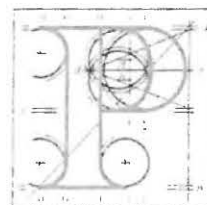


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

Blathin O'Shea
104 South Park
D18 W3W2

Date: 11 July 2024

Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.


Dear Sir / Madam,

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

If you have any queries in relation to the 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,


Breda Ingle
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From: Breda Ingle
Sent: Monday 8 July 2024 09:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ABP-317742-23

FAO: Blathin Harnett

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your email, an official acknowledgement will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Breda Ingle
Strategic Infrastructure Development
Ext. 7291

From: Blathin Harnett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:56 PM
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
Subject: ABP-317742-23

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(b) Name: Blathin O'Shea
Address: 104 South Park, Foxrock, Dublin 18

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We never envisaged that our road would change to accomodate a laneway onto the N11.

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- (ii) From a security perspective the road will be less safe for all residents on the road, as the road becomes a throughway with people going up and down it twenty four seven.
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We urge the Board to consider these very genuine concerns particularly for our children. The Board should also note the presence of a laneway only a few metres away that is already in place, therefore an additional laneway is not required.

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