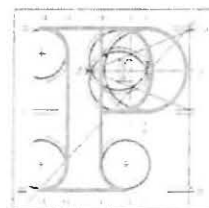


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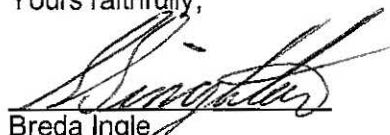
Dear Sir / Madam,

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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A Chara,

I wish to respond to the submission of the NTA dated 24 May, 2024. I refer specifically to the Section 3.11 section of the Submission regarding proposals for Castle Street, Bray.

I reject entirely the attempt by the NTA to trivialise the genuine difficulties which will be caused for traders on Castle Street if this scheme is approved.

The suggestion that car-parking will be available on local side streets is misleading because these "streets" are residential in nature, are not in any way close to the units in the Centre east of Castle Street and are primarily located on the opposite side of the Dublin Road. The removal of most, if not all, of the parking spaces in front of these shops will cause enormous trading difficulties for the existing traders and the NTA references to the experiences of traders in the city centre is completely irrelevant in the context of this small local centre.

The construction period and temporary land take if works are approved is another major issue for local traders as it will effectively close the centre for a year, if not longer, based on previous experience of projects such as this. This is an entirely unacceptable and unjust intrusion on small local traders attempting to resume their business after a number of difficult trading years.

I urge An Bord Pleanála to look critically at the mooted benefits to this scheme. The reduction in journey time will be extremely small if not negligible and as the scheme ends at the Fran O'Toole Bridge, there will be serious tailbacks back to Castle Street due to the fact that Bray Main Street is already so narrow.

I suggest that proceeding with these plans without further amendments will be grossly unfair to traders on both sides of Castle Street and particularly on the east side of the street and for this reason this element of the scheme should not be approved.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. Joe Behan.

Councillor Joe Behan

Independent Member of Wicklow County Council

