

Submission to An Bórd Pleanála re Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor

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It is noted that there are proposals for bus stops at either end of Millstead on N3, which are approximately 300 metres apart. This seems excessive. The provision of a bus stop at Mill Road will encourage commuters to park all day in Millstead causing nuisance to residents, increased footfall on Mill Road which may result in anti-social behaviour.

The current heinous suggestion of a pedestrian ramp and steps from Mill Road to N3 to overhang Millstead Estate is totally opposed by Millstead Residents. Such a monstrosity would greatly affect the tranquil amenity of the estate. This ramp seems to be of such a scale that it will overlook the residential dwellings in the immediate area whose privacy will be completely compromised. They would also be subjected to a high degree of light pollution.

It is also considered that an examination of providing a bus stop on the N3 at the main entrance to Connolly Hospital where there are existing traffic lights for entrance and exit from the hospital. Having a second pedestrian entrance at Mill Road seems unnecessary.

If it is really necessary to provide a bus stop at this location some more acceptable means of access should be provided. In these days surely a lift would serve all needs, such lifts are provided at LUAS stops, Phibsborough for example. Such means would be much more suitable for the Elderly and Mobility Impaired Users.

Concluding Recommendations

- (1) Consideration should be given to upgrading the N3 on the other side of the road towards the hospital where there are no residential dwellings.

- (2) Consideration should be given to providing a bus stop on the N3 at the main entrance to Connolly Hospital where there are existing traffic lights for entrance and exit from the hospital. Perhaps a pedestrian walkway by means of a "pedestrian fly-over" could be considered at this location.
Having a second pedestrian entrance at Mill Road seems unnecessary.

- (3) Consideration should be given to relocating the Mill Road stop to the other end of the Village at the underpass near Garda Station. This stop would better serve Waterville, Clonsilla Road and other areas. This would remove the need for an unsightly ugly pedestrian ramp at Mill Road.

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- (4) Consideration should be given to continuing the bus service through the Village. At present the Village is very well served and any reduction in service will affect the businesses of the Village and cause great inconvenience to locals and commuters.
- (5) In the event that the proposals as planned are approved by An Bórd Pleanála
- (a) it should be mandatory that the boundary/screening wall must be at least 3 metres in height and constructed in stone matching the original wall as in the wall along the green and N3.
 - (b) all works must be carried out on the Mill Road side, no construction traffic, civil or ancillary works should impinge on Millstead Estate