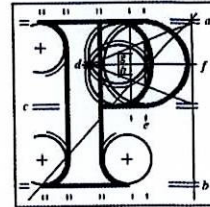


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**An
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Walkinstown Residents Association
45 Balfe Road
Walkinstown
Dublin 12

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

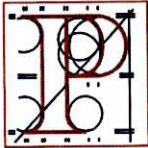
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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-000952

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Jonathan Stone

Lodgement Date
04/07/2023 13:47:21

Case Number / Description
Bus Connects Tallaght Clondalkin Scheme <https://tallaghtclondalkinscheme.ie/>

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Jonathan Stone

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



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An Bord Pleanala,

The Walkinstown Residents Association would like to make an observation in relation to the proposed BusConnects works regarding the Tallaght Clondalkin corridor (<https://tallaghtclondalkinscheme.ie/>) WRA is supportive in relation to the proposals but do not agree with some aspects or the lack of engagement in relation to the proposals with locals, Local authorities, residents groups and Sports clubs.

CPO of land at Bunting Park for construction compound.

The proposals for the CPO of land at Bunting park is unacceptable in particular, as it has not cited or engaged WRA or St James Gaels GAA club. We are not happy with its location or lack of information as to what is to be put here and how the NTA plan to reinstate the boundary and grounds upon completion of works I have listed out our concerns below

- The park has poor drainage for a greenspace and to add an impermeable area albeit temporarily will put usage of the sports fields at risk.
- The citing of the compound is very close to the sports pitches which are currently undersized and further impact will mean they cannot be used.
- The proposed ball stops for the pitch may be impacted or double handing of citing be required to relocate as they will clash with the compound.
- The team may be at risk of losing balls into the compound.
- The Compound will create a laneway situation and block light in the park at night and render walking there unsafe.
- There is currently a lot of drug dealing and criminality in the park after dark which is carried out behind the hedge and areas not visible from the road at night and during the day having a compound will provide cover for these criminal elements and create blind spots within the park.

Bunting Road Cycle route.

Whilst this work is welcomed as the footways and carriageway is in much need of repair further information is required

The Footway on the park side of the proposals is undersized and the proposals do not demonstrate what mitigation is to be carried out to manage it? The trees are shown as all retained and yet the cycle track if raised will impact the roots. The footway needs to be increased to min 1.8m but cannot be done so with the hedge in place. WRA have long been engaging with DCC regarding removal of the hedge and replacement with a railing. This is to satisfy the lack of maintenance on the hedge and the criminality carrying on the other side of it (drug dealing etc). this now coupled with the removal of a section of hedge to facilitate access to the compounds mean further works are required in relation to the proposal along this section of the road.

Banned Right turn on Balfe Road

A Banned right turn at the junction of Balfe Road and Drimnagh road is unacceptable and will force more traffic on to Bunting / St Marys in order to get to the city centre. This creates a risk to an already busy junction at the Star which upon review of realignment of the road will cause further traffic impacts. Couple with the fact that is now becoming a cycle thoroughfare will increase safety issues. Residents in these areas will be greatly affected by these works and be locked in essentially.

Walkinstown road

The temporary CPO of gardens along Walkinstown Road needs to be reviewed and further information is required as to longevity of these proposals and impacts as well as reinstatement works. As to date we have no knowledge of these impacts or engagement with the NTA or the consultants or partners.

The Mile marker on the Walkinstown Road [Reg. No. 50080455] has been there since circa 1780 and relocation of it is unacceptable. It is one of the few items in the area requiring preservation and its repositioning will render it useless. It has stated for almost 150 years the Dublin is 2 miles and Blessington is 15. It's a piece of history that we will not find acceptable that it be moved in particular as it is against a boundary wall which is not being relocated permanently and not an obstruction. It is a disgrace that this is not to be preserved or reinstated.

Walkinstown Roundabout

The proposals at the roundabout in particular its reduction to 2 running lanes are unacceptable. It has clearly not been modelled as the roundabout is stacked at peak times and a 6-arm roundabout requires a 3 lane approach on each arm insofar as that 2 junctions are covered by each approach lane. The 3 lanes can be maintained with cycle infrastructure.

Junction of St Marys Road / Kildare Road and Drimnagh Road,

The introduction of the left turn from Drimnagh road to St Marys is a Health and Safety risk and creates a problem from a visibility perspective. WRA would like a review of RSA comments in relation to the junction.

SUDS

Areas of Walkinstown, Drimnagh and Greenhills suffer from old substandard – pre-SUDS drainage systems. There is a lack of capacity in the system and creating further impermeable area requires works in relation to storage and capacity of system. Bus Connects should facilitate this and needs to complete further works to demonstrate meeting the GDSDS requirements and addressing climate change.

For the reasons outlined above WRA objects to the proposals in their current form and would like as a condition of planning be granted further engagement required from the NTA to address the concerns with the WRA and effected parties mentioned as part of this observation.

Regards

Walkinstown Resident Association

Evelyn Reilly (Chair)

Paul O'Reilly (Secretary)

Jonathan Stone (Treasurer)