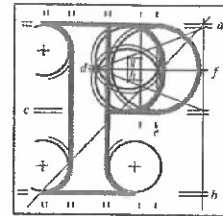


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**An
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Oak View Residents Association
c/o Helena Larkin
22 Oak View
Santry
Co. Dublin
D09W2K3

Date: 04 September 2023

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

Dear 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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OBSERVATION TO THE SECRETARY, AN BÓRD PLEANÁLA, 64 MARLBOROUGH STREET, DUBLIN 1.

OBSERVATION FROM OAK VIEW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, SANTRY DUBLIN 9.

CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: HA06D.317121.

FEE ENCLOSED: 50 EURO.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Oak View Residents' Association wishes to make the following observation in relation to National Transport Authority's Plan dated 06/04/2023 (Project Code BCIDB) to instal a bus terminus on what is presently a green area opposite Centra Supermarket on Coolock Lane, under the Programme Title *Busconnects Dublin Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works* (Drawing Title *Swords to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme General Arrangement*).

The basic proposal here is to place three new bus stop locations, a bus terminus for the new D4 route (Swords Road - City Centre - Killinarden) and a bus lane on this small piece of ground. It is proposed that the new bus lane will allow buses gain egress from the green by cutting through what presently constitutes a parking area used by those purchasing goods in the aforementioned supermarket (Centra).

Such a development, if effected, would necessarily lead to further congestion in an area which already suffers from a superabundance of obstruction and blockage at certain times of the day. It is already exceedingly difficult for Oak View residents to gain access to Coolock Lane in the mornings due to vehicles coming into the supermarket parking area; deliveries being made to Centra; and the fact that right of way onto the main road (also designated 'Coolock Lane' - or, in this case, alternatively, R104) has been awarded by Fingal County Council to residents of the nearby Knightswood and Royal Oak (with its eight major roads) estates. This situation has not been alleviated by the painting of an unpoliced yellow box on the ground - the Knightswood and Royal Oak residents simply ignore this and park their vehicles on it while waiting to gain access to Coolock Lane (R104).

It should be noted too that overnight parking of trucks and buses takes place in the parking bays opposite Centra Supermarket. To compound matters, GoCars.ie is now using these same bays as a parking and collection location for its business. This has obvious implications for the National Transport Authority Plan.

Meanwhile Circle Voluntary Housing Association is due to resubmit a planning application for the construction of 30 plus apartments on the Mulhalls/Dun Mhuire site (Coolock Lane). This site is only separated from Centra Supermarket by the Oak View access/egress road. An obvious question arises here - where will the vehicles associated with these new apartments be parked? Presumably surplus vehicles will finish up being parked on the already-congested area outside Centra Supermarket. In this context the proposal to introduce buses onto the same overcrowded, clogged piece of ground is senseless. (And indeed, what of the building traffic that must be associated with the actual construction of these apartments? Will it not contribute further to traffic congestion?)

The photographs being sent on with this observation demonstrate how badly saturated the area is with traffic at certain times of the day. When the Circle Voluntary Housing Association apartments are built further cramming and jamming is bound to result. And now the National Transport Authority is proposing to close the area down completely with its ill-thought-out plan.

Oak View Residents' Association asks An Bórd Pleanála to stop this preposterous plan in its tracks at the outset.

Helena Larkin



OAK VIEW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.







