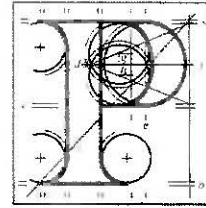


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Re: BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre.

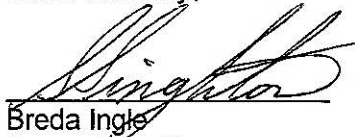
Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The 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

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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12th July 2024.

Re; BSS Connects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Bray to Dublin City Centre. Your case# ABP-317742-23.

A CHATA,

Further to my original letter dated 9th Oct 2023 (copy encl'd) and
your recent letter of the 17th June, correcting an omission on
your letter dated 13th June.

The ancient east coast Area of Dublin has evolved and been
developed over a Millium and has been fine tuned over
the last two hundred years most notably on the introduction of
the Railway lines from Dublin to Blackrock and then to Bray.
Over this time the transport infrastructure has added to piece meal to
suit the needs and demands of society. Progress goes in a forward
motion and it can not be stopped. However, it can be guided.

Today we currently enjoy the pleasant visual garden village aspect to
this transport route. The skillful art of Modernisation and the
careful preservation of our existing built transport architecture
is plain to see in the 19th century Street Architecture of the Granite
water troughs and G.P.O. Mileage markers in Donnybrook the Hand
cut 19th century Granite curb stones, the trees growing on the pavements
privately owned and maintained boundary walls, Hedges and trees
including a high number of well preserved wrought iron railings
Granite, Red brick, cut stone and random rubble built boundaries. Which
chart the built history of this route over a two hundred plus
time line.

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I travel by public transport daily. However, as I have 4th infant at about 7pm → 8pm I made a point to travel on the number 145 Dublin Bus route from D'Olier St to Main St Bray. This was an enjoyable experience as the traffic flows were light. The Bus was full and stopped frequently. It was a pleasant sunny evening which saw people out walking their dogs and mixing in small groups along the way from one village to the next from Donnybrook to Foxrock, Cabinteely, Shankill & Little Bray. All the trees were in full leaf and gardens and public spaces in full bloom. It will only take one slide rule and a Bulldozer to erase this forever! This would be a tragedy and would rob our future generations of the privilege that it is to live and work in this district.

When I was a young man I travelled the world crossing all the continents (South Pole excluded). I chose to return home and make my life here on the east coast. Because, The Garden Village aspect is not unique to us But it is extremely rare and not nearly seen elsewhere.

It is far too easy to wipe all this away and replace it with Slip cursing in concrete and serene landscaping with high vis signs. We are better than this and I believe we can progress and keep what is almost unique but very special to us intact. Other solutions must be found. It is our duty to care for the wonderful legacy that surrounds us.

Yours truly

Martin D. Benson

cc. N.T.A.

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9th OCT 2023.

Re Proposed BUS Connects Scheme - Shankill

Achtana,

I recall some three to four decades ago, before the N11, also
By pass, and before the D.A.R.T y buss transport Systems were put
into place. The three Combined Villages of Shankill, Cobinstead y
Stillorgan had to deal with the strain of being the only route for
all traffic on the East coast from Dublin to Rosslare. This meant
that the traffic congestion was extreme most of the time.

Today the population density has increased in these Villages. However,
Shankill has more transport solutions today than ever before y
thankfully is extremely well serviced.

DKRCC, about three decades ago invested a sizable sum of money
to improve the infrastructure of Shankill, Electric Cables were moved
underground, new street lighting and new pavements were put in place.
They also assisted retailers to improve their shop fronts along with the
Greening of all the public spaces which was overseen by the Parks Dept.
This had a very positive effect both visually and practically for the
Community.

My Concern with this proposed bus connects scheme, C.P. D.
and general sentiment of the scheme will change the
visual aspect of the rural nature of the route from Little Bray
all the way to town.

Cont'd. Proposed bus connect's scheme - Shanbhill. p11

Currently at peak times during school term we can see a build up of traffic causing some delays for the buses. However, Outside of these peak/peak times the traffic flows well both ways through Shanbhill Village.

On Balance, As a modern Society, we must ask ourselves.

What do we need out of our village?

Do we want all our architectural Vernacular heritage with all its Mature trees, system boundaries to be swept away to make way for a modern bus connect corridor, which will leave us without our 18th & 19th century stone walls, period gates & pillars, old granite curb stones, old specimen trees, hedges and will leave us with a totally changed visual landscape of Modern Concrete slip casting, industrial street furniture & fencing. Hi Vis signage and harsh landscaping. All this disturbance, just to ease our traffic flows at peak times for roughly Thirty Six weeks a year during School ~~terms~~.

It was not long ago C.I.E. (Dublin Bus) sought to demolish Temple Bar area of Dublin City to create a modern Bus interchange. Thankfully a stop was put to that and a different outcome prevailed.

During the Covid lockdown era, The Thousands of people who live in Shanbhill enjoyed the village and its environs for what it is in its present format.

Cont'd Proposed Bus connect scheme - Shamkilly 111

I wonder do we fully understand or appreciate the impact of harshness and lack of visual appeal ^{this} will have on our senses and mental health.

Currently with improved Broadband and flexi style working patterns introduced into the modern workforce ^{this} may actually prove to be a natural & organic way to ease the strain on the transport options of the population on the east coast. This together with a plan to invest & improve the national all Ireland (Island-wide) rail service will have an effect to spread the population across the Island and will in time ease the pressure on the East coast.

I have lived all my life on the East coast, schooled in Bray and have lived in the Shamkilly district with my family for the last thirty years.

I am a frequent user and believer in public transport.

I don't believe that the proposed scheme is the right course of action for our Community at this time.

Is Wise to Measure

Martin D. BERNON.

See enclosed.