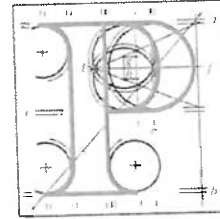


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



An
Bord
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Grove Park Residents Group
c/o 91 Grove Park
Rathmines
Dublin 6

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 the mean time, 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,

Eimear Reilly
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To: Kevin McGettigan
Subject: FW: Bus Connect Templeogue /Rathfarnham Ref 316272
Attachments: ABP _ 316272 _GROVE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP_Response.pdf

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From: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Eimear Reilly <e.reilly@pleanala.ie>
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From: Philippe O Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
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Please find attached Grove Park Residents Group response

Philippe O Sullivan

GROVE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP

c/o 91 Grove Park
Rathmines
Dublin 6
28th March 2023

RE: Bus Connects Rathfarnham to City Centre Route

Ref ABP 316272-23

Following on from our group's submission of the 14th August 2023 and the response issued to the Board and highlighted in the letter of the 23rd February 2024, the Grove Park Residents Group wish to make the following comments ;

NTA have not responded or dealt with our four main concerns with the exception of item 4 below.

- 1. The bus gate should only be operational during peak traffic times, 7am-10am and 4pm -7pm . The Bus Gate should also operate with the flow of traffic i.e. into the city in the morning and out of the city in the evening. This would still achieve the objectives of encouraging the use of public transport as well as cycling and walking.*
- 2. During these periods, Grove Park should be restricted to local access only and not a through route. This could be further enhanced with the use of a restricted junction on the Rathmines road.*
- 3. An official turning point at the junction Mount Pleasant Avenue and Grove Road should be considered.*
- 4. Consideration should also be given to how vehicles will turn around if they reach the Bus Gate when it is in operation.*

The report mixes up the nature of the current bus lane situation, which we all agree is not fit for purpose and a timed bus gate, which would enhance public transport efficiency at peak hours as per the NTA mandate.

Figures 2.5.7/8/9/10 clearly indicate the farcical nature of the proposal to cut off the Rathmines Road to all private and commercial vehicles 7 days a week except for the dead of night.

As a resident's group, we understand that we will be impacted for the greater good of the city but the current proposal will isolate us unnecessarily as well as to create additional mayhem on the canal.

We kindly request that the Board demand that the NTA provide a more balanced strategy to the Bus Gate proposal on the Rathmines Road.

Yours Sincerely

Philippe O Sullivan

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Note - We take it from the summary item 2.5.3.1 that lack of reference to Grove Park and its 900+ residents on is a typographical error.