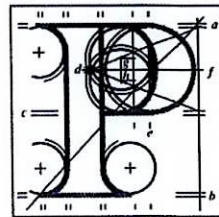


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

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Date: 06 July 2023

Re: Bus Connects Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme
Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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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Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city centre core bus corridor

I object to the creation of a bus corridor on Rathgar road and to the compulsory acquisition of land to facilitate this project.

Rathgar is a *village*. Rathgar road is an example of **period architecture** and aesthetic road building where the gardens of the houses compliment the overall beauty of the road. Many **old trees** also contribute to the wonderful ambiance of Rathgar road.

It is horrific to see the Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city centre core bus corridor scheme compulsory purchase order 2023 site notice. It indicates that core bus corridors are more important to our decision makers than *conservation of what is indeed unique and essentially priceless*. Future generations will be deprived of what is truly worth preserving **now**.

It would seem to me that at a time where Green issues dominate to extreme, it would be much better to develop a **plentiful electric bicycle connection** between Templeogue and the city centre where commuters can use the bus to Templeogue and have electric bicycles on hand to go the rest of the way to the city centre on *wide cycle lanes* on Rathgar road. This would mean **no physical disruption of the lay out of Rathgar road** and the associated houses. It would mean less cars of Rathgar road so a *much healthier atmosphere* for commuters to enter the city.

Yours sincerely,

Bernardine Cantwell