

SAMRA
Sandymount
Dublin

FAO : Minister Eamon Ryan TD
Minister for Environment, Climate, Communications & Transport

9th January 2021

PROPOSED DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TRIAL OF THE PROPOSED STRAND RD CYCLEWAY

Dear Minister

We recall our meeting of 30th November with yourself and colleague Claire Byrne, to discuss this topic and share our concerns about the broad ranging adverse impacts on the Sandymount area, that are predicted from DCC/NTA traffic modelling, as a result of the proposed Strand Road cycle-way routing.

You undertook to remain close to this issue and provide oversight and intervene if necessary.

As this has progressed further, we now call on you in that capacity.

The Consultation Forum is an attempt to bring together the many parties together for resolution of the issues but in reality, meaningful progress cannot be achieved. The number of participants is high and the breadth of the conflicting issues is wide. Despite detail questions sent by SAMRA on 7th December, the reply of 4th January by DCC does not provide the information needed. Meaningful progress is not being achieved and there is now wide alignment with other resident and community groups about the way forward.

All but one of the councillors support SAMRA's position.

The root cause of the problem is that the proposal is flawed, ill thought out, complex in its implications for the South East area of the city, and is being made more complicated as ill considered mitigation measures are being put forward by DCC.

Forcing traffic through a web of narrow streets will cause dreadful congestion in many areas including Sandymount, its Heritage Village and Architectural Conservation Area, Ballsbridge, Irishtown and Ringsend. It will give rise to traffic hazards, and will severely diminish the amenity and environment of the area.

It is the antithesis of good urban planning.

It is causing distress and division in the area, has very little community buy-in, and is a direct contradiction of the concept and objectives of sustainable communities.

We are absolutely in favour of providing good and safe cycling infrastructure, and we hereby ask you, as Minister of Transport, to instruct the NTA/DCC to abandon this proposal and to develop a **proposal for an off road solution for a cycleway along Strand Rd.**

For and on behalf of SAMRA Committee

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David Turner
Chairman

Cc Political Assistant

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