbours and I to find this workable compromise.

4 Requesting Cycle Parking on Emmet Road

I'm concerned about how the proposals for Emmet Road will negatively impact local businesses because of the loss of cycle parking and the loss of adequate footpath areas. These impacts are to accommodate road widening and additional car parking.

EIAR Chapter 6 page 35 notes that there will be no cycle parking provided along a 700m stretch of Emmet Road from Spa Road to Inchicore Library. This includes removing existing cycle parking from outside the shops at 118-122 Emmet Road and from outside McDowell's pub/Richmond Park Stadium.



Cycle parking on Emmet Road, Inchicore that will be removed without any replacement

I request that adequate cycle parking be provided along Emmet instead of the many car parking spaces the NTA are proposing.

5 Additional Greenery on Emmet Road

There is a lack of greenery being provided on Emmet Road. Can the NTA remove some of the proposed car parking spaces and plant street trees or rain gardens instead?

5 Condition Protecting Existing Granite Kerbs

Outside my house on Sarsfield Road there are existing granite kerbs. The 'Landscape General Arrangement' drawing sheet 19 shows that there will be new kerbs and new footpaths between number 5 Woodfield Terrace (my direct neighbour) to 106 Inchicore Road.



Existing granite kerbing on Sarsfield Road outside Woodfield Terrace that will be moved

I ask for a condition to protect existing granite kerbs and to require re-use of all existing granite kerbs in the completed project.

Summary

I support the project and hope the board approves the project. I request three alterations:

- Cycle parking be provided on Emmet Road on the 700m stretch between Spa Road and the library
- Additional greenery on Emmet Road
- Condition requiring the protection and re-use of granite kerbs on Sarsfield Road

Kevin Baker