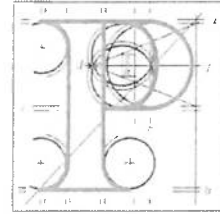


**Our Case Number:** ABP-316272-23



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Eve McMorrow  
61 St Patrick's Road  
Walkinstown  
Dublin 12

**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](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
Eimear Reilly  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737184

HA02A

**Teil** (01) 858 8100  
**Glaio Áitiúil** 1800 275 175  
**Facs** (01) 872 2684  
**Láithreán Gréasáin** [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)  
**Ríomhphost** [bord@pleanala.ie](mailto:bord@pleanala.ie)

64 Sráid Maoilbhride 64 Marlborough Street  
Baile Átha Cliath 1 Dublin 1  
D01 V902 D01 V902

**AN BORD PLEANÁLA**  
LDG- \_\_\_\_\_  
ABP- \_\_\_\_\_  
26 MAR 2024  
Fee: € \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: 12:35 By: Hand

61 St Patrick's Road  
Walkinstown  
Dublin 12

An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division)  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D01 V902

316272/316377

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**BusConnects Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre CBC proposals and planning application  
Impact on Rathfarnham Castle Park**

Dear Sirs,

I would like to take the opportunity to make a further submission following the NTA response in respect of the above project.

The NTA clearly does not understand the consequences of expanding the Grange Road into the Woodland area of Rathfarnham Castle Park. This area is a very important amenity for many people, especially autistic children, for whom it is a calming, regulating environment.

It has a fantastic range of wildlife, especially protected wild birds, bats, frogs, bees, ducks and squirrels. It is a calm, peaceful, natural play space with a wonderful Woodland Playground.

I am a teacher and have worked with numerous autistic and neurodiverse children. I have seen first hand through my work the incalculable benefits of a play space which meets sensory needs. In this case, as it comprises a quiet, natural haven, it cannot readily be replaced. This area is loved by all children, my own included. It hosts a wide variety of wildlife, particularly wild birds and squirrels. Construction work would destroy it permanently.

The significance of this lovely quiet play space and nature reserve should not simply be disregarded, as the NTA is proposing. Please consider the importance of this particular area for the community. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Eve McMorrow.