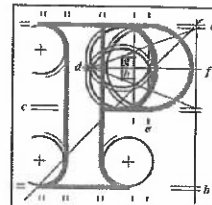


Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22



An  
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Annette Murphy  
86 Old Finglas Road  
D11 F3X0

Date: 30 November 2022

Re: BusConnects Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
Ballymun/Finglas to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the mean time, please contact the undersigned. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737287

HA02 (Acknowledgement - No Receipt to Issue)

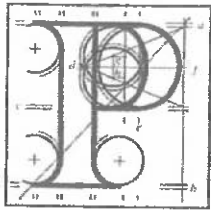
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An Bord Pleanála

# Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

**AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

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ABP- \_\_\_\_\_

15 NOV 2022

Fee: € 50 Type: cash

Time: 15.50 By: hand

## 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)

~~Margaret Smith~~

ANNETTE MURPHY

(b Observer's postal address)

~~1446 Glinne Villas, Glenties, Donegal.~~

~~BT21 5W1~~

86 OLD FINGLAS ROAD

D11 F3X0

## 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)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b Agent's postal address)

Click or tap here to enter text.

## 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)

HA06D.314610 or HA29.314610 both numbers on ABP site

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

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Bus Connects Corridor Ballymun/Finglas to Dublin City Centre

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

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

Ballymun to City Centre \_ Ballymun Rd., St Mobhi Rd., Botanic Rd. in to city centre

It is accepted that improved public transport is essential and the Bus Connects system attempts to address this. However, there may be other solutions to the knock on effect on surrounding roads. For example:

- Have a one way traffic system on St. Mobhi Road which reverses at peak periods i.e. one way southbound in the morning and one way northbound in the afternoon/evening. This would carry the bulk of the traffic with less impact on the locality.
- Allow traffic to travel northwards on Old Ballymun Road making this road one way. If necessary make Cremore Villas one way southbound, although this may not be required if southbound traffic is using St Mobhi Rd. Allowing the use of Old Ballymun Road from Glasnevin Hill has several advantages e.g. it avoids the three schools, it eliminates one right turn and a left turn and feeds traffic straight on to Ballymun Road, a more efficient flow than the current plan. I note that Map 7 in the Preferred Route document shows two lanes on Griffith Avenue; this has recently been reduced to one lane.

In the absence of modifications to the plan, the locality will endure such traffic density that the positive impact of circular and other bus routes will be minimal as they will be almost stationary in gridlock. For this household it looks like all pain with no gain.

## 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).

It seems little attention has been paid to the impact on residents of the roads through which diverted traffic will travel.

The planned removal of northbound traffic on St Mobhi Road diverts traffic from Botanic Road via Glasnevin Hill, Old Finglas Road, Cremore Villas and Griffith Avenue. In addition to this, heavy traffic that currently uses Botanic Avenue and turns right northwards on to St Mobhi Road will also be forced to take this route. This does not get much consideration in the plan but the volume is significant in the afternoons/early evenings.

The route for diverted traffic now includes Marian House Nursing Home, St. Mary's Secondary school and two primary schools, St. Brigid's and Glasnevin Educate Together. Already traffic is barely tolerable and adding diverted traffic will impact very negatively on road safety, local access, air quality and general quality of life.

In addition to normal school activity, local sports clubs for hockey, basketball and soccer use the sports facilities in St. Mary's. Extra traffic will join an already chaotic system.

Living in Cremore Villas, very adjacent to two of the schools, traffic loads will be unacceptable. In the feasibility study for the bus corridor it was stated that in Cremore Villas residents generally have parking within property boundaries. This only applies to the west side of Cremore Villas; residents on the east side (including this household) park on the road.

**5 continued**

**It should be noted that the OLD FINGLAS ROAD is the only left hand turn off the dual carriage way from Finglas Village to Harts Corner. This is a stretch of 3 to 4 kms with only 1 left hand turn for traffic!! that facilitates traffic from the north west part of the city to the east part of the city.**

**The Old Finglas Road was never intended to be a main artery, another road /bridge was meant to connect Griffith Avenue with the east side of the city, but plans were waylaid when houses were built on the proposed road site**

**The Old Finglas Road is a cement road and is not fit for purpose.**

**Cement roads throw out the sound of traffic whereas tarmac roads absorb the sound of traffic**

**Noise pollution and Air pollution and Access in and out of our homes is a serious concern to the residents**

**By your plan, it would appear that the proposed closing of Ballymun Road to through traffic together with the proposed Bus corridor will force the traffic onto the stretch of Old Finglas Road Between Ballygall Road and Tolka estate .**

**Bearing in mind that Old Finglas Road already takes the traffic from the north west side of the city for people trying access the east side and east**

**link bridge, but now we are going to take the traffic for another 2 /3 km road where there is now NO right turn to access Ballymun etc**

**AND NO POLITICIAN issued a notice to residents of the Old Finglas Road to alert them to the proposed traffic changes**

**Why is Ballymun Road being closed, when it could take northbound car traffic and a bicycle lane and thus ease the situation that is looming for the residents of Old Finglas Road**

**Another access road between Finglas Village and Harts Corner should be considered either in building a bridge right across the Finglas Road or another link road at some part of the Finglas Road to ease the already congested OLD FINGLAS ROAD**

**The value of our houses will be impacted by this.**

**Who would want to buy a home on the stretch of Old Finglas Road to Tolka Estate which is going to be bombarded with traffic from every part**

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