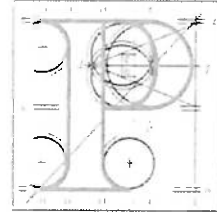


**Our Case Number:** ABP-316272-23

**Your Reference:** Rathmines Parish



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**Date:** 27 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](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,

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**BUSCONNECTS TEMPLEOGUE/RATHFARNHAM TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR****ABP REF: 316272-23**

On behalf of our client, Rathmines Parish, we acknowledge receipt of the letter issued by An Bord Pleanála, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, notifying us of the decision to determine the above referenced application without an oral hearing.

We have been instructed to submit this observation in relation to the submission received by An Bord Pleanála from the National Transport Authority (NTA), dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The deadline for submissions is 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

We have reviewed the NTA's submission in detail and whilst the response put forward is noted, we consider that the grounds of our original submission still stand. There are still concerns regarding adequate access to Church of Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners as a result of the proposed bus gate and its hours of operation.

As proposed the Bus Gate on Rathmines Road will allow only busses, public service vehicles and bicycles to pass this point between 6am and 8pm, 7 days a week. Private cars will not be allowed to pass through this Bus Gate during these hours. This will impact access to the church. Therefore, we maintain our request that the hours of operation of this bus gate are reduced to better acknowledge the busiest hours for traffic in the area and to not be in operation when the Church is in its most intensive use. We request that the hours of operation of this Bus Gate are amended to the following times:

- 6am to 9am
- 4pm to 8pm

This amendment would mean that the Bus Gate is operational for the busiest times of the day but would not be operational at quieter times of the day when mass and other services would take place.

It is considered that this change would address the concerns of the Church while also allowing the Core Bus Connects Corridor Scheme to achieve its aims of improving bus times to the south of the city.

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We have given careful consideration to the proposals and the NTA's response and feel that our request to alter the hours of operation of the Bus Gate to better facilitate the Church is a reasonable request.

We respectfully request that our concerns are addressed in the approved scheme should An Bord Pleanála be minded to grant permission.

Yours faithfully,

*Robert Keran*

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