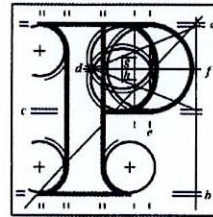


Our Case Number: ABP-316272-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

David Phelan
54 Highfield Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6
D06 EV72

Date: 07 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.

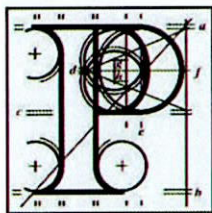
Yours faithfully,

Eimear Reilly
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's name

David Phelan

(b) Observer's postal address

54 Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6, D06 EV72

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not applicable

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation on.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

BusConnects Dublin – Templeogue/Rathfarnham to city centre

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Templeogue/Rathfarnham/Rathgar/Rathmines

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write. You can also insert photographs or images in this box.

(See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information.)

Whilst I support the overall aims of the proposed development (efficient, safe and integrated sustainable transport movement), the scheme as proposed will not deliver sufficient benefit for what it involves, will cause real difficulty for our community (and others along the route), especially for traffic surrounding the corridor.

A particular issue is the greatly increased levels of vehicle traffic which will be generated on Highfield Road, by virtue of Rathgar Road becoming one-way for private vehicle traffic, in the direction in town. As a result of that (and of the proposal to permit the right turn for vehicles from Rathmines Road Upper to Highfield Road), Highfield Road will become the main route out from town for motor vehicle traffic travelling out of town in the direction of the corridor.

This is not sustainable. Highfield Road will not be able to accommodate that level of increased traffic. As it is, there is ongoing traffic congestion on the road, with traffic jams at the Rathgar end across a lot of the day. Between the increased traffic volume and the proposal to allow right turns from Highfield Road to Rathgar Road (not currently permitted), this will only increase the problem. I believe it is also intended that there will be bus traffic on Highfield Road in future, which again will amplify the problem.

5. Grounds

This will not be safe for any road users or pedestrians nor will it be sustainable or efficient (the aims of the proposed development). It will also greatly damage the amenity of the neighbourhood.

The benefits which are stated as achievable from this development are not proportionately worth the investment or the disruption. Trees and gardens along the route will be lost, the commute time savings are relatively small, and it appears the expected increase in bus users will be relatively small.

I believe that alternatives should be pursued to more meaningfully reduce reliance on motor vehicles for commutes. This proposal will really just push vehicle traffic on to a different, smaller road network rather than meaningfully reduce traffic or deliver the aims of the proposed development.

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

If your supporting materials are physical objects, **you must send** them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Remember: You can insert photographs and similar items in part 5 of this form – Observation details

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic housing observation **only** is €20.
- strategic housing observation **and** oral hearing request is €70

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

Please note you will have to pay the correct **additional non-refundable fee** to request an oral hearing. You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observation

9. If you are sending us your observation using the online uploader facility, remember to save this document as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) has awarded this document its Plain English Mark. Last updated: November 2020



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