

**Ciaran O'Gorman**

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**Subject:** FW: Bus Stop used by Matthews Coaches at Grange Rath Entrance 2  
**Attachments:** Matthews terminus.docx

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**From:** Jim Gibney [REDACTED]@meathcoco.ie]  
**Sent:** 24 June 2015 10:10  
**To:** Anneliese Jones  
**Subject:** FW: Bus Stop used by Matthews Coaches at Grange Rath Entrance 2

Hi Anneliese

I have got the correspondence below from [REDACTED]. It appears that Matthews buses are using a location for a terminus which was only approved as a stop. The licence application sought a terminus in Grangerath Estate which required consent from the owner there – [REDACTED]. What is the process for bringing this to their attention? Is it yourselves or the Gardai?

The location sought originally was ideal and with minimal civil works could accommodate 2 to 3 buses. The location outlined below is not a safe location as it would block the sight lines for traffic emerging from the estate.

See map attached which is self explanatory

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2015 10:51  
**To:** Jim Gibney  
**Cc:** Fergus O'Dowd; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bus Stop used by Matthews Coaches at Grange Rath Entrance 2

Dear Jim,

Thank you for taking my call this morning.

In follow-up to our conversation, all to the residents of Park Green are very concerned about the safety of the Bus stop used primarily by Matthews coaches at Grange Rath entrance 2.

We feel that there is a very serious accident waiting to happen that will undoubtedly result in severe injuries and loss of life to road users, us, or most worryingly, our children.

The issues of safety, as I see them, are:

1. The Colpe road which both of the outlets for Grange Rath, a huge housing estate, open on to, is a very busy road feeding traffic from Bettystown, Mornington and Donnacarney with all of their housing estates on to the Dublin Road.

In Front of Grange Rath Entrance 2, the Colpe Road is quite narrow and has a turn on it. Cars travel very fast along this road.

In the last few months a new housing development has opened beside it and a busy Presbyterian church opens on to it a few meters down the road.

On the hour and at the busy times on the half hour, Matthews buses stop on this road just at Entrance 2 to Grange Rath using it as the terminus for their service to Dublin destinations. Indeed there are times when multiple Matthews buses come at the same time queuing up one behind the other to load passengers. Oftentimes during the day, Matthews buses completely block the Colpe Road with one bus stopped on the road picking up passengers en route to Dublin and another stopped on the other side discharging passengers. This can cause traffic chaos at a busy T junction. Drivers also erratically and dangerously pull out around the buses into oncoming traffic.

2. A result of Matthews buses using the Colpe Road just outside the second entrance to Grange Rath is that there is chaotic parking around the entrance to Grange Rath.

This chaotic parking falls into 2 categories:

- A. Longer term parking along the main entrance road to Grange Rath and along Park Green used by people I presume working in Dublin for the day or spending a the night or weekend in Dublin.
- B. People parking for 10-15 minutes waiting to drop some to or pick someone up for the bus. This is often at the busiest times during the day and not infrequently we have not been able to get out of our entrance or have to turn blindly on the Colpe road to get past cars parked chaotically at and around the entrance.

3. Although not strictly a life and death safety issue, there is a problem with noise and litter. The bus service starts at 6am and continues until well past midnight. There is the constant sound of buses idling and starting off and the sound of cars honking that have been caught behind them. At night, especially at week-ends, there is the sound of what I presume to be drunken revellers celebrating or arguing well after bedtime awakening everyone in earshot. Finally, there is a lot of litter left by the passengers which blows around the estate and especially in to us in Park Green. These are small concerns compared to the safety issues raised in Points 1 and 2, but have a negative impact on our quality of life in a residential area.

Jim, I want to repeat that there will be a serious accident here and it will probably be soon.

I use the Matthews bus sevice intermittently and do not want to see it go.

However, I feel that where they stop at entrance 2 is completely inappropriate for purpose and is dangerous.

It would appear to me that it be in everyone's interest and safety if this bus stop was moved nearer to South Gate shopping centre and away from residents houses on the busy Colpe Road or in Grange Rath.

It would also appear that this would have the added benefit that The South Gate complex is a natural congregation point for passengers not the busy entrance to the estate where there is no safe parking and buses are stopping dozens of times a day on a very busy and narrow road.

Best wishes,  
[Redacted]

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