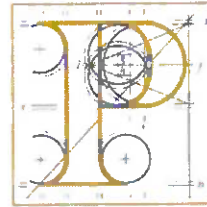


Our Case Number: ABP-317679-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

Angela Nicholson & Others
2 Seaview
Irishtown
Dublin 4

Date: 04 October 2023

Re: Ringsend to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.
Ringsend to City Centre, Co. Dublin.

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 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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BusConnects - Ringsend To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme - Submission

We are the owners and occupiers of 23 Strand Street, 25 Strand Street, 7 Chapel Avenue, and 2 Seaview, Irishtown, Dublin 4 .

We wish to make some observations on the implication of the proposed road development contained in the *Ringsend To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme*.

The EIAR for the scheme, at Volume 2 of 4 Chapter 6 Page 30, notes that there are eight informal parking spaces and one disabled parking space along the affected part of Strand Street. These existing parking spaces are used by us and our neighbours. We have used these spaces for many years to park our personal and work related vehicles in a neighbourly and collective way.

We see that the proposed scheme shows a new two-way cycle path taking over part of the existing carriageway on Strand Street and proposes one disabled space and two regular parking spaces on Strand Street. See drawing extract below:



The proposed also contains a 2.5m/3.5m two-way cycle route within the existing carriage way of Strand Street up to the junction with Kerlogue Road/Seaview /Bayview/Pembroke Street.

We wish to object to the proposed layout for the following reasons:

1. The reduction in car parking spaces from 8 to 2 regular spaces to our terrace of housing is unfair and unbalanced. We rely on the spaces outside our house for our normal parking as the local street network is very narrow and congested. In addition, overflow (and erratic) parking often occurs in our locality due to daily/ nightly events in Irishtown Stadium and national sporting events in the Aviva Stadium. The proposed reduction in parking will lead to parking on adjacent streets adding to new and unnecessary congestion in front of our neighbours' houses.
2. The proposal to park remotely in Strasbourg Terrace is not acceptable as it will result in personal and work-related inconvenience (e.g. carrying of groceries or work-related items 113m to/from our house , inability to monitor the safety of our vehicles and will use up parking spaces used by used by our neighbours, persons attending Ringsend Park, Irishtown Stadium or Aviva Stadium.
3. The two regular parking spaces proposed involves the removal of part of the grassed area on Strand Street. This removal of grassed area is not indicated on the drawing.
4. The cycle route , taking 2.5/3.5m out of an existing carriageway width of c. 5m , makes an unsafe congestion point for all traffic at the junction at Seaview/ Kerlogue Road and Strand Street.
5. The proposed cycle route results in three 90-degree bends, 5 junctions with pedestrian footpaths and one road crossing in a run of about 75m (from proposed parking bays to entrance to Ringsend Park). This proposed layout is cumbersome for cycling and pedestrians alike and not good planning.

We also note that there appears to be no provision made in the Scheme for the adjacent *Waxies Dargle* monument on Pembroke Street that will be impacted by the proposed cycle route. We are disappointed that the scheme designers failed to find and assess the impact for this piece of cultural heritage in their design and this indicates a lack of basic awareness on their behalf.

Yours ,

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2 Seaview

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