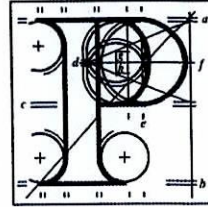


**Our Case Number: ABP-316828-23**

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Cllr. Kieran Mahon  
7 Bolbrook Grove  
Tallaght  
Dublin 24

**Date:** 19 July 2023

**Re:** Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre BusConnect Core Bus Corridor Scheme.  
Tallaght/Clondalkin to Dublin City.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737247

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## SID Online Observation

Online Reference  
SID-OBS-000955

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
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Lodgement Date  
04/07/2023 15:22:13

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### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
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Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes  No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes  No

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SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

**Observation on HD 316828 (check this)– Tallaght/ Clondalkin to City Centre Bus Corridors**

**From Cllr Kieran Mahon – Solidarity and Socialist Party Councillor for Tallaght Central**

**7 Bolbrook Grove Tallaght, Dublin 24.**

This submission relates to the following items on the proposed plan.

- 1) Proposed Temporary Site Compound at Birchview/ Parkview Kilnamanagh Tallaght
  - 2) Proposed Bus Corridor at Old Greenhills Road Tallaght Village.
  - 3) Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order of lands at Bancroft, Tallaght for Bus Connects Site Compound.
  - 4) Lack of Clarity Regarding Bus Stops and Future Routes on Greenhills Rd
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## **1) Proposed Bus Corridor Through Birchview, Parkview and Elmcastle, Kilnamanagh, Tallaght**

**The proposed two-way bus corridor is set to accommodate just a single bus route, Rt 27, that already operates as a high frequency route on an existing main road less than 0.05 KM from the proposed road. This proposal is unnecessary, overly intrusive on residents, detrimental to public greenspaces and will have minimal positive impact on public transport or active travel.**

The proposal involves the creation of an additional traffic corridor between the existing Greenhills Road and Treepark Rd in Kilnamanagh meaning three parallel roads with 200 meters width of each other. Under this proposal Treepark Rd will remain significantly underutilised.

Residents in Parkview Estate will be severely impacted by the proposed bus corridor as they will be surrounded by increased traffic and activity on all sides, resulting in increased noise and light pollution and emissions and massive incursions into their privacy. Parkview will essentially become a traffic island.

Residents on Birchwood Avenue will be within meters of the proposed Bus Corridor and will also be severely impacted by significant increases in noise and light pollution, emissions, loss of green space and massive incursions into their privacy.

The proposed Bus Corridor and cycle path covers approximately 500 meters. With no restriction on private motor vehicles using the Greenhills Rd, the gain for public transport at rush hours will be minimal. The negative impact on residents will be constant and permanent.

This will increase significantly if bus services on this high frequency route move to a 24-hour service.

The proposal will see the loss of significant green space in the area. This green space has recently been significantly enhanced by South Dublin County Council to provide improved public lighting, as well as upgraded cycling and walking links with the wider community.

As well as current trees and hedgerows that are now threatened, the area holds the potential for significant ecological development and has been identified as such by local residents.

The success of the Bus Connects plan targets dramatic decreases in the use of private motor cars. This would increase the future capacity for local green spaces to be more fully utilised now and into the future. This proposal removes that social and ecological potential

The current proposal takes away what could be a significant community gain from the Bus Connects project by unnecessarily increasing the space taken up by road, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure while failing to utilise existing road infrastructure fully.

This proposal offers minimal gain for public transport and active travel, with maximum negative impact on community greenspace. It does not have local support.

## 2) Proposed Bus Corridor at Old Greenhills Road Tallaght Village

The proposal seeks to dramatically re-alter the current layout of a public plaza in Tallaght Village in favour of a Bus Corridor. The Public Plaza is widely used and hosts significant annual community events since it was closed off to through traffic as part of the village enhancement.

The area also currently provides safe access to existing cycle paths and footpaths between Tallaght Village and The Greenhills Rd, as well as pedestrian and car access to historical Dominican Priory Church Buildings.

The area consists of a community garden, trees, paving and public lighting with some public pay and display parking. It currently hosts buildings, including education facilities that serve as important gathering points and whose usage may be enhanced considerably by the fact that they are, despite some on street parking, essentially in a pedestrianised/ quiet area.

### Failure to consider alternative option

- Utilising the road through Tallaght University Dublin (TUD)

This road connects the existing Old Blessington Rd Bus Gate, and Greenhills Rd and its use, instead of the existing route through the village, or the proposed corridor would have a minimal impact on community infrastructure and the maximum positive impact on the bus service.

The only stop affected on the number 27 route would be stop numbers 2557 and 2346 which primarily serve the University. These stops would continue to be serviced by route 77A.

- Compulsory Purchase Order of Unused site at Main Road/ Greenhills Rd Junction

This site should be examined for potential uses as an alternative to the disruption caused to existing public space. This site could enable buses to avoid the Tallaght Village/ Greenhills Rd/ N81 junction and provide for the more efficient flow of public transport at this point.

Image of road through Tallaght University – Not utilised in favour of re opening a closed former main Rd



Image Old ESSO site at Greenhills Rd/ Tallaght Village Junction



**3) Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order at Bancroft, Tallaght for Site Compound.**

The proposal is, again, to take used and maintained public community space rather than utilising already existing alternatives. The scale of work proposed means significant disruption to local residents and infrastructure. The size of any compound and associated lighting and generators, and security will mean this disruption is permanent for the period of works.

Significant vacant sites exist in nearby industrial areas in Airton Rd and Ballymount, along the Greenhills Rd or potentially in the Tallaght University Dublin lands, that will provide more suitable locations for storage of machinery and related activities. The commandeering of public space is an excessive and unnecessary proposal and step. No explanation has been given regarding the future of this land post construction.

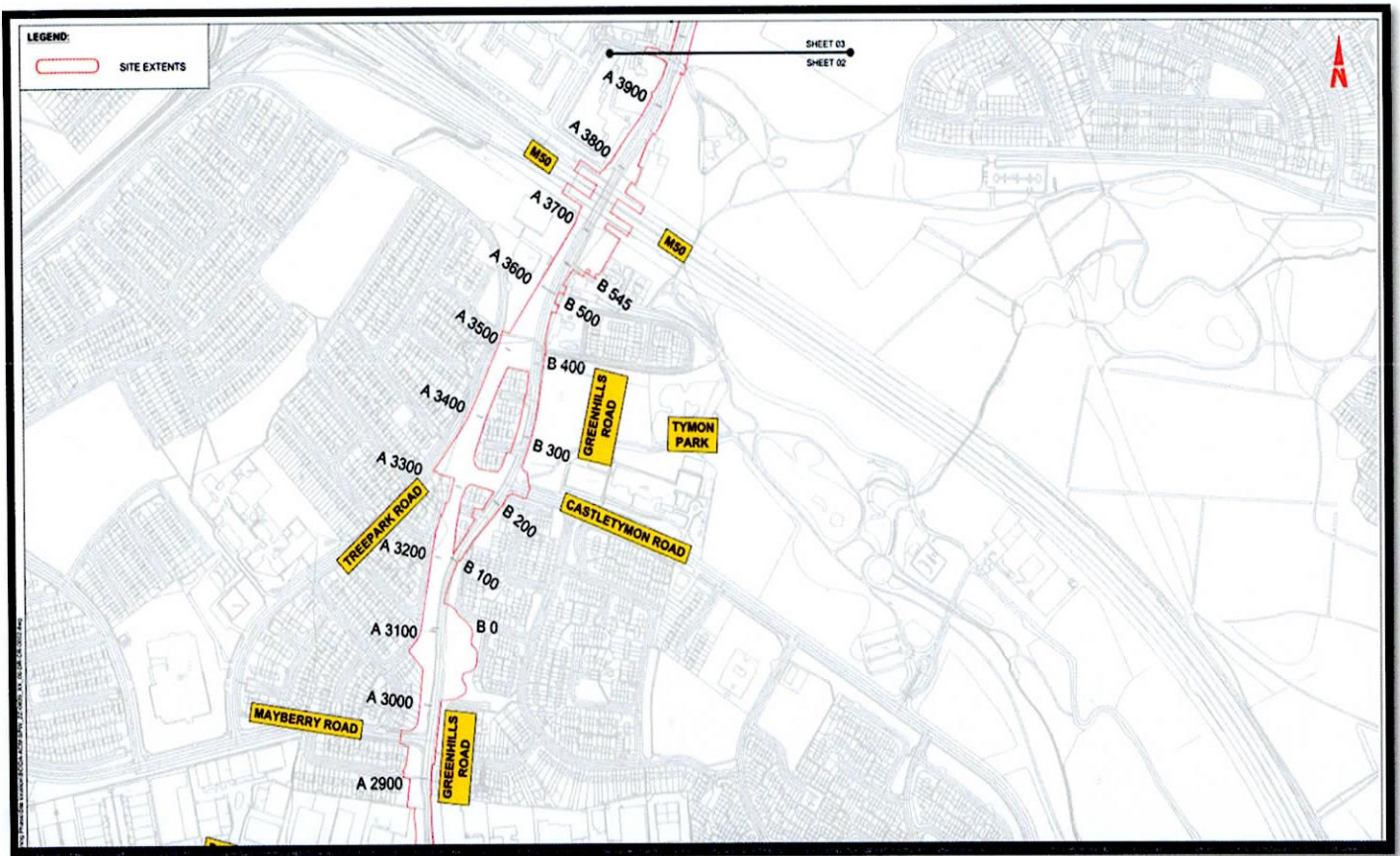
A significant vacant site in Tallaght Village ( image attached above) was recently used as a storage compound by Lidl Ireland during construction of its new store in Tallaght village.

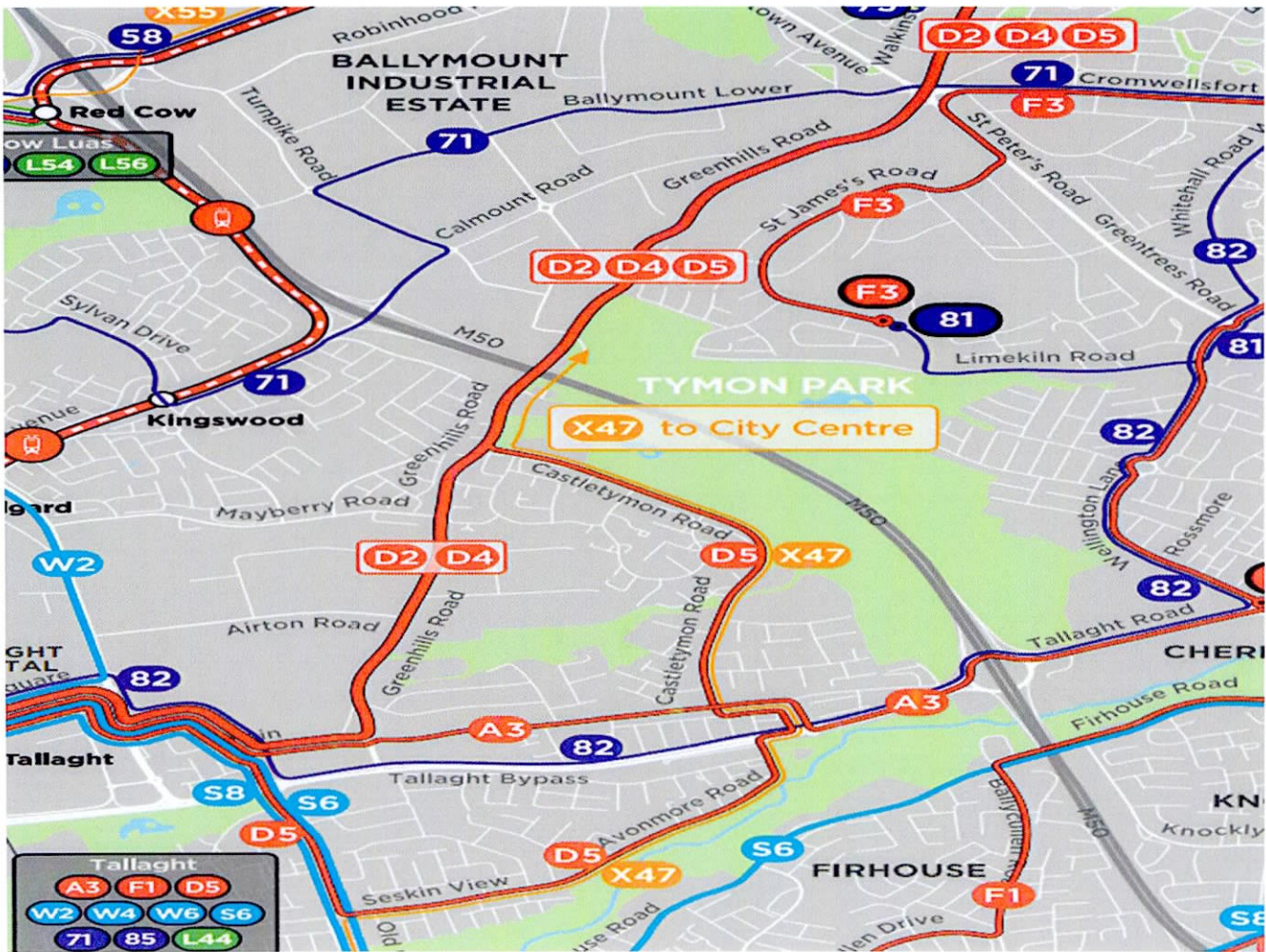
#### 4) Lack of Clarity Regarding Bus Stops and Future Routes on Greenhills Rd

The proposed drawings indicate the removal of existing Bus Stops at the Greenhills Rd. They do not account for any new stops to be installed.

Below are responses to questions by the National Transport Authority that indicate clearly that a direct route to the city will continue to serve the adjacent Castletymon Road. The route is the proposed D5, currently the 77A.



The proposed Bus Corridor at Parkview and Birchview is not connected to the Castletymon Rd meaning existing bus stops on the Greenhills Rd would need to be retained or replaced and upgraded to accommodate the direct route D5.





Confirmation from Bus Connects regarding all day direct to city centre services via Castletymon Rd.

Re: Submission to Bus Connects


 Consultations BusConnects <consultations@busconnects.ie>  
 To:  Kieran Mahon

Dear Cllr. Mahon

The D5 will run at peak and off peak times, midday frequency will be every 30 minutes, services may be more frequent in peak hours. Less frequent at weekends/evenings.

Kind regards

Tracy Sweetman  
National Transport Authority

From: Kieran Mahon <kmahon@cllrs.dublincoco.ie>  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:21 PM  
 To: Consultations BusConnects  
 Subject: RE: Submission to Bus Connects

Hi,

And thank you for the update.

Can you please confirm whether or not there are all day direct services via the Seskin View Rd and The Castle Tymon Rd in Tallaght? These would, at this point, be covered by the 77A. It appears to now be the D5. Can you confirm that this service runs at peak and off peak times?

Regards  
Cllr Kieran Mahon.

SUBMISSION ENDS