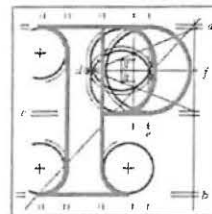


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Rod and Mary Allsop
35 Seaview Park
Shankill
Co. Dublin

Date: 11 October 2023

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 submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. 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

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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Date: 6 October 2023 at 14:15
To: Mobile Owner Rod All
Cc: Mobile Owner Rod All

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SHANKILL / BRAY

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have read the proposed document and attended the recent meetings in relation to the construction of a Bus Corridor through the village of Shankill and can only express my utmost horror and revulsion at what is being proposed. Having moved and lived here for over 40 years I have seen the village prosper and grow into a beautiful community where the people take pleasure and pride in investing their time and promoting their village and the surrounding areas.

The proposals outlined in this scheme will utterly destroy their efforts and devastate the area from Loughlinstown roundabout to Woodbrook Roundabout. In a time when we are all trying to improve our environment, preserve nature and enhance the overall beauty of our village this makes no sense at all. Not only that, the village has a number of businesses which employ a large numbers of people and these will be severely impacted and may well be forced to close. Not only that, the destruction of up to 300 trees, some of which are here for 60/70 years and possibly more and the devastation to wild life would be an act of **NATIONAL VANDALISM**, nothing short.

The notion that the Bus Corridor will speed up journey times by bus into Dublin is a nonsense. Everyone knows that the bus delays are in Bray and are caused by the traffic lights. It can take up to 25/30 minutes to get from the top of Main street Bray to Woodbrook and vice versa during the rush hours. I know because I have investigated and driven this Route on at least 9 occasions in the last month or so. There are eight sets of traffic lights to negotiate. The journey from Woodbrook to Loughlinstown takes about seven /eight minutes at most but can be delayed due to positioning of the traffic lights in the centre of the village and the bus stops. With technology that is available and some alterations the traffic lights and Bus stops could be moved to a more convenient position on the main street and enhanced to give priority to buses with adjustments to parking bays. In addition deliveries of goods and services to shops and businesses should be restricted until the rush hour has passed. Another point is that a Corridor would encourage speeding through the village and this could cause very serious accidents to main street residents, children, elderly folk and in some instances death. Also with a speed limit of 20/25 KM per hour there would be absolutely no need to build a bicycle lane. There are bicycle lanes already in place along this route anyway.

The Bus stop should be moved to outside Brady's Pub where there is ample space to accommodate a new facility. The introduction of traffic lights at the junction of Quinn's road will make the traffic much worse causing traffic jams. The two Roundabouts in the village function perfectly well at present and closure of Corbawn Lane cannot be implemented under any circumstances. The traffic lights at the new Lidl SC should be taken out of action as they cause

tailbacks particularly in the morning. Traffic from nearby housing estates should be directed up Corbawn Lane. I accept that some modifications will have to be made but not at the expense of the village and its people.

There are approximately, I believe 800 new houses being built beside our park. Traffic wishing to get to the motorway could/should be directed up Crinken Glen where new side roads would deliver it to the motorway which runs underneath.

The drive from Crinken Glen to Woodbrook Roundabout is dotted with beautiful old trees, old walls and vegetation which add character to the road and natural foilage. There is absolutely no reason why this part of the road needs any further work or enhancement as it has already been upgraded and is totally fit for purpose. Most of the traffic coming out of Bray divert to the nearby motorway. I would consider it criminal as would countless others if this beautiful drive was destroyed in the name of "progress". In addition traffic on this road is very light but would be jammed up if the road is "upgraded" to a corridor as motorists using the motorway will divert in order to enhance their journey times to Dunlaoghaire, Blackrock etc. The Motorway needs urgent upgrading at the moment as there are daily tail backs for miles during the morning and evening rush hours.

Finally I would like to know what research the NTA have done in evaluating the traffic through Shankill village and how it negotiates the roundabouts and traffic lights through the village and on to Bray. Very little if any at all in my opinion. And the cost of these works will be astronomical. But in any case given the extremely serious nature and potentially disastrous outcome for the whole area I plead that the NTA review their plan with all the residents on the route so that an amicable agreement, suitable for all can be reached that will enhance and make our area one of the beautiful places to live in County Dublin,

Yours Sincerely,

Rod and Mary Allsop.

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