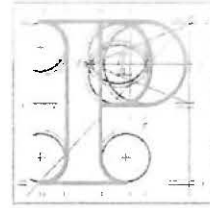


**Our Case Number:** ABP-317742-23



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Eve and Ian McAulay  
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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,

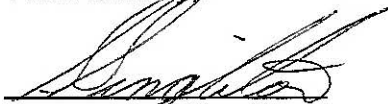
An Bord Pleanála has received your recent correspondence in relation to the above mentioned case. The Board will take into consideration the points made in your submission.

Please note the Board's decision to determine the application without an oral hearing is not open for further consideration. It was also decided not to grant an extension of time for submissions, i.e. that submissions were to be received by the Board not later than **5.30p.m., Monday 15th July, 2024.**

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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**Re Bus Connects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**

To whom it may concern

We are writing, once again, to make a submission to note our grave concerns in relation to the above Bus Connects proposal.

Firstly we think it is extremely regrettable and worrying that An Bord Pleanála have decided to deny the people of the Bray, Shankill and wider area the right to a public inquiry where these hugely negatively impactful, and irreversible proposed actions could be discussed fully and properly in an open manner.

The fact that this opportunity is being denied presents as an attitude of cynicism and anti-democratic; as does the requirement for citizens to repeat their objections (which they have already made) in the middle of the quiet of the summer holidays.

We do not feel that our concerns and observations made last October have been at all addressed. Also, facts and intentions are being distorted, and promises have been shown to be empty.

1. The number of trees that will be removed is much higher than declared in the report.

2. There has been no serious consideration made of the creation of an alternative route for some buses along the M11.
3. Despite assertions of improvements to the cycling infrastructure along the route, this is absolutely untrue for the stretch between Loughlinstown and through Shankill village.
4. It is asserted that trees will be replanted, but there has been no provision for the provision of land to facilitate this.

Fundamentally, this proposal will utterly destroy the unique historic and biodiverse character of this stretch of road, and the wider surroundings between Shankill and Bray. This remarkable and special character, with very ancient hardwood trees, and old stone boundary walls, still exists and survives, *even with* the building developments currently in the process of erection. This ancient route and its surroundings should be supported and protected, for the benefit of all who journey through or live within it.

The creation of a four lane urban highway through this area will completely destroy the community and village of Shankill.

The insufficient provision of crossing points, will create a streetscape where pedestrians will not be able to cross the road. It is likely therefore to push more people to resort to using a car, rather than bus, bike or pedestrian. This is preposterous at a time when all sensible aims are to reduce car usage, not increase it.

Once again, we ask that you reconsider the decision to deny an oral hearing to the people of the Bray Road corridor, this is a complex and hugely impactful, irreversible, proposal. It needs to be considered, challenged and justified in a public arena, subject to the scrutiny of all.

Finally, we request an extension to the closing date for replies as this facility was granted to the NTA on two occasions.

Yours sincerely,

Eve and Ian McAulay