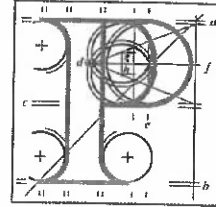


Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22



An
Bord
Pleanála

Maureen Smyth
11 Cremore Villas
Glasnevin
Dublin 11
D11 W3W4

Date: 30 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.

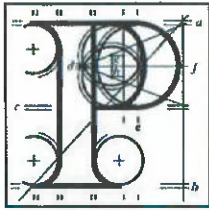
Yours faithfully,

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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

Maureen Smyth and Anne Murphy

(b) Observer's
postal address

11 Cremore Villas, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.
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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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

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)

HA06D.314610 or HA29.314610 both numbers on ABP site

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

Bus Connects Corridor Ballymun/Finglas to Dublin City Centre

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

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

Ballymun to City Centre _ Ballymun Rd., St Mobhi Rd., Botanic Rd. in to 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).

It seems little attention has been paid to the impact on residents of the roads through which diverted traffic will travel.

The planned removal of northbound traffic on St Mobhi Road diverts traffic from Botanic Road via Glasnevin Hill, Old Finglas Road, Cremore Villas and Griffith Avenue. In addition to this, heavy traffic that currently uses Botanic Avenue and turns right northwards on to St Mobhi Road will also be forced to take this route. This does not get much consideration in the plan but the volume is significant in the afternoons/early evenings.

The route for diverted traffic now includes Marian House Nursing Home, St. Mary's Secondary school and two primary schools, St. Brigid's and Glasnevin Educate Together. Already traffic is barely tolerable and adding diverted traffic will impact very negatively on road safety, local access, air quality and general quality of life.

In addition to normal school activity, local sports clubs for hockey, basketball and soccer use the sports facilities in St. Mary's. Extra traffic will join an already chaotic system.

Living in Cremore Villas, very adjacent to two of the schools, traffic loads will be unacceptable. In the feasibility study for the bus corridor it was stated that in Cremore Villas residents generally have parking within property boundaries. This only applies to the west side of Cremore Villas; residents on the east side (including this household) park on the road.

5. Grounds

It is accepted that improved public transport is essential and the Bus Connects system attempts to address this. However, there may be other solutions to the knock on effect on surrounding roads. For example:

- Have a one way traffic system on St. Mobhi Road which reverses at peak periods i.e. one way southbound in the morning and one way northbound in the afternoon/evening. This would carry the bulk of the traffic with less impact on the locality.
- Allow traffic to travel northwards on Old Ballymun Road making this road one way. If necessary make Cremore Villas one way southbound, although this may not be required if southbound traffic is using St Mobhi Rd. Allowing the use of Old Ballymun Road from Glasnevin Hill has several advantages e.g. it avoids the three schools, it eliminates one right turn and a left turn and feeds traffic straight on to Ballymun Road, a more efficient flow than the current plan. I note that Map 7 in the Preferred Route document shows two lanes on Griffith Avenue; this has recently been reduced to one lane.

In the absence of modifications to the plan, the locality will endure such traffic density that the positive impact of circular and other bus routes will be minimal as they will be almost stationary in gridlock. For this household it looks like all pain with no gain.

An additional unrelated matter:

There are plans for more cycle paths beside footpaths. As residents who walk in the area daily and have to take evasive action to avoid being struck by cyclists, it would increase pedestrian safety if there was a physical barrier/divide between adjacent cycle lanes and footpaths.

5. Grounds

Thank You.

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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