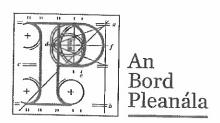
Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



Glasnevin Village Residents Association 8 Saint Mobhi Drive Glasnevin Dublin 9 D09Y7N8

Date: 22 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.

Niamh Thornton Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737247

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Glasnevin Village Residents Association

Observation in respect of the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre BusConnects route

This document is an observation on behalf of Glasnevin Village Residents Association in respect of the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre BusConnects route.

Our comments are:

- Proper enforcement is critical. We welcome the recent legislation permitting the use of cameras to capture motorists driving in the bus lanes and taking illegal turns (such as from Saint Mobhi Road onto Home Farm Road). Simply put, if motorists are not kept out of the bus lanes, BusConnects will not achieve its objectives. A rigorous approach to identifying and fining transgressors is vital to the project's success
- Illegal parking in Glasnevin Village must be eliminated. As a consequence of traffic being routed away from Saint Mobhi Road in the afternoon/evening, there will be more traffic in the Village. For this traffic to flow properly, illegal parking, especially outside the Botanic Gardens, will need to be eliminated
- The proposed arrangements will inevitably lead to an increase in traffic through the Village. As discussed with the NTA, this must be minimised by installing appropriate road signs as follows:
 - o At Harte's Corner, signs for the M50, the airport and Ballymun should direct traffic along Finglas Road (and not Saint Mobhi Road)
 - Traffic for Ballymun should then be directed to turn right onto Old Finglas Road, left onto Cremore Villas and then right onto Griffith Avenue, before turning left onto Ballymun Road
- Appropriate traffic calming measures should be introduced along Glasnevin Hill. With more cars passing through the Village, from a safety perspective it is vital that car speeds are kept under control. A pedestrian crossing at the Bon Secours Hospital is welcome. This should be supplemented by ramps along Glasnevin Hill
- Residents at the Glasnevin Hill end of Old Ballymun Road (houses number 2 to 16) should be able to access their houses from that end; thus they should be permitted to drive to their houses and U-turn to park outside their homes – this will not affect the remainder of the traffic flows
- We recommend that all of the pedestrian crossings that are currently in place on Saint Mobhi Road are retained. This is particularly important given the number of schoolchildren that cross this road
- When installing new bus stops on the west side of Saint Mobhi Road, care will need to be taken to ensure that homeowners can access their driveways
- It appears that a new bus stop will be installed outside 85 Saint Mobhi Drive, opposite the existing bus stop from a safety perspective, is it wise to have two bus stops directly opposite each other?
- The times for the Saint Mobhi Road bus gate must be reconsidered once the effect of the new route is clear; specifically, it may be the case that the bus gate closing time (currently shown as 8.00pm) should be brought forward, to avoid excessive traffic through the Village during the evening

Submitted by:

David Meagher (Chair) of 8 Saint Mobhi Drive, Glasnevin, D09Y7N8 on behalf of Glasnevin Village Residents Association
