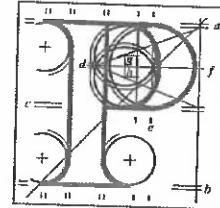


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Residents of Tolka Estate (Maria Hynes)  
106 Tolka Estate  
Dublin 11  
D11 F5P1

**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,

Niamh Thornton  
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**Reference to Statutory Planning Application for the Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.**

On behalf of residents of Tolka Estate we wish to make the following observations in relation to the above planning application.

Firstly we would like to endorse our support for the requirement for schemes to improve walking, cycling and encouraging the public to use public transport and, as advocates for nature we are happy that the decision was made to keep the trees lining Mobhi Road.

However, diverting traffic away from Mobhi Road will push it up Glasnevin Hill and, with the proposed closure of Ballymun Road from this end, then the majority of traffic travelling out of the city centre to Ballymun/M50/M1 will either be pushed up Ballygall Road East (at Cremore Villas), or onto Griffith Avenue Extension, or onwards towards the roundabout at Glasnevin Avenue or onto Tolka Estate Road. Given the location of St Bridget's, St Marys, GET, Tolka Rovers etc., all four of these thoroughfares are already under pressure (particularly at peak times) with a high volume of traffic. Therefore, this additional traffic would severely deteriorate these already under pressure residential areas. In addition to this it will also create other rat-runs via St Cancies Road, Hillcrest Park, Glasilawn Road & Avenue. And this issue of rat-runs is already a real concern for our residents.

Tolka Estate is a residential area with children playing on the green and on narrow roads. The diversion of traffic along this area would make the area dangerous for our young community both from a safety, noise and emissions point of view. We note that the plans to close off access to Ballymun Road is due to the road being narrow, however roads in Tolka Estate, Glasilawn Road and Avenue are as, if not more, narrow.

Alongside this there would be impacts on our older population who would be deterred from using their cars in high volumes of traffic. Our older residents rely on their cars for their independence, and their social interaction. They also rely on access to non-public transport e.g. car transport from family members etc. to assist with their health/caring needs.

We are fully supportive of bus gate however, its success is dependent on the Ballymun Road at the Met office remaining open especially to traffic heading out of city centre towards Ballymun/M50/M1 etc. This is the most direct route with minimal interaction with schools, smaller residential areas and communities.

Maria Hynes D11 F5P1 on behalf of residents of Tolka Estate.