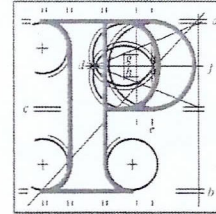


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**An  
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Pleanála**

Lisa Harrington  
37 Harold's Cross Road  
Dublin 6W  
D6W E512

**Date:** 29 November 2023

**Re:** Busconnects Kimmage to city centre core bus corridor scheme  
Kimmage, Dublin

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 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](mailto: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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RE: Compulsory purchase order for Kimmage to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme,  
in relation to **37 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W, D6W E512**

Dear An Bord Pleanála Representative,

I write to object to the compulsory purchase order of a portion of my front garden at 37 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W, D6W E512. While I understand that the compulsory purchase order is likely to go ahead, I request confirmation in writing that my property will be left in a condition as good as or better than it is in currently, specifically addressing the points below. I have been assured by Seamus Mac Gearailt, who first visited my property and explained the Bus Connects plans a few years ago, that my front garden would indeed be returned to a condition at least as good as its current state, and that the scheme would pay for this.

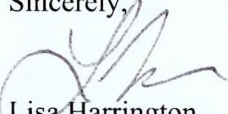
Please confirm that the following actions will be taken:

1. I expressed to Mr. Mac Gearailt that I am concerned about the 3 mature apple trees currently in my front garden, 2 of which are located on section of the front garden that will be temporarily acquired and then returned to me. These trees are very important to me, as they produce many kilos of wonderful apples every year, and are a beautiful asset to the property, especially in the spring, when they are in bloom, and in the summer and autumn, when they are loaded with lovely red apples. Passers-by often take photos of the trees, and we share the apples with our friends and neighbours (and eat many kilos ourselves). I request confirmation that a qualified arborist will be consulted before any construction begins to ensure the 3 apple trees are not damaged and will continue to flourish once the construction has ended, and that the construction carried out will be done so in accordance with the arborist's advice. I specifically note that the tree closest to the house (not part of the purchase order) is a Bramley, a variety which will not produce fruit without the company of 2 additional varieties – therefore the destruction of either of the other trees will also cease the fruit production of this tree.
2. You will note that an iron gate and low stone wall currently separate my property from the footpath. This is an original feature of the neighbourhood and runs throughout the area. Please confirm that the wall and gate will be rebuilt to remain in keeping with similar walls throughout the Mount Drummond and northern Harold's Cross neighbourhoods.
3. A mature privet hedge currently adds privacy and separation between my front garden and the footpath, sitting just behind the low stone border wall. The hedge has been shaped in such a way to conceal my 3 rubbish bins from view. Please confirm that the same type of hedge will be planted in the same way just behind the new low stone border wall mentioned above, and that similar areas will be available for concealing the 3 bins.

4. A paved area just after the hedge gives me access to the bin storage area in the hedge. Please confirm that new paving will be put down in a similar way to allow the same access.
5. A retaining wall currently supports the lawn area in my front garden, and this falls in the area to be temporarily acquired in the purchase order. Please confirm that a sturdy, lasting and effective replacement retaining wall will be built to replace it.
6. An area of lawn is supported by the retaining wall mentioned above. Please confirm that a mature lawn will be reinstated in this area (noting that the area will be smaller following construction).
7. A concrete path and steps lead from the footpath to the front door. Please confirm that the full path and steps will be rebuilt following construction so that the path and steps are one continuous colour and look (no dividing line between old concrete and new), and a similar handrail will be installed.
8. To the right of the concrete path are two mature rose bushes, and to the left a mature star jasmine bush. These plants are not part of the compulsory purchase order area, however I want confirmation that they will not be disturbed or damaged during construction, particularly while the path is rebuilt.
9. Please confirm that a proper and efficient drainage system will be built as part of the construction.
10. Lastly, please confirm that all of the above will be organised, managed, and paid for by the Bus Connects scheme, and that a designer organised by yourselves will consult with me on the designs.

Thank you in advance for your confirmation of the above, in writing.

Sincerely,



Lisa Harrington  
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