



Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

Eamonn Doyle

(b) Observer's
postal address

305 Navan Road
Ashtown
Dublin 7 D07 R9Y7

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

N/A

(b) Agent's postal
address

N/A

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

ABP 313892

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Connects 5

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

305 Navan Road, Ashtown, Dublin 7, D07 R9Y7

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

I strongly object to the manner in which the NTA has conducted itself in the planning and implementation of the Core Bus Corridor Blanchardstown to City Centre route 5 particularly in relation to Navan Road.

- 1) **Lack of consultation**, in that we received 1 phone call from an engineer representing the NTA in 2 years.
 - a) Even with the ending of COVID restrictions on public gathering's the NTA has refused to meet with the residents of Navan Road and adjoining estates to listen to residents concerns regarding the removal of mature trees, the closure of roads and the compulsory purchases of private gardens including 1.3 Metres of our front garden.
 - b) The deadline for submission of objections in the middle of the holiday season were a lot of residents and public representatives are still on leave is extremely cynical and shows a total lack of respect for the effected communities.
- 2) **Noise and vibration. (Environmental impact assessment report).**
 - a) Traffic noise levels for Dublin City suggest that below 55 db. is desirable by day and below 45 db. at night.
 - b) Table 9.20 Chapter 9 states that traffic noise levels taken at Owl Cottage, Navan Road/Nepean Road junction comes in at 70 – 74 db. by day and 55 -59 db. at night. Undesirable high on both readings.

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- c) With the planned widening of the Navan Road and busses travelling much closer to residential properties this noise/vibration will only get worse.

3) Compulsory Purchase Order.

- a) We were served with a CPO on 29th June 2022 with the loss of 13.7^m² (1.3 metre in depth) permanently and a loss of 21.7 ^m² temporarily. This loss will lead to a permanent loss of property value.
- b) This loss will make it more difficult to turn around therefore making entering and exiting much more difficult to do safely.
- c) This land take will **not** result in segregated cycle lanes on either side of the Navan Road with bus passengers getting on and off straight from a foot path blocking the cycle lane, so what is the whole point?

4) Trees.

- a) The loss of so many mature trees, (Approx 150) most of which were planted over 40 years ago is environmental sabotage as they are visually appealing, help cut down on traffic noise and of course help with the reduction of carbon emissions.
- b) Turning the Navan Road from a tree lined avenue into a concrete road so a bus will arrive on Arron Quay 10 minutes quicker serves no purpose.

5) Reversible Bus Lanes.

- a) A continuous city bound bus lane has been in operation from the Blanchardstown shopping centre to Cabra Cross junction for some years.
- b) Para 5.4.2.2 of the **Draft Preferred Route Option** states "An alternative approach of operating bus lanes in one direction only for short sections has been assessed – to ascertain whether land take requirements could be reduced". These types of bus lanes are used

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across most modern cities to facilitate city bound traffic in the morning rush hours and vice versa in the evening when returning home. Unfortunately, the result of this assessment is not mentioned in the report!

Summary of concerns.

- Compulsory Purchase of front garden without looking at viable options as was done for other Core Bus Corridors.
- Lack of consultation.
- Destruction of many mature trees along the Navan Road.
- Vibration, noise, and frequency of buses closer to private properties.
- Closure of Old Cabra Road will lead to excessive traffic on the already congested Cabra Road and other local roads, namely Baggot Road, Nephin Road, Screen Road and Blackhorse Avenue.

I also would like to request an Oral hearing.

Eamonn/Collette Doyle

305 Navan Road

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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