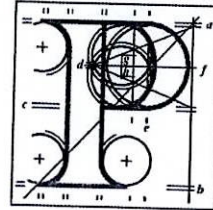


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**An
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Pleanála**

Ann and Bryan Strahan
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Date: 15 August 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 (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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

If you have any queries in the mean time, 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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BusConnects Templeogue/Rathfarnham

8th August 2023

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This was an ill prepared and thought out plan in 2019 when first proposed and still is with little or no benefit in terms of an improved transport scheme and has:

1. No regard for the historic area of Rathmines/Rathgar/Terenure and the surrounding area.
2. No account of the effect of BusConnect on villages of Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines and Ranelagh for residents and businesses.
3. Proposed the demolition of historic boundaries, walls, railings, gates and trees.
4. No modelling of the effect on adjoining roads and in particular the roads affected by rerouted traffic including Castlewood Ave and the inevitable adverse affects on residents.
5. Omitted to provide any separate assessment of smart ticketing on bus times therefore distorting the time said to be saved by Busconnects.
6. Provided no reason for the delay in introducing smart ticketing.
7. Provided no alternative steps to achieve the desired outcome in favour of an irreversible plan with enormous adverse consequences.
8. Contains no study of alternative use of traffic lanes on Rathgar Road and Rathmines road to allow for bus priority alternating morning and evening – counter flow system.
9. Failed to inform the affected public of the proposed plan and changes and therefore stifling debate on the issue.

10. Failed to provide for access to schools, clubs, churches, leisure centres, sport clubs etc.
11. Failed to provide for Park and Ride facilities only to be considered following the implementation of BusConnect, a glaring omission and should be implemented at the start of the plan.
12. Provided for the narrowing of the footpaths to the detriment of pedestrians.
13. Failed to take account of the effect of the pinch points which will negate any effect of the proposed lanes on the Rathgar Road and Terenure Road and the progress of buses and cars.
14. Failed to consider the Bus Rapid Transit Route already identified as the preferred route to the city, being the shortest, with significantly less pinch points having been widened previously and with substantially less listed and historic buildings.
15. Admitted that the BusConnect Corridor could not replicate the Bus Rapid Transit Route which has since been abandoned in favour of the proposal thereby negating the validity of it.
16. No justification for the building of the proposed bridge at the Dodder in addition to the one that is nearing completion and the destruction that it will cause.
17. Proposed a right hand turn for buses in Terenure Village dangerous for pedestrians and which would be avoided by adopting the Bus Rapid Transit route.
18. Proposed a bus gate on Rathmines Road operating on a 24 hour basis without justification

BusConnect will have an adverse effect on the villages of Terenure, Rathgar, Rathmines, Ranelagh, traders, businesses, residents and the elderly who are unable to cycle.

The NTA should not be permitted to advance a plan which fails to test the proposals and the outcome of such proposals.

We wish to adopt the submission made on behalf of the Rathgar Residents Association.

Please acknowledge receipt of this online letter and the accompanying payment of €50 to Ann Strahan, 25 Charleville Road, Rathmines, D06Y7V2
Email: ann@strahandesign.com

Yours faithfully,

Bryan and Ann Strahan