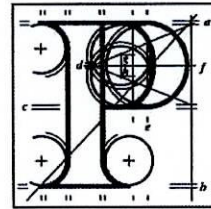


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**An
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Pleanála**

Deirdre & Aidan O'Callaghan
201 Swords Road
Whitehall
Dublin 9

Date: 20 July 2023

Re: BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme
Swords to Dublin City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the mean time, please contact the undersigned. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Re Swords To City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, Compulsory Order 2023 and maps numbers 1101(08).1i and 1101(09).2i

Dear Sirs,

We wish to make the following submission and or observations in relation to the above:-


1. Please identify exactly which trees will be removed on the embankment lands at Santry Bypass Junction (SBJ) on map number 1101(08).1i and 1101(09).2i and how many will be replaced as this information is not available on the Landscape General Arrangement Drawing Plan no 23 on page 26. From the plan it appears a large number of trees surrounding the port tunnel plant on the embankment opposite Swords Road Slip Road (SRSR) will be removed. It is submitted that these trees were planted when the Port Tunnel was built in order to provide a breaker for the residents on the SRSR from both noise and air pollution from the M1. These trees are now maturing nicely and it would seriously affect the residents of this road, in terms of noise and air pollution, given their proximity to the M1, if the trees were removed.
2. Please confirm that the existing railing and wall between the Swords Road and the SRSR will be retained as it is not clear from the map number 1101(08).1i and 1101(09).2i.
3. The trees on the eastern side of the Swords Road between Whitehall Church and the traffic lights at Whitehall junction (WJ) are being removed to allow for the road widening and they should be replaced. The trees now being removed replaced very large mature trees which were taken out during the building of the Port Tunnel. At this time the residents were assured the trees would be replaced. They were replaced with trees which are now growing well only to be taken out again. We would submit that these trees should be replaced. If further lands are required from Dublin City Council as owners of the adjoining land this should be acquired in order to facilitate the replacement of the trees. This should be done to enhance the amenity of the area given the large road widening proposal to an already wide road.

4. The existing barriers/guardrails at each side of the WJ should be replaced and or upgraded in order to add to the amenity of the area.
5. Given the large-scale development taking place in Santry village and the removal of trees on the embankment at SBJ further trees should be planted on the pavement outside 219 Swords Road and through the village itself on the pavement and at the corner with Shanowen Road in order to improve the amenity of the area.
6. In addition, further trees should be planted on the left hand side of the SRSR where gaps have appeared for overall symmetry .
7. The footpath along the SRSR should be upgraded as there are large cracks on it to improve the amenity of the area and for safety reasons.
8. As the SBJ is extremely busy, cyclists are unlikely to cross the junction to use the cycle path on Shanrath Road and are more likely to continue along either the bus lane or the footpath in Santry village. For this reason we believe the light sequence at the SBJ should include a dedicated turn for cyclists both from the Swords Road and Shanrath Road to encourage cyclists to use the Shanrath Road.
9. The light sequence of the traffic lights on Shantalla Road opposite the park should be sequenced with the lights at SBJ as there is often a serious backlog of traffic in both directions. This should be done to improve the movement of traffic in the area.
10. The paving area and wall at the Comet should be upgraded and capped to enhance the amenity of the area. In addition, the area outside the shops on the east side of the village should also be upgraded.
11. Upgrade and remove some of the barriers/guardrails at the SBJ as they are excessive and not necessary, particularly the one on the SRSR, to enhance the amenity of the area.
12. The footpath at the left hand side of the corner of Shanowen Road and Swords Road should be widened as it is dangerously narrow given the footfall on this road coming from the Omni. As there is a very wide path on the other side of the road it should not be a problem to widen the pavement on this corner. This should be done for safety reasons.
13. The existing walls along the east and west side of Swords Road between SBJ, the Church on the East and the WJ on the west should be upgraded with stone facing as it always requires constant repainting given the amount of graffiti which looks unsightly. This should be done to reduce maintenance and improve the overall look of the entrance to the city and the amenity of the area.
14. The new wall at Magenta Hall on the Swords Road should be stone faced given its length to improve the amenity of the area.
15. Map 28
A new sign for No Overtaking/Single Line Traffic Only should be erected on Collins Avenue West before the junction between the SRSR and the Slip Road to the Motorway. Cars back up on Collins Avenue before the junction and then cars overtake at speed from the rear to either cut in at the yellow box before the slip road to the motorway or to turn right at the WJ. Consequently, this makes exiting from the SRSR very difficult and dangerous as the overtaking cars cannot see the cars exiting the SRSR and vice versa. This should be done for safety reasons.

16. The trees being removed on the left hand side of the Swords Road between the WJ and Gaeltacht Park should be replaced as these trees replaced large trees removed during the building of the Port Tunnel. These trees should be replaced to enhance the amenity of the area given the large scale of the road widening. If it means acquiring additional lands from Dublin City Council this should be done.

We enclose cheque in favour of An Bord Pleanála in the sum of €50 in respect of your fee. We trust you will give due consideration to the above issues in reviewing this matter as these plans will have serious implications for the residents of this area.

Yours sincerely,


Deirdre and Aidan O'Callaghan