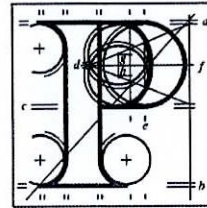


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**An
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Pleanála**

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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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Bus Gate/Bus Corridor Letter of Submission
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Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme

Dublin, 10/08/2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as a parishioner of Rathmines Parish and a churchgoer at The Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines Road, Rathmines.

I note the proposal for the Bus Corridor Scheme through Rathmines and I have fully considered the impact that this will have on the Church. While I acknowledge the intention of the project to improve bus services, I have concerns as to how the proposal will impact access to the Church and its car parks for parishioners attending mass, funerals, first communions, confirmations, weddings and other church services.

The Church fronts onto Rathmines Road, has a small car park onto Rathmines Road and a larger car park accessible from Richmond Hill. Church traffic and access for massgoers, wedding and funeral traffic should not be obstructed by the proposed development.

A minor change to the proposed development would allow the Scheme to meet its aims while also protecting the access to the Church and its services. I would like, therefore, to request that the operational times of the Bus Gate proposed for the south of the Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners are amended.

The Bus Gate is currently proposed to operate from 6am to 8pm and I would like to request that this is altered to **6am to 9am** and **4pm to 8pm**.

This change would allow the Bus Gate to serve its purpose of reducing traffic from Rathmines Road at peak times while allowing through traffic at times when the Church is in use and Rathmines Road is objectively not busy at all.

A condition to this effect should be appended to the Board's decision and I trust that such a minor alteration will be consider.

Yours Faithfully,

Antonio Autorita

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