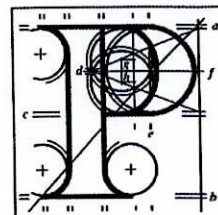


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
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Rory and Margaret Crerar and others
8 Rathfarnham Mill
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Dublin 14
D14A9P7

Date: 11 August 2023

Re: Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or submission in relation to the case mentioned above and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the applicant and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

For further information on this case please access our website at www.pleanala.ie and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,

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Bus Connects (Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme)
Construction Compound TR3 - Location: Dodder View Road/Church Lane/Woodview Cottages

Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing to outline our **objections to the proposed Construction Compound TR3** to be located at Dodder View Road/Church Lane/Woodview Cottages.

This involves the extension of the existing temporary compound installed for the purpose of the Dodder Greenway within the **architectural conservation area** (as identified in red on the map enclosed) for works to be conducted during the construction of the Bus Connections project.

Existing Temporary Site for use with Dodder Greenway

The existing temporary site, planning for which was granted for the purpose of building a stretch of the Greenway project - is now 'offensive', with the surrounding vegetation overgrown and unkept.

All local residents (elderly to new born) have already been subjected to huge inconveniences, health, wildlife and eco effects - noise (diggers, bulk heads being swoped over, gravel being loaded/unloaded, stones being broken up etc - early morning to late at night), pollution, high levels of dust outside, in our houses, gardens and on vehicles to name but a few, due to the existing site.

The original agreement stated that the temporary site has to be reinstated on completion of the relevant stretch of the Dodder Greenway : date of commencement 17/02/2020 – the project is already going on for longer than planned – we have not been advised of a revised date of completion nor any application for the extension of planning permission for this site !

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Our objections and huge concerns of the detrimental effects and suitability of Construction Compound TR3 (See image Page 6) are – not comprehensive but include the following:

Flood Plane

Proposed site is directly across the road and just metres away from an OPW acknowledged flood plane (ref. www.floodinfo.ie - Flood Map - Rathfarnham, South Dublin Dublin 14, Leinster, D14 P6CO, Ireland).

The proposed site is on the same level as the site in use at present which is already showing signs of flooding on the hardcore base constructed for this site which is inhibiting drainage and putting more pressure on the existing 'soakage' area.

Extending the site in a flood plane area, with 2 rivers in the immediate area and an old one underground, would be disastrous, particularly with any increase in rainfall due to more extreme weather conditions expected in the future. Any further flooding (caused from change of use in the grassland and 'soakage' area) would be inevitable and putting numerous residents and houses at tremendous risk.

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Archaeological & Heritage

This area of Rathfarnham is of particular Historic and Architectural importance. The proposed site will be just meters from local heritage sites e.g.:

- a) The ancient Rathfarnham Graveyard which contains the ruins of a medieval church whose origins date back to the 13th century.
- b) Rathfarnham Paper Mill which dates back to at least the 18th century - the proposed site occupies the area of the original Mill Pond.
- c) Numerous others as references in local history books/materials.

The scale of the proposed site will erode part of the cultural heritage of Rathfarnham.

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Biodiversity / Ecosystems / Area of Natural Beauty

Bushy Park woodlands and extended area to Rathfarnham Castle & Park and along the Dodder are an area of natural beauty, a haven for wildlife and biodiversity with several bat species, heronry, badgers, otters, small mammal species and numerous others together with superb flora and fauna. Spider Hill (existing site and proposed extended site) is renowned for its abundant and spectacular display of daffodils every year.

Residence at Woodside cottages, The Mill, Thornville and surrounding area have already noticed the impact on, and decrease in the presence of wildlife, flora and fauna since the commencement and ongoing use of the existing temporary site created for the construction of the local section of the Greenway (2020). The noise, pollution and destroying the large grassland area by filling it in with hardcore to create a depot/site to access and accommodate heavy commercial vehicles has, attributed hugely to this and habitat loss.

So much so that DCC have temporary Closure of Bushy Park Woodlands Paths to tackle these issues.

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Public Amenity

This area is already zoned for residential (local houses and apartments) and community recreational use.

In addition a stretch of the Dodder Greenway Route – the project to develop a greenway of international renown, on par with the best greenways in the world, to be attractive and enhance environment, has recently been constructed along the Dodder Valley and linked with Busy Park - is directly in front of the proposed site.

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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Area used recreationally for all ages, walks, training, picnics etc. the proposed site would completely remove this facility for all – the areas has already been compromised and any further development would lead to health, social and wellbeing consequences.

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Local Economy

Impact to businesses in Rathfarnham village and Historical Rathfarnham Castle & Park. The village would no longer be attractive for public visiting Bushy Park and cycling the new Dodder Greenway with the obstruction, of a SITE, to access the village via Church Lane/Spider Hill which has been used throughout numerous decades.

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Danger to Public Safety

With the narrowing of the roadway following the creation of the cycle greenway the use of compound / heavy commercial vehicles along this stretch of road (Rathfarnham/ Terenure junction to Tesco Rathfarnham junction and beyond) would endanger the safety of the public driving, walking and cycling.




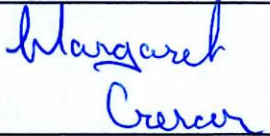
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Construction Compound TR3 at this location cannot be allowed – It would not appear that the proposed site is STRICTLY NECESSARY and a lot of alternatives would be more suitable.

We re-iterate that we are bringing this to your attention as the consequences would be detrimental to the well-being of all in our community and is of huge concern to us for our community and environment.

We enclose a cheque for €50.00 as payment to lodge this objection.

Yours sincerely

Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4
Mary Higgins	Anna Brennan	Rory Crerar	Margaret Crerar
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Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013
Approved Form (AF 2) Regulation 22
Particulars to be notified by Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage to
the Health and Safety Authority before the construction work begins

NOTE:
 This form is to be used to notify the Health & Safety Authority of any project covered by the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, which will last longer than 30 days or 500 person days. It can also be used to provide changes to initial notification of projects.
 Any day on which construction work is carried out (including holidays and weekends) should be counted, even if the work on that day is of short duration. A person day is one individual, including supervisors and specialists, carrying out construction work for one normal working shift.
 The project supervisor for the construction stage shall clearly display on the construction site a copy of this form.

1 Client: Provide name, full address, telephone number and e-mail address for the Client. If more than one Client, please attach details of all Clients on a separate sheet.

Name: South Dublin County Council
 Address: County Hall
 Belgard Square North
 Tallaght
 DUBLIN
 Telephone: _____ E-Mail: rcarroll@SDUBLINCOCO.ie

2 Project Supervisor Design Process and Health & Safety Coordinator: Provide name, full address, telephone number and e-mail address for the PSDP and Health & Safety Coordinator for the Design Process.

PSDP Name: Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates H&S C. Name:
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 Blackrock
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3 Project Supervisor Construction Stage and Health & Safety Coordinator: Provide name, full address, telephone number and e-mail address for the PSCS and Health & Safety Coordinator for the Construction Stage.

PSCS Name: MURPHY INTERNATIONAL LTD H&S C. Name: Murphy International Ltd.
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 E-Mail: cathykelly@murphygroup.ie E-Mail: mail@murphygroup.ie

4 Information on Construction Work: Please provide your details / estimates for the following.

Description of Project: Installation of three new pedestrian bridges. Provision of a new paved shared surface and associated green verge. Removal of paths and widening of others. Provision of public lighting and associated services. Provision of temporary and permanent timber post and rail fencing. Alterations to existing services and utilities. Provision of new greenway entrance detail at Kihvers, New Car Park and Pedestrian Crossings off Dodder View Road

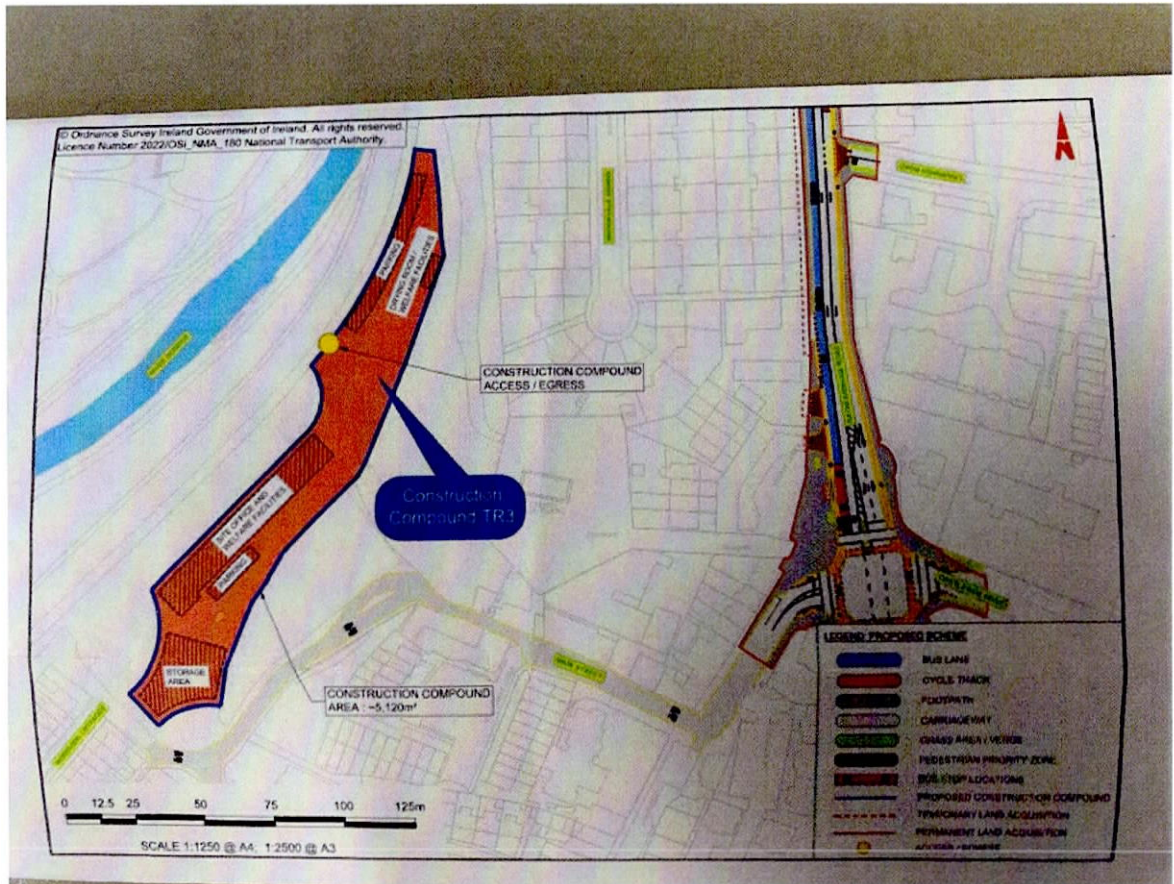
Address of Site: Murphy International Site Compound
 Dodder View Road
 Rathfarnham
 DUBLIN

The planned date for the commencement of the construction work:	17/02/2020
How long the construction work is expected to take:	38
The maximum number of people carrying out construction work on site at any one time.	35
The number of Contractors expected to work on site.	5

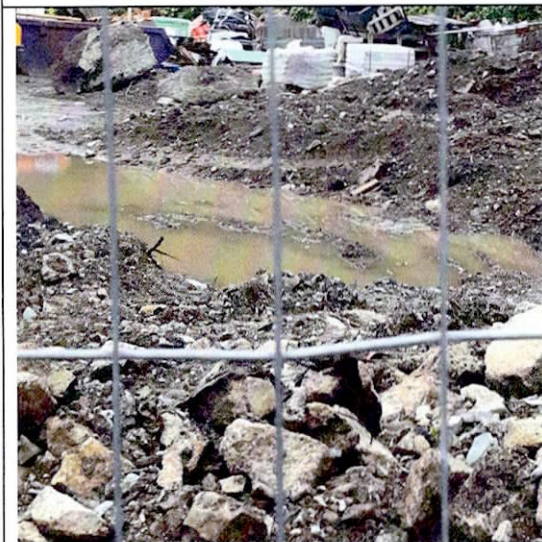
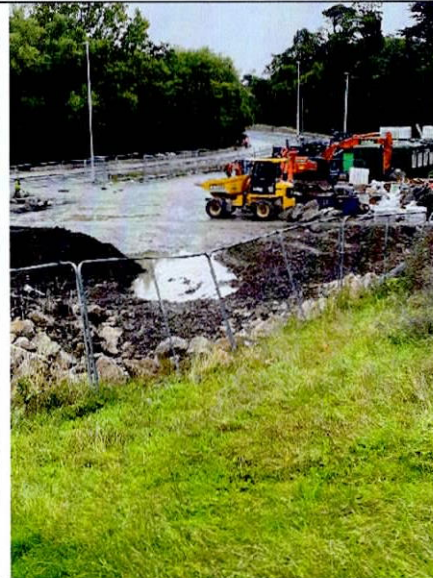
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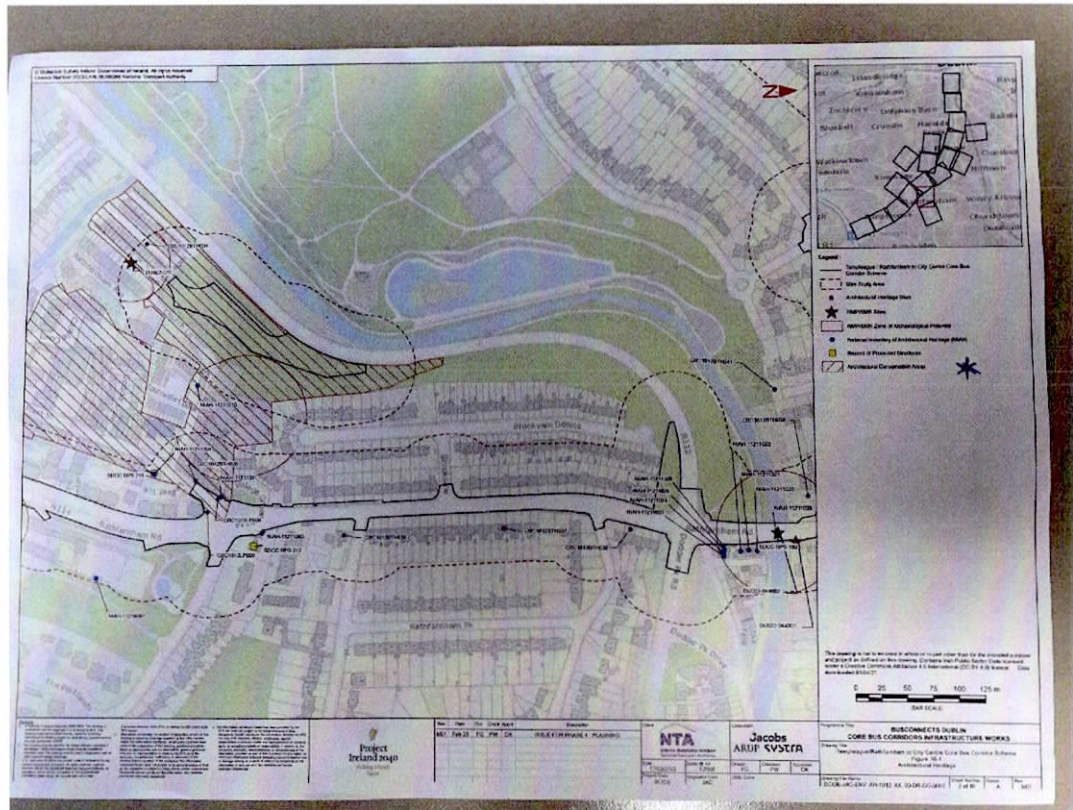


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Flood Plane







Bushy Park Woodlands

Dublin City Council (DCC) Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services wish to advise the public of the Temporary Closure of Woodlands Paths, over Summer 2023.

Bushy Park woodlands are a haven for wildlife & biodiversity within our urban landscape, we have several bat species and a heronry located within the woodlands, and there are also badgers and other small mammal species who call this home. These woodlands are heavily used by the general public, which is contributing to the deterioration of the structure & biodiversity of the woods.

Recently DCC parks undertook Phase 1 of a Tree Care Program to tackle these issues. This was due for completion in Spring 2023 but has been delayed due to the disturbance it was causing to wildlife & because of the identification of several stands of Japanese Knot Weed. Unfortunately Phase 1 maintenance of trees cannot continue at present.

Therefore, until works can be completed & for the safety of the general public, pathways & areas of concern will be temporarily closed.

Fences will be erected and the public are asked to refrain from entering these areas.

Paths to be closed are identified in orange

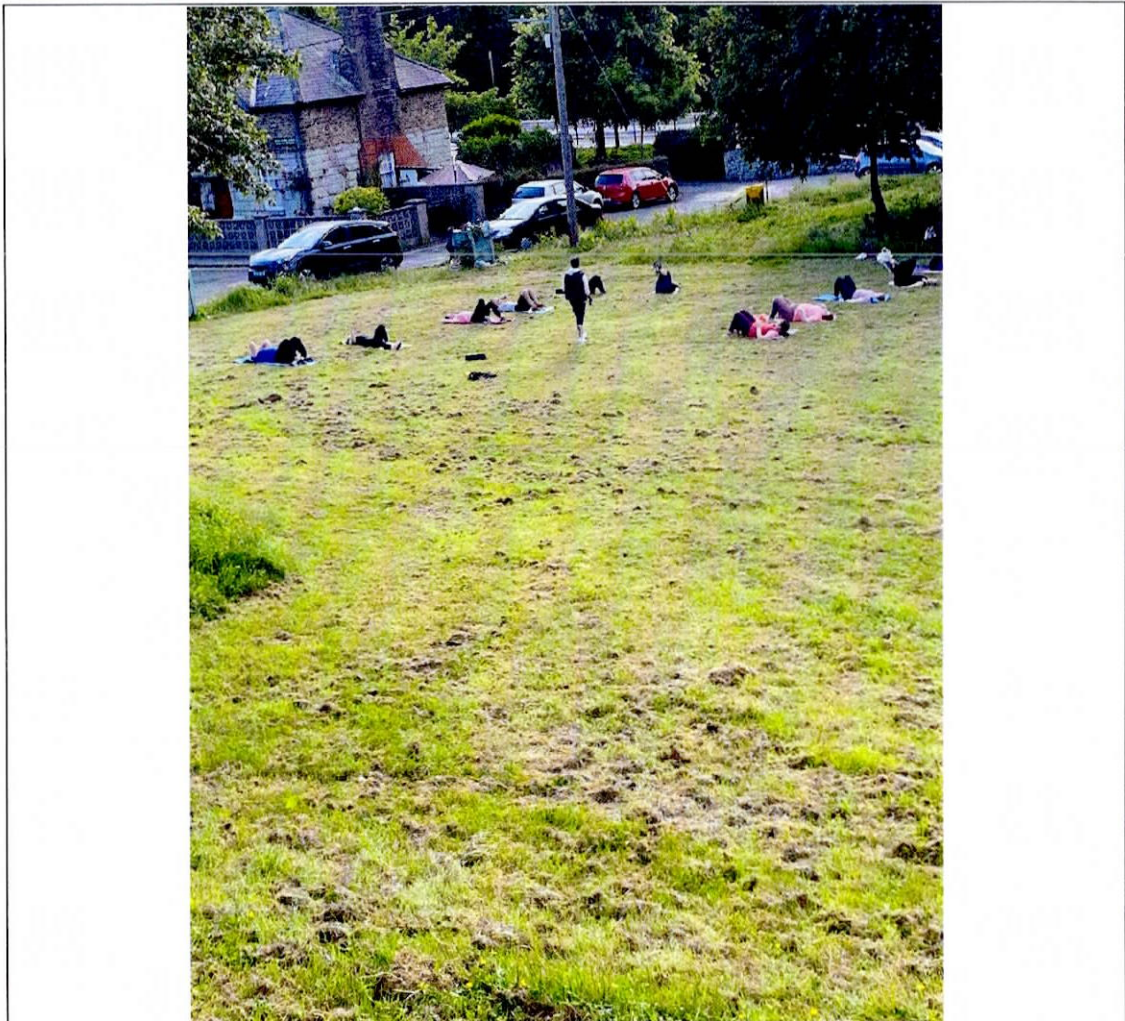
Areas of Invasive Species are shown in green

Further information is available at:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/news>

DCC apologises for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding & continued commitment to supporting biodiversity & conserving wildlife in our Parks





Local Economy



Danger to Public Safety (1/2)



Danger to Public Safety (2/2)

