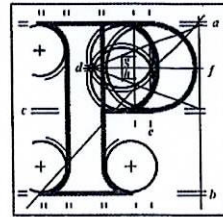


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Deputy Francis Noel duffy TD and Cllr Mark Lynch  
c/o Leinster House  
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**Date:** 14 August 2023

**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](mailto: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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**RE: Templeogue / Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme**

We, Deputy Francis Noel Duffy TD, Dublin South-West and Councillor Mark Lynch, Rathfarnham-Templeogue LEA, are writing to make an observation on the Templeogue/ Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme on the following grounds:

**Extension of an Already Ineffective Dual-Carriageway**

- Currently a section of Rathfarnham Road is a dual-carriageway, its only purpose appears to be to split the village from its medieval castle. This section of road is less than 500meters long and has the following issues:
  - It separates Rathfarnham Village from the Castle and surrounding residential areas, making it more difficult for social cohesion and the creation of a natural sense of community. The community would be better served if the funding was used to narrow the road, provide high quality active travel infrastructure, including traffic calming measures. These actions would reunite the village with its castle to celebrate our heritage instead of dividing the existing community further with the current proposal.
  - It allows traffic to build up on this small section of road, only to then be directed to other streets which do not have the same capacity for vehicles. This creates unsafe road conditions.
- The proposed extension of this section of dual-carriageway would exacerbate these issues and create a road to nowhere in these Dublin suburbs.

- We echo the concerns of Rathfarnham Wood Residents Association regarding the CPO of the woodland at the boundary of Rathfarnham Castle Park for the following reasons:

- the destruction of flourishing biodiversity; the removal of mature trees, vegetation, undergrowth will impact the existing wildlife
- the woodland is home to so much wildlife, including protected species such as ash mining bees, frogs and many species of birds as well as being a significant roosting place for bats.

### **Unnecessary CPOs of Rathfarnham Road Resident's Gardens**

- Multiple residences along the Rathfarnham Road will be subject to CPO orders to facilitate this planned expansion of the road network. It is disturbing to think the state will spend so much money disrespecting the urban heritage of the greater Rathfarnham area to extend a bottleneck dual carriageway to nowhere. Many residents are upset at the idea of their homes being violated to create an over engineered dual carriageway and displacing existing cycling commuters.

### **Construction Compound By Dodder View Road**

- There are serious concerns regarding the construction compound being developed adjacent to residential streets, particularly considering the high-risk activities and the storage of hazardous materials on the southern boundary of the site.
- The compound will be open from 07:00hrs and 23:00hrs on weekdays, between 08:00hrs and 16:30hrs on Saturdays and it is expected that Sunday and nighttime activities will be facilitated to complete works that cannot be undertaken during the day. It is also expected that a total of 26 two-way lorry movements in a typical hour during peak haulage activity of the proposed scheme. This level of traffic in an out of the compound, coupled with the nighttime activity which will create an intolerable level of noise pollution is of particular concern to young families and professionals who live adjacent to the compound.

### **Demand Analysis & Metro Link**

- There appears to have been several attempts to conduct a demand analysis for the Templeogue / Rathfarnham bus corridor with various

different projections and outcomes established along the way. This has the appearance of arriving at demand and usage figures that suit the proposed plan rather than designing a plan to suit future demand.

- The extension of the MetroLink to South West Dublin must be considered as part of any public transport plan, the provision of which is critical to delivering efficient and cost-effective public transport to the Dublin South West region.

Finally, we'd like to iterate our general support for the CBC Route 12 from Rathfarnham to City Centre which will improve overall walking, cycling and bus infrastructure, in particular, we welcome the increase in cycling facilities from 11 km to 23.3 km of which 85.4% will be segregated.

Yours faithfully,

Francis Noel Duffy TD, Dublin South-West

Councillor Mark Lynch, Templeogue-Rathfarnham LEA