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151 Navan Road,
Dublin 7,
D07F5T6.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to state our strong objection to the compulsory order of 33.6m² of our front garden for the purpose of the Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme.

We have many reasons to object and have discussed our issues previously with Brian Devlin in ARUP via email and zoom meetings.

Please find our reasons outlined again in the points below:

We are very much against the proposal due to it severely curtailing our parking area which we really need due to the number of people living on this property. This property is currently housing seven people in the main house and four people in the apartment in the rear (151A).

My family consists of two adults and three children. We have two cars. Two of our children have special needs (Autism & Down Syndrome). They can be defiant, are flight risks and have no sense of danger. Being able to park in the driveway is essential for us to facilitate safe entry into and exit from the house. We are also concerned that if the driveway gets shorter then the danger will get closer to us if one of them manages to escape. This could have dire consequences.

Bernard Smyth, the home-owner and my father, is severely paralysed and has a wheelchair accessible car. He resides with us in the main house. He needs a large area to facilitate getting him into and out of his car. He also requires two carers to move him so extra parking spaces are essential for them to drive in and out throughout the day. There is usually one extra car parked here daily owned by whichever carer is staying with our father on that day.

The residents of 151A also have a car. That is five cars before visitors. If the compulsory purchase order goes ahead our dad, Bernard, will have less visitors as his friends who are of similar ages will be put off by the lack of parking. Paralysis is isolating enough without this extra stress.

In the event that we cannot stop this and cannot park in our own drive we do not know where to park.
an Devlin has not yet suggested any alternative parking solutions when asked.

2. Secondly we have grave concerns about safety due to this order severely curtailing our turn-about area. We do not know how we can safely get our cars out of the drive without reversing out onto the Navan Road.

3. Thirdly, we object on the grounds of extra noise and vehicular pollution. Our father is susceptible to chest infections and months of dusty road works close to the house will undoubtedly cause him bother. Our daughter has autism and is very sensitive to noise. Lots of noisy road works will cause her and us a great deal of stress and upset. And if the road ends up is closer to us the extra noise will undoubtedly affect her stress levels long term.

4. Finally the property will be smaller and have insufficient parking space. It will be closer to the road & traffic and this will inevitably reduce the value of the property.

We would be grateful if you would seriously consider our objections.
Please contact me via email for further discussion if required.

Kind regards,
Jackie Smyth & Bernard Smyth