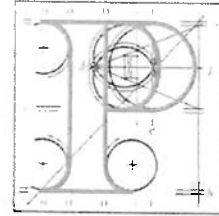


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
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Pleanála**

Maura Byrne
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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,

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Eimear Reilly

From: LAPS
Sent: Tuesday 19 March 2024 13:46
To: Maura Byrne
Subject: RE: APB 316272 -23 Bus Connects Corridor 86 Rathgar Road

Good afternoon Maura

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

Kind regards

Eimear

From: Maura Byrne [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:42 PM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: APB 316272 -23 Bus Connects Corridor 86 Rathgar Road

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Hello APB

Further to my submission last summer 2023, I would like to restate my objection to the Bus Corridor number 12 for the following reasons:

1. Rathgar is one of Dublin's loveliest heritage villages, built over 200 years ago. The Bus Connects plan of increasing bus traffic will seriously damage the heritage of the village, the businesses operating in the village (less car parking for customers) and the local community who want to live and do business here. An Bord Pleanala should cherish Dublin's heritage villages.
2. Since Covid, passengers traveling into work 5 days a week has decreased dramatically. In its plans, Bus Connects used bus passenger modeling from 2016 therefore the plans are pre-Covid numbers which are no longer correct. This modeling is obsolete and does not reflect the level of passengers travelling by bus into offices in 2024.
3. The traffic modeling for the Bus Connects plans was completed during the summer months when the road traffic is dramatically reduced and schools are closed. The new plan does not reflect the true volume of traffic on the roads.
4. The bus stop near my house number 86 Rathgar Road is totally unsuitable and has been shown in Bus Connects measurements of the bus stop that it allows insufficient space for buses. I do agree with the bus stop moving but suggested a move closer to

the village outside apartment blocks 90-94 Rathgar Road where there is twice as much space for buses to arrive and depart.

5. Besides Rathgar, the proposed traffic routes will be detrimental to Rathmines and Ranelagh and to the people living there. The smaller roads will be filled with traffic and will lead to less mobility and quality of life for residents.
6. I travel by bus, walk as much as I can and drive an electric car. Clearly, I believe in public transport and protecting the environment but not to the detriment of communities and villages in Dublin. Extending Metro North out to Tallaght with stops in Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure, Rathfarnham to Tallaght would allow Dublin to look beautiful. There would still be buses overland but less of them to allow for the streets, canals, buildings and pavements of Dublin to be less cluttered. Metro West could transform the Dublin public transport experience, our streetscapes and our quality of life.

Yours sincerely,

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