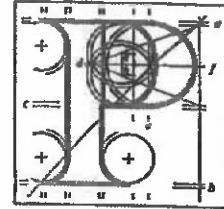


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An  
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Date: 10 July 2023

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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To Whom It May Concern,

As residents of Woodview Cottages, we wish to object to the proposed construction compound in the green area between Dodder View Road, Woodview Cottages and Church Lane in Rathfarnham. In February 2020, this site was used as a temporary depot for Dodder Greenway works and it is now proposed to extend this compound from Dodder View Road, to cover the green area as far as Church Lane. The residents of this area have had several community meetings with local politicians with regard to this proposal. We have concerns in relation to:

- Loss of a Public Amenity
- Damage to Biodiversity
- Continued Impact on Residents.

#### Loss of Public Amenity

The proposed compound area is a local amenity, popular with both residents and non-residents. Perceived as a communal garden, it is used as a family and community recreational area for picnics, local social gatherings, meetings, dog walks, children's play and fitness training. It is an access point from Rathfarnham Village to Bushy Park. This area has a heavy footfall.

#### Damage to Biodiversity:

We are proud of the local wildlife in our area. This plan will have huge detrimental effects on the local biodiversity. The proposed compound comprises an area that hosts many species of wildlife, such as foxes, herons, badgers, kingfishers, and bats. Taking this local green area in its entirety also impacts the local flora and consequently, our bees. Many people admire our spring daffodils which cover the proposed area, offering a moment of time-out and reflection which is invaluable for many of us, particularly as many of the residents don't have gardens.

We are also concerned about the storage of hazardous materials in this area and its effect on biodiversity and the nearby Dodder River. The proposed compound area covers a flood plain, thereby risking spillage into the river in the case of extreme rain or wind. There is a danger that young children or adolescents, who regularly gather and frequent the area, could innocently tamper with dangerous chemicals/machinery and cause serious harm to themselves and others.

### Continued Impact on Residents

Despite being assured in 2020 that the Greenway development would be a 38week project, and that the area would be restored to its original state, we are still enduring dust and noise.

If this project goes ahead, that will continue for another number of years, and we, the residents in the area will have to endure even more noise (ongoing work till 11pm, Monday to Friday and some on Saturday), dust, industrial traffic, night- time floodlights etc.

In conclusion, whilst we appreciate the effort and hard work that is being invested in improving transport, the planned site for the compound is in a residential area and is highly unsuitable. We strongly suggest that other non-residential sites be explored and reviewed for such plans.

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