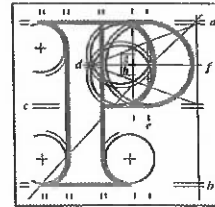


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



An  
Bord  
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Cian O'Callaghan TD  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Date: 06 July 2023

Re: BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme  
County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your submission have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to the 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  
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## Niamh Thornton

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**From:** Cian OCallaghan <Cian.OCallaghan@oireachtas.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 5 July 2023 11:05  
**To:** Niamh Thornton  
**Subject:** ABP-313182-22

Dear Niamh,

I hope you are keeping well.

I'm writing to you on behalf of local residents in Ard Na Greine and Artane Cottages in relation to the Bus Connects (Clongriffin to City Centre) plan.

I would like to first state my strong support for the Bus Connects scheme. It represents a vital investment in our infrastructure that will help the transition towards a more sustainable and more efficient transport system.

Residents in the Ard Na Greine estate have reached out to express their discontent with the NTAs response to the first round of submissions.

- 1) **Safety concerns:** The NTA's response does not specifically address the safety concerns raised in the submissions. On page 43 of the NTA response document a study is referenced that looked at bus stops in 1990's Los Angeles and their impact on crime rates. Los Angeles in the 1990's and Airfield in 2023 are not reasonable comparisons to predict how this new entrance will impact on safety in the area.
- 2) **Loss of Green Space:** 60 of the 64 submissions referenced the negative impacts of the loss of the green as a recreational area. Page 44 of the document states that "*The change is limited in scale and characteristic*". Knocking down the external wall and opening up the area to one of the busiest roads in the city will significantly change the characteristics of the space. Residents have made it clear they would prefer to continue to enjoy the green space the way it is.
- 3) **Local sentiment:** The NTA's response document failed to address the key point that all 58 residents of the estate who made a submission opposed the proposal to open up the green space up to the main road.

Residents in Artane cottages have also been in touch with me regarding their disappointment in the NTA's response document. Their primary concern relates to the bus stop location in front of their homes.

- 1) These cottages do not have a front garden to act as a buffer between a person's home and a busy bus stop. The residents already deal with privacy issues due to bedrooms being located on a busy footpath with people sitting on the windowsills, knocking on the windows, and generally making noise. A busy bus stop would likely exacerbate these issues and the residents do not believe this has been adequately addressed in the NTA's response.
- 2) Residents have stated that the proposal to remove two existing bus stops and replace them with a single stop at Artane cottages both disadvantages the communities who rely on the existing stops while creating a new problem for the Artane Cottages' residents.

I ask that the concerns shared with me by the residents in Artane Cottages and Ard Na Greine are taken into account when deciding on this planning application.

Sincerely,

Cian



## Cian O'Callaghan T.D.

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