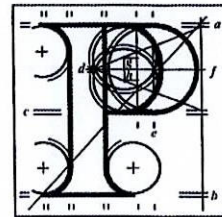


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Conor O'Meara
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Dublin 6W

Date: 16 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,

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Development 316272 Templeogue/ Rathfarnham to City Centre Bust Connects

I wish to make an observation on the developments associated with the Templeogue/ Rathfarnham to Dublin Bus Connects routes and the associated Kimmage to City Centre Bus Connects.

I welcome the opportunity for improved walking, cycling and bus infrastructure (public transport) in Dublin City, suburbs and vicinity. Therefore I support the intent of the development.

However, the installation of bus gates and the consequent diversion of car and goods traffic will lead to a marked increase in vehicular traffic into minor residential roads in the vicinity, including Lavarna Grove where I and my family live. These minor roads are already used as a rat run in the morning and evening times, and are completely inadequate to support increased vehicles and regular commuter traffic. This will lead to safety incidents, reduced air quality, increased noise and a detrimental social environment for the 120 families in Lavarna Grove/ Road.

The provision of a single sign "No Right Turn" is wholly inadequate to deal with this change in traffic flow. It is certain that the No Right Turn will be routinely ignored, and infrequently policed.

The proposed development needs to provide a more robust mechanism to manage the consequent diversion of car and goods traffic into Lavarna Grove. This should be achieved through active consultation with the community/ residents in Lavarna and immediately adjacent communities. Additional measures might include some of the following:

- 3.5 tonne limit on road.
- Restricted signage for "No Through Road"
- Reduced speed limit, improved speed ramp infrastructure.
- Improved road surface and markings.
- Designated cycle lanes on the exit and entrance to Lavarna , to provide safe access to the improved infrastructure.
- Automatic camera system to penalise for illegal right turn, or illegal U-turn on Fortfield road
- Consideration to making Lavarna a cul de sac for vehicular traffic with no through road between Fortfield Road and Terenure Road West. Together with allocated parking locations for registered residents and improved landscaping.

I believe approved traffic management for residential areas will further enhance the benefits of the proposed development.

Best Regards,
Conor O'Meara