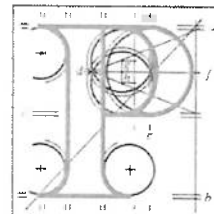


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**An
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Ursula Budd & Michael McArdle
22 Rathgar Ave
Rathgar
Dublin 6

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
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28th March 2024

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Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dear Eimear,

We wish to make a further submission to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in relation to the submission dated 20th December 2023 received from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

We are very concerned that there seems to have been no meaningful responses to the very genuine concerns raised by ourselves and many other residents.

Whilst we are extremely supportive of safe cycling initiatives and improved public transport, we feel that this scheme is badly thought through and results in:-

Minimal bus journey time improvement through our area

Absolute disregard for biodiversity with destruction of mature trees, flora and fauna

Destruction of irreplaceable architectural and cultural heritage in an area of conservation

Massively increased noise and air pollution in an area of conservation

Negative effect on businesses - Loss of street parking/ Loading bays

Massive traffic implications for surrounding roads.

Massively reduced safety for pedestrians – their lives should not be put at risk in favour of buses.

Huge costs which significantly outweigh the benefits of the scheme.

The proposals have used outdated Traffic Count Information and have not taken into account changes to work/commuting patterns due to the COVID-19 pandemic

There has been no proposals to trial elements of the proposed Scheme and other less intrusive options have not been implemented, namely; School buses, congestion charges, park and ride facilities, cashless fare payment and bus priority traffic lights

On a separate issue, the NTA have commenced a new bus service, Busconnects Orbital S4 route, along Highfield Road in Rathgar - the high frequency of these buses is already having an impact of clogging the system in Rathgar even before the Rathfarnham and Templeogue proposed bus corridors are introduced.

I would also like to query why all bus traffic is being funnelled through Rathgar and Rathmines, rather than down through Harolds Cross, which is an area seeing significant volume growth of domestic property, with many hundreds if not thousands of new residential units being built along this route.

We hope that you will give our points your consideration as there has been a feeling throughout this whole process that the residents have most definitely not been listened to and that they have as big a say in a project like this as commuters do. Please don't allow irreplaceable infrastructure to be trashed without it being properly thought through. We all want the same thing in terms of safe cycling and walking and easier commuting, but not at any cost and with no real benefits.

Many thanks

Ursula Budd/Michael McArdle