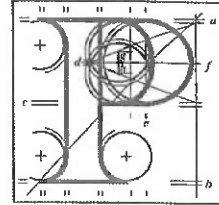


Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Anna Bourke
167 Saint Mobhi Road
Glasnevin
Dublin 9
D09 X377

Date: 28 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
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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
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Date: 14th November 2022.

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Reference:1018(1). 1e
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***Ballymun / Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Compulsory Purchase Order 2022.***

Dear An Bord Pleanála Team,

My name is Anna Bourke and I am the Superintendent pharmacist of Reddys Pharmacy 167 St. Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 – D09 X377.

I am writing to you to register an objection to the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order of 12.2sqm at the front of Reddys Pharmacy and the proposed cycle and bus lane development on St. Mobhi Road Glasnevin.

I wish to express my deep concern at the Bus Connects plans in relation to the Mobhi Road section of the Bus Corridor Scheme. I have several concerns but the primary one is the safety of my patients, something they seem to have no regard for.

By creating this new slimmed down footpath with adjacent cycle lane and bus stop lives will be put at risk. While the engineers creating the plans are looking at it with able bodied people in mind they are forgetting, wheelchair users, elderly patients with poor vision, pedestrians with poor mobility and even parents with buggys and little children.

I would implore you to review the plans taking into account the following points.

1. The new narrow footpath is possibly just wide enough for a wheelchair user or a double buggy to be able to use. However, it allows no space for anyone or anything else on the path or any overtaking and will push pedestrians into the cycle lane.

2. The new narrow footpath does not account for the hugely busy retail premises which are along this footpath. The constant stream of people walking out of these premises onto the narrow footpath will cause pedestrians to be pushed towards the cycle lane.
3. The seriousness of the accidents that can occur when a pedestrian comes into the path of a cyclist cannot be ignored. In recent years we have had two patients who as pedestrians were mowed down by cyclists not paying attention and running red lights. Both patients were hospitalised with life altering injuries. Dublin City Council will be leaving themselves open to huge claims as there is no way to seek recourse from a cyclist as they have no insurance and with no way to identify them, they can simply flee the scene.
4. Not long ago we faced a global pandemic which forced us to create a safe haven for our patients' medical needs. It was necessary to create socially distant queues outside the pharmacy which was possible due to the wide path. It is naïve to presume this will never happen again and would be foolish to not plan ahead.
5. We are a busy premises, receiving roughly 5/6 deliveries daily from various drivers. We also provide deliveries to local nursing homes and patient centres. The arrival and departure of these deliveries would cause an obstruction of the new slim path and again push people onto the cycle lane.
6. The engineers explanation of the cycle lanes direction is worrying. He has advised that it zig zags in around the tree which is outside the premises currently occupied by Ray Cooke Auctioneer. However, the engineer has stated that none of the path in front of Ray Cooke auctioneer is under a compulsory purchase order, only a temporary one during building works. This means the path up to our pharmacy will be available for staff of Ray Cooke and residents of the overhead apartments to park on therefore meaning for this 2meters stretch there will now be barely any public path and therefore pedestrians will have to walk in the cycle lane. This seems absurd.
7. The building works are going to be extensive and will block access to our pharmacy for quite some time. This is going to mean we will have to provide extra delivery services to the patients who are unable to now access our pharmacy which will involve an increase in manpower, and extra wages bill? There will also be at a loss of business as patients go out of their way to reach a more accessible pharmacy, we have been given no indication of how long this will go on for or what remuneration will be offered to ensure that our small business is able to keep afloat.
8. We have not had detailed to us what supports we will be provided to us in terms of access to emergency numbers for any disturbances to

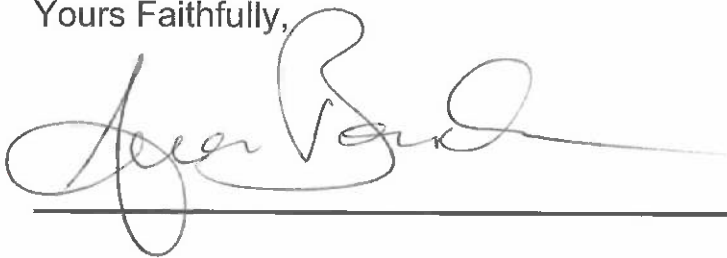
heating, electricity and water. If there is disruption to any of these services it would be detrimental to our temperature-controlled stock and would cause huge loss of medicines to both us and the HSE. We would need an assurance in writing that there will be 24/7 access to workers to rectify these issues if and when they occur before any work could commence.

The majority of our patients are young families or elderly people who walk to the shop, pharmacy, church, park, hairdressers etc. Dublin bus are effectively penalising these pedestrians as they try to funnel buses, cyclists and cars quicker down Mobhi Road. It really does seem that the developers of this route have had cyclists and bus users at the core of their design. They have prioritised the ability to quickly get through Glasnevin rather than prioritising the actual people who live there. They seem to wish to destroy this village at the heart of Dublin. Some would say by their desperate attempts to maintain a bus shelter they have prioritised their advertising revenue over the ability for someone to safely walk to and from their home.

I would reiterate the pleas of other letters to remove the proposed bus shelter and this idea of a slimmed down path. At a time where Dublin City Council are promoting the pedestrianisation of streets in the city centre, this would have the opposite effect here.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Bourke', written over a horizontal line.

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