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Case Number 313892

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**D07 E9K3**



29 August 2022

To whom it concerns  
 An Bord Pleanala (Strategic Infrastructure Division)  
 64 Marlborough Street,  
 Dublin 1,  
 D01 V902

RE: Objection to the Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 ("CPO")

Strategic Infrastructure Development application 313892 (the "Application")

Dear Planner,

By letter dated 29 June 2022 from Aidan Gallagher, Head of BusConnects Dublin Infrastructure, National Transport Authority (the "Letter"), we were informed that the National Transport Authority ("NTA") made an order known as the Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022 (the "Order") and that Order was about to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála ("ABP") for approval.

We understand from that Letter that ABP must consider any objection made and not withdrawn and that any objection to the Order must state in writing the grounds of the objection (the "Objection").

Furthermore we understand from the Letter that submissions or observations may be made in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, the implication of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development and the likely significant effect of the proposed development on European sites ("Submission/Observation").

For the avoidance of any doubt, please consider this Letter to be both an Objection to the Order and a Submission/Observation.

We object to the proposed compulsory acquisition of that portion of our property arising from An Bord Pleanala, Case Number 313892 and the subject of the Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Compulsory Purchase Order 2022.

We own number 267 Navan Road and have lived here for forty years. We are both 74 years old. Our home is now the subject of a CPO with over four metres being proposed to be taken from the length of our front garden and the total area subject to the CPO being significantly more (more than 36m<sup>2</sup>).

We are very concerned at the current BusConnects plan in our area for the following reasons.

It is very clear from the Application that if the project goes ahead as planned, we will lose the use of our driveway for the period of the works. Furthermore, no allowance has been made for alternative parking

arrangements during the works. As a result, there is nowhere for us to park our car. This puts us in an impossible position in terms of accessing our house, both for ourselves and for any visitors to our home.

Upon completion of the works, our driveway will be more than two metres shorter than it was prior to the commencement of the works and this will drastically reduce the utility of the driveway and our enjoyment of the house. The total area of the driveway that will be lost is considerably more (approximately 18m<sup>2</sup>) and will leave us without the ability to park two cars in the driveway, or to comfortably/ safely use the driveway with even one car. This will be completely life altering for us.

The removal of that portion of the driveway also means that we will be unable to turn our car in the driveway to enable us to drive out of our gate. As it is illegal to reverse onto the road, it is another example of the difficulties that the proposed plan will cause.

For these reasons we object to the Application and the proposed CPO.

We also make the observation that it is entirely wrong to put cyclists and buses side by side on the roadway and consequently object to the Compulsory Purchase Order. The cycleway should be diverted to one of the roads running parallel to the main Navan Road where it could be easily accommodated and where the cyclists would be beside slower moving, and smaller, cars. This would then remove the need for the CPO.

For this reason we object to the Application and the proposed CPO.

Should you wish to hold an oral hearing we would be more than happy to present our case.

We await your response

Yours sincerely

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