



Residents Association

Griffith Avenue and Districts Residents Association

May 2018 Update

WALSH ROAD CLOSURE

DCC have delayed the announcement of their decision until the May Council meeting. We would like to thank Cllr Noeleen Reilly (Ind) Chair of the NW Area committee for agreeing to move this meeting into city hall so it can be webcast and residents will be able to watch the proceedings. We have been told that Councillors have been given a report from DCC explaining the reason for the executive decision but that Councillors will not be allowed vote on this issue. DCC claim that this is not a road closure but rather they have employed a filtered permeability principle. This means it remains an executive function and Councillors will not be required to vote. We would maintain that the decision constitutes a road closure and accordingly have contacted Councillors asking them to request a vote on this as our public representatives. Please contact your local representative and request that they insist on a say in decision making within the area they represent.

CRIME

GADRA has been lobbying for an increase in Garda numbers in our area and the introduction of Small Area Policing. We are alarmed at the increase in crime in our area and the drop in detection rates and have contacted our local TDs with regard to same. We are disappointed to learn that Inspector Downey, who had responsibility for community policing in this area, has been transferred but has not replaced. We encourage residents to report all crime. This will serve to help us when we are lobbying for increase police numbers in the area. Our Community Garda Martin Lynch is in Corpus Christi Hall each Tuesday from 10.30am until 12.00noon.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

GADRA continues to engage on your behalf with DCC. We have had difficulties with this engagement and have made a formal complaint to DCC that the Traffic department staff did not attend any of the local community forum meetings as requested. We are awaiting a response to our complaint.

We have requested that the potholes in the area are addressed and are also awaiting a response on this matter.

We have met with some of the Public Domain Department staff from DCC and have highlighted the issues of the uneven footpaths, requested flower boxes and hanging baskets throughout the area. Some have been agreed but unfortunately the baskets outside the Church on Griffith Ave have been refused which we intend to appeal!

METROLINK

GADRA has put a number of questions in relation to this project to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the answers to which are on our website. We have also finalised our submission to TII in relation to the project which is also on our website. If you do not have access to our website please phone 0873658885 and we will print a copy for you. Thank you to all residents who have contacted us with their queries on this issue. See below a brief summary of our submission

- GADRA welcome the Metrolink project and plan to engage at all phases of this project to ensure minimal disruption during construction and eliminate the possibility of post construction impacts for residents
- We are requesting that TII select a route that maximise the use of roads and unoccupied areas for the positioning of the tunnels so as to reduce the number of homes tunnelled beneath

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- We request that the tunnels are run at a depth which ensures minimum disruption during construction and eliminate any possibility of any operational impacts for residents
- We are requesting that the least number of homes are tunnelled beneath and that the tunnels are at a Depth that will eliminate any possibility of operational impacts. With this Emerged Preferred Route (EPR), TII have said that 30 homes will be tunnelled under at a depth of 24 meters. We would not accept any increase in this number. We would hope this number will decrease through design changes
- We are requesting the TII immediately appoints an Independent Expert to advise residents along the Metrolink route
- We are requesting that a Public Health Specialist be part of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) team and that the EIS (Statement) contains a section specifically focused on Human Health

EMERGED PREFERRED ROUTE

- GADRA welcomes the fact that there are to be no home CPOs in our area.
- We welcome that this route plans to make use of main roads for tunnelling and would not accept a change from this at alignment stage.
- We welcome the fact that there is no cross over tunnel in our area and would resist the introduction of same
- We note that 30 homes are to be tunnelled beneath and would hope to reduce this number through design. We would not accept any increase in this number

PLANNED TUNNELLING BORING (TMB) LAUNCH SITE AT NA FIANNA

Planned Tunnelling Boring (TMB) Launch site at Na Fianna

GADRA's position is that a site bordered on three sides by homes surrounded by two schools in a densely populated area is unsuitable as a launch site and therefore does not meet best international standards for a TBM launch site. We feel that a TBM launch site should be a greenfield site with easy access to a road/motorway network

If this site were to remain Residents living along the perimeter would be exposed to intolerable levels of noise, airborne particle matter, traffic, lighting, vermin etc rendering their homes uninhabitable.

NA FIANNA STATION

GADRA have made a submission into the design phase of this station (should it remain in its present position), requesting only one ventilation shaft which needs to be positioned away from homes.

It is our opinion that a station in the area would be a more welcome asset than a large unsightly ventilation shaft.

We would like all residents to make a submission on this project even if you live on the far side our association, as we need to ensure that those residents who will be directly affected are supported by our whole community. You can email consultations@metrolink.ie or by post to Metrolink, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Parkgate Business Center, Parkgate Street Dublin 8. If you are not fully sure what to put into your submission, please request independent expert advice for residents affected and for the relocation of the TBM launch site to an unoccupied greenfield site away from homes (alternatively you can submit a submission supporting the GADRA submission - which is available on our website). Also please contact your TDs and Councillors in relation to your submission. We would advise all residents to read the Metrolink privacy notice and request that their individual data is managed in accordance with GDPR.

Once a decision has been made in relation to a final route, station position and launch site, TII have agreed to come to a meeting in our area to discuss the project. This will be towards the end of this year.



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