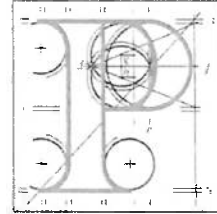


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Rathgar Business Association
c/o Bijou Deli
49 Highfield Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6
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Date: 24 April 2024

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

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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Dear Eimear,

Attached please find our further submission regarding the above.

Please read it.

Kind regards

Mark Smith
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C/O 49 Highfield Road, Rathgar

Michael O'Brien [REDACTED] From O'Brien Press

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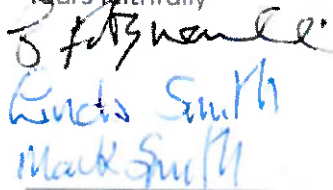
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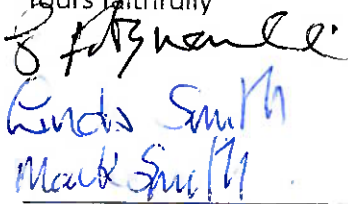
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