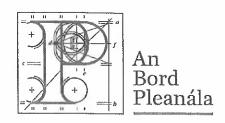
Our Case Number: ABP-314056-22



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish 197 Kylemore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10 D10P659

Date: 20 June 2023

Re: Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. Fonthill Road to High Street all in the County of 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

Direct Line: 01-8737247

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To whom it concerns, regarding...

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From Fr. Adrian Egan, C.Ss.R., PP, 197 Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin D10 P659

On behalf of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (Ballyfermot Roundabout)

I wish to register again my objections to the proposed compulsory purchase order (plot list: 1026(1).1e) associated with the above, and to the removal of the roundabout at the junction of Kylemore and Ballyfermot roads, directly outside the entrance to Assumption Parish Church.

I repeat again that the are of land concerned is a wide pedestrian area (and includes carpark spaces) at the principal entrance to the church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. There remains uncertainty as to whether ownership of the area subject to the CPR is in the portfolio of Dublin City Council or the St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust or, if shared, where the boundaries are.

The piece of land also facilitates the entry and exit of thousands of pedestrians, and some vehicular traffic of disabled users, and funeral vehicles, that access services in the church daily, 365 days of the year. The church is open all day, from 8am until at least 6pm every day, and often later. I remain convinced that the proposed plan to change the nature of this space will impact hugely on the health and safety of those who access the church, many of whom are vulnerable, elderly, or with a disability. It also acts as a safe meeting place for parents and children as they go to and from school, and acts as a safe gathering place for

running groups, pigeon clubs and other sports related clubs. I believe that the proposed changes will impact all the above, and impact too on our ability to provide services to those who attend, and avail of the facilities of, our busy and active parish church.

I also wish to object to the replacement of the roundabout with a signalled controlled junction. This roundabout works! It facilitates the flow of an enormous amount of traffic, including buses, and does it incredibly well. There are rarely any tailbacks at the various entries and exits on the roundabout, despite the presence of five large schools around the roundabout. The roundabout works brilliantly and does what it is supposed to do. I believe a signalled junction will do nothing but create traffic chaos, long tailbacks and delays, and lead to associated dangers.

Also, I propose that the 'Ballyfermot Roundabout' is one of the positive, defining, physical features of the whole Ballyfermot area and represents the 'heart of Ballyfermot' in so many ways, and should remain as such.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Adrian Egan, C.Ss.R., PP at Assumption Church and Parish.

Atran Egan, (1880).