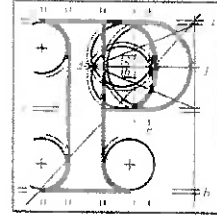


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**An  
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Peter Thornton & Helen Callanan  
22 Terenure Road East  
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**Date:** 24 April 2024

**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 the mean time, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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- a) case number ABP-316272-23
- b) Peter Thornton and Helen Callanan, 22 Terenure Road East, Rathgar Village.

In addition to the previous submission, please note that we support the submissions made by Rathgar Residents' Association and Terenure Road East Residents' Group, both dated 28 March 2024.

We are most concerned that ABP have declined to hold an oral hearing. You have not provided adequate reasons for that decision. Discretion must be exercised fairly. Were it not for the oral hearing into the Metrolink project, there would have been no notice of the further information by the NTA. Citizens' rights to consultation were curtailed. The extra consultation process in that project emerged out of the oral hearing.

In the case of BusConnects, the NTA has made it very difficult to comment (on the latest 795 or so page submission) and whereas it is claimed that our submissions are dealt with, they are in fact dismissed rather than discussed. The issues raised remain live.

1. A bus light has been made operational in Terenure Road East just where the NTA claims to need to widen the road, by felling trees and CPOing properties. It is clearly no longer necessary (if it ever was) and no modelling has been done taking that bus light into account.
2. DCC has announced that it wishes to make the city centre car free. That has not been taken into account in the current proposal.
3. In addition, it was reported just today that:

## Cabinet signs off strategy from Minister for Transport that will put pressure on councils to choose between congestion charges or clean-air zones

The above were not considered in the plan which is under consideration. The data is still out dated. The R137 is still under utilised and was left out of this plan.

We oppose road widening (giving more space to cars), felling trees (especially at #59 Terenure Road East) and generally destroying the character of urban villages and properties which are supposed to be protected.

Regards,

Peter Thornton and Helen Callanan