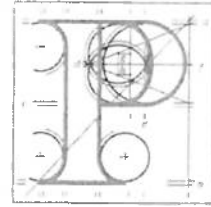


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**An
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Joseph Taylor
23 Pembroke Street
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Dublin 4
D04EF83

Date: 09 April 2024

Re: Ringsend to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.
Ringsend to City Centre, Co. Dublin.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned proposed road development. The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter 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,



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To whom it may concern

I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed cycle lane in Ringsend Park, Ringsend Dublin 4 on the following grounds. At present there is a Bye Law prohibiting cycling in the Park. This Law is not only ignored but flouted daily by (mainly) youths on electric powered cycles, food delivery cyclists, E-Scooters, Scrambler Bikes and the occasional motor bike. They ride through the Park with scant regard for safety, any time I have remonstrated with these 'Cyclists' I have been threatened and abused. When I made a complaint to the local Gardai I was informed by the Member on duty " We have been instructed by Garda Management not to pursue or stop anyone on bikes in case they injure themselves". That would indicate that there will be no Garda supervision of 'Cycling' through Ringsend Park. Opening the Park to further use by 'Cyclists' will exacerbate the situation and result in an increase in 'accidents' or deliberate harm to pedestrians.

I have lived in the area for 35 years and have seen the way anti-social groups use the park . Twenty years ago, in an effort to 'reduce anti social behaviour' the Corporation removed all bushes, shrubs and hedges in an exercise that was more wishful thinking than thought out planning. The removal of hedgerows resulted in the loss of song birds and small birds and an increase of Magpies, Grey Crows, Feral Pigeons and Gulls with no reduction in antisocial behaviour.

A 'cycle' lane will increase anti-social behaviour, crime, public order offences i.e. drinking alcohol, drug taking, graffiti, burning of wheelie bins, damage to trees and sports facilities, mugging and theft. The 'pious aspirations' of those proposing the 'cycle' lanes and bus corridors fail to take into account the reality of the social conditions as they pertain to a specific locality.

By granting this application, An Bord Pleanála will be exacerbating the problem with 'cyclists' in Ringsend Park. I urge you to look at the implications of opening the Park to 24 hour access. It is your decision and you must be prepared to accept responsibility for the fall in the quality of life for local residents.

Ignoring this objection on the grounds that it pertains to behaviour rather than 'structural proposals' may be an excuse to grant permission but it is a very short sighted approach and an example of 'silo mentality' when dealing with Public Opinion gained from years of experience.

Yours sincerely

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