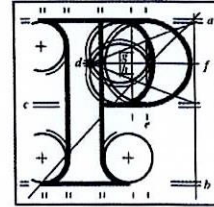


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**An
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Cllr. Mick Duff and Cllr. Charlie O'Connor
South Dublin County Council
County Hall
Tallaght

Date: 14 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.

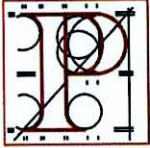
Yours faithfully,

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An Bord Pleanála

SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-000930

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Mick Duff

Lodgement Date
28/06/2023 18:22:06

Case Number / Description
Tallaght/ Clondalkin Core Bus Corridoe Scheme, CPO Scheme 2023

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Michael Duff

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

Signed

Date

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Finance Section

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date

**Councillor Mick Duff and Councillor Charlie O'Connor C/o South Dublin County Council,
County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.**

Construction Compound TC2 at Green Space on east side of the R819 Greenhills Road, junction of Bancroft Park to facilitate the Tallaght/Clondalkin Core Bus Corridor Scheme, CPO Scheme 2023.

- Bancroft Park is a 50+ year old residential area, beside Tallaght Village and populated by a large number of senior citizens and young families. The Green Open Space is maintained by South Dublin County Council and a local Tidy Towns group. Social, recreation and leisure activities take place on this Green and it is well used by younger children and older persons who take walks around the Green Space as part of their healthy living experiences. This Green Open Space is located beside the Greenhills Court apartments and across the road from a row of six houses in Bancroft. This part of Bancroft was made into a cul de sac by South Dublin County Council at the request of local residents, leaving only a pedestrian throughway, to help reduce the traffic flow of cars using the area as a rat run and help prevent speeding within the estate. The proposed Construction Compound will exacerbate the situation for these residents by introducing Heavy Mechanical Construction Equipment into this small, quite cul de sac and will increase noise levels, dust, traffic levels and will pose a risk to younger families who use the footpath there to access St Marys National School and older residents who use the pedestrian throughway to access St Marys Priory and Tallaght Village.

This Green Open Space is very well maintained by the local Tidy Towns group and other residents and adjoins a large apartment complex. In addition to the residents and families of Bancroft estate, this Green Open Space is very well used by the residents of this apartment complex, Greenhills Court, as it is the only recreational area immediately available to the residents and their families. To remove the use of this space from these families, for whatever amount of time is required for construction works and reinstatement to be completed, without offering an alternative option for recreation, wellbeing, healthy activities, and would show no consideration for the welfare of these citizens.

- There are other possible alternative sites, adjoining the Old Greenhills Road, where a leasing arrangement could be negotiated with the owners, without the need for a CPO of Green Open Space. These potential alternative sites are situated within St Marys Priory where there is a very large, much unused, car park and there is additional large open space at the adjoining TUD, again land that could possibly be leased without the need for a CPO and would reduce the risk of harm to citizens of the local area by introducing heavy Mechanical Construction Machinery into a quite residential area.
- The attempt to CPO this Green Open Space is not in the best interests of the residents of Bancroft, Greenhills Court or Tallaght Village and while the majority of residents would support BusConnects, they and I believe this CPO comes at too high of a cost in terms of mental and physical wellbeing and would amount to a serious intrusion into the lives of all the residents in the area.