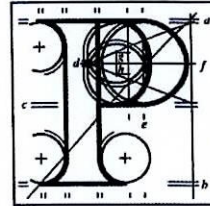


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An
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Jerry and Lorraine Crowley
199 Swords Road
Whitehall
Co. Dublin
D09 KR53

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 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737287

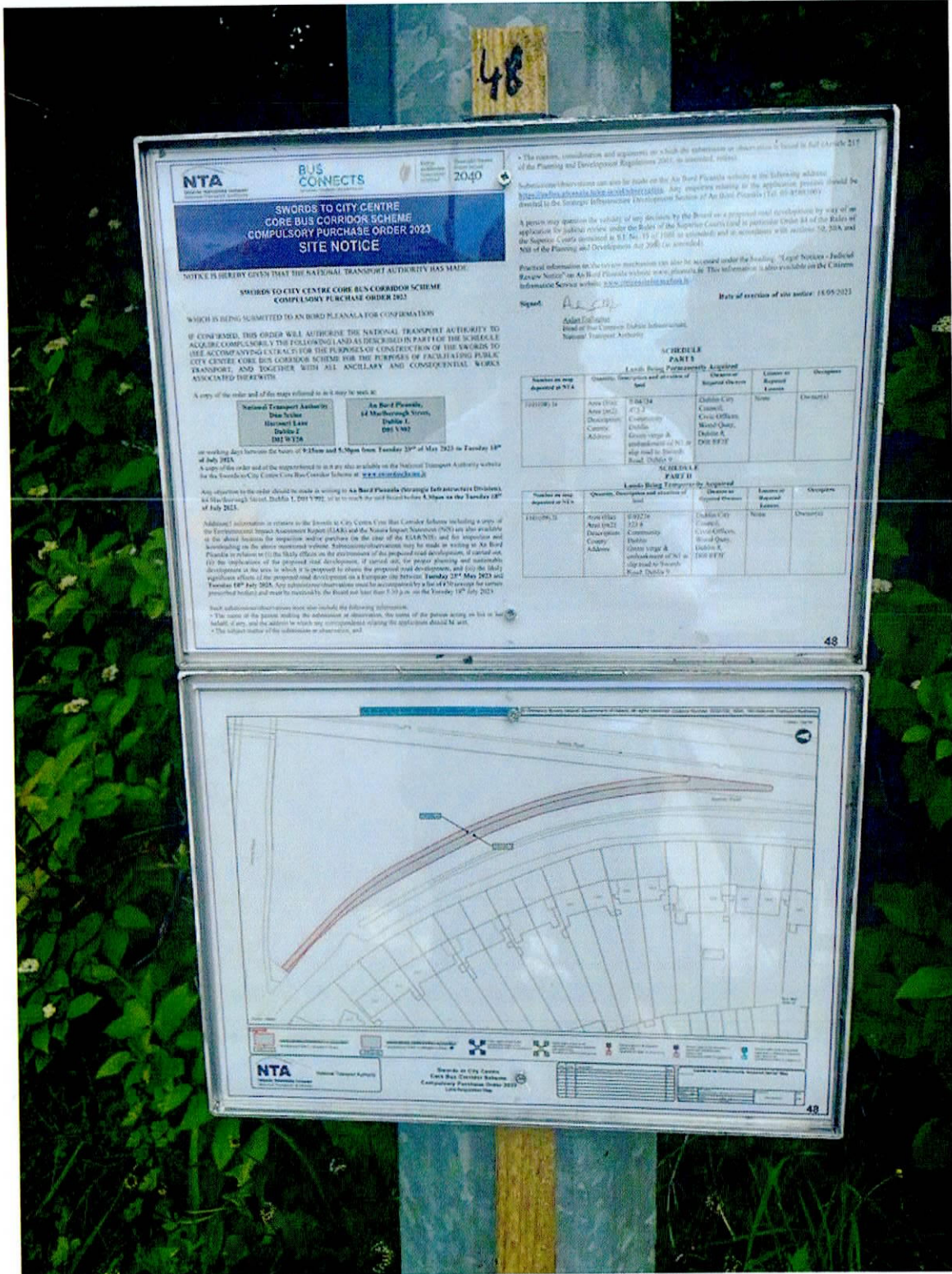
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Yours sincerely

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**199 Swords Road
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19th July 2023

Re: Bus Connects-Swords to City Centre- Core Bus Corridor Scheme

ONLINE Observation
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to set out our observations and objections in relation to that part of the scheme that is planned to be constructed adjacent to our home on Swords Road in Whitehall.

We have lived at this address since 1989 and during this time we endured the construction of the Dublin Port Tunnel which caused residents of this road huge inconvenience, disruption, dirt, noise and stress. During consultation with DCC and the Tunnel Contractors, in the construction phase of the Tunnel Project, it was agreed to plant trees and shrubs to protect residences in an attempt to minimise noise, dust and as a barrier to the traffic on the N1. These trees and shrubs have greatly helped keep dirt and noise from the N1 at an acceptable level although not eliminating these entirely.

It is now intended to remove mature trees and in effect remove part of this barrier.

We are angry and disgusted to find out that a significant number of these trees and shrubs are proposed to be removed to accommodate a cycle lane which it is intended to construct as part of the Bus Connects Scheme. It has taken almost 20 years for these trees and shrubs to reach maturity and now we understand that during the Bus Connects construction many of these trees and shrubs will be removed. It is not acceptable to promise to replant trees which will not mature during our lifetime. **We vehemently oppose this proposal.**

In relation to the cycle lane, we are **opposed** to the location of this on our road as it is our experience that many cyclists currently use the **footpath** instead of the road. They cycle on the footpath at speed thereby creating a risk to pedestrians and residents attempting to exit driveways in their cars. This is a mixed area with many elderly people and families with young children. The cyclists have no regard for other road users or those living on the road and do not adhere to the Rules of the Road.

The proposed cycle lane, as far as we can ascertain, would be situated on the Swords Road, parallel to the N1- in front of our property. We are concerned that if the proposed cycle lane is to be routed through shrubbery it would create an opportunity for anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping. We are asking you to reconsider the siting of this Cycle Lane and examine the feasibility of using part of the lands in Ellenfeld Park to accommodate this.