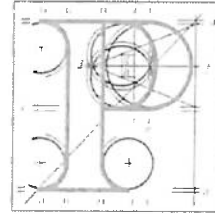


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Pat & Eileen McMorrow
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Dublin 12

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 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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18th March 2024

**BusConnects Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre CBC proposals and planning application
Impact on Rathfarnham Castle Park**

Dear Sirs,

We have received your correspondence inviting us to make a final written submission on this matter, following the NTA response to submissions. We confirm our objection to the proposal to widen the Grange Road into the Woodland area of Rathfarnham Castle Park.

In our view the NTA has not appreciated the importance of the Woodland area to people in the community. The Woodland is a vital amenity for many people, especially autistic children, for whom it is a calming, regulating environment. It has an extensive range of wildlife, especially protected wild birds, bats, frogs, bees, ducks and squirrels. It is a calm, peaceful, natural play space with a wonderful Woodland Playground. Our grandchildren love this area.

It is a very successful breeding area especially for frogs, bats, squirrels, tufted ducks, and mallards. It should be appreciated as a peaceful wildlife habitat, not turned into a construction site as that will cause it to no longer be a successful breeding habitat for these protected species.

In our view, the proposals to widen the Grange Road over a substantial part of the Woodland area of Rathfarnham Castle Park are excessive and entirely unnecessary. This area is so important for both wildlife and children, especially autistic and neurodiverse children. Unnecessarily destroying up to 10 metres of a beautiful woodland habitat and peaceful natural play space would be an appalling and retrograde step.

Yours faithfully,

Pat and Eileen McMorrow.