



3 Charleville Road
Off N. C. Rd
Phibsborough
Dublin 7
D07 RYV9

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An Bord Pleanála
Strategic Infrastructure Division
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Corridor CPO - Case Reference: KA29N.313961

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to raise my concerns and observations regarding the Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Connect proposals.

I was only made aware of these latest proposals by a concerned neighbour, nothing received in writing and no site notice on this road regarding the 'interference of the Compulsory Purchase Order 2022'. As a home owner at the North Circular Road end of Charleville Road I will be directly affected by the proposed changes to the junction of Charleville Road turning from the North Circular (Map BE – 0005 DM 0028)

As a retired Medical Consultant and an asthmatic, I am very concerned about the health implications caused by the high level of dangerous emissions that will be concentrated along Charleville Road and others residential roads in the Phibsorough, Dublin 7 area as a result of this proposed Bus Connect route.

This would be caused by restricting access to local roads and channelling traffic into Charleville Road, one way. The busy turning on to Cabra Road would causing long tail backs and standing traffic pumping out exhaust fumes outside our homes, including the Silver Spoon Montessori school at the junction with Cabra Road.

I am a disabled blue badge holder and due to my compromised respiratory health I rely on my car to get quickly and safely to many medical appointments. It is not safe for me to use public transport due to my compromised immunity and my mobility is not good to walk far or stand waiting for busses. People need to be able to use their cars as necessary and to access their home uncompromised.

I also have a garage opening directly on to Charleville Road which I need to access daily. I am already compromised by City Bike racks right up to the garage door and a large pavement tree stump restricting visibility. At this location the road is already narrowed. I won't be able to reverse out, blocked by heavier traffic and tailbacks right outside my property if the proposals for Charleville Road go ahead. I also have access to my home from Annamoe Parade, again vehicle access and deliveries such as home heating oil tankers, commercial waste trucks and trades vans turning will be compromised by heavier one-way traffic. Bicycles will still need to be observed permitted in both directions. I am not the only resident with off-street parking who will need to drive out into solid traffic. Specific access requirements for residents is being ignored.

I am cornered for the increased noise levels associated with the directing one-way traffic including the sirens of emergency vehicles. The Bus Connect changes will limit the ability for emergency services to reach and transport casualties quickly. This is putting patient's life at risk, stuck in tail backs and traffic jams as cars have no where to go to let them through. Particularly Phibsborough being home to the Mater Hospital, Mater Private, Temple Street and a busy city Fire Station. Free flowing traffic is essential and NTA will be putting lives at risk. Circulation of emergency vehicles transiting the Phibsborouh area and surrounds has not been taken into account.

Sufficient research has not taken place in our neighbourhood, there are enough neighbours at home and community groups to notice if surveys are taking place or not at peak traffic times

etc. There is no evidence of any detailed analysis of traffic levels or emissions taking place on our local roads which will be impacted by concentrated dangerous levels of emissions if this proposal proceeds.

I believe the consultation process with residents is purposely underhand with an August holiday deadline and prohibitive at €50. I would not be a regular internet user and it makes submissions impossible for the older generation or those who don't have the time to thrall through the confusing and extensive documents on the website blanchardstownscheme.ie.

Incentivising the purchase and use of electric cars and a sufficient network of highspeed charging points throughout Dublin City and Nationwide should be prioritised to reach environmental targets.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Frank Keane

Photos:

My garage requiring ease of access on to Charleville Road D07 RYV9 next to proposed one-way N.C. RD Junction. (Blue Badge Disabled Driver) Regularly blocked as per the image.

My home No 3 Charleville Road, its driveway, the Annamoe Lane rear access and my garage roller shutter next to City Bike parking – requiring residents access not concentrated traffic tailbacks on a residential road.



