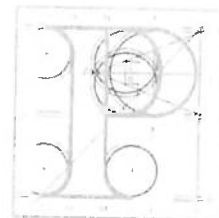


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An
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Woodhaven Residents Association
c/o David Collins
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Date: 17 April 2025

Re: BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development
R338 Dublin Road, Galway City.

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.

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Observation from Woodhaven Residents Association – Merlin Park Galway.

To whom it concerns:

There are several (4) observations/clarifications that we seek in relation to the plans:

1. The accurate alignment of the road, or planned road.

The "*Appendix-B5-Landscaping.pdf*" page 6 (**Figure 1**) or the "*OSR Appendix A - General Arrangement Drawings P04.pdf*" page 6 (**Figure 2**) are contradictory.

There is an inconsistency within these two documents as to the alignment of the road. Woodhaven is losing more green space in the latter document, Figure 2. These documents we have downloaded from [here](#) which is the correct location we believe for all documentation associated with this project.

Below are the two images. Which one is correct? Both areas of concern are highlighted in the blue boxes in the images. We believe it to be Figure 1 following consultation with Galway City Council.

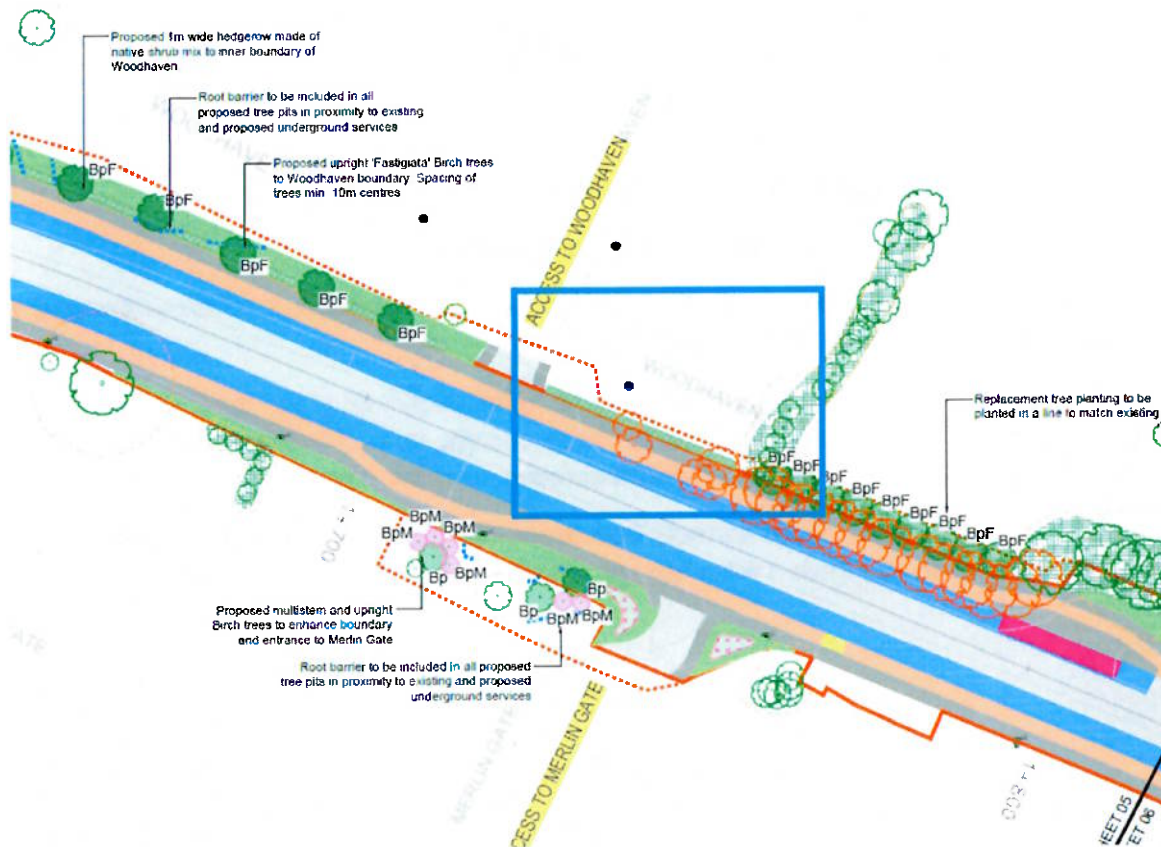


Figure 1: Straight line road

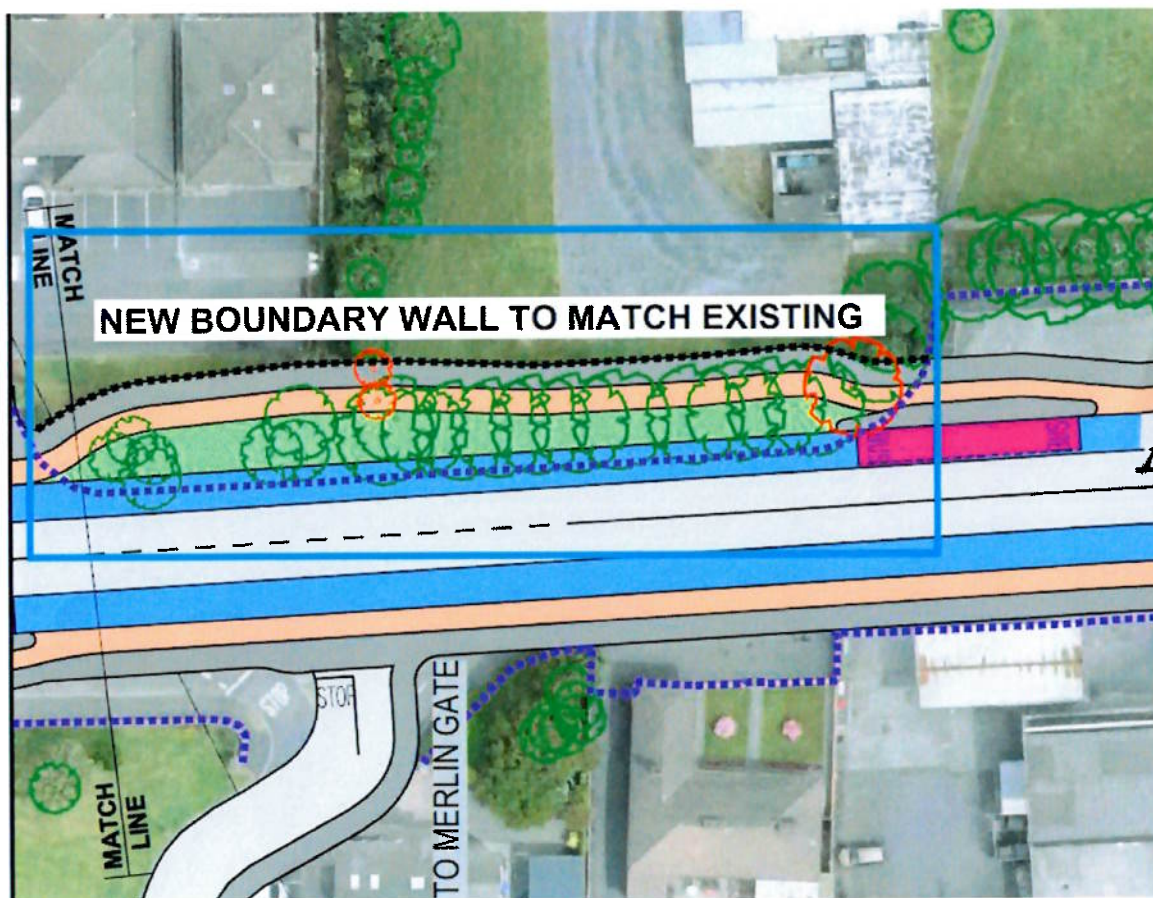


Figure 2: Footpath and cycle lane come inside the tree line.

2. Request for a Double Yellow Box outside of Woodhaven Estate.

As per the Figure 3 in the plans there is only one Yellow Box directly outside Woodhaven estate. We would request that this be a double yellow box as per the entrance to Merlin Gate directly across from us. We have experienced firsthand issues getting out of the estate turning right into Galway City. It is impossible to exit, forcing residents into decisions of risk to exit and creates a huge safety concern. A yellow box would allow for a clean exit and onto the lane of traffic which will be backed up when new lights are installed at the junction by ATU. The volume of cars is only increasing year on year.

We would request that this would be facilitated as it is not a structural change but more to allow the safer exit onto the main road from the estate given that we now must cross an additional cycle and bus lane to turn right into the city. This would result in less accidents at that junction by removing the risk-taking element from residents and road users.

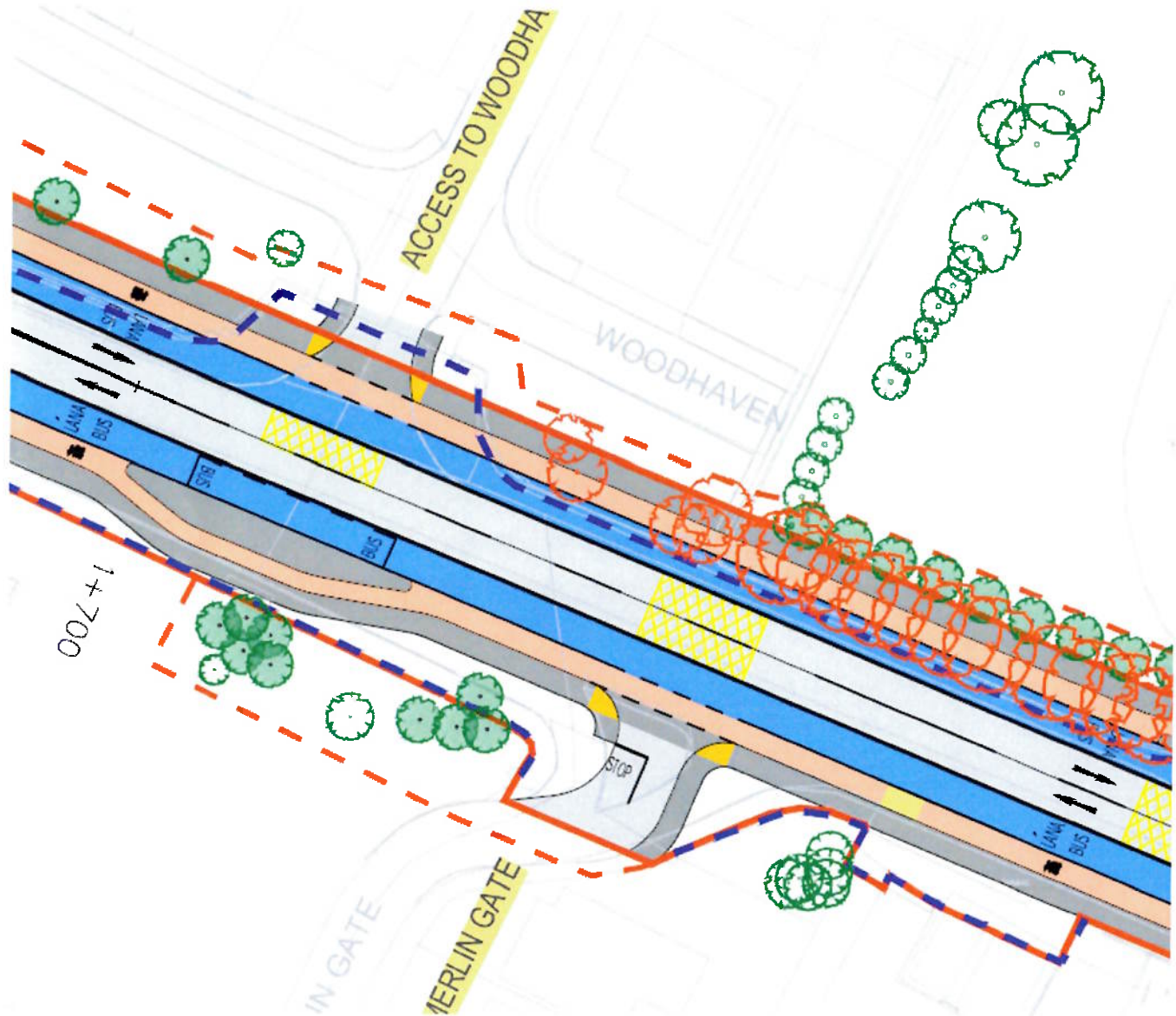


Figure 3: Double Yellow Box

3. Raised Table Crossing.

The Preliminary Design Report, Section 14.8.2 notes: *"Raised tables will be provided to the access at the Woodhaven estate and the Merlin Gate estate."* What is the purpose of the raised table junction and could it be reverted to the normal style drop down for pedestrians and cyclists? Adding this raised table junction will only prove more challenging for people entering or exiting the estate as to navigate a ramp while turning left from the city entrance side and turning right across a bus lane in the Dublin direction.

4. Graphic of how the exit from estate would look.

Could we request a new design mock up of the exit from our estate. The graphic (Figure 4 Before and Figure 5 After) provided does not give an accurate representation as to how it will look post development. We would request if possible to provide updated graphics in relation to the proposed development as it is removing an area of land that has been in Woodhaven Estate since 1991.



Figure 4 Estate View Before

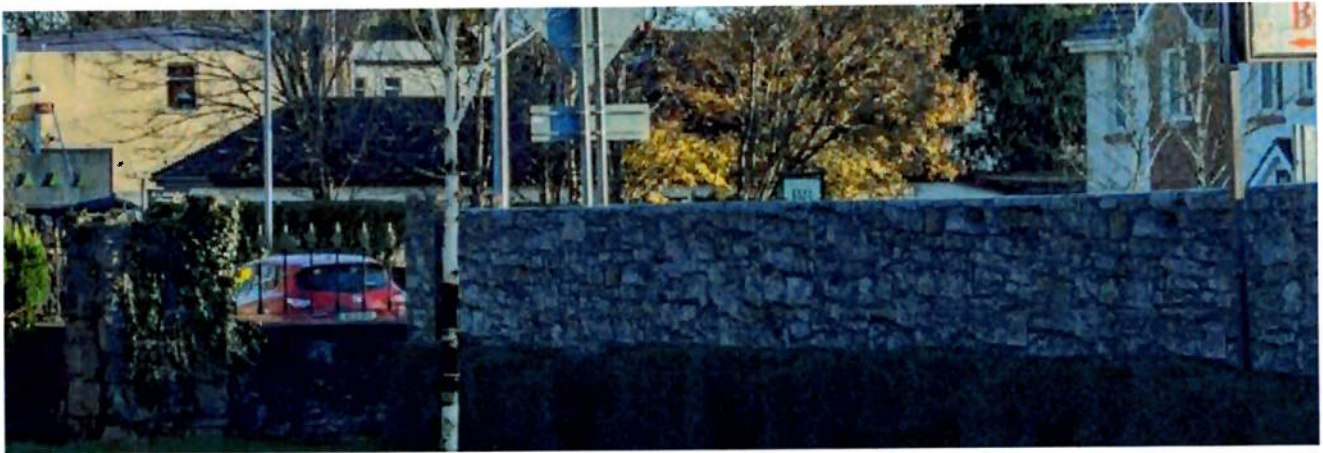


Figure 5 Estate View After

Finally, what are the proposed timelines for this project? When is it likely to commence in Woodhaven Estate?

Many thanks,

David Collins.

Chairman, Woodhaven Residents Association.