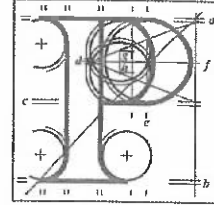


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**An
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Pleanála**

Cllr. Charlie O'Connor
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Tallaght
Dublin 24

Date: 25 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 (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 officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

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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- Reference the proposed introduction of a two lane Bus link bus route and cycle lanes, off the Greenhills Road and through the residential developments in the cul de sac at Birchview Avenue, in front of the existing two storey houses and behind the single storey houses at Parkview, ref General Arrangements sheets numbers 10 of 56 and 11 of 56
- This area of Kilnamanagh celebrates their 40th anniversary this year and in that time, since residents first purchased their homes, the area enjoyed a Green Open Space, opposite their homes, in this quite cul de sac. The Open Space currently has children's play equipment, such as goal posts and there is very strong evidence that the area is much used by children, adults and residents of other parts of Kilnamanagh who use this area as a Green Walkway, from Mayberry Road through to the Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre and to access Tymon Park at the footpath that traverses the lower part of this Open Space between Tree Park Road and the Greenhills Road. It is also used by students from Kilnamanagh to access Collaiste De Hide on Castletymon Road. If this proposed new bus lane goes through this area it will mean that those currently crossing via the pathway and crossing the Greenhills Road will now face having to journey across three roads and seven lanes to make their journey to school or to Tymon Park or Castletymon Library.
- The homes situated on Birchview Avenue are set back and separated from the heavy traffic of the Greenhills Road by their green open space. This proposal will bring Double Decker vehicles (buses) and bikes to the immediate front and sides of their homes, introducing an element of danger to their young children and grandchildren it will increase noise levels and potentially increase the risk of pollution by the introduction of buses into this quiet residential area. The removal of the Green Open Space will have a negative impact on the Community health and wellbeing, by removing a passive recreation area, removing a safe space for children and an exercise and safe walking area for senior citizens. The single storey houses in Parkview are set out in small cul de sacs, populated mainly by very young families and senior citizens. They are in the main accustomed to traffic passing their homes to the front and sides of their houses, along the Greenhills Road. This proposal will bring heavy traffic to the rear of their homes, particularly past their bedroom windows and introducing a new level of noise at the rear of their homes, while still being effected by passing traffic on the Greenhills Road. A double whammy of noise pollution!
- The plan proposes to remove three existing bus stops on the Greenhills Road and relocate them on the new bus lane. This again will impact on students from Collaiste De Hide and Scoil Iosa who can safely access the current 27 bus stops at Tymonville (2340) and beside the Cuckoo's Nest (2339) and if the plans are approved, will now have to cross three roads to access the new proposed bus stops. This will also have an impact on people with mobility difficulties, who currently use the existing bus stops but will have to walk a much longer distance to get to the relocated stops, which in my humble opinion, defeats the purpose of accessibility and sustainability for those citizens.

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- The alternative option to the current proposal needs further consideration and that is the realignment of R819 as per Alternative Options between Parkview and Tymon Lane, indicated as Option 1 (PV1) in the proposal documents. A more cost efficient and less intrusive option, it would remove a pinch point on the Greenhills Road and the cycle track could still be accommodated through Tree Park Road, within the Kilnamanagh boundary. The small reduction in grass verge on Tymonville Crescent would have a lesser environmental impact than the other Option 2 (PV2) which involves the creation of a new road and the complete removal of an existing green open space.

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