

**CABRA PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

c/o 41 Cabra Park

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Dublin 7

An Bord Pleanála  
Marlborough Street  
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18th<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**CPO: Blanchardstown Bus Corridor, Case Reference: KA29N.313961**

Dear Members of the Board,

We write in relation to the above application.

Unfortunately we have been somewhat out of the loop on the process to date and are now relying on the hard work and research by neighbouring resident associations, many of which will raise very technical issues with you about the process.

We write primarily in relation to the traffic implications for St Peter's Road.

There are a number of factors we would like to bring to your attention:

- St Peters generally does not facilitate two-way passing traffic due to the narrowness of the street. Bottlenecks are a regular occurrence at both junctions with Cabra Rd and Connaught St;
- During school term, the road at certain times is impassable due to the number of parent cars parking/dropping off and kids and parents waiting on the narrow path for to gain access to the school. Concerns have been expressed on numerous occasions about the safety of the children and parents dropping off and waiting. We understand that there have been a few 'near misses' in the past and that the School has worked with Dublin City Council to try and improve the safety situation. There is a pedestrian crossing guard in operation;
- We note that traffic is expected to increase on St Peters by 80%;
- Also of note is the likely impact on traffic flow arising from the redevelopment plans for Dalymount;
- The safety of cyclists on the Road is equally precarious;
- It is already common place that residents of Cabra Park do their best to avoid trying to access St Peters' Rd from 8.15am to 9.15am in the morning and in the mid afternoon at school closing times.

We believe that these are factors that would justify an oral hearing on this part of the application. Certainly we would recommend that members visit the locality at different test points during an average day.

Other groups will raise technical issues about the impact assessment report, in particular concerning the modelling which will not duplicate here. However we do strongly take issue with the categorisation of the impact generally and you will see that it refers to the 80% increase on St Peters' Road as being of 'low impact' and with 'moderate effect', which is quite extraordinary. We ask that An Bord vigorously vet and challenge these impact statements.

Yours Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Cabra Park Residents' Association