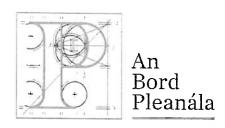
Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



Mrs. Marian Pau 578 Woodview Cottages Rathfarnham Dublin 14 D14X335

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 <a href="mailto:laps@pleanala.ie">laps@pleanala.ie</a>

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

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Email

## **Eimear Reilly**

From:

LAPS

Sent:

Friday 22 March 2024 16:38

To:

'Louise Pau'

Subject:

RE: REF CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: ABP-316272-23

## Good afternoon Marian

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

Kind regards

Eimear

From: Louise Pau

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:03 PM

To: LAPS < laps@pleanala.ie>

Subject: REF CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: ABP-316272-23

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REF CASE REFERENCE NUMBER: ABP-316272-23

NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mrs Marian Pau

578 Woodview Cottages

Rathfarnham

Dublin 14

D14x335

I am acting on behalf of myself.

Please find attached my submission as to why I do not agree with the proposed works.

If you need any further information please contact me.

Kind regards

Marian Pau

Mrs Marian Pau

578 Woodview Cottages, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14X335

Not Applicable

n/a

n/a

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CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND TR3

DODDER VIEW ROAD/CHURCH LANE/WOODVIEW COTTAGES

I am a resident of Woodview Cottages, and my family have owned a property there for over 65 years. The architectural heritage houses are set in a conservation area with a rich history. I am deeply concerned about the proposed construction site and the effects it will have on the community, wildlife, and our health. Therefore, I wish to object to the continued/extended use of the Woodview Cottage Green space on the following grounds:

1. Health – I have major concerns for my health and others due to the levels of dust and other airborne pollutants that come from the active site. As the proposed site would be much closer to the houses and be active everyday into the night.

Others and I use the hill to walk up to the shops and buses. The amount of added air pollution would be detrimental to my health.

The site is causing noise pollution at the minute. If it was to be closer to the houses as proposed, it too would have a detrimental effect on my mental health. As works are due to start early in the morning, carrying on late into the night. It would be like living on a construction site.

At the minute I can barely open my windows to let in fresh air due to dust and noise. This would be unbearable to live beside with the new proposed construction site. It is completely unfair to put this on our doorstep for years to come. This should not be allowed to be in a residential area.

2. Wildlife – There is a wide range of wildlife that can be seen using the green space and surrounding areas. Foxes and badgers have been seen crossing the green from the top of the hill to Bushy Park and back. Herons from Bushy Park also perch on our roofs and surrounding trees. Deer's have been spotted in the river by the houses.

Not to mention a vast variety of birds, bats, fish, insects, and plants that would be hugely affected by the noise pollution, air pollution, loss of habitat and possible water pollution. It would have devastating effects that these species my never recover from.

I have attached a copy of a notice that was attached to the red bridge. Its from Dublin city Council (DCC) Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services. It states that there will be some temporary closures of woodland paths over the summer to allow for maintenance work that had to be put on hold due to the disturbance it was causing wildlife and other issues. How would a construction site across the road help this? Surly it would only make it worse? Could you tell me, has an environmental survey been completed?

3. Loss of green space for residents and other users (AKA Spider Hill) – The green space has always been used by residents and passersby. It is used daily all year around for many reasons e.g., exercise, walkers, runners, dog walkers, families, ball games, picnics on the hill, relaxing, there is a keep fit class some evening, social gatherings for the community to name a few. My grandkids love to run, play, and roll down the hill. We love to see the daffodils coming up in the spring in the middle of the green. To take it away would affect so my people not just myself.

In my opinion it's the most beautiful place along the Greenway. Whatever way you look at it you, have a gorgeous view from Bushy Park over to Rathfarnham Village or alternatively a lovely view from the top of the hill looking over to Bushy Park. Either way it will be ruined for the foreseeable future with the construction site.

- 4. Flood prevention over the years the river on occasion has flooded the houses. The green has always been a flood plain to help soak up the water. I am currently unable to get flood protection on my home insurance as my house has flooded from the river in the past. Increased risk of flooding is a huge concern to me.
- 5. Road safety and Traffic management There is already a constant flow of large vehicles using the site. Added vehicles brings extra risks for people using the areas for walking, running, and cycling etc. The traffic would be increased to dangerous levels of large vehicles with added air pollution.

The road runs by the back of my house, it is already overlooked, I to dread to think what it would be like with even more trucks parking up and passing by.

6. Financial Impact/Timeline – The current works have issues as stated before. To take over the green space and continue works so close to the houses will significantly reduce the value of our properties. It would be an eyesore that would destroy a beautiful spot. As timelines have gone over in the past, it is unacceptable that this is proposed for the foreseeable future. As I've said before this should not be allowed to happen in a residential area.