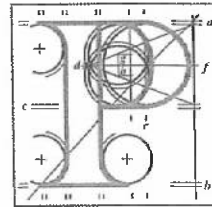


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Denise Mitchell TD and others  
Ayrfield Community Centre  
Blunden Drive  
Dublin 13

Date: 05 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niamh Thornton', written over a horizontal line.

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## Niamh Thornton

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**From:** Stephen Todd <Stephen.Todd@oireachtas.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 4 July 2023 16:03  
**To:** Niamh Thornton  
**Subject:** ABP-313182-22

**Importance:** High

Please see below on behalf of Denise Mitchell TD, Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha, and Cllr Larry O'Toole

Would appreciate confirmation of receipt of same

To whom it may concern,

We are writing in relation to the BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme (Case ref: HA29N.313182), and wish to strongly object to two specific aspects of this scheme. We are not opposed to the project generally, but wish to take issue the below:

1. Proposed works between 45 and 47 Ayrfield Drive, Dublin 13
2. Temporary acquisition of land between Darndale roundabout and Buttercup Park, Malahide Road, Dublin 17

### **Ayrfield Drive**

We wish to object to the proposed works creating and entry to Ayrfield in the strongest possible terms as we believe it to be completely unnecessary for the overall Malahide Road project. While it may be well intended to be convenient for Ayrfield residents, the clear view of residents is that this would be far outweighed by the disadvantages; and they have been quite vocal about this.

Ayrfield is a self-contained estate with one main entrance and exit. This provides a sense of safety and security to residents who currently enjoy a relatively peaceful neighbourhood, and we believe these works will invite anti-social behaviour, providing a speedy exit for anyone engaging in such behaviour, making it more difficult to police the estate.

The estate has a mix of older residents and newer residents, some with young children. The plan would result in the loss of a valuable greenspace, a local amenity enjoyed by residents, especially for the large number of children who regularly use it as a safe and contained space within which to play. The opening up of this space to the Malahide Road raises concerns for safety and security, especially for children, given it is proposed that it will be right beside a busy dual carriageway.

It will likely also result in increased traffic in the area due to the ability to park freely right next to the Bus Corridor, which will result in congestion, impacting residents, and may also result in access for emergency vehicles being restricted.

To remove this amenity and incur the risks involved would be totally disproportionate given that the alleged time saved for walkers and cyclists entering the estate would be negligible.

For those reasons we strongly oppose these proposed works.

### **Buttercup Park**

We also wish to strongly object to the granting of permission for a temporary construction site on the public green area in Darndale at the corner of Priorswood Road and Malahide Road. This is a precious amenity for the local residents, in an area where children have a greenspace that they can play and that is relatively safe is limited.

The proposed works are expected to last for at least two years, and given previous experiences regarding large scale works, we know this could end up being longer than that. The presence of this site is in very close proximity to peoples homes and would diminish their quality of life, not to mention being a risk to health and safety, as well as the associated traffic congestion that will be caused at a roundabout that is already extremely busy and backs-up regularly.

A construction site at this location is totally inappropriate and I would ask the Board to seriously reconsider this for the reasons outlined.

Is mise le meas,

**Deputy Denise Mitchell**

TD for Dublin Bay North

Deputy Whip and Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Local Government Reform.

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