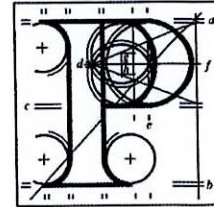


Our Case Number: ABP-316828-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Bernard Sweeny and Susan Byrne
62 Saul Road
Crumlin
Dublin 12

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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An Bord Pleanála

SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-000950

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Bernard Sweeney

Lodgement Date
04/07/2023 12:37:01

Case Number / Description
BusConnecy Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Susan Byrne

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

Signed

EO

Date

Finance Section

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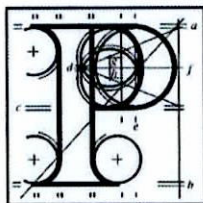
SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date



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

Bernard Sweeney & Susan Byrne

(b) Observer's
postal address

62 Saul Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, D12 K7Y4

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)

Not found

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

BusConnects Dublin - Tallaght/Clondalkin to City Centre:
Specifically, Kildare Road/Clogher Road intersection

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

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

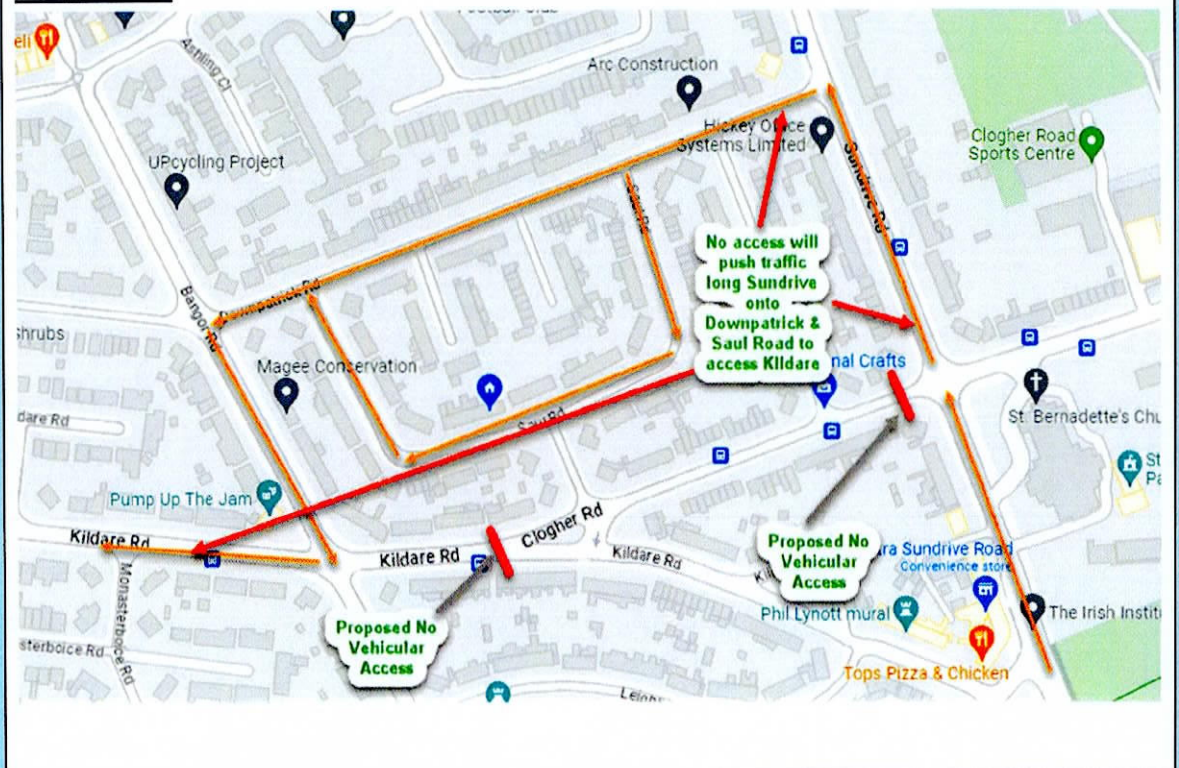
Kildare Road / Clogher Road, Dublin 12

5. Grounds

Saul Road is usually a quiet residential road, inhabited by a significant number of families with young children. Despite multiple petitions to local representatives, speed ramps have never been installed in Saul Road making it one of the only roads in Crumlin without speed ramps. This has resulted in Saul Road being used as a **high speed** cut through between Sundrive Road and Crumlin Road 24 hours a day. We have noticed the volume of this traffic has increased significantly over the last 20+ years. Near misses (collisions) are a regular occurrence with pedestrians and young children vulnerable to this traffic. The proposed changes to traffic layout in the area will simply move traffic volumes from main roads onto residential roads, increasing the risk to life.

If access to Kildare Road / Clogher Road is cut off to through traffic, traffic will be directed along Sundrive Road and will be forced to use Saul Road / Downpatrick Road to access Bangor Road and then Kildare Road. Please see Diagram 1 below.

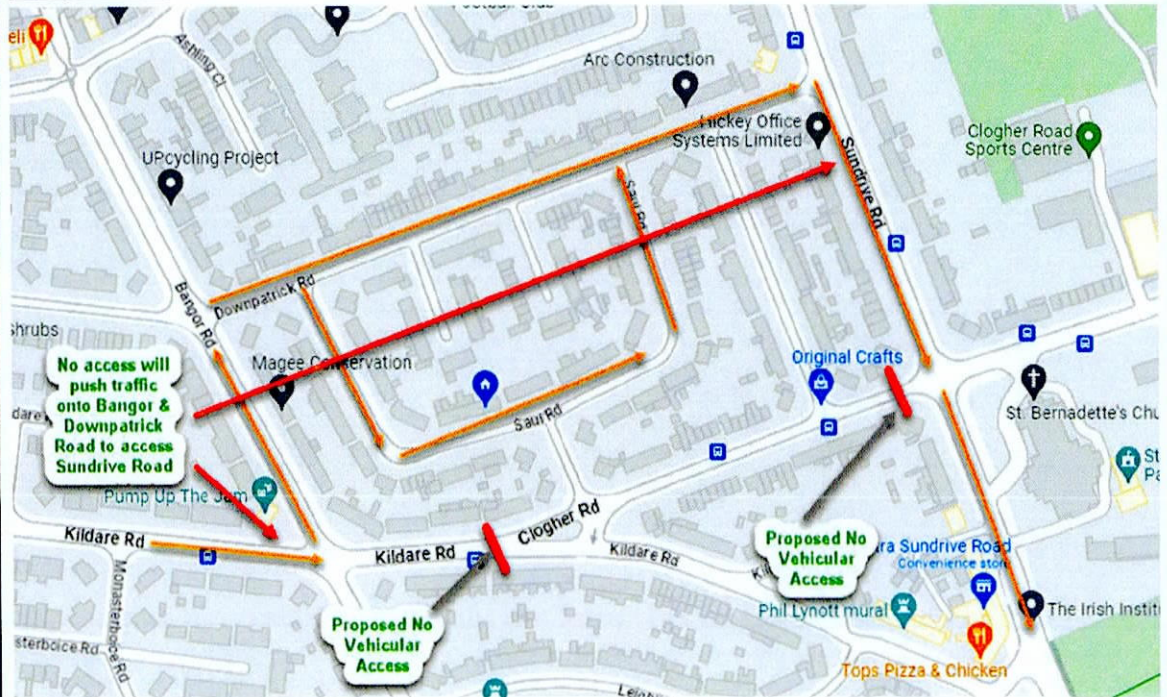
Diagram 1:



5. Grounds

Similarly in the opposite direction, traffic attempting to access Sundrive Road from the Kildare Road direction will be forced onto Bangor Road, onto Downpatrick Road and Saul Road. Please see Diagram 2 below.

Diagram 2:



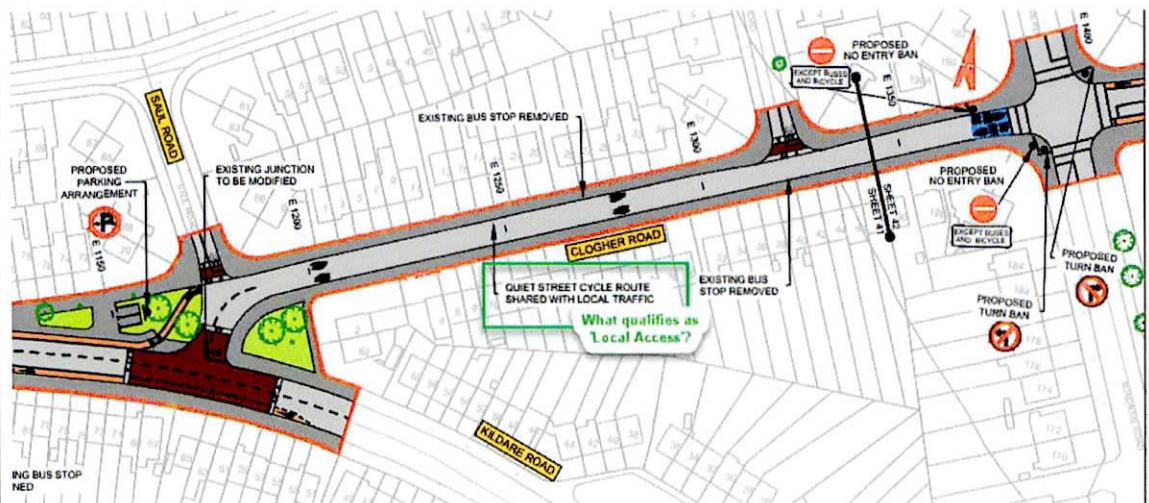
The traffic volumes on Saul Road / Downpatrick Road will further be exacerbated if the proposed changes are made to the Bangor Road / Crumlin Road junctions to facilitate a bus corridor on Crumlin Road.

5. Grounds

Observation 3:

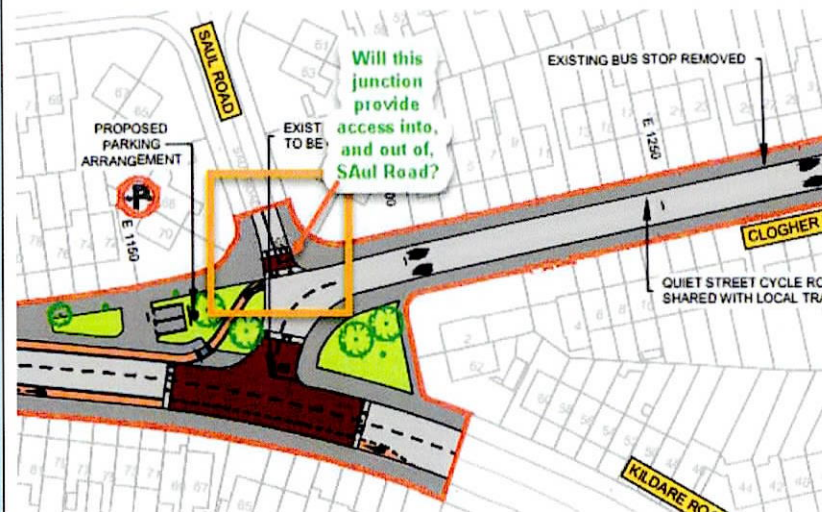
It is unclear in the planning drawings, how 'shared with local access' is defined and how it will be implemented and enforced. Please see diagram 3:

Diagram 3:



Observation 4:

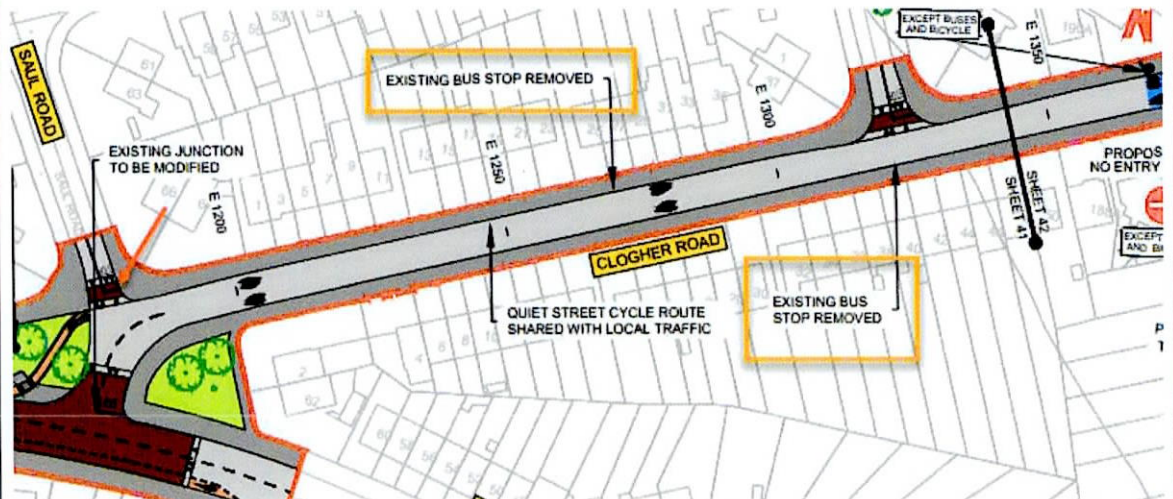
The planning drawings state that the junction at Saul Road and Kildare Road / Clogher Road will be modified but it is not clear as to what form this modification will take and if residents of Saul Road still be able to use this junction to access their properties.



5. Grounds

Observation 5:

The proposed amendments are intended to improve the transport experience from Tallaght/Clondalkin to the city centre, yet the transport experience of residence in the immediate area will be affected by the removal of bus stops from the Kildare Road/Clogher Road area.



Summary:

Whereas we appreciate the need to improve the city's road infrastructure to enhance the transport experience for all road users, we do not believe that this should be carried out at the expense of resident's safety. Moving traffic volumes from main roads to residential roads is irresponsible and dangerous. In addition, we do not believe that our community should be viewed simply as a corridor or means to transport residents from other communities to the city centre.

We appreciate you giving our concerns your attention and we would urge you to consider the overall impact of this plan on the Crumlin community and, in particular, the residents of Saul Road.

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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