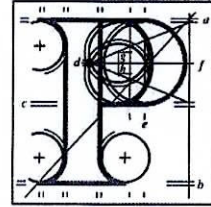


Our Case Number: ABP-316828-23



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Hannah Fitzpatrick
71 Bancroft Park
Tallaght
Dublin 24
D24XE3X

Date: 20 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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton
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Large-scale Residential Development Appeal Observation

Online Reference

LRD-OBS-006125

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Hannah Fitzpatrick

Lodgement Date
03/07/2023 17:59:39

Case Number / Description
Bancroft Green CPO by
National Transport Authority

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Hannah Fitzpatrick

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

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Date

Finance Section

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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

71 Bancroft Park
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03/07/23

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you in advance for reading this submission, written on behalf of the residents of 71 Bancroft Park, Tallaght.

There are four residents living here and we are each very concerned about the planned construction compound, which would imperil this beautiful and vitally-needed green space in our neighbourhood. We believe the National Transport Authority should not go ahead with the planned construction of the compound in this area, and should zone a different site for construction. Here are some of our reasons outlined.

Location: A quiet, family-populated neighbourhood

This is a **quiet** residential area. A large number of the houses here are home to young families or elderly couples. It is simply not right to upend the tranquility of this part of Tallaght, which many of the residents chose to locate to because of the very peacefulness of this area.

Moreover, there is the very real threat of noise pollution which the introduction of heavy machinery will bring. Noise pollution has a detrimental effect on mental wellbeing. I am genuinely concerned for the wellbeing of my neighbours; young and old, who will be subjected to this disruption of their normal lives.

- <https://brieflands.com/articles/jjhs-60312.html>
- <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/c0fb/8e0224e560d8ebb259bba70f9f23de8a6cc4.pdf>

Location: A green, recreational space

Bancroft park fills many roles as a space. It is a **green** area. Home to a range of flora and fauna, which we ought to protect in keeping in line with the nation's biodiversity targets.

Green spaces, as we know, are also hugely important for the wellbeing of all people. They provide well-needed breaks to the concrete monotony of urban areas. They are places for physical activity, recreation and for children to play.

Children need outdoor spaces to play. More and more children these days are being raised in front of screens. Many parents allow this because it seems safer to keep the children indoors than let them wander around the dangerous, traffic-filled, air-polluted, noisy places outside. Why are we opting to make this area **less child-friendly**?

Finally, the presence of green spaces plays a huge role in improving **mental health**. With the state of the mental health crisis in Ireland, we do not need one more green space subtracted from our city.

"The Health at a Glance Report reported that Ireland has one of the highest rates (3/36 countries) of mental health illness in Europe with 18.5% of the Irish population recorded as having a mental health illness such as anxiety, bipolar disorder, depression, or alcohol/drug use in 2016."

- <https://www.mentalhealthireland.ie/research/>
- <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/ireland-s-mental-health-pandemic-from-crisis-to-emergency-1.4464399>

Biodiversity: Why build on a green-field when there are suitable brown-field sites nearby?

There is a biodiversity crisis worldwide. In cities especially there is such a vast decline in important species that keep the ecosystem in balance. Why choose to remove another biodiversity hotspot when there are pre-existing brownfield sites in the local vicinity?

Retreat Centre: Our Household's Concern

This household is a retreat centre called Anam Ashram. We regularly host retreats, yoga classes and meditation sessions here. We offer a beautiful, peaceful place for the local people of Tallaght to come and find relaxation and reprieve from their busy lives. It won't be the same if we have a noisy construction site right next to us.

Conclusion: Is the sacrifice worth it?

What is being sacrificed here? There's the tranquility and lack of noise in the area. There is the outdoor space for children to play close to their home. There is the green space for residents' well-being. There is the recreational area for residents to hang out in and gather. There is the habitat to wildlife. There is our retreat centre.

All of this is being sacrificed so that this compound may be erected as soon as possible. But is it worth making all these sacrifices to get that done? Why not put more time into scanning the area and planning with more consideration and foresight, to find a site that is more suitable and calls for far less sacrifices to be made by the local people? Guaranteed you will have much happier co-operation from all of us here in Bancroft if you re-locate this compound.

I sincerely hope you take our points into consideration,
Many thanks,
Hannah Fitzpatrick