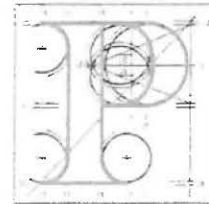


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Jacinta O'Sullivan and Seán Ó Raghallaigh
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Date: 11 July 2024

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

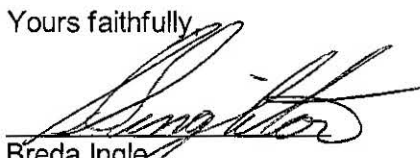
Dear Sir / Madam,

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,


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Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to your letters dated June 13th and 17th respectively and making a submission, as requested, in accordance with section 217B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in relation to the submission dated 24th May 2024 received from the National Transport Authority.

I am acting on behalf of Beechfield and Maryland Residential Apartment Complex which is comprised of 55 units and has an age constraint of over 55. I am attaching separate sheets with signatures supporting and agreeing to the stated objections of our appeal against the granting of planning permission to the published plans by the National Transport Authority.

We note with great disappointment, your decision to deny our request for an oral hearing. As stated in our previous submission, numbered 4.98 98, the fact that you are denying an oral hearing contravenes the Aarhus convention which "grants public rights, and imposes on Parties and their public authorities, obligations regarding access to environmental information, public participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice in environmental cases." The very unsatisfactory response from the National Transport Authority does not directly address any of the stated concerns in our previous submission.

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In this submission we demand that our voices are heard. We, as residents of Shankill, are fully cognisant of the requirement of structural changes necessary to facilitate the "Core Bus Corridor" however the routing of this orbital corridor through Shankill village is unachievable for the following reasons:

- The current infrastructure along a single carriageway through the village, on the old Dublin Road, prevents the construction of extra lanes, thus creating pinch points.
- The replacement of the roundabout at junction 38 with signal-controlled bus priority traffic lights will only add to traffic congestion and consequent tail-backs. To achieve this change will necessitate the deconstruction of the boundary wall of St. Anne's Church and relocation of the statue, both of which have the designated status "preserved structures". This is not adequately addressed in the response by the National Transport Authority.
- The closure of Corbawn Lane going East and the consequent re-routing of all traffic onto Beechfield Manor at Junction 39 is going to increase exponentially the flow of traffic and will create a serious hazard for all pedestrians, especially for those of us living in Beechfield and Maryland Apartments. The promise of a traffic controlled pedestrian crossing was mooted in the response, however having apparently already been requested on two separate occasions, (at the time of the construction of the Sewage Treatment Works and during the planning process for the construction of Lidl) and not granted we are somewhat unconvinced as to the likelihood of this proposal being implemented. Though vital for the safety and comfort of all pedestrians, this pedestrian crossing will further impede traffic flow and cause traffic gridlock and mayhem at these two junctions.
- We are also disturbed by the felling of a substantial number of mature trees and the destruction of our hedgerows, shrubbery and grass verges. This wanton elimination of our biodiversity is a direct infringement of DLR's Biodiversity Plan and a Shared Vision for Trees, Woods and Forests in Ireland until 2050. It was stated that there is a plan to replace some of

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the trees with replanting but this is a poor substitute for the very mature native trees which will be forever lost to the village of Shankill.

Finally, we insist that this submission is given the consideration it deserves and that we are given the opportunity to voice our concerns at an oral hearing. We acknowledge that progress is inevitable but not at the obliteration of our community and the safety and security that, to date, the village has to offer. The increased traffic flow down past our entrance will interfere greatly with our ability to access the shops, the church and other amenities that Shankill provides. It will destroy the peace and comfort of our milieu, which we as senior citizens have unambiguously chosen.

We already enjoy a reliable bus service which most of the residents use regularly. This will be significantly reduced when the BusConnect schedule is introduced as we will no longer enjoy direct access to the Luas or the mainline stations. The enormous investment in putting in place a flawed plan would be better utilised by providing a regular shuttle service to the Luas to accommodate the residents who have opted to get rid of their cars. Similarly, our bus service will be further compromised when the Core Bus Corridor is constructed and introduced through the village. The residents of Shankill and environs have proposed an intelligent alternative of bringing the buses onto the M11 at Loughlinstown and Wilford roundabouts and this should be implemented. This will be more cost effective and less disruptive. The savings made will adequately finance the proposed shuttle service.

Signed:



Dated

July 3rd 2024

Beechfield Haven and Maryland Residential Development Association

	Address	Owner/Occupier	Signed
1	Beechfield Haven	Mary Davies	Mary Davies
2	Beechfield Haven	Lynette Brown	
3	Beechfield Haven	Ann & Lee	Ann & Lee
4	Beechfield Haven	Susan Reddy	Susan Reddy
5	Beechfield Haven	Mike & Barbara Barrett	Mike & Barbara Barrett
6	Beechfield Haven	Conor Clery	Conor Clery
7	Beechfield Haven	Tom Curran	Tom Curran
8	Beechfield Haven	Anne McCormack	
9	Beechfield Haven	Sean & Aine O'Raghallaigh	Sean O'Raghallaigh
10	Beechfield Haven	Helen Earle (Unoccupied)	
11	Beechfield Haven	Elizabeth Jackson (Unoccupied)	
12	Beechfield Haven	Imelda Gaine	Imelda Gaine
13	Beechfield Haven	Maura Flynn & Michael Fox	Maura Flynn
14	Beechfield Haven	Margaret Hunt	
15	Beechfield Haven	Jean Hogan	Jean Hogan
16	Beechfield Haven	Sean Donelan (Unoccupied)	
17	Beechfield Haven	Rachel O'Brien & Rory	Rachel O'Brien
18	Beechfield Haven	Linda Harnden	Linda Harnden
19	Beechfield Haven	Tine F. Ningal & Renata	Tine F. Ningal
20	Beechfield Haven	Julia Hart	Julia Hart
21	Beechfield Haven	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
22	Beechfield Haven	Charlotte Campbell	
23	Beechfield Haven	Dorothy Jack	
24	Beechfield Haven	Sally Rowland	
1	Maryland	Alan Moore (Unoccupied)	
2	Maryland	Dymphna McAndrew	Dymphna McAndrew
3	Maryland	Patrick & Monica Merriman	Patrick & Monica Merriman
4	Maryland	Anne O'Connell	Anne O'Connell
5	Maryland	Jarlath McAndrew	
6	Maryland	Maire & Niamh Daly	Maire & Niamh Daly
7	Maryland	Angela McDermott	Angela McDermott
8	Maryland	Theresa Daly	Theresa Daly
9	Maryland	Madelon Geoghegan	Madelon Geoghegan
10	Maryland	Elizabeth Barnett	Elizabeth Barnett
11	Maryland	Tommy & Bridie O'Donnell	
12	Maryland	The Nugent Family	
13	Maryland	Patrick Moane (Unoccupied)	
14	Maryland	New Owners/Occupiers	
15	Maryland House	Marie McCarthy (Unoccupied)	
16	Maryland House	Nigel Russell	Nigel Russell
17	Maryland House	Peter Jackson	Peter Jackson
18	Maryland House	Siobhan Walshe	Siobhan Walshe
19	Maryland House	Sean Connolly	
20	Maryland House	Salli Monson	Salli Monson
21	Maryland House	Maria Hearn	Maria Hearn
22	Maryland House	John Callanan	John Callanan
23	Maryland House	Marion Dutton	Marion Dutton
24	Maryland House	John Sheridan (Unoccupied)	

→ OCCUPYER

Beechfield Haven and Maryland Residential Development Association

	Address	Owner/Occupier	
25	Maryland House	Jacinta O'Sullivan	
26	Maryland House	Frank Slevin	
27	Maryland House	Beth Anne Hazelton	B. Hazelton
28	Maryland House	Paul Lester	
29	Maryland House	Anne Hennessy	
30	Maryland House	Jackie Scott	Jackie Scott
31	Maryland House	Eamon Foley	Eamon Foley