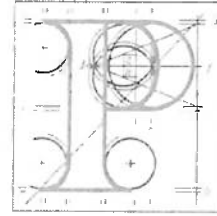


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**An
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Beaufort Downs Residents' Association
15 Beaufort Downs
Rathfarnham
Dublin 14

Date: 24 April 2024

Re: Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

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 note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

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.

Yours faithfully,


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BusConnects Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre CBC

Dear Sirs,

We wish to make a further submission regarding the NTA response documents in respect of the Rathfarnham bus corridor.

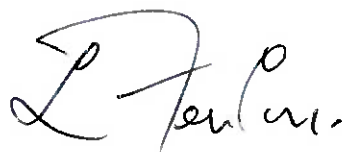
We have previously raised the issue of the ill-conceived destruction of natural parkland to construct a small section of bus corridor, which is wasteful and unwanted destruction of an oasis of nature and habitat in an urban area. We have also raised the issue of the vague environmental and ecological assessments undertaken by the NTA. In this regard we note that SDCC, who own the woodland area, have also cast doubt on the accuracy of the tree loss estimates.

We note that the NTA are still dismissive of the major environmental concerns raised by various parties in connection with this Park. Nevertheless, we are happy to note that they have finally acknowledged that the Park is in fact a habitat for protected species, a fact of which they were previously unaware. [See pg93 Planning Response by the NTA.]

However we absolutely dispute the NTA's contention that the Whitechurch Stream / River Glin "is not itself directly impacted by the Proposed Scheme [pg 94 Planning Response]. This is patently wrong. This river is being built directly over to the extent of c. 5 metres. It has caused flooding in our estate in the past. There is absolutely no understanding of the significance of the environmental issues at play here, both in relation to this and the numerous other environmental issues raised.

We have been liaising with the Rathfarnham Wood Residents' Association (RWRA) and support their submissions, both last August and now, regarding the Park. As well as the points set out in our correspondence, we also wish to further object to the proposals on the basis of the numerous reasons set out by them. We agree with RWRA that the bus corridor should terminate at the end of the Rathfarnham Village bypass (by the Butterfield Avenue junction). A signal controlled priority light would provide sufficient priority for the limited number of outbound buses which pass Rathfarnham Castle Park.

Yours faithfully,



Larry Fenlon: Secretary, Beaufort Downs Residents' Association