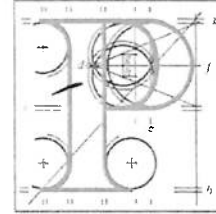


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Residents of Upper Rathmines Road  
c/o Martin Dobey  
203 Upper Rathmines Road  
Co. Dublin

**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  
Executive Officer  
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## Kevin McGettigan

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**From:** Martin Dobey [REDACTED]  
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I refer to your letter of the 23 February 2024.

I am the author of the submission numbers 3.233.1 in the response document.

I wish to state that we find the responses to our submissions entirely un-satisfactory on a number of counts:

- The specific objections have each been dealt with by recasting the original submission as if the answer to our question was already anticipated. This is the basis of the response to the vast majority of the submissions. That is not a fair or valid process.
- One specific objection – the removal of a no turn ban has been answered by reference to a different objection – ie the unenforceability of turn bans in general.
- Our core issue arises from the concern that the creation of a one way system for cars down Rathgar Avenue will not result in significant issues when this traffic flow is reversed in the evens. There is “data” to support this contention – the data is questionable and the overall response lacks credibility.
  - There is sufficient traffic flowing towards the City Centre in the morning to cause disruption (6 minutes average delay) to the bus traffic. However when the traffic flow reverses in the evening the neighbouring streets will accommodate this traffic.
  - If this were true then why not close Rathgar Avenue to all traffic at all times! The response to our issue not valid.

The option which was originally discussed – the removal of a small number of trees and the acquisition of some front Gardens along Rathgar Avenue was a much better solution to what is proposed – however it is clear that this has been rejected on cost grounds and that the residents of the side roads will carry the cost in traffic noise and pollution.

You should reject this proposal as it does not provide sufficient benefit to the very significant impact on all adjacent neighbourhoods.

A more honest approach would be to ban all non-bus traffic – a course of action that we would also not support.

Martin Dobey  
Residents of Upper Rathmines Road  
203 Upper Rathmines Road  
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