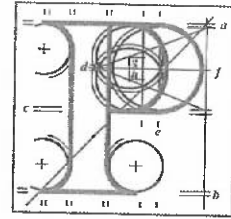


Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

John Lillis
7 Glasilawn Avenue
Glasnevin
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.

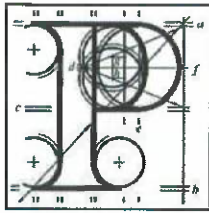
Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737287

HA02 (Acknowledgement - No Receipt to Issue)

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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

John Lillis

(b) Observer's postal address

7 Glasilawn Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin 11

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not Applicable

(b) Agent's postal address

Not Applicable

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

BusConnects Ballymun/Finglas to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Ballymun / Finglas to Dublin City Centre

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

To whom it may concern,

We, the residents of Glasilawn Avenue, wish to make the following observations on the statutory planning listed above:

We are supportive of improvements to the overall transport strategy, and its objectives outlined in the application, however, we have several concerns with the proposal.

Communication	Many residents are not aware of the impact of the proposals of the Bus Connect project. The communications to homes in the community has been limited.
Environmental Impact Assessment	While a study of current level has been completed, there is an absence of an assessment of where the diverted traffic will move to. The traffic levels will increase on Ballygall road east and side streets such as Glasilawn avenue. We, as a community, are concerned about the detrimental impact on the likely substantial increase in traffic being routed through our area. At the very least, it is expected that that an assessment is conducted on these roads concerning noise, vibration, and pollution. As a community, we are very concerned about traffic being diverted to minor residential roads which are not built to withstand the level of traffic.
Lower Ballymun Road Closure (Modified version of Option A)	The closure of Lower Ballymun Rd will significantly exacerbate the traffic flow problem on Ballygall rd. East and this needs to be re-examined so traffic will be allowed to flow in a Northbound direction up Ballymun road.
Ballymun Core route Destination	We were also surprised to note that this application states that the core bus routes will terminate at Arran Quay when all publicity states time to city centre as being a benefit of bus corridors. Arran Quay is not in the city centre. It will most likely mean an increase in commuting time for most. Arran Quay is not easy to access and already instead of improving it for most people. This area is not easy to access and is unsafe in the evening and late at night; this has not been addressed in this application.
Staggering of bus connect routes	With traffic being diverted at Hart's corner and the Finglas road planned to provide some relief for traffic in Ballygall/Glasnevin area, I presume that the bus connect project is not going to be planned at the same time as the bus connect project on Ballymun road and Mobhi road. Having two connect routes on either side of Ballygall/Glasnevin will be a traffic disaster.

Yours sincerely

John Lillis, 5 Glasilawn Avenue, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using the **online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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