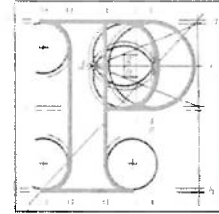


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Linda Hackett
79 Highfield Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6

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
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From: LAPS
Sent: Tuesday 19 March 2024 15:22
To: Linda Hackett
Subject: RE: Case reference number - ABP-316272-23Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre.

Good afternoon Linda

I acknowledge receipt of your email. A formal acknowledgement will issue via post.

Kind regards

Eimear

From: Linda Hackett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:41 PM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your letter dated 23rd of February, 2024 I, Linda Ellen Hackett, being resident in number 79 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 (D06 N9X2), hereby submit my written submission (below) in relation to the Case Reference Number: ABP-316272-23 Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre.

I wish to, again, **STRONGLY** object to several of the proposals for the Bus Connects corridor as stipulated above which will have a direct and detrimental effect specifically on Highfield Road and all of the surrounding access roads. My objections are listed below -

1.
PRIOR to the Bus Connects Plans being issued for public consultation the residents of Rathgar Road initiated a meeting with the developers at which agreement was reached that the ENTIRE length of Rathgar Road would be deemed INBOUND ONLY FOR ALL VEHICULAR traffic (with both an inbound and outbound lane allocated for both bus and cycle traffic) Please note that at NO TIME were residents living on any of the surrounding/adjoining roads made aware that this meeting was being held and were NOT invited to attend at any stage. There was NO CONSULTATION PROCESS initiated at any stage with any resident outwith Rathgar Road. The above is in DIRECT CONTRAVENTION OF THE AARHAUS CONVENTION and it should NOT have been incorporated into the final Bus Connects Plans prior to public consultation.

2
Highfield Road is HALF THE LENGTH and HALF THE WIDTH of Rathgar Road. The pavements on Highfield Road are, unlike Rathgar Road, NOT OF A UNIFIED WIDTH due to the position of various residential buildings. ALL traffic (Vehicular (including ambulances for St Lukes Hospital), buses and cycles) are travelling on ONE LANE INBOUND and ONE LANE outbound. Highfield Road is not wide enough to facilitate cycle lanes or bus lanes.

3
If ALL OUTBOUND vehicular traffic is restricted from accessing Rathgar Road the plans stipulate that a RIGHT HAND TURN is to be allowed from the UPPER RATHMINES ROAD onto HIGHFIELD ROAD and that an additional a RIGHT HAND TURN is to be allowed from the top of HIGHFIELD ROAD onto the RATHGAR ROAD (presumably to facilitate all residents of Rathgar Road and all adjoining roads to access their properties). This will mean that the

majority of OUTBOUND vehicles (around 10,000 per day) will be funnelled up Highfield Road (and adjoining side roads) and will create utter chaos!

4

There is also a proposal to install a BUS GATE at the Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners on the Rathmines Road LOWER...this proposal will have a direct impact on the amount of INBOUND THROUGH VEHICULAR traffic accessing Rathgar Road and alternatives routes will be accessed and the INBOUND traffic on Highfield Road will INCREASE!

5

A bus service (inbound and outbound) has recently been added to Highfield Road and there are currently 12 INBOUND and OUTBOUND buses PER HOUR accessing Highfield Road. Outwith the "rush hour" times the majority of these buses are mostly EMPTY. There has been a notable increase in both noise, environmental and traffic pollution on Highfield Road and a notable DECREASE in all aspects of safe road procedures - AGAIN WILL NO CONSULTATION!!

6

IF the right hand turn ONTO Highfield Road (as detailed above) is allowed then an ADDITIONAL BUS ROUTE (INBOUND AND OUTBOUND) will be ADDED to Highfield Road! This makes NO SENSE! - MORE ADDITIONAL BUSES INBOUND AND OUTBOUND on Highfield Road.

7

If the above plans for access to Rathgar Road are put in place there would be a HUGE DETRIMENTAL effect on not only Highfield Road but all the smaller, adjoining roads (specifically Villiers Road, Neville Road and Templemore Road.

For all of the residents on Highfield Road and all the adjoining access roads I truly hope that the above points are fully taken into consideration.

Thank you

Linda Hackett