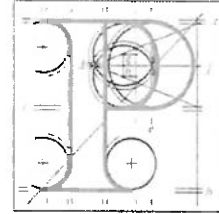


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**An
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Kieran Comerford
50 Charleville Close
Rathmines
D06 E9X2

Date: 26 March 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.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

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,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
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Eimear Reilly

From: LAPS
Sent: Tuesday 27 February 2024 10:03
To: Kieran Comerford
Subject: RE: Submission ABP-316272-23

Good morning

I acknowledge receipt.

A formal acknowledgement will issue by post.

Kind regards
Eimear

From: Kieran Comerford [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:10 AM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Submission ABP-316272-23

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Following your letter and invitation of 23/02/2024, I attach a submission below re Bus Connects Spine A.

Kieran Comerford

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Telephone: [REDACTED]

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Revised observations on Bus Connects Spine A, Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

I live in Charleville Close, Rathmines, and although I have many objections to the plans for Spine A, I will confine my observations mainly to the effect on residents of Charleville Close and Charleville Road.

It is extremely difficult at present to travel either east or south from our roads and the proposed changes will make it almost impossible. A number of years ago, a traffic island was built to prevent traffic exiting Charleville Road to Rathgar Road. I argued against this and was told that there was a problem with traffic light phasing to allow an exit from Charleville Road. A simple solution to this is to allow a left turn only from Charleville Road with a yield sign or an orange left filter light, but this was not adopted.

The closing of the exit to Rathgar Road forced traffic into using Wynnefield Road. But exiting from Wynnefield Road heading east involves trying to get into the outer lane so as to access Castlewood Avenue. This is difficult at rush hours and one often relies on the goodwill of other drivers. The proposed changes will add an inbound bus lane, thus funnelling all other traffic into the outer inbound lane. This will make it almost impossible to enter this lane from Wynnefield Road. The proposed bus gate on Lower Rathmines Road will cause further pressure on Castlewood Avenue, causing traffic to back up and making it impossible to get a gap to exit from Wynnefield Road.

The proposed right turn which is to be permitted from Leinster Road to Lower Rathmines Road is to be welcomed but it in no way compensates for the effective closure of Wynnefield Road and the earlier closure of the exit to Rathgar Road.

I wish to object to the whole Spine A proposal as hugely disruptive for only a limited improvement in journey time for those living in areas beyond Terenure and no benefit at all for those in Rathmines.

I would like to make a recommendation.

The proposed road changes are short-term, expensive, and disruptive. In the medium to long term it makes sense to extend the Metrolink from Charlemont to Rathmines and on to Terenure and beyond. This will remove a substantial amount of the present road traffic.

I therefore suggest that Spine A be implemented without any major changes to existing roads in the Rathmines area.

Kieran A. Comerford B.E.