

168 Navan Road,  
Dublin 7. D07H2X4.

Submission in relation to the Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to submit my objection to certain aspects of this scheme which will impact on the area outside of my house. I have concerns relating to 3 different issues.

The first is the removal of the lay by in front of the block of houses. This lay by has been there since the houses were built in 1956 and is a public amenity. The residents fought for many years to have it cemented and have it the way it is today, as for many years it was just gravel. There are 4 schools directly across the road and this area is used by parents to drop off and collect children. Have the schools got a safe alternative in place? There is also a Church across the road and this is their car park area. There is no alternative parking for them. The area is also used as an unofficial park and ride. Many people park there and then get the bus into the city. People are being encouraged not to drive into the city so taking away this amenity is counterproductive.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are connected. The removal of the grass verges and trees from the front of our houses is not a good decision. The trees outside 172 and 168 were removed due to disease, on the understanding they were being replaced. Since the tree outside my house was removed, there has been a significant increase in the noise of the traffic. This is even louder than normal due to the fact the canopy of the garage facing the house acts as an amplifier. As well as noise pollution, trees combat air pollution and promote wellbeing. There were always birds nesting in Spring. Trees are critical for a sustainable future. These roadside trees contribute to the formation of the landscape and form a part of the identity of our district. The planting and conservation of existing trees form part of The Dublin City Development Plan. We are to lose 4 trees from my side of the road and up to 9 opposite. The reason given for removing our trees is that there is underground utilities. Where the trees stand now, this is not an issue, but as they also propose to remove the grass verge and push the footpath back, then it becomes one. However, if you look to outside 178, they retain both there grass verge and tree. There does not seem to be any difference in road width and no cpo's on the opposite side of the road either.

The removal of the grass verges is again flying in the face of biodiversity and increasing our carbon footprint. The decision by Dublin City Council to cut them less and allow pollinators to flourish is brilliant and now we are to lose ours. They are talking about cutting down on emissions by encouraging public transport which is great, but by destroying nature's way of cleaning the air is wrong.

Regards Ann Duffy



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