

2, Villa Park Gardens,

Navan Road,

Dublin 7.

28.08.2022

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
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ABP-	<u>313892 (HA)</u>
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An Bord Pleanála,
64, Marlborough Street,
DUBLIN, 1.

Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor.

Ref. No. ABP – HA29N 313892

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed my fee of €50.00 on the above current topic. I would appreciate a receipt of my fee paid to you and I also wish to request an Oral Hearing.

I am over 70 years living in the Navan Road Parish and I have seen many changes in the parish over the years, the majority of them being positive. The proposed change to the entire dynamics of the Navan Road transport hub and its arteries will have a detrimental impact on our daily lives and will impede on our freedom of movement in the locality. It will also have an unsightly effect, leaving the Navan Road looking like a concrete jungle. I was a regular cyclist in my younger years and I am in favour for positive change on how we as a nation try to reduce our carbon foot print.

The new proposed public transport system "Bus Corridor from Blanchardstown along the Navan Road and into the city centre" is an important aid to allow people to commute from home to work in a time efficient and stress free manner. It is also a great tool to encourage people out of cars and onto public transport. Some of the proposed changes i.e. cycle lanes and new road layouts should not be at the expense of residents and their ability to move freely within their community. Residents who have disabilities need their cars to attend medical appointments along with shopping locally. There has to be a happy medium approach instead of this tunnel vision which is being displayed in the planning stage. I have a disability and I am unable to walk the distance from my home to my local bus stop for hospital appointments. Also I would be unable to carry my shopping by foot. I would request that people who carry a disability pass should be allowed access roads that are closed off to regular transport i.e. Old Cabra Road, Prussia Street, Aughrim Street etc etc.

As this entire process took place on line, a high majority of our elderly community who are not computer literate have been excluded from this proposal and have been left voiceless and unrepresented. Furthermore the information supplied by NTA was inadequate, substandard, not transparent and not easily understood. This in my mind was an intentional strategy implemented in order to conceal the "disastrous traffic layout" that is being forced on our community. The maps used are engineering type maps and do not give the ordinary person any visual aid to what is being proposed. Why were 3D type maps not used?

Requests, from some of our elected representatives to have the 'public' consultation period extended to the end September, to facilitate the public, were met with a refusal by NTA. What a disappointment to those who were on holidays and wanted to participate in the discussion on the 16th August 2022.

The impact of these massive road changes will disproportionately affect local people and especially those with disabilities. What references to the safety of disabled people are applied for, as per our Government's signed Statutes on rights and legal obligations to our disabled citizens.

Our Concerns as follows:

1. The impact of not being allowed to access Blackhorse Avenue from the Castleknock Road.
2. The closing of the Old Cabra Road, how does one access Lidl? & the petrol station?
3. The closing of the Old Cabra Road will force traffic from town onto Blackhorse Avenue.
4. The closing of the Old Cabra Road will force traffic from town into the Phoenix Park.
5. With the new road layouts in the Phoenix Park traffic will increase 5 fold on Infirmaroy Road and North Circular Road.
6. How does one get out of town if Manor Street & Prussia Street are being restricted?
7. The South and North Quays will be bottle necks and will add to driver frustration and road rage incidents.
8. Have the Gardai being consulted with traffic management issues that this will cause.
9. How will traffic flow during the Bloom Festival in the Phoenix Park which attracts a hundred thousand visitors over the long weekend.
10. Loss of our Avenue of Trees along Navan Road - approx. 150 trees. The beginning of our Avenue of Trees from Ashtown on down to Baggot Road/Kinvara Avenue junction, it then continues onwards towards Navan Road Church. (see pictures 1, 2, 3, 4 - shows the end of this avenue of trees.) At bus stop No. 1969 - a lovely line of 7 or 9 Silver Birch type trees, to be seen inside the wall at Belleville, Ashtown. Loss of trees

at Ashtown roundabout – NTA have confirmed this will be a signalised crossing with all Pine trees removed from roundabout

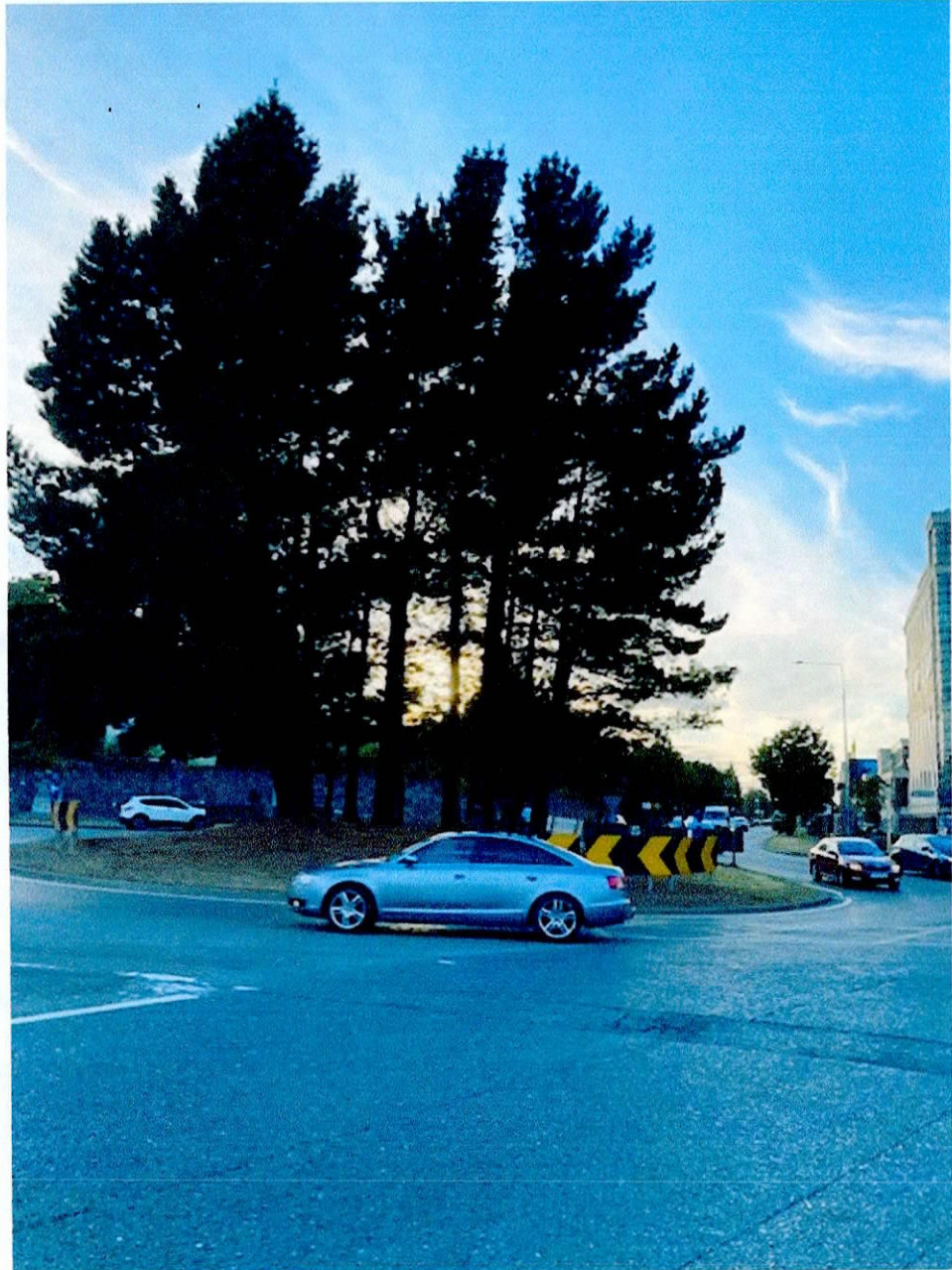
11. Our Navan Road trees provide us with a wonderful and beneficial visual amenity; Provide privacy from stopped bus passengers looking into homes; protect homes and families from fumes and lessen noise levels into houses. Approximately 150 trees to go?
12. Loss of safety for our school going children to Primary Schools, and Secondary Convent School beside Navan Road Church and new Edmund Rice Secondary School, beside St. Brigid's GAA grounds Navan Road.
13. Funerals arriving at Navan Road Church, along with Hearse and funeral car for families in mourning. How is this to be policed as both cars arrive in front of church grounds entering from Navan Road cutting into bus lane and cycle lanes? This would also apply to weddings. I request a condition, to ensure the entrance/exit area beside our Parish Church is not interfered with for the HEALTH & SAFETY of said children & families.
14. I can suggest that loss of green grass verges along Navan Road, outside homes, together with removal of up to 150 trees will be a disaster, bad planning, and leave a concrete jungle for all, instead of our wonderful avenue of trees.
15. One must wonder how the residents of Mobhi Road was granted a reprieve for their trees with designed cycle ways. I hope we are granted a similar reprieve.

Margaret Murray

Margaret Murray & family



Ash Town Roundabout.



AshTOWN Roundabout.



ENTERING NAVAN ROAD - TREE LINED ROAD FROM DR. 15.