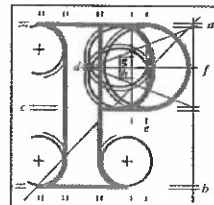


Our Case Number: ABP-313182-22



**An
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Pleanála**

Sherry Abraham and Bijo George
Upmeads
Mornington Park
Malahide Road
Dublin 5

Date: 29 June 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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27/06/2023

Re: Case reference number – ABP-313279-22

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, Sherry Abraham and Bijo George, of Upmeads Mornington Park, Malahide Road Dublin 5, would like to bring forth our objection against the compulsory purchase proposal on our property made by the NTA.

We submitted our case to An board Pleanála on 24th July 2022 and as per your request, we are re-stating the same objections today in this letter and attaching all associated documents.

We would like to bring to the attention of the Board our deep dissatisfaction and disappointment in dealing with NTA. We, Sherry Abraham and Bijo George, of Upmeads Mornington park are not willing to give up our land that we have paid for and worked hard to get. However if NTA was to reach a solution with us we can consider giving 1 to 2 Meters max of land from our Principle Private home. NTA is putting our families mental health in trouble and are attacking us emotionally.

It is unusual and strange that the NTA was not responding to and blatantly ignoring the proposal of ours and our neighbouring residents and business owners jointly put forward on the 15th of December 2020. Please note that this was within the consultation period. A jointly signed letter was sent via email, copy by register post, copy dropped to NTA's office in the same day. **Please see proof attached here as Evidence 1.** The failure to even acknowledge the receipt of our proposal and not engage with us makes the 'public

consultation' invalid. It is very clear that NTA are trying to discourage stakeholders from coming together as a joint group. This is despite holding a public consultation process. It doesn't make sense to hold such, if there is no willingness to even engage with those who come forward. The legal opinion we took also suggests that, it's very clear NTA didn't engage correctly.

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“ A serious and considerate discussion needs to be set up between Bus Connects and ourselves due to covid restrictions. We are entitled to input our suggestions and that is surely the reason for public consultation.”

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We would like the board to go through the jointly signed proposal which details all our individual grounds and dissatisfaction with NTA, **attached as evidence 1.**

My spouse Bijo was a full time HSE nurse, she has served the Irish public over the last two decades. She is now having a walking disability for the last 3 years and out of work. She is mentally down due to the reason that she cannot get a new mortgage when our principle residence becomes less habitably, reduced accessibility for her to park and freedom and privacy is taken away as we will lose three 30+ year matured trees.

We are 6 people living in the house, ourselves, our two sons and Sherry's brother Paul and his partner (Paul has lived with us for the last 13 years). We currently have 5 cars and all are parked in the drive. After NTA's CPO we will barely be able to park two cars. Storing each car or getting parking permits

will cost 2000 euro each at least per year.

Also for An board Pleanála to note, we submitted another letter on the 6th of June 2021, outlining the lack of response for consolation request on 15th December and that received again no response. **Please see attached proof of email as evidence 4.**

In addition, we reached out, during the same week of 15th December 2020 to the below Ministers and TDs with our proposal and the NTA subsequently immediately corresponded with their office, but ignored us until our second submission in June 2021.

Please see attached the relevant correspondence, the NTA's response to the Ministers, marked as **evidence 2.**

- Minister Eamon Ryan, please see attached his letter to us.
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- Cian O'Callaghan - TD, please see attached his response to us.

It is interesting that the NTA are capable of engaging with those above, however failed to even acknowledge receipt of our proposal and letter until we sent a subsequent letter on 6th June 2021. NTA then responded to our letter from the 16th of December 2020. However, the main point of our proposal of bus priority lane was not considered, the letter was within the date of consultation but was ignored and answers given were unsatisfactory. **Please see this, marked as evidence 3.**

Please note the negligence and ignorance shown towards us by the NTA and please consider our simple request to the NTA in coming up with the best solution. There is significant disappointment among our neighbourhood group with how the NTA have handled this situation to date. We requested them to consider a Bus Priority lane as the solution. Our lives

are those impacted significantly by the changes being proposed and hence why we have tried hard to engage with them and come up with a solution that should benefit all.

We request An Board Pleanála to consider our objection and in turn to request the NTA to accommodate our proposal. We request an Board Pleanála stop the NTA from taking advantage of common people like us, including those of us as mentioned, who having a physical disability, our neighbours who jointly signed the proposal, who have disabled children, old age, sick and wheelchair needing parents.

Your faithfully,



Sherry Abraham and Bijo George

To

An board Pleanála

24 -05- 2022

Strategic Infrastructure Division

64 Marlborough Street

Dublin 1 - D01 V902

Subject: Objection to CPO, NTA's ignorance to Stakeholders proposal send in with in consultation period and request to consider Bus Priority lane as solution.

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Also, please note we are away on holidays from 10th July to 3rd of September, so please consider out proposal and objection at the earliest.

You can contact us on 0876007278, via email at sherryabraham@ymail.com or at the addressee, Upmeads, Mornington Park, Malahide Road, D05 T2T8

Your Sincerely,


Sherry Abraham and Bijo George

Upmeads, D05 T2T8

Residents and business owners of Mornington park, Malahide Road, Dublin 5 - City centre to Clongriffin bus corridor

From: Sherry Abraham ([REDACTED])
To: cbc@busconnects.ie
Cc: georgebijo@gmail.com; paul@camile.ie
Date: Tuesday, 15 December 2020, 13:26 GMT

EVIDENCE - 1

Hi Team Bus Connects.

We residents and business owners of Mornington Park, Malahide road have submitted a joint objection and our proposal towards the City centre to Clongriffin bus corridor. Please find the soft copy attached. You shall receive a hard copy via post tomorrow.

Regards
Sherry Abraham
[REDACTED]



Letter to NTA.pdf
19.7MB

Mr Eamon Ryan
Minister for Transport
16-17 Suffolk Street
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&

Bus Connects Section
National Transport Authority
Dún Scéine
Harcourt Lane
Dublin 2
D02 WT20

Re: Public Consultation on Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Corridor

Dear Sir,

We, the impacted residents and business owners of Mornington Park on the Malahide Road, wish to bring to your attention the fact that our concerns, as major stakeholders of the proposed Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Corridor, have not been heard.

For each of us, this is not only a matter relating to loss of homes and gardens, which is certainly substantial, but also concerns a reduction in our quality of life. Some of us are senior citizens, some have children with special needs and others families with young kids. We have built our lives here. We don't merely just want the extra land and homes that we have worked hard for, we rely on this space to live our lives, safely, smoothly and in the various ways that we need to. Losing this space has multiple and unique consequences for each of us.

For local businesses, they rely on their land, their store front to trade and make a living. Their livelihood is in this land. This loss of access will have a hard hit on traders and businesses along the corridor. This will devastate them, at a time when things are already difficult. As businesses suffers, villages and neighbourhoods will decline.

We would like to point out just a few of our concerns and reasons why this is about more than just a garden or house.

For some, our land and garden space has been designed to allow safe and sufficient access for those with special needs, those who are elderly with greater needs and reduced mobility.

The driveway space that we have allows us to safely drive our cars out onto the main road and in again when returning. Our garden space allows us to turn a car around, so as to not reverse onto the road, protecting those passing by. The garden space we have also ensures that our small children running out the house or car door are not setting foot onto a busy road or at risk of doing so.

We have built walls, gates, planted trees to protect and shield our families from the noise and air pollution from the main road and to give our family life the privacy we deserve. This peace, privacy and protection to our health is priceless and should not be carelessly thrown away.

The impact of these proposals on each of our lives, must be kept to the forefront of all considerations and should not be undermined and brushed off, as it has been to date.

We have learned that the Public Consultation process has been unclear and orchestrated to limit the ordinary citizen's participation, especially during the COVID-19 crisis. As the residents and businesses directly affected by this, we are entitled to a platform greater than an open consultation process for the general public.

We still have far more questions than answers. There is a significant lacking in concrete information. Below are just a few of such questions;

- Will there be an additional consideration made to the elderly and the disabled accesses ?
- What measures are being put in place to mitigate the increased air and noise pollution ?
- Will there be specific engineering considerations made for our property, to avoid this increased noise and air pollution ?
- Are there any proposals to restore our privacy ?
- Given the limited space to turn the car around in the garden, how can we avoid breaking the rule of not reversing onto the road?
- Will the loss of car parking space be re allocated?
- What are the solutions to avoid the inevitable difficulties accessing properties?

- What will be the ball park on compensation pay out for loss of our property ?
- What guarantee is there on the accuracy of the NTA's land acquisition compensations proposal ?
- How will the effect on the trees, landscape, front garden area, flora and fauna be compensated ?
- What will the local speed limit be?

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and Level 5 and 3+ Restrictions have made it impossible for our communities to gather and discuss the impact of Bus Connects. This means that we haven't effectively been able to make representations. However, this should not be interpreted as us being in agreement with the proposal. We are extremely concerned and upset. It is vital that we are adequately listened to and our voices heard.

As said already, the current public consultation is not a sufficiently satisfactory measure for us. A serious and considerate discussion needs to be set up between Bus Connects and ourselves. We are facing loss of access, safety, privacy and peace. We too have ideas, proposals and important information to give. We are entitled to far more input and discussion than is currently being given.

We understand that this proposal is important for the development of city and yields some good to the general public. However, NTA has not so far considered the best possible options that are available to accommodate our interest.

Therefore, we have come to a joint conclusion that having a bus priority lane in one direction would be the best option. This would reduce the substantial impact on the land take and thus reduce the excessive impact on the quality of our lives. A bus priority lane along this short stretch makes huge sense. This has effectively been implemented in other Bus Connects Routes and hence there is no reason why the same cannot be done here.

For us, a priority lane could see us lose just 2-3 metres of our land rather than 5-6m. At least in this case, the impact could be reduced for us and safety, access, privacy somewhat maintained.

We, jointly, firmly agree that this proposal would yield the best outcome.

All the residents and business owners affected by this are undersigned below.

1. Name: Sherry Abraham, Bijo George

Address: Upmeads,

Mornington Park, Malahide Road - D-5

Signature: ~~Sherry~~ / Bijo

2. Name: Maureen Clarke

Address: St. Gerard's,

Mornington Park, Malahide Road, D5

Signature: Maureen Clarke

3. Name: Noel Beird

Address: IONA

MORNINGTON PK MALAHIDE RD.

Signature: Noel

4. Name: Noel Regazzoli

Address: 'Sunview' Mornington Park.

Malahide Rd D. 5

Signature: Noel Regazzoli

5.Name: Stephen Flanagan

Address: Helensville

Mornington Park

Signature: S. Flanagan

6.Name: AIDAN Mc GOVERN

Address: THE GOBLET

MALAHIDE Rd ARTANE D.5

Signature: Aid M P

7.Name: CHRISTINA Mc GOVERN

Address: "MARIA PHILOMENA"

Mornington pk MALAHIDE Rd ARTANE

Signature: Christina p

You can make correspondence to each of our addresses or to Sherry Abraham,
Upmeads, Morningtonpark, Malahide Road. Dublin 5. Personal contact



FW: Clongriffin - City Centre Core Bus Corridor Project

From: Sean Haughey (sean.haughey@oireachtas.ie)

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, 5 March 2021, 14:25 GMT

EVIDENCE - 2

Hi Sherry,

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the proposed bus corridor from Clongriffin to the City Centre.

Please see below the reply which I have received from the National Transport Authority following my representations on your behalf.

I will continue to press the NTA on this matter for you but would also advise you to be ready for the formal consultation process which will be put in place when a planning application is made to An Bord Pleanála.

I look forward to keeping in touch with you about this matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Seán Haughey TD
Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs
Designated Public Official under the Regulation of the Lobbying Act



Seán Haughey TD
TD for Dublin Bay North

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From: oireachtaslaiison <oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 3 March 2021 17:00
To: Sean Haughey <Sean.Haughey@oireachtas.ie>
Subject: FW: Clongriffin - City Centre Core Bus Corridor Project

Dear Deputy

The referenced submission and all submissions from the recent (third) public consultation on the proposed Core Bus Corridors (CBC) that concluded on 16 December, 2020, are being reviewed and considered prior to finalisation of the core bus corridor proposals. The NTA is currently finalising Preferred Route Options for all CBCs, including the Clongriffin - City Centre CBC, based on the feedback received during the consultation.

Accordingly, scheme designs will be finalised and transport and environmental impact assessments will be completed. This will culminate in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the schemes together with final details of land to be acquired. Potentially impacted landowners that may be subject of compulsory purchase order (CPO) associated with the CBC Scheme have been contacted and will be further engaged with prior to finalisation of the statutory planning application.

Mr Eamon Ryan
Minister for Transport
16-17 Suffolk Street
Dublin
D02 AT85

&

Bus Connects Section
National Transport Authority
Dún Scéine
Harcourt Lane
Dublin 2
D02 WT20



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We would like to point out just a few of our concerns and reasons why this is about more than just a garden or house.



Ms. Sherry Abraham

Upmeads, Mornington Park, Malahide Road
Dublin 5

27th May 2021 (Minister office received letter on 11th Jan '21
See stamp in previous letter)
Ref: TTAS-MO-00195-2021

Dear Ms. Abraham,

Thank you for your letter detailing your issues with the proposals for the BusConnects Core Bus Corridor from Clongriffin to the City Centre. The Minister has noted your comments in this regard.

The Minister for Transport has responsibility for policy and overall funding in relation to public transport and the *Programme for Government - Our Shared Future* prioritises plans for, among other projects, the delivery of BusConnects.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has statutory responsibility for the planning and development of public transport infrastructure, including the implementation of BusConnects. As you know the NTA has carried out extensive public consultations on the Core Bus Corridors, between 2018 and the end of last year. Further consultations will be carried out when planning permission is sought from An Bord Pleanála for the Corridors.

I note you have also copied the NTA in this correspondence. Given their responsibility in relation to this matter, I have also forwarded your correspondence to the NTA for their consideration and direct reply.

Re: Bus Connects Clongriffin to City Centre Corridor

From: Sherry Abraham [mailto:sherry.abraham@citycentre.ie]
To: paulabraham4@gmail.com; georgebijo@ymail.com
Date: Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 20:22 GMT

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Re: forwarded message

On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 5:06 PM, Cian O'Callaghan <Cian.O'Callaghan@oireachtas.ie> wrote:

Hi Sherry,
I hope you are keeping well.
Please see below the reply I got from the National Transport Authority in relation to the Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Connects route. They have said that the points I raised will be considered in their assessment. There will also be a formal statutory consultation process.
Best wishes,
Cian

Cian O'Callaghan T.D.

Óifigeach Poiblí Ainmnithe faoin Acht um Brústocaireacht a Rialáil, 2015. Féach www.lobbying.ie/ga/
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The recent (third) public consultation on the proposed Core Bus Corridors (CBC) has now closed and the NTA is currently finalising Preferred Route Options for all sixteen CBCs, including the Clongriffin – City Centre CBC, based on the feedback received during the consultation.

While the consultation period has closed we will pass on the queries to the Designers to ensure they are considered in the assessment of the feedback from the consultation.

Following assessment of the feedback from the consultation, scheme designs will be finalised and transport and environmental impact assessments will be completed. This will culminate in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) for the schemes together with final details of land to be acquired.

This information will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála during Spring 2021 for its consideration and determination.

A formal statutory consultation process will be undertaken as part of that process.

From: Cian O'Callaghan
Sent: Wednesday 20 January 2021 17:11
To: [redacted]
Subject: Bus Connects Clongriffin to City Centre Corridor

Hi Sherry,
Thanks for your letter and apologies on the delay in getting back to you.
I think it is so important that any proposed development has had the full input of local residents that it will effect.
I have raised all the question you asked with the National Transport Authority. I have also forwarded your proposal for a bus priority lane in one direction and have asked that more consultation be done with the residents of Mornington Park.
Best wishes,
Cian

Cian O'Callaghan T.D.

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RE: Bus Corridor

From: Richard Bruton (richard.bruton@oireachtas.ie)

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Tuesday, 12 January 2021, 11:35 GMT

Dear Sherry,

Thank you for your recent letter and apologies for the delay in responding.

While the NTA have engaged in consultation on their proposals, and will consider your suggestion, you will still have a further opportunity, if you are not satisfied with the outcome, to go to the Independent An Bord Pleanála for an adjudication on the matter.

Kind regards,



Richard Bruton, TD

Chairperson, Fine Gael Parliamentary Party.

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From: BusConnects Core Bus Corridor (cbc@busconnects.ie)

To: [REDACTED]

EVIDENCE-3

Date: Tuesday, 22 June 2021, 17:19 GMT+1

Dear Sherry,

We refer to your letter (attached) on behalf of residents of Morningside Park which we received from Minister Eamon Ryan's office on 27 May 2021.

Same letter was sent to NTA via registered post and email. (See evidence - 1) with in consultation period.

We understand the impact that the scheme is having on the residents along Morningside Park. The Clongriffin to City Centre CBC is proposing to acquire up to approximately 5m from some of the gardens and driveways.

We note that this will have an adverse effect on these properties but we believe that the benefits of the scheme for both Buses and Cyclists makes this proposal worthwhile. We have endeavoured to keep everyone along the Malahide Road informed as we have progressed the scheme, we have held 3 Public Consultations, 3 Community Forums and have had one to one meeting and phone calls with affected parties. We have endeavoured to take into account all the points raised and feedback received from the submissions received while trying to maintain the objectives of BusConnects.

Regarding the main issues raised in the letter sent to the Department of Transport dated 11 Jan 2021, we have responded to these issues below. It should be noted that the NTA will continue to engage with affected property owners.

1. Will there be an additional consideration made to the elderly and the disabled accesses?

R. The design will comply with the latest design standards and access to the properties will be maintained taking into account both the elderly and the disabled persons.

2. What measure are being put in place to mitigate the increases air and noise pollution?

R. An Environmental Impact Assessment is been undertaken and any impacts arising from this will be taken into account during the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and will be reflected in the final agreed compensation package.

3. Will there be specific engineering considerations made for our property to avoid this increased noise and air pollution?

R. As previously mentioned any impacts arising from increased noise and air pollution will be taken into account during the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and will be reflected in the final agreed compensation package.

4. Are there any proposals to restore our privacy?

R. In general it is proposed to replace boundaries and gates on a like by like bases, this will be subject to agreement with the property owners. Any additional screening by additional planting or landscaping within the owners property will need to be agreed as part of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process and will be reflected in the final agreed compensation package.

5. Given the limited space to turn the car around in the garden, how can we avoid breaking the rule of not reversing onto the road?

R. It is not illegal to reverse from a driveway onto a road but a driver shall ensure that to so reverse would not endanger other traffic or pedestrians.

S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 12.

(1) Before reversing, a driver shall ensure that to so reverse would not endanger other traffic or pedestrians.

(2) A driver shall not reverse onto a major road from another road.

(3) A driver shall not reverse from a place adjacent to a public road onto a public road save where it is clear to the driver that to so reverse would not endanger other traffic or pedestrians.

R. No, loss of parking spaces will not be reallocated

7. What are the solutions to avoid the inevitable difficulties accessing properties?

R. It is not envisioned that there will be inevitable difficulties accessing properties. As part of the CPO process some property owners may consider altering their driveways/gardens to allow them to turn their vehicles within their property given that the driveway has been reduced.

We hope that the above information is of assistance.

Regards,

BusConnects Team

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From: eCorrespondence (Transport) <Transport-Correspondence@cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Thursday 27 May 2021 16:30
To: oireachtaslaiison <oireachtaslaiison@nationaltransport.ie>
Cc: DALY Mary <MaryDALY@transport.gov.ie>
Subject: "Public Consultation on Clongrí..." TTAS-MO-00195-2021

Correspondence Case with TTAS-MO-00195-2021 was transferred to you by DALY Mary.

Comment:

For consideration

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Re: Public Consultation on Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Corridor

Dear Sir,

We, the impacted residents and business owners of Mornington Park on the Malahide Road, wish to bring to your attention the fact that our concerns, as major stakeholders of the proposed Clongriffin to City Centre Bus Corridor, have not been heard.

For each of us, this is not only a matter relating to loss of homes and gardens, which is certainly substantial, but also concerns a reduction in our quality of life. Some of us are senior citizens, some have children with special needs and others families with young kids. We have built our lives here. We don't merely just want the extra land and homes that we have worked hard for, we rely on this space to live our lives, safely, smoothly and in the various ways that we need to. Losing this space has multiple and unique consequences for each of us.

For local businesses, they rely on their land, their store front to trade and make a living. Their livelihood is in this land. This loss of access will have a hard hit on traders and businesses along the corridor. This will devastate them, at a time when things are already difficult. As businesses suffers, villages and neighbourhoods will decline.

We would like to point out just a few of our concerns and reasons why this is about more than just a garden or house.

Re Clongriffin to city center bus corridor

From: Sherry Abraham ([REDACTED])

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Date: Tuesday, 8 June 2021, 18:02 GMT+1

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21 May 2021

**BusConnects Clongriffin to City Centre Core Bus Corridor - Property Referencing –
Upmeads, Mornington Park, Malahide Road, Dublin 5, D05 T2T8.**

Where responding by post, please complete this form using a BLACK ball point pen with BLOCK LETTERS and place an X in the relevant boxes. Please answer all questions that apply to you, leave blank any that don't apply or mark as N/A. Replies to be sent to the National Transport Authority using the pre-paid envelope provided.

- 1) Please confirm that you still have an interest in this property as shown on the attached map:
Yes ☒ No ☐
- 2) If you no longer have an interest in the property (as shown on the attached map) and/or if you are aware of any other parties that have an interest at this address, please provide the contact details below:

The property is registered under the above address (mine), but I have no interest to take my land for this. I am mentally upset after seeing it. *Sherry*

- 3) If you would like to receive a call back from a member of our design team please provide your contact details below:

Sherry [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

For any general or additional comments these can be provided on the back of this form.

GENERAL COMMENTS – Please use this box to provide any additional comments or information requests below if required.

We wish to bring to your attention our deep dissatisfaction and disappointment in dealing with your office. Me Sherry Abraham and Bijo George of Upmeads Mornington park are not willing to give up a bit of our land. However if you can reach a solution with us we can consider giving upto a max 1 Meters of land from our Principle Private home. NTA is putting our families mental health in trouble and blatantly ignoring our basic needs. If no resolution can be found, we will have no choice, but to go down the legal route.

Also for NTA to note

We Residents of Mornington Park jointly made a proposal, the proposal was from 7 affected business owners and residents of Mornington Park, submitted via email and also hand delivered to your office on the 15th of December 2020, was not even acknowledged by your office during the 3rd round of public consultations.

In our letter, we also mentioned that the current public consultation process was not sufficiently satisfactory. As per original letter;

"A serious and considerate discussion needs to be set up between Bus Connects and ourselves due to covid restrictions. We are entitled to input our suggestions and that is surely the reason for public consultation."

We can understand that the NTA has blatantly ignored our joint proposal, as no response was given. It is very clear that NTA are trying to discourage stakeholders from coming together as a joint group. This is despite holding a public consultation process. It doesn't make sense to hold such, if there is no willingness to even engage with those who come forward.

Please see attached the letter submitted to your office on the 15th of December, detailing our joint proposal. This was within the public consultations date.

In addition, we reached out, during the same week of 2020, to the below Ministers and TDs with our proposal and they subsequently corresponded with your office. Please see attached the relevant correspondence, in which they responded to us and the NTA's response to the Ministers.

- Minister Eamon Ryan, please see attached his letter to us.
- Seán Haughey - TD, please see attached your response to him.
- Richard Bruton - TD, please see attached his response to us.
- Cian O'Callaghan - TD, please see attached his response to us.

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It is interesting that the NTA are capable of engaging with those above, however failed to even acknowledge receipt of our proposal and letter.

The NTA has not so far considered the options that are available to accommodate our interest. We jointly requested in our proposal for the NTA to include a **bus priority lane in one or on both direction**. This would greatly reduce the substantial impact on the land take and thus reduce the excessive impact on the quality of our lives and mental health. A bus priority lane along this **short stretch makes huge sense**. This **has effectively been implemented in other Bus Connects Routes** and hence, there is no reason why the same cannot be done here.

We request NTA to correspond with us and accommodate our proposal.

You can contact me on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]