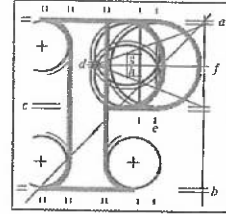


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Paul McAuliffe and others  
64 Main Street  
Finglas Village  
Dublin 11

**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,

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15/11/2022

Dear sir/madam,

I would like to make the following observations in relation to the above planning application and the proposed Core Bus Corridors from Finglas and Ballymun to Arran Quay.

#### **Finglas to City Centre Route**

1. In relation to the proposed Compulsory Purchase of Site Notice No 19 and opening of the wall next to 117 North Road, Dublin 11, it is submitted that this is not appropriate due to the ongoing severe issues with anti-social behaviour and open drug taking in this patch of vegetation under the pedestrian bridge. Providing additional access in the form of a laneway could exacerbate the issue and create safety problems for pedestrians as it would be directly next to the overgrowth where the anti-social behaviour takes place. Can additional options be considered such as modifying the existing pedestrian access at the very top of the road to the N2 to provide access to the Core Bus Corridor? Ideally the pedestrian bridge and roundabout would be removed in the future so there would be no need for the wall and secluded vegetation patch but until this was the case, I have serious concerns about exacerbating the issues on this problematic patch of land.
2. A Compulsory Purchase of a site in Mellowes Park/Casement Road is proposed and clarity on what impact noise and construction traffic will have would be welcomed.

#### **Ballymun to City Centre Route**

1. As a general point I have observed that there is a lack of awareness of this application in the areas which will be impacted by the proposed changes to the traffic flows in the area. The second round of consultation took place during the pandemic and there did not appear to be leaflets distributed locally making residents aware of the process. Consultations took place in a city centre hotel, and it has been

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my experience that impacted areas did not have a good awareness until very recently.

2. The changes proposed for St Mobhí Road and the junction with Griffith Avenue will have significant impacts on a large number of surrounding roads.
3. Clarity should be provided on the times at which northbound private traffic will be excluded from St Mobhí Road. The plans indicate that it will be 4pm until 8pm but clarity should be provided on whether this is a definitive arrangement or if it can be extended further without further planning applications.
4. The diverted northbound traffic will inevitably filter on to the Old Finglas Road and Cremore Villas in order to access Griffith Avenue. There is also a high potential of further rat runs on Ballygall Road East, Tolka Estate and Glasilawn Road, St Canice's Road, Hillcrest Park and St Pappin's Road as traffic re routes to the Ballymun Road and tries to avoid congestion on Griffith Avenue.
5. Has the impact of extra traffic volumes on the above roads been considered in terms of emissions and noise? Junctions on these roads would require upgrading in order to cope with extra traffic volumes and provide safe crossings for pedestrians. Additional filter lights and extra lanes may be required on the Old Finglas Road and Cremore Villas in particular to help traffic flow. The road surface on many of these roads is also concrete and this is less effective at reducing noise pollution.
6. There is already significant congestion throughout the early morning and afternoon in the Cremore/Ballygall area due to a number of local schools. These schools include St Mary's and St Brigid's girl's schools, Glasnevin National school, Sacred Heart and St Kevin's boy's schools, Educate Together primary school, St Claran's school, St Michael's house, and NDNSP primary school. Given the severe congestion at school times it is difficult to envisage how diverted traffic could move freely through the area without making it very dangerous and causing long tailbacks. Many children also cycle to school despite the lack of segregated cycling facilities. Has the impact of the extra traffic on their safety been considered?
7. It is important that clarity is provided on how the Metrolink will impact this project and which will be constructed first as construction work on Mobhi Road and Ballymun Road will impact the implementation of the Core Bus Corridor.

8. Clarity is needed on how those who live and operate businesses on the gyratory on St Mobhí Road/Ballymun Road will access driveways, on street parking and surrounding roads without being diverted long distances in order to travel towards Hart's Corner.
9. The closure of Ballymun Road between Griffith Avenue and Old Finglas Road to through traffic means that there will be no north-south traffic access for local access between Cremore Villas and the Drumcondra Road. Given that St Mobhí Road is also being restricted, the closure of two roads therefore to north south traffic is a severe impact on the Dublin 11 community.

Paul McAuliffe TD

Cllr Racheal Batten

Cllr Keith Connolly

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