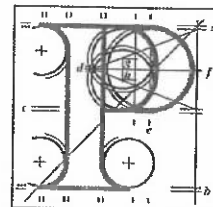


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Niamh and Ger Davis and others  
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**Date:** 21 November 2022

**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,

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Following extensive collective analysis, the above residents of Cremore Crescent, Glasnevin would like to submit the following observations in order to highlight considerable issues with the proposed Bus Connects plan, at:  
<https://ballymunfinglasscheme.ie>.

1. The plan facilitates three routes into the city (Mobhi road, Ballymun road and Cremore Villas), and only one route out (Cremore Villas).
2. The plan diverts traffic passed three schools, which are already heavy traffic flash-points, unable to absorb the additional volume proposed by this plan.
  - a. St. Mary's HFC, Old Finglas road
  - b. St. Brigids GNS, Old Finglas road
  - c. Glasnevin Educate together, Griffith Avenue.
3. Schools listed in this observation are part of the National Transport Authority's Safe Routes to School Programme, which is rolling out measures that conflict with the Bus Connects plan, which has created diversions that actively endanger a huge population of children on this route.

Diverting traffic towards schools is contrary to Government ambition in the Climate Action Plan to create safe routes to school and further pedestrianisation of school streets.

Furthermore, the congestion along Old Finglas Road will greatly increase airborne particulates from car tyres and combustion engines, significantly increasing the risk of respiratory illnesses to young children throughout the school day, in addition to commuting to school.

4. The plan's heavy reliance on Griffith Avenue extension is outdated and short-sighted. Recent major changes to this route have already significantly increased congestion. These changes are:
  - a. Westbound traffic reduced from 2 lanes to 1, following the welcome introduction of bike lanes.
  - b. Adjustments to traffic lights at intersection with Ballymun road
5. The practical effect of point 2 above, has seen traffic seek a rat-run to Ballymun road, via St. Canice's road. The proposed plan, will thus actually result in a diversion along that route, directly impacting two more schools and an old folks home:
  - a. Sacred Heart BNS, St. Canice's road.
  - b. Scoill Chiarain (Primary and Post Primary), St. Canice's road.
6. The proposal for Ballymun Road to flow one-way South bound, is ill-conceived. It will simply result in greater congestion at the junction of Old Finglas road and Mobhi road.
7. Reversing the flow Northbound out of the city on Ballymun Road would mitigate, some of the above issues, and reduce the impact to all schools listed above.
8. This plan fails in its objective to incentivise bus usage. The diversion creates pinch points at Glasnevin hill and Cremore Villas which will actually disincentivize large populations of users from using the bus routes 23, 24 and N2 – due to the heavy congestion created by these bottlenecks along the proposed diversion.

In conclusion, we observe that significant adverse consequences will arise from the proposed plan. We feel it contradicts government objectives in relation to the environment and child safety, and fails to deliver on the objective of providing effective bus routes to our area.

If you need any further clarification in relation to our submission, please do not hesitate to contact us via [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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