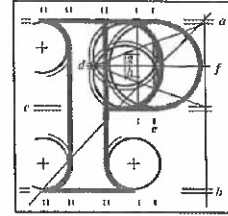


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Date: 12 July 2023

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,

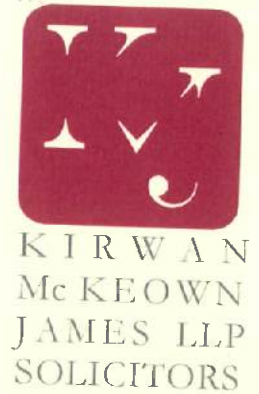

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14 June 2023

Re: Subject: Busconnects Objection Bus Corridor Rathgar Road Village / Bus Stops

Dear Colleague,

I would like to object to the application to move the bus stop from its present location outside 86 Rathgar Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 to 78 Rathgar Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6

Primarily the junction with Winton Avenue is dangerously close to where this bus stop is proposed. The bus when stopped would visually impair traffic, cyclists and pedestrians coming onto Rathgar Road. This is the part of Rathgar Road where accidents happen. Traffic speeds up at this point as it is downhill.

Anyone departing the bus would have to cross a five lane road with two cycle paths, two bus lanes and a car lane. The closer the bus stop is to the Toucan crossing at Mehek restaurant would be safer. There are toucan crossings at Wesley Road and the closer the stop is to the toucan crossings the better for safety.

Bicycles will also still emerge from Winton Avenue and emerge onto Rathgar Road across buses pulling in trying to go around buses which are stopped blindly, causing a huge danger to cyclists and pedestrians.

The bus stop would be more appropriate to be placed outside Bulters and Iconic, outside the big tall red apartment block.

Rathgar businesses are also in support of this location as it ensures better accessibility to the village and those wishing to shop carrying heavy shopping to the bus.

With the present proposal it impacts on the streetscape of that row of historic houses whereas it would

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be more suited to outside the modern apartments further up and closer to the village.

The distance between bus stops is intended to show the buses can be faster as promised. However firstly extending the distance inconveniences those using the buses and creates a huge danger for pedestrians, cyclists and children crossing to and from schools / shops / friends houses if buses are hurtling down the road at 50 miles per hour with no requirements to stop.

The whole proposal to turn Rathgar Road into a corridor ensures the death of the community and the village. Clanbrassil Street is a clear example of the death of a previously beautiful village. Rathgar is a community not a corridor.

The proposed use of diesel buses clearly shows that no thought for the environment has gone into these proposals. An underground is the way forward. The electric bus seems ages away and the damage in the interim is beyond imaginable. This coupled with the fact that no account has been taken of the changed landscape since Covid and the fact that so many people work from home and are not using the buses.

There is also little or no provision for the charging of electric cars.

What will be achieved is what we saw with most of this National Transport Authority designs turning Dublin into a car park with higher and higher emissions. On environmental, social and aesthetic grounds this proposal has little or no merit.

We enclose cheque in favor of An Bord Pleanala in the amount of €50.00

Yours faithfully,



Anne Marie James
Kirwan McKeown James