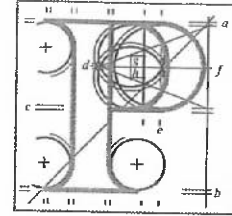


Our Case Number: ABP-314610-22

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Pat Rooney
55 Ballymun Road
Glasnevin
Dublin 9

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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HA02 (Acknowledgement - No Receipt to Issue)

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I would like to put in an objection/observation that I do not agree with the proposed plans for the Ballymun/Finglas Bus Connects Reference: HA06D.314610

- I would like to note, as a resident of the area, I was not contacted by anyone in relation to a public consultation on this plan. There was no contact made by the Bus Connects Team or any local councillors to myself or any residents who I have spoken to in this area. The public consultations file on the An Board Pleanala website is a broken link so I can not view this. In my opinion, public consultation should require signage, leaflet drops, door calls etc to the area effected, and this was not completed.
- The maps on An Board Pleanala website and the plans on the Bus Connects website do not match up.
- The area is already extremely congested especially since the introduction of the new traffic light layout and cycle lanes around Ballymun Road/Griffith Avenue Junctions, and this will further add to the congestion around the area.
- There is currently a full bus lane going Southbound from Ballymun down to Botanic Avenue. There is a very short stretch where there is no Bus Lane from Botanic Avenue up to the old Smurfit site, where the bus lane recommences and there is a bus lane going the whole way down to Broadstone area. The disruption being caused when there is already a bus lane in place is in my opinion unnecessary.
- The current cycle lanes which were implemented around Griffith Avenue are not being used by cyclists because they are so dangerous and full of leaves and Dublin City Council do not have the resources to clear the cycle lanes every day.
- As a resident of 55 Ballymun Road and someone who has no option but to use a private vehicle for transport due to trade and carrying tools the proposed plans will add hours to my journey and many other residents of the area. The position of my house with the proposed plans and new road directions means my house is now extremely inaccessible from many directions.
- I disagree with the removal of parking outside Albert College Park. The current car park for the park only fits a handful of cars and removing the parking on Ballymun Road will only add congestion to street parking along Hampstead Avenue and St Canices Road.
- I do not approve with closing old Ballymun Road off to traffic, this is another accessible road to my property.
- Local businesses and amenities in this area will suffer massively with one way routes who are already struggling with the after effects of Covid.
- I believe the plans drawn up will only divert traffic to smaller roads and these will become more congested, it does not remove any problem.
- The plan to remove trees that are decades old, and which add character to the area and plant new trees will not be like for like. It will take decades for the new trees to mature.
- I would propose that it would benefit the area more to add more routes to this area. For example, currently If the residents of the area (Glasnevin/Ballymun) need to travel to the airport there is no direct bus route.