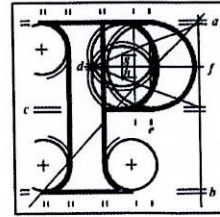


Our Case Number: ABP-314056-22



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Liam Willoughby  
37 Donnellan Avenue  
Ceannt Fort  
Mount Brown  
Dublin  
Dublin 8

**Date:** 28 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](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: 314056).

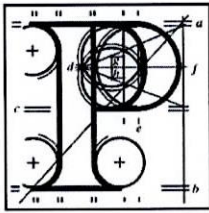
Yours faithfully,

  
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# Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

## Observer's details

### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

Liam Willoughby

(b) Observer's postal address

37 Donnellan Avenue, Ceannt Fort

## Agent's details

### 2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

n/a

(b) Agent's postal address

n/a

## Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**  
(for example: 300000)

314091

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

BusConnects Dublin – Liffey Valley to City Centre

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Old Kilmainham Road and Mount Brown sections of the above scheme

## Observation details

### 5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

I am supportive of the overall intention of the scheme and promotion of sustainable methods of transport, however I have concerns regarding the effects on the local area.

- 1- The proposal of an east and west bound bus gate encloses a large number of residents in the Ceannt Fort estate, existing apartments and private dwellings along Mount Brown/Old Kilmainham. The concern is that for residents who are unable to make use of alternative transport at peak times, their journey times will have to increase causing both an inconvenience, adding to traffic already being diverted by the bus gate and unnecessarily increasing the emissions for the same journey. This would be against the principles of the Climate Action Plan 2021, disadvantages trades and large families whom are unable to transition to other modes of transport and would be against The Disability Act 2005 for less abled residents. Further to this the alternating AM/PM operation has been left open to further revision, giving no future certainty that 24hr operation of bus gates could not be implemented at a later date, further isolating residents enclosed by the gates. *Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Volume 2 of 4 Main Report Chapter 04, Section 4.6.4.3 Bus Gates states: "The hours of operation of the bus gates will be subject to on-going review based on prevailing traffic conditions and the goal of achieving the project*

## 5. Grounds

*objectives. The NTA and local authorities will co-operate in good faith to address any issues with the hours of operation that may arise during the lifetime of the Proposed Scheme*". Requests by local residents associations for the creation of a "whitelist" or passes to be made available to enclosed residents, (who do not have the option to alter their route well in advance of approaching the bus gate) has continually been rejected by the NTA. The local opinion is that the negative effect of the bus gate on residents will be substantial, whereas the traffic impact of giving locals access to the bus gate would be negligible; adequate reasoning or studies have not been put forward by the NTA to disprove this.

- 2- Measures have been included to respect the Thomas Street ACA including treating it with "high sensitivity" including the areas adjacent to the ACA. There is no mention of the inclusion of Ceannt Fort as an ACA, DCC draft development plan 2022-2028, nor have measures been suggested to respect its cultural and historical importance. In fact the opposite has taken place in the form of the removal of mature trees adjacent to the ACA to enable the creation of a slip road entry to the National Childrens Hospital underground car park, located at the Westbound bus gate.

## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

### **Observers (except prescribed bodies)**

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

## Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

## Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Date		Date	

**Notes**