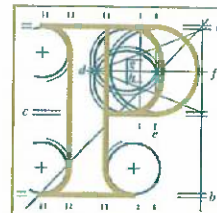


Our Case Number: ABP-317121-23



**An
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Pleanála**

Leo McNamee
22 St. Columba's Rd Lower
Drumcondra
Dublin 9

Date: 07 September 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 in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development 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.

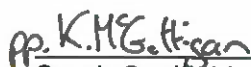
Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

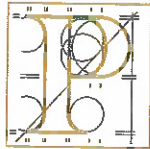


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SID Online Observation

Online Reference

SID-OBS-001167

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Leo McNamee

Lodgement Date
07/09/2023 12:08:39

Case Number / Description
317121

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
leo mnamee

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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Yes

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No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

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Yes

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No

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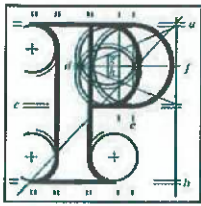
SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date



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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Leo McNamee

(b) Address

22 St. Columba's Rd Lower, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

ABP-317121-23

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(d) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Swords to city centre bus connects

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

Please see below at end of this document.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

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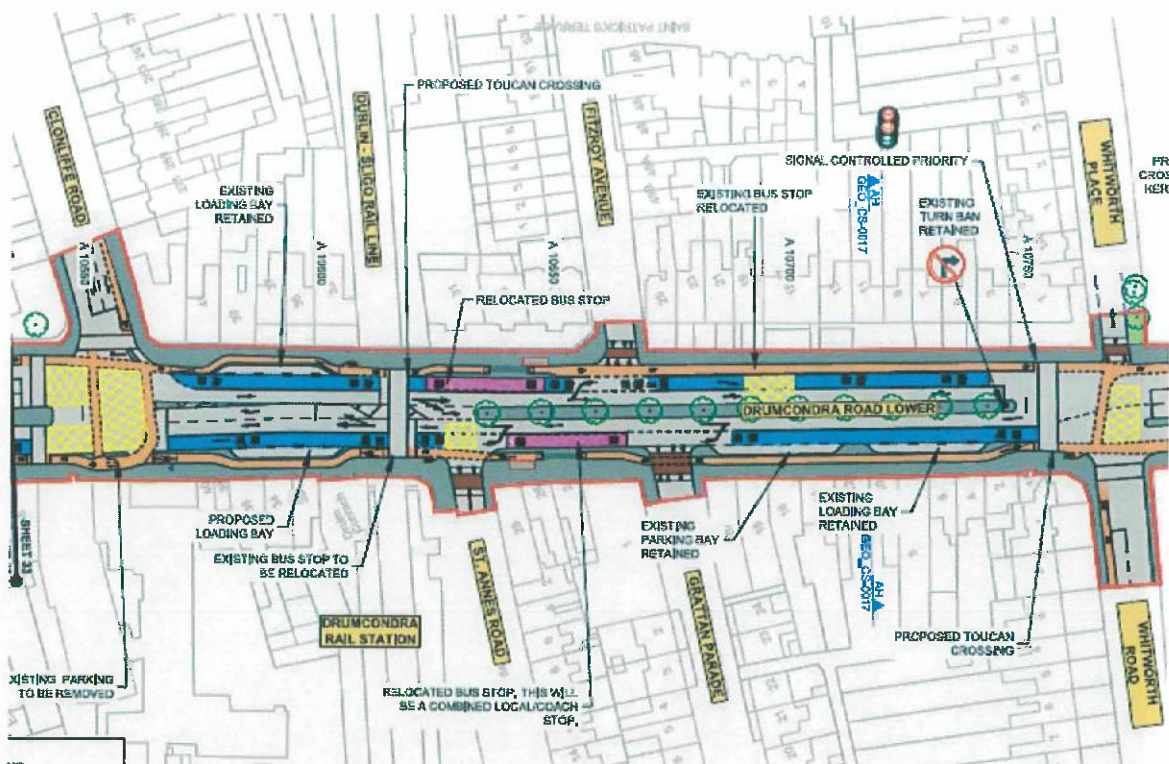
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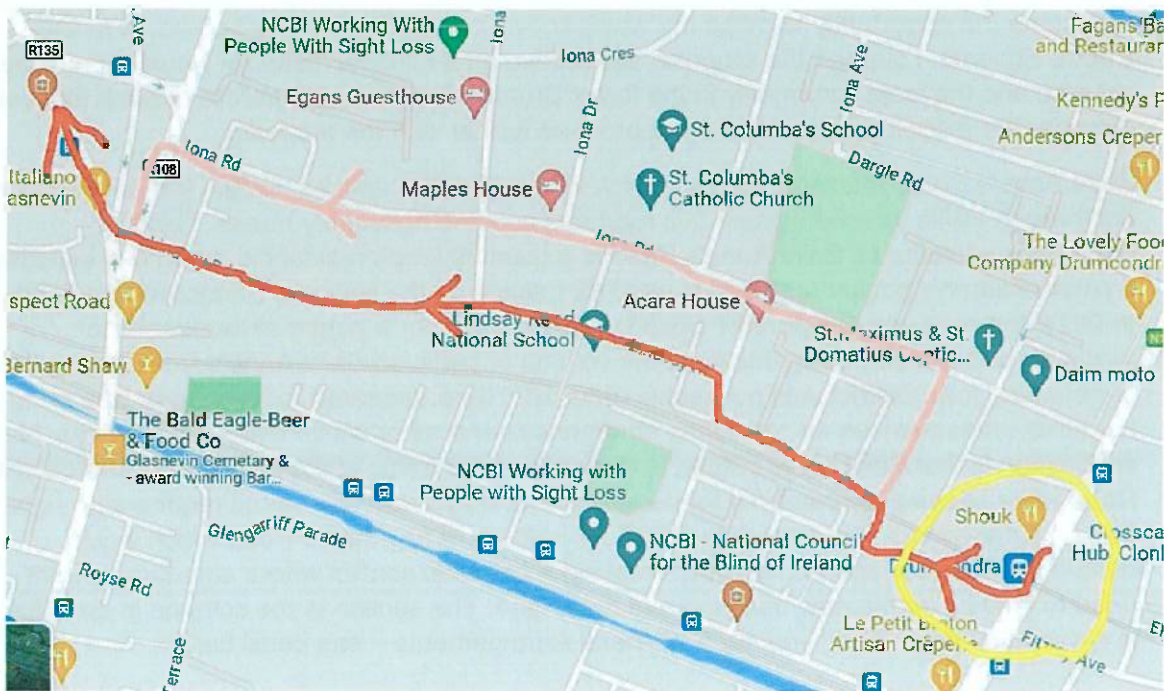
Dear Madam/Sir,

I welcome the opportunity to make my views known on the Bus Connects Swords to City Centre Scheme. I support the proposal but believe an additional measure would benefit the scheme and the local community in the lower Drumcondra area. I therefore request that you consider the following issue before you proceed further with the proposal.

Saint Anne's Road (leading to Saint Patrick's Road) in Drumcondra, Dublin 9 is a rat run for cut through traffic. In recent years this road has become noticeably busier. This is a dangerous situation as Saint Anne's Road is a quiet 30 kmph residential street that includes a small children's pocket park and is used for training by the National Council for the Blind. In 2021, the road was temporarily closed to motor traffic for a period of two weeks to facilitate road works. During this time, the volume of traffic on Saint Anne's Road and in the surrounding Iona District was noticeably reduced. There appeared to have been little or no negative consequences for residents, emergency services or waste collection services. My suggestion is that Saint Anne's Road is closed to motor traffic at the junction of Drumcondra Road while keeping permeability for pedestrians and cyclists. This would require a no right turn on Drumcondra Road southbound at the junction of St. Anne's Road which would benefit the bus connects scheme by removing a potential conflict where cars turning right need to cross over the new bus lane and cycle lane. The section in the scheme in question is covered on page 36 of Chapter 3: General Arrangements – see detail below.



The next map shows the route of the existing rat run which this closure would help to eliminate. It should also be mentioned that access to Saint Anne's Road and surrounding streets would be maintained via Whitworth Road or Iona Road.



Closure of the junction at Saint Anne's Road would also create an opportunity for public realm improvements. The pocket park could be extended, or a small plaza created with space for seating that would benefit the local cafes and coffee shops. See below some photo montages:







The closure of this junction would have widespread local support. Traffic travelling west from Conliffe Road could turn right (instead of left) onto Drumcondra Road to access Iona Road which already has traffic calming measures in place including pedestrian lights and speed ramps. Traffic travelling south could enter the Iona Area by turning right at Botanic Avenue or Hollybank Road. The previous closure of Saint Anne's Road for road works has shown that a trial of this measure was a success.

I hope this is something that can be considered for inclusion or at least piloting.

Sincerely,

Leo McNamee