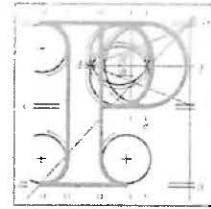


Our Case Number: ABP-317742-23



An
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Andrew Peet & Others
Lismara
Leopardstown Road
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Date: 25 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.

Please note the Board's decision to determine the application without an oral hearing is not open for further consideration.

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: Leopardstown Residents [REDACTED]
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Dear Sir / Madam,

We are replying to the letter from An Bord Pleanala, dated 17 June 2024, relating to the BusConnects Scheme and Reference Number above.

We are disappointed to learn that An Bord Pleanala will be moving forward to determine the application without any oral hearings. We believe that oral hearing can be a critical part of the decision-making process, enabling citizens to voice their concerns about any proposed development.

If the decision to forgo oral hearings has solely been made because of the volume of requests, then, surely, An Bord Pleanala can develop a reasonable rationale to at least host a selection of oral hearings from objections received. It is critically important that An Bord Pleanala has a clear and detailed understanding of the impact of the Bus Connects Scheme on ordinary citizens.

We can now only reiterate the points we mentioned in our Observation from October 2023 and, specifically, the impact of Bus Connect proposals on the White's Cross intersection and residents living on Leopardstown Road.

- Traffic has grown to significant and unsustainable volumes in the last 25 years,
- Proposed development at St Joseph's House and at the Abeline House site will add additional congestion,
- The proposed elimination of slip lanes across the intersection will add volumes of cars and delay traffic even further.

Again, we understand the necessity of reducing dependency on cars to positively impact climate change. We also believe that changes such as BusConnects are designed to frustrate people to the point whereby they get rid of their cars.

However, we ask An Bord Pleanála to recognize the jeopardy the Bus Connects Scheme will add to our own essential travels. We will have additional difficulties in entering and exiting our homes, with more cars, bicycles, and pedestrians on Leopardstown Road.

We ask An Bord Pleanála to find a way to improve travelers' choice of transport and ability to reach their destinations safely but not at the cost of diminishing the quality of the residents' lives.

Kind Regards,

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