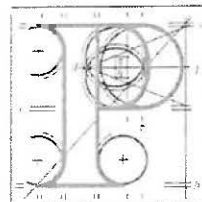


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**Date:** 24 July 2024

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

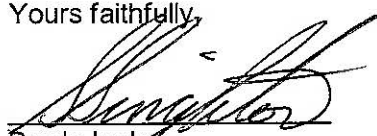
Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent correspondence in relation to the above mentioned case. The Board will take into consideration the points made in your submission.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto: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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For the attention of Aisling Reilly, Executive Director.  
Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, Bray to Dublin city centre

Re Bus Connects Bray to City

Dear Ms. Reilly,

As requested by you on the 17th June 2024 regarding our submission please find attached same in word and pdf format.

Yours sincerely  
Stephen & Patricia Kelly  
[Redacted]

**Can you please acknowledge receipt of this submission by return**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**OBSERVATION DOCUMENT TO SAVE SHANKILL SUBMISSION TO AN BORD PLEANALA**

Having just re-located to the lovely village of Shankill recently and having lived in many towns and villages here and abroad, we have just heard with horror and disbelief of the proposed Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor, that will destroy the very uniqueness and loveliness that drew us to Shankill.

In this day and age, it is beyond belief that the environment of such a lovely area with its' beautiful trees could be destroyed – eg plans to fell hundreds of trees etc. Surely, It is incumbent on a Government Department to preserve the health and safety of the residents of areas such as Shankill. It is a known fact that trees are not only beautiful but also enhance the mental and physical health of humans, they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, which is so beneficial, healthwise, to all living here – figures have proved this to be a fact in other developed societies. Trees also help to prevent flooding by storing rain and releasing it slowly into the atmosphere.

There is a very strong and active community in Shankill which always aims to improve village life, ie. looking after its' older residents, keeping the village neat and clean and updating planting etc. which resulted in Shankill winning the Tidy Districts Competition in 2022. We also support the many small businesses in the village which will be very badly affected if this decision goes ahead.

BusConnect claims to provide a better bus service for everyone with more buses, more often, however in reality they are going to take away two of the buses which are currently running. We already have a great bus service in Shankill, buses run on time and are never full, there are no traffic jams in the village, we also have a great DART service from Greystones to Malahide which runs every 10 minutes.

Why were millions spent on the motorway to bypass Shankill in the first place only to have more millions spent to increase traffic through the village?

Would it not be beneficial to do the following:

- a) Stop at Loughlinstown Roundabout where it can link in with proposed N11/M11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme (N11/M11 BPIS)
- b) To maintain Shankill's excellent bus service with only buses serving Shankill and Bray going through Shankill's village.
- c) To make improvements in Shankill to enhance the public real and safe active travel.

We are hopeful that all the above will be taken into consideration before any decision is made on BusConnects dreadful proposal.

Yours sincerely

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