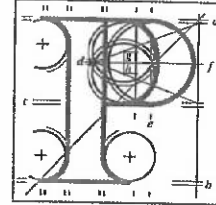


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**An  
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David and Annette Ryan and others  
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**Date:** 22 November 2022

**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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**REFERENCE: STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE BALLYMUN/FINGLAS TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME.**

To whom it may concern,

We wish to make the following observations on the above statutory planning application.

While we are supportive and welcoming of improvements to the overall transport strategy and its objectives outlined in the application, we do have some concerns with the proposal.

**COMMUNICATION**

We as residents of St. Canices Road only became aware of the contents of the latest proposal just over a week ago. We believe that meetings took place over zoom which did not suit members of our local community group. This has left everyone feeling disregarded and unengaged with the process.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out? Many roads to which traffic will be diverted are local, residential roads and we feel they will not be able to withstand the extra level of traffic which will be generated. Further, this extra traffic will create additional pollution from car emissions. This, along with road safety, noise and vibration are major concerns of ours.

**ROAD CLOSURES - LOWER BALLYMUN ROAD AND ST. MOBHI ROAD**

The permanent closure of Lower Ballymun Road and the temporary closure at certain times of St. Mobhi Road will greatly exacerbate traffic flow problems. We feel that reducing three northbound routes from the city to only one will create a deluge of traffic on Ballygall Road East and the surrounding residential roads.

To get from Ballygall Road East back to Ballymun Road in order to continue a northbound journey will greatly increase traffic on Griffith Avenue, St. Canices Road and St. Pappins Road and exacerbate the already existing traffic congestion on these roads.

We also have increased road safety concerns for the younger and older members of our society who access the two secondary schools, three primary schools and four nursing homes on these roads on a daily basis.

We feel that the proposed road closures, especially the permanent closure of Lower Ballymun Road need to be re-examined so that a more equitable solution for all can be reached. We suggest not closing Lower Ballymun Road and that northbound traffic continue to be allowed on Lower Ballymun Road.

## **TRAFFIC RESTRICTION - PREVENTION OF RIGHT TURN FROM ST. CANICES ROAD ONTO BALLYMUN ROAD**

There are plans to prevent traffic turning right from St Canices Road to Ballymun Road. This will impact severely on the residents of St Canices Road and the wider Wadelai community. The objective seems to be to reduce school going traffic from accessing Ballymun Road. A solution should be sought to these problems by managing how large volumes of traffic access the St Canices Road, Hillcrest and Wadelai areas throughout the day. These residential areas have developed into busy and dangerous rat-runs over the years.

## **BALLYMUN ROAD, ST. MOBHI ROAD AND GRIFFITH AVENUE JUNCTION**

We have a number of concerns regarding the proposed changes to the above junction that we are not clear about.

- Is southbound traffic on St. Mobhi Road allowed to turn right onto Griffith Avenue. If so how is that to be accomplished?
- Eastbound traffic on Griffith Avenue and southbound traffic on Ballymun Road will be competing for very limited space in the traffic lane at the southern end of the junction to continue their journey on Griffith Avenue.
- How will the right hand turn at the northern end of the junction for traffic wanting to travel eastwards on Griffith Avenue be managed?
- How will city bound traffic travelling east on Griffith Avenue access St. Mobhi Road? If traffic turns north onto Ballymun Road , we feel that this could become a chokepoint and block the one general lane of northbound traffic.

## **BALLYMUN CORE ROUTE DESTINATION**

We understand that the core bus routes will terminate at Ormond Quay which is not in the city centre, where most commuters need to go. This area is not easy to access and is unsafe in the evening and late at night. We would like to see this issue addressed.

We can't see a map covering the area between Glasnevin Avenue and Glasnevin Tennis Club on Ballymun Road anywhere in the above application. We would like to view the proposed locations of bus stops and any other traffic change proposals for our area.

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The signatories below fully support this submission

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