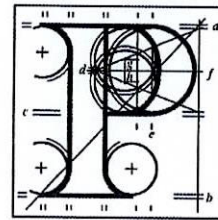


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Clare Fitzpatrick and Will Czerniak & Others
7 Victoria Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6

Date: 18 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 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 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,

Eimear Reilly
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15th August 2023

Bus Connects submission to An Bord Pleanála in respect of the Templeogue / Rathfarnham to city centre CORE bus corridor.

Bord Pleanála Case Reference – HA29N.316272

On behalf of Clare Fitzpatrick and Will Czerniak of 7 Victoria Road,
Rathgar, D06HY89

On behalf of Stephen Rogers and Caroline Walsh of 8 Victoria Road,
Rathgar, Dublin 6

Grounds for objection

In general, the submission for Bus Connect falls short of what should be expected of any government body or agency. In terms of the broad conceptual expectations of the delivery of infrastructure projects, which should create a positive contribution to people's lives (once completed), and enhance the long-term viability of the city, it fails to credibly articulate the capacity to deliver on these fundamentals.

- **On this basis, I request An Bord Pleanála rejects the applications, requesting the responsible state bodies to undertake a comprehensive review of the transportation long-term needs of the city, taking into consideration in a more complete manner the implications on the quality of life of residents, the integration with other strategic objectives (such as the 15 minute city), adopting a modelling approach appropriate to Irish modalities (rather than USA modalities) to better implement a positive solution, supporting citizens. Such analysis should be required to consider more comprehensive transportation options, including the blending of transport modes on core arterial routes, to specifically consider overground tram, underground/overground metro, together with the integration of cross route small bus transport.**

On the specifics of the content of the application, there is a material gap between the standard one expects of such submissions, and the content of the Bus Connect application. In addition, it contains what can politely be described as inaccurate information, but this may be to kind.

- **On this basis, I request An Bord Pleanála rejects the applications, requesting the responsible state bodies withdraw all related applications, examine in a more realistic and holistic manner the impacts of proposed changes to traffic flows, and provide an honest reflection of those impacts in a single omnibus submission for all of the Dublin Bus Connect project.**

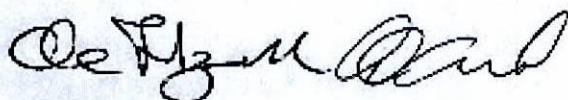
And on the approach to public consultation, this has been wholly inadequate and unfair. To provide a comprehensive accurate response to the submission requires significant knowledge of many technical areas, together with copious amounts of time to digest and articulate perspectives. The failure to provide independent consultancy to the public, as has been done in some previous infrastructure

projects of this nature, creates significant distrust in the process, and combined with the inaccurate information in the submission, raises significant questions as to the motivations behind the application and its credibility.

- **On this basis, I request An Bord Pleanála rejects the applications, requesting the responsible state bodies, when preparing the new single omnibus submission, provide for independent consultants to be available to the public for engagement.**

With regard to environmental impact, the submission both contains elements which have a significant negative environmental impact, and fails to properly consider the environmental impact of the proposed scheme, and ignores potential other better alternatives. Information provided is sub standard, and arguably fails to comply with the "Aarhus Convention" legal obligations on the state.

- **On this basis, I request An Bord Pleanála rejects the applications, requesting the responsible state bodies, resubmit, ensuring full compliance with the "Aarhus Convention".**



Clare Fitzpatrick



Will Czerniak



Stephen Rogers



Caroline Walsh