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Att: An t-Uasal Rob Mac Giollarnard

Executive Officer.

23 July 2019

An Bord Pleanala,

64 Marlborough Street,

Dublin 1.

Proposed Broadmeadow Greenway through McAllisters Lane/Hanlons Lane
Malahide

We wish to make a submission to you An Bord Pleanala on behalf of the undersigned and our family regarding the proposed routing of the Greenway through McAllisters Lane/ Hanlons Lane.

In the past the residents of the lane have suffered at the hands of Fingal Council, and it's agents, with regard to the facilities on the lane which is there responsibility. Public lighting, the surface of the lane and more recently public parking are the issues. The issue of parking has not been resolved and besides the road surface at the southern end of the lane is pathetic.

Perhaps we should explain, since we are one of the families longest in residence in the lane, having lived here since 1978. The lane is approximately 350 yards in length and is divided by bollards approximately at half-way position, which restricts vehicular traffic, traversing the full length of the laneway. There are seven residences on the northern end of the laneway and thirteen on southern end. The Council in its wisdom, more than one year ago, introduced restricted parking on the northern end, or less populated end of the laneway and has resisted any such initiative on the southern end of the lane. The result is that at least we are often restricted in exiting the driveway of our residence and when we are

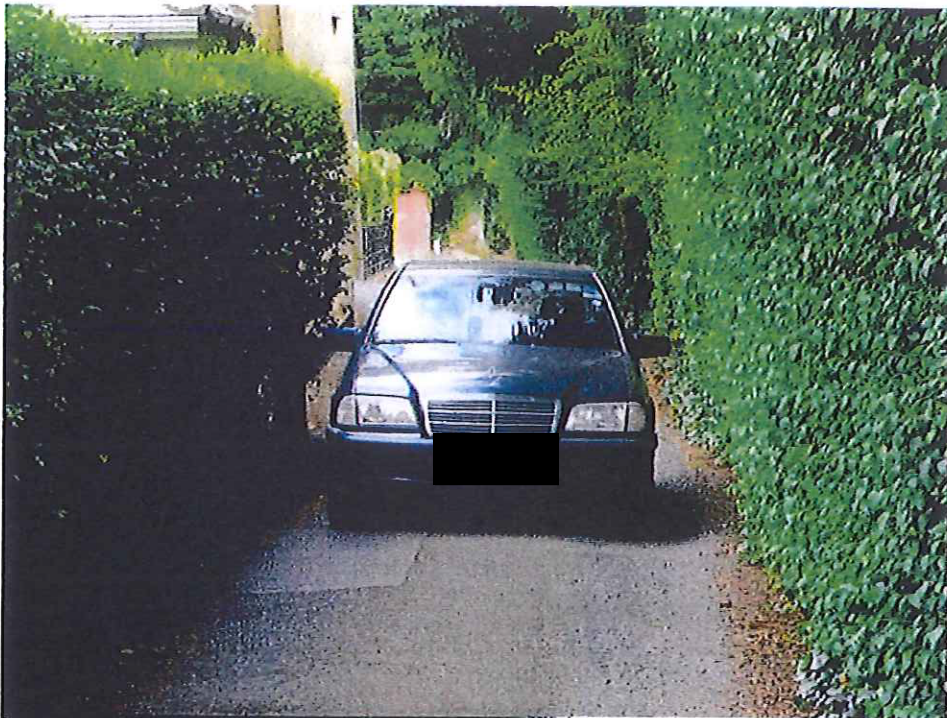
expecting an oil delivery we have to be vigilant to ensure access for the tanker, in case the route is blocked by parked vehicles. In fact in the past year It cost me 800 Euro in repairs for a vehicle I damaged reversing from my drive way. The residents of the southern end of the lane have besides an unwritten agreement, giving vehicles entering laneway from Dublin Road end, the right-of-way, even though the vehicle exiting the lane might have to reverse 60 to 70 yards. It may not be appreciated but for 60-70 Yards, the southern end of the laneway exiting onto Dublin road is restricted to a tight one lane of traffic. In the case of pedestrians in this bottleneck they either stand aside, allowing car to pass or the car stops and gives them the right of way.

Into this maelstrom Fingal County Council want to route the Broadmeadow Greenway. There are other considerations besides. There are at least 6 or 7 households with retired people in residence in the lane. We are both in our 80s. Are we to be confined to our gardens at the pleasure of Fingal County Council. The only advantage I can see for the residents is a reduction in the value of the properties which would reduce property tax. This is not an issue for us as we are more interested in enjoying the neighbourhood we live in, in spite of the potholes and general neglect by Fingal County Council of its responsibilities.

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The above picture shows an oil tanker delivering oil to my residence. Consider the fact that fire tenders in general use in Ireland and by Dublin Fire Brigade, are approximately the same size as this vehicle. Consider besides the fact the fire tender needs, besides speed of response, ease of access. Fingal County Council in the past have ignored my written concerns.



The second picture shows a vehicle exiting the southern end of McAllisters Lane/ Hanlons Lane on to Dublin road. It gives some idea of the width of the carriageway



The final image is a view of a van parked right out into the carriageway. In this situation an emergency vehicle would have

little chance of being able to pass. This scenario strange as it might seem is a regular occurrence. Note: The Garda no parking cone.

It is not surely extreme folly if not totally irresponsible to propose a Greenway through the laneway with little regard for the residents or those who reside in the immediate areas who regularly traverse the lane walking their dogs or simply accessing Bisset's Strand. School going children accompanied by their parents access the lane as a convenient short cut. Twice a day during school hours there is also heavy parking on the Dublin road when children are going or being collected from St. Sylvesters school.

I have worked and lived in Holland, Belgium and Germany and many parts of the world besides. I regularly cycled to work, with ease in European countries. I have some knowledge of the dedicated cycleways in Ireland and the Fingal area besides, many seem to end abruptly at a regular roadway. I do not cycle on the road or limited cycleways as they are in my opinion unsafe. I now only cycle in Malahide Castle Grounds. I have some knowledge of Geography and find it extraordinary that with the many motorway developments throughout the country, and unlike on the continent, where cycle/walkways were incorporated into the developments on each side of the motorways, that it never occurred to planners in Ireland, although the motorways at home post-dated those abroad, in construction.

We trust our observations and experiences from living in the lane will guide the board to a balanced and equitable decision.

Yours Sincerely

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Frank J Walshe, M.A.

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P.S. Within the past number of months I have written to Fingal County Council regarding parking in the laneway, resulting in restricting oil deliveries and warning on the consequences of the difficulties for access of emergency vehicles. The Council have not responded, so I assume they are fully aware of the potential consequences and accept fully their responsibilities, particularly with regard to emergencies in the laneway. I also suggested that there should be a traffic box on Dublin Road exit at southern end of the lane. The traffic on the Dublin Road has increased considerably in recent years, so I believe that a 30 Kph speed limit should be considered from Yellow Walls junction, extending past the Grand Hotel, bearing in mind that Malahide has become a very popular

tourist centre in recent years. Fingal County Council seems oblivious to the fact that the Malahide Cricket Club and Malahide Castle, have attracted large numbers of visitors in recent years yet there is no pedestrian crossing to either venue.

P.S. (2) 23 July 2019

Relevant fee of 50 Euro cheque enclosed.

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